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#### MOUNTAIN FLAVORS

### **APPETIZER RECIPES:**

Appetizer Boards... Four Fun Theme Ideas!

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But first...

**SOME TIPS** ... from the (Hannaford) experts, for making any appetizer board!

<u>Cheeses</u> - Select a variety of types of cheeses with varying textures, milk sources, shapes, colors, and flavor profiles. <u>An easy formula to follow:</u>

- something old hard aged cheeses cheddars, gouda, Parm Regg
- something new- fresh cheeses like brie, camembert, fresh mozzarella, boursin spread
- something goat -fresh chevre, goat gouda, cheddar, mozzarella or a sheep milk like Manchego, Romano or the mixed milk Iberico
- something blue- Blue cheese, Gorgonzola, Stilton, Cambozola

<u>Charcuterie</u> – Select a variety of textures and flavors, cured and uncured, local and imported, chunks to slice or pre-sliced, fold or roll thin sliced items like prosciutto and speck.

<u>Accompaniments</u> – great opportunity for enhancing/complimenting flavors with fresh and dried fruits, jams, spreads, preserves, and honey. Add some crunch with a variety of nuts, crackers, baguettes, and/or veggies.

<u>Decorative</u> - Add fresh herbs for splashes of greenery, which is also a great way to separate items on the board. Use edible flowers for pops of color and a special surprise.

<u>Serving vessels</u> - Be creative with the actual board itself: cutting boards, platters, slates, trays, wooden planks (food safe)... For corralling briny or wet accompaniments use ramekins, short glassware, ceramic mugs, sterilized pottery pots, sushi dipping bowls...

<u>Most of all</u> – Have fun being creative when assembling any of these boards!

And now, the Four Boards.....

# 1) LOCAL Appetizer Board: Maine and New England Products used:

• Great Hill Blue Cheese – Marion, Massachusetts

An ultra- creamy and delicious raw milk blue cheese. Try it drizzled with a local honey or paired with dark chocolate.







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• Nettle Meadows Mini Kunik – Warrensburg, New York

This Voluptuous triple- crème brie like cheese made from goat and cow's milk. Screams to be enjoyed with a cold glass of champagne.

• Boggy Meadow Baby Swiss – Walpole, New Hampshire

Wonderfully moist, creamy and mild with a sweet nutty flavor. Enjoy with Short Creek Farm's salumi with a hint of fennel, also from New Hampshire.

• Vermont Farmstead Lille, South Woodstock, Vermont

Lille is a Coulommiers style cheese which is a thicker relative to Brie. Decadently sumptuous with notes of mushroom, nut and butter and can be enjoyed spread on a toasted baguette.

• Jasper Hill Cave Aged Cheddar – The Cellars at Jasper Hill, Greensboro, VT

Lovingly aged to perfection in the Cellars environment, this cheddar masters the perfect balance of savory and a salt caramel sweetness. Nosh alongside pale ales, or crisp ciders.

• Seal Cove Farm Garlic and Dill Chevre - Lamoine, Maine

Made in the traditional French style, this fresh goat cheese is mixed with garlic and then rolled in fresh dill leaf. Serve with....

- Maine Crisp Company's Crisps (Waterville, Maine) or Mill Cove Baking's Crackers (Portland, Maine)
- Pineland Farm Dairy Colby Jack and Buffalo Curds Bangor, Maine

This award-winning Colby Jack has a depth of flavor not normally found in this mild cheese style. Also presented are their Buffalo Cheese Curds, which bring a spicy kick to the Board. These can both be enjoyed with charcuterie selections from...

• Singing Pastures Farm - New Castle, Maine

#### Accompaniments used:

- Local heirloom tomatoes
- TOI Pistachio Dream Snack Nut Mix
- Fresh Pomegranate
- Fresh rosemary
- Fresh basil

# 2) ALPINE Appetizer Board

#### **Products used:**

- Il Villaggio Parmigiano-Reggiano 24mos aged from Italy crystal crunch of an aged cheese with nutty flavors and citrus overtones
- Fiorucci Prosciutto di Parma a sweet, buttery bite from Italy
- Veroni Speck a smoked Prosciutto Italiano
- Busseto Presliced Nuggets available in 4 flavors Spicy, Original, Truffle and Fennel
- Aurrichio Taleggio from Italy- wash rind cheese with strong aroma, but mild flavors and luscious texture
- Iberico from Spain mixed milk of Sheep, Goat and Cow; soft texture with mild, sweet, nutty flavors
- Comte from France buttery, fruity and nutty flavors

#### Accompaniments used:

- TOI Balsamic Glaze
- TOI Olives Jubilee
- TOI Garlic & Pepper Antipasto
- Dalmatia Fig Spread







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- Marcona Almonds
- Fresh Cherry Peppers
- Heirloom tomatoes
- Clementines
- Red Grapes
- Fresh Basil, Rosemary, Thyme and edible flowers

#### 3) CONTEMPORARY Appetizer Board

#### **Products used:**

- Belton Farm Red Fox- Red Leicester cheese -nice crystalline crunch, with sweet caramel flavors
- Sartori BellaVitano Merlot -soaked in Merlot bath, the berry and plum notes of the wine shine through in this Asiago style cheese
- Huntsman Double Gloucester with layers of Stilton cheeses nutty, spicy and tangy combination of the creamy Double Glouster and the blue Stilton
- Aurrichio Gorgonzola Dolce creamy with a sweet tanginess
- Delano Pesto Gouda Rich Pesto flavor balanced with mild Gouda soft texture and flavor
- Fiorucci Prosciutto di Parma
- Veroni Calabrese

## Accompaniments used:

- TOI RedPepperazzi
- TOI Dark Sea Salt Chocolate
- TOI Pistachio Dream Snack Nut Mix
- Firehook Sea Salt Crackers
- Fresh Thyme
- Fresh Rosemary

## 4) Chef David Turin's Gorgonzola & Grand Marnier Cheese FONDUE

#### Ingredients:

1 T Garlic, minced very fine

3 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Quart White wine <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C + 2T Corn Starch

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C Grand Marnier Liqueur

5 # Comte - grated

5 # Emmi or TOI Gruyere - grated

5 # Aurrichio Gorgonzola – broken into small pieces

#### Instructions:

- 1. Combine wine and garlic in a large pot and bring to a simmer
- 2. Combine Grand Marnier and cornstarch together in a separate bowl
- 3. Thicken wine with half of the slurry
- 4. Gradually add the grated cheeses while whisking constantly
- 5. After all the grated cheese is added, thicken with the remaining slurry







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- 6. Keep on low heat
- 7. Add gorgonzola cheese to the mix as it is being served
- 8. Serve with... your choice!
- Cubes of French bread, apple, pear, roasted potatoes, red bell pepper
- Blanched Broccoli florets and/or Cauliflower
- Slices of Spicy Chorizo or any local salami