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Sparkling sections of each region, wines are further divided into colour: **Sparkling white**, **Sparkling rosé**, **Sparkling red**. The same applies to Fortified wines, which should be considered dry (with the exception of **Sweet Fortifieds**). Within their medal category, wines are listed alphabetically, by producer.

Stockist and price details for Gold and Trophy-winning wines have been provided by the producer or UK importer responsible for entering the wine into the DWWA. We have re-checked these details but cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of information provided. For price and stockist information on wines winning a medal of Silver or lower, visit [www.decanter.com/dwwastockists](http://www.decanter.com/dwwastockists). Wines which failed to win a medal are not listed.

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## How to read the results

International Trophy winners (the best of the Regional Trophies) are listed from p19, and Regional Trophy winners (the best of the Golds) are listed from p56. For an explanation of how the judging process works, please see p2.

From p114, our Regional Chairs will give an overview of their regions. The wines below Trophy level are then listed by medal (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Commended) and grouped into colour and/or type, in the order one might drink them over a meal: Sparkling, White, Rosé, Red, Sweet and Fortified. Wines are identified by these colours: **green** (white wines), **pink** (rosé), **red** (reds), **orange** (sweet wines). Within the



# The DWWA process

*Between December 2014 and May 2015, 16,000 wines were entered into our Awards, categorised, and narrowed down to just 35 International Trophies, in a rigorous process. Tastings director Christelle Guibert explains how it's done*

The Decanter World Wine Awards are rooted in regionality. Wines are judged first and foremost within their region, by a panel of experts in that region. They look for typicity above all, rewarding wines that are true to their terroir. The credentials of our Chairmen and Regional Chairs and a list of the judges are detailed from p4.

Flights of wines are organised to ensure judges do not jump between contrasting styles in short time frames, or risk palate fatigue by tasting very tannic wines over a

long period. Judges taste an average of 85 wines per day, in optimum conditions – seated, in a plain, white room, under natural light. They taste from Riedel glasses, in an environment free of distractions such as music or external communication (phone calls, emails and tweeting are permitted only during breaks between flights).

Wines are judged in flights of up to 12, grouped by region, colour, grape, style, vintage and price bracket, giving similar wines an equal chance to shine. Judges taste wines

within the context of their style and price bracket (hence a wine that wins Gold in the £8-£14.99 bracket would not necessarily win Gold if judged in the £30-£49.99 bracket). Judges taste individually, and then compare notes to reach a consensus.

The International Trophies are judged over two days by a separate panel led by Awards Chairman Steven Spurrier and Guest Vice-Chair Gerard Basset MW MS OBE. This year they were joined by Ian D'Agata, Peter Richards MW and Paolo Basso.

## Step-by-step guide to the competition



**1** Once the competition opens for entries in December, producers submit their wines and provide us with technical details, price and retail availability. Four bottles of each wine arrive at the Decanter warehouse and are logged, categorised and coded by country and region of origin.



**2** Wines are grouped by country, region, colour, grape, style, vintage and price. The price brackets are:

- Band A:** Up to £7.99
- Band B:** £8 to £14.99
- Band C:** £15 to £29.99
- Band D:** £30 to £59.99
- Band E:** £60 and over
- Band E:** £60 +



**3** The judges blind-taste wines individually within the context of their style and price bracket. They then compare notes and reach a consensus on each wine. Wines awarded Gold or Silver are retasted by the Regional Chair for his or her confirmation of the medal. (Guest Vice-Chair Gerard Basset, standing, reviews a wine with the South Africa panel)



**4** All Gold medal-winning wines from each region and country go forward to compete for Regional Trophies. Golds are split into an under-£15 or over-£15 price bracket and grouped by style or grape varieties. In each category, the Regional Chair will blind-taste and choose Regional Trophy winners from the Gold medals.



**5** All Regional Trophy winners compete for International Trophies. Wines are grouped into categories according to their grape varieties or style. In a blind-tasting headed by Chair Steven Spurrier (pictured far left), these top wines from each region are tasted against each other for the chance to win an International Trophy.



**6** The results are printed in this magazine and on Decanter.com. Consumers can buy medal-winning wines by looking out for DWWA stickers on bottles at high-street retailers and merchants. Tastings around the world also give readers a chance to try medal-winning wines. For details, visit [Decanter.com/globaltastings](http://Decanter.com/globaltastings)



# BEST INTERNATIONAL RHONE VARIETAL OVER £15

## SIDEWOOD ESTATE'S MAPPINGA SHIRAZ 2013

SIDEWOOD ESTATE is a family owned winery in the Adelaide Hills, one of Australia's prominent wine regions, achieving a strong reputation across the globe for outstanding cool climate wines.

Sidewood Estate's Mappinga Reserve and Estate wines continue to impress at International wine competitions. The 2013 Sidewood Mappinga Shiraz has been awarded the INTERNATIONAL TROPHY for BEST RHONE VARIETAL OVER £15 at the Decanter World Wine Awards 2015. The 2013 vintage follows from the equally impressive 2012 vintage, taking out numerous international trophies including Winestate's Bang Bros Trophy for Top 5 Australian and New Zealand Shiraz of 2013, Best Red Wine Exhibit from the American Wine and Spirits Wholesaler Association 2015 (Florida USA) and a Double Blue Gold from The Sydney International Wine Competition 2013.

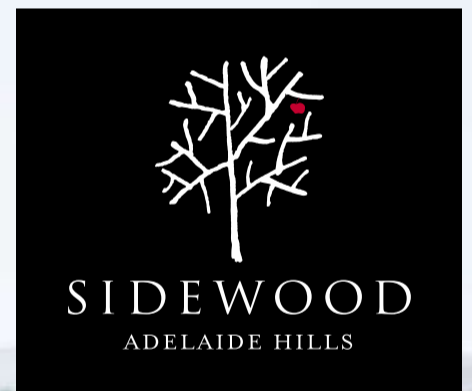
Sidewood Estate range 2013 Shiraz has also taken 5 gold medals to date including, the Royal Adelaide, Royal Melbourne and the New Zealand International shows.

Sidewood is Owen and Cassandra Inglis, their land and their team. The Inglis family purchased 300 acres at Oakbank in 2004. 80 acres were under vine and the rest was for Owen's beloved horses – all 40 of them! A further 50 acres were planted in 2005 with fruit at the time being sold to major wineries. Sidewood has always been committed to perfection in viticulture, keeping vine yields well below regional averages on all four of its owned and long-term leased vineyards. The first vintage for Sidewood was 2007, with numerous national and international awards and accolades having been received since.

In January 2014 the Sidewood Cellar Door was launched at Maximilian's Restaurant in Verdun, a "Top 5 Regional Restaurant of South Australia". Sidewood also purchased a 500 tonne boutique winery in 2014. The Sidewood Winery located at Nairne is currently being expanded with additional state of the art equipment. The winery maestro and winemaker is Darryl Catlin, formerly senior winemaker of Shaw and Smith for 13 years.

Sidewood Estate unsurprisingly was one of the fastest growing Adelaide Hills wine brand's in 2013 and 2014. Owen and Cassandra welcome you the opportunity to discover some of Australia's best cool climate wines.

For more information on Sidewood Estate, visit the website at [www.sidewood.com.au](http://www.sidewood.com.au)





# The world's best palates

*DWWA panels boast unrivalled credentials. The 34 Regional Chairs – chosen for their unique expertise – lead their teams, with all 242 tasters overseen by our Chairmen*

## DWWA Chairman

### Steven Spurrier



*Decanter's* consultant editor joined the wine trade in London in 1964. He later moved to Paris where he bought a wine shop in 1971. He opened L'Academie du Vin, France's first private wine school, in 1973 and staged the historic 1976 blind tasting between wines from California and France, the Judgment of Paris. In the 1980s he wrote several wine books and created the Christie's Wine Course with then senior wine director

Michael Broadbent. In 1988 Spurrier returned to the UK to focus on writing and consultancy – his clients included Singapore Airlines. He has won several awards, including Le Personalité de l'Année (oenology) 1988 for services to French wine and the Maestro Award in honour of Californian wine legend André Tchelistcheff (2011). He is the founder of the Wine Society of India and past president of the Circle of Wine Writers. Spurrier is currently making his own wine, Bride Valley Brut, from his vines in Dorset.

## Guest Vice-Chair

### Gerard Basset OBE MS MW



Basset qualified as a chef and sommelier in his native France before moving to England in the mid-1980s, where he embarked on a career as a sommelier. He runs Hotel TerraVina in the New Forest with his wife Nina, and previously co-founded the Hotel du Vin, which was sold in 2004 after having successfully opened six additional hotels. Winning many awards during his career and being a

mentor to many of the world's top sommeliers, Basset was named *Decanter's* Man of the Year 2013, holds the prestigious title of Best Sommelier of the World 2010, and is the only person in the world to simultaneously be a Master Sommelier, Master of Wine and hold a Wine MBA. In addition, he has been awarded Best Sommelier in the UK several times, as well as Best International Sommelier for French Wines in 1992 and Best Sommelier of Europe in 1996. In 2011 he received an OBE from The Princess Royal at Windsor Castle.

## Alsace



### Regional Chair

#### Thierry Meyer

Alsatian born and bred, Meyer began writing about wine in 1999, sharing tasting notes and information about the wines of his home region

online. In 2001, he started his signature dinner series dedicated to pairing Alsace wines with fine Alsatian food. In 2006 he founded L'Oenothèque Alsace, launching the website *Oenoalsace.com* – a comprehensive resource dedicated to Alsace wines, as well as a programme of wine masterclasses and dinners. From 2007 to 2011, Meyer was contributing editor of Bettane & Desseauve's *Guide des Vins de France*. In 2014, he began to lead the new Alsace Master-level education programme for the French Wine Society. He is also a member of the Confrérie St-Etienne d'Alsace.

### Judges

Marcel Orford-Williams  
Aristide Spies MS  
Eric Zwiebel MS

## Argentina



### Regional Chair

#### Patricio Tapia

Tapia graduated with a degree in journalism from the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, before attending Bordeaux University in France,

where he studied for a diploma in wine tasting and winemaking. He is *Wine & Spirits'* critic for the wines of Argentina, Chile and Spain, also writing several articles, and for the past 10 years has been a host on the El Gourmet channel in South America. He has authored several books, including *The Wines of Colchagua Valley*, *TodoVino*, *Wines for Great Occasions*, and his annual *Descorchados*, an Argentinian, Chilean and Uruguayan wine guide, published in both Spanish and English.

### Judges

Phil Crozier  
Keith Isaac MW  
Göran Klintberg  
Ernesto Lanusse  
Paz Levinson

Tanguy Martin

Chris Murphy

Nicholas Paris MW

Madeleine Stenwreth MW

Dirceu Vianna Junior MW

## Australia



### Regional Chairs

#### Michael Hill-Smith AM MW

Hill-Smith became the first Australian to pass the Master of Wine examination in 1988. He is a wine producer,

international wine judge, wine consultant, occasional wine writer and lapsed restaurateur. In 2008, he was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to the Australian wine industry, and featured in *Decanter's* Power List in 2009, 2011 and 2013. He is also part of the international tasting panel responsible for the selection of all wines served on Singapore Airlines.





## Anthony Rose

Rose is the wine correspondent of the UK's *Independent* and *i* newspapers and a regular contributor to *Decanter*. He teaches the Leiths School of Food & Wine

certificate and a consumer course on sake. One of his specialist areas is wine investment, on which he contributes to *The Oxford Companion to Wine*. He has won several awards, among them three Glenfiddich Wine Writer of the Year Awards and a Louis Roederer International Wine Columnist of the Year award. A founding member of The Wine Gang, Rose also has his own blog, at *Anthonyrosewine.com*, and is co-chair of the Sake International Challenge in Tokyo.

### Judges

Jo Ahearne MW  
Hamish Anderson  
Dee Blackstock MW  
Poh Tiong Ch'ng  
Brett Crittenden  
Dawn Davies  
Nick Dumergue  
Kavita Faiella  
Matthew Hemming MW  
Richard Hemming  
Natasha Hughes MW  
David Jean  
Roger Jones  
Carmel Kilcline MW  
Justin Knock MW  
Katherine Larsen MS  
Stefan Neumann  
Jane Parkinson  
Andrew Shaw  
Matt Smith  
Simon Thorpe MW  
Nigel Wilkinson MS  
Simon Woods

## Austria



### Regional Chair Andreas Larsson

Larsson's hospitality career started at age 16 when he entered chef school. Later, as a chef, he was attracted by the

wine industry and spent a great deal of time travelling to wine regions and tasting thousands of wines. After winning several Best Sommelier in Sweden, Scandinavia and Europe titles, he was crowned Best Sommelier of the World in 2007. Today, Larsson divides his time between the renowned restaurant PM & Vänner in Växjö,

Sweden, where he is the wine director (in charge of over 25,000 bottles) and his work as a taster, lecturer and consultant.

### Judges

Serdar Balkaya  
Gearoid Devaney MS  
Caro Maurer MW  
Jean Reilly MW  
Mark Savage MW

## Bordeaux



### Regional Chair Stephen Brook

Brook has been a contributing editor to *Decanter* since 1996 and has won a clutch of awards for his writing on wine. The author of more

than 30 books, his works include *Complete Bordeaux*, now the definitive study of the region and in its second edition, and *The Wines of California*, which won three awards. His most recent book, *The Finest Wines of California*, is his third on Californian wine. Brook also fully revised the last two editions of *Hugh Johnson's Wine Companion*, and he writes for magazines in many countries.

### Judges

David Allen MW  
Jane Anson  
Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler  
Richard Bampffield  
Martin Champion  
Dilek Caner MW  
Matthew Hemming MW  
Chris Murphy  
Margaret Rand  
Hugo Rose MW  
David Round MW  
Neil Sommerfelt MW  
Larry Stone MS  
Tim Sykes  
Jean-Michel Valette MW  
Simon Woods  
Eric Zwiebel MS

## Burgundy



### Regional Chair Jasper Morris MW

Morris is the Burgundy buyer for UK merchant Berry Bros & Rudd, having sold his own importing business,

Morris & Verdin, to Berrys in 2003. A regular international lecturer on Pinot Noir and Burgundy, Morris also writes about the latter for *Decanter*, as well as being responsible for

all the Burgundy entries in *The Oxford Companion to Wine*. In October 2010, Morris published *Inside Burgundy*, which won the André Simon award for the best wine book of the year.

### Judges

Alison Buchanan  
Christy Canterbury MW  
Nicolas Clerc MS  
Gearoid Devaney MS  
Jason Haynes  
Jan Konetzki  
Rob MacCulloch MW  
Ruben Sanz Ramiro  
David Vareille  
Andreas Wickhoff MW

## Canada



### Regional Chair Tony Aspler CM

Aspler has been writing about wine since 1975, and has been wine columnist for *The Toronto Star* for 23 years. He is the author of 16

wine books, including *The Wine Atlas of Canada*, and three wine murder mystery novels: *Blood Is Thicker than Beaujolais*, *The Beast of Barbaresco* and *Death on the Douro*. In 2001, Aspler co-founded the charity Grapes for Humanity to raise money through the wine community for victims of landmines and children with disabilities. In 2007 Aspler was awarded the Order of Canada (CM) and in 2012 was elected to the New York Media Wine Writers Hall of Fame.

### Judges

Sarah Knowles  
Rhys Pender MW  
Barbara Philip MW  
Laura Rhys MS

## Central & Eastern Europe and Croatia



### Regional Chair Angela Muir MW

Muir started her career with John Harvey & Sons of Bristol shortly after leaving Bristol University with a degree in politics

and economics. She then joined Grants of St James's and Victoria Wine as a buyer. In 1988 Muir set up her awarded wine shop and school, before creating Cellarworld International, a wine consultancy helping producers in Europe and South America ➤





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to make more saleable wines. She is a past chair of the Institute of Masters of Wine education committee, and a past president of the Wine and Spirit Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

#### Judges

Darrel Joseph  
Georgi Mihov  
Dimitar Nikolov  
Igor Sotric  
Beth Willard

## Champagne



### Regional Chair Richard Juhlin

Juhlin is the author of seven books on Champagne and contributes to a number of wine magazines.

He also runs

*Champagneclub.com*, through which he arranges tours to the region and manages the members-only Richard Juhlin Champagne Bars in Stockholm and Copenhagen. He is working on the television series *Drinks and Restaurants in Europe*, which will be aired in the USA and China, and he previously appeared in the Norwegian TV series *Nesevis*. The recipient of numerous awards, Juhlin was made a Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole in 2002, and in 2014 was presented with the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur for his contribution to Champagne. Juhlin additionally carries out cellar consultations, holds wine tastings and lectures across the globe. He currently holds the world record for the highest number of Champagnes tasted – more than 8,500 to date.

#### Judges

Dee Blackstock MW  
Dilek Caner MW  
Laurent Chaniac  
Roberto Della Pietra  
Michael Edwards  
Simon Field MW  
Nancy Gilchrist MW  
Rytis Jurkenas  
Rob MacCulloch MW  
Antony Moss MW  
Jean Reilly MW  
Laurent Richet  
Clement Robert  
Xavier Rousset MS  
Totte Steneby  
Jean-Michel Valette MW

## Chile, Brazil and Uruguay



### Regional Chair Peter Richards MW

Richards is one of the wine presenters on BBC1's *Saturday Kitchen* and a regular contributor to *Decanter*. He is an

award-winning writer and broadcaster whose credits include Sky One, ESPN, *The Guardian*, ITV1, Radio 4, *TheTimes.co.uk* and BBC2. After publishing his *Wines of Chile* book and Chile Wine Brief, he was described as 'the world's leading commentator on Chilean wine'. He runs a wine school with his wife Susie Barrie MW and launched Wine Festival Winchester in November 2014.

#### Judges

Jo Ahearne MW  
Paulo Brammer  
Martin Lam  
Tanguy Martin  
Jane Parkinson  
Héctor Riquelme  
Terry Threlfall  
Joan Torrents  
Dirceu Vianna Junior MW  
Simon Woods

## Czech Republic



### Regional Chair Caroline Gilby MW

Gilby is a freelance writer and consultant, specialising in Central and Eastern Europe.

Among other titles she

contributes to *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book*, *The Oxford Companion to Wine*, and the *World Atlas of Wine*. Prior to her career as a writer, Gilby spent seven years as a senior wine buyer at Augustus Barnet off-licences, where she became the first major buyer to import Hungarian wines to the UK. She initially studied plant biology, in which she holds a doctorate, but pursued a career in wine, soon winning the *Decanter-Macallan Malt Whisky Taster of the Year Award* while still a student. Gilby passed her MW in 1992 and has been visiting and tasting the wines of Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Romania for more than 20 years.

#### Judges

David Bird MW  
Peter Csizmadia-Honigh  
Igor Sotric

## Germany



### Regional Chair Giles MacDonogh

MacDonogh has been writing for various international newspapers and magazines, as well as broadcasting on radio

and television, since 1985. He is the author of 14 books, which have been translated into nine languages. Four of them are about wine in general, while two are specifically about Austrian wine, which he helped rescue from the doldrums. MacDonogh is currently writing a history of modern Germany.

#### Judges

Anthony Barne MW  
Sebastian Bredal MW  
Anne Krebiehl MW  
Caro Maurer MW

## Greece and Cyprus



### Regional Chair Nico Manassis

Manassis is an expert on the wines of his native Greece and the author of three wine books. He spends several months each year in the Greek

vineyards, which he writes and videos about at *Greekwineworld.com*. He recently co-produced the award-winning documentary *Pelican's Watch* on Santorini's unique vineyard. Manassis teaches at the Ecole du Vin de Changins in Switzerland and the Université du Vin - Suze la Rousse in France, and is a member of the Académie Internationale du Vin. With chef Vassilis Zacharakis, he is writing a book on Santorini's terroir and produce.

#### Judges

Steve Daniel  
Elizabeth Gabay MW  
Kathy Morgan MS  
Sebastian Payne MW  
Elvis Ziakos

## Hungary

### Regional Chair Caroline Gilby

(See full profile on this page)

#### Judges

David Bird MW  
Peter Csizmadia-Honigh  
Elizabeth Gabay MW  
Igor Sotric ➤



## Languedoc-Roussillon



### Regional Co-Chairs Rosemary George MW

George was one of the first ever female Masters of Wine, a qualification she achieved in 1979. She has worked as a freelance wine journalist since 1981, and is president of the Circle of Wine Writers. She has written 11 wine books, including *The Wines of the South of France* and, most recently, a second book on Chablis. George has a second home in the Languedoc and writes a blog on the region at [Tastelanguedoc.blogspot.com](http://Tastelanguedoc.blogspot.com).



### James Lawther MW

Lawther is a contributing editor to *Decanter* as well as an independent wine writer, lecturer and tour guide based in Bordeaux. He sold wine at Steven Spurrier's Paris shop in the 1980s, and his early career also involved stints as a cellar hand in Roussillon among other regions. In 1993, he became a Master of Wine. He has written several books and has contributed to many others, including *Wines of the World* and *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book*.

#### Judges

Mark Andrew  
Isabelle Bachelard  
Sara Bachiorri  
Bernard Burtschy  
Nicolas Clerc MS  
Elizabeth Gabay MW  
Natasha Hughes MW  
Dimitri Mesnard MS  
Vincent Pastorello  
Barbara Philip MW  
Larry Stone MS  
Matthew Stubbs MW  
Louise Sydbeck MW  
Maxime Walkowiak  
Matt Walls  
Arabella Woodrow MW  
Simon Woods

Now you've found out all about our two DWWA Chairmen and the 34 Regional Chairs, read the biographies of each of the 208 judges in this year's competition by visiting: [www.decanterawards.com/en/dwwa/judges/](http://www.decanterawards.com/en/dwwa/judges/)

## Loire



### Regional Chair Jim Budd

Budd moved from education to wine in 1988, and has contributed to *Decanter* since 1989. He is chairman of the Circle of Wine Writers, writes the award-winning [Jimsloire.blogspot.com](http://Jimsloire.blogspot.com) and is one of the five members of the blog [Les5duvin.wordpress.com](http://Les5duvin.wordpress.com). Budd helped the Wine & Spirit Trade Association draw up its advice on avoiding fraud when investing in fine wines and continues to expose the dangers of drinks investment on his award-winning website [Investdrinks.org](http://Investdrinks.org), and complementary blog [Investdrinks-blog.blogspot.com](http://Investdrinks-blog.blogspot.com). Budd also contributes to *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book* and is a keen photographer.

#### Judges

Nicolas Clerc MS  
Chris Hardy  
Chris Kissack  
Dimitri Mesnard MS  
Nigel Wilkinson

## Middle East, Far East & Asia



### Regional Chair Ch'ng Poh Tiong

A lawyer by training, Ch'ng is publisher of *The Wine Review*, the oldest wine publication in southeast Asia, Hong Kong and China. In 2000, he published the world's first *Chinese Bordeaux Guide*, and in 2013 launched the annual newsletter, *The Margaret River Report*. Ch'ng also writes columns for a number of publications including [DecanterChina.com](http://DecanterChina.com), and is the founder of [Vinovideos.com](http://Vinovideos.com), the world's first bilingual Chinese/English wine video website, as well as his own [ChngpohTiong.com](http://Chngpoh Tiong.com). He has a certificate in Chinese art from the University of London's School of Oriental & African Studies and is an ambassador of The European Fine Art Fair.

#### Judges

Luis Capita  
Kavita Faiella  
Susan Hulme MW  
Kathy Morgan MS  
Annette Scarfe MW

## New Zealand



### Regional Chair Cameron Douglas MS

Douglas is a wine writer, educator, judge and public speaker. He is a regular guest lecturer at The International Culinary Institute in San Francisco and New York, and writes for a number of publications as well as his own site, [Camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz](http://Camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz). Douglas is senior lecturer in charge of the wine programme at AUT University in Auckland and is a hospitality consultant. He has curated the wine programmes of The Langham Hotel, Meredith's Restaurant and Mekong Baby in New Zealand, among others, and in New York he created and oversees the wine list for The Musket Room. New Zealand's first and only Master Sommelier, he passed his exams in 2007.

#### Judges

Sebastian Braun  
Melanie Brown  
Catriona Felstead  
Matthew Hemming MW  
Emma Jenkins MW  
Justin Liddle  
Nicholas Paris MW  
Jane Skilton MW  
Phil Tuck MW

## Piedmont



### Regional Chair Paolo Basso

In 2013, Swiss-Italian Basso was named Best Sommelier in the World – one of just five sommeliers who hold both European and World titles. He started his wine career as a sommelier in Switzerland, and gained professional experience with a leading Swiss-based fine and rare wine trader, where he focused on Burgundy and Bordeaux. Basso runs his own wine consultancy and is a familiar name on the sommelier competition circuit. He has won many awards, including Best Sommelier of Switzerland 1997 and Best Sommelier of Europe 2010.

#### Judges

Andrea Briccarello  
Luigi Buonanno  
Daniele Cernilli  
Ezio De Bernardi  
Emilio Del Fante  
Michael Garner  
Robin Kick MW >

# The lightness of being Istria

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## Port and Madeira



### Regional Chair

#### Richard Mayson

Mayson began his career working for The Wine Society. Specialising in the wines of Iberia, especially fortified wines, he is the author of four

books, including *The Wines and Vineyards of Portugal* (winner of the André Simon Award for best wine book in 2003) and *Port and the Douro*. He writes regularly for *Decanter*, contributes to *The Oxford Companion to Wine* and lectures for the WSET Diploma and Leiths School of Food and Wine in London. In 1999, he was made a Cavaleiro of the Confraria do Vinho do Porto in recognition of his services to the Port wine trade, and also owns a vineyard and makes wine in Portugal's Alto Alentejo. He runs his own website, *Portandmadeirapages.com*, and has recently published *Madeira: the islands and their wines*.

### Judges

James John MW  
Göran Klintberg  
Rod Smith MW  
Demetri Walters MW

## Portugal



### Regional Chair

#### Sarah Ahmed

Ahmed is an independent, London-based wine writer, educator and judge who has published the site *Thewinedetective.co.uk*

since 2006. She was named Portuguese Wine Writer of the Year 2009, and was shortlisted for the International Wine & Spirit Competition Communicator of the Year in 2009 and 2010. Ahmed has contributed on Portugal, Port and Madeira to *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book*, consulted on Portugal and Australia for the seventh edition of *The World Atlas of Wine*, and has contributed on Portugal for the fourth edition of *The Oxford Companion to Wine*. In 2013, she was made a Cavaleiro of the Confraria do Vinho do Porto for her commitment and contribution to Port wine.

### Judges

Danny Cameron  
Laurent Chaniac  
Anne Forrest  
Joanna Locke MW  
Matthieu Longuere MS  
Beatriz Machado  
Jane MacQuitty

Claudio Martins  
Nick Oakley  
Madeleine Stenwreth MW

## Regional France



### Regional Chair

#### Andrew Jefford

Jefford contributes a column every month to *Decanter* magazine, and writes the widely followed 'Jefford on Monday' blog for

*Decanter.com* and *DecanterChina.com*. He has been writing and broadcasting about wine – as well as about food, whisky, travel and perfume – since the 1980s, winning many awards for his work. After spending 15 months as a senior research fellow at Adelaide University between 2009 and 2010, he now lives with his family in the Languedoc, close to Pic-St-Loup.

### Judges

Mark Andrew  
Fiona Beckett  
Laurent Chaniac  
Andy Howard MW  
Alex Hunt MW  
Anne McHale MW  
Joanna Simon  
Claire Thevenot MS  
Jean-Michel Valette MW  
Dominique Vrigneau  
Eric Zwiebel MS

## Regional Italy



### Regional Chair

#### Ian D'Agata

D'Agata was named Italy's best wine journalist 2012 by the Comitato Grandi Crus d'Italia. He is a regular contributor to *Decanter*

and also writes on the wines of Italy, Alsace, Bordeaux and Canada for Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*. An award-winning author, he has written *The Ecco Guide to the Best Wines of Italy* and *The Native Wine Grapes of Italy*. D'Agata is the scientific advisor to Vinalty International and the director of Vinalty Academy, and lectures on Italian food and wine cultural history for New York University's Food Sciences Master's programme. Prior to his career in wine, D'Agata studied medicine, graduating in paediatric gastroenterology and nutrition.

### Judges

Bruno Besa  
Sebastian Braun

Andrea Briccarello  
Christy Canterbury MW  
Vanessa Cinti Borgia  
Dawn Davies  
Sergio De Luca  
Laura DePasquale MS  
Katie Exton  
Michael Garner  
Robin Kick MW  
Emily O'Hare  
Clement Robert  
Madeleine Stenwreth MW  
Andrea Sturniolo  
Mai Tjemsland  
Alessandro Torcoli

## Rhône



### Regional Chair

#### John Livingstone-Learmonth

Since first visiting the Rhône in 1973, Livingstone-Learmonth has dedicated most of

his life to writing and talking about the region's wines. A principal contributor to the book *Gigondas, Its Wines, Its Land, Its People*, published in English and French, Livingstone-Learmonth is also the author of four books on the Rhône, including *The Wines of the Northern Rhône*, which won the Louis Roederer International Wine Book of 2006, and runs the website *Drinkrhone.com*. In 2006, he was made a Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole, and is an honorary citizen of the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Livingstone-Learmonth is also a close follower of the Turf, having been the Daily Telegraph Racing Hero of the Year 2000.

### Judges

Gearoid Devaney MS  
Jennifer Docherty MW  
Christian Honorez  
Laura Rhys MS  
David Roberts MW  
David Round MW  
Larry Stone MS  
John Switzer  
Louise Sydbeck MW  
Matt Wilkin MS

## Romania

### Regional Chair

#### Caroline Gilby

(See full profile on p7)

### Judges

Luis Captao  
Sebastian Payne MW  
Igor Ryjenkov MW ➤



## Sherry and Spain



### **Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW**

Ballesteros Torres has studied around the world, including in the wine regions of Jerez, Burgundy, Napa Valley

and Bordeaux. He holds a degree in agrofood engineering and a masters in viticulture and oenology among his qualifications. Columnist for Spain's *Planeta Vino* and *Vino y Gastronomía* magazines, as well as *Vino!* in Belgium, Ballesteros Torres works in four languages and is active in wine promotion and education. He is also on the council of the Institute of Masters of Wine, the governing board of the Spanish Taster Union, and the wine expert committee of the Basque Culinary Centre.



### **Regional Chairs Sarah Jane Evans MW**

Evans is an award-winning journalist who began writing about wine (food, restaurants and chocolate) in the

1980s. She started drinking Spanish wine when a student of classics and social and political sciences at Cambridge University. This began a love affair with the country's wines, food and culture, leading to her appointment as a member of the Gran Orden de Caballeros de Vino for services to Spanish wine. In 2006 she became a Master of Wine, writing her dissertation on Sherry. Chair of the Institute of Masters of Wine, Evans divides her time between writing for *Decanter*, other magazines and reference books, as well as wine education and judging wines internationally.

#### **Judges**

Cristina Alcalá  
Darius Allyn MS  
Jesús Barquín  
Sebastian Bredal MW  
Dilek Caner MW  
Ferran Centelles  
Giles Cooke MW  
Dawn Davies  
Maria Antonia Fernandez-Daza  
Tom Forrest  
Ben Henshaw  
Carmel Kilcline MW  
Kathrine Larsen MS  
Justin Liddle  
Pierre Mansour  
Alessandro Marchesan

Caro Maurer MW  
Luz Divina Merchán Díaz  
Bruno Murciano  
Christine Parkinson  
Rhys Pender MW  
Mike Ritchie MW  
Norrel Robertson MW  
Nick Room  
David Round MW  
Igor Ryjenkov MW  
Ruben Sanz Ramiro  
Ronan Sayburn MS  
Annette Scarfe MW  
Beverly Tabbron MW  
Lindsay Talas  
Matt Walls  
Beth Willard

## Slovenia

### **Regional Chair**

### **Caroline Gilby**

(See full profile on p7)

#### **Judges**

Luis Capitao  
Susan Hulme MW  
Igor Sotric

## South Africa



### **Regional Chair Lynne Sherriff MW**

Originally trained in hotel management, Sherriff's interest in wine grew through her studies.

After diplomas in cellar

technology in Stellenbosch, and in oenology and viticulture in Germany, she worked for Nederburg and the Stellenbosch Farmers Winery in South Africa. In 1990, she was headhunted to set up the Hong Kong Wine & Spirits Academy. She moved to London in 1992 to establish the wine import and distribution company Vinfruco, and to launch the Arniston Bay brand. Sherriff became an MW in 1993 and was chair of the Institute of Masters of Wine from 2010 to 2012. She works as an educator and independent wine consultant specialising in production, blending and marketing, focusing on Europe, Africa and Asia.

#### **Judges**

Anthony Barne MW  
Nick Dumergue  
Adrian Garforth MW  
John Hoskins MW  
Johan Larsson  
Joanna Locke MW  
Fiona McDonald  
Becca Reeves

Greg Sherwood MW  
Cathy van Zyl MW

## Southern & Eastern Mediterranean



### **Regional Chair**

### **Markus del Monego MW**

Del Monego was named Best Sommelier of the World 1998. Based in Essen, Germany, he is wine advisor to

Lufthansa airlines and owner/managing director of consultancy CaveCo where he advises merchants, producers and private clients. Swiss-born Del Monego grew up in Germany and started hotelier training at the Dorint Spa Hotel in Bad Brückenau. He then undertook a stage as sommelier in the Vier Jahreszeiten Hotel in Hamburg, and later worked at the Park Hotel in Bremen and The Savoy in London. He is also a Master of Sake, gaining the qualification a few months after passing his Master of Wine exams in 2003.

#### **Judges**

Serdar Balkaya  
Dilek Caner MW  
Totte Steneby  
Demetri Walters MW

## Southern Italy



### **Regional Chair**

### **Jane Hunt MW**

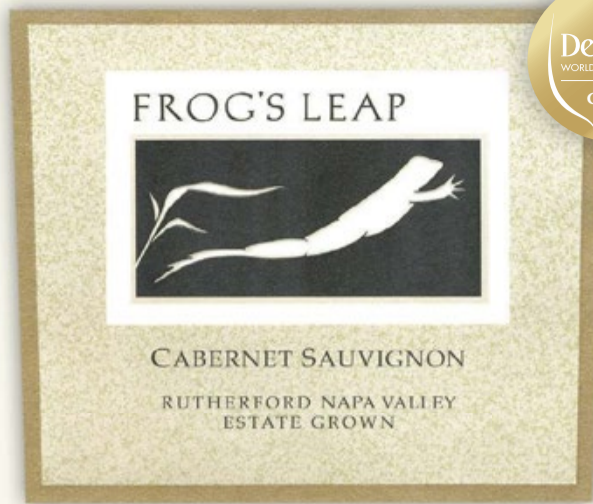
Hunt's 40-year career in wine has spanned sales, marketing, buying, education, writing and PR. She moved from Italy to the UK in 1977, and

became a Vintners' Company scholar in 1981 and a Master of Wine in 1985. Along with business partner Tina Coady, she now runs Hunt & Coady, a company which organises trade tastings and the annual Argentina Wine Awards competition in Mendoza. Hunt spends several months of the year in Italy, where she produces olive oil at her renovated farmhouse in Umbria.

#### **Judges**

Nick Bielak  
Sebastian Braun  
Christy Canterbury MW  
Daniele Cernilli  
Vanessa Cinti Borgia  
Sergio De Luca  
Laura DePasquale MS  
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Jane Parkinson  
Margaret Rand  
Igor Ryjenkov MW  
Totte Steneby  
Mai Tjemsland

## Switzerland

**Regional Chair**  
**Paolo Basso**

(See full profile on p8)

**Judges**

Jo Ahearne MW  
Luigi Buonanno  
Ezio De Bernardi  
Emilio Del Fante  
Robin Kick MW  
Adam Pawlowski MS  
Jean Reilly MW  
Mai Tjemsland

## Tuscany



**Regional Chair**  
**Monty Waldin**

Waldin became the first wine writer to specialise in green issues in the mid-1990s and his first book, *The Organic Wine Guide*, was published in

1999 and voted Britain's Wine Guide of the Year. At the time, Waldin was developing a biodiversity project for a Demeter-certified biodynamic vineyard in California, and has drawn on this and other winemaking experiences for subsequent writings. He is the author of other award-winning books including *Biodynamic Wines* and *Wines of South America*, as well as being filmed in 2007 for Britain's Channel 4 documentary *Château Monty* on biodynamic winemaking in Roussillon, France. In addition, Waldin has contributed to radio, newspapers, and wine, travel and environmental publications. He frequently visits Tuscany where his Italian partner and their son live, and advises on biodynamics to farms, vineyards, gardens and olive groves across the globe.

