

Surreal's 2023 Holiday Staff Pick Case **//Body of Water, Mind of Wine**

Since time immemorial, water has been used as a therapeutic element to cure the body and mind of earthly pains and woes. We are universally called to water, to watch ourselves changing in its rippling reflections. Much truer reflections than those we tend to accept reality from....

Just as water is fundamental to life as we know it, wine and its worldly counterparts are fundamental to humanity. Just as water has the power to bring life and to take it away, similarly wine has been used in ritual, as medicine, for celebration and for commemoration.

I drink white wines all year round and am thrilled to share with you all my current favorites for this holiday season.

Peaseblossom 2022 | Sparkling Rosé of Dolcetto | 3 bottles | \$34 retail | \$17 club case sale

Small dropped rain over mountain cloud caps. Pink and windswept, crystal sparkles on soft little fibers. High and lofty, sprite of sprites.

The Fool 2022 | Gruner Veltliner Early Harvest | 2 bottles | \$25 retail | \$12.50 club case sale

Dendritic drainage patterns falling into alluvial fans in the rocky alpine slopes. Edelweiss and the ephemeral friends of scree and sometimes sunshine. Streams of the mighty mountain lands.

The Devil 2022 | Gruner Veltliner Middle Harvest | 3 bottles | \$30 retail | \$15 club case sale

Veins of the earth, the great rivers. Ancient aquifers. The incense-lined Ganges, the Columbia; river of the salmon people. The rivers that have an identity crisis, choked with misguided intentions but slowly remembering their sacredness as we humans learn to remember our sacredness.

The World 2022 | Gruner Veltliner Late Harvest | 4 bottles | \$48 retail | \$24 club case sale

The Qanat tunnels of Iran, the Hohokam canals of North America, Ahanakwadi rainwater harvesting structures from Maharashtra in India. The Inca terraces, Karez of Central Asia, Fog fences of Chile and Peru. The keepers of edge environments, the planters of water.

\$434 retail | \$303.80 Public Sale at 30% off | \$217 Club Sale at 50%

Societies around the world have learned in their own contexts and climates how to nurture water resources. Some of the most exciting large-scale watershed restoration projects on earth are happening in India right now. Check out India's Water Revolution on youtube and beyond!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNdMkGYdEqOCgePyiAyBTosh7zlr7xhz3>