

## AWARD-WINNING WINNES 2025







#### SOMMELIER WINE AWARDS VALUE MERCHANT OF THE YEAR 2025

"A clear winner in this field, LWC took this award last year and held onto its crown, for an array of wines that were deemed to be of true value for the price, helping hard-pressed on-trade operators protect their wafer-thin margins."



#### HARPERS WINE & SPIRIT NO. 2 TOP 50 WHOLESALERS 2024

"With 13,000 accounts nationwide, a turnover of £600m and some 1,500 staff, this Manchester-based wholesaler is a force to be reckoned with in the trade. But as per its motto, 'Small enough to care, big enough to deliver', its commitment to great service, backed by some 10,000 SKUs, covering every conceivable base, means this is a business that delivers highly on quality, value and convenience."



#### THE DRINKS BUSINESS AWARDS 2025 BEST WINE DISTRIBUTOR

"A flagship submission from a stand-out operator that demonstrated valuable investment in the business as well as proof that it has a sustainable business plan."



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINE AWARDS ON-TRADE WINE SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINE AWARDS BEST HOUSE WINE (BALAURI ROSÉ)



GM SKILLS AWARDS 2025 LARGE EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR



INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE INDUSTRY AWARDS 2025 ON-TRADE WINE SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR FINALIST



INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE INDUSTRY AWARDS 2025 BUYING TEAM OF THE YEAR FINALIST



#### ABOUT LWC **WINE MERCHANTS** & SHIPPERS

Since LWC was founded nearly 50 years ago, wine has been an important part of our offering to customers. We now have over 30 wine specialists across the country, supporting our customers in developing and executing their wine offering.

We back this expertise up with award-winning service. Each depot has their own telesales, logistics and account management teams, giving us nationwide reach with a local feel. LWC remains an independent business - our ownership of our depots and vehicles ensures we have control of every step of the supply chain, meaning we're robust, responsive and ready to support your business in the long term.

This independence flows through to our range our buying team aren't bound by agencies or investment, so can focus on selecting wines that deliver for our customers.





- LWC North East
- **LWC Teesside**
- LWC Leeds
- **LWC Doncaster**
- LWC Stoke
- 6. LWC Northampton
- LWC London (Aylesbury)
- LWC Romford (Hills Prospect)
- 9. LWC Eastbourne

- 10. LWC Andover
- 11. LWC Wiltshire
- 12. LWC Cornwall
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#### GIKAS WINERY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## GIKAS Cabernet Sauvignon GIKAS WINERY

Product Code: 46260156





Gold

By the Glass Medal

Region: Attica, Greece

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A big boy – full, deep, concentrated and very good value. A good pair for lamb with mint and artichoke.

#### Daniel Marzotto, Sketch.

This wine has good herbal development with elegant fruit - not over ripe and layers of aged pyrazines.

#### Dion Wai, Raffles Hotel at the OWO.

Ripe, well-defined red and black fruit with dried herbs. Lovely savoury, balsamic notes.

Kayleigh Vidler, The Chesil Rectory.

Product Code: 47890358

#### WAKEFIELD ESTATE RIESLING



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Gold

By the Glass Medal

Region: Clare Valley, Australia

**Grape Variety: Riesling** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

An expressive nose with minerality, petrol, citrus and stone fruit, leading to a palate that confirms the nose. Well structured, with a long finish.

#### Anastasios Karakasis, 17th Bruton Street.

Good complexity and finesse, with plenty of citrus fruit, like lemon and lime peel, alongside some fresh green apple, as well as jasmine.

Lorenzo Tonelli, Maison Estelle and Estelle Manor.

#### SANTA JULIA VINOS NATURALES ORGANIC CLARETE

# SANTA DULIA

Product Code: 49740567



Gold

Critic's Choice Medal

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Variety: Malbec & Torrontes Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Blueberry and black plum-driven with fruit-forward flavours that are juicy and varietal. This is backed by full body, intense, well integrated tannins despite its young age.

Adriana Valentini, The Megaro Collection.

Almost carbonic maceration vibe, lovely easy drinking – will be lovely served chilled.

Jaewon Jeong, Amazonico.

Juicy bright nose, kirschy and cherried yet with that floral uplifting of the Torrontes. Straightforward palate, unpretentious.

Miguel Crunia, Fion.

#### VILLA BLANCHE PICPOUL DE PINET



Product Code: 45193150





Gold

House White of the Year

Region: Pays d'oc, France

Grape Variety: Picpoul

#### **Tasting Notes:**

This is a wine with both brightness of fruit as well as minerality.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

A simple yet well made wine – fruity and very fresh. Well balanced too.

Yohann Pinol, Consultant Sommelier.

With good alcohol and concentration of fruit, this represents good value and typicity.

Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.

### HEALY & GRAY SAUVIGNON BLANC

## HEALY GRAY





Gold

Pub & Bar Medal

Region: Various, France

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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This opens with a nose that's fresh and light, leading to good minerality on the palate – excellent value.

#### Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.

Really fresh, with great fruit to balance with the acidity.

