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The BrightWines Beacon “wines of the weekend” edition for March 27th - March 31st, 2026

It's been one of those weeks, with the kind of March days that Dickens described as "summer in the light, and winter in the shade" and that trend, along with some "April Showers" has continued this week. So while we wait for some finer of days of spring, as Charles Dickens advised... "take another glass of wine."

**** Great Scott!!** (highly rated new arrivals, in-stock now) ******

Scott Family Estate 2023 Arroyo Seco Pinot Noir @ \$21.99 per bottle

Suggested Retail: \$24 Case Price: \$250 (**\$20.83 ea, mix/match**)

Rated 92 points by J.S. who notes: "**Excellent clarity in both color and aromas**, with pretty floral and tea notes perfuming red cherries and scrubby herbs. A serious core of coiled citrus and cranberry acidity provides spine for **mountain berries, raspberries and spices, as well as a forest floor note** that lingers in the finish. 92 points." Arroyo Seco is one of two premiere zones (along with the Santa Lucia Highlands) in Monterey. Using all dijon clone Pinot Noir and the cooler climate of Arroyo Seco, this is "peak" Monterey Pinot Noir (as the kids all say) style. Very classy, very flavorful, yet elegant for spring!

Allan Scott 2025 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc @ \$14.99 per bottle (\$179.88/case)

Suggested Retail: \$17 (case price \$179.88)

Rated 91 points J.S. and rated **90 points Wine Spectator**, who notes: "**An elegant style, with lime sorbet**, quince, Fuji apple and lemon zest, **plus a touch of lemon basil, all on a sleek and juicy frame that lingers**. 90 points." And James Sucklings notes dovetail nicely too, saying "Spicy and a little green on the nose, offering white berries, currant leaves, white roses and hints of crushed stones. Very fresh and juicy on the palate, with a medium body, crunchy acidity and a tense and mineral finish. 91 points."
The NEW FRESH 2025 vintage of a real favorite last fall, and last spring too.

**** the most successful regions of the new-release 2024 vintages in France and Italy?** (hint: Rhone and Alto Adige) ******

Saint Cosme 2024 Côtes du Rhône @ \$17.99 per bottle (\$215.88/case)

Rated **90 points** by Jeb Dunnuck (formerly of Rhone Report) who says "**Rocking stuff, the 2024 Côtes du Rhône offers peppery red and black fruits, spice, and beautiful minerality**. It's medium-bodied, fresh, focused, and balanced, with the **pure, focused, graceful style of the vintage**. 90 points."

Saint Cosme is a Syrah-based Côtes du Rhône, famously. And also **rated 90 points by Vinous**: "A single-variety Syrah, the perfumed 2024 Côtes-du-Rhône unwinds with intense white pepper, ripe black cherry and wild herbs. Spicy and refined, the medium-bodied **2024 bundles notable varietal purity and clocks out with drive on the savory aftertaste. What a lovely Côtes-du-Rhône this is. 90 points.**"

Tiefenbrunner 2024 (Trentino - Alto Adige) Pinot Grigio @ \$15.99 per bottle

Suggested Retail: \$18 Case Price: \$179.88 = \$14.99 ea (mix/match)

doc Vigneti Dolomiti. **Rated 90 points Wine Enthusiast**, who says: "Green apple freshness gets extra zip when lemon peel and lime leaf join in, while lily petals float through like a cool breeze. The palate brings that tart energy everyone's craving lately, where chalky texture and bright acids create the kind of crunch that **makes your mouth water for another sip**. 90 points. \$18." (Wine Enthusiast)

**** Very Limited AFFORDABLE LUXURY offering, a true reference-point GIGONDAS ****

Chateau de Saint Cosme 2023 Gigondas @ \$59.99 per bottle (very limited stock, 6pk is \$359.95)

Suggested Retail: \$64 - \$68 per bottle (*bottle orders are accepted*)

Rated 91-93 points by four different wine magazines! Saint Cosme is reference point Gigondas, making the best wines in this famous Rhone AOC. And thing about this, if you were to buy a comparably famous, comparably rated Chateaneuf du Pape you'd be spending \$75 - \$100 to get the equivalent level of wine and fame!

Rated 93 points by Wine Spectator, saying: "Perfumy and ripe, this red oozes soft black currant and lavender, showing a polished texture.

A bitter mineral flash provides contrast, with mesquite, incense and singed garrigue on the lush finish. A spine of iron brings structure and drives the impressive length. **There's a lot to love**. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah and Cinsault. **Drink now through 2038**. 93 points." - AND - rated 92 points by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The **2023 Gigondas from Château de Saint-Cosme is especially promising**, bursting with aromas of ripe black raspberries, red plums, garrigue, licorice and incense. Medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, it's **rich without excess**, with a layered core of fruit, powdery tannins and a bright, saline finish that lends a **sense of energy and poise**. As always, it's a blend of multiple terroirs - limestone, marl and sandy soils - which **lend the cuvée both depth and aromatic range**. This will offer a great drinking window, but a few years in bottle will only enhance its complexity." - AND rated 92 points by Vinous: "Ripe strawberry, raspberry and orange blossom leap from the glass of the **delicious 2023 Gigondas. Immediately captivating and forward, this Gigondas is a pure delight**, delivering ripe red and black fruits with spicy tones across the full-bodied palate, neatly framed by polished tannins."

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