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Summer List 2025

Over 85 wines sourced directly from independent growers and winemakers:

- Simon's Greatest Hits • Thomas-Hatté Champagne • Crémant & Sparkling
- Unoaked White Burgundy • Sauvignon Blanc
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"General Excellence in Wine Buying" – Simon's Greatest Hits

I feel like I have picked up one of those weird, unexpected, lifetime awards with this, announced in May at The London Wine Fair.

I have been buying wine for SVS for twenty-five years. Here is my pick of many of my best finds - with how I came across them - from six different countries. I have always said that buying wine isn't that difficult if you get on your bike and keep an open mind. If it tastes great and the price is right, then jump in!

All the Greatest Hits wines are available at 10% off by the bottle until August 10th (or while stocks last) and there's a mixed dozen including one bottle of each of the wines for £172, saving over £30 on our regular prices.



WHITE

● Sax, Gruner Veltliner, Kamptal, 2023

AUSTRIA - Code: SAX723

~~£14.95~~ | £13.46

Michael Sax, one of the young identical twins who run the eponymous winery in the Kamptal, came to London to present his wines at an Austrian tasting in London in February 2020 just before Covid struck. We went, we liked what we tasted and never looked back. 12.5%. Enjoy this year or next.

● Aba de Trasmia, Albariño, Rias Baixas, 2024

SPAIN - Code: TRA124

~~£15.95~~ | £14.36

In 2012 I went to Fenavin, the annual Spanish wine fair in Ciudad Real, to source an Albariño - and were delighted to find this brilliantly true example. We shipped only the second vintage released by this tiny co-operative from ancient, ungrafted vines on granitic soils. 12.5%. Now-2027.

● Koelfontein Chardonnay, Ceres, 2022

SOUTH AFRICA - Code: KOE622

~~£16.25~~ | £14.63

I came across this ripe, full-flavoured, barrel-fermented Chardonnay five years ago by splitting a bottle on the terrace of The Tulbagh Hotel with my wine-trade daughter (she approved too). 13%. Now-2027.

● Fiorano, Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, 2023

ITALY - Code: FIO623

~~£18.50~~ | £16.65

Whilst it was Fiorano's Sangiovese which first drew me in 2015 to this brilliant organic estate in the southern part of the Marche, the Pecorino has just grown on me: given lengthy lees ageing, it's creamy, concentrated, and always shows intriguing herbal accents. 13%. Now-2026.

● Antoine et Laurent Robin, Chablis, 2022

FRANCE - Code: ROB222

~~£23.95~~ | £21.56

It became clear, after the disastrous spring frosts in Chablis in 2021, that our two current suppliers there weren't going to be able to give us enough Chablis for our needs. It was time to jump in the Audi and get down there – a tip-off from a local grower led to the Robins, a family just beginning to bottle their own wines. Classic stuff, described by Julia Harding MW on jancisrobinson.com as "deliciously rounded and complete, a finely balanced Chablis". 12.5%. Now-2028.

ROSÉ

● Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anais, 2024

FRANCE - Code: RIB524

~~£20.95~~ | £18.86

When I was judging at the Decanter World Wine Awards in 2013, Andrew Jefford - a brilliant Chair - asked me to come back and taste blind a few wines from the south of France which were candidates for trophies. Amongst them was a dry, penetrating rosé which blew me away. When, months later, I was allowed to know what it was, I followed up. The Desblaches family sold most of their wine from a market stall in Bandol – but were delighted when SVS became their first export customer. We have shipped the last twelve vintages. It's brilliant, incisive and savoury. 13.5%. Now-2027.

Denis Capmartin,
Château Barrejat

Harvest at Koelfontein,
South Africa

Albariño grapes

Fiorano, Le Marche

RED

● L'Estabel, Languedoc-Cabrières, Grande Cuvée Comtesse Rouge, 2022

FRANCE - Code: LES622

~~£11.95~~ | £10.76

We had a lengthy flirtation with L'Estabel, a small co-op in the schistous hills of Cabrières in the Languedoc, before taking the plunge two years ago. The wines here seem to get better and better, with a pile of local character. 14%. Drink this year.

● Les Vignerons d'Estezargues, Cuvée des Galets, Côtes du Rhône, 2022

FRANCE - Code: ESZ122

~~£12.95~~ | £11.66

Lots of UK wine merchants bring this fruity, approachable Côtes du Rhône in now, but in 2004 we were one of the first. I loved seeing locals coming in with big plastic containers to be filled up from a garage-like hose. 14%. Now-2027.

● Château Barrejat, Madiran, Tradition, 2022

FRANCE - Code: BAJ122

~~£12.95~~ | £11.66

Holidays in the south-west of France twenty years ago encouraged hunts across Madiran and Jurançon for growers. I failed in the latter, but in Madiran I came across Denis Capmartin, a humble man making terrific reds and fine dry and sweet Pacherenc – all genuinely underpriced for their quality. This is the latest vintage of his principal red – unoaked, fruit-forward, supple yet packed with local character. 13%. Now-2028

Simon's Greatest Hits Dozen

A dozen including one bottle of each of the wines above, saving 15% on normal bottle prices.

£172.00

Code:
SGH25

● Le Tende, Bardolino Classico, 2023

ITALY - Code: LET623

~~£15.50~~ | £13.95

When I was 18, I spent some time in a villa high above Lake Garda – enjoying super-cheap 2 litre bottles of Bardolino. However, I didn't realise quite how good this light and sappy red could be until discovering the delicious, organic wines of Mauro Fortuna and Giuliana Tezza at Le Tende in 2022. 13.5%. Now-2026.

● Château de la Liquière, Faugères Rouge, 2022

FRANCE - Code: LIQ422

~~£17.50~~ | £15.75

I first visited La Liquière and the Vidal family in Cabrerolles, up against the Massif Central, in the late 90s (before even setting up SVS) and we shipped three vintages. A gap followed, but we are now again offering their organic wines. This is my current favourite, showing terrific density of ripe raspberry and redcurrant fruit. 13.5%. Now-2027.

● Wickhams Road, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2023

AUSTRALIA - Code: WIC623

~~£20.95~~ | £18.86

Eight years ago, I was lucky enough to be a guest of Wine Australia on a tour of the vineyards around Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Canberra. The standout region for me, lover as I am of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, was the Yarra Valley. One of the best selections presented there - and certainly the best value - came from Franco d'Anna, whose second label is Wickhams Road. This is a charming, forward, lip-smacking Pinot Noir. 13.2%. Now-2027.

MIXED CASES FOR SUMMER

In addition to Simon's Greatest Hits case, here are our summer mixed cases; all collated by the SVS team to provide great value but real interest too. Lots of staff favourites here, and all cases have at least 12% discount and include free delivery.

The Good Summer Dozen - £130 Save over £17

Twelve keenly priced wines for people that like a bit of variety in their drinking.

Includes 1 bottle of each of the following wines:

Wine code: GSD25	Country of Origin	Page
● Diamant, Cremant de Loire, NV	FRANCE	p.7
● Guardia dei Mori, Vermentino, Terre Siciliane, 2024	ITALY	p.5
● Forges, Chenin de Loire, 2024	FRANCE	p.8
● Château Les Reuilles, Bordeaux Blanc Sauvignon, 2024	FRANCE	p.8
● Le Tende, Custoza, 2024	ITALY	p.9
● Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, 2023	SPAIN	p.11
● La Combe Saint-Paul, Amandiers Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024	FRANCE	p.12
● Sur, Carmenere, Maule Valley, 2023	CHILE	p.5
● La Liquière, Tutti Frutti Rouge, VDF, 2024	FRANCE	p.14
● Artisan Wines, Zweigelt Pure, Burgenland, 2022	AUSTRIA	p.14
● Six Hats, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2024	SOUTH AFRICA	p.15
● Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, 2021	CHILE	p.6

The Even Better Summer Dozen - £165 including delivery Save over £26

There are lots of staff favourites in this case with an emphasis on lighter, fresher styles plus one delicious bold outlier from Spain.

