

AWARD-WINNING WINES 2024





ABOUT LWC WINE MERCHANTS & SHIPPERS

Since its inception almost 50 years ago, wine has always been important to LWC. With over 25 Wine Development Managers working with our customers across the country, we provide nationwide coverage, but always with a local feel.

Each of our 19 depots have their own telesales, logistics and account management teams to look after their local customers. It is through their hard work, coupled with our best-in-class supply chain, that we proudly boast a well-above-average 99% on-time delivery rate.



ABOUT THE SOMMELIER WINE AWARDS

The Sommelier Wine Awards were held earlier this year for the first time since 2020. Judged by some of the UK's top Sommeliers and on-trade buyers, it remains the only competition focused exclusively on the UK on-trade.

Over the course of the contest the judges blind taste all the wines, before awarding the best quality examples medals. Once all the results are in, they then hold a second round of judging, awarding medals to individual merchants.



LWC is delighted to have won 2024 SWA Value Merchant of the Year, a highly contested prize awarded to the merchant that puts forward the range with the best breadth and quality below £15. This year the competition was particularly stiff with Bibendum, Majestic Commercial and Gonzalez Byass also shortlisted.

In summation, the judging panel said:

"Not only was LWC Drinks responsible for the House White of the Year trophy-winning wine Calmel & Joseph's Villa Blanche Chardonnay, three-quarters of its Gold medal winners were priced under £10 ... it was a clear front-runner when it came to value. Turn to our House Wine pages and you'll see LWC Drinks listed again and again, with a strong showing for France (13 medals), as well as Italy, Chile, South Africa and Spain – the latter responsible for a By the Glass award for Viña Cerrada Blanco from Rioja Vega (which took four medals in total, including two Golds). LWC's lower-priced French selection came into its own here, with both Famille Perrin and Domaine de l'Herré taking home a trio of medals each for their red, white and rosé wines, and the trophy-winning Calmel & Joseph receiving five medals, including two Golds."

VILLA BLANCHE CHARDONNAY









House White Wine of the Year

Gold Medal

By the Glass Award

Price: £9.51

Region: IGP D'oc, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Tasting Notes:

'A wine with good intensity, showing notes of baked apple and ripe stone fruits linked with some lees and oak aromas. The palate is dry, with moderate acidity and good length. A highly complex wine that represents great value.'

Giuseppe D'Aniello, The London Edition.

'There's great tension here, with well-integrated acidity and ripe yet well-balanced fruit.'

Stephanie Wangui, Noble Rot.

VIÑA CERRADA RIOJA BLANCO







By the Glass Award Gold Medal

Price: £8.49

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo Blanco/Viura/

Verdejo Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Yellow flowers, well integrated citrus and white stone fruit, with soft baking spices and a touch of creamy roundness on the finish. A beautiful example at this price point.'

Emma Denney, Claridge's.

'Soft orchard fruit, with subtle lemon and orange. A bitter grapefruit core fleshed out with apple, lemon, pear and peach, and speckles of salinity.'

> Emanuel Pesqueira, Gordon Ramsay Group.

CALMEL & JOSEPH "LA POINTE" CORBIÈRES





Gold Medal

Price: £10.32

Region: Corbières, France

Grape Variety: Grenache/Syrah Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Meaty and concentrated, with plenty of spices, cedarwood and dark plum. There's vibrant acidity that lifts the pronounced tannins, herbal notes and a meaty finish.'

Diana Rollan, D&D London.

'Brambles, raspberries, blueberries, and warming spice such as pure chocolate and clove. A riverbank freshness to the palate, like pebbles and wet rocks, finishing bright and juicy.'

Miguel Crunia, Fìon.

VIÑA CERRADA RIOJA CRIANZA





Gold Medal

Price: £9.11

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo/

Garnacha Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Red cherries, strawberries and a gentle hint of vanilla, with sweet spices and cured meat. The palate is ripe, with defined fruit, leading to a good finish with balanced alcohol – great quality.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Nicely integrated oak aromas, giving space to blackcurrant, blackberries and violets. Ripe, with good tannin structure, medium length and good bite.'

Vanessa Stolz, Pine.

CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL LE ROSÉ PREMIER CRU





Silver Medal

Price: £35.45

Region: Champagne, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay/Pinot

Noir Blend

Tasting Notes:

'An elegant, red-fruit driven champagne with fine bubbles, Fresh and light, with red berries and some stone fruit.'