**Judges**

Darius Allyn MS  
Serdar Balkaya  
Beverley Blanning MW  
Vanessa Cinti Borgia  
Sergio De Luca  
Katie Exton  
Robin Kick MW  
Gordon Lawrence  
Chris Murphy  
Emily O'Hare

Michael Palij MW  
Nicholas Paris MW  
Gerd Stepp  
Larry Stone MS  
Matt Wilkin MS

## UK



**Regional Chair**  
**Stephen Skelton**  
**MW**

Skelton started his career in wine in 1975. After 12 months at Schloss Schönborn in Germany's Rheingau and two terms at Geisenheim Wine School, he returned to the UK in 1977 to establish Tenterden Vineyards in Kent, where he made wine for 23 vintages. He was winemaker at Lamberhurst Vineyards from 1988 to 1991. Skelton is a consultant to the English wine industry and is involved with planting vineyards for the production of sparkling wine. He became a Master of Wine in 2003.

**Judges**

Justin Howard-Sneyd MW  
Antony Moss MW  
Rebecca Palmer  
Ronan Sayburn MS  
David Vareille

## USA and Mexico



**Regional Chair**  
**Jon Bonné**

Raised and now based in New York, Bonné is contributing editor for wine at the *San Francisco Chronicle* and senior contributing editor at *Punch*. He is also the author of *The New California Wine*, which won the Louis Roederer International Wine Book of the Year 2014 and was shortlisted for the James Beard and André Simon awards. Previously, Bonné was wine columnist for the *Chronicle* and MSNBC, and writes about wine for several publications including *Decanter*.

Prior to his wine career, Bonné reported on everything from politics to the aviation industry for organisations such as *Newsweek* and National Public Radio.

**Judges**

Mark Andrew  
Luis Capita  
Alex Hunt MW  
Rob MacCulloch MW  
Ronan Sayburn MS

## Veneto



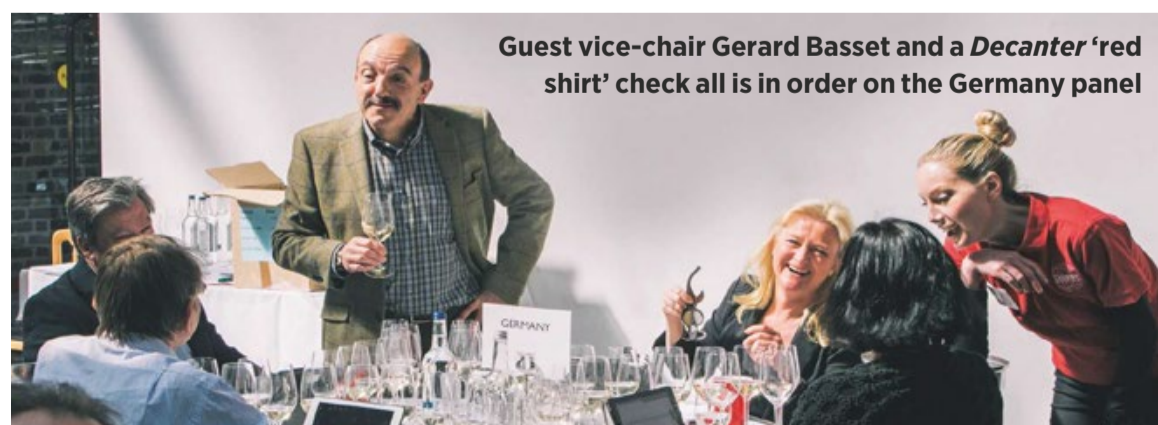
**Regional Chair**  
**Richard Baudains**

Baudains was born and bred in Jersey in the Channel Islands and trained to be a teacher of English as a foreign

language. After several years in various foreign climes, he settled down in Italy's Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, having previously lived in Piedmont, Tuscany, Liguria and Trentino-Alto Adige. Baudains wrote his first article for *Decanter* in 1989 and has been a regular contributor on Italian wines ever since. His day job as director of a language school leaves time for many wine-related activities including writing for *Slow Wine Guide* (the magazine of the Slow Food Movement in Italy), editing, translating, leading tastings and lecturing in wine journalism at the Università delle Scienze Gastronomiche in Bra.

**Judges**

Andrea Briccarello  
Sebastian Bredal MW  
Nicolas Clerc MS  
Laura DePasquale MS  
Andy Howard MW  
Alex Hunt MW  
Gordon Lawrence  
Laura Maniec MS  
Margaret Rand  
Clement Robert  
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David Round MW  
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Guest vice-chair Gerard Basset and a *Decanter* 'red shirt' check all is in order on the Germany panel





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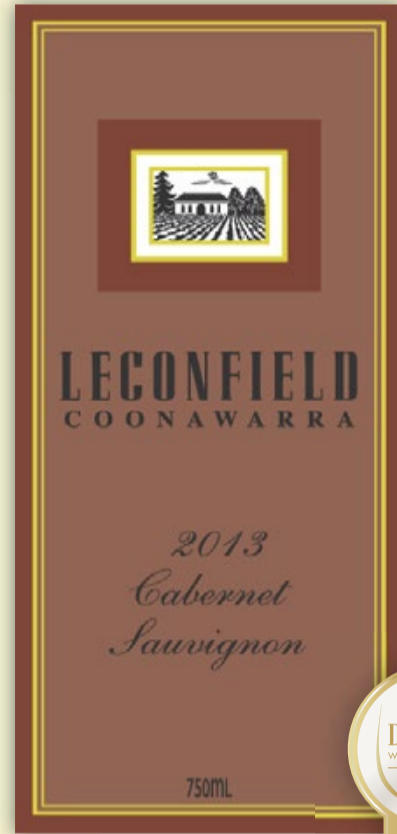
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11am: Champagne Pol Roger

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This illustrious Champagne house, famously known for being Winston Churchill's favourite, needs no introduction. Those lucky enough to attend this masterclass led by James Simpson MW and Hubert de Billy, will be treated to a line-up of stellar vintages demonstrating exceptional finesse.

Speakers: James Simpson MW and Hubert de Billy, 5th generation family member and director

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- Pol Roger Blanc de Blancs 2008
- Pol Roger Vintage 2006
- Pol Roger Brut Vintage 2004
- Pol Roger Brut Vintage 1996
- Pol Roger Brut Vintage 1999
- Pol Roger Rosé 2006
- Pol Roger Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill 2004
- Pol Roger Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill 2000

1.30pm: Château Cheval Blanc and Château d'Yquem

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An unmissable event – two of Bordeaux's legendary producers come together for this exciting masterclass. Pierre Lurton will conduct the masterclass, alongside Pierre-Olivier Clouet and Sandrine Garby. Château Cheval Blanc, which holds the rare status of Premier Grand Cru Classé (A), will be showcasing six stunning wines. Château d'Yquem, indisputably the greatest sweet wine of France, will present six wines that reveal the extraordinary complexity and exotic richness of this unrivalled winery.

Speakers: Pierre Lurton, president of Château d'Yquem and manager of Château Cheval Blanc; Pierre-Olivier Clouet, technical director of Château Cheval Blanc and Sandrine Garbay, cellar master of Château d'Yquem.

- Château Quinault 2012
- Château Cheval Blanc 2012, 2006, 2000
- Petit Cheval 2011, 2006
- Château d'Yquem, Y, 2012, 2011
- Château d'Yquem 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005

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Speaker: Alfred Tesseron, president

- Château Pontet-Canet 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

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11am: Château Cos d'Estournel

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Speaker: Aymeric de Gironde, general manager

- Cos d'Estournel, Les Pagodes de Cos 2011, 2012
- Cos d'Estournel 1975, 1986, 1996, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2010
- Cos d'Estournel White 2012, 2013




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- Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia 2002
- Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, Ornellaia 2007
- Caiarossa, Essenza di Caiarossa 2012
- Duemani, Cabernet Franc Duemani 2010
- Barone Ricasoli, Casalfello 2010
- Castello di Ama, Apparita 2003
- Tua Rita, Syrah 2006

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# DWWA 2015: the ultimate winners

*The 35 wines that follow – the top 0.22% – triumphed over almost 15,900 others.*

*These wines were judged the best of their type, not only in their own region but among all the other Regional Trophy winners of that style from around the world*



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**305 Gold medals**



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**35 International Trophies**





## International Trophy winner Sparkling over £15

### Piper-Heidsieck, Brut, Champagne, France 2006 (12%)

*A superlative wine of great elegance, style and flair. The toasty nose holds notes of warm butter, ripe white fruits and smooth lime coulis, while to taste it's smoky and autolytic, with flavours of minerals, spices, vanilla, nuts and ripe tangerine fruit. An absolute pleasure.*

POA Mathew Clark

OUT OF A 10-strong line-up of quality sparkling wines – taking in Champagne, the UK, Slovenia, Germany, Spain, Canada and Australia – this Piper-Heidsieck 2006 was a clear favourite with our judges.

They loved its classic profile, elegance and vivacity, allowing it to outshine, but only just, its multi-award-winning stablemate Charles Heidsieck Blanc de Millénaires.

For Piper-Heidsieck cellarmaster Régis Camus, 2006 was a year of contrasts which – eventually – resulted in an ‘unexpectedly elegant and charming wine’. The year was characterised by variable weather, from a July heatwave to violent rain and hail in August.

This had a varying impact on the grape varieties, with Pinot Noir showing exceptional intensity early on, while the Chardonnay appeared to be set for a longer maturation. This convinced Camus to increase the proportion of Chardonnay in the blend to an unusually high 51% (Piper tends to favour a greater proportion of Pinot in its vintage blends) to soften the power of the Pinot.

#### Tasted against

Arras, EJ Carr Late Disgorged, Tasmania, Australia 2002 • Bjana, Brut Rosé, Brda, Primorska, Slovenia NV • Charles Heidsieck, Blanc des Millénaires Brut, Champagne, France 1995 • Coates & Seely, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Hampshire, UK NV • Gramona, Imperial Gran Reserva Brut, Cava, Spain 2008 • Herbert Beaufort, Marks & Spencer, Carte d'Or Grand Cru Brut, Champagne, France NV • Raventós i Blanc, Manuel Raventós, Spain 2007 • Sekthaus Solter, Riesling Réserve, Rheingau, Germany 2009 • Sumac Ridge Estate Winery, Steller's Jay, Pinnacle Méthode Classique, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada 2006

A blend of 17 Champagne ‘crus’, of which nine are grands crus and seven premiers crus, it has taken six years in Piper's cellars for this wine to reach the perfect balance, finally expressing the vintage's inherent elegance and charm.



Above: Piper-Heidsieck cellarmaster Régis Camus says this 2006 is ‘unexpectedly charming’

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## International Trophy winner Dry Aromatic under £15

### El Esteco, Amaru High Vineyards Torrontés, Calchaquí Valley, Salta, Argentina 2014 (13.5%)

*A ripe, generous and aromatic nose with notes of peach, lychee and mandarin. The fruit is generous and sweet, with the palate boasting pineapple and further stone fruit flavours. Showing real character, bright acidity and a long, energising finish, this is a great-value introduction to the variety.*

Not available in the UK or USA

TWO YEARS AND TWO DWWA International Trophies for this producer, which has become a standard-bearer for the high vineyards of the Calchaquí Valley, in Argentina's Salta region. Last year it was the Don David Reserve Tannat 2012 that triumphed, but this year the winning wine is almost its polar opposite: a highly aromatic and expressive Torrontés.

El Esteco was also the most awarded Argentinian winery in last year's Decanter World Wine Awards – and the success in both years is a significant advance in the estate's mission to create awareness about the Calchaquí Valley's unique natural attributes. The region, El Esteco strongly believes, is the best in the world for growing the aromatic Torrontés grape.

Why? It may be partly the altitude – more than 1,700m above sea level – and partly the continental desert climate. Whatever the factors behind its success, the result is a wine with great concentration and high-intensity aromas and flavours.

#### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

To put its vision into practice, El Esteco believes in minimal intervention, allowing the terroir of the valley and the purity of the fruit to speak for themselves in the wines.

For fourth-generation winemaker Alejandro Pepa, whose vinous heritage spans the Old and New Worlds, wine started out as pure fun: helping with the harvest and winemaking, blending and tasting. 'It was all just a game when I was a child,' he recalls. 'However, little by little, the playing turned into working and here I am now, lucky enough to be doing what I love for a living.'



Above: El Esteco winemaker Alejandro Pepa, and the high-altitude vineyards of the Calchaquí Valley

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## International Trophy winner Dry Riesling under £15

### Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Neblina Riesling, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2013 (13%)

*Beautifully made, textbook, scented Riesling, with a lovely nose of pithy lime, green apple and herbs. It's dry, soft, succulent and vital, with juicy citrus and stone fruits underpinned by brisk acidity and complemented by a savoury overtone. Energetic, broad and wonderfully balanced.*

POA Enotria, Great Western Wine

RIESLING REMAINS A relatively rare grape variety among premium producers in Chile, but the success of this wine suggests it could assume a more significant role in the country's viticultural future.

According to Viña Leyda winemaker Viviana Navarrete, it owes much to the qualities of the valley which gives the producer its name, and in whose early development the company was instrumental.

By Chilean standards, Leyda Valley is extremely cool-climate, with mean annual temperatures of 13°C, frequent morning fogs and strong breezes coming in from the Pacific Ocean. The sea is close – just 4km from Leyda's five hectares of Riesling vines – and, as anyone who has dipped their toe into it will tell you, it is very cold, thanks to the movements of the Humboldt Current.

That creates great conditions for expressively fruity Riesling, but also presents challenges for Navarrete and her colleagues. In particular, those fogs bring with them a strong risk of botrytis, one which the winery

#### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

has reduced by orienting the vine rows east to west, allowing the sea breezes to move through them and dry the grapes.

Leyda has two blocks of Riesling, planted with a northwest exposure on red soils of clay, with granite and alluvial stones. The clay gives palate volume, and the granite vibrancy to the finished wine.

Navarrete left this wine bone dry in an effort to show its fresh and vibrant acidity, with a naturally low pH and an expressively fruity and mineral-tinged character.



Above: Riesling vines on red clay, granite and stony soils thrive in the cool-climate Leyda Valley



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## International Trophy winner Dry Riesling over £15

### Leasingham, Classic Clare Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2009 (12%)

*Beautiful, developing toasty aromas and refined lime fruit character, boosted by touches of smoke, quince and saffron. Savoury, mineral and fresh, it shows off stupendously tasty maturity, with a superb, layered and textured palate, citrus acidity and a long, long finish. Just starting to open up, this is everything that is wonderful about Clare Riesling.*

£30 Accolade

AFTER A THREE-WAY taste-off involving a trio of great Riesling origins – the Clare Valley, an Alsace grand cru and a German grosses gewächs – the New World emerged triumphant. The judges adored Leasingham's combination of great freshness and minerality with an appealing roundness, which they said was 'hard to fault'.

'New World' is an approximate term at best at this estate, as it so often is. Leasingham was established in 1893 and began planting Riesling in the Clare Valley shortly after World War II – a brave and unconventional decision at the time, and one in which few others showed any interest. Previously, you'd have been more likely to find Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Mataro (Mourvedre) growing in the area.

Fast-forward 65 years and the Clare is firmly established as one of the world's finest areas to grow Riesling, and Leasingham's Bin 7 is on its 45th vintage. Meanwhile, the Classic Clare range was created to mark the Leasingham centenary in 1993, and this

#### Tasted against

Louis Sipp, Riesling, Grand Cru Kirchberg de Ribeauvillé, Alsace, France 2013 • Von Winning, Forster Ungeheuer, Grosses Gewächs, Pfalz, Germany 2013

current release has already won a handful of trophies and gold medals.

The fruit tends to come from one particular parcel of vines, roughly one hectare in area and growing on red loam over slate. That slate – which makes the site unique – accounts for the expression of clean acidity on the palate. As it matures, the palate mellows and develops deeper and more complex buttered toast flavours.



Above: fruit for this Trophy-winning Riesling is sourced from a hectare of vines on red loam and slate



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## International Trophy winner Sauvignon Blanc under £15

### Small and Small, Sylvia Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 (13%)

*Elegant, slightly reticent nose, but with a perfumed clarity of lanolin, pea pod, passion fruit and spice. The palate is similarly focused, with hints of blackcurrant leaf, flint, tropical fruit and a slightly savoury slant. It has great vitality, a chalky texture and enticing length.*

£10.49 Naked Wines

A TRIO OF New World Sauvignon Blancs were in the running for this International Trophy, but it was Small and Small's Marlborough example that won the day for its textbook expression of the grape.

The fruit is sourced from the south side of the Awatere River where, in the words of Bill and Claudia Small, 'we can ignore the rulebook and make wine the way we like it – intense and complex, and tasting like it could come from nowhere else on earth'.

The Smalls met while studying at the University of Adelaide in South Australia in the mid-1990s, moving to Marlborough in 2004 to take up jobs with large wine companies. The opportunity to go it alone only came in 2010, thanks to the customer-funded business model of online retailer Naked Wines.

That switch coincided with the raising of a family, yielding a name for this wine in the process. The Smalls' daughter Sylvia was just

#### Tasted against

Paul Cluver, Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin, South Africa 2014 • Undurruga, Sibaris Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2013

eight weeks old when the grapes for this wine's first vintage were being picked.

Small and Small is still, aptly, far from a large-scale producer, operating mainly from the family's spare bedroom, making wine in rented space at a local winery and using grapes grown to the couple's specifications by growers with vineyards 'in the bits of Marlborough we love'.

'The grapes are very forgiving for a winemaker,' the Smalls say. 'They have so much natural flavour that all our efforts can be focused on giving the wine subtle complexity and drinkability.'



Above: husband-and-wife team Bill (winemaker) and Claudia (viticulturist) Small

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## International Trophy winner Sauvignon Blanc over £15

### Bay of Fires, Sauvignon Blanc, Tasmania, Australia 2014 (12.5%)

*A truly classic nose of grass, gooseberry and minerals, showing wonderful aromatic intensity. The wine is impeccably balanced with a long aftertaste and, despite the power of its components, every element displays restrained elegance and harmony. Beautiful!*

£20 Matthew Clark

THE JUDGES LOVED the ‘new-wave’ style of this wine, which combines richness and complexity with elegance, salinity and minerality. It was enough for this Tasmanian wine to see off strong challenges from Sauvignon Blanc’s heartland regions of Sancerre and Marlborough, plus an excellent example from Canada’s Niagara Peninsula.

One of the keys to its success is the mix of Old and New World techniques, with the fruit picked at optimal ripeness to impart the signature Tasmanian Sauvignon Blanc style of exotic guava, passion fruit and gooseberry.

The blend combines parcels of fruit that are cool-fermented in stainless steel using a mixture of yeasts to lock in freshness and aromatics. A small proportion of wine is fermented with wild yeasts in new French oak, giving richness, texture and a hint of sweetness from the oak. This Trophy winner is crafted by Bay of Fires’ winemaker/manager, Tasmanian-born Penny Jones.

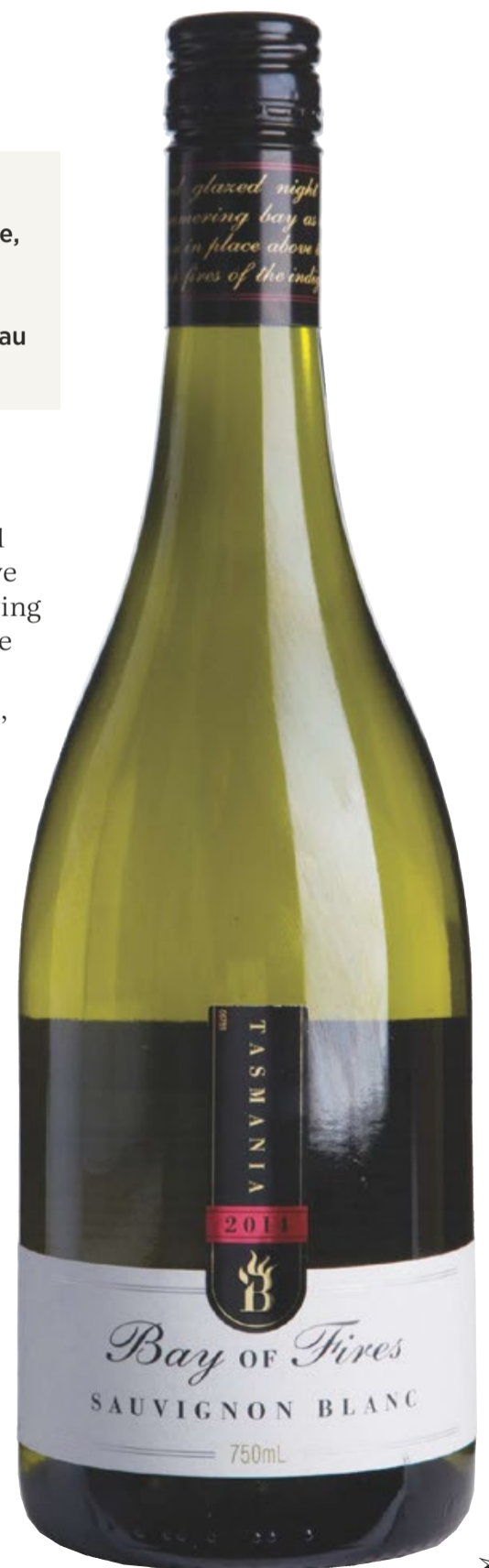
Grapes are sourced from two sites in the south of the island – the Coal River Valley

#### Tasted against

Domaine Jean-Paul Balland, Sancerre, Loire, France 2014 • Ravine, Sauvignon Blanc, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, Canada 2013 • Saint Clair, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014

and the Derwent River Valley. These are situated 60km apart and are subject to different weather patterns, soil types and diurnal temperature variations. Both have two different Sauvignon Blanc clones, giving a variety of flavours and complexity in the finished wine.

The 2014 vintage was not an easy one, with wild and windy weather conditions during flowering affecting fruit set and reducing yields by 30% on average. But the grapes that were harvested were top-quality, meaning that Tasmania’s aromatic wines in 2014 will be up there with the island’s best-ever vintages.



Above: Bay of Fires winemaker/manager Penny Jones, and the cellar door in Pipers River

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## International Trophy winner Chardonnay under £15

### Marks & Spencer, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France 2014 (12.5%)

*A really lively wine with an expressive, pure, mineral nose which also exhibits a saline slant beside the white fruits. To taste, it's zesty, youthful, floral and upfront, with fleshy, persistent fruit on a finely balanced, distinguished palate where those crunchy flavours linger impressively.*

£10 Marks & Spencer

A WINNING COMBINATION of delicious, mineral fruit and nice florality, with an Old World classicism at its heart, secured an International Trophy for this joint venture between UK retailer Marks & Spencer and Vignerons des Grandes Vignes.

Victory came against a strong contender from Chile's Itata Valley and a Petit Chablis from another French co-operative with a reputation for excellence.

This Trophy-winner is borne of a long partnership between Marks & Spencer and Vignerons des Grandes Vignes, the Mâconnais co-op established in 2008 by the merger of the Caves Coopératives of Prissé, Sologny and Verzé.

For the past six years, that partnership has been between winemaker Georges Brichon of Grandes Vignes and M&S winemaker Sue Daniels – working through some tricky vintages in the process, but always finding something interesting to blend from the co-op's 5.5 million-bottle annual production.

Brichon, a 28-year veteran of the

#### Tasted against

La Chablisienne, Pas Si Petit, Petit Chablis, Chablis, Burgundy, France 2013 • Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios, Itata Valley, Chile 2012

organisation, is now in charge of three production sites, with the 'interesting if challenging' job of pulling together some 120 member growers, who farm 550 hectares of vines within all the diverse appellations of the Mâconnais, with St-Véran a particular strength.

Together with Daniels, Brichon makes a rigorous selection for this wine from the best Mâcon-Villages cuvées, with each village contributing a different quality to the final blend – from white fruit aromas to minerality and floral tones. The eventual aim is a wine that combines an expression of the terroir of the Mâconnais with perfect harmony. Just 32,000 six-bottle cases are made.



Above: Georges Brichon of Vignerons des Grandes Vignes makes this wine in partnership with M&S

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## International Trophy winner Chardonnay over £15

Anthony Joseph Vidal, Legacy Chardonnay,  
Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 2012 (13.5%)

*Distinctly modern New Zealand Chardonnay, full of gun smoke, grapefruit skin, toast, vanilla and sizzling butter aromas. White nectarine and peach flavours greet you on the palate which is broad, rich and creamy, yet manages to retain a distinct elegance, with lovely length and a pleasingly dry finish.*

£39.20 Halifax Wine Co, Hatch Mansfield, Whalley Wine Shop

THIS HAWKE'S BAY Chardonnay was the near-unanimous choice for this International Trophy among our judging panel, thanks to its beautiful texture, assured winemaking and judicious balance between fruit and oak. It overcame some stellar competition from Margaret River, South Africa's cool Elgin region and a classic Chassagne-Montrachet.

The judges' description of the wine is in tune with Vidal winemaker Hugh Crichton's mission to achieve power and restraint in his wines, alongside concentration, complexity and fine texture. Freshness is key, thanks to retaining good natural acidity and balanced alcohol, alongside the careful use of oak.

But the 2012 vintage of this wine was also shaped by the elements. Heavy rain was forecast for Hawke's Bay in the run-up to harvest, leaving the Vidal team with a tough call; they decided to pick all the Chardonnay, rather than risk losing the entire crop, and reaped the reward in the shape of a wine of restraint and freshness, with great flavours and acidity. Low yields also helped.

### Tasted against

Château de Santenay, Chassagne-Montrachet, Burgundy, France 2013 • Oak Valley, Chardonnay, Elgin, South Africa 2014 • Vasse Felix, Heytesbury Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

The vineyards for this wine are largely situated in places where the meso-climatic conditions combine warmth for richness of flavour with night-time coolness to preserve good levels of natural acidity. Low to moderate soil fertility and green harvesting help to keep yields down and control vigour.

Now owned by Sir George Fistonich of Villa Maria fame, Vidal was created in 1905 when Spaniard Anthony Joseph Vidal left his uncle Joseph Soler's estate in Whanganui and planted a small vineyard at Hastings in Hawke's Bay, lured by the alluvial soil and dry conditions that reminded him of his homeland.



Above: Vidal winemaker Hugh Crichton aims for a balance of power and restraint in his wines

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## International Trophy winner White Single-Varietal under £15

### Perdeberg, The Dry Land Collection, Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc, Paarl, South Africa 2013 (13.5%)

*What a wonderful expression of Cape Chenin Blanc! For the price, this over-delivers on complexity and intensity, with a fleshy nose of mango, nectarine and a veil of white pepper. There's a really pleasing, flinty attack to the palate which possesses a concentrated middle, then layers of cream, nuts, honey and peach.*

Not available in the UK or USA

A RICH AND eclectic mix of grape varieties, styles and origins made the shortlist for this International Trophy, but in the end a classic South African barrel-fermented Chenin Blanc was the winner. Our judges remarked on its latent richness and creamy, ripe fruit, undercut by decent acidity and great length.

That's in line with the aim of Perdeberg cellarmaster Albertus Louw to produce a 'rich and ripe' style of Chenin, sourced from a single, dry-grown vineyard and fermented in 500-litre French oak barrels.

Perdeberg has accumulated a large collection of old-vine Chenin in the Agter-Paarl area, viewed as the ideal region for the variety. The bush vines remain unirrigated, producing small, concentrated berries out of deep soils with good water retention – a vital quality when you're waiting for full ripeness before harvest.

This is a place of wet, cold winters and dry, warm summers. But even when the heat is at

#### Tasted against

Domaine Martin, Monnières-St-Fiacre, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Loire, France 2010  
• Finca de los Arandinos, Viero, Rioja, Spain 2013 • Monsoon Valley, Colombard, Hua Hin Hills, Thailand 2014 • Mount Pleasant, Elizabeth Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia 2007 • Quinta de Serrade, Terras de Monção Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2014  
• Terrazze della Luna, Nosiola, Trentino, Italy 2014 • Tsiakkas, Xynisteri, Limassol, Cyprus 2014

its most pronounced, the temperature drops significantly in the evenings, giving acidity and balance to the wines. Meanwhile, granite soils help boost acidity, while the high clay content lends structure and backbone.



Above: Albertus Louw is the winemaker at Perdeberg – a specialist in dry-farmed, old-vine Chenin

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## International Trophy winner White Single-Varietal over £15

### Tiefenbrunner, Feldmarschall von Fenner zu Fennberg, Alto Adige/Südtirol, Italy 2013 (13%)

*An absolutely stunning Müller-Thurgau, run through with class and charm, its minty, floral nose graced with clementine, yellow plum, spice, lavender and white pepper. It's lithe, long and extraordinarily pure, with bracing acidity and penetrating flavours of green apples, thyme and a deliciously cleansing, vital finish.*

£23.99 Armit Wines

YES, A TROPHY for Müller-Thurgau. This is a grape that has largely fallen from favour in Germany and New Zealand, but grown on the Fennberg plateau at 1,000m, surrounded by the Alps, it has proven its quality.

The wine is named after Franz Philipp Freiherr von Fenner zu Fennberg, founder of the Austrian Kaiserjäger (the emperor's soldiers), who used the Hofstatt estate on the Fennberg mountain as a summer residence.

Herbert Tiefenbrunner, father of current winery owner Christof, used to spend his summer holidays on the estate and, inspired by a vine growing along the wall of the house, decided to plant a vineyard on the site.

Why Müller-Thurgau? Herbert figured that its tendency to flower late and ripen early would protect it from bad weather at either end of the growing season. The vineyard, a steep 15km drive from the Tiefenbrunner winery, enjoys a thermal advantage from being planted on a plateau, rather than steep

#### Tasted against

Argyros, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands, Greece 2014 • Grace, Koshu Private Reserve, Yamanashi, Chubu, Japan 2014 • Gross, Furmint, Stajerska, Podravje, Slovenia 2013 • Pazo Señorans, Selección de Añada, Rías Baixas, Spain 2007 • Rabl, Käferberg Alte Reben, Kamptal, Niederösterreich, Austria 2013 • Soalheiro, Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2014 • Szent Tamás, Dongó, Tokaj, Hungary 2013 • Tempus Two, Zenith Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia 2007

slopes – all the more so because the vines are south-facing. Meanwhile, the Alps offer protection from the harsh northerly wind, and there is an additional warming effect from the Ora wind from Lake Garda.

Herbert died at the age of 87 in April this year – before he could see his beloved wine win this International Trophy.



Above: Christof Tiefenbrunner and his wife Sabine; Christof's late father Herbert founded the estate



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## International Trophy winner White Blend under £15

### DeMorgenzon, Maestro, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2014 (14%)

*There's a winemaker of unquestionable skill and craft behind this outstanding fusion of varieties. The fruit is plentiful and rich, with notes of lemon, tropical fruit, white flowers, spices and herbs. It's powerful and textured, with a gravelly palate and a lengthy finish.*

£14.99 Halifax Wine Co, Lea & Sandeman, Oxford Wine Co, SA Wines Online

TWO YEARS AGO, the 2012 vintage of this wine won the South African Regional Trophy for Best White Blend under £15 – and now DeMorgenzon's Maestro 2014 has gone one better and taken an International Trophy home to Stellenbosch. In doing so, it beat two French rivals, one from the Languedoc and the other from Gaillac.

What's the secret? It might be the eclectic mix of grape varieties – Maestro 2014 blends 26% Roussanne with 25% Chardonnay, 19% Grenache Blanc, 17% Chenin Blanc and 13% Viognier – or the 10 months' ageing in small French oak barrels and cement eggs.

Vineyard location may also play its part. DeMorgenzon translates as 'morning sun', and the estate's grapes catch the first rays of the day in the Stellenboschkloof valley, vines covering the top southern and eastern slopes of Ribbokkop, overlooking the distinctive peak of Kanonkop.

DeMorgenzon's high-altitude hinterland can be challenging for vine-growing, such is the steepness of the slopes, but the pay-off is

#### Tasted against

Château Bas d'Aumelas, Languedoc, France 2013 • Château Clément Termes, Blanc Perlé, Gaillac, Southwest France 2014

a variety of microclimates. This facilitates the growing of an array of grape varieties, thus increasing the blending options open to winemaker Carl van der Merwe.

But perhaps the true secret of DeMorgenzon's success lies in music – from which this Trophy-winner takes its name. Vines and maturing wines alike have baroque music constantly playing in the background, thanks to speakers strategically positioned in the vineyard and cellar. Owners Wendy and Hylton Appelbaum admit that 'not much scientific investigation' has been undertaken to calculate the benefits of this tuneful accompaniment, but it certainly seems to be working so far.



Above: DeMorgenzon's winemaker Carl van der Merwe and owner Wendy Appelbaum

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## International Trophy winner White Blend over £15

### Château Brown, Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France 2013 (13.5%)

*Gorgeous, subtle oaky nose with youthful quince aromas to the fore and elderflower, orange blossom and green apples in the background. Creamy, round and intense, the palate is bursting with toasty, spicy fruit which has lovely weight and concentration. Classy and delicious, but will get even better.*

£31.05 Ellis of Richmond

A FIVE-WAY FRANCOPHONE final tasting here, with a classic white Bordeaux winning out over contenders from Provence, Languedoc and the Rhône and another from Switzerland's French-speaking Valais region.

The judges enthused about the quintessential style of this Pessac-Léognan, praising its great balance of fruit and acidity along with the richness and depth that are hallmarks of this region's great white wines. They also remarked on its youth and great ageing potential.

Jean-Christophe Mau bought Château Brown in 2004. Born into a family of wine merchants, his career began with the purchase of Château Preuillac in 1998. The switch to this domaine began with the sale of the family trading company, Yvon Mau, to Spain's Freixenet in 2001.

Château Brown is old vine-growing country – Mau reckons there are traces of the practice dating back to the 12th century. The château gained its name when Scottish wine merchant John Brown established himself in

#### Tasted against

Adrian & Diego Mathier, L'Ambassadeur des Domaines Diego Mathier, Valais, Switzerland 2013 • Château Salettes, Bandol, Provence, France 2014 • Clos des Nines, Obladie, Coteaux du Languedoc, France 2012 • Gilles Flacher, Cuvée Loess, St-Joseph, Rhône, France 2013

Bordeaux and bought the estate in 1795. The domaine regained its reputation under Bernard Barthe after 1994.

This Trophy-winner is a blend of 51% Sauvignon Blanc and 49% Semillon, from a vintage more famous for the challenges it posed to Bordeaux's reds. The cool and rainy weather that ruined the growing season for Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot created ideal conditions for developing floral and mineral flavours among the whites. It also brought greater acidity and structure than many recent vintages.



Above: the white grape vines at Château Brown benefited from cool and rainy weather in 2013



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## International Trophy winner Off-Dry under £15

### Paul Cluver, Marks & Spencer Ferricrete Riesling, Elgin, South Africa 2014 (10%)

*A captivating, provocative wine, with a bewitching nose of lime zest, oil and apple blossom. There's a beautiful tension between the sweet and sour elements on the palate, with pithy ripe lemon, crunchy green apple, lashings of lime cordial and tangy acidity.*

£13 Marks & Spencer

'RIESLING IS ONE of the most amazing grape varieties in the world but, like most things that are very rewarding, it is also very challenging,' says Paul Cluver Jr. Luckily, the Elgin area of South Africa – once better-known for apple growing than anything wine related – makes that challenging task more rewarding, if no less difficult.

Ferricrete may not be the most romantic of names, but the reference is to a block of Riesling on the Paul Cluver estate – more than 26 years old – where decomposed shale and light clay are overlaid with a top layer of 'ferricrete', or free-draining sand and gravel.

Elgin is a cool area, and not just by South African standards. In the 2014 vintage, the mercury dropped even lower than usual, with night-time harvesting capturing every last nuance of the grapes' aromatic character.

