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All wines discounted by 10% by the unsplit case until the end of June



Here are four moderately priced fizzes, all perfect for an al fresco aperitif – or a party

Floriano Cinti, Pignoletto Frizzante, Colli Bolognesi, Italy, NV, 13%

Bottle £11.95 £9.50
Code CIN1NV

Pignoletto is the name of the delicious sparkling wine made in the foothills of the Apennines south and south-west of Bologna. From the Grechetto Gentile grape, with the fizz produced in the same way as Prosecco, i.e. in a closed tank, it's foamy, dry and citrusy, with accents of pears and green apple. Creamy, rounded and with a crisp appley finish, it needs drinking fairly soon, hence the 20% discount. Drink now

Diamant de Loire, Crémant de Loire, Brut, France, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case with 10% off £137.70 Code DIA1NV

New to our list last summer: if you are seeking an easy-drinking, light, perfectly clean and fresh fizz, then look no further. Fine mousse. Ripe, gently appley fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Easy to like, and so much classier than a lot of Prosecco. Now-2020

Drusian, Rose Mari, Spumante Rosato, Extra Dry, Italy, NV, 12%

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code DRU5NV

Of course we still have pallets here of your favourite Drusian Extra Dry Prosecco (£14.50, code DRU1NV), but in summer do try their brilliant pink sparkler, from Pinot Noir grown in the cool hills of Alto Adige and made in the same way as Prosecco (i.e. in a closed tank). It's a gently fizzy, very pale pink glass of red fruit – wild strawberries. Very lightly savoury, showing true Pinot character, this makes a perfect aperitif, and a bottle vanishes very quickly indeed. Now-2020

J. Laurens, Crémant de Limoux, Les Graiménous, Brut, France, 2016, 12%

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code LAU316

A blend of 60% Chardonnay with 30% Chenin, 5% Pinot Noir and 5% Mauzac, this is a dead ringer for Champagne, racy and vital, but with some bready complexity too. Now-2020



Off-Dry Refreshers

It's absurd that off-dry whites are unfashionable – somehow it's seen as infra dig to enjoy a drink with some sweetness, as though natural grape sugar is inherently sinful and down-market. But sweetness balanced by a good bite of acidity makes for a refreshing wine, perfect for sipping al fresco.

Dr Loosen, Estate Riesling, Mosel, Germany, 2016, 8% [Screwcap]

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26 Code DRL116

Ernie Loosen's entry level, off-dry Riesling is a benchmark Mosel example, showing the classic balance of sweetness and acid. Ripe lemon and green apple, fruity and refreshing. Now-2022

Cederberg, Bukettraube, Cederberg, South Africa, 2018, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code CED318

Bukettraube, a 19th century German cross between Silvaner and the obscure Schiva Grossa, is barely grown outside South Africa, but handled well it makes a delicious medium dry wine, perfect well-chilled as a summer aperitif, with liver pâté or Thai-style seafood. Intriguing aromas, showing a Muscat-like grapiness with a slightly smoky note. Sweet orange attack, but with a crisp, irony spine. Now-2021

Ashton Hills, Riesling, Adelaide Hills, Australia, 2017, 11% [Screwcap]

Bottle £20.50 Case with 10% off £221.40 Code ASH617

A perfect, palate-stimulating balance of ripe peach and apricot flavours, and steely citric cut. 5-7 grams of residual sugar make it so much more enjoyable than more austere examples. Transparent and intense; lovely on its own or drink with oysters, scallops or any seafood. Now-2023



Six different grape varieties here, all fresh and lively styles

**Apaltagua, Sauvignon
Blanc Reserva, San
Antonio, Chile, 2017, 13%
[Screwcap]**

**Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off
£96.66 Code APA617**

From rolling hills, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific, just south of Casablanca. Excellent value, combining cool climate grassiness and sense of nettles with elderflower aromatics and bright fruit. Drink this year

**La Combe Saint-Paul, Vermentino IGP Pays d'Oc,
2018, 13%**

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code CSP618

Vermentino (Rolle in Provence) seems perfectly suited to Mediterranean conditions, from the shores of Tuscany to the Languedoc. An open, stone fruited attack gives way to a more gentle, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry - a fine aperitif wine. Now-2020

Sunny Whites Dozen

£130.77 Code SW119

A mixed case of two bottles of each of the first six wines on this spread, with a discount of 10%