Anastasios Karakasis, Bacchanalia.

'A dry, herbaceous rosé that's fruity, fresh and mineral, with a savoury streak that would match canapés very well.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

CHAMPAGNE DE SAINT-GALL LE TRADITION PREMIER CRU





Silver Medal

Price: £25.75

Region: Champagne, France

Grape Variety: Chardonnay/Pinot

Noir Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Great bouquet of ripe lemon peel, white floral notes, and biscuit and brioche too. Round and rich, with a finish that evolves from yeast to minerality.'

Davide Santeramo. The Ritz.

'Freshness and complexity – this would be good either as an aperitif or with a meal.'

Biagio Castaldo, Maison Estelle.

PIRANI PROSECCO EXTRA DRY





Silver Medal

Price: £8.18

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

Tasting Notes:

'A restrained style, with white peach and pear notes. Good value.'

Leonardo Barlondi, The Dorchester.

'A very good example of the category.'

Marius Plesa, The Waterside Inn.

LA FERME JULIEN WHITE





Silver Medal

Price: £8.23

Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: Bourboulenc/Grenache

Blanc/Roussanne/Ugni Blanc/

Vermentino Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Wet stone notes, as well as ripe fruit that exhibits freshness. This is well rounded, with the right amount of intensity – very well made.'

Stephanie Wangui, Noble Rot.

'Good fruit notes and a subtle saline minerality that cuts through the finish'

Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

GIKAS WINERY MALAGOUZIA





Silver Medal

Price: £13.51

Region: Attica, Greece

Grape Variety: Malagouzia

Tasting Notes:

'An intense, aromatic nose with notes of white peach and flowers, leading to great structure on the palate, with balanced alcohol and acidity.

Good value.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Aromatic and floral, with a burst of acidity. Great by-the-glass option.'

Chris Parker, consultant sommelier.

DOLIANOVA PRENDAS VERMENTINO





Silver Medal

Price: £12.50

Region: Sardinia, Italy

Grape Variety: Vermentino

Tasting Notes:

'With ripe fruit, this is very generous on the palate, with a creamy texture and bitter almond note on the long finish.'

Sabrina Manolio, consultant sommelier.

'An expressive food-matching wine that would be good by the glass.'

Nicolo Cereghini, Hélène Darroze at The Connaught.

GOTAS DE MAR GODELLO





Silver Medal

Price: £13.69

Region: Ribeiro, Spain

Grape Variety: Godello

Tasting Notes:

'A lean, mean, citrus machine that gets straight to the point with green and mineral tones carried by the deep citrus notes.'

Jonathan Kleeman, Story Group.

'An elegant expression of Godello with a flinty mineral character, fresh citrus and underripe stone fruit, and a granite mineral note. Well made.'

Emma Denney, Claridge's.

ORGANIC UNION VERDEJO





Silver Medal

Price: £7.54

Region: Vino de España, Spain

Grape Variety: Verdejo

Tasting Notes:

'Bright summer flowers, some warm and refreshing citrus aromas, and a herbal note too. Lovely bitter almond on the palate too – a real crowd pleaser.'

Emma Denney, Claridge's.

'Crisp and refreshing, with lemon peel and white peach. Great value for money.'

Emanuel Pesqueira, Gordon Ramsay Group.

RESERVE DE L'HERRÉ ROSÉ





Silver Medal

Price: £8.02

Region: Gascogny, France

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon/

Malbec/Merlot Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Notes of nectarine, plum, white strawberries and lime, with high acidity and a long finish.'

> Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

'Ripe red fruit with a nice savoury note too. A popular style.'

Giancarlo Cuccuru, Lutyens Grill at The Ned.

CHARLIE ZIN ROSÉ





Silver Medal

Price: £6.23

Region: California, United States

Grape Variety: Zinfandel

Tasting Notes:

A complex wine with layers of aromas, including rooibos tea, red cherries and yellow plums.'

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at The Yard.

'Notes of rose, Darjeeling tea, jasmine and rosemary – this would be great for sweet and sour dishes.'

> Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

WHITE ROSE ZINFANDEL ROSÉ





Silver Medal

Price: £6.85

Region: California, United States

Grape Variety: Zinfandel

Tasting Notes:

Candied fruit character.'

