

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Reverdy & Fils 2024 Pouilly-Fumé

This week's feature would go great with oysters... huh, what timing. Reverdy & Fils 2024 La Villaudière Pouilly-Fumé. While Sancerre is obviously the most famous Sauvignon Blanc in France (thanks, Taylor Swift), Pouilly-Fumé is a close second. While Sancerre comes from the left bank of the Loire River, Pouilly-Fumé comes from the right, and you'd be surprised what a difference that can make. These wines are fuller bodied, denser, and they have a distinct smoky quality due to flint in the soil that isn't present across the river. Priced at \$29.99, this wine "is a pure 100% Sauvignon Blanc expression that leans into the appellation's hallmark tension between citrus brightness and flinty minerality. The wine opens with vivid aromas of lime zest, grapefruit pith, green apple, and white peach layered over crushed stone, smoke, and a subtle herbal lift. On the palate it is crisp, linear, and finely textured, showing vibrant acidity, a cool mineral spine, and a long, saline finish that carries notes of citrus peel and wet limestone." I will try to have a bottle chilled on Saturday waiting for the right person...

WINE PICK

Vecchio Marone 2024 Edizione Privata Primitivo

We finally found a Primitivo we enjoy to bring into the store, the Vecchio Marone 2024 Edizione Privata. It doesn't say Primitivo on the bottle, but don't be fooled, this is 100% Zinfandel from Puglia in Southern Italy. As one of Italy's hottest and sunniest regions, Puglia produces reds that are rich, dense, and bursting with juicy flavor. When compared to California Zinfandels, a Primitivo like this one is a little earthier, more structured, and has a bit lighter of a flavor profile with notes of dried cherry, fig, and a very important hint of orange that brightens it all up. But don't worry, it's still a Zinfandel in all the best ways. In this bottle, "cherry, blueberry, chocolate, and ripe dark fruits. Juicy, silky wine, with well integrated notes of oak. The mouthfeel is good -- balanced, complex, with a great length and a fruity finish." Translated from Italian, but I think it did okay. Don't sleep on this one, \$19.99 a bottle.