#### Marcello Colletti, Nobu Hotel.

A ripe and generous nose, leading to a palate that's well balanced, with a completeness to it, and good length too.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

#### DOMAINE RAFFAITIN-PLANCHON SANCERRE



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Gold

Region: Loire, France

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Classy and well balanced - typical of Sancerre - with very beautiful fruit.

#### Yohann Pinol, Consultant Sommelier.

A fresh nose, with a touch of stone fruit amongst the blackcurrant leaf and elderflower.

#### Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.

Oyster shell on the nose, with a peppery texture and good length.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

Product Code: 46770248 Product Code: 41000480

### DR ZENZEN PRIVATKELLER PINOT NOIR

#### ALBRET EL ALBA BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY





Gold

Region: Rheinhessen, Germany

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A well structured wine, with notes of strawberry, plum and dark cherry, with some fig to finish.

Viorel Filip, Global Wine and Supplier Management.

Elegant and intense, this opens with floral aromas - a wine with great structure and body.

Vincenzo Arnese, Raffles Hotel at the OWO.





#### **Tasting Notes:**

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Chamomile and ripe aromas of yellow apple. The palate has some good texture and there's some good acidity.

Federico Moccia. 67 Pall Mall.

Melon and white peach notes, and a medium body with some pastry notes and vanilla. The medium finish is simple but pleasant.

> Mateusz Kowalczyk, Consultant Sommelier.

Product Code: 49760388

Product Code: 49261201

#### ALMA DE CHILE MERLOT RESERVA

#### ALMA DE CHILE PINOT NOIR RESERVA





Silver

Region: Maule Valley, Chile

**Grape Variety:** Merlot

#### **Tasting Notes:**

14

Red fruit character, some sweet spices and tetciary aromas. The palate is round and the tannins velvet and polished in a good wine.

Miguel Gomez Cabarera, Berkmann Wine Cellars.

Menthol, black fruit, prune and earth come forward in a wine showing complexity. Drinking well now but it could still age.

Zoe Donadio, Apracity Restaurant.





Silver

Region: Maule Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Ruby coloured with red fruits character. Some evidence of earth and forest floor coming out in a great wine for by the glass.

Giovanni Andriulo, The Ritz London.

Red fruit with a bit of blue hint in a wine offering good acidity, good texture and soft, yelvet tannins, Great balance.

Miguel Gomez Cabarera, Berkmann Wine Cellars.

Product Code: 49224855

#### ANDREAS MAZZEI CONTE NERO NERO D'AVOLA

## Nero d'Avola M CONTE NERO Nero d'Avola M



Silver

Region: Sicily, Italy

Grape Variety: Nero D'Avola

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A complex nose, with black cherry and plum primarily, as well as some vanilla and clove. Very clean on the palate, with good tannin structure.

Stefano Pasqual, The Gordon Ramsey Group.

Dark fruit and spices, as well as some balsamic notes on the palate.

Maria Boumpa, Da Terra Restaurant.

#### ANDREAS MAZZEI PASSI NERI SYRAH





Silver

Region: Sicily, Italy

Grape Variety: Syrah

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Opening with ripe black fruit, violets and cloves, there's smoke, meat and leather here too. The palate is ripe, with lactic notes as well as some sweet spice and liquorice - really smooth and juicy, and ultimately very well structured.

Maria Boumpa, Da Terra Restaurant.

Product Code: 46342104

Product Code: 46342101

#### 3 PASSO ORGANIC BIANCO

#### CARLOS SERRES RIOJA RESERVA





Silver

Region: Vino D'Italia, Italy

Grape Variety: White Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A mix of green apple, peach and melon aromas, leading to an elegant creamy texture on a palate that's slightly herbaceous, with verbena and sage tea notes on the finish.

Valentin Radosav, Consultant Sommelier.

Attractive and well balanced, this offers a lot for your money.

Filipe Bhering Reis, The Connaught Hotel.





Product Code: 41233214



Silver

Region: La Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Lots of sweet tobacco on the nose. Palate still has a pleasant freshness to it. There's a little bit of heat on the finish but it's generally quite pleasant for the price.

#### Sam Weatherill. Etch.

There's a pleasant nose of vanilla, toast, charred oak, and well-balanced, nice tannin and good acidty. It shows some development with earthiness and meat.

Stephanie Robertson, Restaurant Associates.

### CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL BLANC DE BLANCS GRAND CRU EXTRA BRUT

## CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL BLANC DE BLANCS GRAND CRU VINTAGE





Silver

Region: Champagne, France

**Grape Variety: Chardonnay** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

20

This opens with sourdough notes on the nose, with chalky minerality too. High complexity and a long finish.

#### Leonardo Barlondi. The Dorchester.

Fine mousse with small, delicate bubbles. Fresh, with ripe stone fruit notes.

Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Town House.

Generous toast and brioche notes alongside ripe citrus and vibrant acidity.

Mateusz Kowalczyk, Consultant Sommelier.





Silver

Region: Champagne, France

**Grape Variety: Chardonnay** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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Well integrated citrus and toast notes, with vibrant acidity and a creamy, persistent mousse, all leading to a good finish.

Mateusz Kowalczyk, Consultant Sommelier.

Ripe fruit notes like yellow apple and blueberry, with a touch of honey, good minerality and a long finish.

