



"This list is as much about what has been excluded as included. We have shied away from super-brands where every subtle nuance, every hint of character is blended away into obscurity. Instead, we have sought out the personal hands-on wine producer, all of whom excel in creating wines of individuality, passion and flair. We hope you enjoy drinking it ..."

WHITE WINES

FLORAL, ZESTY & FRUITY

Delicate, uplifting whites, with zip in their souls. We instinctively go for the Riesling, though the Southern French Sauvignon is hard-to-resist for those who prefer their wines with a twist of gooseberry freshness.

1. Colombar/Ugni Blanc, Richelieu £12.45
Vin de Pays, France
Crisp, aromatic bouquet followed by fresh fruit on the palate - good clean finish.
2. Pinot Grigio, Pure, Venezie £14.75
Italy
Pinot Grigio rarely stirs the senses on the way down but this wine is well worth savouring.
3. Sauvignon Blanc, Le Charme £14.75
France
Who needs New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc when France can produce this value for money.
4. Riesling 2006, Paulett £19.75
Clare Valley, Australia
Citrus flavours that are so precise, you could pass them through the eye of a needle. Just a hint of sweet fruit on the finish.

RICH, SOFT & MELLOW

These are comforting and ample wines. Chardonnay is in the ascendency here, the rich and fragrant creaminess of McLaren Vale, cut through with the scent of toasted almonds, is our favourite Southern Hemisphere white wine. Talmard's Mâcon is more laid back, with a generous mood-salving texture.

5. 'Pitch Fork' Chardonnay 2009 £14.95
McLaren Vale, Australia
The perfect antidote to predictable whites from Oz. This is a wonderfully copulent mix of butterscotch, limes and melon. Slightly off dry.
6. Mâcon Uchizy 2008, Domaine Talmard £19.95
Burgundy, France
An appetising waft of musk allied to generous mouthfeel, are the hallmarks of this stunning Chardonnay.
7. Unwooded Chardonnay 2009, Hawkes Bay £17.50
New Zealand
Delicious exotic fruit flavours show through. Excellent dining.
8. Chablis 2008, Domaine Daniel Dampit £23.00
Burgundy, France
We like our Chablis understated, and with its faint suggestion of figs and almonds, Dampit is our favourite.

RICH, SOFT & MELLOW

9. The Ruins Chardonnay/Viognier 2009 (organic) £15.95
Bon Cap, Eilandia, South Africa
74% Chardonnay, 24% Viognier, lovely citrus and limey flavours with peach undertones. A delicious wine to be enjoyed daily!
10. Bourgogne Chardonnay 2006, Domaine Michelot £24.00
Burgundy, France
Virtually Meursault! Until the village boundary was withdrawn this was actually classified as Meursault. Stunning value for money.

FULL & AROMATIC

Sauvignon Blanc invariably give forceful, meadow-scented wines and the honeyed richness of Viognier is irresistible, with the former being the slightly drier choice.

11. Viognier 2008, Jean Didier, Vin de Pays £14.25
d'Oc, France
Broad, perfumed and rich with a honeyed finish.
12. Rioja Blanco 2007, Loriñon, Bodegas Bretón £16.95
Rioja, Spain
This is a rich, flavoursome style, with just a dab of new oak.
13. Sauvignon Blanc 2009, Kuki, Martinborough £18.95
New Zealand
An intense, citrusy wine offers a ray of bright sunshine. Delicious.
14. Sancerre 'La Guiberte' 2009 £23.00
Domaine Alain Gueneau, Loire, France
It is not body and substance that elevate this wine's appeal, it is the mearest hint of hive-honey and the sappy scent of bruised grass that does it for us.

ROSÉ WINE

15. Pure Pink, Côtes de Saint Mont £15.00
Southern France
Lovely salmon pink colour - delicious strawberry and cherry fruit bouquet followed by a delicious savoury palate.
16. Rosato Pinot Nero 2007, Villa Sandi £18.50
Veneto, Italy
Good red fruit flavours - great with or without food.

RED WINES

SOFT & FRUITY

Fruit! Glorious Fruit! These versatile wines are soft-centred smoothies: irresistible on their own, but brilliant with food.

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| 17. | Grenache/Carignan/Merlot, Richelieu
Vin de Pays, France
A delicious blend of three varieties producing a soft rich easily drinkable wine. | £12.45 |
| 18. | The Ruins Pinotage 2009, Bon Cap (organic)
Eilandia, South Africa
Black fruit flavours with ripe spicy overtones. | £15.95 |
| 19. | Shiraz/Viognier 2008, L'Aristocrat
South of France
The classic blend of Côte-Rôtie in the Rhône Valley. The rich spicy soft Shiraz is beautifully lifted by the addition of about 5% Viognier - delicious! | £16.50 |
| 20. | Rioja Crianza, Loriñon, Bodegas Bretón 2005
Rioja, Spain
Appealing soft fruit, yet with substance and character. | £16.95 |
| 21. | Fleurie 2009, Domaine Pardon
Beaujolais, France
Lovely rich dark berry fruits, warm succulent tannins and oozing fresh spicy flavours. | £22.00 |

FULL, VELVETY & ROUND

These are generous and intense wines in which texture and flavour, melt harmoniously together. The voluptuous appeal of Pinot Noir is at its extravagant best here, and Martinborough's Pinot Noir is about as good as it gets from New Zealand.

