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The BrightWines Beacon for April 12th - April 19th, 2024: anniversary week (BrightWines) and spring cleaning (clearance)

It was on a fine spring day that BrightWines first opened for business with a grand opening event on the 2nd full weekend of April, all the way back in the year 2000 (yes, it's been 24 years of BrightWines).

It's "anniversary week" here at BrightWines and I do have some fun events planned. For one thing, some of the recent great weather serves to remind me that we've now reached a point in the new season where it's time to say we're changing the seasons of wine too. So it's time for "out with the old, and in with the new" and maybe also spruce up the joint too! Yes, I do believe it's time for some spring cleaning.

So for THIS weekend, I've gone through every box and shelf and pallet in the store and I've come up with a LONG LIST of selected wines, and taken accurate inventory of stocks, and I'm going to list them all out - category by category - at some very good prices as part of the start of my spring cleaning!

To paraphrase a famous old bookseller I once knew: you need these wines more than I do!

Spring Cleaning CLEARANCE Categories (with available inventory listed):

**** Bargain Bordeaux ****

Chateau Galochet 2018 Bordeaux rouge @ \$12.99 per bottle (\$150/case, wood box)
5 cases (wood box) and 6 bottles available, drinking beautifully now as a classic claret

Esprit de Fonrozay 2020 Bordeaux rouge "cuvée Bois Royale" @ \$11.67 per bottle (\$139.99/case, wood box)
2 cases (wood box) and 1 loose bottle available, rated 91 points J.S.

Domaine de Poujou 2016 Madiran @ \$10.97 per bottle
25 bottles available, 100% Tannat from Madiran in Gascony

**** California Smart-buys ****

ROLLERCOASTER RED (The Meeker Vineyard) Sonoma red blend @ \$15.99 per bottle
19 bottles available, a richly-oaked, full-bodied, "kitchen sink" red blend of a dozen varieties from Sonoma!

American Recordings 2021 Chardonnay @ \$13.50 per bottle (\$162/case)
3 cases and 2 bottles available, dry Willamette/Oregon Chardonnay barrel aged in Paso Robles by Field Recordings

Potter Ridge 2018 Mendocino Merlot @ \$11.99 per bottle
9 bottles available, winemaker Greg Graziano a pure Merlot from north of Sonoma

Tinto Rey estate Dunnigan Hills 2021 Tempranillo @ \$14.99 per bottle
12 bottles available, the in-store favorite from the last winemaker meet/greet we had here

**** Dry and Tasty, but overlooked White Wines ****

Casa Santos Lima 2022 vinho branco Arinto @ \$11.99 per bottle
12 bottles available, 100% Arinto from Portugal (think Albarino meets a dry vinho verde)

Hopler 2022 Pannonica white (Austria) @ \$11.99 per bottle
3 bottles available, a dry white blend of Gruner Veltliner and Pinot Blanc

Serpentina (Oseka Protok / Croatia) 2021 White @ \$15.99 per bottle
15 bottles available, dry seafood white blend (mostly Posip) from vineyards along the coast of Croatia
*** also available, 5 bottles of Serpentina Red (Zlatan Otok) blend of Plavac Mali, same price**

Maidenstoen 2019 Dry Riesling central coast @ \$16.67 per bottle
25 bottles available, rated 93 points for a single vineyard dry Riesling (\$22 retail)

Jolie Laide (California) 2022 Melon de Bourgogne @ SOLD OUT
0 bottles available, a dry "white Burgundy" style using a famous Loire variety in California

Joseph Drouhin 2022 "Vaudon" Chablis @ \$32.50 per bottle
23 bottles available, 100% UN-oaked, a true Chablis from Vaudon vineyards, from a great and generous vintage

**** "last call" on popular worldwide bargains running low on stock ****

Escadas de Beira 2017 Dao reserve (Portugal) @ \$9.99 per bottle (\$119.88/case)
the last 2 cases (out of a 28 case, half-pallet special purchase) traditional red Portugal, classy and mature

Eughenes (Sicily) 2019 Perricone rosso @ \$11.67 per bottle (\$139.99/case)
8 bottles available, drinks like a Nero d'Avola meets Primitivo

Capo Nativo (Chile) Pinot Noir @ \$11.99 per bottle
14 bottles available, light and dry, all organic, lovely crisp cherry-cola tones

**** Recent Roses ****

Ermite d'Auzan 2022 Costieres de Nimes Rose @ \$9.99 per bottle
9 bottles available, still plenty fresh but the new 2023 will be here soon

Breca Rose 2022 (Spain) @ SOLD OUT
0 bottles available, still plenty fresh but the new 2023 will be here soon

Scaia Rosato 2022 (Italy) @ \$11.99 per bottle
16 bottles available, still plenty fresh but the new 2023 will be here soon

Aizpurua Getariako Txakolina 2021 Txakolina Rosado @ \$15.99 per bottle
9 bottles available, totally dry frizzante rose from Basque coast

Roseblood 2023 Coteaux Varois en Provence @ \$22.50 per bottle
New Arrival, my first 2023 vintage from Provence. "An exceptional blend of Grenache, Syrah and Rolle sourced from Coteaux Varois en Provence vineyards, Roseblood Rosé results in a harmonious composition of flavors all in an elegant, playful and bold package.

