



AmCham Norway Holiday Recommendations

Here are a few AmCham Holiday favorites from our member importers!

Ravenswood Napa Valley Zinfandel

The wine is ready to drink now, but can also be stored up to 6-8 years. This Napa Valley Zinfandel is full of flavors of dark berries such as plums, cherries, wild berries and chocolate. The wine is excellent with meat dishes such as lamb, red meat and game. Many Norwegians love smoked 'pinnekjøtt' on Christmas Eve, and Ravenswood Napa Valley Zinfandel is a perfect match with its power, freshness and acidity.

Vinmonopolet: 3291901
Price: 219,90



Blossom Hill Chardonnay 2014

Classic and fruit driven US Chardonnay with new, updated look and vintage. Clean and fresh, with distinctive Chardonnay aromas of ripe melon combining tropical and citrus notes on the palate. A crisp finish with a hint of vanilla. Perfect for the traditional Norwegian Christmas food or to enjoy on its own.

Vinmonopolet: 1369501
Price: 109,90



Fetzer Valley Oaks Zinfandel 2014

The flavor of the spices in Fetzer Valley Oaks Zinfandel is perfect for any Christmas night coupled with the traditional pork rib, or on its own in front of the fireplace. The wine is an elegant Zinfandel which is well balanced with a moderate toastiness, bright red fruit and soft, supple tannins. It is deep garnet in color with aromas of bright cherry, raspberry, clove, roasted nuts and black pepper, which immediately brings your thoughts to Christmas. The taste is a ripe, medium-bodied wine with dark berry flavors and a warm, woody spice. Fetzer Vineyards are not only committed to making great wines, but to do so in a sustainable and responsible way. As a leader in sustainable winemaking since 1986, they integrate sustainable practices throughout the entire winemaking process.

Vinmonopolet: 216601
Price: 124,90



Charles & Charles Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah 2014

This special wine is a collaboration founded in 2008 between Food & Wine Magazine 2009 Winemaker of the year, Charles Smith and the man behind Three Thieves and Biler Pere et fils; Charles Bieler. The label shows Charles Bieler & Charles Smith standing in front of the American Legion Post No. 35 building in Waitsburg, WA. The resulting wine has aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and earthy, savory notes of tobacco and herbs, vanilla, and cocoa. A full mouth-feel with a long and supple finish. It's an intense dark blue/purple in color with tremendous purity, depth, and focus. Tannins are elegant, and refined. The blend is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Syrah. To be served to red meat, homemade hamburgers, spareribs or a classic Turkey dinner!

Vinmonopolet: 5472201
Price :175,00



Blossom Hill Red

Soft and fruity red wine with new design and fresh juice. Juicy and mellow with berry fruit aromas and a smooth easy finish. Carefully blended, it has a distinctive style that is perfect for drinking any time or to pair with holiday favorites like turkey, pork rib and cod.

Vinmonopolet: 666201 (bottle)



J. Lohr South Ridge Paso Robles Syrah 2014

Syrah from south facing hills in Paso Robles, California. A dry and hot climate in close proximity to the Pacific, ensures a slow maturation of the grapes and lovely freshness in the final wine. Fermented in stainless steel, 12 months maturation on oak and 20 % new barrels. 80 % of the barrels are of American origin, 20 % French, resulting in a great mouthfeel, and a full-bodied wine at a strikingly low price. Ideal with bbq, red meat and a juicy luxurious burger. Available at most monopoly stores in Norway.

Vinmonopolet: 6846601
Price: 149,50



Francis Ford Coppola Vendetta

Vendetta's bold, assertive character is created from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from Mendocino County and Malbec that hails from Monterey County. Offering complimentary flavors, the Cabernet Sauvignon harmonizes well with the Malbec, creating a distinctive wine made more alluring by the dramatic fruit flavors. Abundantly spicy with notes of pepper and toasted wood, Vendetta boasts juicy fruit, a velvety mouthfeel, and supple tannins. What begins with an intriguing nose of lavender, leather, and graphite, emerges with rich layers of cassis, cherries, and wild raspberries. Concentrated yet elegant, it's a wine you can't refuse...

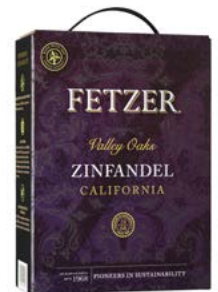
Vinmonopolet: 5494801
Price: 300,00



Fetzer Valley Oaks Zinfandel BiB

In January, Fetzer is launching a new Fetzer Zinfandel Bag-in-box that is a fresh and fruity Zinfandel with a rich dark purple color with a silk soft texture. Very well balanced, it has aromas of succulent cherries and blackberries, ripe rosehips, fine spice notes and hints of ginger. Very well balanced wine with nice acidity and pleasant tannins. With an exciting aftertaste of nutmeg and black pepper, it has less sugar and alcohol than most Zinfandel wines from USA. Perfectly suited for beef and spicy dishes of pork, chicken and turkey. Cool mornings and sunny, warm afternoons gives aromatic wines with good acidity. Grape cultivation began in Lodi area with the Gold Rush in 1849 and is one of the oldest wine regions in California where they grow some of the finest Zinfandel grapes in California. The design, developed in Norway in cooperation with Fetzer Vineyards, is inspired by the fashion of velvet baroque wallpaper that reached California in the 1860s.

Vinmonopolet: 6883506
Price: 379,90



Schug Carneros Pinot Noir 2015

This classic Carneros region Pinot Noir offers a wide range of flavors and aromas, in the tradition of the finest red Burgundies of France. "Clonal diversity" is achieved by carefully blending several vineyard lots, each retaining its own unique clonal signature in the blend. The result is a complex wine with a rich bouquet of cherries, berries and hints of spicy new oak. It has flavors reminiscent of black cherry, currant and strawberry, followed by a rich, spicy texture and a long silky finish. This wine pairs nicely with lamb, duck, even grilled fish, and will improve with additional cellaring for 2 to 5 years. Available at most vinmonopol stores in Norway.

Vinmonopolet: 9359501
Price: 269,90



Francis Ford Coppola Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon

This Cabernet Sauvignon is quite opulent with deep, dark flavors of fruit framed by firm tannins and rich oak character. Full-bodied and beautifully textured, this wine's flavor complexity is heightened by the addition of Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Enjoy a luscious palate of blackberries, cherries, and cassis along with fragrant earthy minerals and notes of anise and cocoa. As the flavors build and flow, a toasted caramel impression at the end creates an alluring finish. Best with a few years of aging, but you can enjoy this wine now with 1 to 2 hours of decanting.

Vinmonopolet: 1855401
Price: 334,90



Francis Ford Coppola Diamond Collection Claret

Diamond Collection Claret is a Cabernet Sauvignon based wine blended in the classic Bordeaux style, with each new vintage the blend may change, but includes some combination of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Grapes from their own estate as well as other vineyards from Napa, Sonoma and El Dorado. This combination of climates results in great complexity and excellent balance. The bottle is distinguished with gold netting in order to convey its prestigious status, a tribute to the way Europe's finest wines were once presented.

Vinmonopolet: 3281601
Price: 233,50

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