Alberto Gherardi, Gordon Ramsay Group.

'Notes of Darjeeling tea and jasmine, on both the nose and palate, would make this a good match with udon, chillies and lamb.'

> Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

EQUINO MALBEC





Silver Medal

Price: £7.95

Region: San Juan, Argentina

Grape Variety: Malbec

Tasting Notes:

'With nice black and blue fruit, this is quite moreish and rounded, not to mention balanced and varietal.'

Emer Landgraf, The Clove Club.

'Bags of fruit and power here, with a bold texture and chunky tannins.'Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

CENTRAL MONTE CABERNET SAUVIGNON





Silver Medal

Price: £6.65

Region: Central Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes:

'A soft style of Cabernet with nice fruitiness and a hint of green capsicum.'

Maria Cintoli, Gravetye Manor.

'Cassis notes, and a leafiness, together with black tea – good typicity and balance, with rounded tannins and good balancing acidity.'

Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

LUNA AZUL MERLOT





Silver Medal

Price: £6.65

Region: Central Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Merlot

Tasting Notes:

'Ripe red plum and dark forest fruit flavours lead to some spice notes that mingle with cocoa, as well as some earthiness.'

Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

'Ripe character, with a nice coffee undertone and some tannic structure. Good value.'

Glen Montgomery, Eorna.

LA GRAND COMTADINE CÔTES DU RHÔNE





Silver Medal

Price: £11.75

Region: Rhône Valley, France

Grape Variety: Grenache/Syrah/

Cinsault Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Rich and spicy, this is approachable, juicy and fresh. A great by-the-glass candidate.'

Erik Simonics, Sunset Hospitality Group.

'Fruit flavours are nicely balanced by some subtle spice and violet notes – this would pair well with a variety of foods, or can be enjoyed on its own.'

> Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

BARON D'ARIGNAC CABERNET SAUVIGNON





Silver Medal

Price: £7.26

Region: Languedoc Roussillon, France

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes:

'A real brightness and ripeness here, with red plum fruit, Asian spice, vanilla, cedar and clove. Herbal notes add some complexity.'

Stephanie Wangui, Noble Rot.

'Bright fruit notes, with lots of floral tones of violet and rose too, and a subtle spice on the finish.'

> Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

PETER SICHEL ALTURA 350





Silver Medal

Price: £10.17

Region: IGP Cucugnan, France

Grape Variety: Grenache/Syrah/

Carignan Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Great intensity on the nose, with very well defined red and black fruit, and a floral component followed by notes of grilled meat and black pepper. Showing great concentration, with finesse and an elegant finish.'

Giuseppe D'Aniello, The London Edition.

ENSEDUNE MALBEC





Silver Medal

Price: £9.51

Region: Languedoc-Roussillon, France

Grape Variety: Malbec

Tasting Notes:

'Fruity, with a herbal note and a liquorice undertone, this is dry, with firm tannins. An interesting wine to pair with food.'

> Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

'Good intensity, with ripe black fruit, some sweet spices from the oak, and a long finish.'

Giuseppe D'Aniello, The London Edition.

LA FERME JULIEN RED





Silver Medal

Price: £8.23

Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: Carignan/Cinsault/Gren-

ache/Syrah Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Slatey, with green herbaceous notes and dense, plush fruit like plum and damson, as well as some spice.
Tartness from the herbaceousness cuts through the wood, while alcohol and tannins are both high but well integrated. Would love this with blue cheese'

Stephanie Wangui, Noble Rot.

GRAN BERICANTO RISERVA





Silver Medal

Price: £12.80

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Merlot/Cabernet/Tai

Rosso Blend

Tasting Notes:

'A very generous nose, with red and black berries, and a touch of spice, leading to a rounded palate.'

Sabrina Manolio, consultant sommelier.

'A spicy, barrel-finish character with some vanilla and tertiary notes too. A good pub wine'

> Nicolo Cereghini, Hélène Darroze at The Connaught.

PASSI NERI SYRAH





Silver Medal

Price: £10.11

Region: Sicily, Italy

Grape Variety: Syrah

Tasting Notes:

'Deep red and dark fruit, with notes of black olive and black pepper, and a good mineral finish.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

'Intense tannins and black fruit, with a smoky barbecue note, blackcurrant, leather, olive and tea.'

Matthew Davison, Moor Hall.