Includes 1 bottle of each of the following wines:

Wine code: EBSD25	Country of Origin	Page
● Domaine des Dieux, Claudia, MCC Brut, 2017	FRANCE	p.7
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● Parisio, Gavi, 2024	ITALY	p.9
● L'Oratge, Garnatxa Blanca, Terra Alta, 2023	SPAIN	p.11
● Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024	FRANCE	p.12
● Clos Floridene, Le Rosé de Floridene, Bordeaux, 2023	FRANCE	p.12
● Forges, Anjou Rouge, 2023	FRANCE	p.8
● La Chapelle des Bois, Fleurie, Grand Pre, 2023	FRANCE	p.14
● Michele Biancardi, Primitivo Puro, IGT Puglia, 2022	ITALY	p.15
● Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Roble, 2022	SPAIN	p.15
● Domaine Begude, Les Cerisiers, Pinot Noir, 2023	FRANCE	p.16

The Just Whites Twelve - £150 including delivery Save over £26

A mix of Italian elegance, classic Sauvignon from Loire and South Africa and a fascinating Portuguese wine – perfect for summer seafood and salads.

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

Wine code: JWD25	Country of Origin	Page
● La Salette, Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de Gascogne Blanc, 2023	FRANCE	p.5
● Fichet Mâcon-Burgundy Les 3 Terroirs, 2023	FRANCE	p.7
● Cape Atlantic, Sauvignon Blanc, 2024	SOUTH AFRICA	p.8
● Le Tende, Custoza, 2024	ITALY	p.9
● Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, 2023	SPAIN	p.11
● Landcraft, Alvarinho, Vinho Branco, Vinho Verde, 2023	PORTUGAL	p.11

We also have mixed cases from some of our highlighted growers: Thomas-Hatté (Champagne); Domaine Lagneau (Beaujolais); Domaine Frédéric Lambert (Jura), Domaine Vendôme (Northern Rhône) – look out for these throughout the list.

The Just Pinks Twelve - £150 including delivery Save over £26

There's more to the world of rosé than just Provence and this case is the way to discover the quality and variety out there.

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

Wine code: JWP25	Country of Origin	Page
● Ferry Lacombe, Mystère, IGP Méditerranée, 2024	FRANCE	p.12
● Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024	FRANCE	p.12
● La Combe Saint-Paul, Amandiers Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024	FRANCE	p.12
● La Madeleine, Juli, Pinot Nero Rosato, 2023	ITALY	p.12
● Le Tende, Chiaretto di Bardolino, Classico, 2024	ITALY	p.12
● Clos Floridene, Le Rosé de Floridene, Bordeaux, 2023	FRANCE	p.12

The Just Reds Twelve - £165 including delivery Save over £22

There's something about the aroma of meat being grilled over charcoal and this selection will stand up perfectly to the char and smoke.

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

Wine code: JWR25	Country of Origin	Page
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● Lagneau, Régnié, Vieilles Vignes, 2023	FRANCE	p.14
● Carinae, Malbec, 225-E, Mendoza, 2022	ARGENTINA	p.15
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PARTY WINES & CROWD PLEASERS

Entertaining a crowd in the summer needs great value, democratic wines that will keep everyone happy. These fit the bill perfectly.

FROM
£9.50

● Guardia dei Mori, Vermentino, Terre Siciliane, 2024

ITALY - Code: GUA124

Bottle: £10.95 | 6% off 6: £61.76 | 12% off 12: £115.63

The Rocca family make wines in Piedmont and the south of Italy, using a combination of estate and negociant fruit. This Vermentino is a real winner - pear and honeysuckle aromas; followed by a fresh, lightly herby mouthful with impressive concentration for a wine at this price. 12.5%. Drink this year.

● La Salette, Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de

Gascogne Blanc, 2023

FRANCE - SAL323

Bottle: £11.50 | 6% off 6: £64.86 | 12% off 12: £121.44

Gros Manseng is one of the best grapes in Gascony, and a mainstay of the fashionable Jurançon appellation. This is dry, fruity and full of character with notes of quince and grapefruit. Zingy and crisp on the finish. 12%. Drink this year.

● Sur, Carmenère, Maule Valley, 2023

CHILE - SUR123

Bottle: £9.50 | 6% off 6: £53.58 | 12% off 12: £100.32

Textbook Carmenère from Chile with a classic combination of blackcurrant fruit with herbal elements. The aromas show that characteristic combination of berries with currant leaf. This offers a light and fresh mouthful of blackcurrant and blueberry. Pure, uncomplicated and finishes brightly. Great on its own, it is versatile with food too and is very happy matching up with spice. 13%. Now-2026

● La Salette, IGP Côtes de Gascogne Rouge, 2023

FRANCE - SAL623

Bottle: £11.25 | 6% off 6: £63.45 | 12% off 12: £118.80

50% Tannat with 25% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Medium-bodied and very generous with red berry and cassis fruit. The Tannat provides sufficient structure to keep everything correct and honest whilst still being approachable and easy drinking. 12.5%. Now-2026.



Grower Spotlight: Thomas-Hatté, Champagne

Thomas-Hatté is a 5th generation Champagne grower and producer in Montagne des Reims. We have been importing the family's wines for over ten years as our "House" Champagne, and they are incredibly popular. The wines are based predominantly on Pinot Meunier with smaller percentages of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, which gives a toasty, full-flavoured style. Whilst many Champagnes at this price can be tart and unforgiving, Franck Thomas's over-deliver every time.

● Thomas-Hatté, Brut Champagne, NV

FRANCE - Code: HAT1NV

Bottle: £29.50 | 6% off 6: £166.38 | 12% off 12: £311.52

"From fifth-generation grower Franck Thomas of Fleury-la-Rivière from about 70% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir. Really biscuity nose and then great freshness and balance with a very well-judged dosage. Not for the long haul but one of the best-value champagnes I have encountered recently. 16.5/20, Drink 2024-2027" Jancis Robinson MW, [jancisrobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com), 27th October 2024. Magnums also available. 12%. Now-2028.

● Thomas-Hatté, Rosé Brut, NV

FRANCE - Code: HAT5NV

Bottle: £31.95 | 6% off 6: £180.20 | 12% off 12: £337.39

The base blend for the rosé is exactly the same as the Brut above but has 16% red wine added – mainly from Pinot Meunier – before the second fermentation in bottle. The result is a gorgeous mid-pink colour with soft red fruit and creamy nougat notes. Gentle and elegant, it is very good value indeed. Every time we open a bottle we are reminded that we just don't drink enough rosé Champagne these days! 12%. Now-2027.

● Thomas-Hatté, Vintage Champagne, Brut, 2020

FRANCE - Code: HAT620

Bottle: £34.95 | 6% off 6: £197.12 | 12% off 12: £369.07

Magnums also available: £65.00

The vintage wine sees Chardonnay take the leading role with 50% of the blend, followed by 30% Pinot Noir and 20% Pinot Meunier. This assemblage gives the wine an added freshness and zip compared to the Brut whilst maintaining the toasty, brioche-like notes that characterise all Thomas-Hatté Champagnes. A definite step up from the Brut – and more age worthy too; and superb value at just over a fiver more per bottle. 12%. Now-2030

Thomas-Hatté Mixed Six

Buy 2 bottles of the 3 Champagnes for
£165 saving £27)

£165.00

Code:
TH625



Crémant & Beyond: Great Value Sparklers

Crémant is the name given to traditional method French sparklers that are made outside of Champagne. Burgundy, the Loire, Alsace, Jura, Limoux and Bordeaux all have their own versions. The best wines have been sought out by savvy drinkers for many years as they recognise the value compared to entry-level Champagne. Outside of France, the best Methode Cap Classique wines from South Africa are exceptional and don't forget England... the Northbrook below is an excellent new player on the scene and perfect for summer.