No wonder that, for Cluver, elegance is the main characteristic of Elgin wines. And if more evidence were needed, it comes in the shape of two Regional Trophy wins this year for Paul Cluver wines (*see p98 and p101*),

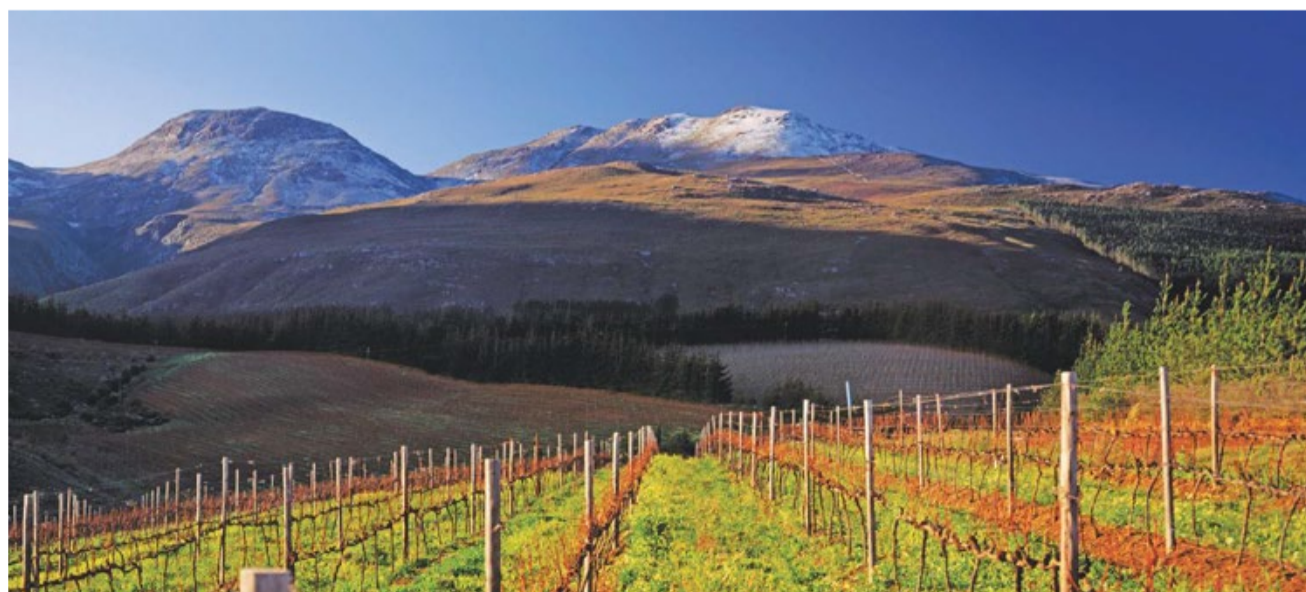
#### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

following on from an International Trophy last year for its 2013 Sauvignon Blanc and another for a 2012 Gewurztraminer in the 2013 competition.

The family has been farming on this land for 120 years, but Dr Paul Cluver (Paul Jr's father) only started growing grapes in the mid-1980s, with Paul Cluver Wines – wine pioneers in the area – the first producer to use the Elgin ward name on its bottlings.

'Coming from an apple-growing background, people often ask what is the biggest difference between an apple farmer and a wine farmer,' says Paul Cluver Jr – the fourth in his family with the name. 'The answer is simple: you'll never find two apple farmers sitting up late at night saying to each other: "You have got to taste this apple!".'



Above: once known for apple farming, Elgin's cool climate is ideal for Riesling vineyards to thrive



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## International Trophy winner Off-Dry over £15

### Paul Ginglinger, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Pfersigberg, Alsace, France 2013 (13%)

*Suave and sophisticated with a floral nose augmented by aromas of peach, honey and hints of black pepper. To taste, it's rich, harmonious, spicy and oily - but certainly not too heavy - with a pure, silky texture and spice-infused fruit; simply gorgeous.*

£17 The Wine Society

IN A DIRECT taste-off against a classic bottle-aged Mosel Riesling, this wonderfully exotic and spicy wine triumphed, with judges lauding its winemaking style as something of a 'lost art'.

For winemaker Michel Ginglinger, it's also an 'archetypal ambassador of the style of wines we want to express at Domaine Paul Ginglinger: a perfect balance of finesse, purity and elegance'.

Alsace has 51 grands crus but, in Ginglinger's opinion, only 'five or 10' that can amplify the qualities of Gewurztraminer, which can all too easily tip over into clumsy heaviness when planted on the wrong soils.

Pfersigberg – 'peach hill' in German – is one of these great sites. The Ginglinger plots are on south- and east-facing slopes, where the dry, sunny conditions are tempered by cool winds and the elevated position. Poor soils give naturally low yields and concentrated, balanced wines.

The Ginglingers have a long history in Alsace – Michel is the 13th generation of the

#### Tasted against

Nikolaus Köwerich, Leiwener Laurentiuslay Riesling, Mosel, Germany 1999

family to make wine in the hills surrounding the village of Eguisheim, near Colmar.

They also have an impressive track record in Decanter competitions – the 2011 vintage of this wine won a Regional Trophy at the DWWA in 2013, while its 2012 incarnation took an International Trophy at sister competition the Decanter Asia Wine Awards last year.

Ginglinger admits that, following his oenology studies, he could have simply returned to Alsace and started making wine. Instead, he travelled and worked a number of vintages in South Africa, Chile and Burgundy, enabling him to bring new influences to the family business – and also allowing him to meet his future wife, Loreto, in Chile's Casablanca Valley.



Above: Michel Ginglinger, with wife Loreto, is the 13th-generation winemaker at Domaine Paul Ginglinger

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## International Trophy winner Rosé under £15

### Château Salettes, Bandol, Provence, France 2014 (13.5%)

*Warm, humming and perfumed summer-day aromas showing the combined sweetness of Cinsault and Grenache. Vivid, elegant, lively, spicy palate which holds a big armful of soft red fruits, hints of earth and a touch of orange zest, all delivering a gratifying but forceful finish.*

£13.95 The Wine Society  
POA Regal Wine Imports USA

ONE OF THE most venerable estates in Provence's Bandol appellation, Château Salettes produces a benchmark rosé, given extra depth and character by the estate's sun-kissed Mourvèdre vines.

With only two wines vying for this International Trophy, the judges had to choose between stylistically opposite ends of the rosé spectrum. This pale, precise and floral example won the day over a richer bottling from northern Greece.

Built in the 17th century and still owned by the Ricard-Boyer family, Château Salettes sits between Toulon and Marseilles, close to the village of La Cadière d'Azur. The sloping vineyard has a great sea view of the nearby Mediterranean, while the vines soak up the sunshine – Bandol gets roughly 3,000 hours of sun a year, according to joint manager Alexandre Le Corguillé.

This rosé blends Mourvèdre – the variety takes up roughly half of the château's vineyards – with Cinsault and Grenache, adding an extra dimension to the trademark

#### Tasted against

Biblia Chora, Pangeon, Macedonia, Greece  
2014

delicacy and food-friendly qualities of Provençal rosés.

Le Corguillé, a graduate of Montpellier winemaking school, has also worked in Marlborough in New Zealand and at Château La Gordonne in nearby Pierrefeu-du-Var. Since arriving at Salettes in 2011, he has tried to evolve the style of the wines and started working the vineyards using organic and biodynamic methods, as well as using indigenous yeasts in the winemaking. Salettes is beginning its organic certification this year.



Above: Alexandre Le Corguillé, winemaker at the 17th-century Château Salettes in Bandol

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## International Trophy winner

### Rosé over £15

# Château La Tour de l'Evêque, Pétale de Rose, Côtes de Provence, France 2014 (13.5%)

*Very soft, graceful and creamy, with lovely nougatine purity. To taste it's fresh and subtly herby, with an elegant palate of breezy red fruits and deeper, earthier hints. This is truly a superb, vinous, sophisticated rosé, with magnificent depth and creamy finesse. How do you improve on this?*

£15.95 Corney & Barrow  
POA Plume Ridge USA

ALTHOUGH THIS WINE is a classic Provence rosé, it does have a touch of Bordeaux in its DNA. It was created by Régine Sumeire after she visited her friend (and then estate manager) Jean-Bernard Delmas at Château Haut-Brion in 1985. Following his advice, she used some of the white wine vinification methods she saw there in her new rosé.

Sumeire had been making wine in Provence since 1978 – one of the first women in the region to do so – but the family history goes back much further.

It was her grandfather, Gabriel Sumeire, who built up the family's Provence wine estates, including the large property of Château La Tour de l'Evêque near Pierrefeu in the Var, in 1958. It had previously been the summer residence of the archbishops of Toulon and, unusually, has two names: Château La Tour de l'Evêque and Château La Tour Ste-Anne.

In the old days, it was said there was no water at La Tour de l'Evêque because, when the lady of the manor's husband left to fight

### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

in the Crusades, she poisoned the well with her tears. Centuries later, Gabriel Sumeire ended the curse by the somewhat prosaic solution of linking the property to the Font-Freye spring.

Tour l'Evêque is located in the Maurette Hills, where the landscape is a mixture of schist soils of Hyeres rock, and of red permian sandstone.

This Trophy-winning wine is a blend of eight grape varieties, all of them sourced from old vines with an average age of 25 years: Cinsault (42%), Grenache (38%), Syrah (9%), Ugni Blanc (4%), Mourvèdre (3%), Semillon (2%), Cabernet Sauvignon (1%) and Rolle (1%).



Above: Château La Tour l'Evêque was previously the summer residence of Toulon's archbishops

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## International Trophy winner Pinot Noir under £15

### Elgin Vintners, Pinot Noir, Elgin, South Africa 2012 (14%)

*What an entrance! Toasty aromas of oak, earthy black plum, intense black cherry, spice and even a Gevrey-Chambertin hint to it. Ambitious and impressive in equal measure, with chalky, mineral tannins, classy oak and gorgeously ripe fruit carrying plenty of freshness.*

Not available in the UK  
POA Z Wines USA

THE JUDGING PANEL enthused about this ‘thrilling’ wine, with its archetypal Pinot Noir character – all smoky fruit and refinement in a style not often seen at this price level. Praised as ‘Burgundian’, it took this International Trophy over another great-value New World rival.

Three vineyards contribute fruit to this winning wine, reflecting the ethos of Elgin Vintners’ partnership of six farming families in South Africa’s cool Elgin Valley. Between them, the families own a collection of vineyards within a 12km radius, offering a broad spectrum of soils, aspects, altitudes and mesoclimates.

Of the three sites, the Elgin Orchards vineyard gives this wine body and depth thanks to its richer soils, while Eikenhof – planted at 500m, reputedly the coolest vineyard in South Africa – offers an unmistakable texture. Meanwhile, Wallovale produces fruit with an expressive, cool-climate elegance and finesse.

The driving force behind Elgin Vintners is

#### Tasted against

Marks & Spencer Clocktower Pinot Noir,  
Marlborough, New Zealand 2013

Max Hahn, owner of majority shareholder Elgin Orchards, whose association with the area goes back to his childhood. The Ridgelands Homestead on his farm – bought in 2001 and recently renovated to house the Elgin Vintners offices and tasting facility – was opened up at the end of World War II to help returning wounded soldiers to recover.

One of the soldiers stationed at Ridgelands was Hahn’s father, who became close friends with the owners, meaning that the young Max spent weekends and childhood holidays on what was then an apple and pear farm – falling in love with the area in the process. He remains one of Elgin’s most enthusiastic champions.



Above: Max Hahn (second from right) is the driving force of the Elgin Vintners team

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## International Trophy winner Pinot Noir over £15

### Domaine de la Vougeraie, Bonnes Mares Grand Cru, Burgundy, France 2013 (13%)

*Complex and distinguished, this opens with an exotic, musky perfume of creamy red fruits. It's very finely drawn, with lovely purity, fine tannins and quality oak which is a touch present at the moment. Long and concentrated, this may not be a big, brooding Bonnes-Mares, but it's undeniably a very elegant one.*

£175 **Berry Bros & Rudd**

A COSMOPOLITAN TASTE-OFF pitted a quintet of New World Pinots against two from France – with one of Burgundy's most famous locations winning out in the end.

What's in a name? When it comes to the famous grand cru of Bonnes Mares, it seems that nobody is entirely sure.

According to Domaine de la Vougeraie, it may be a reminder of mother goddesses, a corruption of the French 'bonnes mères' or 'good mothers' or, most plausibly, derived from the old French and Burgundian word 'marer', to cultivate. In which case, Bonnes Mares are, literally, well-kept vines.

In recent years for Vougeraie, that philosophy of good cultivation has meant a gradual embrace of ever more sustainable practices: pest management since 1992, organic farming since 1998, and biodynamic practices since 2001. The vines are earthed up in winter and winemaking is hands-off.

This Trophy winner spent 16 months in oak barrels, 55% of them new. The winemaker responsible, Pierre Vincent, joined

#### Tasted against

CedarCreek Platinum Block 2 Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada 2012 • Curly Flat Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges, Victoria, Australia 2011 • Daniel Chotard, Chant de l'Archer, Sancerre, Loire, France 2012 • Errázuriz Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa, Aconcagua Valley, Chile 2013 • Greystone, The Thomas Brothers' Reserve Pinot Noir, Waipara, Canterbury, New Zealand 2013 • Kutch McDougall Ranch Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California, USA 2013

Vougeraie's parent company Boisset La Famille des Grands Vins in 2001, working at Jaffelin prior to moving to his current post. He has also worked or periods at famous Burgundian estates Olivier Leflaive and Antonin Guyon.

This International Trophy follows one for Vougeraie last year, for its 2011 Monopole Le Clos de Blanc de Vougeot.



Above: winemaker Pierre Vincent has continued Domaine de la Vougeraie's sustainable approach

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## International Trophy winner Red Bordeaux Varietals under £15

### Indomita, Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva, Maipó Valley, Chile 2014 (14%)

*Outstanding, and so much wine for the price. It's serious, grown-up and savoury, with a nose of sweet cassis and smoky, dark fruit. There are hints of tobacco and green spice on the palate, bolstered by mature red fruits with a balsamic tinge and great concentration.*

Not available in the UK or USA

SINCE 2005, THIS wine has been made from a single-vineyard lot in the coastal area of Chile's Maipó Valley, in what the Indomita team describes as a 'heavenly spot with rolling hills'.

It's also a classic location for growing Cabernet Sauvignon which, despite the rise in prominence of Carmenere, remains Chile's most significant variety – dubbed 'the undisputed king' by the winery.

Here, in the hands of winemakers Roberto Carrancá and Fernando Catalán, and winemaking consultant Duncan Killiner, it produces a wine which is quintessentially Chilean, preferred by our judges to contenders from the Loire and Stellenbosch for its firm, juicy character, excellent depth and pure fruit expression.

This plot in coastal Maipó is all about granite soils and a mild climate, where the warmth of spring and summer is eased by the cool, refreshing breezes that blow in from the ocean each evening. This tempering influence extends the maturation period and

#### Tasted against

Eikendal, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2012 • Musset-Roullier, Les Neuf Vingt, Anjou, Loire, France 2014

allows the grapes to ripen slowly, with the cold night-time temperatures allowing them to develop thicker skins, full of colour, flavour and texture.

Those who have followed the Decanter World Wine Awards over the years will not be surprised by Indomita's success: the 2007 vintage of the same wine won the International Trophy for Best Cabernet Sauvignon under £10 in 2009. That's no mean feat for a winery which only produced its first wine in 2001.



Above: the Indomita winery sits atop rolling hills of Cabernet Sauvignon vines – Chile's 'king' variety



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## International Trophy winner Red Bordeaux Varietals over £15

### Miguel Torres, Reserva Real, Penedès, Spain 2010 (14.5%)

*An outstanding wine; very deep, dark, dense and complex, with cigar box, pencil lead and blackberry on the fragrant nose, which has a lovely Cabernet quality. The ripeness is spot on, backed by wonderful, high-quality, velvety tannins and the capacity to age for another decade.*

£71.99 Fells

A WINE CREATED to mark the visit of King Juan Carlos to the Torres winery during its 125th anniversary in 1995, Reserva Real also celebrates a unique vineyard in Penedès.

The Santa Margarita of Agulladolç estate covers just four hectares on a site that sits at 400m altitude and also boasts a beautiful 11th-century Romanesque *ermita* (chapel).

The shallow, stony soils persuaded the Torres family that this might be the perfect spot for a Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

Average temperatures are 15°C, but 2010 was cooler still at 13.5°C, and quite wet, with 200mm more rainfall than average. This Trophy winner – of which just 200 cases were made – spent 18 months in new French oak.

In an always keenly fought International Trophy category, Reserva Real fought off competition from a pair of Bordeaux wines, two Tuscans, plus fine examples from Argentina, Hungary, Australia and South Africa. It was the Spanish wine's depth that really impressed the judges, as well as its

#### Tasted against

Campo alla Sughera, Adèo, Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy 2012 • Château Haut Condissas, Médoc, Bordeaux, France 2011 • Château La Patache, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France 2012 • Delaire Graff, Botmaskop, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2012 • Fabre Montmayou, Cabernet Franc Reservado, Mendoza, Argentina 2014 • Leconfield, Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013 • Pakravan-Papi, Cancellia di Riparbella, Tuscany, Italy 2010 • Sauska, Cabernet Franc, Villány, Dél-Pannónia, Hungary 2011

perfect balance and, nearly five years in, excellent potential for further ageing.

It's another victory for this historic family winery, to follow multiple past DWWA Golds, and an International Trophy and Best in Show award for its Altos Ibéricos Crianza 2011 in last year's Decanter Asia Wine Awards.



Above: the 4ha Santa Margarita of Agulladolç vineyard boasts a 11th-century Romanesque chapel

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## International Trophy winner Red Rhône Varietals under £15

### Lomond, Cat's Tail Syrah, Cape Agulhas, South Africa 2012 (14.8%)

*An exquisite, appetising, cool-climate Syrah with alluring aromas of bay leaf, liquorice, toast, oak spice then red and black fruits. The palate is buoyant and spicy, with wonderfully integrated, grippy tannins and admirable length driven by fresh fruit and perky acidity.*

£14.99 Forth Wines, Inverarity Morton

IN A CLOSELY FOUGHT and high-quality final tasting, this cool-climate Syrah from South Africa's southernmost tip pipped rivals from two more relatively new wine-growing areas – Chile's northern Limarí Valley and Canberra in New South Wales – as well as the Faugères enclave of the Languedoc.

Grip, depth, warmth and vibrancy were just some of the qualities our judging panel admired in this wine, as well as a distinctly different Syrah character which owes much to where this single-vineyard wine originates.

Cape Agulhas is where the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean meet, a very cool area for growing grapes, but one that offers a rich assortment of soils. This combination was among the factors that led general manager Wayne Gabb to establish Lomond in the region in 1999, when he went south in search of a new challenge after previously farming fruit in Elgin.

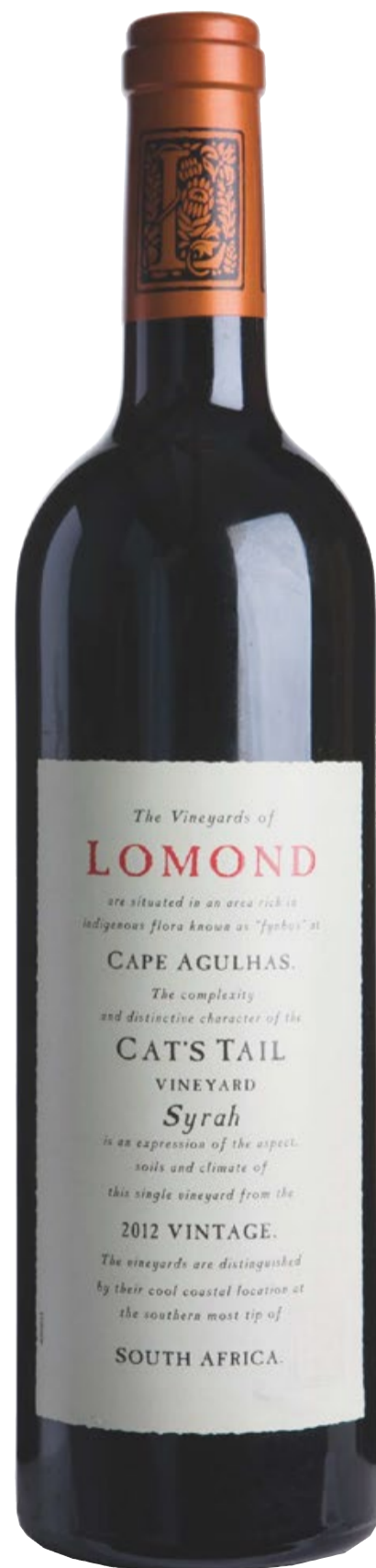
Gabb was attracted not only by the rich diversity of soils on the Lomond site, but also by its proximity to the ocean, just 6km away.

#### Tasted against

Ollier-Taillefer, Grande Réserve, Faugères, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2012  
• McWilliam's, Syrah, Canberra District, New South Wales, Australia 2013 • Tamaya, Reserva Syrah, Limarí Valley, Chile 2013

Dresden ferricrete soils dominate, with a very rocky, porous red character, restricting vigour and producing – in tandem with Syrah clone 21 and the skills of winemaker Kobus Gerber – a distinctive wine style that is characterised by pepper, oriental spices and rich, dark fruit.

Lomond is part of the Cape Legends portfolio, the fine wine division of South Africa's largest wine and spirits company, Distell. It is no stranger to DWWA success, with the 2011 vintage of this wine winning Gold in the past two years of the competition.



Above: Lomond's winemaker Kobus Gerber (left) and general manager/viticulturist Wayne Gabb

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## International Trophy winner Red Rhône Varietals over £15

### Sidewood, Mappinga Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 (14.5%)

*A delicious, ambitious, cooler-climate Shiraz, with floral lift on the sweet nose alongside a twist of black pepper and dark cherry fruit. Ideally this needs a few more years' rest in bottle, by which time it will be absolutely singing, but there's still buckets of appeal right now, with its velvety tannins and liquorice-tinged fruit.*

POA Davy's

HONG KONG-BORN OWEN Inglis is making waves in the cool-climate Adelaide Hills, sparing no expense to fulfil his dream of making quality wines. Successful business ventures in China enabled him and his wife Cassandra to pursue a dream of winemaking in an area Inglis has loved since childhood, when he rode horses on his aunt's farm.

In a taste-off against rivals from Marlborough, the Rhône and the Languedoc, this wine won the closely judged contest thanks to the panel's love of its warm fruit and savoury, balsamic character.

Inglis' love of the Adelaide Hills persists despite its challenges: frosts (the vineyards have a sprinkler system), heatwaves and rain risk in the run-up to harvest. Key to Sidewood's success is diversity in its vineyards, which have three soil types, differing orientations and five clones of Shiraz.

Mappinga Shiraz is made from individually selected bunches, of which 25% are placed in open-top fermenters, with the remainder destemmed and poured on top. A wild-yeast

#### Tasted against

Château Cesseras, Minervois La Livinière, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2012 •  
Domaine Le Pointu, Aeternalis, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France 2010 • Giesen, Single Vineyard Clayvin Syrah, Marlborough, New Zealand 2012 • Saronsberg, Shiraz, Tulbagh, South Africa 2013

fermentation is followed by an extended, three-week maceration prior to pressing off and returning to tank for settling after malolactic fermentation is completed.

Prior to barrel selection, the wine spends 18 months in a mix of French oak puncheons and hogsheads, 35% new. Made by former Shaw and Smith winemaker Darryl Catlin, it is only made in top vintages, and Inglis believes the wine could continue to evolve for about 50 years. Look out for the upcoming 2015 vintage: the team reckons it's the best yet.



Above: Sidewood owner Owen Inglis (centre, with wine) has loved the Adelaide Hills since childhood

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## International Trophy winner Red Spanish Varietals under £15

### Olarra, Laztana, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2010 (14%)

*Intense, balanced and archetypal Rioja, with warming aromas of dark cherry, spice, tobacco and berries. Vanilla and cedar form the attack on the suave palate, which has fabulous concentration, further enhanced by notes of dried herbs, burlap leather, liquorice and sumptuous red cherry fruit.*

Not available in the UK or USA

NAMED AFTER THE Basque word for love, Laztana is made infrequently, and was only produced in good commercial quantities in 2009 and 2010. The aim is to achieve complexity, finesse and longevity in the wine – an aim made possible, says Bodegas Olarra, by Rioja's unique climate, soil and terrain.

Family-owned since its foundation in 1973, Olarra has expanded over the years, establishing a second Rioja winery, Bodegas Ondarre, and an operation in Castilla called Casa del Valle.

More broadly, Olarra's aim is to make affordable wines, something the company's scale helps it to do: Olarra says special wines like Laztana 'could cost five times as much' without the sharing of costs that the company's business model delivers.

This Trophy winner is a blend of the classic Rioja grape varieties, each with a role to play: Tempranillo for its good ageing potential; Garnacha for fruitiness and as a counterbalance to the low acidity of the Tempranillo; and Graciano and Mazuelo to

#### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

lend aromatic complexity and acidity, and to improve the wine's colour intensity.

The wine is made by Javier Martinez de Salinas, who took a rather circuitous route into winemaking via his initial research into molecular biology, first looking at human immunology and later agricultural plant pathology. That led to a job working for a company specialising in winemaking products and equipment, and from there he began working as a winemaker in 1989, before joining Olarra nine years later.

Olarra is a veteran of the Decanter World Wine Awards, having won International Trophies in the past three years – for its Erudito Reserva in the 2014 and 2013 competitions, and for its Cerro Añón Crianza in 2012.



Above: Olarra winemaker Javier Martinez de Salinas, and the striking interior of the Rioja winery



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## International Trophy winner Red Spanish Varietals over £15

### Lan, Culmen, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2010 (14%)

*Modern, bold and masculine, with a huge nose of earth, chocolate, vanilla, cassis, prune, date, fig and spice. Something of a monster and fully charged on the palate, boasting lashings of oak and immense levels of dark fruit, complemented by black olive, tapenade and tobacco. A wonderful wine with fabulous density and great potential for the future.*

£65 Sogrape UK, SH Jones, Vin Neuf  
POA Monsieur Touton Selections USA

AN ALL-SPANISH FINAL pitted two classic Riojas against contenders from Ribera del Duero and Bierzo, but this Rioja Reserva from Lan won the judges' hearts in the end, praised for showing 'modern Spain at its absolute best'. They loved its concentration and boldness, and a style that bridges both old and new schools of winemaking technique.

Such comments are not only a vote of confidence in Logroño-born winemaker María Barúa, but are in keeping with the history and philosophy of Bodegas Lan. The winery was established in 1972 and derives its name from an acronym of the three provinces of the Rioja DO: Logroño, Alava and Navarra. From the outset, the company was committed to owning all of its vineyards, so it was able to control the raw material from root to glass.

The foundation and heart of Bodegas Lan – and, more particularly, of this wine – is the Viña Lanciano estate, much prized for its combination of climate, weather conditions, grape varieties, low yields and soils. Within

#### Tasted against

Arzuaga, Amaya Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero, Spain 2010 • Descendientes de J Palacios, Villa de Corullón, Bierzo, Spain 2012 • La Rioja Alta, 890, Rioja Gran Reserva, Spain 2001

this 72-hectare estate sits Pago El Rincón, an enclave of mineral-rich soils and the site of the vineyard's oldest Tempranillo, Graciano and Mazuelo plantings.

When the harvest from this site is outstanding, as it was in the 2010 vintage, these grapes are picked for Culmen – the 'culmination' of Lan's, and Barúa's, experience and expertise. Fewer than 20,000 bottles of this Trophy winner were released.



Above: Pago El Rincón on Lan's Viña Lanciano estate is the source of the old-vine fruit for Culmen

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## International Trophy winner Red Italian Varietals under £15

### Fattoria Dianella, Il Matto delle Giuncaie, Tuscany, Italy 2013 (13%)

*There's an initial hit of plush, vanilla oak, but the violet-tinged, black cherry, cranberry, raspberry and red berry fruit comes forward and proves more than a match. They both work in harmony on the palate which holds breezy, refreshing flavours of cherry, and beautiful, savoury tannins.*

Not available in the UK  
POA Tuscan Vineyards Imports USA

VERONICA PASSERIN D'ENTREVES grew up in the Tuscan countryside, since her family owned two estates there: Fattoria Dianella and Tenuta di Piaggia. Her own involvement in the family business began with the development of tourism at their villas, but slowly she became more and more interested in the making the wines herself.

Passerin d'Entreves' first vintage was 2001, which was also the first vintage of this wine. The aim was to produce an expression of the Fattoria Dianella terroir, using only native grapes (100% Sangiovese) but with a modern approach.

The result, with its perfumed red fruit and hints of spice, won through in a three-way Italian taste-off for this International Trophy, against rivals from the Marche and the deep south of Puglia.

Grapes taken from the oldest part of the Dianella vineyard are hand-selected for this Trophy-winning wine, and fermented at low temperatures in stainless steel, with a long maceration on the skins, followed by

#### Tasted against

Terre Monte Schiavo, Marzaiola, Lacrima di Morro d'Alba, Le Marche, Italy 2014  
• Vigneti Reale, Rudiae Primitivo, Salento, Puglia, Italy 2013

malolactic fermentation, part in cement and part in tonneaux. Maturation in small French oak barrels lasts for at least 12 months, with six months' further ageing in bottle.

It's a wine that Passerin d'Entreves is unlikely to forget, since its first bottling in 2003 coincided with her wedding to husband Francesco.

It's also an expression of a single vineyard, the Vigna della Madonnina. This spot has now taken on an additional role as the source of grapes for a new white wine. Serena e Nuvole is made from Vermentino grapes, which were planted as a result of frequent finds of fossilised shells while working the soils there.



Above: harvesting Sangiovese grapes on the Fattoria Dianella estate in Tuscany



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## International Trophy winner Red Italian Varietals over £15

### Rivetto, Leon, Barolo Riserva, Piedmont, Italy 2009 (14.5%)

*An archetypal Barolo; imposing and dazzling with a layered nose of freshly dug earth, truffles, leather, ink, balsamic notes, dried flowers and ripe cherry. The mouth is very long, blessed with vibrant, rich fruit, breezy acidity and a lovely kick of liquorice on the finish.*

£63.25 Ellis of Richmond

THIS BENCHMARK BAROLO was a universal favourite with our judging panel, picked out of a classy line-up covering all points of the Italian compass. They described it as a classic wine of perfume and balance that marries tradition to modern techniques without allowing one to overshadow the other.

Enrico Rivetto, a fourth-generation Langhe winemaker whose great-grandfather set up shop in the centre of Alba in 1902, has strong views on modern technology. Among the good, he says, is the internet, which allows him to reach people all over the world through social media and his blog – Rivetto claims to be the first Langhe producer with a blog and website translated into English, Russian, Portuguese and Chinese.

And the bad technology? Anything that makes life too easy for people working the vines: Rivetto eschews the use of any chemical treatments in the vineyards, which are due to receive organic certification next year.

‘You have to trust the vineyard,’ he says of his estate located in Serralunga d’Alba, where

#### Tasted against

Bindi Sergardi, Calidonia, Chianti Classico Riserva, Tuscany, Italy 2011 • Cecchetto, Gelsaia, Piave Malanotte, Veneto, Italy 2011  
• Grasso Fratelli, Vallegrande, Barbaresco Riserva, Piedmont, Italy 2008 • Quintodecimo, Riserva, Taurasi, Campania, Italy 2010  
• Tenute Silvio Nardi, Vigneto Manachia, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy 2010  
• Tinazzi, Selezione di Famiglia, Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy 2012

rich clay and marl soils endow this wine with the richness, power and elegance so typical of the area. ‘This is why our winemaking is minimalist: sometimes we think it’s better not to take action.’

As for the name of this wine, it recalls the habit of the older folk in the Langhe of referring to the wines of Serralunga as ‘powerful like a lion’ – *leon* the local dialect version of the Italian *leone*.



Above: Enrico Rivetto eschews chemicals in his vineyard and will get organic certification in 2016

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## International Trophy winner Red Single-Varietal under £15

### Viñalba, Parilla Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2013 (14.5%)

*Punching above its weight, this is a real treat, with floral, deep and dark fruits on the nose enhanced by a touch of mint. The textured palate displays brilliant balance between the oak and the fruit, has a naturally fresh feel to it and a long, velvety finish.*

£7.99 Majestic

TWO SOUTH AMERICAN wines and one from Greece made our shortlist for this always keenly fought International Trophy. But it was this fruit-driven Malbec made by a French ex-patriot that won over the judges in the end, thanks to its combination of deep flavours, herbal edge, pleasing savoury notes and lovely aromatics. It's a multi-faceted red wine, with the panel also noting dark and floral nuances, as well as a smoky tinge and grippy tannins.

Hervé Joyaux Fabre is both winemaker and proprietor of Bodegas Fabre, which owns three wineries in Argentina: Fabre Montmayou, Viñalba and Phebus. A Bordelais by birth, he has been something of a wine renaissance man in his professional career, working first as a négociant in Bordeaux, then immersed in the wine buying world at a supermarket chain, before finally taking up 'the job I prefer', as he puts it – wine producer.

One Regional Trophy for the Fabre Montmayou, Reservado Cabernet Franc 2014 (see p57) and two International Trophies –

#### Tasted against

Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha País-Cinsault, Chile 2014 • Mitravelas Estate, Red on Black, Nemea, Peloponnese, Greece 2014

this one and another Malbec (see opposite page) at this year's DWWA are a vindication of that decision.

Winning an International Trophy is an impressive achievement for a wine in its first vintage, but Fabre had a clear vision for Parilla Malbec from the start.

'With Parilla we want, first and foremost, to express the wine's purity of fruit,' he says. 'We are aiming for a really fruit-driven wine, with a clear definition of the Malbec variety.' The grapes for this wine are sourced from a number of sites across Mendoza, the common thread between them being consistent warmth, cool nights and a long growing season.



Above: Hervé Joyaux Fabre and his wife Diane have enjoyed remarkable success at the DWWA

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## International Trophy winner Red Single-Varietal over £15

### Fabre Montmayou, HJ Fabre Barrel Selection Malbec, Patagonia, Argentina 2014 (14.5%)

*This is an absolutely textbook, pure expression of Malbec from the south of Argentina. With considerable depth, it has many layers of aromas and flavours, with the crunchy, spicy, sweet black fruit delivered in a rounded, elegant, textured manner with great concentration and freshness.*

£15.99 Laithwaite's

IF YOU CAN win the International Trophies for Red Single Varietal both over and under £15 in the same year, you must be doing something right. An impressive double triumph for Argentina's Bodegas Fabre, owner of Viñalba, Fabre Montmayou and Phebus, and a regular Trophy winner at the DWWA. In fact, the 2013 vintage of this wine won the under £15 International Trophy last year also.

Our judges loved this wine's big, weighty, chunky structure, as well as its floral nuances and sheer accessibility, without any need for excessive, cosmetic oak to mask the fruit.

Like Bodegas Fabre's other International Trophy in this year's awards (*see opposite page*), this wine is Malbec – but not as many people know it. Sourced from Patagonia, it is, as owner and winemaker Hervé Joyaux Fabre says, 'a different style of Malbec from a very different region of Argentina'.

'It is very elegant and has a lot of finesse due to a fresher climate and the huge variation in day and night temperatures in

#### Tasted against

Château Lagrèzette, Clos Marguerite, Massaut, Cahors, France 2012 • Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block 27 Carmenere Lot No 1, Peumo, Cachapoal, Chile 2013 • Gaia Estate, Agiorgitiko, Nemea, Peloponnese, Greece 2012 • Houghton, Jack Mann Cabernet Sauvignon, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013

summer in Patagonia,' he explains. 'With this wine we offer the wine lover the opportunity to experience a new kind of Malbec, with a vibrant fruit expression.'

Produced by Fabre since 2008, the wine is made in a style that doesn't broadcast its 'New World' origins, with flavours that incline more towards red fruits than black – and a character that is personified by elegance as much as exuberance.



Above: Fabre Montmayou's vineyards in Patagonia offer winelovers 'a new kind of Malbec'

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## International Trophy winner Red Blend under £15

### Château Bouissel, Le Bouissel, Fronton, Southwest France 2011 (13.5%)

*Fresh and warm, with well-judged oak bringing a little spiciness to the table, complementing earthy, smoky aromas of black cherry, herbs and liquorice. Vivid, ample, stylish and articulate, this displays lovely balance, reams of deep, juicy fruit, and a characterful, dusty finish. A simply stunning illustration of Fronton.*

Not available in the UK  
POA The Wine Co USA

OUT OF AN eclectic mix of wines from southwest France, Croatia, Portugal's Dão region and the cool-climate Mendoza enclave of the Uco Valley, this blend of Negrette, Syrah and Cot (Malbec) won over the judges with its smoky, meaty, dark and feral style.

Fronton is a land in between – practically equidistant from both – the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and it enjoys some influence from both. Modest rainfall and lots of sunshine gives a crop of healthy grapes.

Château Bouissel believes those grapes are one of its major assets – particularly the Negrette, a variety native to Fronton, with its rich, aromatic character and silky tannins. These are old vines too, planted on the third of Fronton's fluvial terraces, where the soils are scattered with alluvial deposits drained by the Tarn river from the Massif Central, containing plenty of quartz, but with a notable absence of limestone.

Pierre Selle and his wife Anne-Marie took over the running of the estate from his

#### Tasted against

Falua, F'oz, Dão, Portugal 2013 • Finca Buenaventura, Aureo, La Obra, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2012 • Vina Laguna, Festigia Castello, Istria, Croatia 2012

father, Adrien, in 1978, setting about a long-term project to restructure the vineyard and produce fine wines. Now son Nicolas has joined his parents and has his own ideas about the future direction of the estate: farming organically, planting white grapes and creating new cuvées.



