

Event 1: Committee Favourites: Thursday 3rd October 2024

Tasting White Wines

1 Pedra do Cribo Albariño Rías Baixas 2021, 12.5% £16.99; Laithwaites, Mixed 6 price (Tony and Helena Abbey)

This wine is made by 'Flying Scotsman' Norrel Robertson who has lived in Calatayud, since 2003 where he produces wine at his family company. Pedra do Cribo is made from Albariño grapes typical of the Rías Baixas region in Spain, grown on steep granite soils for added zip. The wine is slowly fermented then aged on its lees for 18 months to develop richness and complexity. Intense stone fruit combine with a tang derived from the maritime climate, still fresh even at 3 years old. Serve as an aperitif or with seafood.

2 Binifadet Blanc Chardonnay, 2022, 13.5%, £18.18; www.givino.co.uk (Andrew Johnstone)

Made with grapes from the Binifadet estate in the south of Menorca, characterized by its calcareous soil. Harvested by hand the grapes undergo cold skin maceration and fermentation at 17°C in stainless steel and the wine is aged on its lees for 5 months. It is bright yellow in colour and has a complex, fresh, mineral and fruity aroma. On the palate it is full-flavoured, long, with medium persistence and a very pleasant floral after-taste. It tastes delicious by the sea in Menorca in June.

3 The Wine Society's Exhibition Kamptal Grüner Veltliner 2023, 12.5% £14.95; The Wine Society (Juliet Bailey and Dai Davies)

Ripe, opulent, stone-fruited and food-friendly white with a pepper-pot twist of complexity. This year's 'standout, textbook' example of Austria's great white grape in the Wine Society's Champions tastings. Made by Willi Bründlmayer whom in 2000 was said by Decanter magazine to be among the 50 people most likely to change the face of the world of wine in the coming decades.

Tasting Red Wines

4 Chateau Couronneau L'Ecuyer Bordeaux Supérieur 2022, 14%, £12.99; Vintage Roots (Vicky Emms)

The imposing and impressive Château Couronneau comprises 38 hectares of vineyards, all certified for organic (Ecocert) and biodynamic (Demeter) wine production. This wine is Merlot-dominated, the grapes are harvested mostly by hand and the wine is aged in oak barrels for 12 months or more. It has aromas of black cherry and plum, is medium-bodied and has been made with an 'easy-drinking' New World style very much in mind.

5 Domaine Turner Pageot 'Le Rouge' 2018, 14.0% £15.95; Leon Stolarski Wines (Julian Osborne)

This wine is a blend of 80% grenache and 20% Syrah from the Languedoc region. This biodynamic dry full-bodied red has been partly aged in barrel. Despite its age, it is a beautiful deep blood red/purple colour. The nose has red and black fruit, brioche, polished leather, iodine, tobacco and mixed spice. It is fruity and full-bodied on the palate, bright and fresh, with ripe tannins, and soft citrus acidity. I get blackcurrant and raspberry with spices and

gently earthy flavours with a long spicy finish. Ideally it should be paired with food (e.g. leg of lamb, ratatouille). It is very moreish!.

6 Trullo Flaminio 2021, 14.5%, £18.50; Evington's Wines, (David Luyt)

This wine is a blend of 90% Negroamaro from 50 year old vines and 10% Syrah from 25 year old vines from a vineyard in Brundisi, southern Italy about 20k north of Lecce. It is ruby red in colour with notes of plums, blackcurrants and blackberries. Medium bodied, velvety with good balance and a fresh finish. The wine has stainless steel fermentation with a small amount of oak ageing which enhances the red fruit flavours. Powerful yet smooth and complex, this wine goes well with any red meat or strong cheeses.

Dinner Wines

Mâcon Villages, Burgundy, 2022, 12.5%, £13.00 (discounted to £9.75); Sainsbury's (Nick and Margaret Robinson)

Full of fresh, citrus aromas and flavours with hints of green apple, this is an unoaked, crisp and elegant wine made from the Chardonnay grape. The grapes for this wine have been selected from some of the best vineyards of the Mâconnais region of southern Burgundy where the warmer climate and limestone rich soils produce exceptional wines. An easy-drinking wine that is delicious with creamy pasta and chicken.