● Diamant, Crémant de Loire, NV

FRANCE - Code: DIA1NV

Bottle: £14.25 | 6% off 6: £80.37 | 12% off 12: £150.48

The Loire has been our go-to region for best value French fizz for a long time. The relatively northern climate allied to Chenin Blanc's suitability for bubbles is a winning combination. This is a blend of Chenin and Chardonnay from near Saumur. Ripe, gently appley fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Easy to like, and wins encouraging feedback. 12.5%. Now-2026.

● Laurens, Les Graiménous, Crémant de Limoux Brut, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAU323

Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80

Limoux is based high in the hills near Carcassonne and the cooler high-altitude vineyards have long had a reputation for producing fine sparkling wine. Chardonnay and Chenin lead the blend here with smaller proportions of Pinot Noir and Mauzac. Lovely weight and freshness with crisp conference pear fruit and just a hint of breadiness. 12%. Now-2027.

● Domaine des Dieux, Claudia, MCC Brut, 2017

FRANCE - Code: DDD417

Bottle: £19.95 | 6% off 6: £112.52 | 12% off 12: £210.67

80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir from the cool, coastal Hemel-en-Aarde region, east of Cape Town. Aged for four years on lees and then longer in the bottle, it has a rich, breadly depth with creamy apple and citrus fruit. Very impressive. 12%. Now-2027.

● Clotilde Davenne, Crémant de Bourgogne Rosé, NV

FRANCE - Code: CLO5NV

Bottle: £22.50 | 6% off 6: £126.90 | 12% off 12: £237.60

A sparkler of great purity and drive from 100% Pinot Noir grown in a single-vineyard called Les Rosiers near the wonderfully named Saint-Bris-le-Vineux, hand-harvested, vinified in stainless steel and also without dosage. Bone dry, incisive, with the subtlest of fraise des bois and redcurrant flavours apparent. Fine mousse – all class. 12.5%. Now-2027

● Northbrook Vineyard, Classic Cuvée, 2020

ENGLAND - Code: NOR120

Bottle: £35.00 | 6% off 6: £197.40 | 12% off 12: £369.60

The Northbrook vineyard, nestled on the edge of the South Downs near the village of Bishop's Waltham, is one of England's oldest commercial vineyards – with some of the Bacchus vines planted in 1988. Owned by the Tuttiatt family since 2001, the focus is now very much on top quality sparkling wines made from classic Champagne grape varieties. The Classic Cuvée is a blend of 58% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 12% Pinot Meunier, and is very English in style: dry and focused with lemon, quince and bramley apple fruit enhanced by subtle almond and pastry notes. It was a very comfortable winner in our recent staff blind tasting of new English sparklers and comes highly recommended. 11.5%. Now-2027



Unoaked White Burgundy

Summer isn't summer without a case of proper unoaked white Burgundy. It's still the best value Chardonnay on the planet, full of both varietal and terroir character and it goes superbly with everything from salmon to salads.

● Fichet, Mâcon-Burg, Les 3 Terroirs, 2023

FRANCE - Code: FIC523

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

Olivier Fichet's unoaked Chardonnay comes from three plots of vines – some very old – in the excellent terroir of the northern Mâconnais near Viré. We have shipped every vintage of this since the 2005, testament to its quality and consistency. There's a charming floral scent to the latest vintage – a hint of blossom. Lots of ripe citrus flavour. Lightly creamy but also pleasingly fresh. Delicious. 13.5%. Now-2027.

● Domaine d'Elise, Petit Chablis, 2023

FRANCE - Code: ELS123

Bottle: £19.50 | 6% off 6: £109.98 | 12% off 12: £205.92

We have worked with this domaine for 23 years simply because the quality outstrips so many other wines from the region – and this Petit Chablis shames many 'actual' Chablis wines. Vigneron Frédéric Prain owns one block of vineyards, so chalky and stony as to appear like a white beach, on the boundary of the Chablis appellations. Indeed the vines for this Petit Chablis are adjacent to the 1er Cru Côte de Lechet. Forget any Petit prejudices and buy with confidence. 12%. Now-2027.

● Clotilde Davenne, Côtes d'Auxerre Blanc, 2023

FRANCE - Code: CLO823

Bottle: £19.95 6% off | 6: £112.52 | 12% off 12: £210.67

From one parcel of 65 year old, low-yielding Chardonnay vines on Kimmeridgian and Portlandian soils near St Bris just west of Chablis. Elegant and linear with impressive weight and concentration. Crisp citrus and apple fruit with stony minerality. Very long. Offers a wonderful alternative to both Chablis and Mâcon wines, being both alike and yet quite distinctive. 13%. Now-2029.

● Jean-Marie Chaland, Mâcon-Villages, Les Tilles, 2022

FRANCE - Code: SAB122

Bottle: £23.75 6% off | 6: £133.95 | 12% off 12: £250.80

This is serious Mâcon. Jean-Marie Chaland's wines are characterised by ripe, zesty fruit – our notes read white peach and quince compote – with notes of a saline minerality on the finish. A wine for classic fish dishes. 13%. Now-2028.



Grower Spotlight: Domaine des Forges, Loire

Founded in 1890 by a local cloth merchant Pierre Robineau, who bought 2ha. of vines, including a parcel known locally as 'Clos des Forges', this domaine has an enviable reputation in the Loire for the breadth and quality of its wines. Pierre's great-great-grandson Stéphane Branchereau is the current custodian, along with his wife Séverine. The dry wines are always terrific value for money and archetypes for their appellations, while the sweet wines are nothing less than astonishing. New for this year is a 10% abv demi-sec Chenin Blanc called Tendresse – it is light, gently off-dry, fruity and incredibly easy to drink.

● Forges, Sauvignon Blanc, IGP Val de Loire, 2024

FRANCE - Code: FOR724

Bottle: £11.95 | 6% off 6: £67.40 | 12% off 12: £126.19

There's much to praise here: an accessible, fruity, Sauvignon Blanc that comes in at just 11% abv this year. Crisp, grassy green apple fruit to the fore. Enjoyable with or without food. 11%. Now-2026

● Forges, Tendresse, Demi-Sec Chenin Blanc, 2024

FRANCE - Code: FOR024

Bottle: £12.50 | 6% off 6: £70.50 | 12% off 12: £132.00

New for this summer. A delightful, lowish-alcohol medium Chenin. Very pale colour, forward and juicy with sweet stone fruit notes and crisp acidity on the finish. Very much a wine for the garden and sunny afternoons. Only 10% alcohol too. Now-2027

● Forges, Chenin de Loire, 2024

FRANCE - Code: FOR824

Bottle: £13.50 | 6% off 6: £76.14 | 12% off 12: £142.56

Lighter than previous vintages thanks to the cooler summer, this has notes of white peach and apricot. As always, this goes excellently with spicy food, especially Thai with its vibrant lemongrass and lime leaf flavours. 11.5%. Now-2027

● Forges, Anjou Rouge, 2023

FRANCE - Code: FOR123

Bottle: £12.50 | 6% off 6: £70.50 | 12% off 12: £132.00

100% Cabernet Franc with no oak used. A very classic nose – blackcurrant leaf and raspberry fruit – followed by an impressively balanced, medium-bodied palate with cassis fruit and a hint of minerality from the slatey soils. Very well made and a pleasing 12.5% abv too. Now-2027.

Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon Blanc is still the UK's number one white grape variety in terms of bottles sold, with New Zealand leading the way, overtaking the classic French styles from the Loire and Bordeaux. The grape's dry-but-fruity style is easy to appreciate and often just as good without food as it is at dinner. The fact the winemaking is relatively straightforward – usually all stainless steel and bottled fresh – keeps the prices relatively low too. Away from NZ and France, South Africa is a go-to source for Sauvignon – check out the Cape Atlantic which is made by the celebrated Cederberg winery. It's quickly becoming one of our best sellers.

● Château Les Reuilles, Bordeaux Blanc Sauvignon, 2024

FRANCE - Code: REU124 [Screwcap]

Bottle: £11.75 | 6% off 6: £66.27 | 12% off 12: £124.08

100% unoaked Sauvignon from Entre Deux Mers. Simple and straightforward, it is performed well in the cooler 2024 vintage and delivers crisp lemon and green apple fruit. It makes a refreshing aperitif or could be enjoyed with smoked salmon. Bottled under screwcap to preserve freshness. 12.5%. Now-2026

● Cape Atlantic, Sauvignon Blanc, 2024

SOUTH AFRICA - Code: CED624 [Screwcap]

Bottle: £13.50 | 6% off 6: £76.14 | 12% off 12: £142.56

One of our bestselling whites. About two thirds from the young Sauvignon parcels at high altitude Cederberg, plus a third from the Ghost Corner vineyards at Elim near the southernmost tip of Africa – hence the gannet on the label. Juicy citrus and tropical fruit flavours with an underlying note of nettle. A vibrant and precise Sauvignon with a definite stony finish. 12.6%. Now-2026

● Domaine de l'Aumonier, Touraine Sauvignon, 2023

FRANCE - Code: AUM123

Bottle: £15.75 | 6% off 6: £88.83 | 12% off 12: £166.32

Everyone needs a go-to Loire Sauvignon and this organic wine from Touraine is ours. Whilst still very Loire in style, this also has some tropical fruit notes alongside the more typical citrus flavours. Plenty of volume and mouthfeel. It makes for a relaxing aperitif. 13%. Now-2026

● **Clos Henri, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2023**

NEW ZEALAND - Code: CLH123 [Screwcap]

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

New for this year. Henri Bourgeois was one of the winemakers who helped put Sancerre on the map in the 1950s and 1960s. Always a visionary, he was one of the first French winemakers to recognise the potential for great Sauvignon from New Zealand and started buying land in Blenheim over twenty-five years ago. The estates – both in Sancerre and Marlborough – are now managed by his grandsons Arnaud, Lionel and Jean-Christophe. This is a very impressive organic NZ Sauvignon with restrained tropical fruit and notes of peach, orange blossom and lime. Fantastic with shellfish. 13.5%. Now-2027.

● **Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Pernetts, 2023**

FRANCE - Code: BLA123

Bottle: £18.95 | 6% off 6: £106.88 | 12% off 12: £200.11

Mathieu has recently taken over the winemaking at this fabulous, traditional domaine from his father Francis – and his 2023s are delicious. It was a warm year which really emphasises the fruit, but despite the heat Mathieu has retained lots of classic Pouilly-Fumé minerality and focus. There's nothing fat or tropical here just concentrated fruit with hints of crushed coriander seed and preserved lemon. 13.5% Now-2028.

Chic Italian Whites

Who wouldn't want to spend the summer in an Italian villa with rolling hillsides, endless prosciutto, perfect tomatoes and a cellar full of very drinkable local wine? If real life is getting in the way, then this selection is the next best thing. Five wines from smaller, independent growers who are all on top form.

● **Le Tende, Custoza, 2024**

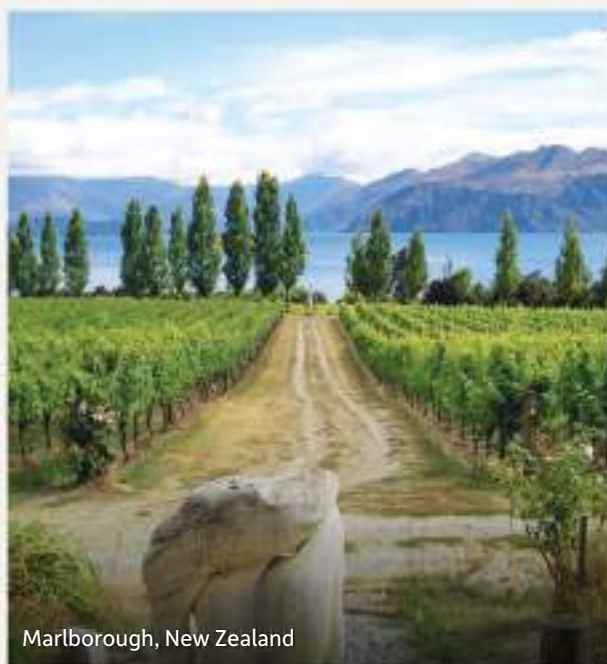
ITALY - Code: LET124

Bottle: £14.95 | 6% off 6: £84.32 | 12% off 12: £157.87

Despite having its DOC since 1971, Custoza is one of the hidden gems of Italian whites. Located between Verona and Lake Garda, it has long been in the shadow of wines such as Soave and Gavi. It deserves much better recognition – especially when made this well. A blend of Garganega, Tocai, Cortese, Trebbianello, it is fresh, zesty and full of citrus fruit with some mineral notes too. It is fantastic with seafood, lighter pastas and salads. 12.5%. Now-2026



Paolo and Paola Massi, Fiorano



Marlborough, New Zealand

● **Parisio, Gavi, 2024**

ITALY - Code: PAR124

Bottle: £15.25 | 6% off 6: £86.01 | 12% off 12: £161.04

Simon's long search for a Gavi that offered both typicity and value for money in spades finally ended a couple of years ago when he found a bottle of this wide in amongst a wide selection at Vinitaly. Alessandro Parisio's is the winemaker here – a thoughtful, quietly spoken chap who farms just 4ha. of old vine Cortese. 2024 was a cool year in these parts and that's reflected in a very classically styled Gavi: zesty citrus and grapefruit with crisp acidity and a subtle minerality. Ticks all the boxes. 12.5%. Now-2027

● **Corte Mainente, Soave Classico, Pigno, 2023**

ITALY - Code: MAI323

Bottle: £15.50 | 6% off 6: £87.42 | 12% off 12: £163.68

100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in a single vineyard in Pigno, known as one of the best terroirs in the hilly Classico zone and one of the official crus recognised in June 2019. Scent of pears. A ripe, almost lightly honeyed mouthful of lemon and pink grapefruit. Lots of volume and concentration – and finishes with the characteristic Garganega almond note. Terrific. Now-2027

● **Biancardi, Solo Fiano, Puglia, 2023**

ITALY - Code: BIA623

Bottle: £16.75 | 6% off 6: £94.47 | 12% off 12: £176.88

Michele Biancardi organically farms 9ha of vines near Cerignola, in the north-western corner of Puglia. The focus is purely on local grapes and Fiano leads the way for whites. Very open and perfumed – stone fruit with a twist of mint. Full flavoured, showing fresh apricots and pears with a mineral spine and incisive citric freshness. Plenty of substance too – Michele gives it a little skin contact in the press. It's most akin to a fresh Viognier. Excellent with grilled fish. 12.5%. Now-2026

● **Fiorano, Giulia Ermina, Marche Bianco, 2022**

ITALY - Code: FIO722

Bottle: £28.50 | 6% off 6: £160.74 | 12% off 12: £300.96

An unusual and serious white from a fantastic organic estate in Le Marche. 100% Percorino fermented in 500 litre tonneau with no temperature control, with a third of the barrels being new each vintage. Flashes of gold in the glass with notes of camomile and wildflowers. White peach on the palate with just a hint of something buttery. Wonderful concentration and balance with a long, fresh finish. 13.5%. Now-2027

New Grower Klaxon: Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Toulouse-le-Château, Jura

We have been on the lookout for a Jura producer for a couple of years but finding the right mix of style, quality and price is easier said than done. That is until we met Marie-Anne Lambert back in February. Marie-Anne and husband Frédéric farm 7ha. of vines in Le Chateley, twenty minutes east of Arbois. Prior to setting up the domaine in 1993, Frédéric worked for the local wine board, the Société de Viticulture du Jura, for ten years and his knowledge of the region's soils and terroirs is unmatched.