**** Rhone if you want to, Rhone around the world ****

(white Rhone) **Cuisine en Famille 2021 "La Bras M'en Tombent" Blanc @ \$16.67 per bottle**
13 bottles available, white blend of Grenache Blanc and Marsanne, from the Rhone

Terrasse Pavée 2019 Seguret @ \$19.99 per bottle
18 bottles available, Seguret is a little-known *Cotes du Rhone Villages* that's like a poor-mans Vacqueyras

Cuisine en Famille 2021 Grenache/Cinsault rouge @ \$16.67 per bottle
3 bottles available, peppery and fresh but not heavy

"Warp and Weft" (Babylon's Peak) 2017 Red Blend (South Africa) @ \$17.99 per bottle
\$99.99 per 6pk, solid 6pks only, at \$16.67 each, a "northern Rhone" personality, Syrah/Mourvedre blend with a dash of Pinotage

**** Italian intermezzo, two lovely mid-range Italian wines ****

Bortolotti Brut Prosecco @ \$15.99 per bottle
18 bottles available, a classic Valdobbiadene Prosecco DOCG, Brut dryness with plenty of fresh white fruits too

Fratelli Revello 2020 Langhe Nebbiolo @ \$23.33 per bottle
15 bottles available, estate grown in La Morra makes this truly a poor-mans Barolo (last of the vintage)

**** overstock Port ****

Santa Eufemia "Tawny" Porto @ \$13.33 per bottle
9 bottles available or perhaps a few more, just want to balance the inventory on my Ports

Alexis Bailly "Chocolate Reserve" (375ml) @ \$17.99 per bottle
7 bottles available, a chocolate-infused dessert wine that was popular at Como

**** Affordable Luxury from the west coast ****

Y. Rousseau 2017 Clarksburg Tannat @ \$33.33 per bottle
13 bottles available. Rated **92 points Wine Enthusiast**, noting: "**Rich, complex and alluring**, this harmonious blend of flavors brings dried **plum, coffee, molasses and chocolate to the palate, wrapped in soft tannins and a full body**. This outstanding wine from the normally value-oriented Clarksburg appellation is warm, broad and delicious to drink now through 2025. **\$65 retail**. 92 points." (Wine Enthusiast)

Oak Farm Vineyards "Vapor Trail" Amador Zinfandel @ SOLD OUT
0 bottles available, the upper-tier and very smooth version - with more red fruit tones - of "Tievoli"

L'Ecole 41 "Frenchtown Red" 2021 Columbia Valley red @ \$23.33 per bottle
13 bottles available, this drinks like a "meritage" but with more purple fruit tones, from a great Walla Walla winery

Lemelson 2021 "Thea's Selection" Willamette Valley Pinot Noir @ \$31.67 per bottle
8 bottles available, multiple 90+ ratings across the board, \$190 per 6pk

**** fine Japanese spirits ****

(last 2 bottles) **Matsui Umeshu (plum Brandy liqueur - Kurayoshi distillery) @ \$29.99 per bottle**

(last bottle) **FUYU small-batch blended Whisky (Kyoto/Honshu, 80 proof) @ \$39.99 per bottle**

**** last but not least... an Anniversary toast to BrightWines with true CHAMPAGNE ****

(20% off retail) **NOMINE-RENARD Brut Champagne @ \$47.99 per bottle**

Suggested Retail: \$59.99 This Nomine-Renard "Brut Nomine" cuvee is a textbook blending of 40/30/30 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier using reserve wines and cave aging for some classic "wow factor." Wine Spectator rated 91 points "Firm and focused, with a rich, smoky hint of toasted brioche carried on a lively bead and layered with more subtle notes of white peach, spun honey, lemon confit and pastry."

(33% off retail) **Charles Orban "carte noire" Brut Champagne @ \$29.99 per bottle** (very limited stock)

the Carte Noir is 60% Pinot and 40% Chardonnay, and rated **91 points** by Wine Spectator, wholesaler clearance that we loved at the Eclipse party

These prices and this inventory are available only while current supplies last. email orders are preferred, just reply to this newsletter or contact Dave and be sure to mention when you prefer to pick up your order so I can reply and prepare accordingly.

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