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The BrightWines Beacon for July 9th - 13th, 2021

I hope everyone had a good Fourth! And here we are at the weekend again... but there are five weekends in July this year, so there is plenty of "weekend" to go around this July. As I mentioned in last weekend's edition (which is available to read online, in case you missed it) **here in the early part of July I am taking some time off on the Mondays/Tuesdays**, partly for some family time but also partly for some special projects. I guess that's probably why this current week went by so quickly, and there's more of the same next week too. Here's what's up at BrightWines!

**** Four MORE, for after the 4th!** Featuring Chateau Lamothe-Vincent (Bordeaux)

Note: consider this a Sneak Preview of the upcoming, annual, mid/late July feature on French wines! Next week is Bastille Day, and that usually my cue to dedicate a couple of newsletters - and sometimes a very lengthy list of wines - to great wines from France! Stay tuned for much MORE on this topic in the newsletters after Bastille Day in the second half of July!

For now, my **annual summertime direct-from-the-importer shipment of Chateau Lamothe-Vincent has arrived from Bordeaux!** FOUR wines to highlight today, the Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2020 Bordeaux Blanc at \$12.99 per bottle, the Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2018 "Intense" Bordeaux rouge at \$14.99 per bottle, the Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2020 "Heritage" Bordeaux Blanc, and the Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2018 "Heritage" Bordeaux Superieur rouge, both at \$19.99 per bottle... read BRIGHT LIGHTS today for all the details!

**** In Case You Missed It (ICYMI): the "Four for the Fourth" edition of The BrightWines Beacon is still current... and online!**
<https://www.brightwines.com/four4fourth.pdf>

Note: all of the wines in the recently-published Fourth of July newsletter edition ARE available to order by email, and nearly ALL of the selections are IN-STOCK... although some of the quantities may be limited to bottles-only pending possible re-stocks later this month. So if you see something in this online archive you want to get asap tomorrow/Saturday feel free to inquire (email preferred, just reply to this newsletter or Dave@BrightWines) as to the current stock levels on your particular requests. <https://www.brightwines.com/four4fourth.pdf>

BRIGHT LIGHTS: Four for the Fourth, and Four MORE for after the 4th!

**** (new arrivals) Four MORE, for after the 4th!** Chateau Lamothe-Vincent (Bordeaux)

My annual summertime direct-from-the-importer shipment of our longtime favorite Bordeaux smart-buy, the long standing, **award winning, family estate in Bordeaux, Chateau Lamothe-Vincent**. I know that Bastille Day is not until next week, but consider this your Sneak Preview of the big annual French wines feature to come!

After sampling through all of the current offerings by Lamothe-Vincent with the importer earlier this spring, I pre-ordered a pallet worth from this Bordeaux winery, and by mutual agreement with the importer I had to take in my full shipment by June 30th (last week). **This is the ONLY shipment of Chateau Lamothe-Vincent available** until this coming winter, at the earliest! So fans of this Chateau, and I know there are many, will want to act quickly!

Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2020 reserve Bordeaux Blanc @ \$12.99 per bottle (\$155.88/case, in-stock now)

A rather ripe and juicy vintage for this white Bordeaux which is a blend of 87% Sauvignon Blanc with 13% Semillon, a classic Bordeaux Blanc blend. It is lively, with a touch of apricot and floral/honey from fully ripened Semillon along with plenty of citrusy/stoney vivacity from the Sauvignon Blanc. This probably my best Sauvignon Blanc under \$15 (with apologies to the great Marlborough, New Zealand ones I have - and that you all love - but of course that's a totally different style). Regardless this one is a perennial summertime favorite here.

Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2018 "Intense" Bordeaux rouge @ \$14.99 per bottle (\$159.99/case, in-stock now)

This Bordeaux is the screwcapped red by this Chateau, all estate, vinified with all the modern styles. This new vintage is a little different than you might remember, it's got less "new oak" and has 30% Petite Verdot in the blend! In fact, it's 70% Merlot and 30% Petite Verdot, making the wine inky blue/purple tones with richness galore, but lots of dry structure and tannin. It's "intense" indeed, and despite the temptation of the screwcap it will probably be at it's best with some venison later this coming fall. Gold Medal at the wine competition in Lyon, France.

Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2020 "Heritage" Bordeaux Blanc @ \$19.99 per bottle (limited stock, in-stock now)

This is the first time that an "Heritage" bottling white has been available to us, and it's an absolute dead ringer for a great Pessac-Leognan white. It's 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Semillon with some oak barrel aging for that creamy toasty undertone. Not a Graves style, rather a luxurious Pessac-Leognan classified-growth sort of style of Bordeaux Blanc. Very impressive!

Chateau Lamothe-Vincent 2018 "Heritage" Bordeaux Superieur @ \$19.99 per bottle (\$239.88/case, in-stock now)

I know many of you have verticals running of this wine, either in your cellar or just have enjoyed some bottles every year for about a decade now here at BrightWines. And it's as good as ever! The 2018 is a very good vintage, it's reasonably drinkable now - but will be better in 3 to 4 years (and beyond). A Gold Medal winner in France that has a classic right-bank personality and is indeed 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, yet also has a modern flair to it's serious heritage.

**** IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:** last weekend's newsletter is archived online and the recommended wines are in-stock for pickup this Saturday too, and/or available for email orders later next week too!

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Four Smart Buys: Allan Scott 2020 Marlborough NZ Sauvignon Blanc (Wine Spectator Top 100 wine for this vintage, new arrival) at \$15.99 per bottle! Plus my current favorite from Jed Steele, the Steele Cabernet Franc, and a nice meritage-style red blend from Washington called "Next" by King Estate, and the new fresh vintage of last summer's top-selling French Rose is finally available... the Gris Marin 2020 Sable de Camargue Rose for just \$10.97 per bottle!

Four Bargains, all priced just \$9.99 or less: Montgravet 2020 Cotes de Gascogne Blanc, juicy and fun El Circo "acrobat" Spanish Garnacha, the Cote de Paradise 2020 Chenin/Viognier is back in stock, new from Milbrandt, "LuLu" 2020 Washington Rose!

Four new Spanish: Bodegas LAN Rioja, Lopez de Haro Rioja, The Grenache Project, plus impressive whites too - Rueda Verdejo, Rias Baixas Albarino, Rioja Blanco, and more!

Four "Just for Fun" for the Fourth, and beyond: Parceleros "unoaked" Chardonnay, Kuhling-Gillot (Rhein) Dry Riesling, Anton Bauer Gruner Veltliner, and last but not least... I will soon restock on "Sea Enchantress" red blend!

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