Leonardo Barlondi, The Dorchester.

Product Code: 42005314 Product Code: 42005315

#### CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL ROSÉ PREMIER CRU

## SAINT-GALL PREMIER CRU DE SAINT-GALL CHAMPAGNE LE ROSÉ



Silver

Region: Champagne, France

**Grape Variety:** 

22

Chardonnay & Pinot Noir Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Light pink in colour, with delicate aromas of rose petals on the intense nose, there's great complexity here.

Marius Plesa, The Waterside Inn.

With notes of strawberries and cream, this is fresh and bright, with good mineral structure on the palate. A great summer rosé for an aperitif.

Erin Donnelly, Heron.

### DOLIANOVA PRENDAS VERMENTINO DOC





Silver

Region: Sardinia, Italy

**Grape Variety:** Vermentino

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Candied lemon, peach and yellow plum on the nose, leading to a creamy palate with some warming alcohol on the finish, and a lovely nuttiness.

#### Maria Boumpa, Da Terra Restaurant.

A complex wine with some toasty character, and some yeast notes too.

Stefano Pasqual, The Gordon Ramsey Group.

Product Code: 42005316 Product Code: 44081206

#### DOMAINE PETER SICHEL ALTURA 350

## Silver

Region: IGP Cucugnan, France

**Grape Variety:** 

24

Grenache, Syrah & Carignan Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

This has nice complexity on the nose, and a crunchy texture on the palate. A well balanced wine, and generous for the price.

Pronounced fruit, with a well structured body.

A fresh wine that's not showing it's age. Well structured and balanced.

Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.



Margot Tyson, Parson.

Marcello Colletti. Nobu Hotel.

Harry Ballman,



ALTURA

#### **GROWERS GATE** CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Product Code: 49050350



Silver

Region: South Australia, Australia

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Great concentration of flavour here. with juicy fruit character and well-integrated alcohol - a great price point too.

Savvas Symeonidis, CE LA VI.

Black fruit notes accompanied by high alcohol that's well integrated into the body of the wine.

Dario Barbato, San Carlo Group.

#### ILLUSION MALBEC BONARDA

#### **INKOSI SHIRAZ**





Silver

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Variety: Malbec & Bonarda Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Brilliant violet hues. Dry and young, mid-tannic and appealing pure dark fruit flavours. Quite silky with a bright acidity.

> Adriana Valentini, The Megaro Collection.

Light-bodied easy Malbec as Malbec is meant to be. Will I drink it? Yes.

Jaewon Jeong, Amazonico.



Product Code: 45263100



Silver

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

**Grape Variety:** Shiraz

#### **Tasting Notes:**

White pepper, charcuterie, smoke and cinder, dried fuit with abracing attack of spice on palette true to nose with hessian and dried herbs.

Dion Wai, Raffles Hotel at the OWO, London.

A medium tannin and medium body wine which is geen herbal notes, red fruit and eucalyptus.

Kayleigh Vidler, The Chesil Rectory.

This is a smoky, vegetal and peppery wine that's well balanced with juicy fruit

Yuri Gualeni, Louie London.

#### JAFFELIN MEURSAULT

#### LA FERME JULIEN WHITE





Silver

Region: Burgundy, France

**Grape Variety: Chardonnay** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Smoky, flinty and mineral - this is very intense on the nose.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

Very promising on the nose, with elegant texture, and notes of almonds and marzipan.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

Some very enjoyable flavours here.

Charlie Richards, Claridge's Restaurant.





Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: White Rhone Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

There's great freshness here, with notes of ripe citrus, leading to a great finish that's light and refreshing.

#### Marcello Colletti, Nobu Hotel.

This is showing some good acidity for the varietals, with some tingly minerality and texture - all making it a good option for pairing with shellfish.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

Product Code: 47886552

#### LOGAN CLEMENTINE BLUSHING MINNIE

#### LOGAN CLEMENTINE DE LA MER





Silver

Region: New South Wales, Australia

Grape Variety: Shiraz Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A vibrant wine with red and black fruit, and plenty of smooth tannins alongside liquorice and olive paste notes - a very interesting wine.

#### Savvas Symeonidis, CE LA VI.

A juicy and fruit driven wine, with the Tempranillo likely contributing those red fruit notes to the blend, making it fresher and lighter on the whole.

Lorenzo Tonelli, Maison Estelle and Estelle Manor.



Product Code: 49740671



Silver

Region: New South Wales, Australia

Grape Variety: Semillon Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Herbal and saline, with notes of waxy red apple skins, and a slight effervescence, all joined by some dried apricot notes.

#### Emma Denney, Claridges.

Showing good ripeness, and some tropical aromatics, as well as apricot, this is also quite toasty - it's different, so could work on a tasting menu.

Stephanie Robertson, Restaurant Associates.

#### MIRADA ORGANIC ROSÉ

#### MIRAVAL ROSÉ





Silver

Region: Castilla-La Mancha, Spain

Grape Variety: Bobal

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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Some elements of nectarine and peach here.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

This is demonstrating some nice structure.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

Notes of sweet almond and bubble gum.

Eric Zwiebel MS, Wine Consultant.