INKOSI SHIRAZ





Silver Medal

Price: £6.65

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Shiraz

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh cherries are balanced by a leathery character – good length too.'

> Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at The Yard.

'With a smoky, barbecue sauce note, there's stunning balance here for the price, and with a good finish.'

Alberto Gherardi, Gordon Ramsay Group.

CHAMPAGNE CHARLES JOUBERT





Bronze Medal

Price: £22.43

Region: Champagne, France

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir/Pinot Meunier/

Chardonnay Blend

Tasting Notes:

'A fresh and vibrant style, with round acidity pushing the saline minerality and stone fruit flavours past the initial lemon zest, green apples and pears. A fabulous way to start a meal.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

MAGNIFICO PROSECCO





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.40

Region: Veneto, Italy

Grape Variety: Glera

Tasting Notes:

'A very pronounced, aromatic nose, with citrus and tropical fruit aromas like guava.'

Leonardo Barlondi, The Dorchester.

'The fresh side of prosecco, with acidity brightening it, and a finish that is quite sapid.'

Charlotte Page, Joël Robuchon Group.

CENTRAL MONTE CHARDONNAY





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.65

Region: Central Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Tasting Notes:

'Herbaceous and floral, with a hint of minerality, there's good typicity of the grape variety here.'

Maria Cintoli, Gravetye Manor.

'An easy-drinking style, with a nice mixture of tropical and pleasant vegetal characters.'

Glen Montgomery, Eorna.

CLOUD ROCK SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.78

Region: Maipo Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'Showing good typicity and drinkability, the acidity is in balance, with the wine showing a good blend of ripeness.'

Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

'Nice aromatic notes on the nose, with a green character and lovely acidity. Well balanced.'

Maria Cintoli, Gravetye Manor.

LUNA AZUL SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.65

Region: Central Valley, Chile

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'Pronounced aromas of tropical fruit, with some nice minerality on the palate.'

Emer Landgraf, The Clove Club.

'Expressive and bold, with mature fruit notes along with more youthful fruit, and great fruit concentration on the palate.'

Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

RESERVE DE L'HERRÉ WHITE





Bronze Medal

Price: £8.02

Region: Gascogny, France

Grape Variety: Colombard/Ugni

Blanc Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Real ripeness in the fruit here, with balanced acidity – exactly what you want in an easygoing wine.'

Stephanie Wangui, Noble Rot.

'A great, well-made everyday drinking wine – very approachable.'

Erik Simonics, Sunset Hospitality Group.

BERICANTO PINOT GRIGIO





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.15

Region: DOC Vicenza, Italy

Grape Variety: Pinot Grigio

Tasting Notes:

'A dynamic Pinot Grigio with a dense stone fruit core, as well as white florals, green apple and subtly salty minerality.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

'Apple, lemon and white flower notes that are expressive of the grape variety. Good fruit concentration.'

Giacomo Recchia, Bob Bob Ricard.

DEGÀ PECORINO





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.72

Region: Abruzzo, Italy

Grape Variety: Pecorino

Tasting Notes:

'With floral notes, as well as peach and citrus, this is dry, light and refreshing on the palate.'

Giacomo Recchia, Bob Bob Ricard.

'Intense and fresh, with apple and peach notes. Ticks a lot of boxes, and would pair with seafood and salads. Good value for money too.'

Anastasios Karakasis, Bacchanalia.

TURTLE BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.99

Region: Marlborough, New Zealand

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'Very ripe notes of candied citrus, with some yellow fruit too. The acidity is racy and mouthwatering, with good concentration.'

Laurent Chaniac, The Cinnamon Collection.

'Honeysuckle notes, and a slightly creamy texture, leading to a balanced, long finish.'

Philipp Reinstaller, Raffles London at The OWO.

CRAMELE RECAȘ PINOT GRIGIO





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.03

Region: Banat, Romania

Grape Variety: Pinot Grigio

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh and zingy, this is showing notes of stone fruit, green fruit and tropical fruit, as well as a touch of nuttiness taking it towards a creamy edge. This would be a great addition to a by-the-glass programme, as the pricing is exemplary.'

Erin Donnelly, Heron.

BOULDERS BEACH SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.65

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'A developed style, showing less fruit and more oak influence, with very good balance and complexity.'

Carolina W Seibel. Pétrus.