He put this experience to excellent use buying up tiny parcels of vines in exceptional locations. The focus is very much on the traditional Jurassien 'sous voile' style – whites made from Chardonnay and Savagnin aged under a thin film of yeast which gives a distinctive savoury, nutty character to the wines. That said, the more Burgundian Chardonnay Les Gryphées, named after a fossil found in the ancient vineyard soils, is a contender for our Wine of the Year so far – a stunning, serious wine with structure, minerality and fruit in perfect harmony. We've also shipped a small quantity of the exceptional Vin Jaune and some Trousseau – the region's best red grape which produces very elegant, light wines.

● Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Côtes du Jura Chardonnay, Sous Voile, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAM123

Bottle: £20.95 | 6% off 6: £118.16 | 12% off 12: £221.23

100% Chardonnay aged 'sous voile', under a thin film of yeast very similar to the Flor that gives Fino sherry its distinctive character. Ripe and elegant with red apple and lemon zest fruit complemented by the complex walnut, brioche and dried fruit notes that come from the deliberate oxidation. Long and savoury, it is fantastic with cheeses (especially Comté), fish and wild mushroom dishes. Will age well too. 13.5%. Now-2031

● Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Côtes du Jura Tradition, Sous Voile, 2022

FRANCE - Code: LAM222

Bottle: £24.95 | 6% off 6: £140.72 | 12% off 12: £263.47

70% Chardonnay and 30% Savagnin, fermented and aged 'sous voile' separately for two years before blending. Savagnin is the most celebrated Jurassienne white grape and it adds higher acidity and zest to the Chardonnay. A very intense wines with baked apple, almond and white peach notes with textbook Fino sherry notes. The soaring acidity on the very long finish demands food but will also help it age superbly in the cellar. 13%. Now-2033.

Lambert Jura Mixed Six

2 bottles of the Tradition Sous Voile, Chardonnay Les Gryphées & Trousseau for £125 saving £26.

£125.00

Code:
JUR625

● Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Côtes du Jura Chardonnay, Les Gryphées, 2022

FRANCE - Code: LAM322

Bottle: £26.95 | 6% off 6: £152.00 | 12% off 12: £284.59

Les Gryphées refers to the fossils of ancient oysters found in the vineyards, and this was our pick of over the 300 wines we tasted at Wine Paris back in February. A tiny production single vineyard Chardonnay made in a conventional Burgundian style. It has weight, structure, fruit and minerality perfectly in harmony with spiced apple fruit and just a hint of crème fraîche from the one-third aged in new oak. Serious and impressive, this is more than a match for top 1er Cru white Burgundy. 13.5%. Now-2032.

● Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Côtes du Jura Trousseau, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAM623

Bottle: £23.50 | 6% off 6: £132.54 | 12% off 12: £248.16

Whilst Jura is famed for its white wines, there are some excellent (light) reds too. Trousseau is our favourite of the local grapes. Beautiful pale ruby colour with a perfumed, pretty red fruit nose. Light and elegant on the palate with earthy, slightly smoky raspberry and plum fruit with very fine tannins adding all important structure and depth. Aged for a year in old oak, it will appeal to Pinot Noir lovers looking for something different. 13%. Now-2028.

● Domaine Frédéric Lambert, Vin Jaune, Côtes du Jura, 2017, 62cl

FRANCE - Code: LAM417

Bottle: £52.00 | 6% off 6: £293.28 | 12% off 12: £549.12

Vin Jaune is the Jura's unique gift to the world of wine, a long-aged oxidative wine made from 100% Savagnin and traditionally bottled in 62cl Clavelin bottles to reflect the wine lost to evaporation during the long maturation. Lambert's is aged for over six years in barrel with the flor-like yeast allowing the slow development of nutty, dried fruit flavours. Aromatic and complex on the nose with hints of old leather books and pickled walnuts. Bone dry, long and saline on the palate with notes of ceps and spices. Capable of very long ageing too. 14% Now-2040.



Frédéric and Marie-Anne Lambert, Domaine Lambert, Jura



Douro Valley, Portugal

Iberian Whites

We are slowly expanding our Spanish and Portuguese range as we find more and more interesting wines – and people – to work with. A combination of government investment, improved winemaking techniques and an enhanced appreciation of some brilliant local grape varieties has resulted in better and better wines – especially for whites.

● Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, 2024

SPAIN - Code: CON124

Bottle: £10.95 | 6% off 6: £61.76 | 12% off 12: £115.63

This has rightly become one of our go-to good value whites and it's again impressive in this latest vintage. Macabeo is the same grape as Viura, the principal ingredient in most white Rioja. Fresh and lively; with mid-palate nougat-like notes of cream and nuts; and kumquats and apricots on the long finish. Classy, interesting, equally good as a light aperitif as with food – and excellent value. 12%. Now-2026

● L'Oratge, Garnatxa Blanca, Terra Alta, 2024

SPAIN - Code: CDE724

Bottle: £13.25 | 6% off 6: £74.73 | 12% off 12: £139.92

A new livery for the wine formerly known as Las Colinas del Ebro. The name and label may have changed but everything else is much as it was: a super value, dry-but-fruity white from the Catalan mountains inland from Barcelona. Grapefruit scented with herbs – rosemary and bay leaf – with attractive pithiness and an incisive, lightly almondy finish. 13%. Now-2027

● Hasso, Vinho Branco, DOP Douro, 2022

PORTUGAL - Code: KRA122

Bottle: £14.50 | 6% off 6: £81.78 | 12% off 12: £153.12

Named after the four-legged friend of the Kranemann family, this is intended to be the vinous equivalent of man's best friend. From the Cima-Corgo subregion, it's a blend of 38% Viosinho, 33% Rabigato, 19% Códaga do Lario and 10% Donzelinho grown on schist soil. Bright and energetic, a fresh wine with lots of green fruit and notes of pineapple and liquorice too. Decent weight and structure, all underpinned by minerality. 12.5%. Now-2026.

