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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SELECTIONS

PRIMITIVO QUILES CONO 4 2016

This Spanish wine from the region Alicante is made from 100% Monastrell. It is full of complex flavors and aromas. John Gilman of View from the Cellar, writes that the wine is “deep, ripe and gently raisiny on both the nose and palate, but also complex, as it wafts from the glass in a mix of black cherries, a bit of pepper, sultana raisins and a good base of soil”.

\$12.99 regular \$11.99 club

SETZER GRUNER VELTLINER 2017

This wine could give Sauvignon Blanc a run for its money during the summer. It is both a grape and a wine from Austria. It is delicious, refreshing, slightly citrusy along with a touch of New Zealand savoriness. Per the wonderful importer Terry Theise, this wine and this vintage is vivid, ripe and delightful! Liter bottle.

\$13.99 regular \$13.99 club

THE WHOLE SHEBANG RED BLEND (12TH CUVÉE)

This wine is made mainly from Syrah, Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, other red varietals, and a few whites for aromatics. It is produced by Morgan Twain-Peterson, son of Joel Peterson of Ravenswood fame. Morgan is also one of the very few in the United States who holds a Master of Wine designation. The wine is “long on deliciousness and low on pretense”—perfect for summer grills.

\$14.99 regular \$13.99 club **TRIPLE \$39.97**

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SANTO WINES ASSYRTIKO SANTORINI 2018

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If you cannot get to the Greek island of Santorini this summer, this could conceivably be the next best thing. A long time ago the most popular Greek wine was Retsina and if you have bad memories of that, we can tell you that this white wine will erase any bad memories you have. The Assyrtiko grape here is “grown in volcanic soils and aged in stainless steel”. The winemaker describes it as “bright and clear. It is dry with distinct aromas of citrus and flowers, combined with hints of smoke and minerals from the volcanic soil. Full-bodied, well-balanced with intense flavors and long finish”. This is the discovery of the summer and the one you will tell all your friends about.

\$23.99/bottle



PASCAL JOLIVET ATTITUDE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018

This winery has been a consistently good producer . Beyond making Sancerre they are also making a Sauvignon Blanc in the Loire Valley close to Touraine under the label Attitude. The idea was to “create a high quality Loire collection not especially from Sancerre but from the Loire Valley...” It is made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc and is good as an aperitif wine or with foods such as goat cheese salad, seafood salad and according to the winery even asparagus. The wine has “a beautiful freshness in the mouth, a frank attack, citrus fruits, green apple and kiwi aromas. The minerality gives a long finish to the wine, a smoothness and elegance”.

\$15.99/bottle



HEAVEN'S DOOR TENNESSEE BOURBON

This bourbon is made in collaboration with Bob Dylan—yes, that Bob Dylan. Bourbon can be made anywhere in the United States as long as it follows certain regulations none of which have to do with being made in Kentucky. This libation is “a unique mash bill from Tennessee...utilizes 30% ‘small grains’ to complement the character imparted from spending nearly 7 years in American oak barrels. The result is smooth and lasting with notes of vanilla and baked bread layered over a bed of toasted oak”. It received a Highest Recommendation from F. Paul Pacault of Spirit Journal with the following praise “a succulent, harmonious bourbon that hits all the right notes at the right moments for the category; a study of equal parts elegance and power”.

\$51.99/bottle

HEGER PINOT NOIR 2015

The Baden region that this wine comes from is just a few miles from the French border, in Germany's southernmost region. Joachim Heger and his work have revolutionized the potential of this ancient wine region. Heger practices sustainable farming and the wine is put into "big oak barrel + neutral barrique"—this is important as we don't want new oak over-influencing a grape as delicate as Pinot Noir. The wine "offers tremendous value. This is a liter-bottle of fresh, juicy, energetic Pinot Noir with great balance that is dangerously drinkable and ridiculously affordable". Oh, and in case you missed it, this liter bottle offers you 1/3 more wine than your average wine bottle.

\$22.99/1 Liter bottle



BROADSIDE MARGARITA VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

The region of Paso Robles has received a lot of press and is an excellent place to find wines perhaps a bit more reasonably priced than Napa. Paso Robles and Santa Margarita are just north and east of San Luis Obispo respectively. The winemakers use "little to no new oak to create wines of balance and finesse that make sense on the dinner table". As for the way it appears on the nose and palate, "spice-accented cherry and dark berry aromas show very good clarity and a subtle smoky nuance. It is focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry and black currant flavors that become sweeter with air. Shows very good energy and clarity on the finish, which is firmed by supple, slow-building tannins".

\$19.99/bottle



WILLIAM FEVRE "CHAMPS ROYAUX" CHABLIS 2017

Fevre is a good introduction into the world of Chablis and this particular bottling is a good price point to start. Chablis sits on a ridge of Kimmeridgian soil that is a key component of its terroir. Once the wine has been made it is matured for "10 to 12 months in stainless steel vats to preserve freshness; maturing 5% of the harvest in French oak barrels during 5 to 6 months". As for the tasting note, it has a "very fresh bouquet with notes of citrus and a slightly oaky finish. Fresh and supple, the wine is marked by mineral notes that are typical of the appellation". The next time someone wants a well made Chardonnay from an excellent producer, you should serve them this Chablis.

\$23.99/bottle





LA QUERCE SECONDA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2015

This is a small, organic Chianti Classico family estate using only Sangiovese as the grape in its wine (one is allowed to add others). Once fermented in stainless steel it is then moved to 10 year old large French oak vessels. The goal of the winery is to let the grapes speak for themselves. The final product “results in incredible depth of flavor, structure, and class, with beautifully harmonious aroma; complex with notes of red fruit, currant, plum and spice”. The palate reconfirms these characters along with a remarkable structure of integrated tannins, acidity, and a long, well balanced finish.

\$20.99/bottle

HARVIESTOUN BREWERY OLA DUBH SPECIAL 18 RESERVE



Sometimes it is hard to describe something so we will start here: This is a beer that has been aged in whisky barrels. That is the simplest explanation but not the most accurate. The Harviestoun Brewery is a microbrewery located in Clackmannanshire Scotland. It produces a range of beers but perhaps none so unique as this one. It is a collaboration with Highland Park whisky distillery which is located in Orkney. Per the brewery it is based on Harviestoun’s award-winning Old Engine Oil (Ola Dubh=Black Oil). It is “more than a stylistic nod to the classic Imperial Porters (and Stouts) of the nineteenth century, this deliciously rich, dark, 8% a.b.v. beer is the first to be aged in malt whisky casks from a named distillery and, with traceable casks and numbered bottles”. How to describe it? On the nose there are notes of true oil and cocoa as well as faint smoke and heathery peat from the whisky casks. Although lighter in body than its appearance suggests, Ola Dubh offers so much more! This beer combines bitter notes with a delicate character.

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