**Domaine du Tariquet, Amplitude, Côtes de Gascogne,
France, 2017, 12.5% [Screwcap]**

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code TRR417

A relatively new wine from Tariquet, from 100% Gros Manseng: fresh, lightly grassy, with a core of pears and grapefruit; some breadth and texture - hence the name - but also refreshing. Now-2020

**Corte Mainente Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, Italy,
2017, 12.5%**

Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code MAI317

100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in Pigno, one of the best terroirs in the hilly Classico zone. Fresh pear and exotic fruit, with a guava mineral zip, lots of texture and an almondy finish. A top Soave with real personality. Now-2020

**Pizzini, Verduzzo, King Valley, Australia, 2017,
14% [Screwcap]**

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code PIZ117

Verduzzo's home is in Friuli, made there into dry and sweet wines. It delivers real weight: full-flavoured - stone fruit and cream, long and penetrating. Perfect for chicken dishes. Now-2020

Silent Noise, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, Australia, 2017, 13% [Screwcap]

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code SIL117

From grapes sourced in the cool Adelaide Hills, this is very much in the fresh modern Aussie idiom. Pale and clear. All barrel fermented, half in new oak, but it's not in the least an "oaky" wine, rather a streamlined, lightly creamy example, lemony and bright. Now-2020

Domaine Fourrey, Chablis, France, 2016, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code FRR116

From a brother and sister team in Milly, this is now showing superbly: decent Chablis keeps so well. This opens beautifully, offering ripe, almost lightly honeyed scents, and then completely consistent flavours of citrus and dairy, with good weight too. The 2018 follows at £16.95. Now-2021



Some advice: those who prefer an understated style should pick the Salette, Forges Loire rosé or Quatre Tours; those who like a rosé with plenty of fruit, vigour and flavour should consider La Grave, Fiorano and Ribotte; the rest are good all-rounders.

Le Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.25 Case with 10% off £89.10 Code PEP518

We sell pallets of the Petit Pont Rosé – that's how good this honest rosé is. From Grenache and Cinsault, in the Provençale style, pale, light and refreshing, it offers a scent of red berries and a pretty mouthful of strawberry and cranberry fruit, with a crisp finish. Nothing complicated, just a well-made, dry rosé perfect for regular consumption. Now-2020

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne, Rosé, 2018, XX% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code SAL518

A lively and pure rosé from the south-west, from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc; the latter brings a little perfume. Pale, attractive salmon pink. Light and easy-drinking, towards the white wine end of the spectrum but not without subtle strawberry hints. Pretty, understated and refreshing. Now-2020

Domaine des Forges, Rosé de Loire, 2018, 11.5%

Bottle £10.25 Case with 10% off £110.70 Code FOR518

A dry rosé made from about 70% Grolleau and 30% Cabernet Franc, given a slow, gentle pressing in a pneumatic press – arguably a better way to make quality rosé than bleeding off a tank of red wine. Warm pink. This has a charming perfume of crushed red fruits; and a subtle flavour of *fraises des bois* and ripe red cherries. Fresh and clean, excellent as an aperitif or for a cold lunch – and note the lowish alcohol level too. Now-2020

Château La Grave, Minervois Rosé, Expression, 2018, 13%

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code GRV418

From approximate halves of Syrah and Grenache, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity, but the Orosquette family who own La Grave felt 2018 was a top vintage for rosé. Pale pink. Lifted red fruit aromas. An appealing and hugely generous gush of strawberries and raspberries. This is a perfect all rounder, fruity enough to enjoy on its own but also dry enough for food. Now-2020

Domaine Begude, Pinot Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20 Code BEG518

We introduced this organically farmed rosé last summer and it was hugely popular: the Pinot Noir is a real point of difference in the south. Clear pale salmon hue. Bright perfume of red berries. Light on its feet, refreshing, with red berry and pomegranate flavours. Now-2020

Mas d'Agamas, Mourvèdre Rosé, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2018, 13%

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20 Code AGA518

This pale rosé from Mourvèdre, the grape associated with Bandol (see below), is beautifully made, using *pressurage direct*, (i.e. gentle pressing of red grapes, rather than rosé coming from juice drawn off a vat almost as a byproduct of red winemaking), arguably the best way of making rosé. Pale, lightly coppery hue. Lightly red-fruited but with fascinating exotic fruit hints. Delicate and fine. Now-2020