Côtes-du-Rhône, Château Courac 2019, 14.5%, £9.75; The Wine Society (Nick and Margaret Robinson)

From one of the great Rhône vintages, this grenache – syrah mix is completely outstanding. Deep flavours of strawberry, spiced cherry and crushed herbs abound. This is very full-bodied yet perfectly balanced. The Daily Telegraph said "It takes a few minutes for this Côtes-du-Rhône to sort itself out in the glass but once it does, what a beauty. Dusky and layered, from a brilliant Rhône vintage, it has notes of dark fruit and dried herbs, and is a great wine for the dinner table.'

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Event 2 Wines from the Douro/Duero 30th October 2024

Presented by Ollie March, Evingtons Wines



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Leicester University Wine Club 30th October 2024

1. Altano Branco, Symington, Douro, Portugal 2022 (12.5% Vol) £12.95
2. Odisseia, Jean-Hugues Gros, Douro, Portugal 2022 (13% Vol) £15.95
3. Comboio do Vesuvio, Douro, Portugal 2019 (14% Vol) £19.95
4. Bela Arano Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Spain 2019 (14.5% Vol) £21.09

----- Dinner -----

5. Graham's Fine White Port, Douro, Portugal £17.45 (with sweet course)
6. Quinta de la Rosa Tinto, Douro, Portugal 2016 (13.5% Vol) £16.89 (with cheese course)
7. Bodegas Langa Pasion Garnacha, Calatayud, Spain 2020 (14% Vol) £12.95
8. Aragonia Garnacha Selección Especial, Campo de Borja, Spain 2019 (14.5% Vol) £15.65

Event 3: Holiday Wine: A Virtual Tour Through France

27th November 2024

Presented by Lucy Crouch

TASTING WINES	Region	%	Price
1. Blanc De Noirs Champagne, Taste the Champagne Difference – 2022, Sainsbury's.		12%	£25.00
This refined Champagne, 'Blanc de Noirs,' is a festive delight crafted exclusively from black grapes, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier . Its fresh, fruity profile sparkles with delicate hints of toasty biscuit, offering balanced richness and bright acidity. The complex and elegant style, with notes of red fruits and subtle biscuity warmth, makes it a perfect companion for holiday indulgences. Whether paired with smoked salmon at your Christmas feast or served as an aperitif to toast the season, this Champagne brings a touch of festive magic to every sip.			
2. Château Minuty 'M de Minuty' Blanc 2023, Côtes de Provence, Majestic wines.	Provence	13%	£18.99
This crisp and aromatic white wine from the renowned Château Minuty, established in 1936, is a true holiday gem. With its fresh and elegant approach, it embodies the golden charm of Provence, perfect for celebrating the season. Bursting with festive flavours of zesty lemon and vibrant yellow grapefruit, this wine is as versatile as your holiday spread. Whether enjoyed with light aperitifs or fresh salads, it adds a bright and refreshing touch to your Christmas festivities.			
3. Gérard Bertrand Heritage Clairette AOP Clairette du Languedoc, 2023 Majestic wines.	Clairette du Languedoc	13%	£14.99
Gérard Bertrand, once a celebrated rugby player, is now a star in the world of winemaking, crafting some of Southern France's most acclaimed wines. Château l'Hospitalet, which he acquired in 2002, is the crown jewel of his vineyards, offering not just exceptional wines but unforgettable experiences. With its gastronomic restaurant, estate tours, masterclasses, and art exhibitions, it's a wine lover's dream destination. Every year, the Château transforms with its iconic Jazz Festival, where gala dinners, concerts, and dancing take place under the stars beside the vines. This biodynamic gem is the perfect way to elevate your Christmas celebrations. Delight in its versatility, whether paired with southern-inspired tapas or complementing grilled Mediterranean fish and shellfish, it's sure to bring a touch of magic to your holiday table.			
4. Hospices de Beaujeu Bourgogne Gamay 2022, Majestic wines.	Burgundy	13%	£14.99
With a history dating back to 1240, the Hospice de Beaujeu carries centuries of winemaking tradition, steeped in the generosity of its donors who have gifted it over 80.5 hectares of exceptional vineyards. This festive Gamay captures the spirit of the season with its classic Burgundian character, brimming with vibrant fruit flavours and warm, woody notes. Its delightful aromas of violet, raspberry, red cherry, and a hint of vanilla make it a perfect choice for holiday gatherings. Whether paired with a cosy Christmas dinner or shared by the fire, this wine adds a touch of cheer to your celebrations.			