'A clean, zesty and medium-bodied wine for serving by the glass on a terrace.'

Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

ILLUSION CHENIN BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.95

Region: Wellington, South Africa

Grape Variety: Chenin Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'A great wine, with all of its structural components in balance. Perfect for a casual dining restaurant.'

Alberto Gherardi, Gordon Ramsay Group.

'Clean and aromatic, a good wine by the glass, and a good match with asparagus on the grill.'

> Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

INKOSI SAUVIGNON BLANC





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.63

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh, green citrus notes followed by green bell pepper and some asparagus, with a palate that's more tropical, with some passion fruit flavours.'

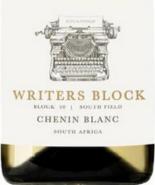
> Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at The Yard.

'Showing elegance and a nice mineral freshness, as well as fruity notes and herbaceousness too.'

Carolina W Seibel, Pétrus.

WRITERS BLOCK CHENIN BLANC







Bronze Medal

Price: £6.68

Region: Western Cape, South Africa

Grape Variety: Chenin Blanc

Tasting Notes:

'A great nose of tropical and stone fruits, with ripe nectarines and elements of unripe banana coming together on both the nose and palate. Great for African dishes like vegetable bobotie.'

Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

VIÑA PALOMERAS WHITE





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.60

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Viura/Chardonnay Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Stone fruit character, like flat peaches and mirabelle plums, with hints of pear drops and some tonka beans, and floral too, with a nice creaminess, and good freshness. Interesting as a food pairing for white meats like chicken.'

Miguel Crunia, Fìon.

L'OASIS PROVENCE ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £10.40

Region: Provence, France

Grape Variety: Grenache/Cinsault/

Syrah Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Crisp acidity, with notes of cherry, pomegranate and strawberry, with a creaminess too.'

Savvas Symeonidis, Gordon Ramsay Restaurants.

'Red cherries and strawberries lead to a fresh finish.'

Biagio Castaldo, Maison Estelle.

LA FERME JULIEN ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £8.23

Region: South of France, France

Grape Variety: Cinsault/Grenache/

Syrah Blend

Tasting Notes:

'A floral nose with hints of wild strawberry, good definition and decent length.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Notes of white peach, apricot and lime, as well as fresh yoghurt – big, and very well made.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

FIORI SUL MURO ROSATO





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.42

Region: Vino d'Italia, Italy

Grape Variety: Merlot/Corvina Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Fruity and mineral, with notes of red fruits, and stone fruits too, including cherry, strawberry, white peach and blossom flowers, with hints of minerality and a pleasant finish.'

Anastasios Karakasis, Bacchanalia.

'For the price, there's impressive density of flavour, and nice vibrancy for gastronomic use.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

CRAMELE RECAȘ PINOT ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.03

Region: Banat, Romania

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh and fruit focused, with a touch of cream alongside.'

Erin Donnelly, Heron.

'Strawberries and cream, by the glass, in the summer.'

Zoé Donadio, Apricity Restaurant.

ENTREFLORES ROSADO





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.48

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Garnacha

Tasting Notes:

'With a fresh nose of raspberry and strawberry and a light, fresh palate, this is a great summer party wine.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Notes of gooseberry and red fruit. Good drinkability for a by-the-glass wine for everyday consumption, and great value for money.'

Mateusz Kowalczyk, Kai Mayfair.

MIRADA ORGANIC ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.98

Region: Castilla La Mancha, Spain

Grape Variety: Bobal

Tasting Notes:

'Crisp, and red fruit-led, with vibrant acidity, this is a good everyday rosé, and a good by-the-glass option.'

Mateusz Kowalczyk, Kai Mayfair.

'Clean notes of cranberries and lime make this a refreshing, easy-drinking rosé that would be great with fresh goats' cheese.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

VIÑA PALOMERAS ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.60

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Garnacha

Tasting Notes:

'Elegant strawberry and cherry notes, with a slight pétillance making the palate a bit more lively. Mineral, dry and good value for money.'

Vanessa Stolz, Pine.

'With cranberries, apricots and lemon, a versatile rosé that would be great on its own, but brilliant with shellfish.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

PAINTED LADIES ZINFANDEL ROSÉ





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.95

Region: California, United States

Grape Variety: Zinfandel

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh, fruity and well balanced.'

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at The Yard.

'With its notes of strawberries, jasmine and lychee, this would be great with sweet potato fries.'

