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June Selections

CETAMURA CHIANTI COLTIBUONO 2016

This wine was created by the famous winery Badia a Coltibuono which is renowned for making excellent Tuscan wines. This particular cuvee is made to be consumed while still young. Made from Sangiovese and other traditional grapes, this wine is what you want when you want to drink Italian and something completely easy to drink with a little air time.

\$11.99 regular \$10.69 club

JEAN PAUL BRUN CHARDONNAY 2016

Chardonnay is a little bit like apple pie—there are many ways to make one. This wine is made in a French Burgundian style in the region of Beaujolais. This wine is aged in all stainless steel with no wood. It is the **perfect** wine for those of you who belong to the “no-oak” club.

\$17.99 regular \$16.19 club

ANCIANO RESERVA 5 YEAR 2010

“Anciano” means old or ancient in Spanish and while it may not be very old, the wine is certainly old enough to have developed a lovely aroma, tasty flavors and a finish that is smooth. Made from the Tempranillo grape, it spent a minimum of one year in oak and then more than a few in bottle. Very tasty and a great buy.

\$12.99 regular \$11.69 club

THE THREESOME \$38.57



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GOBELSBURG CISTERCIEN ROSE 2017

Rosé has really changed over the years and now there has been a glorious renaissance of the pink-hued wine. One of the changes has been the number of roses available in the market. Austria has seen incredible growth with their signature white wine Gruner Veltliner. This beautifully colored rose is a blend of Zweigelt, St. Laurent (two very classic Austrian grapes), and of course Pinot Noir. After they gently press the grapes, the juice is fermented in stainless steel. It is fresh and full of fruit but not sweet at all. Per the winery “this type of rosé is somewhat similar to a white wine because the wines fine fruity character with a streamlined elegance, is reminiscent of a white wine.. Its fragrance and fruit nuances of wild cherry and fresh berries make this rosé an optimal universal food companion”.

\$15.99/bottle

PREVOSTINI VALTELLINA SUPERIORE RISERVA 2012



You could be forgiven for thinking that Nebbiolo only exists in the world of Barolo and Barbaresco, after all it does seem as if those two regions in Piedmont get all of the press. Yet the beautiful region that is Valtellina will have you wondering why you haven't explored it before. Way up near the Swiss border is this beautifully steep winery offering fantastic wine that you won't find everywhere. This wine is made from 100% Nebbiolo grapes that are left to linger on the vine in the best vineyards of this DOCG. The vineyards are some of the most steeply terraced. When you look at them you wonder how they do it. The answer is they do it manually and the yield is very low (quite often an indicator of excellence in wine). There is a great difference in temperature between day and night, there is not a lot of rain, and the summers are hot—all things that contribute to quality grapes. The winery describes the wine as having “intense spicy sensations and a vigorous palate only adds to the personality of this already determined Nebbiolo. Patiently rested for 24 months; but time doesn't dampen it's character”.

\$41.99/bottle

BIB & TUCKER BOURBON

You certainly won't need your best clothes to enjoy this bourbon whisky. "Bib & Tucker" is what they used to call your finest clothing, your Sunday Best. Comprised of 70% corn, 26% rye, and 4% malt, this is for all of you who love the richness that corn brings to the mash. Aged in white American oak for six years, the aroma "leads with a strong vanilla scent along with fresh-cut sweet grass, wet stone and old leather bound books". While the corn gives it a bit of sweetness, the rye gives you a bit of the spice on the end. There's a small sticker on the neck of the bottle that reads "Why it's a fine time to drink"—we couldn't agree more.



\$45.99/bottle

JEAN PAUL BRUN COTE DE BROUILLY 2016

Sometimes when Beaujolais is mentioned people say "I don't want that stuff that comes out in November". We tell them that that is Beaujolais Nouveau and it has nothing to do with authentic Beaujolais. The fact is that there are 10 Beaujolais villages that produce superb wine, each one has its own characteristic. This Cote de Brouilly (not to be confused with the village that is just Brouilly) is 100% Gamay grown on "poor soil" (that's a good thing), fermented with indigenous yeast and minimum sulfites. It is then aged in concrete for around seven months and then bottled. Josh Reynolds of Vinous Media describes it as "vibrant, mineral-laced berries, fresh flowers...intense strawberry and bitter cherry flavors...finishes very long and nervy. Featuring gentle tannins and lingering red berry character".



\$21.99/bottle

Massaya Arak

Massaya—a Lebanese winery which has made its debut in Connecticut this year. Arak is an aniseed spirit. Massaya first makes a juice from their grapes then they triple distill the wine in "traditional Moorish lid copper stills". It is then combined with a maceration of organic aniseeds from the slopes of Mount Hermon. Massaya recommends putting one part Arak in glass, add twice as much water, add ice and watch it change into a "cloudy white creation". You can drink it as an aperitif, in which case they suggest you dilute it as much as six parts to one. You can also make what the winery calls a Lebanese-American: 1.5 oz Bourbon

Fresh mint, ginger ale and float .5 oz of Arak

\$26.99/ bottle





SPENCER MONKS' RESERVE ALE QUADRUPLE ALE

Abbeys have been known for their devotion to religion. They have also been known (especially in Belgium) for making exceptional beers in order to support themselves. On this side of the Atlantic the Spencer Abbey is a special place. It is one of only eleven Trappist breweries in the world and the first and only one in the United States. Quad beers are big and certainly carry a higher alcohol content, this one is 10.2%. They have a rich, malty flavor that is delicious and flavorful. As per the brewery it is “mahogany in color and crowned with a dense, tan frothy head. Its malt-forward flavor profile yields to a warm finish”. This is the beer for the end of the night, sitting by a fire and sharing it with others.

\$15.99/bottle



FLOR DE VERANO ALBARINO 2016

Well, you may just have to buy this wine...the name means Flower of Summer...how could you not make this your ...summer wine! We've written before about the incredible bargains that Spanish wines can be. It doesn't just apply to red wines of course. Some of the best white wines for summer are also from Spain. One of those wines is the fantastic Albarino—a grape generally coming from the region of Rias Bixas in the northwest of Spain. White flower fruits come thru along with a richness that is intense. You'd be hard pressed to find a more delightful wine.

\$15.99/bottle



DOMAINE LARUE SAINT AUBIN 2015

Even though everyone knows how expensive white burgundy can be, we try to find ways to bring you delicious Burgundian whites at a reasonable price. Quite often the importer Kermit Lynch, is responsible for that. This one from them is in Saint Aubin but it also shares heritage with Puligny-Montrachet where the Larue family also has holdings. Made from 100% Chardonnay, the wine is aged sur-lie which gives it a creaminess. Only 20% of the wine goes into new barrels so no need to worry about “oakiness” in this wine. You can even age this for a few years. Small production, excellent value.

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