5 Château Saint-Hilaire Médoc Cru Bourgeois, 2020, Waitrose. **Bordeaux** **14%** **£15.99**

Refined and elegant with complex layers of flavour, this classy Médoc is a true festive treat. Its smooth, textured palate showcases delightful red fruit notes and a gentle, warming toastiness, perfect for the holiday season. Pair it with a Christmas roast, hearty seasonal dishes, or rich festive casseroles to bring a touch of sophistication to your celebrations.

6 Château De Crézancy Sancerre Rouge 2023, Majestic wines. **Loire** **14%** **£22.99**

Deep ruby red in colour, this festive wine greets you with the rich aromas of black cherries, blackberries, and currants, all lovingly kissed by a hint of praline, a true Christmas indulgence. The palate is sweet and slightly spicy, with fine tannins and a silky-smooth finish that warms the soul. Perfectly paired with roast turkey, holiday poultry, succulent duck, or tangy dried goat cheese, this medium-bodied beauty brings a burst of seasonal joy. With a firm and persistent flavour profile, it's a wine that's as unadulterated as the magic of the season itself.

DINNER WINES

Region % Price

7 M. Chapoutier 'Belleruche' Côtes du Rhône 2023, Rhone **14.5%** **£12.99**
Majestic Wines.

With a name as iconic as Chapoutier, it's hard to believe they were once considered disruptors in the wine world! When Michel Chapoutier inherited the family estate, he set out to revolutionise winemaking, creating wines that truly express their terroir. His Côtes du Rhône is a holiday favourite, full of juicy, fruit-forward flavours, perfect for celebrating the season. With notes of ripe black cherry, aromatic herbs, and a hint of peppery spice, this wine is perfect for pairing with festive charcuterie. In 2022, it even won an IWC award for the 2020 vintage.

8 Classic No. 9 Gewürztraminer, 2023, Marks and Spencer **Alsace** **12.5%** **£10.00**

This aromatic and opulent wine from the Alsace region is rich in character, with delicate floral aromas of rose petals and sweet lychee, perfectly capturing the warmth and festive spirit of the season. It pairs wonderfully with meat or roasted sweet root vegetables, adding a seasonal touch to your Christmas spread. Produced in north-eastern France, this wine is vegan-friendly, making it a versatile choice for all your guests. Best enjoyed chilled and within two years, it offers a vibrant, fresh taste that will elevate your holiday toasts.

Event 4: Quiz Night 15th January 2025

Presented by Juliet Bailey & Dai Davies

White Wines

1 Waimea Estate Gruner Veltliner, 2023, 12.5% (£8.99 mix 6); Majestic

The wine is made deliberately off-dry to achieve the perfect flavour balance. An inviting golden colour, this is a fresh and crisp wine with a little extra richness. Stone fruit and pineapple flavours are accented with nuances of fennel, white pepper and a lingering minerality. Pair with fine seafood or poultry dishes.

2 The Real McCoy Riesling, 2021, 12.5%, £19.29; Evington's Wines

Intense flavours of lime, white peach and green apple. Wonderful, fresh and long lasting on the palate, this wine is a superb accompaniment to the lighter Asian cuisine.

3 Paul Jaboulet Viognier, 2023, 13.5% (£10.99 mix 6); Majestic

Jaboulet is a cult Rhône wine label, and this Viognier is a Condrieu doppelgänger at a fraction of the price. It's aromatic peachy, but also fresh. Every part of the winemaking, from picking the very best grapes, to fermenting the juice in aroma-preserving stainless steel, has been designed to make this as opulent and fragrant a glassful as you could wish for. It's a curry's dream partner, but also delicious alone.