Konstantinos Nestoridis, Midsummer House.

CLUB DE CAMPO MALBEC





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.97

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Variety: Malbec

Tasting Notes:

'Good typicity, with dark plummy fruits, and gently herbaceous too, with a nice tannin structure.'

Glen Montgomery, Eorna.

'Real concentration and vibrant colour, with fruit on the nose and spice on the palate.'

Clara Rubin, Hawksmoor Group.

RÉSERVE DE L' HERRÉ MALBEC





Bronze Medal

Price: £8.02

Region: Pays d'Oc, France

Grape Variety: Malbec

Tasting Notes:

'Ripe and black fruit driven, with sweet spices, this is round and rich, but well balanced, with a long-lasting finish showing signs of complexity.'

Erik Simonics, Sunset Hospitality Group.

'Delicate floral notes in between bright red fruit – a juicy red wine that's easy drinking.'

> Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

VILLA BLANCHE PIQUEPOUL NOIR





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.05

Region: IGP D'oc, France

Grape Variety: Piquepoul Noir

Tasting Notes:

'Ripe black fruit on the nose, with some pungent spices too, leading to a dry palate with good texture and ripe tannins.'

Giuseppe D'Aniello, The London Edition.

'An easy drinking red, bright and fresh with juiciness and fresh notes of rose petal and violet.'

Elizabeth Mellish, Gleneagles Townhouse.

LA GRAND COMTADINE GIGONDAS





Bronze Medal

Price: £19.82

Region: Rhône Valley, France

Grape Variety: Grenache/Syrah/

Mourvèdre Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Black fruit and black pepper on the nose, with a hint of smoke, leading to a meaty palate, with chalky tannins.'

Biagio Castaldo, Maison Estelle.

'With spicy fruity and good concentration, this is well balanced on the palate, with a good finish.'

Davide Santeramo, The Ritz.

CALMEL & JOSEPH "LE BRIC À BRAC" SAINT CHINIAN





Bronze Medal

Price: £10.72

Region: Saint-Chinian, France

Grape Variety: Syrah/Grenache/

Carignan Blend

Tasting Notes:

Lots of appealing dark fruit and spice on the nose, with some plushness but an otherwise linear palate. Good value for money.'

Josie Phillips, consultant sommelier.

'Forest and wild red fruits, with spice and a bitter citrus character. A powerful wine with a refreshing ferrous side to it – a match for wild boar ragù.'

Miguel Crunia, Fìon.

GIKAS WINERY CABERNET SAUVIGNON





Bronze Medal

Price: £14.17

Region: Attica, Greece

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes:

'Notes of blackcurrant, ripe berry, leather, smoke and cured meat. This is warm, juicy and bold, with big, grippy tannins, and finishes with balsamic herbs and blackcurrant leaf.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Excellent Cabernet, with notes of damson and graphite, with rich tannins.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

BERICANTO PINOT NOIR





Bronze Medal

Price: £9.95

Region: DOC Vicenza, Italy

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

'Intense and fruity, with some woody character too.'

Nicolo Cereghini, Hélène Darroze at The Connaught.

'Showing some autumnal development, with attractive, nuanced orange rind. Great finesse for the price.'

Joshua Castle, Noble Rot.

FIORI SUL MURO SANGIOVESE





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.55

Region: Emilia Romagna, Italy

Grape Variety: Sangiovese

Tasting Notes:

'Sour red fruit and subtle spice, with grippy tannins and a taut finish.'

Matthew Davison, Moor Hall.

'Very obviously Sangiovese, with high tannins and acidity, and some good red fruit character.'

Chris Goodale, Julie's Restaurant.

DEGA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.72

Region: Abruzzo, Italy

Grape Variety: Montepulciano

Tasting Notes:

'Fresh, with raspberry and strawberry notes, and hints of minerality.'

Anastasios Karakasis, Bacchanalia.

'Ripe berry and plum, with some herbal notes – very good for pasta with meat sauce.'

Giacomo Recchia, Bob Bob Ricard.

NERO D'AVOLA CONTE NERO





Bronze Medal

Price: £11.05

Region: Sicily, Italy

Grape Variety: Nero D'Avola

Tasting Notes:

'Jammy and ripe, with aromas of plum and dark cherry, great intensity and good freshness.'