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Silver

Region: Provence, France

Grape Variety: Cinsault Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A fresh and lively wine with gentle aromatics, and a saline finish that lingers on the palate.

#### Chiara Sieni, Rise & Vine.

Peach and apricots aroma, and good texture, with moderate acidity and a good finish.

#### Vincenzo Arnese, Raffles Hotel at the OWO.

With its lively, zesty fruit, this is a great lunchtime wine - well balanced, with a clean finish.

Nelio Pinto, Candlesticks Restaurant.

Product Code: 45435307 Product Code: 47886551

#### PIERRE ANDRÉ CHABLIS

#### RESERVE DE L'HERRÉ COLOMBARD UGNI BLANC





Silver

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Fresh, with ripe fruit notes on the complex nose.

Ovidiu Olteanu, The Mayflower Restaurant.

A lovely floral nose leading to a soft palate, and all at a good price point.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

Ripe and elegant, with green apple fruit and a juicy, oily texture.

Eric Zwiebel MS, Wine Consultant.



Product Code: 45193164



Silver

Region: Gascogny, France

**Grape Variety:** 

Colombard & Ugni Blanc Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Very exotic aromatics to start - a well made wine with a good finish.

Yohann Pinol, Consultant Sommelier.

A solid wine with good gromatic structure.

Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.

The ripeness on the nose here follows on to the palate. An easy drinking wine - a good entry level.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

#### SANTA JULIA TORRONTES

### SERENELLO EXTRA DRY PROSECCO DOC





Silver

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Variety: Torrontes** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

36

This is what the consumer wants - lively, easy, not complex, floral wine.

Jaewon Jeong, Amazonico.

Very perfumed glass of wine with a nose of lemongrass, sage, elderflower, bergamoty. Its mouthfeel has shoulders yet it is still quite refreshing.

Miguel Crunia, Fion.





Silver

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Quite fruit forward, with notes of apricot, peach yoghurt and a floral component too, that continue onto the palate.

Matilda Tsappis, Killicrankie House.

Pear frangipane and candied fruit joined by some blossom notes - a fine mousse too, on a clean, tart palate.

Garry Clark, Pale Hall Hotel.

Product Code: 49740561 Product Code: 45280090

#### STUDIO ROSÉ BY MIRAVAL

#### TOR DEL COLLE SAUVIGNON BLANC





Silver

Region: Coast, France

Grape Variety: Grenache Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Very citrus, with notes of pink grapefruit and pomelo, as well as a little lime zest, with good, sturdy acidity and a moderate finish.

> Vincenzo Arnese, Raffles Hotel at the OWO.

A green character, with asparagus notes, leads to a vibrant palate with a hint of orange zest, finishing with some chewy acidity.

Chiara Sieni, Rise & Vine.



Product Code: 46995491



Silver

Region: Veneto, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

An intense wine with pleasant, complex aromas of ripe melon, kiwi and apricot, leading to a balanced palate, with some light, mouth watering bitterness.

Julien Sarrasin, Hide.

Aromas of lemon, apple, cut grass and asparagus, and a fresh palate with apple and garden peas, and a finish that's zingy and long.

Lionel Periner, Consultant Sommelier.

#### VILLA BLANCHE CHARDONNAY

#### VINA CERRADA CRIANZA





Silver

Region: IGP D'oc, France

**Grape Variety: Chardonnay** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Intensely gold in colour, with aromas of perfume, roses and lychee, and overall some good intensity and elegance on the nose. Fantastic length and value.

Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.

Well balanced, with brightness of fruit.

Margot Tyson, Parson.

Great acidity, showing a fresh citrus note alongside a touch of spiciness.

Marcello Colletti, Nobu Hotel.



Product Code: 49760375



Silver

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Quite refined on the palate with a bit of grip from the tannins and a soft velvety fruit quality, and it's well-balanced with good freshness. A great wine for lamb chops with salsa verde. It could even be lightly chilled for a perfect barbecue wine.

Sam Weatherill, Etch.

With ripe and rich dark fruits there's a lovely nose and it makes a very plesant wine by the glass, without overpowering oak or too much vanilla, even for the age.

Stephanie Robertson, Restaurant Associates.

#### WAKEFIELD ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## WAKEFIELD CABERNET SAUVIGNON





Silver

Region: Limestone Coast & Clare Valley, Australia

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Tasting Notes:**

This has a pleasant nose, with some fresh and elegant fruit in evidence.

> Anastasios Karakasis. 17th Bruton Street.

A wine with good fruit concentration, and very well integrated alcohol too, showing lovely notes of cassis, with rounded tannins and a long finish.

Savvas Symeonidis, CE LA VI.

Showing some restraint, with some fresh fruit and light tannins.

> Lorenzo Tonelli. Maison Estelle and Estelle Manor.

> > Product Code: 49224857

#### ALMA DE CHILE CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVA



Bronze

Region: Maule Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Round, ripe red fruits, with potential to be showing well after few years.

Giovanni Andriulo. The Ritz London.

A nose of red fruit with sweet spices. The palate is generous and supple with velvet tannins. A well balanced wine.

> Miguel Gomez Cabarera, Berkmann Wine Cellars.