4 The Wine Society's Exhibition Santa Barbara Chardonnay, 2021, 14% £17.00.

Two thirds of this California chardonnay comes from the warmer Rodney's vineyard, and a third from the fog-laden Los Alamos. Picked at night, this wine is fermented in Hungarian and French oak barrels, 20-30% of which are new, creating a wine with great balance of oak and ripe orchard fruit.

Red Wines

5 The Wine Society's Exhibition Chilean Carmenere, 2022, 13.5%, £11.50.

2022 is a lovely cool year with low yields. This is Chilean carmenère is made at a coolish site for the variety to make a more drinkable style, maximising the savoury aspects and avoiding the jammy. It's ripe yet fresh with a note of cloves. 6% cabernet franc is included to emphasize a cedary character to lean towards its Bordeaux roots and contribute add a little extra complexity.

6 Secreto Ribera Del Duero 2018, 14.0% £15.95; The Wine Society.

Secreto is an immaculately made Ribera from Spain. It is elegant yet intense with a spicy quality that lifts the fragrant red-fruit flavour. Viña Mayor are also the first winery in Ribera del Duero to obtain 'Wineries for Climate Protection' certification while developing regenerative viticulture alongside a biodiversity plan.

7 Kingston Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Clare Valley, 14.5% £15.30; Evingtons Wines

On the nose, lifted aromas of blackcurrant, cassis and subtle stewed plum characters, along with a hint of spicy oak. The palate is elegant and full bodied revealing flavours of blackcurrant, quince and cassis fruit, enhanced by hints of mint and capsicum characters. A beautiful complex and smooth oak finish.

8 Trullo Flamino 2021, 14.5%, £18.50; Evington's Wines.

This wine is a blend of 90% Negroamaro from 50 year old vines and 10% Syrah It is ruby red in colour with notes of plums, blackcurrants and blackberries. The wine has stainless steel fermentation with a small amount of oak ageing Powerful yet smooth and complex, this wine goes well with any red meat or strong cheeses.

Event 5: South Africa February 13th 2025

Presented by Preet Sahota

TASTING WINES

Two Oceans Light Keeper 2021 Normal: £9.99

A light and refreshing Sauvignon Blanc and Moscato blend at just 9.5% ABV

Cloudskraal Sauvignon Blanc 2024 Normal: £21.99

From a brand new appellation comes this stunning Sauvignon Blanc

Villa Esposto Sauvignon Blanc 2024 Normal: £24.99

Same winemaker as Cloudskraal but different region, this comes from the renowned Skurfberg site

Villa Esposto Pinotage 2022 Normal: £26.99

The finest Pinotage in their portfolio, from the Skurfberg – one of the greatest sites in the world!

Journey's End The Cape Doctor 2017 Normal: £36.99

One off parcel - Bordeaux style red blend from the much praised 2017 vintage

Jakob's Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 Normal: £34.99

Single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from renowned Pinot Noir producer Peter-Allan Finlayson

DINNER WINES

Klawer Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 Normal: £12.99

Dinner red wine – An exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon from the outstanding 2021 vintage

Klawer Sauvignon Blanc 2024 Normal: £12.99

Dinner white wine – A floral uplifting Sauvignon Blanc from 20 year old vines

Event 6: Italian Wines 20th March 2025

All wines supplied by Evington's Wines

Tasting White Wines

Lugana Limne, Tenuta Roveglia, 2021 (13% Vol) £16.45.

A product of the Lugana region, a small DOC in north-west Italy that straddles the border between Lombardy and Veneto. Vines thrive in the regions calcareous clay soils which are rich in mineral salts to help the fruit reach high levels of ripeness. Light yellow in colour, this single varietal (100% Trebbiana) has a delicate fruity aroma of peach and vanilla. It goes particularly well with fish or makes an excellent aperitif.

Gavi de Gavi Bric Sassi della Maddalena, 2022 (12.5% Vol) £16.29

The Gavi di Gavi area is the traditional centre of this Piedmont region celebrated for its exceptional white wines. Made from the Cortese grape, Gavi wines are generally light, with alcohol levels between 12 and 13%, and are known for their bright acidity and lively citrus flavours. Like this wine, they are typically unoaked, offering a refreshing alternative to a crisp Pinot Grigio. Created by the Sarotto family for the supplier, this wine is an ideal match for seafood pasta or asparagus dishes.