● Landcraft, Alvarinho, Vinho Branco, Vinho Verde, 2023

PORTUGAL - Code: GEO223

Bottle: £17.95 | 6% off 6: £101.24 | 12% off 12: £189.55

Alvarinho is the Portuguese name for Albariño – but this is a very different wine to the Aba de Trasmia in Simon's mixed case (see page 2). Lighter and zestier, it has Vinho Verde's textbook zingy fruit but with eight months on lees adding some depth and weight. *"So fragrant with the scent of fennel flowers and pollen that it's like crushing wild fennel in your palm. Tight and bitter and lemony, glittery with marine and quinine. A wine for rock oysters, samphire and lemon. 16/20. 2025-2028"*, Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, 17th January 2025. 12.5%

● Inospito, Rabigato, Vinho Branco, Douro, 2022

PORTUGAL - Code: GEO322

Bottle: £22.50 | 6% off 6: £126.90 | 12% off 12: £237.60

A truly brilliant, tiny production white from an ambitious young winemaking couple, Nuno Morais Vaz and Daniela Matias. 100% old vine Rabigato, a native Douro grape, given one year of ageing in a mixture of 500 and 600 litre new and old French barrels. The result is a wine that is expressive of the Douro but with a nod to Burgundy. Rich and creamy, the baked apple flavours make it taste like Tarte Tartin before a mineral note comes through to balance it all. There is wonderful fat on the palate, but plenty of acidity to counteract it. Superbly long, an aristocrat of wine that would be perfect with poached chalk stream trout. 14%. Now-2027

Provence Rosé

You can have any colour you want as long as it is pale pink. Provence continues to lead the way for rosé lovers and the 2024 vintage has produced some super wines. After two hot, dry years 2024 had sufficient winter rainfall to refresh the vines and a longer, slightly cooler summer allowed harvest to take place in early September with excellent balance of ripeness and acidity. Stock up now for the warm weather ahead.

● Ferry Lacombe, Mystère, IGP Méditerranée, 2024

FRANCE - Code: FLA524

Bottle: £13.25 | 6% off 6: £74.73 | 12% off 12: £139.92

One of our best sellers - made from vines just outside the Côtes de Provence AOC and thus terrific value. Grenache Noir, Grenache Blanc and Caladoc. Very pale with juicy strawberry and peach fruit. Very clean and fresh. 12.5%. Now-2026.

● Château du Seuil, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, 2024

FRANCE - Code: SEU524

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

Organically farmed since 2020, north of Aix-en-Provence on plains 350m above sea level. A blend of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault and Rolle. Very pale pink. This turns up the dial on 'everyday rosé' - everything is just more focused and intense. Fragrant blossom and stone fruit to the fore. 12.5%. Now-2027. Magnums and double magnums also available.

● Ferry Lacombe, Naos, Côtes de Provence Rosé, 2024

FRANCE - Code: CFL524

Bottle: £18.50 | 6% off 6: £104.34 | 12% off 12: £195.36

Naos is a Greek temple or shrine. This is one of the Pinot family's top cuvées, from 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah grown on argilo-calcaire soils and it is a real step up from this producer's Mystère cuvée - great concentration. Very aromatic with a hint of sherbety orange and a moreish, saline finish. 13.5%. Now-2026. Magnums also available.

● Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Léoube, 2024

FRANCE - Code: LEO524B

Bottle: £22.50 | 6% off 6: £126.90 | 12% off 12: £237.60

Another very good vintage from the team at Léoube, one of the few premium brands of Provence rosé where the quality of the wine matches the marketing. Predominantly Grenache and Cinsault with a little Syrah and Mourvèdre. Crystalline red berry and citrus flavours. Very long and refreshing. 14%. Now-2026. Magnums also available.



Château de Seuil



Vineyards at Château Léoube

Rosé: Rest of the World

Lots of fun - and great value - rosés here from Bordeaux, south-west France, the Languedoc and Italy and into South Africa. As a rule, these wines pack a little more fruit and flavour than those from Provence which gives them more versatility when serving with food.

● Zou Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

FRANCE - Code: ZOU124

Bottle: £9.95 | 6% off 6: £56.12 | 12% off 12: £105.07

We went hunting for new good value rosé at Wine Paris and were very pleased with this find. Pale and fruity, this is an easy-going summery wine packed with soft strawberry notes that punches above its weight. Just 11% abv too. Now-2026.

● La Combe Saint-Paul, Amandiers Rosé,

IGP Pays d'Oc, 2024

FRANCE - Code: CSP524

Bottle: £11.50 | 6% off 6: £64.86 | 12% off 12: £121.44

A blend of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah from the Maurys' vineyards near the Med south of Narbonne. Back by popular demand! Very versatile - enjoy with or without food. 12.5%. Now-2026

● La Madeleine, Juli, Pinot Nero Rosato, 2023

ITALY - Code: MAD523

Bottle: £13.95 | 6% off 6: £78.68 | 12% off 12: £147.31

A surprise: who would have thought one would find an elegant Pinot Noir rosé in southern Umbria, near Narni? It's named after Giulia, the eldest daughter of the D'Alema family, who runs the seven hectares of vines with her mother. This is pale pink, beautifully ripe and rounded, silky, with juicy red cherry and redcurrant flavours. So prettily scented, a delicious treat. Enjoy on its own - or it has enough body to accompany food well. 13%. Drink this year.

● Le Tende, Chiaretto di Bardolino, Classico, 2024

ITALY - Code: LET524

Bottle: £14.95 | 6% off 6: £84.32 | 12% off 12: £157.87

A charming Chiaretto (the name simply means "pale" in Italian) based on 80% Corvina with Rondinella and Molinara, certified organic. Very pale - it's just the press juice, given no time on the skins at all. Crunchy redcurrant fruit, vibrant and delicious. Fantastic with Italian-inspired summery food. 12.5%. Now-2026.

● Clos Floridene, Le Rosé de Floridene, Bordeaux, 2023

FRANCE - Code: FLO523

Bottle: £16.5 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

The late Denis Dubourdieu, winemaker, château owner and professor of oenology led the revolution in white and rosé winemaking in Bordeaux in the 1980s and 1990s. Clos Floridene was the Graves estate he created with his wife, Florence. It is now run by their son Jean-Jacques and he makes this delightful Merlot-based rosé. Bold pink, with a pretty perfume of red fruit, it's subtly pleasing, with hints of stone fruit and flowers. A good all-rounder, enjoyable to drink on its own but with enough substance to accompany food well, it's a classy alternative to Provence rosés. 13.5%. Drink this year.

Grower Spotlight: Domaine Vendôme, Northern Rhône

The vineyards at Vendôme are over fifty years old, but the first vintage here was 2020 with organic certification following a year later. Prior to this the grapes were sent down the road to the co-operative, Caves de Tain. The catalyst for the change was Romain Roudier taking over his family's farm and realising the quality of the terroir at his disposal. Suddenly the grapes on the farm started to become more important than the apricots and peaches planted in the adjacent orchards.

Since that first vintage, Romain – and his wife Céline, whom he met when she came to pick apricots as a student – have seen Vendôme quickly become one of the most exciting growers in Crozes-Hermitage. The wines are very focused and pure with intense fruit; nothing is over-worked or forced. With the possible exception of the Cornas, which needs time in the cellar to fully open, these are reds that will drink well now and for the next five to seven years.

Vendôme Mixed Six

1 bottle of each the six wines below for £167 saving £22.

£167.00

Code:
VDM625

● Vendôme, Viognier, Le Puits des Mejeans, IGP, 2024

FRANCE - Code: VEN624

Bottle: £18.75 | 6% off 6: £105.75 | 12% off 12: £198.00

Viognier from decomposed granite soils near Larnage made only in stainless steel to preserve freshness and focus on the peach and nectarine fruit. Zingy and bright with a mineral note on the finish. Beautifully made. 13%. Now-2027.

