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The BrightWines Beacon for June 29th - July 4th, 2024

The right wines are bright wines, and as we head into the week of the Fourth of July the right wines are all Summer bargains and Celebration smart-buys! This edition covers a full two dozen wines in all...

** SUMMER BARGAINS **

A busy weekend and Fourth of July week ahead means I must keep these recommendations rather brief, but I assure you - they are all Dave-approved wines!

(special purchase) **PARIS VALLEY ROAD** (Paso Robles) 2018 “**Founders Red Blend**” @ **\$10.97 per bottle**
Original Retail: \$15 winery website: <https://thestollercollection.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PVR-2018-Founders-Blend.pdf>

(ultra bargain, a perennial favorite) **LOS DOS** 2022 Camp de Borja, Spain **GARNACHA** (grenache) @ **\$8.99 per bottle** (\$107.88/case)
winery notes: "The palate shows flavors of juicy black raspberry and mulberry with hints of bramble and herb." 100% Grenache

(ultra bargain, new fresh dry white) **INDABA 2023 dry CHENIN BLANC** @ **\$7.99 per bottle** (\$95.88/case)
winery notes: "South Africa's most widely planted varietal and the Cape's signature white. A crisp and easy drinking Chenin Blanc, this bottle is a refreshing essence vibrantly infused with flavors of honeyed pear, golden delicious apple."

(same wine, same vintage, truly a favorite) **GUARDA RIOS 2020 (Portugal) RED BLEND** @ **\$9.99 per bottle** (\$119.88/case)

(last of the vintage of a previous favorite) **ZILZIE 2019 Victoria Australia SHIRAZ** @ **\$9.99 per bottle** (\$119.88/case)
<https://zilziewinesusa.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/19ZZSHR-US.pdf>

Pannonica (Hopler) 2022 White @ **\$11.99 per bottle** (\$139.99/case = \$11.67 each)
Gruener Veltliner and Pinot Blanc blend, a recent in-store winemaker tasting favorite

MAHU 2023 Chile SAUVIGNON BLANC @ **\$10.97 per bottle**
less grapefruit, more melon and crisp apple tones

Chaval 2023 Bobal Rosado (dry Rose, Spain) @ **\$9.99 per bottle**
the one with the electric bicycle on the label

(my favorite classic Vinho Verde of the season) **Encostas de Baio Vinho Verde** @ **\$9.99 per bottle**

Los Dos CAVA Brut @ **\$10.97 per bottle** *(classic Cava Brut, drink or mix)*

Los Dos CAVA Brut ROSE @ **\$10.97** *(this is so much fun, so good and so dry and so pink and so bubbly)*

** LATE ADDITIONS to the “from Austria to Oenotria” newsletter **

Pratsch (Austria) 2023 Rose @ **\$15.99 per bottle**
rated 90 points by Falstaff (Germany/Austria specialist) "Pale salmon pink, silver reflections. Delicately floral, fresh orange zest, fine red forest berry confit."

Naoussa 2017 Xinomavro @ **\$12.99 per bottle**
from the co-operative in Naoussa (Greece) this mature smooth and earthy Xinomavro really compares to Nebbiolo and is ideal for grilled meats

Barone Montalto 2019 Sicily “Passivento” rosso @ **\$12.99 per bottle**
100% Nero d’Avola in a lighter/smooth style made with “appassimento” techniques more common in Veronese reds. Perfect for BBQ chicken!!

** Fourth of July Celebration SMART BUYS **

(back in stock) **ANGELS INK 2021 PINOT NOIR.** @ **\$13.33 per bottle** (\$159.99/case)
Angels Ink is a Pinot Noir “only” label from the portfolio of Wente Vineyards, one of California’s most historic and best family wineries. This Pinot Noir is smooth and elegant with impressive depth of cherry cola/vanilla tones. This has become a real customer favorite, this is fourth large shipment of this wine just since eastertime, just in time for the Fourth!

(new arrival, fun dry Spanish white) **Pontellon 2021 Rias Baixas Albarino** @ **\$12.99 per bottle**

Ancient Peaks 2021 Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon @ **\$15.99 per bottle** (\$191.88/case)
This wine is rated 92 points by Tasting Panel, and 90 points by Wine Enthusiast. The winemaker notes read as follows: The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon opens with expressive aromas of plum, boysenberry, red currant, black olive, caramel and toasted oak. Broad, chewy textures deliver layered impressions of blueberry, cherry, cassis and violet with undercurrents of graphite, sage, eucalyptus and vanilla bean. Fresh acidity and fine tannins carry into a long, expansive finish. A wonderfully integrated and complex Cabernet Sauvignon. (winery notes) 4 cases in stock.

Wapisa 2021 Rio Negro Malbec @ \$15.99 per bottle (\$191.88/case, mix/match)

From Patagonia, Argentina. James Suckling notes: "Spiced ripe blackberries, dark chocolate and nutmeg with an attractive balsamic edge that delivers a hint of porcini mushroom. Quite juicy and plump on the medium- to full-bodied palate, with lots of fruit rounded by sleek, fine-grained tannins. **92 points.**"

(recent "Lodi" newsletter favorite at great value price) **COLLIER CREEK 2023 Lodi CHARDONNAY @ \$12.99 per bottle** (\$150 per case)

(recent newsletter favorite at great value price) **BABICH 2023 Marlborough SAUVIGNON BLANC @ \$12.99 per bottle** (\$150 per case)

(new arrival, a 2nd label of Nautilus) **TWIN ISLANDS 2022 Marlborough SAUVIGNON BLANC @ \$13.33 per bottle** (\$159.99/case)

(recent "Oenotria" newsletter selection, dry Rose) **ZOE Peloponnese 2023 dry ROSE of Aghioritiko/Moscofilero @ \$14.99 per bottle**

Last but not least...

**** Fourth of July "Cabin Cases"** (no cabin required) high-quality, value-priced, pre-selected for you

A variety of options to choose from are available upon request (just email Dave, or reply to this newsletter) for quick pickup for the Fourth of July holiday, and feel free to order a case for pickup sometime next week to have at home. (just email your preferences for style, price range, and your preferred pickup times)

So what's a cabin case?

1. a mixed case of good values and smart buys that lean toward "casual" consumption, not fancy - just tasty!
2. emphasis on screwcaps if possible, fun labels if possible, but always GOOD wines!
3. includes dry Rose selections as well as "usual suspects" for whites like Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay (oaked OR un-oaked) etc, and of course REDS that are good quality but flexible for casual fare and outdoor settings.

YOU PICK your own mix of how many bottles each for Reds/Rose/Whites/sparkling... 6/3/3 is a good mix, but so is 4/4/4, and 5/4/3, etc. So just tell me what you'd like, any mix is fine! When in doubt, I'll probably mostly offer 5/4/3 or 6/3/3 sorts of mixes of Red/White/Rose. Some variations will occur, the cabin case mix is stock dependent and inspired by individual parameters and will likely be 1's and 2's in order to give good variety.

OPTION #1 (the "bargain lovers" Cabin Case): average \$9 - \$11 per bottle (tax included is approx \$135)

OPTION #2 (the "Smart Buys" Cabin Case of bargains and more): average \$12 - \$14 per bottle (tax included is approx \$175)

OPTION #3 (the "Life is Good" Cabin Case): average \$15 - \$17 per bottle (tax included is approx \$210)

reply to this newsletter or email Dave directly and just let me know when to have it ready for you in time for the Fourth!

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