Umani Ronchi Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi DOC Classico Superiore, 2022 (13% Vol) £19.75

This wine is from the Marche region which lies between the Apennine Mountains and the Adriatic Sea. The vineyards, which are between 8 and 30 years old and trained on the Guyot system, are situated 200 and 350 meters above sea level, on opposite sides of the Esino valley. The high altitude and proximity to the Adriatic Sea create a unique microclimate that imbues the wine with wonderful freshness and minerality perfect for pairing with seafood, light pasta dishes and salads. 100% Verdicchio grape.

Tasting Red wines

Barbera d'Alba Battaglione, Renato Ratti, 2023 (14.5% Vol) £19.95

Another wine from Piedmont, this time a red made from 100% Barbera. Grapes handpicked in the month of September, de-stemmed and pressed. The alcoholic fermentation takes place in temperature controlled stainless steel containers. Contact with the skins lasts approximately two weeks and the malolactic fermentation takes place in steel containers. A very intense and bright cardinal red. A forceful fragrance with scents of ripe and dried plums against a spiced background. Full flavoured and of long persistence. A fine match with the rustic local cuisine as well as refined dishes of meat and ripe cheeses.

The next two wines are from the Cantina Sampietrana. The winery is a cooperative covering 150 hectares around the picturesque town of San Pietro Vernotico in the Puglia region just a few kilometres from the Adriatic coast between Brindisi and Lecce.

Salice Salentino Riserva, 2020 (13.5% Vol) £13.85

100% Negroamaro. Obtained from selected Negroamaro grapes, aged in French oak barrels, ruby red with violet tones, distinctive nose of ripe red berry fruits with aromas of cocoa and leather. On the palate it has dark fruit, fig, dark chocolate balanced by a good amount of acidity and oak.

Carlone Primitivo di Manduria, 2022 (14.5% Vol) £17.30

100% Primitivo. Described as 'everything you want in a Primitivo'. Ruby red and intense with aroma of blackberry jam, cooked strawberry, plum and vanilla. The palate is intense and supple with well-integrated tannins and juicy fruits. A superb cheese wine or with grilled meats.

Dinner wines**Grillo, Paolini, Sicily, 2023 (12% Vol) £11.20**

Grillo grape variety. Bright pale-yellow colour. Typical Grillo bouquet of apricot, white peach and a hint of herbs.

Volpi ERA Sangiovese, 2020 (13%) £12.95

Another wine from the Marche region. 100% organic Sangiovese grapes. Aroma of big black fruit notes in the form of ripe black plums and cherries. Nice firm tannin but with enough acidity to keep the wine well balanced.

Event 8: The Chemistry of Wine 10 April 2025

Presented by Dr John Manley

1. Rezabal, Txakoli Getariako, Basque Country, Spain. 2023. 11%.
High acidity. DBM Wines, Clifton, Bristol. £14.50
2. Barbadillo, Pedro Ximenez, Andalucia Spain. 17.5%.
Raisined and fortified wine. Stewart Wines, Bristol. £12.50
3. Chateau Coufran, Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France. 2007. 13%.
Softened tannins and sediment. Majestic Wine. £19.99
4. Kolby, Riesling, Moravia, Czech Republic. 2019. 13%.
Tones of kerosene. Obiwinekenobi, Bristol. £11.99
5. Moillard-Thomas, Chablis, France. 2023. 12.5%.
Low MLF. Majestic Wine. £15.00
6. Morillon Blanc (Chardonnay), Jeff Carrel, France. 2023. 14%.
Higher MLF. Avery's Wine Cellars. £15.99
7. Veiga Naum, Albariño, Rias Baixas, Galicia, Spain. 2023. 12.5%. Pear. Stewart Wines, Bristol £9.90
8. Rippa Dorii, Crianza Ribera del Duero, Spain. 2021. 14.5%.
Blackcurrant. Stewart Wines, Bristol. £11.50

Event 8: Argentinian Wines 20 May 2025

Selected By Shobna Makwana

Tasting White Wines

Catena Chardonnay, Mendoza, Argentina 2023 (13.0% Vol) £13.50 at Majestic Wines.