#### ALMA DE CHILE SAUVIGNON BLANC RESERVA

## RESERVA 2021



Bronze

Region: Maule Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Fruit-forward, with citrus and tropical fruits.

#### Daniele Di Blasio, Bulgari Hotel Group.

Straw colour, prounounced viscosity, with hints of mineral and wet stone.

#### Giovanni Andriulo, The Ritz London.

Citric nose, lime and gooseberries. Palate is textured and round...an overall good wine.

> Miguel Gomez Cabarera, Berkmann Wine Cellars.

#### BERICANTO PROSECCO DOC BRUT MILLESIMATO





Bronze

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Notes of almond, white pepper and fresh grass on the nose, joined by a dough-like note. Broad texture from the bubbles, and good value for money too.

#### Matilda Tsappis, Killicrankie House.

A fruity and balanced wine, with some complexity and length.

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at the Yard.

Product Code: 49224862 Product Code: 46891013

#### BERVINI PROSECCO DOC BRUT ORGANIC MILLESIMATO "PURO"

Product Code: 45280098



Bronze

Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

#### **Tasting Notes:**

46

Some fine bubbles, and stone fruit notes on the nose, with additional hints of white blossom, all leading to some stony minerality on the tart palate, as well as white apple notes, and decent length too.

Garry Clark, Pale Hall Hotel.

#### BODEGAS UGALDE RIOJA JOLASETA BLANCO



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Bronze

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo Blanco

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A bashful nose but perky first impression on the palate with its herbaceous and fruit flavours.

#### Carolina Seibel, Petrus.

Light spicy notes are charming, light character, quite neutral, juicy. Medium acidity, quite lingering through the finish.

Adriana Valentini, Oxford & Cambridge Club.

Product Code: 49760370

#### BODEGAS UGALDE RIOJA JOLASETA CRIANZA

#### **BODEGAS UGALDE** RIOJA JOLASETA RESERVA





Bronze

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

With ripe red fruits and notes of graphite and spice, this wine is of medium acidity with medium firm tannins. The alcohol is well integrrated and there's a long finish.

#### Dario Barbato. Individiual Restaurants.

Classic bouquet of red berries, dried fig, and a touch of vanilla oak. Smooth on the palate with flavors of ripe cherry, tobacco leaf, and spiced cedar. Silky tannins carry a long finish of leather, sweet spice, and warm earth.

> Emanuel Pesqueira, Pesqueira Consultant Sommelier.









Product Code: 49760378



Bronze

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

49

Very good freshness on the palate with rasberries and cranberries and a touch of flint at the nose.

#### Leonardo Barlondi. The Dorchester.

Mixed berries wirh some nutmeg and sweet spice from the oak. The tannis are integrated and the wine feels fresh.

Marianna Sivalli, Vinoteca.



#### BODEGAS UGALDE RIOJA JOLASETA TINTO

#### CĂLUȘARI RESERVA RED





Bronze

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

50

There's ripe black plum, cinnamon and clove on the nose with a touch of dried fig on the palate.

#### Emma Denney, Claridges.

Ripe aromas of damson, cinnamon and sweet tobacco. A silky entry followed by flavours of black cherry, clove and light toast. Balanced and elegant with a softly spiced, rounded finish.

Emanuel Pesqueira, Pesqueira Consultant Sommelier.





Bronze

Region: Banat, Romania

Grape Variety: Cabernet Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

51

Subdued nose with a dried herbal overtone, leading to black forest chocolate and a ripe liquored finish.

Dion Wai,

Raffles Hotel at the OWO, London.

Jammy and smokey with black fruit. High tannin and a full body.

Kayleigh Vidler, The Chesil Rectory.

Rich and plummy. This wine delivers.

Yuri Gualeni, Louie London.

Product Code: 49760371 Product Code: 46183113

#### CARLOS SERRES ORGANIC TEMPRANILLO

#### CARLOS SERRES RIOJA GRAN RESERVA



Product Code: 41233212



Bronze

Region: La Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

This is very pleasant with black raspberry and violet petals, a soft light herbal palate, a hint of leather and smoke, but mostly dominated by the fruit.

#### Emma Denney, Claridges.

Very rich dark fruit profile with a ton of savoury spice. A bit short on finish but perfectly good for its price point. Nice tannin quality for the price too.

Sam Weatherill, Etch.



Product Code: 41233215



Bronze

Region: La Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

53

Big structure with some alcohol kick at the end. Sweet spices and coconut.

#### Leonardo Barlondi. The Dorchester.

Wet slate on the nose and has some notes of cocoa on the palate. There's still some tannic grip lending itslf to future ageing potential.

Nelio Pinto, The Candlestick Restaurant.

#### CARLOS SERRES ROSÉ RIOJA

## CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL TRADITION PREMIER CRU



Product Code: 41233211



Bronze

Region: La Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Notes of white pepper, together with caramelised red bell pepper.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

A nice body, with some spicy elements.

#### Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

A well balanced wine with good flavour concentration and complexity, that could serve as an all-day rosé, as well as a gastronomic one, and drinking above its price. A match for hoisin duck wraps.