Fiorano, Rosato, IGT Marche, Italy, 2018, 12%

Bottle £12.25 Case with 10% off £132.30 Code FIO518

100% Sangiovese, from organically farmed vines grown in a beautiful amphitheatre on the edge of the Appennines. Well flavoured - ripe red cherries and pomegranates - but also dry and with an almost imperceptible saline note, this is a gastronomic rosé, perfect for grilled fish or any Mediterranean-style salad. Now-2020

Bourbon Rosés Case

£110.00 Code BR219

A mixed case of two bottles of each of the first six wines on this spread, with a discount of 10%

Les Quatre Tours, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, Signature, 2018, 13%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code QUA518

Magnum £26.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £143.10 Code QUA918

This characteristic Provençale blend, from 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Rolle, comes from a small co-operative just north of Aix; it's a long-term favourite here. Very pale - a transparent onion skin tint - generous fruit and restrained elegance: flavours of white peach, melon and berries, with satisfying weight and a fine dry finish. Now-2020

Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anaïs, 2018, 13%

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 Code RIB518

Bandol produces the finest rosés in the world, based on the Mourvèdre grape which thrives on the Mediterranean sunshine and clay soils. This is the fifth vintage we have offered of this example made by Laurence Desblache and her son Nicolas, and we ship more each year as it gathers converts. As usual, exciting aromas of white peach and pink grapefruit leap out of the glass; followed by delectable intensity of peach melba and cream. Really well-textured, with a characteristic long and mineral finish. Now-2020



Summer Reds

What is the definition of an ideal red for summer? Here is my recipe: bright fruit; juiciness, including refreshing acidity; lowish to moderate alcohol, oak and tannin; in a light to medium body. The Australians have a great word for wines like these - "smashable" - with liveliness and immediate appeal.

Les Pradelles, IGP Herault, 2018, 12% [Screwcap]

Bottle £7.75 Case with 10% off £83.70 Code PRD118

From Carignan and Grenache. Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for parties! Now-early 2020

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne Rouge, France, 2017, 13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 Code SAL617

This is a light, deliciously purple-hued wine which one could easily serve lightly chilled with lunch or with spicy food: the French would call it "*frais*", fresh. From a frost-affected year, it's more concentrated than previous vintages. There's a sense of fresh ripe strawberries and raspberries, a gentle fragrance, plenty of flesh and minimal tannins. Very easy-drinking, a blend of Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, it delivers simple, immediate pleasure. Now-2020

Segares, Rioja Tempranillo, Spain, 2016, 13.5%

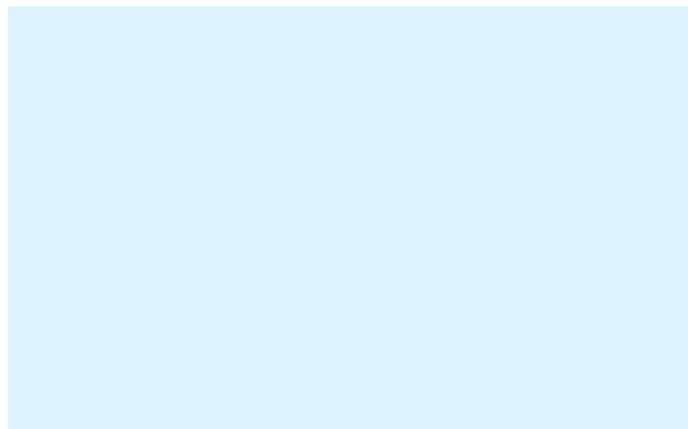
Bottle £9.75 Case with 10% off £105.30 Code NES116

From a small - 25 hectare - family-owned Rioja estate situated in Rioja Media, where the vineyards lie on a plateau at 520-650 metres between the Ocón and Jubera valleys. Unoaked pure Tempranillo of the *joven* style from 30+ year old vines which deliver excellent concentration. Very ripe, pulpy and strawberryish, soft and juicy; a simple pleasure. Now-2020

Begali, Valpolicella Classico, Italy, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06 Code BEF116

Oh for those frivolous days of one's youth, drinking "Valpol" with "Spag Bol". Underrated now, good Valpolicella is such a juicy, light and pure wine. From 2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, offering a lively mouthful of juicy red cherries. Sappy and bright. Now-2020