Above: Nicolas Selle has joined his father Pierre in helping run Fronton's Château Bouissel

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## International Trophy winner Red Blend over £15

### McWilliam's, 1877, Australia 2008 (15%)

*Lively, ripe and intense red and black fruits on the nose, accompanied by sandalwood, tumeric, bay leaf and tobacco. The palate is multilayered, lush, languid and warm, boasting sweet and savoury fruits, ripe tannins, fantastically integrated oak and a lovely, refreshing finish. Top-notch Australian fare.*

Not available in the UK or USA

'OPULENCE' AND 'EUCALYPT-SCENTED black fruit' were just some of the characteristics of this Australian red blend, which wowed the judges in a three-way taste-off with Portugal's Douro Valley and the Apalta sub-region in Chile's Colchagua region.

McWilliam's 1877 is both a 'new' Australian wine and a traditional blend. New because some of the Cabernet Sauvignon for this Shiraz-Cabernet comes from Hilltops, a cooler region in New South Wales which winemaker Andrew Higgins believes remains untapped as a premium wine source.

Traditional because this is the great Australian blend – Shiraz and Cabernet – and because it is made with minimal rules. 'The history behind the wine is that it came about as a vehicle to highlight the quality of fruit and wine resources that are available at McWilliams, and what can be made of them when there are no appellation-like rules restricting multi-varietal and multi-regional blends,' says Higgins.

So the Shiraz is grown in the restrictive

#### Tasted against

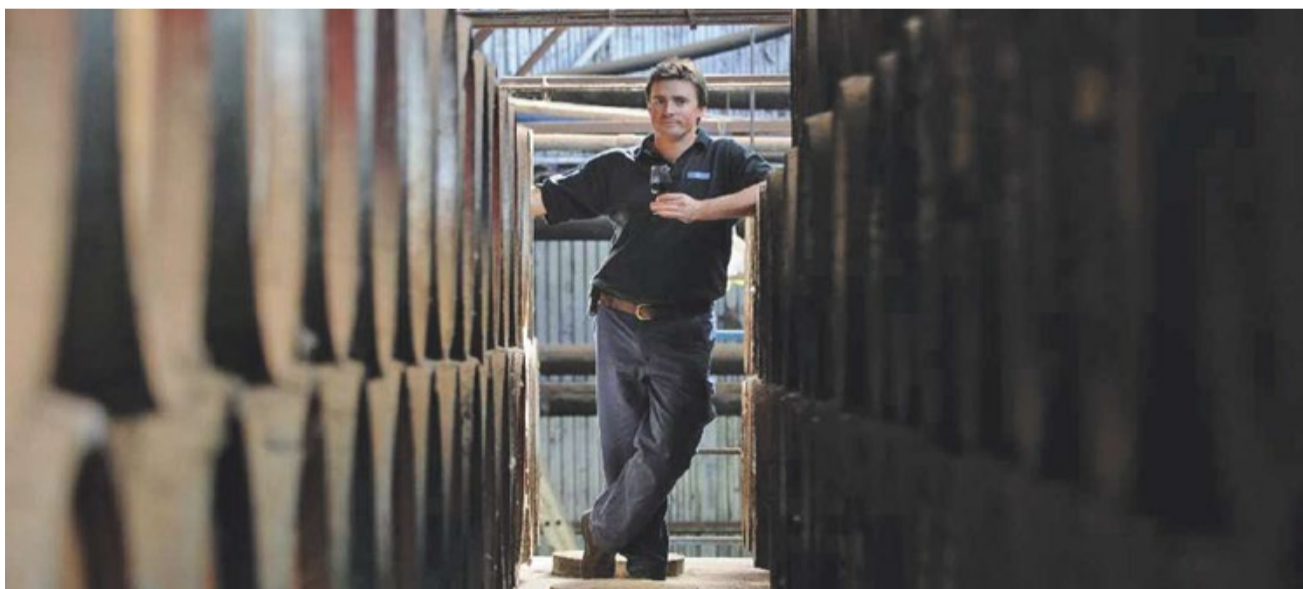
Quinta da Fronteira, Reserva, Douro, Portugal 2012 • Ventisquero, Vertice, Apalta, Colchagua, Chile 2011

grey clay soils of the Tatachilla sub-region of McLaren Vale, giving wines with rich, supple tannins and dark chocolate fruit.

The Hilltops Cabernet, meanwhile, is sourced from close to the township of Young, the vines grown on deep red soils with minimal irrigation that give vibrant blackberry and dried herb flavours with elegant tannins.

Additional Cabernet fruit originates from the famous terra rossa soils of Coonawarra, bringing to the finished wine notes of cassis and blueberry, as well as long and fine-grained tannins.

'It is a true winemaker's blend,' says Higgins, 'full-bodied, in a traditional Australian style.'



Above: McWilliams winemaker Andrew Higgins says this blend capitalises on Australia's lack of wine rules

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## International Trophy winner Sweet under £15

# Longview, Epitome Late Harvest Riesling, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 (11.5%)

*Beautifully expressive aromas of orange blossom and marmalade, with a ripe citrus undertone and a hint of kerosene and mushroom. The palate bursts with ginger, treacle and a lovely, complex floral character, with the sweetness lifted by a rich vein of zippy acidity. Superb!*

Not available in the UK or USA

IN A STRONG final flight that offered great value for money, the sheer flamboyance, power and complexity of this Adelaide Hills sweetie edged out a cosmopolitan trio of wines from southwest France, cool-climate South Africa and Tuscany.

Brothers Mark and Peter Saturno, founders and owners of Longview, planted Riesling vines in 1997 on the estate's 'most unforgiving' soils, composed mostly of ironstone over a compacted clay layer. This sloping vineyard is very low-yielding and, typically, most of it is devoted to the production of dry table wine.

But when the year warrants it – generally when the vineyard experiences dry and cool conditions – the Saturnos leave some of the fruit to hang on the vine until late May, allowing the sugars to slowly accumulate in the berries without forfeiting the grapes' natural acidity. The result is this Epitome Late Harvest Riesling.

The Saturnos say they have been surrounded by wine since birth, growing up

### Tasted against

Domaine du Cinquiau, L'Envie, Jurançon, Southwest France 2013 • Fattoria La Violla, Vin Santo del Chianti, Tuscany, Italy 2011  
• Paul Cluver, Noble Late Harvest Riesling, Elgin, South Africa 2013

in the family's wine store, restaurant and hotel business. Work took them both to New York for a spell, but they returned to Australia to establish Longview on a former dairy farm near Macclesfield in 1995.

Their first plantings included Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Nebbiolo, but the brothers have not hesitated to make changes, by grafting or pulling up underperforming varieties to make way for more suitable grapes, such as Barbera and Grüner Veltliner.



Above: this low-yielding, sloping vineyard has Longview's 'most unforgiving' soils, perfect for Riesling



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## International Trophy winner

### Sweet over £15

# Ptujska Klet, Pullus, Laški Rizling, Stajerska, Podravje, Slovenia 2012 (10.4%)

*Spirited and dynamic, with spectacular aromatic complexity, with touches of honey, ripe pear, quince, acacia, peach, quinine, green olive and a lovely, bitter bite. The palate is comparable in its interest and class, with a healthy dose of honeyed, toasty fruit and a crunchy, cooking apple slant.*

Not available in the UK or USA

SOME OF US are old enough to remember when the name Laški Rizling was a byword for cheap white wine of dubious quality from the former Yugoslavia. But if you belong to that generation, hold the thought and take a look at the list of wines that Ptujska Klet beat to win this year's International Trophy.

It's a who's who of dessert wine: Sauternes, German eiswein, Austrian Ruster Ausbruch, Vin de Constance, Tokaj, vin santo... And, in a final taste-off with Inniskillin's Riesling Icewine, this Slovenian sweet wine won over the judges with its fine fruit character, precision, excellent balance and length.

Winemaker Bojan Kobal puts this down to a winemaking style typical of the photogenic Podravje region. That means combining dried grapes with straw wine and producing something that 'reflects the fingerprint of nature'. His goal, he adds, is 'to make wines to suit every moment of people's lives, but not lose the originality of the terroir and the signature of the winery'.

There were signs of this last year, when

### Tasted against

Bürgerspital Würzburger Absteile Riesling Eiswein, Franken, Germany 2011 • Castello Sonnino, Vin Santo del Chianti, Tuscany, Italy 2008 • Château Laville, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France 2011 • Feiler-Artinger Ruster Ausbruch, Neusiedlersee-Hügelland, Burgenland, Austria 2012 • Holdvögly Culture, Tokaj, Hungary 2011 • Inniskillin, Okanagan Estate Riesling Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, Canada 2012 • Klein Constantia, Vin de Constance, Constantia, South Africa 2009 • Ktima Gerolemo, Commandaria, Cyprus 2007 • Kutvejo, Traminac Ice Wine, Slavonia, Croatia 2011 • La Reserva de Caliboro, Erasmo Late Harvest Torontel, Maule, Chile 2010

two of Kobal's dry Sauvignon Blancs won Regional Trophies, but in truth the Ptujska Klet winery has been honing its craft for longer than that. It claims to be the oldest winery in Slovenia, dating back to 1239 and boasting the greatest cellar in central Europe, including wines from 1917.



Above: Ptujska Klet's manicured vineyards in Podravje – it claims to be Slovenia's oldest winery

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## International Trophy winner Sweet Fortified under £15

# Williams & Humbert, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Pedro Ximénez Aged 12 Years, Sherry, Spain (18%)

*A brooding nose rich with dark chocolate, molasses, tar, mocha, dried fig, spice and coffee bean. Amazingly concentrated and thick, it's superbly balanced, with evolving flavours of apricot jam, orange peel and fruit cake. Delicious and fantastically priced.*  
£8 Sainsbury's

LUSCIOUSLY SWEET PEDRO Ximénez is one of the signature styles of Jerez – dark, rich and with intense and complex flavours. Since 2011, Sherry bodega Williams & Humbert has been making this Trophy winner for the premium Taste the Difference range stocked by UK retailer Sainsbury's.

Founded in 1877 and still owned by the Medina family, Williams & Humbert is one of the region's leading producers of Sherry and brandy in the region, producing a total of 48 million bottles a year.

The company owns 300 hectares of vineyards in some of the best locations around Jerez, the vast majority devoted to the Palomino Fino variety reserved for most Sherry styles. Just 5% of the vineyards grow Pedro Ximénez (PX) grapes, which make the sweetest wines of the region.

The PX grapes are hand-picked and left outside on straw mats in the Andalusian sunshine for about two weeks to dry out and

### Tasted against

KWV, Classic Collection Cape Tawny, Western Cape, South Africa NV • Morris, Black Label Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia NV • Offley, Late Bottled Vintage Port, Portugal 2010

shrivel, becoming raisin-like, concentrating all of the grape's sugars and flavours.

Following a short fermentation in stainless steel, the wine is fortified at the desired sugar level, then matured in oak casks, using the Sherry region's famed criadera and solera ageing systems, for a minimum of 12 years.

Williams & Humbert's winemaker Paola Medina Sheldon produced just over 31,000 bottles of this wine for Sainsbury's in 2014.



Above: the vast Williams & Humbert ageing cellars in Jerez, and winemaker Paola Medina Sheldon

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## International Trophy winner Sweet Fortified over £15

### Blandy's, Verdelho, Madeira, Portugal 1973 (21%)

*A hugely complex weave, with a notably nutty nose bolstered by leather, savoury concentration and a touch of rancio fruit. The mouthfeel is wonderful, with deep flavours of cinnamon, beeswax, a saline touch and a bright lime twist, then coffee and walnut notes lingering to the finish. So much going on here – and it perpetually redefines itself.*

£235 Berry Bros & Rudd, Turville Valley Wines, Corney & Barrow, Vintage Marque

A DISTINGUISHED LINE-UP of fortified wines made the taste-off for this International Trophy, spearheaded by Portugal (five of the 10 wines) and by wines from the 1970s (four out of the seven vintage wines here).

This archetypal example from Blandy's was a hugely popular choice among the panel, with one judge describing it enthusiastically as 'the grandest wine on the table'. Another even moved to wave his arms in the air, chanting 'Madeira!'

Blandy's benchmark fortifieds have made a big impression at the DWWA over the years, taking four Regional Trophies and, last year, its first International Trophy, making this victory the second in a row.

Last year's accolade was for a 1988 Malmsey, while this year it's a venerable Verdelho that takes the prize. Winery CEO Chris Blandy believes that, as with all older Madeiras, the maturation process very much defines the final style of the wine. In this case, over its 41 years of ageing, this wine passed down from the warmer top floor of

#### Tasted against

All Saints, Rare Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia NV • Bacalhôa, Moscatel Roxo Superior, Setúbal, Portugal 2002 • Barros, Colheita Port, Portugal 1974 • Bodegas Robles, Selección de Robles Oro, Montilla-Moriles, Spain • C Da Silva, Dalva Golden White Port, Portugal 1971 • Domaine de la Pigeade, Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, Rhône, France 2014 • Gérard Bertrand, Legend Vintage, Rivesaltes, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 1974 • Hidalgo, Triana 30 Year Old Pedro Ximénez, Sherry, Spain • Quinta do Crasto, Late Bottled Vintage Port, Portugal 2010

Blandy's 19th-century lodges in Funchal to the cooler first floor.

Blandy's was founded by John Blandy in 1811, and the winery continues to age wine from as far back as 1920, perfecting the balance between the wine's natural acidity and residual sugar levels.



Above: Chris Blandy, and the 19th-century lodge in Funchal where wines are aged over many years

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## International Trophy winner Dry Fortified over £15

### González Byass, Cuatro Palmas, Sherry, Spain (21.5%)

*A refined and distinguished amontillado, with an elaborate nose of smoked walnuts, fresh leather, dark chocolate, raisins, roasted nuts, dates and umami notes. Explodes with flavour on the palate, which is full in flavour, concentrated, long and very true to type. A top wine.*

£75 Berry Bros & Rudd, General Wine Co

THIS WINE IS perhaps the ultimate expression of the en rama craze which has gripped Sherry fans in recent years – the bottling of ‘raw’ Sherries straight from the barrel, without clarifying or filtration.

Since 1880, the winemakers and winery managers of González Byass in Jerez have been using chalk to mark the casks of maturing wine in the bodega in order to identify their contents.

Long before the advent of barcodes and computerised scanners, a glance at the chalk would tell them all they needed to know: a single line meant a fino Sherry, a circle an oloroso. But then there were the few casks adorned with one or more *palmas*: meaning palm tree, the mark is a single chalk line with horizontal ‘branches’ coming out.

These wines are developed finos that are characterised by a special refinement, delicate aroma and longevity. As they mature further, they accumulate more branches on the cask – uno, dos and tres – until the final stage in their lives at cuatro palmas.

#### Tasted against

There were no other Regional Trophies tasted in this category

This wine is a remarkable 48 years old, making it a venerable amontillado, sourced from one of only six remaining casks in a part of the bodega known as the Museo Solera. Needless to say, this is very much a finite resource, with just one cask of Cuatro Palmas – equating to only 1,000 bottles – bottled each year.

The range was first released in 2011, when Jancis Robinson MW was involved in the selection and final blending of the wines. Since then there have been three further releases, always bottled in the autumn. For this Trophy-winning 2014 blend, winemaker Antonio Flores was joined by wine writer and blogger Jamie Goode.



Above: González Byass winemaker Antonio Flores has only released four editions of Cuatro Palmas

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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Dry White Alsace over £15**  
**Louis Sipp, Riesling, Grand Cru**  
**Kirchberg de Ribeauvillé 2013 (12.5%)**

*Extremely elegant, with a complex nose of minerals, smoke and petrol. The palate is crisp but deep, with fantastic tension and grip, a lovely mineral backbone, bright citrus fruit and a saline aftertaste. This is a fabulous wine still in its infancy.*

£23 The Wine Society

**Tasted against** Cave de Ribeauvillé, Riesling, Grand Cru Osterberg 2012  
 • Paul Ginglinger, Riesling, Grand Cru Pfersigberg 2013

KIRCHBERG IN RIBEAUVILLE has been a grand cru since a ruling in 1975, although its reputation for winegrowing goes back much further – first mentioned in 1328, according to Médard Barth, an Alsace historian.

The vines' south and south-east orientation and the very steep slope offer excellent solar exposure. Soils are rich and varied, from the dolomitic marl substratum at the foot of the hill to the brightly coloured sandstone and gypsum marl higher up; at 270m to 350m, the soils are clay-rich and often very stoney.

These are some of the qualities that lured Etienne Sipp (*pictured*) back to the family winery after gaining a PhD in material sciences, studying ceramic composites used in the space and aeronautic industries. He joined the winery in 1996, with wife Martine, an agricultural engineer, following seven years later. Sipp is also a noted wildlife photographer.

The Riesling for this wine comes from plots partly located on the steep southern slope of Kirchberg, and partly on the central plateau. The stony core of the soil sits 50cm below the surface, forcing the roots of the old vines to penetrate deeply.

The local cold wind in the summer gives this wine structure, freshness and longevity, while a touch of botrytis brings an oily touch on the palate and more complex aromatics.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Argentinian Red Blend under £15**  
**Finca Buenaventura, Aureo, La Obra,**  
**Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 (14.3%)**

*This is tense, structured and very much still a baby. There's a strong mineral theme which runs throughout, bolstered by sweet, creamy red and black fruits, rounded tannins, and a delicious, chalky aspect. Ready to enjoy now with meaty dishes.*

Not available in the UK or US

**Tasted against** Condeminal, Poncho Pampa Blend, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014

WINNING A DWWA REGIONAL Trophy is a great achievement for the first vintage of this wine, made by a producer whose debut harvest was as recent as 2008.

This blend of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon began as one of a number of experimental ideas conceived by the winery's commercial director Ana Delmar (*pictured above, with husband Fernando de Castillo*) and winemaker Sergio Gimenez.

La Obra – meaning 'work of art' – was based on the concept of combining the lively grace of Uco Valley Malbec with unoaked, vigorous and fruity Cabernet Sauvignon. Balance is also important in the wine: Aureo is a reference to the golden ratio and the pursuit of perfect proportion and harmony.

Delmar was an English teacher who followed her lawyer husband de Castillo – one of the architects of Argentina's constitutional reforms in 1994 – into the family sideline of agriculture. When the family moved into wine, de Castillo took charge of the vines, and Delmar the wines. They planted 246 hectares in the foothills of the Andes, at up to 1,174m altitude which ensures the grapes enjoy a long, slow ripening. The vineyard is planted in 'micro-terroirs', and the wines made in rented space at a nearby winery.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Argentinian Red Bordeaux  
Varietals over £15  
Fabre Montmayou, Reservado  
Cabernet Franc, Mendoza 2014 (14.5%)**

*Classy and concentrated with an intense nose of cranberry, vanilla, cinnamon, cassis and bell pepper. In the mouth the red and dark fruit is glossy and hugely attractive, wrapped up in a beautiful texture with fine but firm tannins. This is an ambitious style but passes the test with aplomb.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

IF MALBEC IS Argentina's signature red grape, it's far from being the country's only strength. Bordeaux-born Hervé Joyaux Fabre, who migrated to Argentina in the 1990s, is on a mission to prove that Argentina also makes great Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

He says key to this, the third Trophy in this year's DWWA for Fabre (*see p46-47 for the two International Trophies*), is picking the grapes at the key moment, ensuring supple tannins without losing their inherent freshness.

For vineyards planted at altitude, with a typically fresher climate, Fabre believes it's still vital to avoid yields of more than 40 hectolitres per hectare – that way the tannins are not too aggressive. He believes Lujan de Cuyo (*pictured*) is a good terroir for Cabernet Franc, as is Gualtallary.

Of his winemaking philosophy, Fabre says: 'It combines Argentina's purity of fruit and varietal expression with the elegance and complexity which is the hallmark of my Bordeaux background.' The 2013 vintage of this wine won the under £15 version of this Regional Trophy last year.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Australian Sparkling over £15  
Arras, EJ Carr Late Disgorged,  
Tasmania 2002 (13.5%)**

*A simply majestic example of how Australia, and Tasmania in particular, are capable of producing world-class sparkling wines. This beauty is complex, rich, intense and deep, with creamy, toasty fruit which retains plenty of freshness and tartness, polished off by lingering autolytic notes.*

£35 Liberty Wines

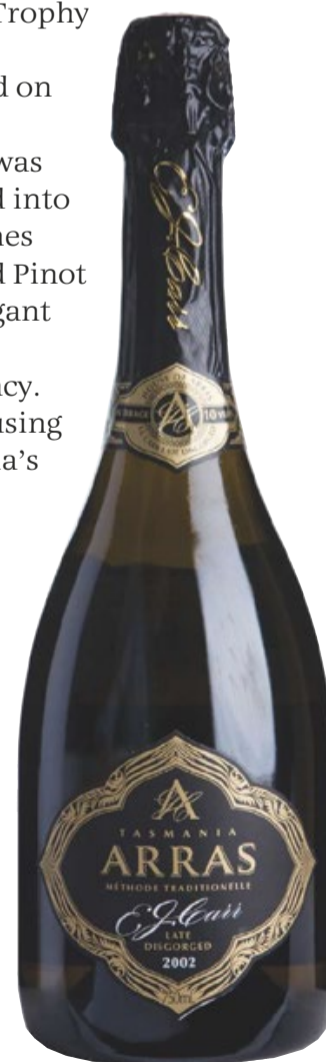
**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE TIME IT has taken to develop Tasmania's Arras sparkling wines has been, to quote chief sparkling winemaker Ed Carr (*pictured*) 'excruciatingly long'. This Trophy winner stands at the pinnacle of that programme and philosophy, matured on the lees for a minimum of 10 years.

Arras, owned by Accolade Wines, was created in 1995 and has now evolved into a range of six traditional-method wines based on Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier. The aim was to seek an elegant style of complexity, persistence and interest – but still with a fresh vibrancy.

Production has slowly increased, using grapes sourced mainly from Tasmania's mid-east coast and the southerly Derwent River Valley, and keeping wines on the lees for between four and 10 years. 'We consider the wait worthwhile,' says Carr.

He says Tasmania is ideal for sparkling wine production, thanks to a combination of its 'pristine cold climate' and lean soils, producing fruit with an elegant structure and the firm natural acidity needed for quality fizz. Dry and sunny weather over the ripening period helps the fruit to mature to a perfect balance of flavour and acidity.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Australian Chardonnay over £15**  
**Vasse Felix, Heytesbury Chardonnay,**  
**Margaret River, Western Australia**  
**2013 (13.5%)**

*Simply a great wine. The nose is toasty with gorgeously rich fruit, but it's on the palate where it reveals its true splendour. Powerful but elegant with beautifully judged oak, it has notes of smoky bacon oak, ripe melon, peach and buttered popcorn. A complete wine, with everything in balance. Wow!*

£33 Amazon, Fine & Rare, Laithwaite's

**Tasted against** Brookland Valley, Estate Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 • Brookland Valley, Reserve Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 • Penfolds, Yattarna Chardonnay 2012 • Vasse Felix, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

THIS WINE IS a barrel selection of the most striking parcels of Chardonnay at Vasse Felix (pictured), embracing a philosophy of fresh natural acidity, unclarified juice and 100 wild yeast ferments to express the character of vineyard and region. Power and elegance are the key characteristics wrought from the Mediterranean climate, maritime influence and ancient soils.

2013 was a landmark vintage. A 10-year expansion programme – including enlarging the original Wilyabrup Vineyard and acquiring new vines in Karridale – came to fruition, and quality was boosted by a combination of vine age, yields and an 'exceptional' growing season.

Vasse Felix sees this as a 'modern' Margaret River Chardonnay, with powerful but elegant fruit and an emphasis on natural acidity. For Heytesbury, winemakers are looking for parcels of fruit with what they call the x-factor: 'a sort of lamb fat, struck match character that is now so distinct to the wine'.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Australian White Single-Varietal**  
**under £15**  
**Mount Pleasant, Elizabeth Semillon,**  
**Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2007**  
**(11%)**

*A delicious Semillon with some age but little maturity. There are nuances of toast, petrol and lemon skin on the nose, while the palate is beautifully balanced with lovely acidity, citrus fruit, hints of marmalade and mineral touches. Great freshness and concentration for the price – or any price.*

£14.99 Hedonism, Slurp

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS TROPHY COMPLETES a notable double for Mount Pleasant: at DWWA 2014 the winery's single-vineyard Lovedale Semillon – also a 2007 – won this award.

Named after Her Majesty The Queen in commemoration of her first visit to Australia in 1954, it has been made since 1967 and is sold as a 'fresh' and, as in this case, 'cellar-aged' release. Sourced from the Lower Hunter Valley, the best grapes come from the alluvial flats in the district of Pokolbin (pictured).

This can be challenging territory for grape-growing, thanks to unpredictable rains around harvest but, to quote winemaker Jim Chatto, 'these challenges help sculpt the style and personality of our wines'.

Mount Pleasant was founded in 1921 by legendary Australian winemaker Maurice O'Shea. Eleven years later, the McWilliams family bought a 50% share in the business, snapping up the rest in 1941, but – wisely – keeping O'Shea on as winemaker and manager until his death in 1956. Since 1921, there have been only four winemakers here.



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## **Regional Trophy winner** **Australian White Single-Varietal** **over £15**

**Tempus Two, Zenith Semillon,**  
**Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2007**  
(12%)

*Outstanding nose: savoury but with oodles of toast and petrol. The palate is restrained but displays great balance, and flavours of apple, lemongrass and lanolin. An imperious Hunter Valley Semillon which has matured with grace.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Brokenwood, Latara Vineyard Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales (NSW) 2009 • Brokenwood, ILR Reserve Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW 2009 • McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW 2007 • Tempus Two, Pewter Uno Zenith Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW 2011 • Tempus Two, Pewter Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW 2011 • Yalumba, The Virgilius Viognier, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012

THIS TROPHY WINNER manages to combine a benchmark style with a distinctive character that owes much to both the vineyard and the vintage in which it was made.

According to Tempus Two winemaker Andrew Duff (*pictured*), it's a wine that always shows its terroir: the Blackberry Vineyard on Broke Road in Pokolbin, where the vines are 30 to 35 years old.

The soil here is mainly sandy loam – it's an old river bed – and creates a more elegant, leaner style of Hunter Semillon compared to bolder and more robust examples grown on clay. In the true Hunter style, there's minimal winemaker interference to get in the way of the wine's natural flavours.

In 2007 the extremely hot growing season in the Hunter created wines with higher alcohols and far more lift and overt ripeness in their youth. Wines like this Trophy winner are only now starting to show their true beauty, says Duff.



## **Regional Trophy winner** **Australian Pinot Noir over £15** **Curly Flat, Pinot Noir, Macedon** **Ranges, Victoria 2011** (12.7%)

*Wonderful nose of minerals, cranberry, smoked berries, dried flowers and blood; almost reminiscent of an aged Rioja. This is delicate, precise and very finely spun, with a web of silky tannins and gorgeous red fruits which you can taste for an age.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

TO CALL 2011 A 'challenging' vintage in Australia would be an understatement. Rainfall records were broken as Victoria's Macedon Ranges received more than twice the usual amount of water in the growing season.

That created immense disease pressure, but Curly Flat (*pictured*) had some 'armour': including the use of a divided canopy, mostly lyre trellis, across its 13-hectare vineyard. This increases UV penetration to aid ripening in the cool climate and boosts air flow, reducing the risk of mildew. Even so, ripening in this cool, wet year was even slower than usual.

Macedon Ranges is one of the coolest vineyard areas of Australia, at an altitude of 540m, and 100km from the ocean. Warm daytime temperatures are tempered by cool evenings, slowing ripening, building flavour and complexity, and retaining acidity. The red volcanic basalt soils have structure and depth, allowing the roots to descend many metres and reducing the need for irrigation.

This Pinot Noir, first released in 2001, is usually aged in barrel and bottle for three years. Its success shows how far the estate has come since 1989, when Phillip Moraghan and Jenifer Kolkka bought a paddock once used to grow potatoes and graze sheep.



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## Regional Trophy winner Australian Red Single-Varietal over £15

**Houghton, Jack Mann Cabernet Sauvignon, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013** (14%)

*A beautifully precise wine, beginning with a meaty, toasted nose of ripe black plums, berries and smoke, through to a firm, structured palate with lashings of oak and bold, generous, concentrated dark fruits. Something of a young pup, this needs considerable time to integrate but its class is beyond doubt.*

£49.99 Accolade

**Tasted against** Hardy's, Thomas Hardy Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

TO DESCRIBE JACK Mann as a Cabernet fan would be an understatement. 'In my opinion, the greatest grape is the noble Cabernet. It is the only variety that would be tolerated in heaven,' he was quoted as saying.

It's apt, then, that this Trophy winner was named in honour of the man who was Houghton's winemaker from 1922 to 1972. 'No other winemaker in the history of Western Australia has done more for the evolution of the state's wine industry,' says current Houghton winemaker Ross Pamment (*pictured*).

This wine represents the best Cabernet, or Cabernet blend, that Houghton can produce each year, taken from a Frankland River vineyard first planted in 1968 and whose ancient, degraded granitic gravels are considered to be among the world's oldest.

Houghton is Australia's third oldest operating winery, established in 1836, only four years after the fledgling colony of Western Australia was founded. And it has had only 13 senior winemakers in that 178-year history – ensuring, the company says, a consistency of style.



## Regional Trophy winner Australian Red Bordeaux Varietals over £15

**Leconfield, Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013** (14.5%)

*A mix of raspberry, cassis, tobacco leaf and tar on the intense nose, which also shows meaty undertones and a eucalyptus lift. It's lovely and fresh in the mouth with vibrant fruits, a fine grip of defined tannin and long, moreish length.*

£17.99 Amazon and widely available via Aussie Rules

**Tasted against** Brookland Valley, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 • Houghton, Gladstones Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 • Taylors, The Visionary Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012

THIS FINE COONAWARRA Cabernet has its roots in more than the area's famous terra rossa soils. The Hamiltons, who own Leconfield, can chart Australia's wine history through their family.

Famed oenologist Sydney Hamilton was already 76 and a veteran of nearly 60 harvests when he embarked on a quest to find the perfect spot to make a classic Australian Cabernet Sauvignon. He ended up in Coonawarra and named the winery after English ancestor Lord Leconfield.

Hamilton was the latest scion of a winemaking dynasty which originated in 1837 with Richard Hamilton who, it is claimed, planted the first vineyards in South Australia from cuttings sourced from a friend in Cape Town.

Sydney Hamilton retired in 1981 after 65 vintages, and Leconfield was acquired by nephew Dr Richard Hamilton, who had been making wine in McLaren Vale since 1972. Now the winemaker is Paul Gordon (*pictured*), but the Coonawarra vineyards haven't changed. This is a Trophy-winning taste of terra rossa.



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## Regional Trophy winner Australian Red Rhône Varietals under £15

**McWilliam's, Syrah, Canberra District, New South Wales 2013** (13.5%)

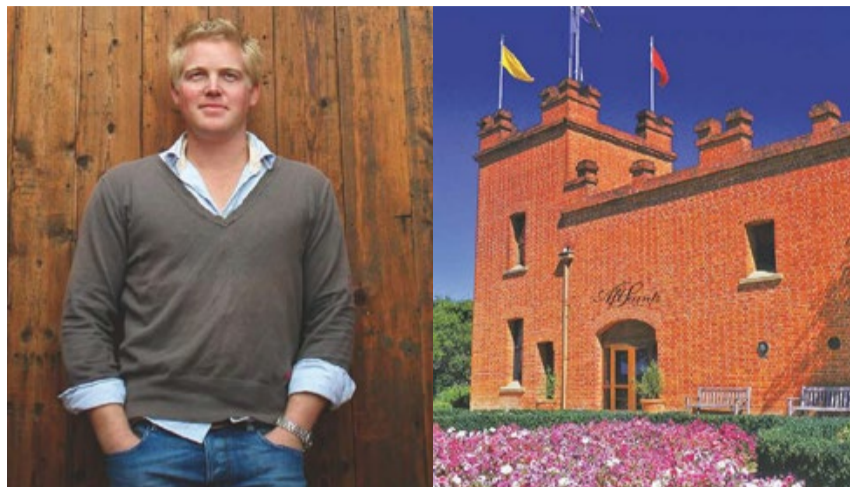
*Plush, silky, expressive Syrah, with a peppery, meaty, energetic nose of fine aromatic purity. The elegant, complex palate boasts ripe tannins, judicious use of oak and intense dark fruits which display an appealing coffee and smoky edge.*  
£13.99 York Wines

**Tasted against** Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Shiraz, South Australia 2013  
• Château Tanunda, The Everest Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012  
• Hardy's, Eileen Hardy Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 • Kilikanoon, Killerman's Run GSM, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013 • Marks & Spencer, The Gum Vineyard Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 • McGuigan, Personal Reserve Shiraz, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014 • Taylors, St Andrews, Single Vineyard Release Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012

THIS TROPHY WINNER defines new-wave Australian Syrah. It comes from one of the coolest growing regions for the variety in the country, giving a medium body, spice and pepper notes, and savoury tannins.

Winemaker Bryan Currie is wary of getting in the way of those characters, so he's keen to avoid oak or heavy extraction which could mask the fragrant floral aromas that appear in the best vintages of this wine.

In 2013, the weather was warm, leading to an even ripening and no disease. Fruit was taken from two vineyards, both on decomposing granite soils and with north-facing aspects, which benefit from the area's winter rains and warm, dry summers and autumns. Some 1,500 cases of this wine were produced in 2013 – a Trophy winner its first vintage for McWilliam's.



## Regional Trophy winner Australian Fortified over £15 All Saints, Rare Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (18%)

*Complex and strong, the nose is initially woody in nature but then reveals attractive burnt aromas, plus hints of figs and spices. Rich and ripe, the long, vibrant palate delivers alluring burnt orange peel tones which imbue the wine with real character and soul. A stunning example of its type.*

£78.35/375ml Bowland Forest Vintners, Jascots, Woods Wines

**Tasted against** All Saints Estate, Grand Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV • De Bortoli, Black Noble 10 Year Old, New South Wales NV • Morris, Old Premium Rare Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV • Morris, Old Premium Rare Liqueur Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV • Penfolds, Grandfather Rare Tawny NV • Saltram, Mr Pickwick's Particular Tawny, South Australia NV • Stanton & Killeen, Grand Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV

IN RUTHERGLEN, NORTHEASTERN Victoria, the temperature inside the All Saints Estate winery can vary by as much as 50°C during a year. That contributes hugely to the character of wines like this Trophy winner, blended from stocks that have spent decades in barrel and cask.

What happens outside the winery is just as important. Brown Muscat has been grown in Rutherglen for more than a century, and the oldest All Saints block of the variety dates back as far as 1920.

Long, sunny summers and especially dry autumns help the grapes to accumulate sugars and dehydrate, producing particularly intense flavours and high concentrations of sugar – perfect for this style of wine. The sandy soils of the banks of the Murray River also aid aromatics.

All Saints, founded by two Scotsmen who wanted to build a castle (*pictured*) similar to the Castle of Mey in Caithness to remind them of home, marks its 150th anniversary in 2015. Since 1991, it has been owned by Nick Brown (*pictured*) and family, who have invested heavily in vineyard and winery.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Austrian White over £15**  
**Rabl, Käferberg Alte Reben, Kamptal,**  
**Niederösterreich 2013 (14%)**

*This wine is a triumph. The aroma is concentrated and energetic, with ripe, spiced yellow fruits taking centre stage. The palate is a rush of similarly spicy, dense and textured fruit, with flecks of minerality and an impressively long finish.*

£24.50 Merry Widows

**Tasted against** Bernhard Ott, Rosenberg, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013 • Müller, Grüner Veltliner Gottschelle Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013 • Sattlerhof, Kranachberg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark, 2012 • Weingut Johann Donabaum, Riesling Limitierte Edition Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013

WEINGUT RUDOLF RABL has always been and still is a family affair (*pictured*), but since Rudolf (Rudi) Rabl Jr has been at the helm, the vineyards have expanded markedly, from 20 hectares to 80ha.

These take in some of the prime sites of the Langenlois in Austria's Kamptal region, including the Käferberg, a warm vineyard where the microclimate is tempered by the vines' easterly orientation and the sometimes strong, cooling winds that sweep over its 340m high peak.

Grapes for this Trophy winner come from vines more than 45 years old planted on gneiss schist with a small layer of brown soil above. The fruit is harvested late – at the end of October – have a 10-hour maceration on their skins before a spontaneous fermentation with natural yeasts lasting 10-12 weeks. Some of this takes place in 350- and 500-litre oak casks, some in stainless steel.