> Vincenzo Arnese, Raffles London at The OWO.

'With a deep ruby colour, this is aromatic and vibrant, with ripe tannins, black plums and ripe black cherry.'

Natalja Senina, Chewton Glen.

I FEUDI DI ROMANS PINOT NERO





Bronze Medal

Price: £12.28

Region: Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

'Cherry and blackberry notes, with spice notes too. Harmonious, with good minerality.'

Sabrina Manolio, consultant sommelier.

'Fresh and crunchy – I can see this being served a little chilled.'

Joshua Castle, Noble Rot.

VIGNALESTA PRIMITIVO DI MANDURIA





Bronze Medal

Price: £18.38

Region: Puglia, Italy

Grape Variety: Primitivo

Tasting Notes:

'Garnet colour and an intense nose, with balsamic notes and some ripe, blue fruit character.'

María Federica Salvador, consultant sommelier.

'Powerful and aromatic, with dark berries and sweet cinnamon, tobacco and meaty notes, all with a velvety structure.'

Natalja Senina, Chewton Glen.

RECANTOS DE LISBOA RESERVA





Bronze Medal

Price: £8.18

Region: Lisboa, Portugal

Grape Variety: Aragonez/Castelão/Touriga

Nacional Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Red fruit aromas balanced with balsamic notes and acidity, leading to a good finish.'

Federico Moccia, 67 Pall Mall.

'Fruit forward, with spicy, peppery characteristics, and a smooth palate.' Biagio Castaldo, Maison Estelle.

BALAURI PINOT NOIR





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.35

Region: Banat, Romania

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

'Light and bright, this is fruit focused and easy drinking.'

Erin Donnelly, Heron.

'Juicy and soft – you can't argue with that price point either.'

Zoé Donadio, Apricity Restaurant.

CRAMELE RECAȘ PINOT NOIR





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.15

Region: Banat, Romania

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Tasting Notes:

'A great by-the-glass wine – would be refreshing chilled.'

Joshua Castle, Noble Rot.

'With its juicy fruit, this would work well by the glass in the summer, for pubs or bars.'

Josie Phillips, consultant sommelier.

ILLUSION PINOTAGE





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.95

Region: Wellington, South Africa

Grape Variety: Pinotage

Tasting Notes:

'Sweet spices, with some smoke coming through – wonderful balance.'

Alberto Gherardi, Gordon Ramsay Group.

'Fresh fruit with an earthiness, and well balanced oak.'

Klearhos Kanellakis, Ekstedt at The Yard.

ALBRET EL BALCÓN CRIANZA





Bronze Medal

Price: £8.66

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo/Cabernet

Sauvignon/Syrah Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Really ripe, with dark cherry, blackberry and medicinal notes, leading to ripe tannins on the palate, with good acidity and structure. A very well made wine.'

Matteo Furlan. The Dorchester.

'A mature red, with notes of plum with oak spice and a good backbone of acidity. Very good value for money.'

Mateusz Kowalczyk, Kai Mayfair.

ORGANIC UNION TEMPRANILLO





Bronze Medal

Price: £7.54

Region: Vino de España, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

Tasting Notes:

'Blackcurrant and black cherry on the nose, with delicate black fruit on the palate, which is showing great balanced structure. A good wine by the glass.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'With blueberry and strawberry notes, this is smooth and easy to drink on its own, but great with seared tuna too.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

VIÑA CERRADA RIOJA RESERVA





Bronze Medal

Price: £12.06

Region: Rioja, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo/Graciano/

Mazuelo Blend

Tasting Notes:

'Ripe red fruit with a herbal component too, leading to a palate with chalky tannins.'

Biagio Castaldo, Maison Estelle.

'Good fruit here, with well-integrated oak – a balanced wine with good complexity.'

Davide Santeramo, The Ritz.

VIÑA PALOMERAS RED





Bronze Medal

Price: £6.60

Region: Navarra, Spain

Grape Variety: Tempranillo

Tasting Notes:

'With notes of rose, cherry and strawberry, this is fresh and elegant on the nose, leading to a bright palate – a bargain for the price.'

Matteo Furlan, The Dorchester.

'Plum, blackcurrant, sage and thyme notes. A full-bodied wine, excellent with a Sunday roast dinner, or on its own.'

Fred Goodwin-Hayward, Restaurant Hywel Jones.

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