

HIGHLAND FINE WINE

SEPTEMBER 2020 HALF CASE- REDS

SALVESTRIN 'CAVASO' 2015, ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA \$24.99 (MIXED) The Salvestrin family first became enchanted with St. Helena in the 1920's and that experience still continues four generations later. Sustainably farmed with social consciousness in mind, the land checks off all the boxes in terms of appreciating the environment for future generations as well. Upon first impression, blueberry and blackberry fruit burst from the glass. As the wine opens up and has ample time to breathe, hints of black pepper, cola, olive, and black cherry unfold in aromatic layers. Refined powdery tannins frame a full, concentrated ripe berry profile on the palate. Velvety smooth in texture, with ample structure to support the fruit, it lingers long after the last sip.

CEPAS ANTIGUA RIOJA 2018, RIOJA ALTA, SPAIN \$14.99 (MIXED) Spot on Tempranillo from Rioja! No surprises here as this wine delivers a bright and lively version of what put Rioja on the map. Careful harvesting followed by traditional wine making equal a fantastic product, ready to drink and enjoy! Black fruit aromas of plums and blueberries are followed by a rich and velvety palate and a lingering, complex finish. Open a bottle with BBQ, grilled meats, anything full flavored and big bodied. This wine can stand up to whatever you got!

MARCHETTI 'DUE AMICI' ROSSO CONERO 2018, MONTEPULCIANO, ITALY \$14.99 (MIXED) The Marchetti winery is full of history, with generations of renaissance men. Current owner-winemaker, Maurizio, was preceded by his great-great-grandfather, also a spice trader, who was given their current property in recognition of his valiant fight against Napoleon. Maurizio combines the outstanding grapes that come from his historic vineyards with his vision of modern, yet minimalistic winemaking. His wines are crafted without using large presses found in most wineries. Instead, most of the juice is "free run", which occurs almost entirely due to the weight of the grapes themselves. Easy drinking with no fuss, this is your new favorite 'pizza' wine!

R. STUART 'LOVE, OREGON' 2018, WILLAMETTE VALLEY, OREGON \$21.99 Rob has been making wine for more than thirty vintages. His first love was Champagne, and of those beauties he'll always be enamored. But man cannot live on sparkling alone, so there's also Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Rosé and even "Port" - each engages his imagination in its own way, but none as much as Pinot Noir. The intrigue of this varietal never ceases to captivate him. Given the range of vineyards he works with, he has an almost endless variety of flavors and textures with which to create. Willamette Pinot is a slam dunk for any occasion!

VINA ZORZAL 2019, NAVARRA D.O., SPAIN \$14.99 After a lifetime working in wine, Antonio Sanz fulfilled his dream of producing his own wines in Navarra. He soon realized that the production of great wines depended not only on work in the winery, but also careful attention to the vines and their treatment and care. Today he and his sons realize the importance of this decision in allowing the creation something special in the exciting world of wine. This vintage has been described as 'historic' with well distributed rainy days and mild temperatures during harvest. High intensity aromas of red fruit such as raspberry, strawberry, cherry, black pepper and earthy notes. Dry and fresh, soft tannins and medium body with a long finish. Get into Garnacha y'all!

LA TORRETTA 2018, LOMBARDY, ITALY \$14.99 La Torretta (The Tower) rises above rolling noble vineyards to stand for the rich Italian winemaking tradition expressed in each bottle. These wines are all estate fruit and hand harvested on small, family-owned vineyards – a testament to the passion and purity of the winemaker. Its Italian expression is nonetheless interesting and extremely approachable. This is Pinot Noir that has been a sponge of its terroir – and expresses its individuality in every glass.

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VICUS FALANGHINA 2018, CAMPANIA, ITALY \$16.99 (MIXED) To say Campania has it all is an understatement. A tourist destination, Campania is home to the ruins of Pompeii, the isle of Capri, the Amalfi coast and the cerulean waters of the Mediterranean. Campania is also known for their food- Caprese salads, Margherita pizzas, saucy ragus, and sweet gelato. When indulging in the incredible sights and humble foods, you need a versatile wine that can be drunk in copious amounts. Falanghina is coastal Italy in a bottle- fresh and salty, brisk and minerally. Open a bottle and enjoy the best of Italy!

MICHELE DELHOMMEAU 'HARMONIE' MUSCADET-SEVRE ET MAIN 2018, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE \$21.99 (MIXED) Harmonie is produced from a single parcel of 25-40 year old vines planted on gabbro soils – the main terroir Michel Delhommeau farms. Gabbro is chemically indistinguishable from Basalt, being its coarse grained cousin and makes for round and supple version of Muscadet with tremendous minerality and capacity for aging. Full-flavored, juicy and full of minerals, this is a gorgeously pure and elegant but also sensual and stimulating Muscadet in perfect balance. The finish is pretty long, aromatic and structured, which is what makes this still primarily fruity wine highly attractive to be drunk young, although this Muscadet will gain even more complexity over the years.

BRIDGE LANE 2018, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK \$16.99 (MIXED) Bridge Lane wines aren't made from sweet, tasteless grape juice trucked in massive quantities into large commercial processing plants. They are unique, high-quality, dry wines made from grapes that are sustainably farmed and made at their winery on the North Fork of Long Island, NY. The wines are made in small batches, and "crafted" by a passionate team with pride in their product. You will NOT find oak or vanilla notes on this Chardonnay. This steel-fermented wine displays bright aromas of stone fruit and green apple. Any anti-oak palate will love the fresh finish, lingering minerality and subtle, earthy edge.

BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO MESTIZAJE BLANCO, SPAIN \$16.99 From the almost lost indigenous variety, Merseguera, these estate vines are grown organically at Finca Calvestra, at over 900 meters altitude. These vines were grafted onto existing Bobal vines (of over 40 years) where the Bobal could not reach maturity due to the altitude. The Viognier is immediately apparent on the nose with apricot, tropical fruit and honey while underlying notes of white peach, scented flowers and citrus hints creep in from the Merseguera. The tightwire balance between the fleshy Viognier/Malvasia and taut Merseguera continue with a fresh, fruity and floral attack and an unctuous mid palate that is kept in check by bracing acidity. Truly one of a kind, Mestizaje shows its unique personality- pleasant, crispy, imminently friendly wine.

LONE BIRCH 2018, YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON \$14.99 Family farmed in the Yakima Valley for over four generations, one of the pinnacle landmarks there is the 70 year old Lone Birch Tree that resides amongst the vineyard. This tree not only provides shade to workers and direction to lost travelers, but most importantly, it provides inspiration. The birch tree was planted by their great-great-grandfather, who had a great love for nature and serves as a reminder of their commitment to care for the environment, reduce carbon footprint, utilize sustainable farming practices, and ensure the farm lives on for generations to come. Crisp and refreshing with notes of apple, pear, and melon.

TIMEPLACE WINE CO. PICPOUL 2018, LODI, CALIFORNIA \$19.99 It all started with a passion for single varietal wines having a sense of both time and place. Picpoul in French is 'lip smacker' and this does NOT disappoint! Pale straw in color. Rich floral nose of gardenia, lime citrus peel, and cut grass. Background notes of pine and petrol, there are bright, mouth-coating flavors of ripe pear, green apple and lime. Finishes long with citrus peel, melon and a touch of salinity. EVERYONE will love this wine as it moves effortlessly with any type of food and is especially delicious served super chilled on your porch!