**Michele Taliano, Dolcetto d'Alba, Ciabot,
Italy, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code TAN417

Dolcetto, "the little sweet one", is not a grand grape, but it makes a pretty and supple wine which can be lightly chilled. Bright cherry scent – and that red cherry character makes for a lively wine, perfect to accompany *salumi*. Now-2020

Summer Reds Dozen

£120.00 Code SR319

A mixed case of two bottles of each of the first six wines on these pages, with a discount of 10%

**Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa,
Chile, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code ERR916

From vineyards on schist at Manzanar, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific; and now picked earlier for greater freshness. Pretty dark cherry hue. Pure, ripe berried perfume. Beautifully smooth and balanced, offering a light and fragrant mouthful of red and black cherries with minimal tannins. Perfectly poised and graceful. Now-2021

"The obsessive work of Errazuriz and Francisco Baettig in Aconcagua Costa has led to simply stellar Pinot Noir. Top-label Las Pizarras [Note: we have this at £70 a bottle] is sensational; this is a more affordable version but still offers outstanding value at this price. Piercing scents and fine, poised, classy flavour profile. Drink 2018-2022, 91/100" Peter Richards MW, **Decanter**, February 2018

**Tomfoolery, Young Blood Shiraz, Barossa, Australia,
2017, 13.9% [Screwcap]**

Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 Code TOM117

The Young Blood wines are made in a transparent, forward and oh-so-drinkable style to be enjoyed young, fermented in open vats with 30% whole bunch; and then 50% goes into tank and 50% into old French barrels. Lovely youthful clear ruby. This is deliciously vibrant and exciting. Bright raspberries and spiced cherries with just the right backing of tannin. Juicily stimulating – could equally well be drunk on its own as with a barbecue. Now-2021



It's great to see, hear and read that younger consumers are discovering the fruit, levity, and food-friendliness of Beaujolais - or Bojo, as it appears on social media! Beaujolais is the definitive summer red: vibrantly youthful in colour, bright and juicy, and with lowish alcohol (usually 12.5-13%). It also

accompanies a wide range of food well:

salad, charcuterie and pâtés; plain roast chicken, hot or cold; and even fish, such as salmon. Beaujolais is usually served cool, but please NOT COLD – twenty minutes in the fridge is fine.

Here are wines from five of the ten Cru villages in Beaujolais, all appellations in their own right in the north of the region, south-west of Mâcon. These stretch over about 15 miles in a rough north / south band along the line of the rolling hills on the west side of the Saône Valley. Although the Crus only comprise about 25% of all Beaujolais production, they are the heart and soul of Beaujolais. Among these rolling hills the Gamay grape has a great affinity for the generally pinkish soils of decomposed granite, despite the soil being acidic rather than alkali as generally favoured by vines.

Bojo Box

£145.98 Code BB419

A mixed case of two bottles of each of the first six wines on this spread, with a discount of 10%

Lagneau, Beaujolais-Villages, Cuvée Jeanine, 2017, 12.6%

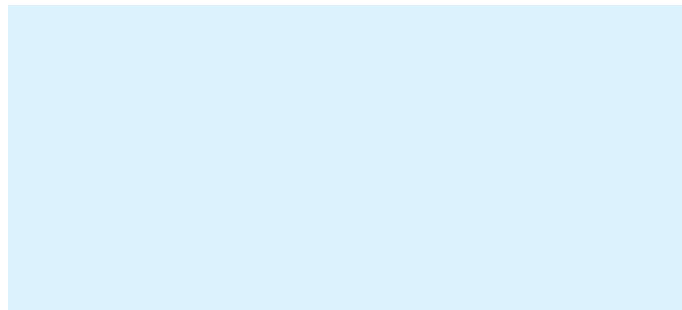
Bottle £12.25 Case with 10% off £132.30 Code LAG117

The family (Jeanine Lagneau is the winemaking mother) have five hectares of Beaujolais-Villages, on schist and granite soils in Quincié-en-Beaujolais, which lies just to the south of Régnié. Their steeply sloping vineyards lie in the line of the Crus: this is generally accepted as one of the best terroirs for Beaujolais-Villages, and their vines were largely planted either around 60 or over 100 years ago. Deep tone. All black cherry and blueberry, juicy, but with substance too from the old vines. So crisp, alive and energetic. Now-2020

