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The BrightWines Beacon for March 9th, 2018

"Have some wine" the March Hare said in an encouraging tone. Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. "I don't see any wine" she remarked. "There isn't any" said the March Hare. (Alice in Wonderland)

** Fear not, here at BrightWines, **March has come in with wine!** BrightWines is fully stocked from recent events, and I have a lot of new and fine themes to pursue for the March of wines ahead. This weekend we'll start with a bit of March wine-ness fun with a whimsical look at filling out a wine bracket, and with an in-store feature on one of the #2 seeds, the wines of Portugal. All that, plus the updated list of the in-stock "Como Favorites" is online too. This month folks coming in to BrightWines have noticed how stocked up the aisles are. The Como event at the end of February featured 108 wines on 13 tables, all personally selected by Dave@BrightWines. That extensive list was pared down to 50 "favorites" that I emailed out in the newsletter last weekend. This weekend I have updated the list, sorted by stock levels and price, and put it online. This weekend and next week is your best chance to participate on that list of wines before new themes, and other events of early spring begin to gradually take over our attention here. Supplies are limited to stock on hand, some supplies may be very limited or by special-order only.

email orders are accepted, subject to confirmation. <http://www.brightwines.com/como-favorites2018.pdf>

** NEW Arrivals, Top Picks and Customer Favorites from PORTUGAL **

J. Portugal Ramos VILA SANTA 2015 vinho branco (Alentejo) @ \$7.99 per bottle (case price \$6.67 each, mix-match)

Suggested Retail: \$9 (see Wine Enthusiast)

BEST BUY rated by Wine Enthusiast at \$9 retail, with notes: "A lemon flavored wine that is soft and fruity. With its zesty, tight texture and really crisp acidity, the wine is lively and crisp. Drinkable now, it will be better from early 2017." Dave says: A blend of two local whites, Rabo Ovelha and Roupeiro, this Alentejo white reminds me of Albarino or Verdejo and other such whites but frankly is not really a vinho verde style at all, more like Arinto or Fernao Pires if want a Portugal comparison. note: solid cases available at \$5.99 per bottle (\$71.88/case).

SILK and SPICE 2015 @ \$9.99 per bottle (\$119.88/case, limited stock)

Last few cases in-stock, until the newer 2016 vintage arrives at the end of March.

GAZELA (2017 bottling) VINHO VERDE @ \$5.99 per bottle (\$71.88/case)

Still the best bargain in a frizzante dry white, the brand that began the trend in the U.S. for vinho verde.

DORY Adegamae 2014 vinho branco (Lisboa) @ \$7.99 per bottle (95.88/case)

Dry, seafoody white with good stoney/saline qualities behind the melon and apple tones. It's a 12.5% alcohol blend of Fernao Pires, Arinto, Viosinho, and Viogner. I love Fernao Pires and Arinto, two of the best whites of southern Portugal.

Casa Santos Lima 2013 "Confidencial" reserva (Lisboa) @ \$10.79 per bottle (\$119.88/case = \$9.99 mix/match)

90 points, Wine Spectator - who notes: "This is loaded with concentrated dark plum, chocolate and allspice flavors, offering a plush, creamy texture. The lusciously spiced finish lingers with cocoa powder and toasted coconut notes. Drink now through 2020. 90 points."

Casa Santos Lima 2014 "Colossal" reserva (Lisboa) @ \$10.79 per bottle (\$119.88/case = \$9.99 mix/match)

91 points, Wine Spectator - who notes: "Creamy, with plentiful ripe raspberry, red plum and milk chocolate flavors, this medium- to full-bodied red is marked by spice and mineral details through the velvety finish. Drink now through 2019."

"Tres Bagos" 2013 DOURO vinho tinto @ \$14.99 per bottle (\$159.99/case = \$13.33 each, mix/match)

90 points, Wine Spectator (at \$15 retail) who notes: "A big, strapping red, with powerful flavors of dark plum, violet and dried berry that feature firm tannins and acidity. The dense finish is filled with baker's chocolate and slate notes, showing some smoky accents. Drink now through 2020." (limited stock, more arrives a week from Friday, email orders subject to confirmation)

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