● Vendôme, Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Les Bruclas, 2023

FRANCE - Code: VEN823

Bottle: £24.50 | 6% off 6: £138.18 | 12% off 12: £258.72

We sold out of this before Christmas – a disaster – but have managed to secure a little more stock. 70% Marsanne and 30% Roussanne with about a third of the Marsanne aged in 500 litre oak demi-muids, the rest in stainless steel. Deliciously aromatic. Lightly herbal with notes of acacia and orange blossom threaded through it. The palate has some weight to it but is fresh and vibrant. Flat peach, custard apple, with some mirabelle plum all mingle together with great effect. Drink with creamy chicken and veal dishes. 13%. Now-2027

● Vendôme, Terre des Chaux, IGP, 2023

FRANCE - Code: VEN723

Bottle: £19.50 | 6% off 6: £109.98 | 12% off 12: £205.92

From young vines on the estate, vinified and aged exclusively in stainless steel to give a fresh and elegant style of Syrah. Vibrant blueberry and raspberry fruit dominate this wine. There is something slightly savoury here too which balances the wine. Incredibly juicy and fruity. So much fun and enjoyment here. Light Northern Rhône Syrah under £20, what is not to love? 12.5%. Now-2026

● Vendôme, Crozes-Hermitage, Les Coulares, 2023

FRANCE - Code: VEN123

Bottle: £24.95 | 6% off 6: £140.72 | 12% off 12: £263.47

Les Coulares is sourced from two clay-limestone hillside parcels: Les Coulares and Les Châssis Est. Aged in concrete, it has sappy, ripe red berry fruit that has a couple of twists of black pepper. Lots of energy and drive, and very long on the finish. 13%. Now-2030 Magnums also available.



Céline and Romain Roudier, Domaine Vendôme

● Vendôme, Crozes-Hermitage, Ergeron, 2022

FRANCE - Code: VEN322

Bottle: £33.95 | 6% off 6: £191.48 | 12% off 12: £358.51

Vendôme's top Crozes is sourced from two parcels, including one on loess soils just behind the famed Hill of Hermitage. Aged for six months in concrete followed by a year in large 500l. old oak barrels. Dark cherries galore on the nose; the palate is deep and serious with concentrated fruit and balanced oak. Tiers of flavour that will unfold with time. Super. 13%. 2027-2035.

● Vendôme, Cornas, Baryte, 2022

FRANCE - Code: VEN422

Bottle: £45.95 | 6% off 6: £259.16 | 12% off 12: £485.23

The Roudier family at Vendôme now farm just under a hectare of Cornas, passed on to them by the retiring Jean-Marie Teyssière. The Syrah vines are approximately 80 years old in the high Chaban sector, on granitic soils marked by baryte, quartz-like inclusions, hence the name. The 2022, aged in 500l. demi-muids, 25% new, is majestic. Perfumed and floral on the nose; ripe, layered and intense on the palate with spiced black fruit and hints of iron. Silky tannins hold everything close at the moment. No rush here – this is a wine that will reward time in the cellar. 13%. 2027-2037.



Didier Lagneau and family

Reds for Chilling

Every year some influencer or other will declare that chilled reds is the 'trend of the summer' causing a wry smile at SVS HQ. We've long advocated giving reds a short spell in the fridge or ice bucket in warm weather. Lowering the temperature just a few degrees will accentuate the acidity and bright fruit of reds, exactly what we want when the sun has got his hat on. The trick works for lots of reds, but particularly lighter styles such as the four listed below.

● La Liquière, Tutti Frutti Rouge, Vin de France, 2024

FRANCE - Code: TUT124

Bottle: £12.95 | 6% off 6: £73.04 | 12% off 12: £136.75

60% Cinsault, 20% Syrah, and 20% Grenache. The vines are all from AOC Faugères but declassified to VDF to match the fun, modern packaging. The wine is delicious too. Young, pure and primary with crunchy black fruit – a big hit at our Beautiful South tasting in the spring. 13%. Now-2026

● Artisan Wines, Zweigelt Pure, Burgenland, 2022

AUSTRIA - Code: ART022 [Screwcap]

Bottle: £14.50 | 6% off 6: £81.78 | 12% off 12: £153.12

Franz Schneider's Pure wines are aged in 2,000-3,000 litre, old (and therefore neutral) acacia vats. Sankt Laurent (or St Laurent) is a genetic offspring of Pinot Noir. Aromas of crushed black fruit; and then sappy, blackberry and sour cherry flavours. Open and juicy, with splendid aromatics for a wine at this price and a lightly peppery finish. Perfect for drinking with a light lunch, for example charcuterie or chicken. 13%. Now-2027

● La Chapelle des Bois, Fleurie, Grand Pré, 2023

FRANCE - Code: CHB123

Bottle: 16.50 | 6% off 6: 93.06 | 12% off 12: 174.24

Fleurie has an association with "flowery" – but the best wines can have substance too. Bright youthful purple. Vibrant red-berried and black-cherryed fruit. Very traditional example, showing a lively bite and enough fruit tannins to accompany food well. 13%. Now-2027

● Piekenierskloof, Grenache Noir, 2023

SOUTH AFRICA - Code: PIK823

Bottle: £17.95 | 6% off 6: £101.24 | 12% off 12: £189.55

Piekenierskloof has more Grenache planted than any other estate in the Cape – that's why so many of the young gun winemakers buy their Grenache here. We reckon going direct to the source delivers better value. From vines averaging over 25 years old, but incorporating parcels going back to 1973; all into old, effectively neutral, oak. Soft red hue. Cherry-scented, dusted with vanilla. Luscious raspberry and red cherry fruit. So expansive – just flowers on the palate. Perfect fresh acidity and very soft tannins. Delightfully transparent; and with that lowish alcohol level, this is gentle and pleasurable to drink. 13%. Now-2027

Grower Spotlight: Domaine Lagneau, Beaujolais

"Old World, Old Vines, Old Oak" is a pretty good description of what we look for in an SVS wine – and Didier Lagneau's wines tick all three boxes. Didier's ancestors have made wine here for over 200 years and the approach to winemaking won't have changed much in that time: there are no concrete eggs or clay amphorae here, just large old wooden vats which subtly soften and round the wines. The secret, however, lies in the vineyards with the old vines – many more than 70 years of age. Didier farms them sensitively with the respect that comes from an expectation that his own grandchildren will follow in his footsteps in years to come. The results are wines that are unmistakably Beaujolais but that have a depth and concentration rarely seen in the region. "Fine Wine" is not an epithet that is often applied to Gamay, but we would argue that Didier's wines are a notable exception.

Lagneau Cru Dozen

4 bottles of each of the 3 wines
below for £180 saving £27.

£180.00

Code:
LCD25

● Lagneau, Régnié, Vieilles Vignes, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAG323

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

One of our long-term favourites, from old vines on the granitic hills just to the south of Morgon. Gérard is the father chez Lagneau. As ever - we have been shipping this ever since the 2001 vintage - this is terrific. Didier's 'home' cru, Régnié, is home to classic sandy and granitic Beaujolais soils and known for its fragrant, structured wines. Ripe, aromatic bramble and raspberry notes with a mineral undertow. Excellent depth on the mid-palate with a long, exciting finish. 13.4%. Now-2029.

● Lagneau, Côte de Brouilly, Vieilles Vignes, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAG423

Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80

The Côte de Brouilly cru is a sub-set of the larger Brouilly Cru and reserved for vineyards on the higher slopes of the volcanic Mont Brouilly. The wines tend to be more concentrated, intense and age-worthy than regular Brouilly and Didier's 2023 is perfect example. Dark cherries and peppery spice with real vigour and vibrancy on the palate. Superb. 13.6%. Now-2030.