Charlie Richards, Claridge's Restaurant.







Bronze

Region: Champagne, France

**Grape Variety:** 

Chardonnay & Pinot Noir Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Very chalky minerality on the nose, leading to a dry, mineral finish with good complexity.

#### Marius Plesa. The Waterside Inn.

Aromas of apple, pear and lemon tart, and a palate with notes of almond tart, and a soft mousse.

#### Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

Fresh, with a pleasant mousse - a good by-the-glass option at that price.

Erin Donnelly, Heron.

#### CLUB DE CAMPO MALBEC

#### CLUB DE CAMPO MALBEC ROSÉ





Bronze

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Variety: Malbec** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Fresh, herbal and dry with medium tannins. A young wine with pure dark fruit flavours.

Adriana Valentini, The Megaro Collection.



Product Code: 46898012



Bronze

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Variety: Malbec** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Floral and cherry aromas and a nice crisp acid within the fruit make this wine easy to drink and appreciate.

Yuri Gualeni, Louie.

With notes of plums soaked in raspberry juice, this is an easy going, straightforward and unpretentious glass of rosé which is easily enjoyable.

Miguel Crunia, Fion.

#### CÔTES DU RHÔNE LA GRAND COMTADINE

#### DEGÀ PECORINO IGP TERRE DI CHIETI ORGANIC





Bronze

Region: Rhone, France

Grape Variety: Grenache Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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Opening with notes of Morello cherry, red plum and Provençal herbs on the nose, this is really ripe on the palate, with some grippy tannins.

#### Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

A herbal, subtle tobacco nose, with notes of vanilla too, leading to blackberries and dark chocolate on the palate, with a spicy character. A nice option to pair with cheese.

Bianca Potenza, Consultant Sommelier.



Product Code: 46891042



Bronze

Region: Abruzzo, Italy

Grape Variety: Pecorino

#### **Tasting Notes:**

59

Rich and intense notes of ripe tropical fruit such as mango and pineapple.

Filipe Bhering Reis, The Connaught Hotel.

Aromas of ripe yellow pear and elderflower, as well as lemon verbena, with notes of green bell pepper and gooseberry, with some zesty, refreshing acidity.

Valentin Radosav, Consultant Sommelier.

#### DOÑA ISABELLA GARNACHA ROSÉ



Bronze

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Garnacha

#### **Tasting Notes:**

60

Youthful with a medium body and medium acidity, a very floral aroma.

#### Daniel Marzotto, Sketch.

With its notes of lemon balm, mint, rosemary, balsamic and bay leaf, this could pair with cod provencal.

Yuri Gualeni, Louie London.

#### ENSEDUNE MALBEC IGP COTEAUX D'ENSERUNE





Bronze

Region: Languedoc-Roussillon, France

**Grape Variety: Malbec** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

61

Some oak on the nose, as well as some red fruits, and a smooth palate.

#### Nikos Emner, Dorchester Collection.

Notes of dried fruit and spice, along with plum and prune, and big tannins on the dry palate, with nice acidity too.

Tom Fahey, Consultant Sommelier.

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Product Code: 49760002

#### GIKAS WINERY ASSYRTIKO 70CL

#### GOTAS DE MAR GODELLO







Product Code: 46260157



Bronze

Region: Attica, Greece

Grape Variety: Assyrtiko

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Varietial character with more texture.

Dion Wai, Raffles Hotel at the OWO, London.

A demonstration of interesting winemaking techniques for texture

Kayleigh Vidler, The Chesil Rectory.



Product Code: 45435306



Bronze

Region: Ribeiro, Spain

Grape Variety: Godello

#### **Tasting Notes:**

There's a nice freshness to th finish on this wine which has floral and bright yellow fruits, with a touch of bitter almond on the finish.

#### Emma Denney, Claridges.

Opens with a delicate bouquet of quince, fennel, and white peach. The palate is creamy yet vibrant, showing lemon curd, wet stone, and a touch of floral lift.

Emanuel Pesqueira, Pesqueira Consultant Sommelier.

#### GRAN BERICANTO ROSSO RISERVA

#### GRAN MAESTRO PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA DOC





Bronze

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Merlot Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Plummy fruit and some firm tannins lead to a finish of dates and figs.

#### Garry Clark, Pale Hall Hotel.

A juicy wine showing some complexity, with a smooth palate.

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at the Yard.

Ripe black and blue fruits, such as plum, alongside some great, well balanced tannins.

Imre Somogyi, The Ritz London.



Product Code: 46125228



Bronze

Region: Puglia, Italy

**Grape Variety: Primitivo** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Really deep purple in colour, with ripe blue fruit - balanced and long lasting.

Maria Federica Salvador, A Tafona by Lucia Freitas.

Woody, herbal notes are joined by savoury notes, as well as plums and spice.

Natasha Senina, Chewton Glen.

Lifted cherry nose, as well as some iodine, leading to some lovely grip of tannin.

Charlie Stein, Rick Stein Restaurants.

#### GROWERS GATE SHIRAZ

#### HEALY & GRAY MERLOT





Bronze

Region: South Australia, Australia

Grape Variety: Shiraz

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A very ripe wine with plenty of juicy black fruit.

