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The BrightWines Beacon for early November, 2026: bright and cool, nine wine for November

We have a fine fall forecast this weekend and next week, it's looking to be bright and cool for a good stretch of days. Here at BrightWines, this weekend's newsletter is serving as a transition from "fall" wine features to the coming soon "holiday season" features. I don't want to get ahead of ourselves, and there is obviously still plenty left in the fall season over this next full week. But by the time I get to work on next weekends wine shipments and newsletter, we'll be less than two weeks out from the start of the holiday season of 2026. BrightWines will be OPEN regular hours this Saturday November 7th, and open regular hours the week of Monday Nov 9th too. Note: see below in The Lamp is Lit for updated store hours on Monday to account for a brief trip out of town I'm making plus tickets I have with my son for the Vikings on Monday night football.

For this weekend's edition, I'm going to spend a little time on a recap of recent features (the last two newsletters in particular) and am also going to highlight some NEW arrivals that have not yet been featured in the newsletter, and will also highly recommend the bookends of my Brut sparkling selections (so far) for the season to come, including my best value smarrt-buy in Brut bubbles and the wine that's (currently) my best affordable luxury too, for you Champagne fans.

This weekend at BrightWines I'm offering "bright and cool, nine wines for early November."

**** 2 highlights from the newsletter of October 23rd, in-stock now and still timely ****

The newsletter for 10/23 was "MALBEC MANIA + Oktoberfest" and these great wines are still available in reasonable quantity…

Piattelli 2019 "Grand Reserve" (Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza) Malbec @ $15.99 per bottle
Suggested Retail: $22 - $24 CASE PRICE: $179.88 = $14.99 each, solid case price
TASTING NOTES: first and foremost, this is **drinking superbly… additionally this does have a nice 92-point rating**, as J.S. notes: "Aromas of blueberry, cocoa, tar, graphite and hot stone. It's full-bodied with firm, powdery tannins. Intense and chewy with lots of dark fruit, spice and stones. Rich, yet balanced. Try from 2023." Remember, this is the 2019 vintage and is now hitting it's prime drinking at 7 years of age, so it's drinking even better - and more complete - than those notes suggest, saying "try after 2023 is absolutey the right call. ALL of the Malbec fans, and especially ALL Piattelli fans will want to get some of this. This is the final shipment of this vintage (they are onto 2021 now) and I have 7cases available. I've been telling folks shopping here in the store that this might be ***the best $15 red wine in the shop right now!***

94-point rated DRY Riesling affordable luxury!

Battenfeld Spanier 2021 Vdp Aus Ersten Lagen "Molsheim" drr Riesling @ $21.99 per bottle
Suggested Retail: $44 (end of vintage clearance at local supplier is 50% off retail)
The "1G" aus ersten lagen designation is the equivalent to premiere cru in white Burgundy. The wines are DRY Riesling. This one has a 94 point rating by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, saying: "pure and intense on the nose that reveals brioche and blueberry aromas as well as chalky notes. On the palate, this is a pure, crunchy, saline and tightly structured Riesling with intense and dense fruit but still with Riesling's transparency and finesse. **A great and complex wine with elegant power and grip. 94 points**."

**** 2 highlights from the newsletter of October 30th, it's STILL "Bordeaux-ween" week here ****

NOTE: in case you missed it, the newsletter over Halloween weekend was an extensive listing of in-stock Bordeaux reds. Look for that in your inbox, and if you'd like me to forward you a copy again, just inquire with Dave! Plenty of great Bordeaux still available, I bought nearly a full pallet worth of selections!

Here are just two right bank wines from the truly great and quality-focused owner of L'Angelus, Hubert de Bouard…

Chateau du Rosaire 2022 Bordeaux @ $14.99 per bottle
Rated 90 points by Vinous Media, noting: "**The 2022 du Rosaire is a delight. Plump and juicy and inviting, the 2022 is a fine choice for drinking now** and over the next few years while the fruit remains vibrant. This succulent Bordeaux from Hubert de Bouard is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. 90 points." (VM) note: Hubert de Board is a famed, top-tier producer (L'Angelus) in St Emilion. Solid Case Price is $166 ($13.83 each) in wood case!