Rabl is no stranger to DWWA Trophies, having previously won three – two of them for sweet wines that are made in small volumes.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Austrian Sweet over £15**  
**Feiler-Artinger, Ruster Ausbruch,**  
**Neusiedlersee-Hügelland, Burgenland**  
**2012 (11.5%)**

*A hedonistic, luxurious wine with a ripe and complex nose of saffron, black tea, citrus and honey. Pure, multi-faceted and elegant, the textured palate is unctuous but fresh, with orange marmalade, ginger candy and exotic spice flavours. An elegant yet potent offering with a long and precise finish.*

POA Clark Foyster

POA Schindler Weissmann USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

ONE OF THE great sweet wine styles of the world, Ruster Ausbruch was first made in... Well, nobody is entirely sure, but the winemakers of Rust in Austria were certainly producing wine from 100 different botrytised varieties in the 14th century. By 1524, they had won the right to brand the barrels their wines were shipped in with the letter 'R' as a guarantee of their origin.

The secret to this unique style is the landscape surrounding the town of Rust, on the left side of the Neusiedlersee close to the Hungarian border. The vineyards gather on the gentle hills – the Ruster Hügelland – that run down to the lake, providing ideal conditions for botrytis.

Gustav and Karoline Feiler founded Feiler-Artinger in 1936, and the next generation, led by Hans and Inge Feiler, expanded the family vineyards to about 20 hectares. But this Trophy winner is a relatively new blend, comprising Gelber Muskateller and Pinot Gris (grown on limestone soils and gentle slopes) and Welschriesling (planted on micaschist).

Winemaker Kurt Feiler (*pictured*) – grandson of Gustav and son of Hans – has created a wine of noteworthy freshness and finesse in this superb example.



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## **Regional Trophy winner Bordeaux Left Bank over £15 Château Haut Condissas, Médoc 2011**

(14%)

*A lovely effort from what was universally acknowledged as a tricky vintage in Bordeaux. The nose greets you with spicy, earthy notes, red berry fruit and a touch of vanilla, while the ambitious palate has concentrated dark fruit and tobacco flavours, with a grippy, masculine finish.*

£55 Amazon, Zefino

**Tasted against** Christine Nadalié, Clos la Bohème, Haut-Médoc 2012  
• Clos des Quatre Vents, Margaux 2012

IN 1995, THE owner of Château Rollan de By, Jean Guyon, was told by his winemaker that he had reached a peak of quality for his wines. It was not possible, he was told, to go further.

For Guyon this was both bad news and a challenge. In 0.8ha of his best vineyard he decided to implement the same techniques in viticulture and winemaking as the most lauded grands crus – and do even better.

The result is Château Haut Condissas, made from the best of Rollan de By's vines in and around the village of By. The soils here are classic Médoc – lots of gravel as the lands rise above the surrounding marsh. (Guyon also owns 7ha of low-lying, non-vineyard land, where he has plans to rear sturgeon.)

The soil might make you believe you were in St-Estèphe. But the grapes are less typical, with Merlot dominating and supported by Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Guyon developed his love for fine wine in the 1970s, buying his first 2ha of vines in Bégadan in the north of the Médoc in 1989. Since then, his vineyards have expanded many times, reaching 90ha by 2012 and encompassing four châteaux: Rollan de By, Haut Condissas (pictured), Tour Séran and La Clare.



## **Regional Trophy winner Bordeaux Right Bank over £15 Château La Patache, Pomerol 2012 (13%)**

*A toasty yet fragrant and seductive nose, with vibrant red fruits and plum. The palate is polished and succulent, with well-manicured tannins, spicy fruit, dried roses and good acidity. The flavours are deep, lasting beautifully, and while absolutely delicious now this will reward patience.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Château Fonplegade, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012

THIS POMEROL ESTATE takes a Regional Trophy in the vintage (2012) in which it was acquired by businessman Peter Kwok in association with his son, Howard.

Château La Patache is part of a Vignobles K portfolio that also includes St-Emilion grand cru properties Château Haut-Brisson and Château Tour St-Christophe, fellow Pomerol estate Enclos Tourmaline and Enclos de Viaud at Lalande-de-Pomerol.

La Patache's 3.5 hectares are spread over nine plots, with soils that boast huge variety and complexity, including fine gravels with iron-rich clay in the subsoil. The blend in 2012 was 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc.

Peter Kwok acknowledges that he was 'very lucky not to make a mistake' with his first acquisition – Haut-Brisson – in 1997, which he bought because of his love for France and a desire for his children to experience the culture. That love was created and nurtured during his childhood in Saigon, Vietnam, with his Chinese parents, where he learned to admire 'French architecture, dark-roast coffee and crunchy baguettes'.

Kwok is chairman of the energy subsidiary of China's biggest state-owned investment company, Citic Group and also has a reputation as a great connoisseur of Chinese art.



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## Regional Trophy winner Sweet Bordeaux over £15

### Chateau Laville, Sauternes 2011 (13.5%)

*A heady nose of peach, citrus, caramel, pineapple, honey and ample botrytis. Rich and voluptuous but never blowsy thanks to the superb acidity, caramelised orange and pineapple flavours fill the mouth and linger admirably throughout the wonderfully long finish, A standard bearer for the vintage.*

£20.99 Liberty Wines

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS TROPHY COMPLETES a hat-trick for Jean-Christophe Barbe and his family's Sauternes domaine – having won the same accolade at the DWWA in both 2011 and 2013 (for the 2007 and 2009 vintages respectively).

The 2011 vintage also concludes another trilogy – a run of three remarkable vintages which Barbe believes may be the 'best that has ever been in this vineyard'. It was an unusual year, with the first botrytis-affected grapes picked as early as 31 August ('We have never before harvested in August,' notes Barbe), followed by massive rot development in early September.

That meant the majority of the crop was picked in only the second pass through the vineyards, and that the harvest was complete in only three tries, and by 10 October. This rapid concentration of sugars meant the acidity remained high too, giving rich and powerful wines, but balanced by a notable freshness and admirable lightness of touch.

Château Laville is one of the oldest Sauternes domaines, with the vineyard planted in the wake of the terrible frosts of 1956 and overwhelmingly devoted to Semillon. But Barbe likes to experiment as well, having planted a small plot to 'exotic' grape varieties, including Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Muscat.



## Regional Trophy winner Chablis under £15

### La Chablisienne, Pas Si Petit, Petit Chablis 2013 (12.5%)

*Savoury and smoky notes along with exotic fruits, which is consistent with the ripe vintage. The palate is round, with refreshing acidity that perfectly complements the weight of fruit. Pure, long and finely balanced with grapefruit zest and minerals on the finish, this is an absolute classic.*

£10-£15 Bon Coeur, Cambridge Wine Merchants, Hercules Wines, The Good Wine Shop, The Salusbury, The Vintner, Whitebridge Wines

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE NAME OF this wine says it all: 'Not so small'. It's a reflection of the conviction of the La Chablisienne co-op and winemaker Vincent Bartement that – far from being 'entry-level' Chablis – this is a wine of terroir, given minerality, tension, depth and finesse by its origins in the Portlandian limestone soils of the region's plateaux.

Bartement gives this wine the same level of care as he does every other wine in the portfolio, right up to the exalted Château Grenouille Grand Cru. Aged on the fine lees, he says Pas Si Petit is not merely a wine for today, but one that can be kept for three years at least.

The co-op was formed in 1923 by a group of winegrowers threatened by the economic crisis of the time. Together under the leadership of Abbé Balitrand, they found the collective strength to survive.

La Chablisienne has grown to include nearly 300 winegrowers, and has forged an global reputation for viticultural and winemaking excellence. Since the mid-1950s, it has assumed full control over vinification, something which remains a defining feature today.



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## Regional Trophy winner White Burgundy over £15 Château de Santenay, Chassagne- Montrachet 2013 (13%)

*A bright, sharp and focused nose of citrus and green apples which is still a touch shy for now. But the palate is playful, exuberant, energetic and vibrant, with an underlying richness and a seam of briny minerals, intense fruit and a long, steely finish. For a village Chassagne this is highly impressive.*

£45.99 Liberty Wines

**Tasted against** Domaine de la Vougeraie, Vougeot 1er Cru 2012

CHATEAU DE SANTENAY (pictured) has assembled one of the largest wine-producing estates in Burgundy, accumulating a mosaic of plots throughout the 20th century through various purchases and inheritances. The estate covers 90 hectares on the Côte d'Or and Côte Chalonnaise, and the diversity of plots allows for a broad range of wine styles.

But this Trophy winner is the result of a more recent venture by this producer, now owned by the Crédit Agricole bank. In 2013, Château de Santenay started a trading company to buy in grapes at harvest times from top locations, in a move designed to extend and improve the property's range of wines.

The grapes for this Chassagne-Montrachet were bought in and vinified by Santenay winemaker Gérard Fagnoni, also manager of Château de Santenay since 1988. Just 100 six-bottle cases were made, out of the chateau's total production of 90,000 cases.

Crédit Agricole's involvement has brought investment and a change in winemaking philosophy, with each plot vinified separately. In the vineyards, conversion to sustainable agriculture began in 2000 and was completed four years later.



## Regional Trophy winner Canadian Sparkling over £15 Sumac Ridge Estate Winery, Steller's Jay, Pinnacle Méthode Classique, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2006 (12.5%)

*A superb dovetailing of toasty notes and red berry fruit on the nose, which has an autolytic underbelly and further aromas of caramel and bread. The palate is creamy but crisp – racy in fact – with clove spice, a touch of yeast extract and lovely, crunchy red fruits persisting on the long, elegant finish*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS YEAR MARKS a decade since winemaker Jason James (pictured) moved west from his native Ontario to make wine at Sumac Ridge, one of the original estate wineries in British Columbia.

The making of Steller's Jay – the name is taken from the official bird of British Columbia – has a strong focus on traditional methods and expressing pure Pinot Noir fruit from Summerland, one of the cooler parts of Okanagan.

In 2006, harvesting began in mid-September in vineyards that have a mainly sandy soil with some clay. 'All our sparkling is made in the traditional style, with hand riddling,' explains James. 'With five-plus years on lees, we're investing the time and effort to get the complexity that balances the fruit.' James says that his role as winemaker is 'just to allow the grape to express its primary fruit with very little intrusion on my part'.

Steller's Jay remains a reference point for both region and style, as British Columbia's first traditional-method sparkling wine.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Canadian White over £15**  
**Ravine, Sauvignon Blanc, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 (12%)**

*A cracker of a wine, crafted with a nod to Bordeaux, with aromas of ripe peach, lanolin, grass, lemon curd, vanilla custard, tropical fruit and struck match. Lemon acidity pierces the palate, giving it real zing and enlivening the flavours of grass, citrus and minerals, with creamy, leesy notes lingering.*  
 Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

IN 2013, SUMMER temperatures on Canada's Niagara Peninsula were cooler than usual, with higher levels of rainfall – and the result was more acidity, a lean minerality and a bright finish for this Trophy-winning Sauvignon Blanc (just 275 cases were produced).

Winemaker Martin Werner is a Niagara-on-the-Lake native who started off driving tractors, tending vines and working on his family's 24-hectare vineyard. But his love of food and wine took him (and his wife) around the world, stopping off in California and New Zealand to work harvests. This wine is his Ontario take on the Sauvignon Blancs he tasted in New Zealand, but with an added level of minerality and texture from barrel fermentation – 90% of it in neutral oak, 10% in new French oak.

The fruit comes from a sought-after vineyard and grower family in the Twenty-Mile Bench sub-appellation, famed for its steeper slopes and limestone soils.

Ravine (pictured) remains family-owned and operated – a 14ha estate bought by the Lowrey family in 1867, where the first 500 vines were planted two years later. It is now one of the few wineries in the area to farm both organically and biodynamically.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Canadian Red over £15**  
**CedarCreek, Platinum Block 2 Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012 (13.6%)**

*A spicy, red berry nose with notes of leather, tobacco and subtle spice. This a seamless, pretty wine, with a silky-soft and round palate, showing raspberry, strawberry and blackberry flavours partnered by a hint of chocolate and a shake of spice.*  
 Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

AN IMPRESSIVE TROPHY win for a producer making its debut in this year's DWWA competition, with a wine made from one of the oldest plantings of Pinot Noir in the region.

CedarCreek says that British Columbia's Okanagan Valley has the highest light intensity of any wine region after Central Otago in New Zealand – another place with a reputation for making world-class Pinot.

Fruit for this Trophy winner was sourced from the winery's oldest block of Pinot Noir, a 1ha plot planted in 1991 at 380m. There are challenges here – the severity of the slopes and, in particular, the dry growing season. But the soils help: Block 2 is planted on sandy loam with a clay base and, after more than 20 years, those roots have reached down to the clay, needing little or no water during the growing season.

The vision for CedarCreek (pictured) came from Senator Ross Fitzpatrick, whose family bought it as one of the eight pioneering wineries of British Columbia in 1986. Last year, ownership transferred to neighbours the Von Mandl family, who own the Mission Hill Family Estate across the lake.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Canadian Sweet over £15**  
**Inniskillin, Okanagan Estate Riesling**  
**Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British**  
**Columbia 2012 (9.2%)**

Peerless stuff, with a powerful nose decorated with spice, apricot, pear, dried peach and tea-leaf complexity. This is brisk and breezy, with the intense sweetness balanced by high acidity, supporting flavours of lime, nectarine and ripe citrus. Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 • Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 • Mission Hill, Reserve Vidal Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013 • Peller, Oak Aged Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 • Pillitteri, Reserve Icewine Riesling, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012

THE SURGE IN popularity of Canadian icewine has largely been spearheaded by Inniskillin, and in particular by its Niagara icewines. But this Trophy winner hails from the Okanagan Valley on the other side of the country, in a location where Inniskillin only began working in 1994.

Fruit for this wine comes from the Dark Horse Vineyard. Located on the Golden Mile Bench, British Columbia's only sub-appellation, it has coarse-textured soils and an easterly slope, making it one of the best locations in the Okanagan Valley for grape-growing. Wines from here have great minerality and expressive, stone-fruit notes.

This wine is a rare beast – just 500 cases on average are made each year – and has been produced since 2000. It is currently made by Inniskillin's Okanagan Estate winemaker Derek Kontkanen (pictured).

Now part of Constellation Brands, Inniskillin owes its name to the site of the original winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where the land was granted to Colonel Cooper after the war of 1812. Cooper named the land after his regiment, the Inniskillin Fusiliers.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Hungarian White over £15**  
**Szent Tamás, Dongó, Tokaj 2013 (14%)**

A restrained but polished nose of peach, pineapple, apple, acacia and fennel with a mild, flinty air. The oak is very well handled, and the softly textured palate displays a mineral backbone, with chewy, herbal notes, persistent ripeness and lovely Furmint expression.

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Sauska, Medve Furmint, Tokaj 2012

A REGIONAL TROPHY represents a remarkable achievement for a single-vineyard wine in its first vintage; even more so when the winery only harvested its first grapes in 2009.

But history forms the backdrop of Szent Tamás in many ways. For instance, the wine's creator, István Szepsy Jr, is an 18th-generation winemaker whose family has made wine in Tokaj since the 1500s.

And while this vineyard may be new, Dongó in the village of Tállya has been earmarked as a first-class wine-growing area since the 18th century. The soils here are based around the andesite and pyroxenandesite base rocks, which are filled with plenty of zeolyte – the upshot of which is a notable mineral character in the Furmint grown here. The wine's lighter body, fine acidity and elegance – not to mention ageability – contrast with the richer wines to be found in Mád village, where most of Szent Tamás' wines are sourced.

Winemaking combines a modern, hands-off approach with traditional use of Hungarian oak barrels for fermentation and maturation. No cultured yeast is used, and the company's philosophy is that 'winemaking techniques should not make a lasting impact on our wines; stylistically it is the minerality that should be expressed by our grapes'.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Hungarian Red over £15  
Sauska, Cabernet Franc, Villány,  
Dél-Pannónia 2011 (15%)**

*Deep, layered and highly intense, with an opulent nose of cedar, sour cherry, cassis, blueberry and dark chocolate. Big, bold, seriously rich and similarly complex, the tannins are fine and silky and frame flavours of crushed mulberry, green pepper, mint, tomato leaf, cocoa, lavender and thyme.*

£45 Berkmann Wine Cellars

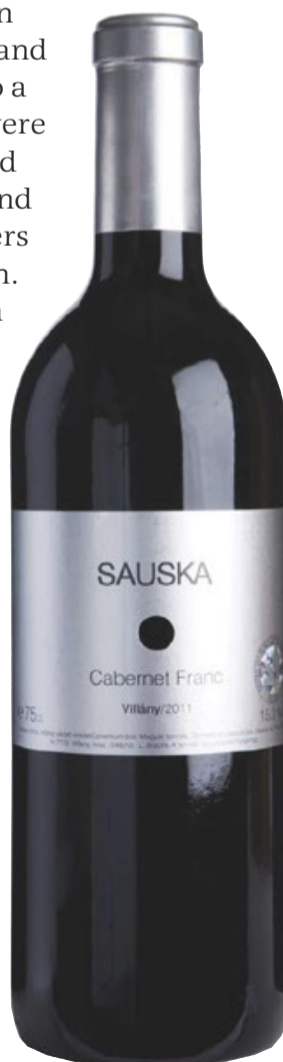
**Tasted against** Takler, Görögszói Kékfrankos, Dél-Pannónia, Szekszárd 2011

AFTER A TRICKY 2010, Sauska winemaker László Latorczai felt his team had earned what followed in 2011: a timely bud-break, no late frosts and a rainy spring which slowly changed into a warm and early summer. June and July were ‘five star’, encouraging slow and balanced ripening, and even strong winds at the end of July helped develop aromatic characters in the grapes, easing fears of dehydration.

The Cabernet Franc harvest started in mid-September and finished, trouble-free, a month later. ‘It was truly magical,’ says Latorczai. ‘Every one of us knew that we had put something exceptional in the barrels this year.’

This Trophy winner is dominated by grapes grown on a high, windy plateau in the Makár vineyard of the Siklós sub-region, with the aim of showing how elegant and layered this variety can be when harvested at the right moment and from a cooler spot.

It’s a wine that Sauska – a previous DWWA Trophy winner – only makes in good years and in limited quantities, and it justifies the words of *Decanter’s* Michael Broadbent, who wrote after a visit to the region in the early 2000s that ‘Cabernet Franc has found its natural home in Villány’.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Hungarian Sweet over £15  
Holdvölgy, Culture Tokaji Aszú,  
Tokaj 21011 (12%)**

*A lively, brisk nose of orange zest, spice, honey, mango, subtle apricot and peach notes, plus a slight mushroom character. Those mushroom hints remain on the palate, along with attractive exotic fruit of excellent concentration and ripeness. A lovely, rich, satiny wine with mouthfilling flavours.*

£52.46 Justerini & Brooks

**Tasted against** Disznókő, Tokaj 2010 • Dobogó, Tokaj 2008 • Gróf Degenfeld, Tokaj 2008 • Hétszőlő, Tokaj 2008 • Patricius, Tokaj 2006 • Royal Tokaji, 6 Puttonyos, Tokaj 2011

WHEN NOT TRYING to turn his winery into a ‘reference point’ for the historic wines of Tokaj, Holdvölgy founder Pascal Demko (*pictured*) is either running his own law firm, managing an Asian-European legal network, or acting as co-owner of an independent documentary production company.

His French mother suggested that Pascal buy his Hungarian father a tiny parcel of Tokaji vines as a birthday present. At his father’s request, Pascal took on the vines’ management and gradually increased his vineyard holdings to 25 hectares.

Demko was also legal counsel to AXA Millésimes in the early years of the Disznókő project, only adding to his love for the region and its wines.

With a name meaning ‘valley of the moon’, Holdvölgy aims to ‘revive the Tokaj dream’, recalling the days in the 18th century when it was saluted as the greatest of all wines. This Trophy-winning six puttonyos aszú was first made in 2006. Only 716 cases were produced in 2011 of a wine that boasts the formidable combination of 206g/l residual sugar, 10.4g/l acidity and an alcohol level of 12%.



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## Regional Trophy winner Slovenian Sparkling over £15 Bjana, Brut Rosé, Brda, Primorska NV (12%)

*Wonderfully feminine and layered, with wild strawberry notes, creamy hints and touches of pineapple, peach, pear and raspberry. This is a wine of great elegance and finesse; beautifully handled and with a deep, savoury finish.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Bjana, Cuvée Prestige, Brda, Primorska 2010

MIRAN SIRK'S GRANDFATHER and great-grandfather were once the largest wine producers in the Goriška Brda region, with 100 hectares of vineyards. Then came World War II and, afterwards, President Tito's communist government, under which the lands were removed and reallocated to the people.

In 1990, Sirk began cultivating 1ha of vines which had belonged to his father, becoming the first person in Goriška Brda to make sparkling wines using the traditional method. A few years later, he petitioned the Slovenian government and was awarded a small part of the historic family estate, now with 6ha under vine.

This wine is a testament to that determination not to surrender the family tradition, and the result of a new philosophy, combining the traditional Champagne varieties of Pinot Noir (70%) and Chardonnay (10%) with local grape Rebula (20%). The wine is aged for 30 months on the lees.

Goriška Brda is not prime sparkling wine territory. Vines are planted on steep hills with a northeast orientation, protecting them from the strongest heat of the day and preserving as much natural acidity as possible, with lower natural sugars.

Soils here are typical of the Alpine foothills, combining marlstone and sedimentary flysch with stoney soils.



## Regional Trophy winner Slovenian White over £15 Gross, Furmint, Stajerska, Podravje 2013 (12.5%)

*A rich, expressive but precise wine with engaging aromas of honey, quince, white flowers, grapefruit and apricot. There's a further hit of stone fruit on the palate which is built around a pure mineral backbone, with notes of jasmine, lees and citrus.*

£16.50 English Wine Connections

**Tasted against** Marjan Simčič, Leonardo, Brda, Primorska 2009

• Mavretic, Sauvignon Icewine, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2011 • Ptujška Klet, Pullus, Rumeni Muskat, Stajerska, Podravje 2011

A TROPHY WINNER in its debut vintage, this Slovenian Furmint is part of an effort by Austrian family-owned winery Gross to resurrect the reputation of this variety in its dry form – known in Slovenia as Sipon.

The forefathers of current owners Alois, Johannes and Michael Gross (*pictured*) had harvested Furmint in southern Styria a century ago, but abandoned it. Even now, the winery acknowledges that growing the variety in the Haloze area of Stajerska is 'not always fun': the bowl-shaped vineyards – sometimes as steep as 45° – require back-breaking work and yields are small. What is more, Furmint is a thin-skinned, large-berried and late-ripening variety, which combined with an often wet harvesting period can make it hard to avoid rot. Little wonder that, historically, Furmint has been preferred for sweet, botrytis wines.

This Trophy winner comes from terraced vineyards that were only replanted from 2007 on limey marl soils. The wine was made in a restored old winery, simply equipped with a press, pumps and a few large oak casks – the basics needed to produce good wine.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Non-Vintage Champagne**  
**Herbert Beaufort, Marks & Spencer,**  
**Carte d'Or Grand Cru Brut NV (12%)**

*Gastronomic, powerful and persuasive, with a confident nose of brioche, citrus and substantial amounts of gunpowder smoke. The palate is no less assertive, with flavours of orange blossom, ginger, rich, ripe fruits and a savoury, slatey, mineral finish. A great wine with pleasure in every sip.*

£33 Marks & Spencer

**Tasted against** Taittinger, Folies de la Marquetterie Brut NV

ALSO A REGIONAL Trophy winner in 2011, this Champagne is an expression of the 'heart and soul' of the famed grand cru of Bouzy. The predominance of Pinot Noir – both in the vineyard and in the final blend – gives a Champagne with notable body and power.

The Beaufort family, who makes this wine for UK retailer Marks & Spencer, has been producing wine in the Champagne region since the 16th century. In 1900, Marcellin Beaufort won many plaudits for his still red and white wines and three decades later started making Champagne with his son, Herbert. Now the next two generations – Henry, now joined by Hugues and Ludovic – carry on the tradition in the family's 16 hectares of vineyards, 13ha in Bouzy itself.

The aim is to make Champagne in tune with the Bouzy style: full-bodied, fruity, concentrated and sunny with high phenolic ripeness, but still fresh and elegant thanks to the grapes' naturally high acidity and the lack of malolactic fermentation. This is, in turn, a reflection of the grand cru itself, with a soil of thick chalk and a south-facing aspect on the Montagne de Reims.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Library Vintage Champagne**  
**Charles Heidsieck, Blanc des**  
**Millénaires Brut 1995 (12%)**

*A lovely whiff of smoke on the nose, augmented by aromas of sesame seeds, roasted almonds, butterscotch, dried fruits and grilled brioche. There's still an amazing freshness to the palate, blessed with white flowers, candied lemon peel, almonds, baked fruits and a rich, creamy mousse. Seductive.*

£145 Harrods, Hedonism, Haynes Hanson & Clark

**Tasted against** Charles Heidsieck, Brut Rosé 1999 • Piper-Heidsieck, Cuvée Rare Brut 1988

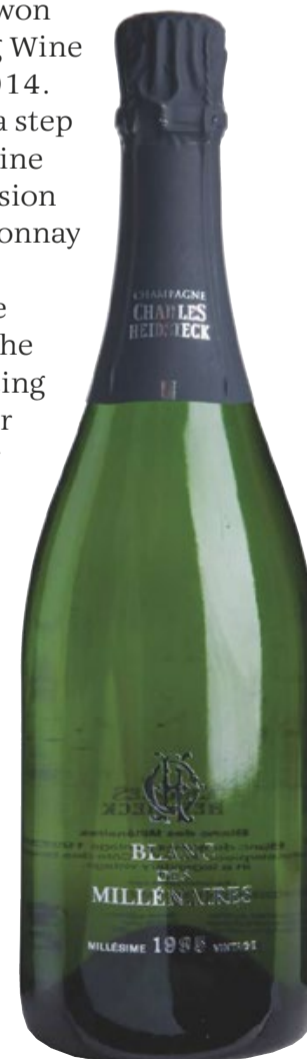
THIS REMARKABLE WINE simply refuses to stop winning Trophies in the DWWA: to date it has won the International Trophy for Sparkling Wine over £15 in 2007, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

This year's Regional Trophy, while a step down, is still a worthy accolade for a wine which is, to many, the ultimate expression of Champagne – specifically, the Chardonnay heartland of the Côte des Blancs.

It was first produced by chef de cave Daniel Thibault in 1983. This is only the fourth release in the series and is a fitting tribute to Thibault's brilliant successor Thierry Roset (*pictured*), who tragically died last year.

In 1995, an assemblage was constructed of four grands cru from the Côte's famous chalk vineyards: Cramant for complexity, Avize for crisp, citrus character; Oger for power and finesse; and Le Mesnil-sur-Oger for balance, power and texture. Finally, the Vertus premier cru brings flowers, vegetal hints and roundness to the blend.

Charles Heidsieck declines to say how much Blanc des Millénaires was made in 1995 – a great vintage – but typical releases are no more than a few thousand cases.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Chilean Sauvignon Blanc under £15**  
**Undurruga, Sibaris Sauvignon Blanc**  
**Reserva Especial, Leyda Valley, San**  
**Antonio 2013 (13.5%)**

*Hugely appealing and exuberant, with aromas of mint, herbs, freshly squeezed lemon, chives, greengage leaf and a hint of fennel. Invigorating and persistent in the mouth, with a strong mineral presence, showing hints of stone and citrus on the chalky palate, and a lovely salty lick on the finish*  
 £9 González Byass UK

**Tasted against** Chocalán, Sauvignon Blanc, Malvilla, San Antonio 2013  
 • Estampa, DelViento Sauvignon Blanc, Colchagua 2014

THE LEYDA VALLEY (pictured) is all about coastal proximity – the Pacific is only 14km away, bringing morning fogs, sea breezes and, as the warmth of the day builds, coastal winds. Then you have the soils: in this case, a mix of clay and loam with good drainage and poor fertility, and a decomposed granitic sub-soil to contribute minerality.

This Trophy winner combines three diverse clones of Sauvignon Blanc. Clone 1 is the backbone, offering structure, complexity and saline, spicy and herbal flavours; Clone 242 brings fruit and more exotic flavours; and Clone 107 tension, freshness and citrus notes. Juice and skins undergo cold maceration before a cold fermentation, and six to seven months' ageing in stainless steel on the lees, with frequent batonnage. The aim is to ensure the final wine has every nuance of aromatic intensity and complexity.

Undurruga is one of Chile's most historic wine producers – it celebrates its 130th anniversary this year – and recent modernisation has seen investment in new vineyards in up-and-coming areas including Leyda, Alto Maipo, Almahue and Cauquenes.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Chilean Chardonnay over £15**  
**Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios, Itata**  
**Valley 2012 (13.5%)**

*What a wine. What an enticing nose, full of crushed rock, hazelnuts, fresh cream, toast and hints of spice. This is punchy, invigorating and edgy, with vivid citric acidity and a bright mineral, saline coating to the fruit. A beautiful Chardonnay and exceptional value for money.*

£19.75 Berry Bros & Rudd, Stone Vine & Sun

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

A SECOND SUCCESSIVE Regional Trophy for this wine (the 2010 won last year) and a huge vote of confidence in Chile's up-and-coming Itata Valley.

Named after Enzo Pandolfi Price's grandfather Patricio, this wine is sourced from the 23-year-old, dry-farmed Santa Inès vineyard. Near the Andes foothills and bordered by the Larqui River, the 25-hectare site is surrounded by native forest. The southern location means it's a notable frost hazard in the spring, but also shortens the warmer summer season, allowing the grapes to mature slowly in the month before harvest.

The soils are very deep and volcanic, with a high mineral composition, allowing the roots to delve deeply into the ground. This, says Pandolfi Price, is vital to aid the balance of the vines and to give the wine rich mineral hints.

Pandolfi Price (pictured right, with his wife and son) quit his job as a chemical engineer to focus on wine. With the aid of soil specialist Pedro Parra, new vineyards have been planted with Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling. Experimental bottlings of Pinot were made this year, with the first Syrah likely to launch in 2016.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Pinot Noir over £15  
Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua  
Costa 2013 (13%)**

*An elegant, floral Pinot Noir with so many layers and so much going on: from the nose with its vibrant strawberry, sweet cassis, mushrooms and leafy hints, through to the focused, tense, complex, satiny palate with its lingering finish.*

*Tremendous power and potential – and still young.*

£16.15 Cheers, Define Food & Wine, Eton Vintners, Hailsham Cellars, Harrods, North & South, Oxford Wine Co, Stone Vine & Sun, The Wine Reserve, Village Wines Ware, Whalley Wine Shop, Wimbledon Wine Cellars

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

SOME YEARS AGO, Errázuriz chief winemaker Francisco Baettig realised he was neither happy nor convinced by the current style of Chilean Pinot Noir. ‘A leap, a radical change,’ was needed.

Baettig knew what he wanted in the vineyard: avoiding water stress, more canopy development, changing irrigation techniques, earlier harvesting. And, in winemaking, less racking and more gentle extraction and balanced new oak.

This vineyard in the cool coastal part of the Aconcagua Valley (*pictured*) was also part of the plan. Consultant Louis-Michel Liger-Belair, owner of Burgundy’s Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair, came on board and this Trophy winner is, says Baettig, the ‘first version of the new style I sought’.

Errázuriz is working to achieve an internal appellation or zoning for the the cool Pacific vineyard which is planted on metamorphic rock including slate and schist. This will enable the identification of the equivalent of village, premier cru and grand cru sites.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Red Single-Varietal  
under £15**

**Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa  
Concha País-Cinsault 2014 (12%)**

*An upfront, lively, cheerful nose with lots of cherry and more savoury notes of spice, smoke, herbs and pepper. Lots of fun but has a serious side as well, with a slight rusticity and grainy, earthy tannins holding up the persistent fruit.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Santa Helena, Selección del Directorio Carmenere, Colchagua 2013 • The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible Malbec, Bio Bio Valley 2013

THE PAIS GRAPE has long been one of the great unheralded varieties grown in Chile. Until recently the country’s most planted grape, it is usually farmed for high yields and to produce huge quantities of cheap, undemanding wine for the mass market.

Many winemakers have discounted it in the past, but Concha y Toro’s winemaker Marcelo Papa (*pictured*) has been working on the variety to improve its flavour and investigate its potential.

Much of that work is being carried out in the Maule Valley, where you can find País vines of up to 100 years old, but this limited-release wine uses grapes from centurian vines grown west of the southern city of Cauquenes, 25km from the sea.

País makes up 85% of the blend, with the 15% Cinsault, another relatively unknown variety in Chile, sourced from vines of more than 50 years old, planted at 160m in the Itata Valley, 18km from the Pacific Ocean.

The wine is vinified using carbonic maceration to make a lighter, fruitier wine with freshness and acidity, and modest alcohol.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Red Single-Varietal  
over £15**

**Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block 27  
Carmenere Lot No1, Peumo,  
Cachapoal 2013** (14%)

*A ripe but leafy nose of powerful red and blue fruits is followed by a deep, concentrated palate with a lovely texture and flavours of graphite, herbs and black pepper. A lively style, understated on the finish yet supremely impressive.*  
£22 The Wine Society

**Tasted against** Cono Sur, 20 Barrels Merlot, Peralillo Estate, Colchagua 2012 • Sutil, Aluvios de Tinguí Gran Reserva, Colchagua 2012

LONG OVERLOOKED AND misidentified as Merlot in Chile's vineyards, Carmenere now has a claim to be the country's signature grape variety – but it can be fickle.

'Carmenere must be planted in the right place,' says Ignacio Recabarren, Concha y Toro winemaker and architect of the Terrunyo project, which began in 1993. 'If not, you won't get anything special – even if you have the top 20 winemakers in the world!' And Recabarren believes this vineyard block in Peumo has the answer.

Deep soils with a top layer of clay allow moisture retention, while the nearby Cachapoal River and Rapel Lake give cool nights and moderate summer temperatures.

This is the debut vintage of this particular Terrunyo wine, of which just 200 cases were made. It's notable for spending less time in oak than the traditional Terrunyo Carmenere (only six months, with fewer new barrels) and for being bottled earlier, giving the wine a fresher character with more acidity and overt fruit.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Red Rhône Varietals  
under £15**

**Tamaya, Reserva Syrah, Limarí Valley  
2013** (13.5%)

*Lovely, toasty, black pepper and floral nose, also showing notes of damson and spice. This is pure, expressive, savoury Syrah of balance, intensity and minerality, with sweet red fruit flavours, further floral notes and a gorgeous, beef and bacon finish.*

Not available in the UK or USA

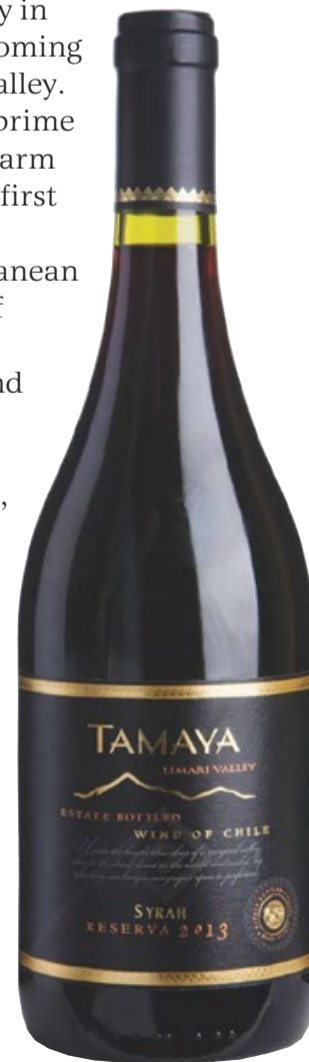
**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

A DOUBLE SUCCESS for this wine, four years after the 2009 vintage took the same Regional Trophy in 2011 – and testament to the quality coming out of the relatively youthful Limarí Valley.

Tamaya is one of the pioneers and prime advocates of Limarí, and is based at a farm bought in 1993, four years before the first vines were planted. The draw was the transverse valley's semi-arid Mediterranean climate, with just 80mm to 100mm of rainfall a year, and the unpolluted air, promising luminous and clear skies and great solar exposure.

Then there were the poor virgin soils, distinguished by their minerality, the large diurnal temperature differences and the length of the growing season. Budding here typically starts two weeks earlier than in the Central Valley, with the harvest usually two weeks later.