Lorenzo Tonelli, Maison Estelle and Estelle Manor.

Intense and fruity, with a bit of bitterness.

Anastasios Karakasis, 17th Bruton Street.

Notes of black fruits, as well as black olive and graphite, with high acidity and soft tannins, leading to a long long finish.

Dario Barbato, San Carlo Group.





Bronze

Region: Various, France

**Grape Variety:** Merlot

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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Round and full-bodied with smooth tannins, this wine has a ripe fruit-driven finish. It's a plush mouthful.

#### Daniele Di Blasio, Bulgari Hotel Group.

On the nose there's intense red fruit mixed with blue fruit. Tannins are grippy but it feels developed and overall a well-balanced wine.

Miguel Gomez Cabarera, Berkmann Wine Cellars.

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## HEALY & GRAY PRIVATE CELLAR BUSHVINE CHENIN BLANC

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Bronze

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Chenin Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A perfumed wine with ripe yellow apple and quince, hay and honeysuckle.

There's crisp acidity and it's round and mellow.

Julien Sarrasin, Hide.

Textured and cooked green fruit, fresh bread and pastry make this wine vibrant on the palate. It's great value and a really moreish wine.

Elly Owen, Gordon Ramsey Restaurants.

#### I CASTELLI GOLDEN CUVÉE SPUMANTE



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Bronze

Region: Italy

Grape Variety: White Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Aromas of apple, as well as apple blossom and jasmine flavours, leading to fresh, foamy, ripe peach and jasmine flavours on the palate, and a good price point.

Julien Sarrasin, Hide.

A light sparkling wine with fresh fruit such as pear apple, and a palate that's balanced with a touch of sweetness.

Lionel Periner, Consultant Sommelier.

Product Code: 49225362

#### I CASTELLI PINOT GRIGIO DOC DELLE VENEZIE

#### ILLUSION CHENIN BLANC





Bronze

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Pinort Grigio

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Opening with elegant yellow fruit and some flower aromas, this has a gentle creamy texture, with refreshing acidity and notes of peach, fresh yellow apple and melon.

Valentin Radosav, Consultant Sommelier.

Lively and vibrant, this offers good drinkability due to its freshness.

Filipe Bhering Reis, The Connaught Hotel.





Bronze

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Chenin Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Good balance and complexity of flavours here is supported by a good acidity.

Vitor Silva.Maison Estelle.

Lovely green apple with crunchy citurs is supported with nice backbone.

Jaewon Jeong, Amazonico.

Product Code: 46125216

Product Code: 46583521

#### ILLUSION PINOTAGE

#### JAFFELIN POMMARD





Bronze

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

**Grape Variety:** Pinotage

#### **Tasting Notes:**

There's ripe plum, red cherry and raspberry jam on the nose and slightly toasty with medium tannin.

Kayleigh Vidler, The Chesil Rectory.



Product Code: 45251076



Bronze

Region: Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Notes of whole brunch cassis and cherry, with some great juicy texture and some smokiness too.

#### Eric Zwiebel MS. Wine Consultant.

This has notes of crunchy berry as well as a hint of smoke, with some well-structured tannins.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

Ripe fruit notes of cranberry and pomegranate.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

#### LA FERME JULIEN RED

#### LA FERME JULIEN ROSÉ





Bronze

Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: Grenache Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Elegant and juicy, with good fruit notes.

Nikos Emner, Dorchester Collection.

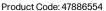
A mix of ripe and jammy berry fruit on the nose, with some herbaceous notes, and light tannins.

#### Marianna Sivalli, Vinoteca.

Red fruit on the nose - neither cooked nor dried - with a nice nutty finish and good structure.

Tom Fahey, Consultant Sommelier.







Bronze

Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: Grenache Based Blend

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A fresh and vibrant wine with notes of peach.

#### Eric Zwiebel MS. Wine Consultant.

This is showing notes of raspberry and cranberry, and roses too.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

A fresh, mineral wine.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

#### MASSERIA STELLE PUGLIA ZINFANDEL ROSÉ

## Bronze Region: Puglia, Italy Grape Variety: Zinfandel

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A pale rosé with elegant red fruit and a flinty aroma.

Valentin Radosay. The Stafford.

Floral and saline, wide and fresh. Such an honest and enjoyable glass of rosé. Great pour for a pub.

Miguel Crunia, Fion.

### MATAHIWI WHITE LABEL SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze

Region: Wairarapa, New Zealand

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Notes of cut grass, green bell pepper and gooseberry, with a herbal component, like dried thyme.

Stephanie Robertson, Restaurant Associates.

With notes of white flowers and watercress, underripe gooseberry and white stone fruit, this would be a good pairing with freshly caught seafood or a goats cheese salad.

Emma Denney, Claridges.

Product Code: 45280095

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ROSATO

ZINFANDEL

PUGLIA IGP

Product Code: 45111001

#### ORGANIC UNION VERDEJO

#### PETRARINUSA ORGANIC GRILLO SICILIA





Bronze

Region: Spain

Grape Variety: Verdejo

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Aromatic and herbaceous expression of Verdejo, palate there is some bitterness and grassier notes.

