



"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** £11.95
Vin de Pays, France
Crisp, aromatic bouquet followed by fresh fruit on the palate - good clean finish.
- 2. Cuvée de Pinot Grigio 2007, Villa Sandi** £14.75
Veneto, Italy
Pinot Grigio rarely stirs the senses on the way down but this wine is well worth savouring.
- 3. Sauvignon Blanc, Le Charme** £14.50
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 2008** £13.95
McLaren Vale, Australia
The perfect antidote to predictable whites from Oz. This is a wonderfully corpulent mix of butterscotch, limes and melon. Slightly off dry.
- 6. Mâcon Uchizy 2007, Domaine Talmard** £19.45
Burgundy, France
An appetising waft of musk allied to generous mouthfeel, are the hallmarks of this stunning Chardonnay.
- 7. Parker Station Chardonnay 2004, Fess Parker** £21.00
Santa Barbara, USA
Rich honeycombe and lemon in this intense Californian from Davy Crocket's estate.
- 8. Chablis 2007, Domaine Daniel Damp** £21.75
Burgundy, France
We like our Chablis understated, and with its faint suggestion of figs and almonds, Damp is our favourite.

RICH, SOFT & MELLOW

- 9. Chardonnay Reserve 2006, Avondale** £17.95
Paarl, South Africa
Big flavoured Chardonnay, well balanced with oaky overtones.
- 10. Bourgogne/Chardonnay 2006, Domaine Michelot** £22.50
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 2007, Jean Didier, Vin de Pays** £14.25
d'Oc, France
Broad, perfumed and rich with a honeyed finish.
- 12. Rioja Blanco 2006, Lorinon, Bodegas Bretón** £16.95
Rioja, Spain
This is a rich, flavoursome style, with just a dab of new oak.
- 13. Sauvignon Blanc 'Te Tera' 2007, Martinborough** £19.95
New Zealand
An intense, citrusy wine offers a ray of bright sunshine. Delicious.
- 14. Sancerre 'La Guiberte' 2007** £22.75
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. | £11.95 |
| 18. | The Ruins Pinotage 2007, Bon Cap (organic) Eilandia, South Africa
Black fruit flavours with ripe spicy overtones. | £14.95 |
| 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! | £15.95 |
| 20. | Rioja Crianza, Lorinon, Bodegas Bretón 2004 Rioja, Spain
Appealing soft fruit, yet with substance and character. | £16.75 |
| 21. | Fleurie 2006, Jean-Paul Champagnon Beaujolais, France
Delicious 'Cru' Beaujolais with juicy redcurrant fruit, mineral structure and a fine spun silky texture. | £21.50 |

FULL, VELVETY & ROUND

These are generous and intense wines in which texture and flavour, meld 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. | £14.75 |
| 23. | Côtes du Rhône 2007, Domaine Montine Rhône, France
Intense, vibrant red fruits. Silky, supple and elegant. | £14.50 |
| 24. | Chianti Classico 2005, Villa del Cigliano Tuscany, Italy
All the rugged beauty and fragrance of Tuscany distilled into a wine. Outstanding. | £19.95 |
| 25. | Pinot Noir 'Te Terra' 2006, Martinborough New Zealand
Voluptuous, sweet Pinot; autumnal and melifluous. | £23.50 |

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 2007, Turi Central Valley, Chile
Rich and satisfying with an undertow of ripe blackfruits. | £13.75 |
| 27. | Malbec '7 Lunas' 2006, Nomade Estate Mendoza, Argentina
You can feel a long way from home in Mendoza, but with its attractive nose of cedar and blackcurrants, 'Lunas' curbed our European cravings. | £15.50 |
| 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 2007, 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. | £13.95 |

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 2006, Alain Graillot Rhône, France
If pepper and spice are your thing, then Alain Graillot's your man. | £31.00 |
| 31. | 'Moonambel' Shiraz 2003, Dalwhinnie Pyrennes, Victoria, Australia
The dark, rich inner core of this wine is full of concentrated black fruit flavour. | £29.75 |

CHAMPAGNE

Billecart-Salmon is the herald of decadence. Sumptuous.

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| 32. | Rémy Massin Brut NV | | £29.50 |
| 32a. | Ville-sur-Arce | Half | 16.00 |
| 33. | Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve Mareuil-sur-Aÿ | | £42.50 |
| 34. | Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé Mareuil-sur-Aÿ | | £55.00 |

SPARKLING

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| 35. | Prosecco 'Il Fresco' NV Villa Sandi, Italy | 125ml | £19.95
£3.90 |
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DESSERT WINES

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| 36. | Domaine de Noble 2004, Loupiac Bordeaux, France | Half
125ml | £14.50
£2.75 |
| 37. | Tokaji Aszu 2003, 5 Puttonyos Hungary | 50cl | £42.50 |

PORT

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| 38. | Poças LBV 2001
Softer in style but retaining Port's dark daemonic presence. | 125ml | £21.75
£3.95 |
| 39. | Poças 10 Year Old Tawny
Lovely rich nutty flavours. | | £24.50 |
| 40. | Quinta Do Noval 'Silval' 2009
Spicy yet elegant with a wonderfully long finish. | | £61.00 |