Le Lion de la Fleur de Bouard 2022 Lalande de Pomerol @ $37.99 per bottle
3 good wine magazines rate this at or above 90+ points, incuding getting 92 points by J.S. But that is really only part of the story. This is the wine that was by far the best-tasting "right now" of all my samplings, and many of you might recall this spectacular right bank (2nd label famed Le Fleur de Bouard in Pomerol) from the 2020 vintage we did a couple of years ago. This a show stopper!! As you expect of Pomerol and similar blends, this is 80% Merlot and is sexy and lush without getting heavy. "It's medium bodied, silky and balanced, with fine-grained tannins and a juicy finish. Blackberries and coriander on the nose." Mix/Match case price (not in wood, sorry) of $35.99 per bottle

**** highlighting 3 NEW ARRIVALS that have not yet been in the newsletter ****

Brunori 2025 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi @ $19.99 per bottle
Case Price: **$17.99 each, mix/match** case price
The famed bone-dry white of the Marche (Adriatic coast) of Italy. **Stoney and salty and ideal for seafood, but also has an affinity for autumnal fare** as a dryer more complex wine than most Pinot Grigio, without the citrus of Sauv Blanc.

Marques de Riscal 2021 Rioja Reserva @ $19.99 per bottle (very limited stock)

Rated **90 points Wine Spectator, and rated 92 points JS**, and also rated **92 points by J.D. who notes: "The winery's flagship wine, the 2021 Reserva has a highly appealing** spicy balsamic character and an undertone of freshness highlighted by the addition of 3% Graciano. A solid 20 months in American oak provides structure and toasty notes to the ripe, full-bodied creaminess of the wine, rich in red and black cherry fruit that's textured and layered throughout supple, silky tannins. **This is a classic, ready to go** another 10-15 years. 92 points."

Piattelli "Limited Edition" 2023 Chardonnay @ $17.99 per bottle (limited stock)
Suggested Retail: $30
Lush and well-oaked, yet still dry and food-friendly. The red "L.E." wines sold out in a flash back around Labor Day. I couldn't resist bringing in a few 6pks of the Chardonnay too, and it's delicious, even if it's unexpected from this winery that is not known for Chard.

** **2 highlights** (with much more to come) **of Sparkling Brut**, book-ending a range of option**s** **

Whether you're in a celebratory mood, or planning ahead to the holiday season, or simply love good Brut Sparkling, check out these two in-stock options! These wines currently represent the bookends (top smart buy, and best affordable luxury) of what my range of options will be. It's hard to imagine finding better options for quality at these respective prices, but if I do find something I will add it to the mix you can be sure. For now, these are both GREAT options in Brut sparkling!

CRUZAT Brut Clasico (Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza - Argentina) **@ $17.99 each**
Case Price: $191.88 per case (solid case, just $15.99 per bottle)
Made in the Champagne/traditonal method, using the Champagne/tradition varieties Pinot Noir (60% of the cuvee is blanc de noir) and Chardonnay (40% blanc de blanc). This wine has been getting better and better scores as the years go by as this Mendoza sparkling specialist has mature and grown their craft and their wines. Great crossover appeal here between value-priced Cava style and real Champagne, and priced to match!

Barbier-Louvet premier cru Blanc de Blancs Brut Champagne @ $55 each
Case Price for **6pk cases of $299.95 which is $49.99 per bottle**! (or mix/match with other 12 bottle cases)
Very Limited Stock: only 5 full sixpacks available (by the bottle too) direct from the small local importer
DAVE says: this is the real deal, and the sample bottle I tasted had me at one sniff and one sip, it **simply exudes class and character. Fresh, lively, yet and mature and complex**, exclusively from Premier Cru vineyards by an "R.M." grower-producer who's Guide Hachette rated (respected French annual wine guide). With the high, and rising every year, cost of true Champagne this is a great option as a truly affordable, affordable luxury!

As noted, all of the wines in today's newsletter are in-stock and available for email orders and for in-store shopping as soon as this weekend, or next week. BrightWines will be open regular hours, with only minor exceptions. See below…

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