La Chapelle des Bois, Chiroubles, 2016, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code CHB316

From the highest of the Cru Villages, this is refreshing, with bright red fruit just dancing over lovely, almost floral, aromatics and just a whisper of tannin. Now-2020



Lagneau, Regnié, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Gerard, 2017, 13.2%

Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code LAG317

Gérard is the father. As ever, this is terrific, with a depth of colour and intensity of bramble and black cherry flavours rarely seen in Beaujolais at this price. Juicy and stimulating. Now-2023

Domaine du Granit Doré, Juliéna, Beauverna, 14.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code GDO115

Beauverna is the sector of Juliéna where the cellar is located. Ripe black cherry perfume. Dense black fruit, but with crunchy blackcurrant acidity too. Plenty of substance but also supple, fleshy and balanced – and finishes with a super streak of cassis. Now-2021

La Chapelle des Bois, Fleurie, Grand Pré, France, 2017, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code CHB117

Magnum [2015 vintage] £28.50 Case (6 x 150.cl) with 10% off £153.90 Code CHB915 Limited stock

A change of ownership at this estate - always a cause for concern - but Frederic Montangeron's first vintage at La Chapelle des Bois is excellent. Bright cherry colour. Rose and red-fruited fragrances. Crunchy cherry and berry mouthful, vivacious, with more than a smudge of palate refreshing tannin, so could accompany even quite rich food. Now-2022

Lagneau, Côte de Brouilly, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Didier, 2017, 13.2%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code LAG417

Didier is the Lagneaus' son, now taking over here. Deservedly a gold medal winner in the 2018 Mâcon Concours, this is stunning Gamay. Deep purple. Pure black fruit scent. Wonderfully intense fruit, showing the sharpness of fresh blackcurrants. Joyous, deep and silky; and very long, with a true dry finish that will stand up to roast pork or even a barbecue. Now-2023

Domaine du Granit Doré, Juliéna, Marcel's, 14.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code GDO415

A barrel-aged Gamay – and the oak overlays the bittersweet, sumptuous fruit with vanilla and dark chocolate hints. Extravagantly different – if decanted, would one even spot it as a Beaujolais? Now-2022 *Limited stock*



Fruit, the whole fruit and nothing but the fruit: one needs obvious wines to stand up to the strong flavours of a barbecue – and nothing oaky either, as the toasty barrel notes jar with the charred accents from the fire. Here are four unoaked wines, from four different countries, all uncomplicated, forward crowd-pleasers.

Valle Frio, Syrah, Maule, Chile, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 Code FRI417

Outstanding value and typicity to the grape – honestly, decant this and you could pretend it was a Crozes-Hermitage from a hot year. Really true Syrah scent; and an appealing fat and rich mid-palate, with lots of flavour and ripeness. Would be great with simple beefburgers. Now-2020

Vicien, Malbec, Catamarca, Argentina, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code VIB117

Is the 2017 the most delicious vintage yet of one of our best-selling wines – a wine we have been shipping for 14 years? From vineyards over 5,000 feet up on the shoulders of the Andes, this is an organically grown Malbec showing beautifully ripe but fresh red fruit, wonderful purity, a silky texture and gentle savouriness on the finish. Smooth enough to enjoy on its own, this Malbec has enough substance to drink with meat too – and not just with beef but, frankly, with lamb or guinea fowl or whatever. Trust us, a bottle will vanish very fast indeed. Now-2021

Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis, France, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code AGA317

Nostre Mescladis translates as “our blend”, reflecting the approximate proportions of the vines in the family vineyards: about 40% Grenache, and 20% of each of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan, all given a long maceration to develop great depth of flavour but vinified and bottled entirely unoaked. Very supple and melting approach, with delicious flavours of heated strawberries. Juicy but also perfectly poised and refined. Perfect for strongly flavoured sausages – venison, Toulouse, *merguez* or *boerewors*. Now-2021

Silent Noise, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia, 2016, 14% [Screwcap]

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code SIL816

One of our best finds last year, a kick-ass Aussie Shiraz at the right price. Aged half in French and half in American oak barrels, this shows a lovely, deep, youthful colour; and delivers stacks of fresh black fruit – bramble and blueberry. Fine and silky. Definitive wine for red meat carnivores. Now-2023

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