● Lagneau, Morgon, Vieilles Vignes, 2023

FRANCE - Code: LAG622

Bottle: £17.95 | 6% off 6: £101.24 | 12% off 12: £189.55

Magnums: £39.95

Morgon is perhaps the most highly regarded of Beaujolais' ten Crus and home to some of its more celebrated vineyards where schist and granite dominate. This is the biggest and broadest of Didier's Crus, but it retains a thrilling lightness and zip. Focused, pure blackberry and plum fruit with subtle floral notes, silky tannins and a beautifully fresh finish. There's a handful of magnums available too. 13.5% abv. Now-2032



Piekenierskloof, South Africa

Cooking on Coals: Reds for outdoor grilling

Cooking outdoors is one of the great treats of summertime – and the best way is still over coal, or wood. Nothing else quite matches it for the aroma, the char and the smoke – and be it lamb chops or a whole middle eastern spiced cauliflower. This sort of robust cooking calls for a more robust red, and here's a selection of our favourites.

● Six Hats, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2024

SOUTH AFRICA - Code: SIX824

Bottle: £12.50 | 6% off 6: £70.50 | 12% off 12: £132.00

Piekenierskloof's Six Hats is a new label for us. We've shipped it following a small vintage where the Cabernet fruit went into this wine as there wasn't enough to make the 'regular' Piekenierskloof estate wine. Certified Fairtrade, it has lot of juicy ripe fruit and soft, approachable tannins. An easy and fun Cape Cabernets that is well-made and very well priced. Perfect with barbecued sausages or halloumi. 13%. Now-2027

● Michele Biancardi, Primitivo Puro, IGT Puglia, 2022

ITALY - Code: BIA322

Bottle: £15.95 | 6% off 6: £89.96 | 12% off 12: £168.43

"It's highly unusual to find a Puglia Primitivo at 13.5% (they're usually 15%) so I am not surprised that this wine tastes like it might be off dry. Arrested fermentation, possibly? It doesn't matter. The wine is fresh and juicy. The fruit is honest, full of Puglian warmth and generosity, cooked damsons and strawberries and cranberries. The tannins are as soft as cashmere and you'll want to wrap yourself in them if you're cold and it's dark and rainy outside, or if you have flu. If you like a bone-dry red, you'll recoil. But if you're adventurous and love food as much as wine, you'll nab this as the perfect wine for cold, smoked duck breast served with cranberry sauce; or warm red-cabbage salad topped with caramelised hazelnuts and ricotta cheese and dressed with a cranberry dressing. Foodie wine. Drink 2023-2027. **GV** 16.5/20", Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, December 2023.



● Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Roble, 2022

SPAIN - Code: LAH122

Bottle: £16.50 | 6% off 6: £93.06 | 12% off 12: £174.24

A blend of 92% Tempranillo, 5% Abillo Mayor and 4% Merlot. This offers lots of generous black fruit. Blackcurrant, black cherry and some strawberry are present along with something floral, maybe a touch of lavender. This is both substantive and fun. It has a small amount of oak which rounds out the fruit. An ideal partner for hearty red meat dishes such as butterflied leg of lamb. 14.5%. Now-2026

● Carinae, Malbec, 225-E, Mendoza, 2022

ARGENTINA - Code: CAE222

Bottle: £17.50 | 6% off 6: £98.70 | 12% off 12: £184.80

Malbec and meat is a tried and tested combination. This wine is based on splendid fruit from the very old wines at the Carinae estate, now almost within the spreading southern edge of Mendoza. Lovely deep hue. Deliciously ripe and fleshy, all gorgeous and dense brambly and cherry fruit with just the right acidity to balance the lush fruit flavours. Lovely aromatics, delivering a floral (roses?) perfume, along with notes of liquorice and black coffee. Splendid length. This is a super, perfectly ready, well-oaked Mendoza Malbec: a modern classic. 14.3%. Now-2030

● Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore, 2020

ITALY - Code: FIO320

Bottle: £18.95 | 6% off 6: £106.88 | 12% off 12: £200.11

80% Montepulciano and 20% Sangiovese, aged in old French oak barrels. By far the best vintage we have ever tasted: rich and fleshy, with vigorous raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant flavours, but also aromatic. Intense without being overpowering. a red for venison or strongly spiced sausages. 14.5%. Now-2029

Pinot Noir

Pinot truly is a grape for all seasons, but summer is particularly good – especially for wines from outside Burgundy. The lighter style and juicy cherry fruit make it a fine choice for warmer evenings.

● Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, 2021

CHILE - Code: FRI321

Bottle: £10.50 | 6% off 6: £59.22 | 12% off 12: £110.88

Many of you have already adopted this supple and fruity Pinot Noir as your go-to Pinot. Valle Frio is an offshoot of a family-owned business with 19th century origins: Maule used to be the old heart of wine production within Chile. Pale hue. Pretty strawberry and cherry fruit. Surprisingly authentic – this exhibits both Pinot's aromatics with attractive juiciness and pleasing lightly savoury hints. Very easy drinking. 13.5%. Drink this year

● Esk Valley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2021

NEW ZEALAND - Code: ESK621 [Screwcap]

Bottle: £15.50 | 6% off 6: £87.42 | 12% off 12: £163.68

A bright and soft style of Pinot Noir from Marlborough; from vines growing on clay soils, giving a pleasing intensity to the fruit. Long notes of raspberry and red cherry with just a lick of sweetness from some time in French oak. Great charm. 13.5%. Now-2026

● Domaine Begude, Les Cerisiers, Pinot Noir, 2023

FRANCE - Code: BEG623

Bottle: £15.75 | 6% off 6: £88.83 | 12% off 12: £166.32

We have been shipping from James Kingslake's Domaine Begude for well over a decade. Located up in the hills of Limoux, not far from the famous citadel in Carcassonne, the focus here is on cool climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Les Cerisiers = the cherry trees and there is a distinct cherry edge to the nose and palate here. Pure and focused - just 10% of the assemblage is aged in old oak. Rounded and smooth. 13%. Now-2027

● Fichet, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2023

FRANCE - Code: FIC623

Bottle: £19.95 | 6% off 6: £112.52 | 12% off 12: £210.67

A brand new wine for this summer. Authentic red Burgundy under £20 has become very hard to find so we were delighted to be poured this by Olivier Fichet, who has supplied us with fantastic Mâcon whites for years. Very pretty red fruit on the nose with a pure, slightly earthy palate and fine tannins. Lots of attractive, fresh fruit but without anything tart or hard. Extremely likeable. 12.5%. Now-2028



● Hoddles Creek Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2023

AUSTRALIA - Code: HOD623

Bottle: £23.50 | 6% off 6: £132.54 | 12% off 12: £248.16

Hoddles Creek is rather a hidden gem here in the UK – but their reputation for top class Pinot Noir in Australia continues to grow and grow. All de-stemmed fruit with no crushing. 30% new, 30% one year old and the rest in older barrels. Ruby bright. Red and black cherries, fringed by toast and vanilla. Very pure and elegant. Plenty of body for keeping. Victoria Moore, writing in the Telegraph, back in January loved it: "Given the current price of proper pinot this gorgeous, fluent wine could be seen as a bargain", Victoria Moore, **The Telegraph Magazine**, 25th January 2025. 13.2%. Now-2029

● Lequin-Colin, Santenay Rouge, 1er Cru La Comme, 2020

FRANCE - Code: LEQ720

Bottle: £35.95 | 6% off 6: £202.76 | 12% off 12: £379.63

From a very well-sited south-east facing 1er Cru on the border with Chassagne-Montrachet. Deep ruby red. Black fruit, sappy freshness, medium tannins with good structure. This is now entering its prime drinking window and a recent bottle was absolutely singing. Very well priced for 1er Cru red Burgundy in the current market. 13.5%. Now-2030

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