These are conditions to which Syrah has adapted particularly well, says Tamaya winemaker José Pablo Martín (*pictured*) – the variety loves Limarí's cool climate, thriving in the dry conditions and excellent sunshine. The result is a wine with ripe fruit, firm structure, good natural acidity and excellent aromatics.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Red Blend over £15  
Ventisquero, Vertice, Apalta,  
Colchagua 2011 (14.5%)**

*Expressive, elegant and food friendly, this is great stuff. The nose of spicy, peppery black fruit is replicated on a palate that has plenty of savoury, meaty and rustic dimensions, along with flavours of blackcurrant, damson and citrus. Characterful.*

£19.90 AC Gallie, Anglia Wine Merchants, Davy's, Eagle's Wines, Hailsham Cellars, Lamorbey Wines, Richard Granger, SH Jones, The Wine Centre, The Wine Co, Wholefoods, Wine Chambers  
POA San Francisco Wine Exchange USA

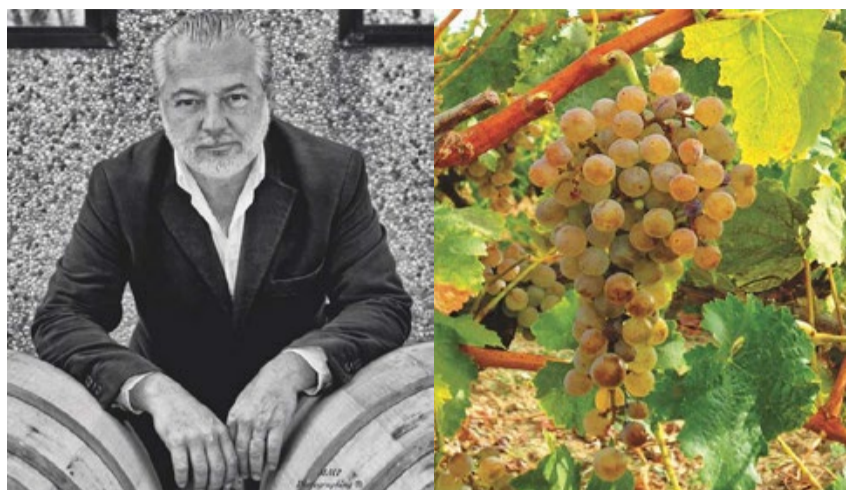
**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

IN THE WORDS of Ventisquero winemaker Felipe Tosso (*pictured*), this blend was 'always meant to be'. Parcel 23 (Carmenere) and Parcel 25 (Syrah) intersect at right angles at an altitude of 485m, in the most elevated section of Ventisquero's La Robleria vineyard. But, beyond location in the Colchagua Valley's quality enclave of Apalta, the plots have little in common.

Carmenere is usually planted in flatter areas but these vines represent a new approach, with vines planted higher and on a red soil that mixes clay and orange granite with rocks. The deep-rooted Syrah sits on a thin layer of clay on top of a stony sub-soil mixed with decomposed granite and lots of quartz and iron.

The approach from Tosso and winemaking partner John Duval – former maker of Penfolds Grange – is to 'highlight the best characteristics of each variety, then combine them to create something completely new'.

The 53% Carmenere and 47% Syrah blend spends 20 months in 'ultra-fine-grained' French oak barrels, 40% new, and a further 18 months in bottle before release.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Chilean Sweet over £15  
La Reserva de Caliboro, Erasmo Late  
Harvest Torontel, Maule 2010 (12.5%)**

*Just delicious, with a raft of aromas including candied orange, cream, honeydew melon and tinned apricots. Super-complex, the waxy palate is really long, and holds floral, syrupy, biscuity fruit flavours and a lemony finish. Perfectly balanced and made by a careful, knowledgeable hand.*

POA H2Vin  
POA Palm Bay International USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS REMARKABLE WINE recalls the first European settlement of Chile's Pacific coast by the early conquistadores. As they settled in Chile's Maule Valley, they built missions and planted Torontel vines to make wines for religious services.

This wine is an effort by Italian Count Francesco Marone Cinzano (*pictured*) to recreate those early sacramental wines.

Taken from 70-year-old, dry-farmed Torontel with deep roots reaching into the sandy and mildly acid soils, just 3,000 half-bottles are produced every year. The grapes (*pictured*) are left on the vine until the first rains, then hung from the veranda roof of Reserva de Caliboro's old colonial mud-brick house.

After three months the grapes shrivel and concentrate their juice, then are de-stemmed by hand, macerated for three days and allowed to ferment naturally in barrel, with no added yeast. Ageing takes place in French oak barriques and lasts for 24 months.

Cinzano, who prior to wine worked for the art department of Christie's auction house, is a previous Trophy winner at the 2012 Decanter Asia Wine Awards, but with a very different wine: the Olmaia Sant' Antimo Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 from his Col d'Orcia estate in Brunello di Montalcino.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Croatian Red under £15**  
**Vina Laguna, Festigia Castello, Istria,**  
**Coastal 2012 (13.7%)**

*Deep and characterful with aromas of tobacco, plums, liquorice, cocoa and violets delivered in a fairly potent manner. The palate is similarly powerful with an abundance of blueberry, damson and spicy fruit, plus oregano and basil. Impressive with fine balance and potential to age.*

£14.50 **Lea & Sandeman**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS WINE IS notionally a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and local variety Teran, with proportions based on the character of the harvest and the wine only produced in the best years. But in 2012 Teran failed to make the cut, and the blend is an international one: 40% each of Merlot and Syrah, and 20% Cabernet.

The vines are grown in the typical coastal red Istrian soils where the Mediterranean climate is lightened by both maritime and Alpine influences. ‘Merlot really thrives here and Cabernet can give excellent results in warm years,’ says winemaker Milan Budinski (pictured), a veteran of vintages in California’s Napa, Sonoma, Chile’s Maule and San Juan in Argentina.

Since independence and war, Vina Laguna has been fully restructured, including the planting of more than 450 hectares of vineyards. The winery in Poreč used to be a Cantina Sociale (co-op), set up when the area was under Italian control in 1934. During the days of Yugoslavia, it was one of the biggest in the country.

Now Vina Laguna pursues lightness, its wines designed to partner the fresh Istrian cuisine. The winery is a notable specialist in Malvazija Istarska, which accounts for 60% of its production.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Croatian Sweet over £15**  
**Kutjevo, Traminac Ice Wine, Slavonia,**  
**Continental 2011 (9.7%)**

*A heady wine, with a pronounced nose of angelica, candied citrus peel, tropical and stone fruits. To taste it’s silky and creamy, with notes of thyme complementing grapefruit, apricot, marmalade, ginger and jasmine. The finish is long and easy, showing crystallised rose petals and a saline tone.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS IS A remarkable sweet wine sourced from vineyards in the highest locations of continental Croatia where for decades Traminer grapes have been harvested when temperatures dip as low as -7°C.

Once back in the Kutjevo cellar, fermentation is long and slow, taking up to six months using only the natural yeasts. The grapes are sourced from vineyards with soils of volcanic origin, on the southern slopes of the Papuk and Krndija mountains at an altitude of 250m to 400m (pictured), where the vines are completely surrounded by oak forests.

Here, sun shines on the vineyards all day, the yields are typically small and the reflection of light from the two mountains helps improve the maturation of the grapes.

Kutjevo claims to be the oldest grape and wine producer in the country’s history, with records dating back almost 800 years from when the medieval Cistercian cellar was built in 1232. Today, Kutjevo is one of the biggest wine producers in modern Croatia.

Winemaker Matko Kovačić worked his first harvest at Kutjevo in 2010 – something he describes as a ‘baptism of fire’, having gone straight from studies at college to dealing with more than 50,000 hectolitres of wine during the vintage. He’s been grateful for the assistance of Slovenian consultant Iztok Klenar.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**German Sparkling over £15**  
**Sekthaus Solter, Rheingau Riesling**  
**Réserve, Rheingau 2009** (12.5%)

*Residing very much in the German idiom of sparkling wine, this is a wine of exquisite quality, with an enchanting nose of mature Riesling and classic notes of stone fruit, citrus, minerals and camomile. In the mouth it's slender and sleek, but with unfathomable depth and a wonderful, melodic finish.*  
 £29.20 The Wine Barn

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE MISSION OF Sekthaus Solter, established by Helmut Solter in 1988, is to show that German sparkling wine can compete with the world's best after spending years on the lees.

Since his death in October 2013, the winery has become an all-female affair, run by his widow Verena Solter (*pictured second from right*), also a winemaker, and three female employees. All wines come from Solter's own vineyards, and the business also makes sparkling wines for a number of well-known wineries in the Rheingau area.

This Trophy winner is sourced from a single classified vineyard, Berg Roseneck, named after the rose bushes which used to grow in its soils of red slate, quartz and loam. Facing south and with a 60% gradient, the underlying structure of the soil includes red slate and a mix of shale and quartzite, bringing highly intense aromas of peach and apricot, elegance, minerality and a balanced acidity. The nearby Rhine gives cool nights and warm days.

Solter is continuing to invest in the business, including the planting of new vines – both Riesling and Chardonnay – in the company's latest vineyard acquisition, the Geisenheimer Rothenberg, another classified site.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**German Dry White over £15**  
**Von Winning, Forster Ungeheuer**  
**Grosses Gewächs, Pfalz 2013** (12%)

*Savoury scents of moss, ivy and creamy, leesy layers interspersed with citrus, ginger and barley sugar. This is fun and exciting, with verve, lip-smacking freshness, limitless citrus flavours and lusciously ripe fruit. A complex monster; distinctive in style and a great wine by any standard.*  
 £29 Humble Grape

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THERE'S AN INESCAPABLE feeling that things have come full circle with the success of this Riesling, sourced from the famed Ungeheur vineyard in Germany's Pfalz.

The Von Winning winery was founded in Deidesheim in 1849, making wine from top vineyards in Ruppertsberg, Deidesheim and Forst. Leopold von Winning's arrival into the business in 1907 signalled an upsurge in its reputation: he 'dedicated his life' to creating wines of the highest quality and was a founding member of the Verband Deutscher Qualitäts- und Prädikatsweingüter, the world's oldest association of wine estates.

Now his spirit lives on in the modern operations of Von Winning and the team led by Stephan Attmann (*pictured seated left*). High-density new plantings have led to the re-emergence of traditional viticultural practices, while winemaking is old school: musts are kept cloudy during fermentation, which takes place without artificial cooling, using wild yeasts and in different-sized oak barrels (for more complex aromas), while wine is often bottled without filtration. More than two-thirds of this wine is fermented spontaneously in 500-litre barrels.

The renowned Ungeheur vineyard has a complex soil structure, set on an ancient coral reef and combining chalky, red sandstone and volcanic basalt.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**German Off-Dry White over £15**  
**Nikolaus Köwerich, Leiwener**  
**Laurentiuslay Riesling Spätlese, Mosel**  
**1999 (8.5%)**

*This beauty has aged with grace. The nose offers honey, cashew nuts, petrol, smoke, leather and caramel, while the palate delivers flavours that coat the mouth, with dried lemon zest accompanied by flint, pear and even a bit of smoky bacon. Long and utterly gorgeous.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS CLASSIC MOSEL Riesling is, to quote Nick Köwerich (*pictured*), the winery's 'Sunday wine', bearing his 'Sunday name' of Nikolaus (everybody just calls him Nick at work). It's also very traditional, harvested at the end of October and fermented in 1,000-litre oak barrels, before bottling the following April.

The Laurentiuslay vineyard rises up across from the village of Leiwen, with a southwest exposure that captures the afternoon and evening sun, and where the Riesling vines – some very old – sink their roots into weathered blue slate. Köwerich now has a contiguous section of the vineyard of more than 90 small plots.

You have to be patient with the Riesling from here, says Köwerich, leading the winery to store particularly special bottles in its cool, dark, old slate cellars to develop and evolve.

In its first five years of life, this Trophy winner was fresh, charming and full of floral and fruity aromas and lively acidity. Then followed a relatively dull period. At nine years of age, the wines gain body and richness, but can be a bit clumsy. After 12 years, the elegance begins to emerge and, after 14 years 'the clumsy girl became a lady'.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**German Sweet over £15**  
**Bürgerspital, Würzburger Abtsleite**  
**Riesling Eiswein, Franken 2011 (6.5%)**

*Vivacious and uplifting, with unbelievably pure aromas of apricot, peach, lemon meringue pie and minerals, but with an additional layer of interest via tertiary leathery notes. This is long, rich, cool and delicious, with pronounced acidity, exquisite stone-fruit sweetness and a spicy kick on the finish.*

£79.95 Aitkin Wines, Albion Wines

**Tasted against** Fürst Hohenlohe Oehringen, Verrenberg Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese, Württemberg 2013 • Hexamer, Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg Riesling, Nahe 2013 • St Urbans-Hof, Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese, Mosel 2013 • Winzerkeller Sommerach, Sommeracher Katzenkopf Silvaner Eiswein, Franken 2012

THE FOLK OF Franken are justly proud of their Silvaner, but this Trophy winner proves that the region can be equally accomplished when it comes to Riesling – and in one of its most famous sweet styles, eiswein.

In fact, this 2011 wine is an anomaly, since the grapes weren't picked until 9 February 2012 when temperatures finally fell to -12°C. Bürgerspital director Robert Haller (*pictured*) was rewarded with his patience over the warm winter.

The Würzburger Abtsleite vineyard is a south- to southwest-facing steep slope of shell-filled limestone soils. The wines' fine minerality and complexity mark it out locally as the 'little brother' of the famous Würzburger Stein.

Bürgerspital is one of the oldest wine estates in Germany, founded in 1316 and today owning 120 hectares of the finest single vineyards in and around Würzburg, including the Stein. Today, apart from its vineyards and wines, Bürgerspital runs eight residential and nursing homes.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Greek White over £15**  
**Argyros, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014** (13.5%)

*A beautiful expression of Santorini. The nose begins with fragrant summer herbs and white flowers, before revealing Williams pear and minerals. Elegant, precise and crystalline, the palate is gloriously fresh and run through with minerality, yet coats the mouth with citrus fruit, thyme and oregano.*

£18.65 Clark Foyster  
 POA Athenee Importers & Distributors USA

**Tasted against** Gaia, Wild Ferment Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014 • Gerovassiliou, Viognier, Epanomi, Macedonia 2013 • Ktima Biblia Chora, Ovilos, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014

ARGYROS IS A flag-bearer for the island of Santorini and its volcanic soils, winning no fewer than six Regional Trophies and one International Trophy over the past six years.

This Assyrtiko has won the same Regional Trophy twice before, in 2013 and 2009 – a reward for a family that has two centuries of viticultural history, with a winery built in 1903 by Georgios Argyros.

Yiannis Argyros (*pictured right, with son Matthew*) took over the estate from his father Matthew in the 1970s, increasing the vineyards to 30 hectares. Now the fourth generation, another Matthew, has taken over the reins.

This wine is a vivid expression of both the distinctive volcanic soils of Santorini and a selection of 70- to 90-year-old Assyrtiko vines, located in Episkopi, Pyrgos and Megalochori. The unirrigated, basket-pruned vines are planted on their own rootstocks and are exposed to strong northerly winds, lots of sunshine and high humidity.

Argyros makes a selection of dry Assyrtiko wines, as well as a 20-year barrel-aged Vinsanto which has won a DWWA Regional Trophy three times.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Greek Rosé under £15**  
**Biblia Chora, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014** (13%)

*Lively redcurrant fruit with a spicy dimension and an interesting smoky bacon facet to the nose. The palate is as vibrant and alive as the nose, with crisp acidity, touches of black cherry, violets, herbs, and just a gentle touch of tannin.*

Not available in the UK  
 POA Cava Spiliadis USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

PANGEON IS A location with history. Centuries ago, the Phoenicians came to Macedonia in search of precious metals, repaying the locals by introducing them to a new type of vine, known as ‘Biblia’. After they left, the farmers of Pangeon continued to grow the vines on the mountain slopes, producing a wine known as ‘Bibolino’ and, in time, leading to the surrounding area being renamed ‘Biblia Chora’.

Fast-forward to 1998 and Vassilis Tsaktsarlis and Vangelis Gerovassiliou came to Pangeon to establish a vineyard of just seven hectares, with winery construction following three years later (*pictured*). Today the Biblia Chora estate extends to 140ha, farmed organically.

Its philosophy is to produce quality wines with the imprint of Pangeon’s unique eco-system, where the Mediterranean climate is moderated by the mountain and Aegean Sea. That temperature variation is crucial to maintaining acidity and developing flavour, aided by soils that combine porous rock, limestone and clay.

Just 30,000 bottles of this Trophy winner were produced in 2014. It is made from Syrah grapes grown at 380m altitude, in the coolest section of the vineyards on the slopes of Macedonia’s famous mountain.



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## Regional Trophy winner Greek Red under £15 Mitravelas Estate, Red on Black, Nemea, Peloponnese 2014 (13.5%)

*An enticing, beguiling perfume of cherry and flowers. This is textbook Agiorgitiko, with a cleansing, refreshing palate displaying wonderful balance, an abundance of black cherry flavours and admirable structure. Outstanding value for money and should be enjoyed lightly chilled.*

£9 Marks & Spencer  
POA Verity Wine Partners

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE LICENCE FOR the Mitravelas Estate winery is so old – dating back before 1913 – that it was allowed to set up in the centre of Nemea town. But for many years, this family-owned business focused solely on making high-quality bulk wine for other local producers.

When Konstantinos Mitravelas (pictured) inherited the winery from his father and grandfather, he decided to bottle his own wines and take a fresh approach to the key local grape variety, Agiorgitiko.

Until a decade ago, Agiorgitiko in Nemea was routinely aged in barrel, since it was considered a strong, heavy grape, known locally as ‘the black’. But in 2005 Mitravelas decided to gamble on bottling a fresh, unoaked Agiorgitiko. This Trophy winner’s name, Red on Black, alludes to this lighter style.

The grapes come from low-yielding hillside vineyards of up to 40 years old surrounding Nemea at about 400m above sea level. The growing season in 2014 was fairly typical, with a cold winter and medium to warm summer. While Mitravelas doesn’t consider it a landmark year, he says the old vineyards give consistently high-quality grapes.

Mitravelas also produces two oak-aged Agiorgitikos and a rosé.



## Regional Trophy winner Greek Red over £15 Gaia Estate, Agiorgitiko, Nemea, Peloponnese 2012 (14.5%)

*A deep, exuberant, stylish, refined nose with notes of polished oak and ripe blackberry. The palate is textured and fleshy, with grippy but juicy tannins providing the foundations for the crunchy cherry fruit and mineral high notes. A world-class red with a long finish, but lots of fun at the same time.*

£26.98 Hallgarten Druitt & Novum Wines  
\$45 Athenee Importers & Distributors

**Tasted against** Domaine Skouras, Grande Cuvée, Nemea, Peloponnese 2008

GAIA ESTATE CO-FOUNDER Yiannis Paraskevopoulos (pictured right, with Leon Karatsalos – see below) talks of the ‘Greek perception’ when discussing this multi-award-winning wine. That perception was that Nemean Agiorgitikos should be entry-level and with little or no longevity.

‘This was a profound mistake,’ he says. ‘We have devoted our efforts, in both vine-growing practices as well as our cellar techniques, to highlight the flexibility Agiorgitiko can have.’

For their single-vineyard Gaia Estate wines, only made in the best vintages, Paraskevopoulos and partner Leon Karatsalos focus on not overworking the wines, avoiding fining, filtration and cold stabilisation, and allowing the wine to express both variety and terroir.

Grapes for this wine were grown on the low-yielding old-vine slopes of the Koutsi limestone ridge at 550m, giving great acidity and fruit expression

Previous vintages of this wine have seen DWWA success. The 2001 won the International Red Single-Varietal Trophy in 2004, while both 2006 and 2007 vintages took this Regional Trophy in 2009 and 2012 respectively.



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## Regional Trophy winner Cypriot White under £15 Tsiakkas, Xynisteri, Limassol 2014

(12.5%)

*Shy but enchanting, with distinct floral, honeysuckle aromas to the fore, then leafy, grassy hints lurking behind. It grows in stature on the palate, with a great attack of some substance, then showing tangerine peel, pear, peach, ginger, zesty lime acidity and a dry, mineral finish. Punches above its weight.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

‘IF I WANTED to make money, I would have stayed with the bank.’ Former financier Costas Tsiakkas reflects on the challenges of elevating the reputation of the wines of Cyprus – the cradle of wine in Europe, but for many years a byword for poor quality and low prices.

The Xynisteri grape has languished in a similar state in recent times, despite being one of the varieties used for the island’s great sweet wine, Commandaria. Now recovery is in sight, thanks to new plantings at high altitudes (*pictured*) and skilled winemakers buying or renting very old vineyards.

In this case, the Xynisteri grapes grow at 1,300m, making them nearly the highest in Cyprus and possibly Europe (Tsiakkas has planted at 1,500m but the first harvest from those vines is only due this year). Sandy/volcanic soils, a deep root system and steep slopes combine to make a wine that he hopes can begin to mend the reputation of island and grape.

Winemaking is in the blood. Tsiakkas’ grandfather was a winemaker and merchant, and the call of the vines finally lured him after 17 years in banking. ‘We are a long way from claiming that Cypriot wines are among the best in the world,’ he says. ‘As a short-term goal, we wish to get away from the bottom, where we have been for too many years.’



## Regional Trophy winner Cypriot Sweet Over £15 Ktima Gerolemo, Commandaria 2007

(14%)

*Almost like a Sercial from Madeira, this is spicy, complex and intense, with golden raisins, nougat, caramelised walnuts, stewed prunes and coffee. There’s a lovely trade-off between the sweet and the saline, with the acidity more than a match for the lusciousness. A splendid, complex dessert wine.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

A REGIONAL TROPHY to a wine style that was victorious in the first documented wine competition. La Bataille des Vins, organised by Philip Augustus, King of France in the 13th century, was reputedly won by a sweet wine from Cyprus, believed to be Commandaria.

This historic sweet style is also the world’s oldest named wine still in production, with the Cypriot ‘Manna’ wine name-checked by ancient poets including Homer, Hesiod and Euripides. The Commandaria name, however, is a much later addition and refers to the ‘Grande Commanderie’, a stronghold for the Crusader knights led by Guy de Lusignan in the area of Kolossi Castle, near modern-day Limassol.

Good Commandaria has complex aromas, a lusciously sweet palate and a long aftertaste. Made from sun-dried Xynisteri and Mavro grapes, it is usually a fortified wine (this example is not) but can achieve alcohol levels of 15% even before the addition of brandy.

For centuries it was a vital part of Cypriot trade, loaded onto ships to be sent abroad to the wine aficionados of the time – until the dark period of the Ottoman rule, when it became all but forgotten.

Ktima Gerolemo (*pictured*) is a family-owned winery with 20 hectares of vineyards, located in Omodhos in Limassol which, with Paphos, is the main grape-producing region of Cyprus – and has been making wine and distilling spirit for many generations.



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## Regional Trophy winner White Languedoc-Roussillon under £15

### Château Bas d'Aumelas, Languedoc 2013 (13.5%)

*Aromas of grape, apricot, pear, almond, white blossom and greengage. The palate has a bounty of flavours but is nicely understated with a delightful southern French personality; it's lively, linear and textured, with crisp acidity, sweet, ripe candied fruit, a bitter hint of lavender and charming balance.*

£14.40 The Sampler

**Tasted against** Château Rouquette sur Mer, Cuvée Arpège, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2014

THE RESTORATION OF Château Bas d'Aumelas, a vestige of the religious wars that gripped the south of France, has taken many forms, from the buildings – based around a 14th-century fortified farmhouse (pictured) – to the vineyards themselves.

At the end of the 16th century, when the original farmhouse was transformed into a château complete with towers and outbuildings, vine-growing was already part of its operations. Now Jean-Philippe and Geoffroy d'Albenas, whose family have owned the château for centuries, have resurrected the winemaking heritage, farming 17 hectares of vineyards organically to preserve their biodiversity.

This Trophy winner is a blend of 60% Grenache Blanc, 35% Roussanne and 5% Viognier, grown in a 3ha plot at an altitude of 300m. Soils are clay and limestone and have uniformly low fertility. Traditional and modern methods are used to preserve aromas and bring the flavours of the surrounding garrigue into the wine. Fermentation is cool (15°C) and long (25 days), and the wine is aged for seven months in tank before bottling.



## Regional Trophy winner White Languedoc-Roussillon over £15

### Clos des Nines, Obladie, Coteaux du Languedoc 2012 (13.5%)

*A rich nose of nougat, nectarine, cream, lemon, oak and fresh white blossom. In the mouth it's wonderfully textured and balanced; rich and weighty but crisp too, with an abundance of exotic fruit and great length. A serious gastronomic wine.*

£16.95 Lea & Sandeman

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS TROPHY WINNER is the result of a lifestyle choice by its maker, Isabelle Mongeart. In 2002, after a business degree and a career in sales, and after stopping work to have three children, she and her husband Christian Marbler decided on a radical change in direction.

They bought Clos des Nines – 'nines' being the Languedoc dialect word for 'girls' – after falling in love with this spot above the plain leading down to the coast at Sète. Two years later, Mongeart made a high-quality white from its vineyards.

She planted one hectare of four varieties – Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne and Vermentino – on chalky soils filled with fossilised oyster shells, with the aim of having 'the rich fruit and volume of ripe south of France wines, but with the freshness, acidity and elegance of northern regions'. An apt objective, given her origins in Champagne.

A single-vineyard wine, Obladie's blend varies with the vintage. The grapes are harvested at the same time and vinified in the same tank (with 25% fermented and aged in new oak). Mongeart says it is enjoyable young, but with age develops like mature Riesling.



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## Regional Trophy winner Red Languedoc-Roussillon under £15

### Ollier-Taillefer, Grande Réserve, Faugères 2012 (13.5%)

*Highly expressive nose, both brooding and elegant, with notes of plump red fruits, violets, minerals, pepper, smoke and tar. It's just as impressive to taste; elegant with bright acidity, a swathe of ripe tannins, an engaging mineral edge and concentrated red fruits that remain well into the long finish.*

POA Ranmore Wines

**Tasted against** Château Latour de Rissac, Cabardès 2013 • Gérard Bertrand, Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre, Corbières 2013 • JeanJean, Domaine du Causse d'Arboras, La Faille, Terrasses du Larzac 2013 • Plan de l'Homme, Habillis, Terrasses du Larzac 2012

THIS TROPHY WINNER owes much to the distinctive local Faugères terroir of schist soils, as well as the old vines' south-facing orientation and elevated position at 300m above sea level.

First produced by Alain Ollier in 1978 – just two years after the domaine in the village of Fos made its first wines – Grande Réserve is now the responsibility of Ollier's son Luc, while his daughter Françoise (both pictured) takes charge of the commercial side. The siblings are the fifth generation of family grape-growers, and have farmed the vineyards organically since 2012.

This wine – a blend of mostly Carignan, with Syrah, Grenache and a little Mourvèdre – is sourced from the oldest vines in the domaine, which stretches across 36 hectares of the area's steeply sloping hills.

The Carignan vines are 60 to 100 years old, while the Grenache and Syrah were planted in the 1970s and '80s.



## Regional Trophy winner Red Languedoc-Roussillon over £15

### Château Cesseras, Minervois La Livinière 2012 (14.5%)

*Lovely garrigue nose, with notes of cured meat, undergrowth, red and dark fruits plus iron-like minerality. Intense, juicy and ready to drink, there's a floral air to the ripe fruit. A distinguished, gastronomic wine of harmony and class.*

£16 Berry Bros & Rudd

**Tasted against** Domaine Boucabeille, Les Orris, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013 • Domaine Les Grandes Costes, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012 • Les Chemins de Carabote, Les Pierres qui Chantent, Terrasses du Larzac 2011 • Mas de la Seranne, Antonin & Louis, Terrasses du Larzac 2012 • Mas des Querne, Le Querne, Terrasses du Larzac 2012

A YEAR AFTER the 2011 vintage of this wine took the International Trophy for Red Rhône Varietals over £15, Château Cesseras scoops another accolade.

Located in the village of Cesseras in Minervois, this property has been in the Ournac family since the late 18th century, although it was only in 1986 that the family made its first wine. Prior to that, the Ournacs were coopers, traders, wine people certainly, and included among their number Camille Ournac, Mayor of Toulouse.

They're also the oldest family operating the same property in the area, with the seventh generation now in charge, led by trained lawyer Pierre André Ournac (pictured, with nephew Guillaume). Of the estate's 90 hectares of vineyards, some 20ha lie in the prime enclave of La Livinière.

This 2012 wine blends 70% Syrah with 10% each of Mourvèdre, Grenache and Carignan. The last three undergo carbonic maceration, and 60% of the blend is aged in oak, one-third new.



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## Regional Trophy winner Fortified Languedoc-Roussillon over £15

**Gérard Bertrand, Legend Vintage,  
Rivesaltes 1974** (17%)

*Just lovely, with a complex nose of confit fruit, orange peel, coffee, toffee apple and spice. Palate is full, rich and complex, with great acid balance and layers of flavours including barley sugar, salted caramel, coffee and orange marmalade, then a very long, restrained finish with drive and freshness.*

£130 Hallgarten Druitt & Novum Wines  
POA Young's Market Co USA

**Tasted against** Gérard Bertrand, Legend Vintage, Rivesaltes 1955 • Le Secret des Marchands, Grande Réserve, Maury 2009

THE FRESHNESS AND brilliance of this wine is testimony to the staying power of great Rivesaltes, one of a number of Roussillon fortifieds which Gérard Bertrand (*pictured*) produces, with vintages back to 1875.

Rivesaltes covers 86 municipalities in the Pyrénées-Orientales and another nine in the Aude, but this wine is sourced from the Aspres, in what Bertrand refers to as 'the Pyrenean Piemonte'. Soils here are mainly coarse granite and gneiss sand, plus brown and black schist and some red limestone. The vineyard's northern exposure gives this Grenache Noir, Macabeu and Grenache Gris blend an acidity and freshness that still lingers.

Bertrand inherited twin passions for wine and rugby from his father Georges. He started working at Domaine de Villemajou in Boutenac in August 1987, only for his father to die prematurely a few months later. He has since had an international rugby career, captained the Stade Français club side, and has built a thriving wine business whose base is Château l'Hospitalet in Narbonne.



## Regional Trophy winner White Loire under £15 Domaine Martin, Monnières-St- Fiacre, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 2010

(12%)

*Wonderful aromatic profile: appealing and polished dried fruits, saline minerality, citrus elements, butter, brioche and tropical nuances. There's a confident, elegant start to the palate which boasts awesome minerality, crunchy, outgoing fruit, and incredible texture and length. Very impressive.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Château de la Botinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 • Pierre-Luc Bouchaud, Pont Caffino, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 • Vignobles Sourice, Manoir de la Hersandière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014

IT IS MORE than 15 years since Bernard Martin (*pictured*), a fourth-generation winemaker, took over at the helm of this family estate. At one time, its Muscadets were only sold in the restaurants of nearby Brittany; now they are finding markets further afield, in France and overseas.

Since joining the domaine, Martin has increased plantings to 35 hectares, but this wine comes from a single plot with a gneiss soil, called Le Rochils. This is the estate's best parcel, and dates back to his grandfather's time.

The crumbling stone in the soil is ideal for the old Melon de Bourgogne vines to send their roots deep in search of nutrients and water, while the elevated position offers excellent ventilation. Martin harvests just before the grapes become overripe, keeping a little freshness to balance the fruit and retaining the variety's trademark mineral character.

Since the expansion programme, Domaine Martin makes 120,000 bottles a year, but this flagship wine produces just 500 cases each harvest.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Loire Sauvignon Blanc over £15**  
**Domaine Jean-Paul Balland, Sancerre**  
**2014** (13%)

*An extremely polished and graceful style, with a mineral, stoney, elegantly floral nose offering tinges of passion fruit and grapefruit. The palate is appealingly ripe and feels beautifully composed, showing real substance and texture, racy acidity, and a confident finish with a delightful, struck-match twist.*

£16.50 Define Food & Wine, Earle Wines, Highbury Vintners, Noble Green, Partridges, Phoenix & Plum, Richard Granger, The Wine Co, Theatre of Wine, Trenchermans, Wholefoods, Woodwinters POA Southern Wine USA

**Tasted against** Domaine Landrat-Guyollet, Gemme de Feu, Pouilly-Fumé 2012 • Joseph Mellot, Le Chant des Vignes, Pouilly-Fumé 2014

THE REGIONAL TROPHY for this benchmark Sancerre comes just a year after Domaine Jean-Paul Balland took the International Trophy for Sauvignon Blanc over £15 for its flagship Grand Cuvée 2012.

This wine accounts for two-thirds of the estate's 180,000-bottle production and is made in a style that reflects the appellation's chalk and clay soils. The family's select hillside plots produce expressive Sauvignon Blancs of finesse and great balance.

Jean-Paul Balland began working with his parents in their vineyards in the village of Bué at age 14, building up the family domaine over the next four decades. Now he and wife Magali farm 24 hectares, 20ha of them Sauvignon Blanc, the rest Pinot Noir.

In 2001 Isabelle and Elise joined their parents; Elise in marketing and administration, and Isabelle taking charge of winemaking in 2008. The domaine began a modernisation programme in 2013, which will conclude later this year with the construction of a new press room.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Loire under £15**  
**Musset-Roullier, Les Neuf Vingt,**  
**Anjou 2014** (13%)

*An enchanting, sooty, herbal Cabernet Franc nose with tones of ripe cassis, cranberry, redcurrant, fresh strawberries and green bell pepper. Excellently concentrated and long, there's a wealth of vibrant black cherry flavours countered by more savoury notes, while the ripe tannins blend in effortlessly.*

Not available in the UK

\$12 Simon N Cellars

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

ABOUT 20 YEARS ago, Serge Roullier and Gilles Musset merged their third-generation family wine estates in the Anjou-Coteaux de la Loire appellation, creating Musset-Roullier.

It was a meeting-point for complementary skills: Roullier the expert in the vineyards, Musset deploying his skills in making the wines and managing the cellar. Between them, they have 35 hectares of vines in the appellation of Anjou (*pictured*), with its mild continental climate and typically dry, warm July temperatures.

First made in 1994, this Trophy-winning Cabernet Franc is sourced from vines aged between four and 50 years. Located on the top of a schist hillside overlooking the Loire river, this rocky area combines blue and purple micaceous schist, but also contains talc at a depth of 40cm, which aids water retention and keeps the vines healthy during prolonged dry spells.

Musset and Roullier describe the resultant character of the Cabernet Franc as the classic 'iron fist in a velvet glove', with the grape showing floral aromas, elegance and a feminine side alongside a delicate tannic frame and a slight bitterness brought by the soils' slate content.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Loire over £15**  
**Daniel Chotard, Chant de l'Archer,**  
**Sancerre 2012 (13%)**

*Great Pinot character with lots of ripe cherry and red berry fruit offset by earthier tones of smoke, toast and coffee. Ripe, full and with a silky texture, it's blessed with pure black cherry fruit, spice, and a harmonious, structured finish. A cracker now but even better with a touch more patience.*

Not available in the UK

\$33 Kermit Lynch

**Tasted against** Château la Varière, La Chevalerie, Anjou-Villages-Brissac 2013

SIMON CHOTARD IS buoyed by the renewed interest in Loire reds among his generation of Sancerre vignerons: 'We've found our mark – taking advantage of the Loire freshness, but still making complex wines.'

In common with many born into a wine family (documents mention the Chotards as viticulturists in Crézancy-en-Sancerre during the French Revolution) he explored an alternative study path – in his case studying medicine – before transferring to a degree in oenology. A vintage in New Zealand in 2011 to experience the New World approach to Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir followed his graduation.

Since his return to the family domaine he has abandoned herbicides and picks as late as possible for maximum ripeness while ensuring that acidity is maintained. Cuvée Chant de l'Archer was first made in 1994 by Chotard's father, to celebrate both a specific vineyard plot (*pictured*) and his love of music. Chotard favours large 400-litre acacia barrels for his ferments; between 2,660 and 5,300 bottles are made.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Middle East, Far East & Asia**  
**under £15**

**Monsoon Valley, Colombard, Hua**  
**Hin Hills, Thailand 2014 (12.5%)**

*Lively and zesty, with aromas of lime, green melon, cream and fresh hay. This is so enjoyable and attractive, with orange peel notes on the vibrant, alive palate, aided by touches of quince, beeswax, grapefruit, lime and flowers. A engine in full throttle.*

£9.67 Amazon, Smithfield Wine

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

A SECOND TROPHY for this winery (*pictured*), located in one of the world's more remarkable winegrowing regions – where the concept of 'marginal conditions' for growing grapes takes on a whole new meaning. Monsoon Valley won a Regional Trophy two years ago for its Late Harvest Chenin Blanc 2012.

Thailand should be too close to the equator for quality winemaking. Little temperature variation, low light intensity and a very brief dry period conspire to make the Hua Hin Hills a place where few grape varieties can flourish.

Then there are the monsoon rains (which give this estate its name) that can ruin the harvest. Viticulture here is a whole new skill, where the work of the year is often done twice – because there are two harvests (vines in Thailand aren't dormant during winter, but are green all year round).

Despite all of this, Monsoon Valley has done remarkable work since its was founded by Red Bull creator Chalmers Yoovidhya in 1986. The winery has fastened onto Colombard as one of the few varieties that can thrive here, thanks to its retained natural acidity. Planted on loam, sand and slate soils, the wine is similar to Sauvignon Blanc.