#### Carolina Seibel. Petrus.

searing acidity well balanced by alcohol and ripe citrus notes. Simple and well made wine

Consultant Sommelier.



#### **Tasting Notes:**

Fresh pear, peach and elegant floral aromas to begin with, leading to more pronounced stone fruit on the palate, with a nutty finish.

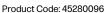
> Valentin Radosav, Consultant Sommelier.

Notes of yellow apple and greengage, with a stony minerality, followed by a savoury palate with red apple and almond.

Julien Sarrasin, Hide.

Lemon zest and grapefruit notes with

Mateusz Kowalczyk,



GRILLO

#### PETRARINUSA ORGANIC NERO D'AVOLA SICILIA

#### PIRANI PROSECCO DOC EXTRA DRY





Bronze

Region: Sicilia, Italy

Grape Variety: Nero D'Avola

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A good blackberry and cherry character on the nose here, leading to some firm tannins on the palate.

Stefano Pasqual, The Gordon Ramsey Group.

Dark fruit and kernel aromas, as well as some smoke, together with some slightly grippy tannins.

Maria Boumpa, Da Terra Restaurant.



Product Code: 46125500



Bronze

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A fresh wine, and balanced, with good fruit expression.

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at the Yard.

Notes of ripe stone fruit, honeydew and hay, leading towards a fresh finish.

Matilda Tsappis, Killicrankie House.

Hints of earthiness accompanied by some orchard fruit notes.

Garry Clark, Pale Hall Hotel.

#### SANTA JULIA VINOS NATURALES ORANGE CHARDONNAY

## SANTA DULIA CHARDONNAY



Bronze

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Variety: Chardonnay** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

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A funky nose of baked apples and ripe pears.

#### Chiara Sieni, Rise & Vine.

A riper wine with good structure and body, and good texture too.

Vincenzo Arnese, Raffles Hotel at the OWO.

Well balanced between its fruit and acidity.

Nelio Pinto, Candlesticks Restaurant.

#### Product Code: 49740566

#### SANTA JULIA VINOS NATURALES PET NAT





Bronze

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Some bruised orchard fruits on the nose, together with some subtle spice and a touch of nutty aroma, with some roundness on the palate.

#### Emma Denney, Claridges.

A soft and gentle palate with a touch of savouriness, and good purity of flavour for the price. A wine for summers on the terrace.

Sam Weatherill, etch. by Steven Edwards.

Product Code: 49740565

#### SANTA JULIA VINOS NATURALES TORRONTES

#### VIGNAMADRE DEGÀ BIO MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO





Bronze

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

**Grape Variety: Torrontes** 

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Aromatic and delicious, dry and versatile. Mid acidity, seems rather a celebration on balance between nose and mouth. Pleasant.

Adriana Valentini, The Megaro Collection.

High intensity of flavours, showing typical varietal characteristics and high acidity.

Daniele Palomba, Mark's Club - The Birley Clubs.





Bronze

Region: Abruzzo, Italy

Grape Variety: Montepulciano

#### **Tasting Notes:**

Some bright and juicy fruit here, with ripe strawberry notes.

George Hersey, Adam Handling Group.

A vinous nose, with some savoury character too, and primarily ripe red fruit joined by a touch of red apple, and a savoury component too.

Stefano Pasqual, The Gordon Ramsey Group.

Product Code: 49740564

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#### VILLA BLANCHE GRENACHE BLANC

#### VILLA BLANCHE GRENACHE ROSÉ





Bronze

Region: IGP D'oc, France

Grape Variety: Grenache Blanc

#### **Tasting Notes:**

A rich and rounded wine that's well balanced and complex, with some good minerality too.

#### Yohann Pinol, Consultant Sommelier.

Great, stylistically, with some body and fruit concentration.

#### Marcello Colletti, Nobu Hotel.

A warm, ripe nose that's showing a little development.

Harry Ballman, Home Bargains/The Good Wine Co.





Bronze

Region: IGP D'oc, France

Grape Variety: Grenache

#### **Tasting Notes:**

An easy-drinking rosé with a vegetal character.

Charlie Richards, Claridge's Restaurant.

Ripe, with some melon notes.

Maria Cintoli, Majestic Wine.

A match for egg fried rice with sweet and sour pork.

Konsantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

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#### VILLA BLANCHE MALBEC

#### WRITER'S BLOCK SHIRAZ





Bronze

Region: IGP D'oc, France

Grape Variety: Malbec

#### **Tasting Notes:**

88

Opening with dark black fruit on the nose, this is nicely warming on the palate, with notes of chocolate, prune and plum, as well as some spice. Big tannins, but with good balance.

#### Tom Fahey, Consultant Sommelier.

Blueberries and cassis on the nose, which follow on to the palate, with good, dry tannins.

Federico Moccia, 67 Pall Mall.





Bronze

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

**Grape Variety:** Shiraz

#### **Tasting Notes:**

89

Hot stones, wild fruit jams, super ripe and with fleshy tannin.

Dion Wai, Raffles Hotel at the OWO, London.

Spices and fruit all in place for easy drinking and ABV balance.

Yuri Gualeni, Louie London.

Product Code: 45193154

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