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APRIL SELECTIONS

MURGO ETNA ROSSO 2017

Want to be hip and cool the next time you have to bring a bottle of wine to a party? Arrive with this bottle of wine made in Sicily from 100% Nerello Mascalese. It is described by the importer as having “aromas of strawberry, orange peel, mineral and fresh herbs. Dense, juicy on the palate, with bright red berry flavors lifted by harmonious acidity”.

\$15.99 regular \$14.99 club

LIEGENFELD HUBER GRUNER VELTLINER 2017 (LITER)

If you are looking for a replacement to Pinot Grigio and or Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, this wine may just fit the bill. The grape is Gruner Veltliner and it comes from Austria. It is fresh, clean and delightful. This can be your go-to wine this spring if you let it. Also a great value as a liter bottle is 1/3 more than a regular bottle!

\$13.99regular \$12.59 club

PETERSON ZERO MANIPULATION 2013

The Peterson winery’s goal with this wine was to make a red blend that was easy drinking at the table—and obviously with a good price. This wine is mostly Carignane and according to them it is “from this core of spicy, zippy red fruit flavors, we’ve added layers of depth, complexity and balance with Grenache and Syrah”.

\$14.99regular \$13.49 club **TRIPLET \$41.07**

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PREVOSTINI SANTARITA 2015

Quite often when we think of Italy we think of warmth, sunshine and basking at a café table. Northern Italy is not quite the Mediterranean but it is beautiful; steep hillsides planted with Nebbiolo is where it's at. Prevostini is a well-regarded maker of wine. The Santarita is a Rosso di Valtellina made from 100% Nebbiolo from some of the best vineyards in Valtellina Superiore DOC. Only 2750 cases of this wine were made. The winery describes it as having “fragrant and fruity scents of fresh berries followed by aromas of fresh flowers such as roses and violets. In the mouth the taste is pleasantly dry, confirming it a wine with a good body”.

\$21.99/bottle



LUIGI BOSCA DOC MALBEC 2015

Most people who drink wine did not know that Malbec existed until Argentina put it on the map—so to speak. While Malbec has been grown in France (most notably in Cahors and as part of a blend in Bordeaux) it wasn't until Argentina started being a big player on the American wine scene that Malbec was noticed. Luigi Bosca is one of the big players that produces wine that range from everyday values to hard-to-find bottles. DOC means Designation of Origin and means the wine has to adhere to certain rules and regulations—it is meant to ensure quality. The winery describes it as having “fine and gentle tannins...deep finish with soft smoked hues as a result of its ageing in oak barrels”.

\$24.99/bottle



MER SOLEIL PINOT NOIR 2017

If you are a fan of Caymus, Conumdrum and the Wagner family (makers of all those wines) and also love Pinot Noir—here's the combo you have been waiting for. The first wine they released under the Mer Soleil label was Chardonnay so it was only a matter of time until they released a Pinot Noir. This one comes from the Santa Lucia Highlands, a place well known for producing excellent Pinot Noir. You can expect the same quality and intensity that you've come to expect from other Wagner family wines. The winery defines the wine as one of “heightened complexity, with layers of aromas and flavors”.

\$52.99/bottle

BISCI VERDICCHIO DI MATELICA 2017

Verdicchio is one of the best old school white wines that is making a serious comeback! Spring is a reawakening in many ways—we tend to switch to more white wines as the weather warms up. The grape here is 100% Verdicchio and the winery is located in the Marche region (east of Perugia) where the grapes are grown high on the Apennine mountains. This wine is pale straw yellow, medium bodied, savory but delicate and fresh.

\$16.99/bottle



DOMAINE DE LA BONGRAN VIRE CLESSE 2012

Many people know about Macon and probably know that it is Chardonnay but don't overlook another Chardonnay from the region of Vire-Clesse. Also you can't really overlook a white wine that has a little age on it—white wine can and does age. This is a very small estate and was one of the first properties imported by the now famous Louis Dressner Importer. This estate focuses on minimal intervention and a very slow fermentation. Those things, among others, contribute to the quality of the wine and its reputation. This is truly rich white Burgundy that speaks to its origins. This estate punches way above its weight class.

\$40.99/bottle



DOMAINE MITTNACHT CREMANT D'ALSACE NV

If you want to drink more bubbles more often but hesitate every time you see the price of Champagne then let us introduce you to Alsace. Although quite often known for its Pinot Blancs, Pinot Gris and Rieslings, Alsace makes excellent sparkling wine. This particular non-vintage (NV) is a blend of Pinot Auxerrois, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, and Pinot Noir. According to the importer it was one of the very first domaines to be certified biodynamic. It is never too early to start stocking sparkling wine for graduations and weddings. This is a crowd pleaser with its fruity aromas of peaches, pears, and apples. It is very elegant and will serve well as an aperitif, with light appetizers, or as the winery even suggests... at the end of a meal. This wine can cover a lot of ground for not a lot of money.

\$22.99/bottle





TABLA DE SUMAR ALBARINO 2017

Have you ever wanted to try a wine category and not known where to start? Albarino is a white grape from northwestern Spain that has been gaining quite a large following. If you want to know where to start, this winery—Trico, has made you an introductory bottle. If you tend to like Pinot Grigio, fruity Sauvignon Blanc, or other light white wines, you should give this a try; the winery describes Albarino as having “floral, fruity, fine and elegant aromas”. This one has more body than most.

\$16.99/bottle



MOZART CHOCOLATE CREAM

Obviously we write a lot about wine, we certainly also take into account spirits and beers. Quite often we feature liqueurs but as much as we all love chocolate, we hardly ever write about a chocolate liqueur. This chocolate cream is milk chocolate and even though some chocolate lovers are all about dark chocolate, there is a sweet richness to milk chocolate that cannot be denied. The makers of this chocolate cream describes it as being composed of “Belgian chocolate, fresh cream and aromatic notes of vanilla and cocoa”. You can drink this in a rocks glass with some ice or you can mix it with vodka for a chocolate martini. If you like mint chocolate chip ice cream you can add some mint liqueur to the chocolate martini for another tasty variation. If your taste runs more to fruit, you can add some triple sec and vodka and turn it into an orange chocolate martini. There are so many variations we can’t list them all here. There is even a recipe on the Mozart Chocolate Cream website for Chocolate Liqueur Cupcakes—all we are going to say is that it involves whipping cream, butter, vanilla and eggs; sounds like a perfect adult Easter treat.

\$25.99/bottle

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