



May 2018



## May Selections

### TERRA D'ORO BARBERA 2015

Maybe you've tasted this winery's famous Zinfandel Port, but here is an opportunity to taste their Italian varietal Barbera (not often seen outside its Italian home of Piedmont). According to the winery it is the 6<sup>th</sup> most planted grape in California (who knew?). This wine is in stainless steel and then aged in French and Hungarian oak which "gently integrates toasty oak aromas and flavors with the rich, juicy fruit". This is a lovely light red for summer!!

\$16.99 regular      \$15.77 club

### GOATS DO ROAM WHITE 2017

The wine's name is a play on the wine from Cotes du Rhone. South African wines should get way more recognition than they do. The classic grapes of Viognier, Roussanne, and Grenache Blanc make for a wine that is "medium bodied with stone fruits and citrus flavors". This wine is fresh and bright with a long finish. Oh so good for summer!!

\$10.99 regular      \$9.99 club

### LE FARNETE BARCO REALE DI CARMIGNANO 2015

This little gem of a wine is 80% Sangiovese/20% Cabernet Sauvignon. This blend doesn't see any oak and it makes for a fresh and fruity wine that goes so well with things like salami and yes... even bacon. Put a little chill on this wine and WOW!!

\$15.99 regular      \$14.10 club      **THE THREESOME \$39.86**

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### LE FRAGHE BARDOLINO 2016

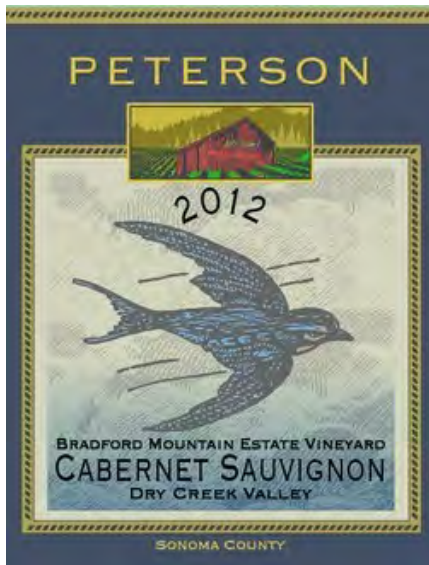
Do you drink red wine all the time but wish there was a lighter style red wine for when the temperature gets warmer? The answer is Bardolino. This fresh and refreshing wine made from the Corvina and Rondinella grapes is fermented in stainless steel and comes in a screwcap bottle so it is easy to take everywhere. The winery doesn't mince words when it comes to describing it. "Although this is a standard-label wine for near-term enjoyment, it displays a remarkably soft suite of tannins and a lovely balance between a judicious acidity and full, savoury flavors, characteristic of wines of this area. Nicely full bodied, it lingers long on the finish."

\$16.99/bottle

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*"Beer is made by men, wine by God"—Martin Luther*

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### PETERSON CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BRADFORD MOUNTAIN ESTATE VINEYARD 2012

The tiny amount of wine produced by Peterson from this vineyard in Dry Creek may be reason enough to purchase this wine: Only 750 cases were made for the entire world. Let's start with the obvious: although on the label it says Cabernet Sauvignon (80%), the balance is 10% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petite Verdot. Even just this small amount of Petit Verdot adds a component of "wonderful aromatics" to what the winery calls "our most terroir-driven wine". You'll be able to put this wine away and let it age but you can just as easily decant it and drink it now. This middle weight wine has plenty volume and mouthfeel, but is more about finesse than about pure power. The wine's fruit, minerality, mild earthiness and structure are so nicely integrated and balanced that it makes for a very harmonious and smooth Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a family winery who consistently impress us with their high-quality, delectable products.

\$37.99/bottle

## TORRE DE BEATI CERASUOLO D'ABRUZZO 2016

This fantastic bottle of wine is a very light colored red or a very deep rose depending on what you like. Either way it is not to be missed. The alcohol is 13.5 to 15% and made from the Montepulciano grape. “The typical bright, violet-shaded cherry color and the visual perception of good density, are followed by the fresh rich flavors of strawberry, pomegranate and cherry, enriched by elegant flowers, among which rose emerges. The volume is full and well balanced between the smoothness, also due to the alcohol content, the lively acidity and minerality, create a long finish...”



\$17.99/bottle

## LOUIS METAIREAU MUSCADET 2016

There was a time when you could find Muscadet on many wine lists. It was standard at seafood restaurants and particularly if they served oysters. These days you tend to find more international wines such as Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. Muscadet is in the Loire Valley of France and the grape in it is Melon de Bourgogne. The commitment made by this winemaking family includes growing all grapes organically and hand harvesting in a place where according to the importer “98% of all grapes are machine-harvested and conventional farming with chemicals is the norm”. The vigneron likes to describe it as having “complex aromatic, floral and mineral notes”. A perfect spring wine.



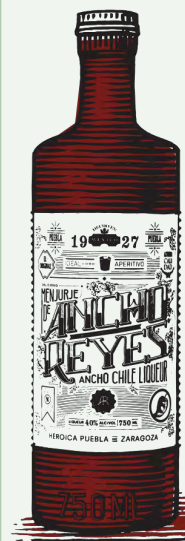
\$19.99/bottle

## Ancho Reyes Chile Ancho Liqueur

As soon as you taste this liqueur, if you like it, you may be wondering where it has been all your life! New to the market in the last few years, this liqueur is a combination of heat and sweet. The heat comes from the Ancho chili and it is carried by the underlying sweet liquid. It has a smoldering warm flavor that is not overwhelming like a habanero or as sharp as a jalapeño. This is a well made handcrafted product that will enliven a margarita (use instead of triple sec), a Mule, a Daiquiri or even drop a bit into

some IPA for a sweet-ish spicy experience.

\$42.99/  
bottle







### THIERRY & PASCALE MATROT BOURGOGNE BLANC 2015

For a very long time the word Burgundy (Bourgogne) was synonymous with Chardonnay. These days, to many people it means expensive white wine—yet it doesn't always have to be that way. This bottle of white burgundy is made from 100% Chardonnay vines averaging 30 years of age and harvested near the famous appellation of Meursault. It spent a short amount of time in oak barrel of which only 15 to 20% were new so there is no overwhelming “oak” to the wine. The creaminess it gets is from the lees and the malolactic fermentation. It is a lovely wine that is defined by fruit and richness but elegant enough to accompany some fish and chicken.

\$24.99/bottle



### DOM THEVENOT LE BRUN & FILS BOURGOGNE HAUTES COTES DE NUITS BLANC 2015

It has been drilled into the public consciousness that white burgundy is all Chardonnay. Well, we'd like to let you in on a little secret—technically it is not. It can also include Pinot Blanc—a grape more famously known in the Alsace region. This wine is made up of 75% Pinot Blanc and 25% Chardonnay. The winery describes the Pinot Blanc as being “a very aromatic grape variety, that gives a pronounced floral and fruity note to this wine while Chardonnay brings a touch of finesse”. They age a very small amount in wood for just a hint of distinctiveness in the final blend.

\$17.99/bottle



### LINDEMANS GINGER GUEUZE

Lindemans is a brewery from Belgium (not an Australian winery). This beer is part of series they developed in an effort to create an innovative beer category they call “Botanical lambic series: wild-fermented lambic beers, with a new ingredient that leads to an entirely new flavor sensation”. It is described as having a “hazy golden color; bold ginger aroma and flavor enmeshed with the sharp, tart dryness of gueuze”. The addition of fresh ginger to this traditional gueuze makes this a refreshing experience that matches well with food—particularly Asian food.

\$28.49/750ml bottle

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