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2020 Ancient Peaks Zinfandel - Paso Robles, California

Ancient Peaks is a family-owned winery specializing in estate-grown wines from Margarita Vineyard, the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles appellation on California's Central Coast. Composed of steep mountain slopes of ancient Salinas River origins at 900 to 1,400 feet in elevation, Santa Margarita Ranch is in the southern portion of the greater Paso Robles AVA. Franciscan missionaries first planted vines on Santa Margarita Ranch in 1774. Unapologetically bold, spice-driven and jammy, Zinfandel has secured its title as the darling of California vintners by adapting well to the state's diverse microclimates and landscapes. The 2020 Zinfandel makes an immediate statement with bright, jammy aromas of raspberry, cinnamon spice and vanilla cream. Luscious, rounded flavors of red cherry, raspberry and blackberry unfold across a beautifully weighted mouthfeel, all under-pinned by deeper hints of roast coffee and black pepper. Smooth, juicy acidity brings impressive balance to a uniquely elegant finish. 90 PTS WE

Pairings: : Zinfandel is ideal with heavy, robust dishes such as roast lamb, meat stews, hearty pastas, or barbecued dishes. It is an excellent complement with burgers, grilled sausages, lamb chops, and pork.

2022 Paolo Scavino Langhe Bianco "Sorriso- Langhe, Piedmont, Italy"

Paolo Scavino winery was founded in 1921 in Castiglione Falletto from Lorenzo Scavino and his son Paolo. Enrico Scavino together with the daughters Enrica and Elisa, fourth generation, run the family Estate. Through 70 years of work, Enrico Scavino has researched and purchased some of the area's most historic vineyards. Piedmont has a continental climate with hot, humid summers leading to cold winters and precipitation year-round. The reliable autumnal fog provides a cooling effect. The approach to both viticulture and winemaking is aimed at preserving and therefore enhancing the expression and peculiarities of each vineyard in the wines. This white blend is 40% Chardonnay, 40% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Viognier from 100% estate fruit grown in the Altenasso cru of Castiglione Falletto and the Bricco Manescotto cru of La Morra. The unique combination of these three varieties in the Langhe region comes from the belief that the noble terroir is able to enhance the elegance and complexity of the grapes. The wine is pale yellow with emerald hues, fresh and charming on the nose with white flowers, sage, yellow and orange fruits in addition to mineral notes. The delicate flavors continue on the palate where a soft texture is combined with a sapid and cleaning acidity.

Pairings: This wine pairs well with Pasta, Shellfish, Lean fish, Cured Meat and Mature and hard cheese.