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## Regional Trophy winner White Middle East, Far East & Asia over £15

**Grace, Koshu Private Reserve,  
Yamanashi, Chubu, Japan 2014** (12%)

*Alluring aromas of ripe peach, green melon, lime zest, bitter almond, jasmine and gardenia precede a refreshing and seamless palate, with a complex, weighty middle delivering fleshy white fruit and delicious acidity. This is a classic and fantastic example of just how good Koshu can be.*

£23.99 Fintry Wines, Selfridges  
POA Vizcaya Wine USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS REGIONAL TROPHY is the second in successive years for Grace's wines, following the win for its Cuvée Misawa Akeno Koshu in 2014.

Grace Winery was founded in 1923 by Chotaro Misawa at Katsunuma-cho, in Yamanashi prefecture, close to Mount Fuji. This is the cradle and still the hub of the Japanese wine industry, not least because it has the lowest rainfall in Japan and a drier, more continental climate than the rest of the country—with the exception of the odd typhoon.

Grace, now in the hands of the fourth generation of its family owners, is currently under the stewardship of Shigekazu Misawa, with daughter Ayana Misawa (*pictured*) the winemaker since 2007.

The grapes for this wine were sourced from several vineyards near Katsunuma-cho, planted on well-draining, clay-gravel soil on southwest-facing slopes at 400m. Delicacy, subtlety and fresh, vibrant acidity mark out the Koshu wines of Japan. Relatively low in alcohol the best examples have complexity and depth.



## Regional Trophy winner New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc over £15

**Saint Clair, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc,  
Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014** (13%)

*A supremely concentrated wine which never takes its foot off the gas from start to finish. A pungent nose of pink grapefruit, grass and just a nuance of white nectarine leads you on to a succulent, poised and vital palate, with layers of flavour and a crunchy, citrus freshness. Absolutely textbook.*

£22.99 Amazon, Hallgarten Druitt & Novum, Majestic

**Tasted against** Sacred Hill, Orange Label Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014

PREVIOUS VINTAGES OF this wine have been serial Trophy winners at the DWWA, taking this Regional Trophy on three previous occasions, as well as two International Trophies to boot.

The aim, says Saint Clair founder Neal Ibbotson (*pictured, third from left*), is to 'make the very best Sauvignon Blanc possible'. Each lot is fermented separately (in more than 120 small tanks) and this wine is the best tank of the vintage.

The vineyards lie in the lower Wairau Valley, where the maritime influences are strong and, alternating with warm daytime temperatures, the nights are typically cooler than in most of the valley, promoting longer hang-time and greater flavour development. It's a carefully chosen site, and one that benefits from Ibbotson's previous profession as a farm advisor.

He and wife Judy were among the first in Marlborough to grow vines in the 1970s. They were contract growers at first, with the first Saint Clair wines made in 1994. Now son Tony and daughters Sarina and Julie are also involved in the family winery, one of the country's largest.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**New Zealand Pinot Noir under £15**  
**Marks & Spencer, Clocktower Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013 (14%)**

*Lovely, lifted nose with real depth and purity, showcasing concentrated, spiced dark fruits. Generous but with no hint of jamminess, this is weighty, fresh and complex, with elegance galore, savoury touches to the fruit, and a really long finish.*

£14 Marks & Spencer

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS TROPHY WINNER IS made for UK retailer Marks & Spencer by Marlborough's Wither Hills winery, a producer renowned for the high quality of its wines, particularly Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

The aim of winemaker Sally Williams (*pictured*) is to express the true style of the company's vineyards in the Wairau Valley, where it is a challenge to grow Pinot Noir at optimal ripeness in the growing season.

This wine has a distinct Marlborough southern valley character, where clay soils mixed with old river gravels produce unique aromas and flavours: rich, dark fruits, wild berries and black cherries.

For this wine, Wither Hills sources fruit from a number of vineyards throughout the Wairau Valley with different soil types and climates, bringing greater complexity to the finished wine, along with palate weight, depth and length. Fruit from each vineyard is kept separate throughout the entire winemaking process to give Williams the best combination of blending options.

Now owned by Australasian food and beverage company Lion Nathan, Wither Hills was set up in 1994 by Brent Marris and family. It takes its name from the imposing Wither Hills ranges, which form a dramatic backdrop to the vineyards.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**New Zealand Pinot Noir over £15**  
**Greystone, The Brothers' Reserve Pinot Noir, Waipara, Canterbury 2013 (14%)**

*A wine of presence and power, with a nose of cream, violets, plums, red berries and dark cherry laced with oak spice. The deep, complex, juicy palate shows cinnamon-kissed red fruits, a silky mouthfeel and a long, attractive finish. An absolute star.*

POA Red & White

**Tasted against** Amisfield, RKV Reserve Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2010 • Ata Mara, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 • Craggy Range, Aroha, Te Muna, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013 • Grasshopper Rock, Earnsclough Vineyard Pinot Noir, Alexandra Basin, Central Otago 2013 • Judge Rock, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 • Te Kairanga, John Martin Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013 • Woollaston, Pinot Noir, Upper Moutere, Nelson 2012

THE THOMAS FAMILY was already Waipara grape growers when it bought a farm on the limestone hills of Omihi in 2001 (*pictured*). So convinced was the family of its potential for Pinot Noir that it planted over half the vineyard to the variety. Now its faith has been repaid with a second DWWA Trophy in two years, following the International Trophy won by the 2012 vintage.

Production here is limited, with the grapes sourced from a single block at the top of the hill called the Thomas Brothers' Block. The home of the farm's best grapes, it is steep and exposed, producing tiny bunches out of hard limestone soil.

The 2013 growing season started with a spring frost – a frequent hazard – which lowered yields, but which was followed by a sunny, dry summer. Each clone was fermented separately, and the fruit was intense and with tiny bunches.



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## Regional Trophy winner New Zealand Red Rhône Varietals over £15

### Giesen, Single Vineyard Clayvin Syrah, Marlborough 2012 (14%)

*Lovely, inviting aromas of cracked pepper, rose petal and spice, grace a nose of real lift and personality. The ripe but pretty palate has a sweet core of rich, generous fruit, underpinned by excellent quality oak to augment the wine's spicy character, and topped with a juicy, long finish.*

£35 Ehrmanns

**Tasted against** Rod McDonald, Quarter Acre Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013

THE GERMAN-BORN GIESEN brothers (*pictured*) made their first wines in New Zealand in 1984 and have since bought 13 Marlborough vineyards covering 287 hectares offering an array of different soils, aspects, sunshine levels and elevations.

But this Syrah – only its second bottling – is firmly rooted in one place: Clayvin. Marlborough's first commercial hillside vineyard, it is a warmer spot which aids the grapes' ripening and intensity.

Organically farmed, the vines are planted at 5,500 to a hectare, versus about 2,250/ha for conventional Marlborough vineyards. Increased competition between the vines means they push their roots deeper into the mineral- and nutrient-rich soils, giving the wine more interest and structure. Two clones of Syrah, Chave and 470, also aid complexity.

The 2011/12 growing season in Marlborough was colder than usual, giving smaller berries and bunches, and more focused flavours. An Indian summer gave the fruit longer hang time, extending the growing season and allowing for full physiological ripeness.



## Regional Trophy winner Red Piedmont over £15 Fratelli Grasso, Vallegrande, Barbaresco Riserva, Piedmont 2008

(14.5%)

*A wonderful example of its type, with a broad, spicy nose of ripe red fruit, spice, wild strawberry jam, cassis and liquorice. Fine in body with a plush but elegant palate bursting with juicy, ripe fruit and a long, velvety, warm finish.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Gio Domenico Negro, Basarin, Barbaresco Riserva 2010 • Giuseppe Cortese, Rabajà, Barbaresco Riserva 2008 • Tenute Sella, San Sebastiano Allo Zoppo, Lessona 2007

THIS WINE IS the first Barbaresco Riserva bottled by brothers Luigi and Alfredo Grasso at their winery in Vallegrande, Treiso, in the heart of the Langhe.

Its creation was serendipitous: on tasting the second barrel of the wine they were bottling as regular Barbaresco from the 2008 vintage, the brothers were struck by its high quality and great ageing potential. They decided to make a Riserva.

Vallegrande is the biggest area in Treiso where Nebbiolo can be grown, enjoying great solar exposure during the day, alongside windy nights to give balance to the wines.

Fratelli Grasso was established in 1900 by the brothers' grandfather Valentino, but the family business only began bottling its own Barbaresco in the 1970s. It has quickly become Grasso's strongest suit, alongside a range of other regional wines. The brothers have 15 hectares of vineyards, growing Nebbiolo, Dolcetto, Barbera, Moscato and Chardonnay. They are noted for their traditional approach to winemaking, particularly evident in this Trophy winner.



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## Regional Trophy winner White Port over £15 C Da Silva, Dalva Golden White 1971 (19.8%)

*Spicy, creamy, nutty, honeyed aromas of oxidative ageing frame the nose, along with a touch of fruit cake and smoke. The palate is rich and full, with candied citrus, layers of sweet marmalade, grapey notes and bracing acidity. A unique white Port that is a delicious and complete wine.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

TO MANY PEOPLE, white Port is a local curiosity, an aperitif enjoyed only in the Douro, mixed with tonic water and consumed with the local almonds and olives.

But Dalva Golden White Ports give the style a whole new dimension. Starting from the first release – a 1952 Colheita – they have shown that white Port can be a truly serious wine of longevity and great complexity.

Since the success of that inaugural vintage, C da Silva has employed a policy of releasing a Golden White from each decade, carefully sourced from the company's outstanding stocks of ageing white Ports.

This is a typical field blend of Douro white varieties, particularly Malvasia Fina, Códega, Viozinho and Rabigato, balancing sweetness with acidity by combining fruit from lower vineyards with grapes from higher altitudes.

Its release is the work of an oenology department under winemaker José Sousa Soares, a veteran of more than 20 years at tawny Port specialist Barros, who now oversees all the wines of the Gran Cruz group, of which C da Silva is part.

Founded in 1862, C da Silva has forged a formidable reputation for its tawny, Colheita and white Ports. It has also enjoyed success in the DWWA before – winning this Trophy in 2010 for its Dalva Golden White 1963.



## Regional Trophy winner Tawny Port over £15 Barros, Colheita 1974 (20%)

*A rich, luscious style of notable concentration and a level of fresh fruit which belies its age. This is spicy and woody, with well-pitched acidity, a joyful candied sweetness and flavours of marmalade, molasses, coffee, chocolate, walnut and tea.*

£125 Hallgarten Druitt & Novum

**Tasted against** Barão de Vilar, Feuerheerd's Colheita 1975 • Barros, 20 Year Old Tawny • Blackett, 30 Year Old Tawny • Burmester, 20 Year Old Tawny • Burmester, 40 Year Old Tawny • C Da Silva, Dalva Colheita 1995 • C Da Silva, Dalva Colheita 1975 • Graham's, 40 Year Old Tawny • Graham's, Amostras Colheita 1972 • Gran Cruz, 30 Year Old Tawny • Kopke, 10 Year Old Tawny • Kopke, Colheita 1941 • Sandeman, 30 Year Old Tawny • Vasques de Carvalho, 30 Year Old Tawny • Warre's, Amostras Otima 10 Year Old Tawny

BARROS HAS LONG, and deservedly, been famed for its aged tawny Ports and colheitas, having amassed substantial stocks of wines at its lodges in Vila Nova de Gaia.

This wine is sourced from Quinta de São Luíz in the Cima Corgo (pictured), not far downstream from where the Douro meets the Tavora Valley. A prominent quinta on the left bank, it was once owned by the Kopke Port house, which Barros took over in the 1950s. Now both are part of Sogevinus, a company with a stable of historic Port houses including Burmester and Cálem.

This Trophy winner is made from the typical field blend of traditional grapes from the Douro, grown on both terraces and more recent vertical plantings. Vineyards stretch up the hillside to 600m on an estate which claims to be the first in the valley to be partly mechanised, enabling tractors to pass between the vine rows.

1974 is not only a fine vintage for aged tawnies, but was also the year when The Carnation Revolution ended 50 years of totalitarian rule.



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## Regional Trophy winner Port under £15

### Offley, Late Bottled Vintage 2010 (20%)

*Hugely intense aromas of minerals, freshly blackberry fruit and cassis, with notes of bitter chocolate and cinnamon spice underneath. Rich and fleshy, with lovely definition and purity of flavours including black fruit jam, coffee and liquorice, this is a very well made wine, and great value.*

£14.99 SH Jones, Sogrape UK, South Downs Cellars, Vinotopia

**Tasted against** C Da Silva, Presidential Late Bottled Vintage 2010

THIS REGIONAL TROPHY victory comes only two years after the 2008 vintage of this wine won the Vintage Port under £15 accolade. Sourced from the high-quality Cima Corgo sub-region of the Douro Valley, it blends Touriga Franca (65%), Touriga Nacional (15%), Tinta Roriz (15%) and Sousão (5%). Like all unfiltered LBVs, this wine is bottled four to six years after harvest and is ready to drink – without the need to decant.

Offley was founded in 1737 in London by William Offley as a wine merchant and exporter, before moving into Port production. In 1803, the Forrester family joined the business and the house was renamed Offley Forrester for few years. Now Offley is, with Ferreira and Sandeman, one of the best-selling Port brands in the country, and all three are owned by Sogrape Vinhos, Portugal's largest producer.

Sogrape was established by Fernando van Zeller Guedes in 1942. Now in the hands of the third generation of the Guedes family, its empire has spread the length and breadth of Portugal, as well as owning estates in Spain, Argentina, New Zealand and Chile.

The company's Douro properties span the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior sub-regions, totalling 693 hectares, with 492ha under vine.



## Regional Trophy winner Port over £15

### Quinta do Crasto, Late Bottled Vintage 2010 (20%)

*Firm and tense, with pepper, blackberry, plums, raisins and liquorice on the nose, complemented by aromas of seaweed, iodine and coffee. Big and bold in stature, there's an opulent, liquorice-like sweetness to the palate, joined by flavours of black tea and chocolate. Huge, but classy and cultured.*

£15.99 Great Western Wine, Leamington Wine Co, Edwin Giddings, The Drink Shop, The Totnes Wine Co

**Tasted against** Ferreira, Late Bottled Vintage 2010

THE HISTORIC QUINTA do Crasto estate has won DWWA Regional and International Trophies in the past, but always for its unfortified table wines. Now it's the turn of Crasto's Late Bottled Vintage to receive the plaudits.

This wine is made in a style often called a 'traditional' LBV, which means that, unlike most others on the market, it is bottled unfiltered and unfinned. That means you will find sediment in the bottle so the wine needs to be decanted – but the pay-off in terms of depth of flavour and complexity is well worth it. And, like a full vintage Port, this wine will continue to develop in the bottle for years to come.

The huge Crasto estate occupies a privileged position in the picturesque Douro (pictured), enjoying extensive sun exposure and a range of different altitudes as the vines steadily climb the terraced, schistous mountain slopes.

As Crasto's Miguel Roquette acknowledges, this is fiendishly difficult terrain to farm – he describes the climate as 'nine months of winter and three of hell', the latter referring to temperatures that regularly climb to 45°C.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Northern Portugal under £15**  
**Quinta de Serrade, Terras de Monção**  
**Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014** (13%)

*Breezy and aromatic with tropical fruits, peach and apricot aromas, preceding a full and grippy palate with handsome fruit and a shake of spice. This is an elegant, refined example of the variety; structured, long, fresh and eminently enjoyable*  
 Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

HISTORY RELATES THAT the wines of Monção in northern Portugal were exported to England more than 50 years before the Treaty of Windsor in 1386 – although Alvarinho would not have featured, since the variety only made its first appearance in this part of Vinho Verde in the 20th century.

Quinta de Serrade (pictured), now one of the largest private Alvarinho vineyards in the area, also has a British connection. Before it was established in the 17th century, an English trading post had already been set up on the spot to commercialise the light red wines of Monção – wines considered by the English nobility in Portugal at the time as being capable of competing with far more illustrious French examples.

Today it is all about Alvarinho – an elegant, exuberant wine thanks to ideal soils and excellent exposure. Since 1981, the 30-hectare estate has been owned by the Sociedade Agricola Vinho Alvarinho de Monção – a family business of producer-bottlers located in Mazedo, 3km from Monção village.

This wine, whose first vintage was in 2010, is made using a mix of old and new techniques in the winery: the traditional fermentation regime of Vinho Verde, but employing modern technology to ensure a smooth texture and greater longevity.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Northern Portugal over £15**  
**Soalheiro, Alvarinho, Monção e**  
**Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014** (12.5%)

*A definite step up from the norm, with its enticing nose interwoven with stones, sea salt, nectarine, banana and tropical fruits. The mouth kicks off with a full and intense attack of floral fruit and spice, spreading across the palate before gliding into a deliciously fresh finish. A wonderful wine.*  
 £17 Bottle Apostle, Corks of Cotham, Fortnum & Mason, Reserve Wines, Selfridges, The Wine Society

**Tasted against** Quinta dos Carvalhais, Especial, Dão NV

SOALHEIRO, WHICH MEANS ‘sunny place’, is both the name of this winery and the name of the original parcel of Alvarinho vines that was planted in 1974 – the grapes which then produced one of the first Alvarinho wines made in Portugal, with its debut vintage in 1982.

The winery remains in family hands, now managed by Maria Palmira Cerdeira, her son Luis – also the winemaker – and her daughter Maria João, more than 40 years after that first planting by João António Cerdeira and his father António Esteves Ferreira. Beginning as a boutique winery with just one hectare of Alvarinho, Soalheiro grew to 10ha by 2005.

The Melgaço sub-region of the Vinho Verde appellation is known for its sunny hills protected from Atlantic weather systems by mountains, creating higher temperatures and humidity levels. Nights are cold and days warm, giving the wines great aromatic evolution and balance.

Soalheiro has created three ‘dimensions’ of Alvarinho: this classically pure expression, an old-vine bottling named Primeiras Vinhas, and a barrel-aged variant under the Soalheiro Reserva banner. This Trophy winner is made from young- and old-vine fruit, fermented and aged on its lees in stainless steel to give elegance and intensity.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Northern Portugal under £15**  
**Falua, F'oz, Dão 2013 (13%)**

*An uplifting, charismatic wine, with a beautiful perfume of violet and cherry. This flows with charm and sophistication, the palate holding flavours of raspberry, caramelised red cherry, minerals and a fine herbal tint. Delicate and pure, this delivers the typicity of Dão at a dazzling price.*

£7.99 Tesco

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

PART OF THE formidable João Portugal Ramos group – which has won DWWA Trophies in the past with its Tagus Creek Shiraz-Trincadeira blend – Falua's F'oz wines span a number of the country's leading regions.

The name itself – 'foz' means estuary – is designed as a tribute to the rivers that run through the wine regions of Portugal. The F'oz range includes wines from Vinho Verde, Douro, Dão, Tejo and Alentejo.

All are vinified at the Falua winery, opened in 2004, 65km north of Lisbon on the River Tagus – this now handles the fruit from more than 100 hectares of vines.

This Trophy winner, the first vintage of which was made in 2011, is sourced from vineyards planted on granite soils on the gentle slopes between the Dão river and the Serra da Estrela.

Cold winters and warm summers create great conditions for Touriga Nacional, which plays the lead role, offering classic aromas of orange peel and violets, alongside the red fruit flavours and elegant tannins of Alfrocheiro. Finally, there is a balancing sweetness from the Jaen grape variety.

The use of oak is judicious – F'oz spends four months in old French oak – with winemaker João Perry Vidal (*pictured*) happy to allow the fruit to shine without obstruction.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Douro over £15**  
**Quinta da Fronteira, Reserva, Douro 2012 (14.5%)**

*This oozes quality. There's a cracking perfume of red berries, nutmeg, blueberry and pencil box. It's a multi-dimensional wine with a wide range of juicy flavours on the composed palate, boasting lovely acidity and concentration. Elegant, charming, and though young, its class is apparent.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Horta Osório, Reserva 2012 • Jorge Rosas, Quinta da Touriga-Chã 2012 • Quinta de Lubazim, Grande Reserva 2012

WITH A NAME referring to the nearby border between Portugal and Spain, Quinta da Fronteira is in wild country. This is the Douro's most remote and undiscovered spot, and also a tough place even for vines (*pictured*) to grow.

Portuguese writer Guerra Junqueiro, who owned the quinta in the 19th century, saw the struggles of the vines for himself and said that they 'ate rocks and drank sun'. Rainfall here is just 250mm a year, with the layered schist soils providing precious few nutrients for the vine roots to feed on – but still they survive.

The quinta was purchased in 2000 by Companhia das Quintas, a producer with four estates in different regions across the country, and has since benefited from replanting and recovery of old vineyards, new plantings, and the completion of a new boutique winery in 2006. There are now 68.5 hectares of vines at 100m to 250m altitude, set above 2km of the Douro river front.

This blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz marries strong black fruit, floral and mineral notes to smoky tobacco flavours, power and backbone – a quintessential Douro wine that speaks of the dramatic landscape where it was born.



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## Regional Trophy winner Portuguese Fortified over £15 Bacalhôa, Moscatel Roxo Superior, Setúbal 2002 (19%)

*A class act with delectable aromas of tea, peach, tobacco, rose hips, barley sugar, caramel and tangerine confit. What follows is a palate of incredible power, sweetness and weight, but plenty of freshness too, with stunning length and fabulous concentration of fruit and spice. It gives you goosebumps.*

£21.99 Ehrmanns

**Tasted against** Adega de Favaios, Moscatel do Douro 1989 • Ermelinda Freitas, Moscatel Superior, Peninsula de Setúbal 2005

THE PURPLE-PINK MOSCATEL Roxo grape is possibly a mutation of Moscatel Galego Branco – better-known as Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains. It was also, until recently, threatened by extinction.

Now, thanks to Bacalhôa (*pictured*), it's on the way back up, fuelled by the success of this wine, which takes this Regional Trophy for a second successive year. Indeed, Bacalhôa's characterful Moscatels have now won six DWWA Regional Trophies in just five years.

Bacalhôa had a new vision for Moscatel Roxo, planting the world's biggest single vineyard of the variety (just four hectares) in Setúbal and reimagining the grape as a single varietal with its own distinct style, producing wine from a single vintage, allowing oxidation to take the lead in stylistic terms – and maturing the wine for eight years in former single malt whisky casks.

The location on Portugal's Setúbal peninsula south of Lisbon is also key. These vines are planted on the north side of the Arrabida mountains, which shield the grapes from the hot southern winds, while limestone soils boost the wine's natural acidity and lush style.

This is scarce wine, made in 500ml bottles only and accounting for less than 1% of Bacalhôa's annual production.



## Regional Trophy winner White Regional France under £15 Château Clément Termes, Blanc Perlé, Gaillac, Southwest France 2014 (12%)

*Fresh, pure and lifted, with an appealing nose of nettles, citrus, flowers and red apples. This is pithy, vinous and crunchy; very subtle and well made, offering outstanding value for money. A gastronomic, intricate terroir wine.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Château Barbeiranne, Cuvée Vallat-Sablou, Côtes de Provence 2014

IF GAILLAC IN southwest France is a land apart, this Trophy winner from Château Clément Termes is a wine apart – in terms of grape varieties and winemaking style.

Brother and sister Olivier and Caroline David aim, in their words, for 'one of the best expressions of the Gaillac terroir', majoring on the ancient and indigenous grape variety Loin de l'Oeil, and blending it with smaller proportions of Mauzac and Muscadelle.

Winemakers love Loin de l'Oeil for its elegant floral and fruity notes, but in the hands of Olivier David, this wine has a crisp finish thanks to being bottled very young, preserving a prickle of carbon dioxide – the tiny bubbles.

Since taking over from his father in 2007 – the siblings are the seventh generation to run the winery – David has pursued a two-pronged strategy of honouring the area's vinous heritage while investing in the latest winemaking equipment.

So, on the estate's 120 hectares of vines (*pictured*), some 75ha of the varieties are local: Loin de l'Oeil and Mauzac for the whites; Braucol and Duras for the reds. And last year the Davids went further and planted 2.5ha of Prunelard, an ancient grape variety rediscovered 10 years ago by a scientist, in the local forest.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Regional France over £15**  
**Château Salettes, Bandol, Provence**  
**2014** (14%)

*Fresh, sappy, lively, with remarkable precision for Clairette on a nose of apple, pear, quince and a faintly saline slant. This is beautifully creamy in texture, with highlights of sumptuous white fruit, flowers, a hint of something more overtly tropical, and a ripe, sunny, sweet finish. Outstanding work.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

CLAIRETTE IS NOT the most lauded of grapes these days. One of the 13 varieties permitted in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, it is more famous for its use in the production of vermouth – and its typically high alcohol levels can, in the wrong hands, give wines that are flabby and lacking in freshness.

White wines are just a small part of the production of Château Salettes in Bandol, where there are 1.5 hectares of Clairette, as well as small plantings of Rolle (also known as Vermentino). But careful work in both vineyard and winery has helped win this wine a Regional Trophy – an accolade to back up the International Trophy won by the domaine’s Bandol rosé (see p34).

Success may be due to the presence of limestone in the soils of Salettes’ vineyards, which perch on a gentle slope overlooking the Mediterranean, just west of Toulon; maritime influence doesn’t get much more immediate than this. In winemaking terms, only indigenous yeasts are used during fermentation.

The 17th-century château has been in the Ricard-Boyer family since 1604, with winemaker and co-manager Alexandre Le Corguillé a much more recent addition, joining Salettes in 2011. Now the winery is being extended and the estate is keen to develop wine tourism alongside its core winemaking activities.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Regional France over £15**  
**Château Lagrézette, Clos Marguerite,**  
**Massaut, Cahors, Southwest France**  
**2012** (13.5%)

*Complex and fine, with defined aromas of flowers, cassis, blackberry and damson. The palate is succulent while showing real elegance and length, an inner richness and magnificently handled tannins. A very complete Cahors; bravo!*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Château Henri Bonnaud, Palette, Provence 2011

- Château Lagrézette, Le Pigeonnier, Cahors, Southwest France 2012
- Château Lagrézette, Cahors, Southwest France 2012 • Château Léoube, Le Rouge Les Forts de Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2011

THIS TROPHY WINNER IS, according to winemaker Claude Boudamani, part of Lagrézette’s ‘pursuit of Malbec perfection’ and a tribute to Marguerite de Massaut, the ‘grande dame’ of the château, who undertook the first grape harvest in 1503.

This is only the second vintage of Clos Marguerite, and the first overseen by Boudamani (pictured centre with Alain Dominique Perrin, left), winemaker and managing director of Alain Dominique Perrin Vineyards, who has previously worked for François Lurton in Chile and Argentina, and at Clarence Dillon Wines, owner of Château Haut-Brion. Michel Rolland (pictured right) consults.

Outside wine, Perrin is best-known as head of the Richemont luxury goods group – owner of high-end brands including Cartier – and he has spared no expense in his efforts to elevate the Cahors wines of Lagrézette. That includes the purchase, in 2006, of Clos Marguerite, 20 hectares of vineyard in the Lot River valley. There are 12 parcels of vines, planted on four soil types, and each site has been matched to specific rootstock and Malbec clones.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Sweet Regional France under £15**  
**Domaine du Cinquau, L'Envie,**  
**Jurançon, Southwest France 2013 (12%)**

*Fresh, buttery, lemony and intricate, with tangy, light but lively lemon fruit, boosted by underlying tones of honey and orange blossom. The refreshing, spritzy palate goes on to reveal freshly cut pineapple, sweet green apples, and a drip of honey, rounded off by a zesty citrus finish.*

£14.99 **Domaine Direct**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE SAUBOT FAMILY has lived at Domaine du Cinquau since 1617, but vine growing and winemaking were only revived here as recently as 1985 when industrialist Pierre Saubot decided to replant vineyards that were abandoned after the onset of phylloxera at the start of the 20th century.

The domaine's range has been revamped since 2010, and now includes two dry and four sweet wines. Made with 100% Petit Manseng harvested in late October or early November, this Trophy winner is designed to highlight the 'magical harmony' between the variety and the terroir here, which the Saubots feel is unique. The wine is fermented and aged in tank to preserve the balance of fruit, acidity and sweetness.

What makes Jurauçon so perfect for Petit Manseng? It's partly down to the vineyards' location on the first slopes of the Pyrenees, where the weather is wet in spring, not too hot in summer, and very sunny in the autumn. The soils also help – well-drained with a lot of old river pebbles called *gaves*.

Germain Laborde (*pictured*), who has managed the domaine since 2010, was born in Biarritz – far from any vineyards. He says he owes his chosen career to his grandmother, who ran her own restaurant.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Regional Italy under £15**  
**Terrazze della Luna, Nosiola,**  
**Trentino, Trentino-Alto Adige/**  
**Südtirol 2014 (12%)**

*Archetypal Nosiola, with tempting aromas of clementine, white flowers, green apples and hints of hazelnut. Astonishing value, the palate is mineral, lively and layered, with notes of orchard fruit, freshly picked mint and refreshing citrus acidity on the length finish.*

£8.49 **Aitken Wines, D Byrne & Co, Field & Fawcett, Handford Wines, Jolly Vintner, Noel Young, Vinomondo**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

NOSIOLA IS AN ancient indigenous white variety found in the Trentino region, and more particularly in the Valle dei Laghi area, and on the hillsides above the River Avisio, just outside the city of Trento.

The rustic Nosiola grape, grown mainly today on old vines, is drought-resistant and best planted on well-ventilated hillsides on rocky grey loam soil. Mid- to late-ripening, it has an aversion to rainfall, especially during flowering.

The northern section of the Valle dei Laghi on the slopes of the Calavino mountains has a mostly Mediterranean climate, but one moderated by glacier-fed lakes, creating a great variation between day and night-time temperatures and resulting in aromatic wines with a crisp, saline character.

This wine was first made in 2013 by the team of oenologists (*pictured*) at Cavit, a consortium of co-operative wineries formed in 1950 and now comprising 11 associate member cellars and more than 4,500 wine growers. It works 5,500 hectares of vineyards and makes 60% of Trentino's total wine production.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Regional Italy under £15**  
**Terre Monte Schiavo, Marzaiola,**  
**Lacrima di Morro d'Alba, Le Marche**  
**2014** (12%)

*A sunny, inviting, lightly refreshing wine, with fragrant strawberry and roses, plus a lovely varietal character. This is so easy to drink yet intensely flavoured as well, with crisp cranberries and further, juicy red fruits on the palate, skilfully judged acidity, and a pretty, perfumed finish.*  
 £12 Boutinot

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

A LOCAL RARITY which once nearly faded into total obscurity, the Lacrima grape variety remains confined to Italy's Marche region, and mainly to the small DOC of Lacrima di Morro d'Alba.

Its name, meaning 'tear', gives a clue to the probable cause of its rarity. A thin-skinned grape, Lacrima has a tendency to split, leaking teardrops of juice. This, along with a mild aversion to American rootstocks used after phylloxera, made the variety unpopular with growers.

But some, such as the Monte Schiavo winery (pictured) in Maiolati Spontini, near Ancona, have persisted, producing full-bodied but aromatic wines with great smoothness of berry fruit.

This is the heart of the Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi region, and Monte Schiavo's 115 hectares of vines sit on sun-drenched slopes on gently hilly spurs that combine many soil types.

A former farmers' co-operative now owned by the Perialisi agricultural machinery group, Monte Schiavo makes this Trophy winner from a vineyard in the Santa Maria del Fiore area in Morro d'Alba, made up of mostly clay soils and located at 180m above sea level.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Rhône over £15**  
**Gilles Flacher, Cuvée Loess, St-Joseph**  
**2013** (14.5%)

*A splendid wine with a satisfying inner strength, displaying a force from within which suggests old vines. Stylish, subtle and persistent, with a palate of ginger, white pepper and stone fruit, augmented by richer toasty notes. This is very sleek and all components bode well for the future.*

Not available in the UK  
 \$17 Demontoux Fine Wines

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE FLACHER FAMILY has been farming land around Charnas, in the Ardèche, for well over two centuries, but the focus on viticulture and making quality wines is a more recent one, dating from the arrival of Gilles Flacher (pictured) at the domaine in 1991.

Mixed farming, including vines, had been the family's work since 1806, but Flacher decided to focus strongly on viticulture and winemaking, attracted by the quality of soils in the vineyards, which he subsequently expanded to eight hectares.

No mechanisation is possible on these steep hillside vineyards, and the soils for this white St-Joseph are dominated by chalk and granite which give added freshness and aromatic character to the wine.

The blend of 60% Marsanne and 40% Roussanne is sourced from 22-year-old vines. It's a wine Flacher has only been making since 2010, ageing it for 10 months in new French oak barrels and producing about 2,000 bottles a year.

Flacher's viticultural methods have become greener in recent years, avoiding insecticides and planting grass between the vine rows.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Rhône over £15**  
**Domaine Le Pointu, Aeternalis,**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010 (15%)**

*A very inviting nose of meat rubbed in rosemary and thyme, with a smoky air and sweet red berries. Ripe plums and dark fruits are at the heart of this wine, along with a rolling run of stone fruit, tobacco leaf spice, and a surge of dark tannin on the lucid, fresh finish.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Delas, Domaine des Tourettes, Hermitage 2012 •  
 Domaine de Mourchon, Grande Réserve, Côtes du Rhône Villages  
 Séguret 2012

UNTIL 2000, PATRICE Coste and his father sold all their production to the local wine co-op in Courthézon, where the family domaine is based. Then began a three-year programme to establish a new winery which culminated in Patrice and Karine Coste bottling at the domaine – and since 2004 they have made Châteauneuf-du-Pape and a range of other wines under their own label.

Domaine Le Pointu is the name of their first parcel of vines, part of their family estate that covers 26 hectares, 6ha in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 10ha in Côtes-du-Rhône and 10ha in Orange.

The vines selected for this wine sit on classic Châteauneuf-du-Pape soils – sand and clay, with some of the famous *galettes* which accumulate the heat of the day, releasing it at night to produce grapes of great ripeness and concentration.

Those grapes, farmed sustainably, are mainly Grenache Noir and Syrah, combined with Carignan, Cinsault, Merlot and Caladoc, with the oldest vines up to 105 years old.

Early blending is based on the lunar calendar. Aeternalis sees 12 months of oak maturation.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Fortified Rhône over £15**  
**Domaine de la Pigeade, Muscat de**  
**Beaumes-de-Venise 2014 (15%)**

*A lightly fragrant but beguiling nose of peach, lychee, spiced apple, pear and almond. The palate is shapely, with an attack of apricot, white fruits, spice and flowers, unwinding to reveal more honeyed notes within its supple, succulent but refreshing texture, and ending with a dainty salted note.*

£15.50 Stone Vine & Sun

\$25 Grape Expectations

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIERRY VAUTE WAS brought up in the Beaumes-de-Venise growing area, with his parents growers working for the local co-op. But a career in the vines was by no means assured for a man who was a volunteer fireman from age 16.

Then, in 1993, he worked for a year in the Navarro Vineyard in California's Mendocino Valley, and his path was fixed (although he still remains a volunteer firefighter).

Vaute and wife Marina decided to start their own winery at Pigeade (*pictured*), turning an old stone building into a cellar and buying more vines, branching out into making red wines alongside the traditional sweet fortified Muscat wines.

When it came to the latter, Vaute had a concern: yes, Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise was well appreciated, but he heard too often that it was overly sugary. For the past two decades, he has laboured to make a different kind of Muscat – one that is lighter and more fruity, with better aromas. In his words, 'a wine, not only a dessert wine'.

The vineyard soils for this Trophy winner bring richness and complexity, with a very sunny exposure ensuring even ripening. But, at the same time, acidity levels remain relatively high, ensuring a residual elegance and finesse.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Sweet Sherry over £15**  
**Hidalgo, Triana 30 Year Old Pedro Ximénez NV (15%)**

*An incredible nose of vanilla, cinder toffee, Christmas cake, roasted walnuts, figs, dates, prunes and mocha. Incredibly thick and unctuous, but not overly sweet, the palate has a lasting pleasure, with its balancing acidity and flavours of melted, salted liquorice, black treacle and log fires. Amazing. £58.50/500ml Nickolls & Perks*

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS IS A second victory for this wine, five years after it won the equivalent Regional Trophy in 2010. A remarkable PX with a minimum of 30 years' ageing, it's an apt success for a company that has been plying its trade since 1792.

The wine, whose production is limited to about 1,000 bottles a year, is an expression of terroir – but not in the conventional sense. Its character is moulded not so much by its vineyards as by the unique maturation conditions in the Hidalgo bodega in the Sanlucar de Barrameda.