Nicolas Catena is one of the key figures in the development of Argentina's modern wine industry. For over four generations, the Catena Family has grown vines in the foothills of the Andes mountains. Catena Chardonnay is sourced from the family's historic high-altitude vineyards in Mendoza. From the marriage of four historic vineyards (ranging in altitude from 950m to 1450m) emerges a wine of unique character that has natural balance, concentration and a distinct varietal identity. It is rich and tropical with flavours of apple, pear, butter and sweet spice. Try it with roast chicken.

Alma Gemela White Field Blend, Onofri, Mendoza, Argentina 2023 (13.5% Vol) £18.55 at Evington's Wines.

This white wine offers striking aromas of floral and citrus notes layered with hints of white fruit and subtle vanilla. Medium bodied and texturally complex with a fresh and elegant finish. A blend of 40% Marsanne, 40% Roussanne and 20% Chardonnay grape varieties which are co-fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts. The wine undergoes partial malolactic fermentation and spends 10 months maturing in French oak. Enjoy with roasted poultry, fish in a butter sauce, creamy pasta dishes, lobster and shellfish.

Pulenta Estate Naranjo Orange Wine, Mendoza, Argentina 2023 (12.5% Vol) £17.59 at Evington's Wines

This wine is crafted using white grapes (50% Chardonnay, 38% Viognier and 12% Torrontes) typically fermented with their skins, a technique traditionally associated with red wines. The result is an orange or amber-hued wine that combines the crisp freshness of a white wine with the tannic structure and depth of a red. The wine delivers vibrant notes of white flowers with citrus and stone fruits. On the palate, orange peel and spice dominate leading to a long, dry finish. Orange wines pair well with grilled red meats, roasted vegetable dishes, strong cheeses and charcuterie.

Tasting Red wines

Saurus Select Pinot Noir, Schroeder, Patagonia, Argentina 2021 (14% Vol) £17.70 at Evington's Wines

Deep red tones on appearance and a nose which has plenty of floral aromas such as roses and violets combined with red fruit scents of red currents, raspberries and strawberries. On the palate the ripe red fruits are accompanied by vanilla and some mushroom and cocoa notes from 9-month barrel ageing in French and American oaks. This Pinot Noir has a medium body with ultra-fine tannins and fruity nuances that wave through in a long powerful finish.

Los Haroldos Estate Blend, Mendoza, Argentina 2019 (14% Vol) £13.95 at Evington's Wines

This wine is blend of 60% Malbec, 25% Cabernet and 15% Petit Verdot. The virtues of each grape variety greatly enhance the wine; the Malbec brings lovely coffee and chocolate flavours, the Cabernet adds a touch of cassis, while the Petit Verdot gives the wine structure and elegance. The wine has a deep purple colour, a nose displaying red fruits and spicy notes, and the palate is smooth and full bodied with sweet and gentle tannins.

Fausto Old Vine Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2022 (14.5% Vol) £20.29 at Evington's Wines.

A full-bodied, rich Malbec offering deliciously ripe black fruit flavours, such as blackberries, blueberries and black cherry with black pepper and hints of rosemary; full-bodied and seductive with great texture and velvety tannins on the palate, followed by a long finish.

Dinner wines

Alambro, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, 2021 (12% Vol) £8.99 at Laithwaites.

A lovely light, crisp and refreshing white Malbec with aroma of delicate blossom with hints of juicy stone fruits, lemon and grapefruit; on the palate tastes of fresh grapefruit and lemon, soft red fruits and floral notes.

Altaland, Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 (13.5%) £12.00 at Majestic Wines.

A product of the Catena winery produced with grapes sourced from high altitude vineyards. The wine shows a trademark spicy minty aroma. On the palate it is an intense full-bodied wine with ripe flavours of red currents, mocha and herbal notes. A great choice for grilled meat or hard cheese.

