

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

OCTOBER 2019 HALF CASE- REDS

PAOLO SCAVINO VINO ROSSO 2018, 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.

CAUSSE DU THERON 'TERRASSE' MALBEC, CAHORS, FRANCE-\$16.99 (MIXED) If wines had superlatives, Malbec would be most dependable. Although the Argentinian style can be found on every list in America, it the FRENCH style which is most classic. This Cahors bottling is more elegant and stylish. This wine is the collaborative result of the team from Altos Las Hormigas (we are featuring their Tinto as well!) in Argentina and Métairie Grande du Théron in Cahors. There were comparisons to Burgundy when the Hormigas team tasted tank samples with the firm fruit of Cahors but surrounding it are lifted earth notes and ethereal ripeness. This is the first vintage from this collaborative effort!

ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS 'TINTO', MENDOZA, ARGENTINA \$11.99 (MIXED) Since 1995, Altos Las Hormigas has been focused on bringing excellent value wines to the forefront. It started with Malbec, which we all know has grown to a household variety, and later added the tasty delight of Bonarda. Now, the team at ALH are inspired by their Italian roots and have created TINTO a Mendoza take on the oldest known recipe for Chianti, originally a blend of traditional red grapes with a touch of white grapes for lifted aromatics and quaffability. The signature grapes of Malbec and Bonarda are blended with Semillion for a blend that is best experienced not described!

SOTER 'PLANET OREGON' PINOT NOIR, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON- \$19.99 Planet Oregon Pinot Noir is owned and made by Willamette Valley's critically acclaimed and awarded Soter Vineyards. Quality and consistency are guaranteed. Planet Oregon/Soter's Give Back mission and policy: *"In our work, we labor with the earth to create our products. It is our responsibility to give back accordingly. We farm sustainably, harvest with care, and craft with conscience. We support organizations like-minded in their work. That is why proceeds from Planet Oregon go to support the Oregon Environmental Council."* When you know better, drink better.

EL CIRCO 'VOLATINERO' TEMPRANILLO, CARINENA D.O.P, SPAIN- \$11.99 Cariñena is the only land in the world that gives its name to a grape varietal. A territory that treasures old vineyards at different altitudes, soil with ancient stones and a strong wind that gives personality to the wine. Circo was originally inspired by the Cirque de Soleil, the internationally renowned circus extravaganza. These wines are authentic and fun, and they are all presented at an incredible value, high quality, and affordable cost. Medium depth with a violet color. Fragrant aromas of cherries and blackberries, licorice and toffee. Medium body with a mild sensation of blackberries and cinnamon.

VINO DE EYZAGUIRRE SYRAH, COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE- \$11.99 Eyzaguirre is produced in Chile's Colchagua Valley, perhaps not on your wine producing radar however it should be! In the early days, when the wine was transported in open-horse drawn carts, the bottles were wrapped in burlap to protect them from both sunlight and bumpy roads. This tradition continues, giving this bottle unique shelf appeal. Because Syrah wines have such thick skins and high tannin, it is a common practice for winemakers to cold soak Syrah grapes for days (or even weeks!). Cold soaking (aka extended maceration) increases color and fruitiness in a wine while also reducing harsh tannin and herbaceous flavors.

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

OCTOBER 2019 HALF CASE- WHITES

FLORIAN MOLLET 'LE ROQUE' SAUVIGNON BLANC, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE- \$16.99 (MIXED)

With vineyards on the most beautiful soils of Silex in Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé area, Mollet is one of the few remaining domaines of the historical Saint-Satur village in Sancerre. 2018 was again an unusual vintage in the Loire Valley with 2 seasons with 2 opposite weathers: rainy and warm from March to mid-June. Hot and dry from mid-June to October's end. The upside of the constant rain was the creation of good water reserves. Thanks to the large reserves of water, the vines stood well with the heat. The aromatic maturity and the sugar-acidity balance climaxed in September creating a Sauvignon Blanc with vigor and crispness.

ELICIO VERMENTINO, MEDITERRANEE IGP, FRANCE- \$12.99 (MIXED) Vermentino is a grape primarily found in Italy, which makes this particular bottle of Vermentino from France something worthwhile. Elicio Vermentino comes from the Mediterranean IGP wine region, which consists of land on the southeast coast of France and encompasses parts of the famed Provence and Rhone Valley winemaking regions. It's easy-drinking, does not need food, and is relatively low in alcohol. On the nose, it is more herbaceous than anything with a touch of crisp, salty air and little budding white flowers with a touch of yellow sun-blistered grass. Serve cold on a warm day!

VORSPANNHOF MAYR GRUNER VELTLINER, KREMSTAL, AUSTRIA 1L- \$17.99 (MIXED) The Mayr Gruner Veltliner is our new go-to 1-Liter bottle white! This is crisp, easy drinking, Gruner with soft refreshing citrus and mineral nuance. The complexity is there, but no need to overthink it. This is a wine to quaff mindlessly at the beach, on the boat, and by the pool with your favorite outdoor/picnic cuisine. A simply mouthwatering, bone-dry refreshment. We dig the label too. A fruity straightforward Gruner Veltliner, fresh and light from the loess and gravel soil of Kremstal...in that oh-so-convenient one-liter size, because you're going to want an extra glass of this one!

REMO FARINA SOAVE CLASSICO, SOAVE, ITALY- \$14.99 An excellent dry white wine that can boast the name of "Soave Classico" only if it originates from the most ancient zone situated in the communities of Soave, Italy. Predominantly produced with Garganega, the blend is completed with Trebbiano di Soave and Pinot Bianco. Produced using stainless steel fermentation, the wine has a bouquet of delicate elegance and a dry, gentle, velvety taste. A perfect "transition" wine for cooler weather, you can expect texture and character here. Serve with hors d'oeuvres, fresh fish, shellfish and white meats very well; excellent also as an aperitif.

ELVIO TINTERO ARNEIS, LANGHE, ITALY- \$14.99 Yielding a dry and subtly scented wine, Arneis is the star white grape of Piedmont. While it once risked extinction, lost in the shadow of star red varieties, Nebbiolo, Barbera and Dolcetto, the grape experienced an explosion in popularity in the 1980s due to growing local demand for white wine. Barolo and Barbaresco producers finally recognized the gold mine of superb Arneis vines that had been growing for decades in Roero. There is no shortage of quaffable, light and young Arneis poured by the glass locally in every Piemontese bar, café, and restaurant. It pairs perfectly with light soft, fresh cheeses, prosciutto, flaky white fish, herb-laden fritatta and pesto.

PORTLANDIA PINOT GRIS, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON- \$14.99 Just the refreshment for these last hot days, this crisp white wine shows intriguing minerality, a smooth finish and bright acidity. Enjoy its citrus and tropical fruit flavors on its own or alongside your favorite warm-weather dishes. A dry Pinot Gris from Oregon with bright aromas of citrus zest and lemon meringue with crisp, mouth watering acidity. Incredible minerality and a smooth finish, the citrus and tropical fruit flavors continue to linger on the palate for several minutes.