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| 22. | 'Pitch Fork' Shiraz 2008
McLaren Vale, Australia
Extraordinary volume and mouthfeel. A wine for the heart rather than the head. | £14.95 |
| 23. | Côtes du Rhône 2009, Domaine Montine
Rhône, France
Intense, vibrant red fruits. Silky, supple and elegant. | £15.25 |
| 24. | Chianti Classico 2007, Villa del Cigliano
Tuscany, Italy
All the rugged beauty and fragrance of Tuscany distilled into a wine. Outstanding. | £21.00 |
| 25. | Pinot Noir 'Te Terra' 2006, Martinborough
New Zealand
Voluptuous, sweet Pinot; autumnal and melifluous. | £25.00 |

HEARTY, AROMATIC & TOOTHsome

We love the soft, cedary richness of mature Bordeaux. The wines are Mediterranean in origin and style, and infuse deep cherry and damson fruit with the tapenade savour of the delicatessen.

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| 26. | Merlot 2009, Turi
Central Valley, Chile
Rich and satisfying with an undertone of ripe blackfruits. | £13.95 |
| 27. | Malbec 'Lunta' 2008, Mendel
Argentina
From Argentina's finest producer. Big, rich, fruity, powerful wine, yet beautifully balanced. Very moreish. | £19.95 |
| 28. | Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva 2007, Tonada
Chile
Rich blackcurrant fruit flavour beautifully integrated oak and soft tannins. This wine demonstrates just how good Chilean wines are. | £18.95 |
| 29. | Côtes du Ventoux 2009, La Vieille Ferme
Rhône, France
From the Perrin Brothers who own the fabulous Châteauneuf du Pape - Château Beaucastel, arguably the best value for money red wine in France. | £14.45 |

BIG & BIGGER

Rich, bold, occasionally ugly, but always magnificent. The uninhibited splendour of the Dalwhinnie Shiraz contrasts markedly with its meagre production: only eight-hundred bottles were made in total.

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| 30. | Crozes-Hermitage 'Cuvée L' Domaine 2007
Laurent Combié, Rhône, France
Crozes-Hermitage simply does not get any better than this. Laurent Combié is now producing some of the finest value for money wines in the region as this 2007 is testament. Outstanding! | £23.75 |
| 31. | 'Red House' Merlot-Cabernet Franc
Irvine, Australia
From Jim Irvine, Australia's 'King of Merlot'. A 50/50 blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. This is the same blend as a very famous chateau in Bordeaux, hence the little red house on the label. Got it?? The Wine is fabulous. | £25.50 |

SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE

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| 32. | Prosecco 'Il Fresco' NV
Villa Sandi, Italy | 125ml | £21.00
£3.95 |
| 33. | Rémy Massin Brut NV | | £29.95 |
| 33a. | Ville-sur-Arce | Half | 16.50 |
| 34. | Georges Gardet Brut Special
Chigny-les-Roses
Outstanding small family estate. | | £35.00 |
| 35. | Charles Gardet 1er Cru Rosé 2002
Chigny-les-Roses
Simply the finest Rosé Champagne we have come across - quite delicious. | | £50.00 |

HALF BOTTLES

WHITE

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| 36. | Sauvignon Blanc 2009, Hawkes Bay, NZ | Half | £9.95 |
| 37. | Chablis 2008, Domaine Dampé, Burgundy | Half | £12.00 |
| 38. | Sancerre 2008, Domaine Gueneau, Loire | Half | £12.00 |

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| 39. | Pinot Noir 2006, Killara Estate, Australia | Half | £9.95 |
| 40. | Rioja Vega 'Crianza' 2007, Rioja, Spain | Half | £9.95 |
| 41. | Fleurie 2009, Domaine Pardon, Beaujolais | Half | £11.50 |

DESSERT WINES

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| 42. | Domaine de Noble 2005, Loupiac
Bordeaux, France | Half
70ml | £14.50
£3.95 |
| 43. | Tokaji Aszu 2006, 5 Puttonyos
Hungary | 50cl | £42.50 |

PORT

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| 44. | Poças LBV 2003
Softer in style but retaining Port's dark daemonic presence. | 70ml | £21.75
£3.50 |
| 45. | Poças 10 Year Old Tawny
Lovely rich nutty flavours. | | £24.50 |
| 46. | Quinta Do Noval 1985
Spicy yet elegant with a wonderfully long finish. | | £61.00 |