EVENT 9: On Location'- A Night at the Movies 19 June 2025

Selected by Jo Holland, Kim Lewis, Jane Welch and Odette White

Tonight each wine note is paired with a picture clue from a film that its country of origin was fully or partly used for the filming locations. These are not area specific, just the countries. Have a guess at the title, this is just a light hearted bit of fun, sorry no prizes !!!! We hope you all enjoy the evening.

TASTING WINES WHITE



1. Congliano Prosecco – Italy, 10.5%, £9.75, Sainsburys.

In the UK we drink a 1/3 of the Prosecco that Italy produces. This wine is delicate, fresh with ripe apricot, zesty lemon flavours made with Glera grapes, sourced from only DOCG quality vineyards in what is considered as the Prosecco capital, the Congliano region of Italy.



2. Unearthed – Austria, 2024, 12.5%, Aldi, £8.99

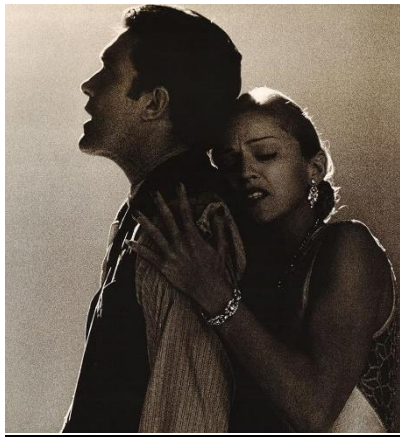
This is a Gemischter Satz wine which is made from a unique blend of up to 20 traditional grapes, meaning those found in a single vineyard, so no variety dominates, in N.E Austria. Light and fresh, it boasts fruity aromas, with strong hints of tropical fruits and green apples. Pair with grilled prawns, roast pork and cheeses



3. Lyrarakis Assyrtiko-Greece, 2024, 13%, Majestic, £13.

Indigenous to Greece the Assyrtiko grape has been used for wine making as far back as 6,500 years! Light yellow in colour with deep citrus and floral aromas, accompanied by sweet apple and peach. Dry and fresh, pair with seafoods and salads.

TASTING WINES RED



4. Dona Paula el Alto. Malbec, Argentina, 2023, 14%, £17.00 Waitrose.

This is a single vineyard, estate bottled, started in 1997, it is a tribute to the climate, soils and work of the people which makes it a unique place. The vineyard is located 1000 mtrs; above sea-level in the Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza.

This Malbec is a deep purplish red colour. The aroma offers elements of blackberry, plum, violets and spices, with soft notes of mocha and tobacco. Pair with steak.



5. Marc Kent – The Red, Syrah blend, South Africa. 2021-22, 14.5% £12. Majestic.

A wine from the Swartland region, blended with Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cinsault. Rich, full bodied with flavours of red fruits, sweet spices and pepper. Smooth and mellow try with Vegetable Chilli.



6. Jip Jip Rocks- Shiraz, Australia, 2022, 14.5%, £13.50. Waitrose.

The Jip Jip rocks are a striking out-crop of 350 million year old pink-red granite, which are sacred in traditional Aboriginal beliefs. The Bryson family's cool climate vineyard, combine pristine fruits with modern wine-making, using environmentally, sustainable practices. This Shiraz has an amazing depth of flavour, style and balance. Ripe mulberry, blackberry aromas, pair with Lamb, Steak and BBQ's.

TABLE WINES



7. The Pebble – Chenin Blanc, France, 2023, 12% - Tesco, £10.

Crafted in the Loire Valley-from vineyards, nestled in Touraine, among the famous chateaux. This unique cuvee with generous aromas, a dry, fruity and crisp wine. A powerful nose of tangerine, apricot and vanilla. A lively, fruity and harmonious mouth led by a refreshing acidity.
Food to pair with – Sushi, Caesar and Greek salad, Seafoods and soft Cheeses.



8. North Canterbury – Pinot Noir , New Zealand, 2023, 13.5%- Asda, £9.33. Exceptional Range.

North Canterbury just north of Christchurch produces some of New Zealand's finest Pinot Noir wines. The cool sunny climate gives intense raspberry and dark cherry flavoured wines, with hints of violet and savoury spice.
Perfect with Crispy Duck, slow cooked Pork Belly or a Wild Mushroom Risotto.