Current owner Javier Hidalgo can trace his family's involvement in Sherry back more than 200 years, and insists little has changed in that time – the vineyards and the cellars of today are the same ones worked by his ancestors. And, if much in the world outside has been transformed over that time, the Hidalgos have exhibited an admirable even-handedness, supplying both Napoleon's and Wellington's troops with Sherry during the Peninsula War.

Little wonder that Hidalgo has always worked in the wine industry, after training as a biologist and agricultural engineer. 'I was born into two families that owned different Sherry houses: Hidalgo on my father's side and Herederos de Argüeso on my mother's, so despite other interests my future was sealed,' he says.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**South African Sauvignon Blanc under £15**

**Paul Cluver, Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2014 (13.5%)**

*There's plenty to engage the senses on this mightily impressive Sauvignon, with a lovely, rich nose of hay, nettles, blackcurrant leaf, peach and passion fruit. There's a brilliant weight to the palate, with its sappy acidity, saline fruit and seemingly endless finish which leaves you wanting a top-up.*

£11.95 Amazon, Frontier Fine Wines, Gerrard Seel, Great Horkesley Wine Centre, Promotion Wine

**Tasted against** Carmen Stevens, Catoria Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 • KWV, The Mentors Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Darling 2013

LAST YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL Trophy winner as the best Sauvignon Blanc under £15 shows that victory was no fluke with this follow-up vintage taking a Regional Trophy this year. But the story of its creation is not as straightforward as it seems.

'It is always hard when people criticise your wines,' explains Paul Cluver Jr. 'We realised we had to up our game in Sauvignon Blanc, and started a process where every year we would ask key wine critics where we could improve. This has paid off, and made us realise we needed a Sauvignon that not only shows the focus and acidity that Elgin offers, but that also expresses great palate width.'

Sauvignon Blanc accounts for nearly 25% of the Cluver vineyard plantings (*pictured*), at just over 15 hectares, with a judicious mix of vine ages (five to 16 years) and clones giving a range of flavours from tropical fruit to fig and green pepper. Conditions in 2014 were challenging, with rain at harvest, but careful vineyard management saw off botrytis.



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## Regional Trophy winner South African Chardonnay over £15 Oak Valley, Chardonnay, Elgin 2014

(13.5%)

*A masterclass in Cape Chardonnay, with forthcoming notes of lemon zest, nuts, spice and subtle, creamy leesy aromas. It moves on to a layered, glistening palate which has grip, tangy citrus acidity, layers of fruit and oak, and glorious persistence.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Hamilton Russell, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2014

ELGIN IS ROUTINELY referred to as a ‘young’ winegrowing area, better-known 25 years ago as a place to grow apples and pears. But Sir Antonie Viljoen constructed a winery at Oak Valley as long ago as 1907.

Wine fell out of favour after World War II and the winery was mothballed, but it has undergone a resurgence over the past decade at the hands of the Rawbone-Viljoen family. That followed trials with Stellenbosch’s Nietvoorbij research station in 1985 which recommended Chardonnay as one of four varieties for commercial farming.

The grapes for this wine are mainly sourced from the estate’s oldest vineyard, which was planted in 1992. The vines grow on a cool, south-facing slope of Bokkeveld shale, which includes a loamy soil and relatively high clay content.

The Rawbone-Viljoens are grateful to Andries Burger, who made this wine in the Paul Cluver cellar following the death of Oak Valley winemaker Pieter Visser (*pictured left, with Burger*) last April at the age of 46. Oak Valley’s fifth DWWA Trophy since 2003 stands as a lasting tribute to Visser’s winemaking skills.



## Regional Trophy winner South African Red Bordeaux Varietals under £15

### Eikendal, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012 (14.5%)

*A structured, big-boned but supremely charming wine. Complex, supple and generous, it’s crammed with soulful dark fruits, complemented by touches of vanilla, herbs and toffee.*

*This is multi-faceted and dense, with lovely spicy tannins and a mineral undertow. Super now but will evolve well.*

£12-£13 Amazon, Coe Vintners, Mr & Mrs Fine Wine, The Drink Shop, The Market Square Food & Wine  
POA Meridian Prime USA

**Tasted against** KWV, The Mentors Petit Verdot, Stellenbosch 2012 • Ormonde, Chip Off the Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon, Darling 2013

THE FOCUS OF winemaker Nico Groebler (*pictured right*) with this Trophy winner is to express the unique earthy yet ripe fruit of the Helderberg area of Stellenbosch – a place where warm and cool climates meet.

Helderberg sits about 8km from the sea, and the Eikendal vineyards are located at the foot of the mountain at 160m. As a result, the site is exposed to plenty of cool ocean air, particularly at night, and to lots of intense light during the long, warm days.

But this wasn’t always a spot for Cabernet Sauvignon. When the Swiss Saager family bought Eikendal in 1981, the vineyards were planted with old Cinsaut and Chenin Blanc vines, there was no winery and all the grapes were sold off to a nearby co-operative.

In the years since, the Saagers have replanted the vineyards twice, constructed a modern winery and, in the process, have elevated Eikendal to its current status as one of South Africa’s leading producers of Bordeaux varieties and Chardonnay.



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## Regional Trophy winner South African Red Bordeaux Varietals over £15

### Delaire Graff, Botmaskop, Stellenbosch 2012 (14.5%)

*Wonderfully concentrated nose of cassis, redcurrant, tobacco and toasty oak. Succulent, silky and broad, there's a bright concentration of voluptuous blackberry and blackcurrant pastille flavours at the core, surrounded by ripe tannins which give way to a long, refined finish of some finesse.*

£17.99 Amazon, Armit Wines

**Tasted against** Cederberg Private Cellar, Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg 2013 • Glen Carlou, Gravel Quarry, Paarl 2010 • Hartenberg, The Mackenzie, Stellenbosch 2012 • Nederburg, Il Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon, Groenekloof, Darling 2011

IN 1688, FRENCH Huguenot refugees landed at South Africa's Cape at the invitation of the Dutch East India Company, in search of a new life far from home. The remote valley allocated to them for growing crops required a dangerous mountain crossing over the Helshoogte Pass. Used as a lookout for ships entering Table Bay, the crest of this pass lay on the slopes of the Botmaskop – now home of the Delaire Graff Estate.

The estate was acquired in 2003 by Laurence Graff, chairman of Graff Diamonds International. It now boasts two restaurants, lodges, a spa and two luxury boutiques – and the winery.

Winemaker Morné Vrey (*pictured*) makes this wine from Bordeaux varieties planted on the warmer northern slopes in the Banhoek-Stellenbosch valley, at an altitude of 385m to 485m. Steep slopes and strong winds make this more challenging vine country than the flatter areas of the Stellenbosch Valley.

Conditions here between the dramatic mountain peaks give wines of elegance, perfume, soft tannins and ripe red fruit.



## Regional Trophy winner South African Red Rhône Varietals over £15

### Saronsberg, Shiraz, Tulbagh 2013 (14.8%)

*There is a depth and purity of perfumed blue fruits on the nose, backed up in the mouth which has a delectable, silky feel, with its sweet, ripe tannins, blueberry, blackberry, woody spice and brisk acidity. This is succulent and chewy, with all the components in place to ensure a bright future.*

£25 Adnams

**Tasted against** Cederberg, Shiraz, Cederberg 2013 • Eagles' Nest, Shiraz, Constantia 2012 • Ormonde, Shiraz, Darling 2013 • Saronsberg, Full Circle, Tulbagh 2013 • Uva Mira Mountain, DW Syrah, Stellenbosch 2013 • Wildekrans, Shiraz Barrel Select Reserve, Bot River, Walker Bay 2012

SHIRAZ IS KING at Saronsberg, making up 50% of its vineland (*pictured*). The aim of winemaker Dewaldt Heyns since the first vintage in 2004 has been to express the terroir, but also to make 'a true South African Shiraz, with the focus on pure fruit and concentration without sacrificing elegance'. This Trophy winner has since become one of the Cape's most garlanded expressions of the variety.

The key is Saronsberg's location in the Tulbagh Valley, surrounded by mountains and enjoying a mainly continental climate. Soils are diverse and slopes also vary, although they are mainly east-facing and between 160m and 350m in altitude. It is this rich variation, says Heyns, which enables the production of wines with both complexity and concentration.

Heyns, who grew up on his father's Swartland grape farm in the Paardeberg, joined Saronsberg in 2003, a year before its acquisition by South African businessman Nick van Huyssteen and its first vintage.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**South African Sweet under £15**  
**Paul Cluver, Noble Late Harvest**  
**Riesling, Elgin 2013** (10.1%)

*Bold and seductive with beautiful aromas of lime cordial, lemon curd, ginger, lavender and thyme. Long, complex and sweet, with fabulous, linear acidity, then a hit of lemon sherbet on the mid-palate, complementing further lime notes, stone fruit and green apple crunch.*

£14.99/375ml **Booths, Marks & Spencer**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE SUCCESS OF this wine is proof of that old adage of necessity being the mother of invention. When winemaker Andries Burger (*pictured right with Paul Cluver Jr*) found the Riesling grapes on Paul Cluver's Elgin estate overrun by botrytis, he had no option: make a late-harvest wine or nothing.

That was in 1998. Since then, this wine has become a serial DWWA winner with three previous Regional Trophies: in 2010 (for the 2009 vintage), 2006 (2004 vintage) and 2005 (2003 vintage).

Paul Cluver is the largest Riesling grower in South Africa with 12.9 hectares, the oldest vines planted in 1987.

Numerous factors contribute to this wine's expressive character, from the soil of Bokkeveld shale and light clay, overlaid with sand and gravel, to its steep northwest-facing slopes. The vineyards sit at between 300m and 400m above sea level, and rigorous sorting ensures no sour rot taints the botrytis-affected grapes.

But perhaps the key to this wine – the reason for all that botrytis in 1998 – is the southeasterly wind that brings in cool, moist air from the Atlantic Ocean. It may have given Burger a moment of panic, but it has since proved serendipitous.

Burger is responsible for four DWWA Trophies this year: two other Regionals (*see p98-99*) and an International (*see p32*).



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**South African Sweet over £15**  
**Klein Constantia, Vin de Constance,**  
**Constantia 2009** (14%)

*Enticing gingerbread, marzipan, almonds, spice, beeswax, orange peel, marmalade and freshly baked vanilla biscuit merging as one on a stupendous nose. The tempo doesn't dip on the palate, which is layered with burnt caramel, varnish, praline, marmalade, lime, lemon and chocolate. Just delicious.*

£50/500ml **Berry Bros & Rudd, SA Wines Online**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS REMARKABLE NATURAL sweet wine traces its history back to the first days of winemaking in South Africa, more than 300 years ago. Since its resurrection in 1986, it continues to be made in much the same way.

Winemaker Matt Day says the aim is to achieve ideal balance between sugar, alcohol and acidity – something which requires painstaking work at harvest time, with up to 25 passes through the vineyards (*pictured*) to pick the Muscat de Frontignan grapes at perfect maturity. Even then, the conditions of the year must be ideal if rot is to be avoided.

For this to happen, Vin de Constance owes much to its vineyards' unique location, influenced by both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Winemaking is 'just a tool to reveal the grapes' true potential', says Day. This Trophy winner is the current release.

Klein Constantia is a part of what was once the huge Constantia farm, established in 1685 by Simon Van de Stel. It soon established a stellar international reputation for its sweet wine, which became the preferred drink of royalty, the aristocracy, poets and writers.

Today Klein Constantia is owned by a consortium including Zdenek Bakala, Charles Harman, Bruno Prats and Hubert de Boüard.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**South African Fortified under £15**  
**KWV, Classic Collection Cape Tawny,**  
**Western Cape NV (17.5%)**

*Polished aromas laced in malty toffee, raisins, caramel-coated hazelnuts and butterscotch. This is evolved, rich, broad and deep, with crushed nuts and almonds decorating the spicy fruit throughout the lingering, top-notch finish.*

£10 Bottle Green

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

SOUTH AFRICA'S KWV (*pictured*) has won multiple Trophies in the DWWA over the past decade, but this marks the first time that the company's proud line-up of fortified wines has been recognised.

Winemaker Anneke Du Plessis takes care of the five-strong KWV fortified range and, in line with the strong tradition of this style of wine in South Africa, this Trophy winner is regarded as a true flagship for the company, which states: 'It must show concentration, complexity and noticeable fruit flavours, preserved over 30 years.'

Made in the same way as tawny Port, this is a non-vintage product that blends wines from two to 30 years old. Using grapes sourced from across the Western Cape, fermentation is stopped when the desired sugar level is reached, by the addition of natural wine spirit. Maturation takes place in a mix of 300- and 500-litre French oak barrels, with most of the blend aged for eight to 10 years.

Like the production method, the grapes used – Tinta Barocca, Cinsault and Souzão – also offer a glimpse of the Douro, but with a noticeable South African accent.

KWV has made about 20,000 litres of this wine each vintage since the first in 1948, and it has become a key part of the fortified range.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Southern Italy under £15**  
**Vigneti Reale, Rudiae Primitivo,**  
**Salento, Puglia 2013 (14%)**

*An elegant but forceful wine, with a nose of peat, charcoal, liquorice, smoke and a lovely perfume of pot pourri. Absolutely perfectly balanced, with a rounded, fleshy texture to the palate, home to flavours of freshly grated hard spices, sweet dark fruit, dried earth and a delicious length.*

£14 Vini Italiani

**Tasted against** Due Palme, Serre Susumaniello, Salento, Puglia 2013

THE STORY OF Vigneti Reale is the story of the birth of quality wine production in southern Italy, with its transformation from maker of bulk wine for the highest bidder to producer of Trophy-winning wines of quality and distinction.

'As a child in the 1970s, I remember all the foreign buyers of bulk wine interested in our Primitivo grapes,' recalls managing director Amedeo Reale (*pictured left, with viticulturist brother Damiano*). 'I kept asking my grandfather: "Why can't we bottle our own wine?" The answer was always the same: "Can you sell a high-alcohol wine in the international market?"'

Decades later, and after a seismic shift in approach in the vineyard and winery, the emphasis is on making modern, high-quality wines that still bear the stamp of the Puglian landscape.

Rudiae Primitivo is aged in a mix of large wooden and cement vats, and takes its name from the ancient town that was the birthplace of Ennius, the father of Roman poetry, on a site now occupied by the city of Lecce.

Amedeo might never have had the opportunity to see its success. After graduating in business law, he spent a few years in banking in London during the 1990s – but the family's move into bottled wine production lured him back.



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## Regional Trophy winner Red Southern Italy over £15 Quintodecimo, Riserva, Taurasi, Campania 2010 (14.5%)

*Autumnal, savoury, nutty, elegant and lively. The ripe cherry and blackcurrant fruit shows fine concentration, with an orange tang and a decoration of almonds, supported by breezy acidity and abundant, ripe tannins. This needs time to fully resolve but is archetypal Taurasi with great potential.*

£78 Justerini & Brooks  
POA Omni Wines USA

**Tasted against** Polvanera, 17 Primitivo, Gioia del Colle, Puglia 2011

CAMPANIA'S IRPINIA SUB-REGION is a mountainous hinterland where the climate is shaped by the ridge of the Apennine Mountains. There's plenty of rainfall (600mm to 800mm a year) with cold, snowy winters. This may be southern Italy, but the summers are mild and temperatures are rarely, if ever, excessive.

Made in only the finest years since its first vintage in 2004, this Trophy winner benefits from the conditions; its Aglianico grapes are taken from a two-hectare plot planted in 2001 on the northwest side of the 15ha Quintodecimo estate (*pictured*), situated at 420m and with a 25% slope. The soil is of expandable clay, and very rich in limestone.

Winemaker Luigi Moio learned much during his time in Burgundy in the early 1990s, where he completed a PhD studying the scientific aspects of wine aromas, but also owes much to his Campanian wine heritage.

Moio's father Michele was also a producer and, in the 1950s, revived the ancient Falernian wine style that was so beloved by the ancient Romans (and referenced by poets of the time, such as Horace).



## Regional Trophy winner Cava over £15 Gramona, Imperial Gran Reserva Brut, Cava 2008 (12%)

*Fine yeasty aromas underscored by notes of preserved lemons, white flowers and nuts. Beautifully fresh and alive, with a creamy, soft mousse and a tangy finish of roasted hazelnuts, bread, sweet green apples and lemon tart.*

£26.50 Berry Bros & Rudd

**Tasted against** Codorníu, Gran Codorníu Gran Reserva Pinot Noir Brut, Cava 2009 • Gramona, Enoteca Gran Reserva, Brut Nature, Cava 2001

FOUNDED IN SANT Sadurní d'Anoia in 1881, the family-owned Gramona is now run by the fifth generation, with Jaume Gramona as winemaker (*pictured right, with cousin and sales director Xavier*). He has a little help from 94-year-old Josep Lluís, who is still responsible for the 100-year-old solera which supplies the liqueur used for Gramona's dosage.

While the original cellar in Sant Sadurní d'Anoia is used for the ageing of the older Cavas under cork, most work is now done at the company's new winery, which focuses on the long ageing of the top wines.

Allied to this is pioneering work in the vineyards, where soil analysis has led to a gradual move into integrated agriculture, organic certification and now biodynamic methodology.

This Trophy winner – made since the 1950s and aged for at least five years – is one of the youngest of the Gramona cava. In 2013, it released what it claims to be the longest aged cava on the market, Enoteca, which spends 12 years on the lees.

The secret of its success? A high percentage of Xarel-lo, which Gramona believes lends structure and maintains acidity, thanks to the highest levels of resveratrol of any white grape variety.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Spanish Sparkling over £15**  
**Raventós i Blanc, Manuel Raventós**  
**2007 (12%)**

*Lovely complexity and panache, with a salty, briney nose of lemon, green apple, biscuit and a hint of dulce de leche. Resides in the upper echelon and deserves its plaudits, with focused, elegant bubbles in the mouth, along with pithy extract, and a bright, lemon tart finish.*

£55 **Berry Bros & Rudd**  
 POA **Michael Skurnik USA**

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

JUST 5,000 BOTTLES were made of this Trophy winner – a personal selection by Manuel Raventós of the best wines of the vintage, and a cuvée first made in 1993.

The Raventós family has been farming the Raventós i Blanc estate (*pictured*) for more than 500 years, tracing its history back as far as 1497, when the current family’s ancestors grew grapes for their own consumption and for juice. Then, in 1872, Josep Raventós Fatjó made the first bottle-fermented wine in Spain using wines sourced from the estate.

The concept of Raventós i Blanc, established in 1985, is ‘to express this long-held interconnection between man and nature through wine’, pursuing organic and biodynamic viticulture through a philosophy dubbed ‘bio-synergy’, and making the decision to abandon the Cava DO in favour of a new, quality-focused denomination under the Conca del Riu Anoia banner.

Soil analysis suggests that the river terrace estates where the grapes are grown date back some 16 million years – making them among the oldest in Penedès.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Rioja under £15**  
**Finca de los Arandinos, Viero, Rioja**  
**2013 (13.5%)**

*This opens up beautifully with time in the glass, revealing a mosaic of aromas such as lemon, dried apple peel, banana bread and butter. Spicy, nutty flavours grace the textured palate, with integrated flavours of lemon marmalade, sandalwood, apricot crumble and chestnut honey.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE KEY TO the signature Burgundian style of this 100% Viura wine – beyond the skills of the winemaker – is the location of the vineyards. More than 50 years old, they lie on the right bank of the western Ebro River valley, with a north to northeast orientation and an altitude between 520m and 650m.

All these factors contribute to the creation of wines with less concentration than many white Riojas, but a more expressive character, as well as delicacy, poise and elegance. Viero is, according to Finca de los Arandinos, a ‘unique’ white Rioja of medium body, made in a Burgundian style through its fermentation in a French oak foudre of 75 hectolitres and five new French oak barrels.

Finca de los Arandinos (*pictured*) is owned by the Sáenz Alvarez family, located in the village of Entrena where the family has been grape growers for more than 80 years, making its own wines for 40 of them.

The emphasis has been, through viticulture and winemaking, on making fresh and delicate wines. More recently, Finca de los Arandinos became the first winery in Rioja to have its own boutique hotel, Slow Food-oriented restaurant and spa.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**White Northwest Spain over £15**  
**Pazo Señorans, Selección de Añada,**  
**Rías Baixas 2007 (13%)**

*Shows real pizzazz and vigour for an eight year-old wine, with a nose which, while showing age and development with its petrol tinge, is still blessed with bright, fresh aromatics. This is immersed in lemony, mineral fruit, with clearly extended lees ageing adding to the complexity. A great, unique wine.*

£39.99 Alliance Wine  
 POA European Cellars USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THIS TROPHY WINNER has a dual mission: to express the nuances of the Albariño grape, the signature variety of Rías Baixas, and to show its ageing potential – something Pazo Señorans has done since first making this wine in 1995.

That was only six years after this winery's first vintage of any kind, which came a decade after Marisol Bueno (*pictured right, with daughter Vicky*) and her husband, Javier Mareque, bought the estate.

It was a learning process, aided by Marisol's background in biology and a local cellarmaster who took charge of the winemaking. Later she began to make her own wine – 7,000 bottles at first, increasing to 10,000.

She says the key with Albariño is finding the right time to harvest, when there is perfect balance between natural acidity and the level of alcohol, the right pH and dry extract – often higher than in many red wines.

The Galician climate is famously wet (1,800mm of rain a year), but this is tempered by lots of sunshine and warm temperatures. The vines used for Selección grow on deeper soils, where the roots delve between the granite rocks in search of nutrients, giving the wine great minerality.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Red Northwest Spain over £15**  
**Descendientes de J Palacios, Villa de**  
**Corullón, Bierzo 2012 (14.3%)**

*Very meaty and hugely expressive. This is brave, bold and showy, with masses of character and layers of chewy richness, the velvety palate showing flavours of game, leather and graphite, all held together by a wonderful slatey freshness.*

£37 Berry Bros & Rudd, Fine & Rare, Fortnum & Mason, Laithwaite's

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

DURING THE 1980S, Alvaro Palacios was a barrel salesman, plying his trade of French barriques to wineries across his native Spain. But they say he had an ulterior motive – he was secretly sizing up the right location make his own great wine.

In 1990, he fixed on Priorat, and found fame through L'Ermita and Finca Dofi, but there was another area which had also piqued his interest: Bierzo.

In 1998, Palacios (the 2015 Decanter Man of the Year) joined forces with nephew Ricardo Pérez, fresh out of winemaking school but already a veteran of a harvest at Château Margaux and an internship at Ets JP Moueix. Together they set up Descendientes de J Palacios in the village of Villafranca del Bierzo, naming the company in honour of Palacios' father, who died in 2000.

Bierzo was scarcely known at this point, but Palacios and Pérez were drawn to the steeply sloping, slatey vineyards on the more mountainous, western edge of the area, and the ancient plantings of Mencia.

A number of wines are now made here, with Villa de Corullón produced from three old-vine parcels of Mencia (*pictured*), which range from 60 to 100 years old.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Ribera del Duero over £15  
Arzuaga, Amaya Arzuaga, Ribera del  
Duero 2010 (14.5%)**

*Flattering aromas of clotted cream, toast, red apple, coffee, spice and minerals. Big-boned and powerful, but elegant and nuanced, graced with mulberry, plum, frankincense and berry compote. Textured, showing attractive evolution which has some way to go. Half modern, half classic and very convincing.*  
£49.95 OW Loeb

**Tasted against** Fusión, Lara O Pro, Ribera del Duero 2010 • Valduero, Ribera del Duero 2012 • Valduero, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010

THIS WINE IS the result of a joint initiative between international fashion designer Amaya Arzuaga and her winemaker brother Ignacio. Since 2006, Ignacio has made a limited-production Ribera del Duero wine to coincide with one of Amaya's collections, with the designer contributing the bottle's front-label design.

Wine runs deeply in the Arzuaga family. Ignacio recalls being taken to the grape harvest with his uncle Teles at the age of four – and has gone back to some of the techniques he saw then with this wine, using whole-cluster fermentation of Tinto Fino and adding a small amount of white Albillo grapes into the blend.

The Arzuaga family bought its Ribera del Duero property, Finca La Planta (pictured), in 1980, but it wasn't until 1987 that the siblings' father planted Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in three different locations. Since then, the estate has expanded from 25 hectares to 154ha, of which 35ha is farmed organically.

The annual production of this Trophy winner fits into one 5,700-litre French Allier oak barrel. Some 4,000kg of the estate's best grapes are foot-trodden and fermented using wild yeasts and just 2,500 bottles are produced.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Red Rioja Gran Reserva over £15  
La Rioja Alta, 890, Rioja Gran  
Reserva 2001 (13.5%)**

*Fantastically seductive, polished, aromatic, intense and focused, with fine notes of plush, smoky ripe fruit, toast, game and spice. A wonderfully integrated Rioja, almost Burgundian in its refinement, and one that straddles the traditional and the modern; a wine that shines.*

£100 Armit Wines

**Tasted against** Campillo, Gran Reserva, Rioja Gran Reserva 2004

IT'S A BOLD claim, but benchmark producer La Rioja Alta reckons 2001 is 'one of the best vintages in the history of Rioja – akin to the mythical 1964'.

The weather was exceptional, producing healthy grapes of great quality thanks to a very long growing cycle, where sunny days alternated with cool nights to produce a marked variation in temperature. Combine that with very old Tempranillo vines grown on gentle slopes and chalky soils, and you have a wine that can withstand long barrel and bottle ageing, but retain great elegance, complexity and freshness. A wine, La Rioja Alta says, that is clearly identified with Haro's Railway Station Quarter (pictured).

Vinification is painstaking, combining 95% Tempranillo with pinches of Graciano and Mazuelo for seasoning, and the selection process continues during the six years of barrel ageing, prior to bottling.

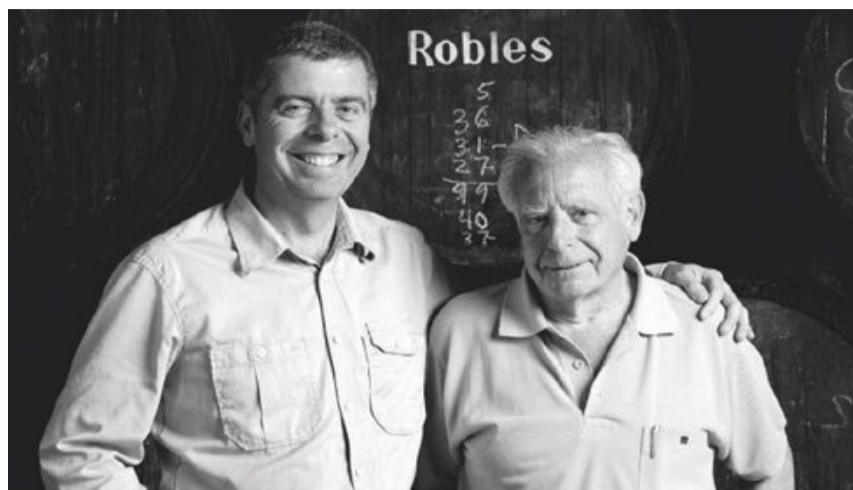
This is La Rioja Alta's top wine, and takes its name from the year in which the company was founded by five families in 1890. The '1' was later dropped – as is the case with the winery's 904 Gran Reserva – to avoid confusion with vintage years.

This wine previously won the same Trophy in 2013, for the 1998 vintage.



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## Regional Trophy winner Spanish Fortified over £15 Bodegas Robles, Selección de Robles Oro, Montilla-Moriles NV (15%)

*Exotic and lush, with an opulent and expansive nose of prune, plum, molasses, chocolate, smoky cedar and apricot skin. Despite the staggeringly intense and wide-ranging flavours, it is lively and fruity, with flavours of orange peel supplemented by pine trees, cinder toffee and a light liquorice toast.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE WINERY HAS remained in the Robles family since it was founded by José Antonion Robles Diaz in 1927, in the Montilla-Moriles region of Andalusia. This Trophy winner remains its signature expression of the Pedro Ximénez grape.

The third generation, under Francisco José Robles Rubio (*pictured right, with son Pablo*) is now in charge, placing a fresh emphasis on the environment. The bodega claims to have been the first in Andalusia, Spain and the world to produce what it calls ‘green fortified wines’, in a process which started in early 2000 following research into the use of cover crops in the vineyards. A few years later, in 2003, it also became the first Spanish winery to certify the carbon footprint of its wines.

This Trophy winner has been made since the winery was established in 1927 and is still produced in the traditional way, from PX grapes grown on the white albariza soils of Andalusia, then laid out to dry on traditional grass mats, turned daily to ensure an even shrivelling as the residual water evaporates.

The grapes are then fermented, fortified and put into a solera of 80 years and more to mature. Each year, Bodegas Robles releases only about 900 bottles of this wine, which won the same DWWA Regional Trophy three years ago.



## Regional Trophy winner Swiss White Over £15 Adrian & Diego Mathier, L’Ambassadeur des Domaines Diego Mathier, Valais 2013 (13.5%)

*A grapey, aromatic nose with orchard fruits and almond, along with lifted notes of toast, caramel and honey indicating the use of some pricey oak. This is a finely crafted blend, with layers of lemon, more honey, cashews and baked apricot.*

POA Alpine Wines

**Tasted against** Adrian & Diego Mathier, Petite Arvin de Molignon, Valais 2013 • Didier Joris, Amigne, Vétroz, Valais 2014 • Provins, Maîtres de Chais, Heida, Valais 2013

AN IMPRESSIVE ACCOLADE for the first vintage of this wine – one which Diego Mathier (*pictured, with wife Nadia*) has had in mind for five years: a white Ambassadeur to complement the winery’s top red.

For Mathier, the fourth generation of the family to farm vines and make wines at Salgesch (Salquenen) in the Valais, 2013 was the perfect vintage for this Trophy winner to make its debut. The blend is 65% Savagnin Blanc, 25% Marsanne and 10% Petite Arvine de Molignon.

The Savagnin, says Mathier, gives backbone to the blend, sourced from vines grown at the entry to the Turtmann Valley, on the left bank of the Rhône at 850m on loam soil. The Marsanne, which gives complexity and alcohol, is picked on the right bank at 550m, from vines grown on south-facing, schistous slopes. Petite Arvine lends an aromatic character and a distinctive note of saltiness.

The wine spends 16 months in new French oak barrels, as does its red sibling, which was one of the first Swiss wines to be made in this way when first released in 1985.



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Red Chianti over £15  
Bindi Sergardi, Calidonia, Chianti  
Classico Riserva 2011 (13.5%)**

*A wonderful illustration of Chianti, this is floral and vibrant, abounding with crunchy, sour red cherries and fabulously integrated acidity which delivers great drive and energy. There's so much to like, with persistent length and sturdy but integrated tannins which promise well for the years to come.*

£23 Bianca Trading, Decorum Vintners  
POA Tanaro River Imports USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

THE MOTHER OF Nicolò Casini, current owner of Bindi Sergardi, had a dream: there was one particular piece of land which she thought would make a great Chianti Classico vineyard. Unfortunately, this was the mid-1960s and there was no way of planting vines there – it was simply too rocky.

Fast-forward three decades and, in 1995, Nicolò (*pictured*) finally fulfilled his mother's wish, using modern technology to force the land into accepting vines, and naming the vineyard after his mother: Vigneto della Signora Chiara.

At 450m in the southern part of Chianti Classico, soils are rich in both galestro and albarese rocks – ideal for the highest expression of Sangiovese, but extraordinarily difficult conditions in which to establish a vineyard.

The vineyard honours Nicolò's mother, but the name of this Trophy winner, Calidonia, pays tribute to a more distant ancestor. In the 1500s, Captain Gerolamo Bindi married Calidonia Sergardi. They adopted Ottavio Sergardi, Calidonia's nephew, and the name 'Bindi Sergardi' was born.

The family has been producing wine since the 1400s, but Calidonia had its debut vintage in 2003.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Brunello di Montalcino over £15  
Tenute Silvio Nardi, Vigneto  
Manachiara, Brunello di Montalcino  
2010 (14.5%)**

*Expressive and wonderfully alluring aromas of nuts, burnt wood, dried figs and ripe cherry. This boasts a serious structure, but the intensity of the fruit can more than cope with the tannins, and it all ends with a gloriously sweet finish.*

£59 Champagnes & Châteaux  
POA Kobrand USA

**Tasted against** Abbadia Ardenga, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany 2010  
• Tenute Silvio Nardi, Brunello di Montalcino 2010

EMILIA NARDI (*pictured*) says this wine represents the 'voice' of Manachiara, the winery's oldest vineyard, located in the east of Montalcino, near Castelnuovo dell'Abate.

These 40 hectares of vines are planted at between 350m and 450m altitude on deep, chalky sandstone soils with some clay marl. They are dark and rich in ferrous minerals, and give powerful, savoury wines with an excellent balance and fine tannins.

Nardi's association with the family winery began at age 20 when, she says, her father Silvio decided that learning about Montalcino wine estates would be a good way to take her mind off 'love woes'. It seems to have worked: 'Today, after many years, I feel lucky about this opportunity of being both a Tuscan woman and a globetrotter,' she says.

Under her guidance, Nardi and her brothers have focused on the best vineyards, including Manachiara and, 25km away, Casale del Bosco. 'When I began to run things, all our Sangiovese grapes were vinified together,' she says. 'My first aim was to get the best from each terroir. That's why I created this single-vineyard Brunello from the special Manachiara parcel.'



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**Regional Trophy winner  
Red Tuscany over £15  
Campo alla Sughera, Adèo, Bolgheri  
2012 (14%)**

*A glossy, Tuscan imitation of Bordeaux, bursting with oaky spice, cassis and berry jam. This is textured and ripe, with polished oak and tannins supporting densely packed fruits which fill the mouth. Wonderfully complex and intense, but with a long, refreshing finish.*

£21.23 Mondial Wine  
\$42.99 Curious Cork Imports

**Tasted against** Ceralti, Sonoro, Bolgheri Superiore 2012 • Dei, Bossona, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2009

THIS CABERNET SAUVIGNON-MERLOT blend aims to give new expression to traditional Bordeaux grape varieties grown in the coastal Tuscan area of Bolgheri – and it wins this Regional Trophy nine years after success in the category with Adèo 2004.

The Campo alla Sughera estate (*pictured*), created by sustainable building specialists the Knauf family in 1998, covers 20 hectares with an accent on low yields. Other plantings include Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Vermentino, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

The proximity of the sea, just a few kilometres away, helps moderate the summer heat in the vineyards, which are bounded by the Fosso di Bolgheri waterway running alongside the estate.

Adèo was first made in 2003, and usually undergoes 10 days' maceration prior to fermentation, including pumping and punching down. It spends around a year in French oak barrels, 30% new, and then four months in bottle before release.

The wine takes its name from a 3rd century BC Greek essayist. Born in Mytilene, he wrote several treatises, including one on the art of winemaking.



**Regional Trophy winner  
Red Tuscany IGT over £15  
Pakravan-Papi, Cancellata di  
Riparbella, Toscana 2010 (14%)**

*A spectacular blend of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, with a gently unfurling nose of green pepper, pencil shavings, blackcurrant, cedar and earth. Textured, defined, complex and with wonderful extraction, the fruit takes on a richly balsamic character in the mouth.*

£20.51 Vinissimo

**Tasted against** Campo alla Sughera, Toscana 2009 • Cennatoio, Etrusco, Sangiovese Toscano 2012 • Dei, Sancta Catharina, Toscana 2010 • Monteverro, Toscana 2011 • Monteverro, Terra di Monteverro, Toscana 2011 • Nittardi, Nectar Dei, Maremma Toscana 2011

THE DISTINCTIVE NAME of this winery is a union of the Italian and the Iranian. Amineh Pakravan (*pictured*) is an Iranian expat who studied history in Aix-en-Provence, and met her future husband, Enzo Papi, during the floods which devastated Florence in 1966.

They returned to Papi's native Maremma in 1972 – which, like much of coastal Tuscany, had been in a state of decay since World War II – but wine was not yet a significant part of the story.

Pakravan began a literary career, Papi an industrial one, and 25 years went by. Wine was made, but just for family and friends and from two small vineyards. Things changed in 2000, when the couple planted 15 hectares of vineyards; a winery followed in 2003. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes for this Trophy winner were grown in volcanic soils, giving it a marked mineral character.

The winery philosophy is to draw on the tradition of local farmers and to enhance this with the judicious use of technology. Maturation takes place in French oak, for 12-16 months, followed by two years in bottle.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Sweet Tuscany under £15**  
**Fattoria La Vialla, Vin Santo del Chianti 2011** (15%)

*Homely and comfortingly traditional in style, with aromas of creosote and nutmeg. While sweet and complex, there's a lovely, savoury intensity to the palate, with sappy, raisined, nutty fruit that remains throughout the long finish.*

Not available in the UK

POA/375ml Glazer's Distributors USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

TUSCAN TRADITION DICTATES that no country house or farmhouse of note would be without a bottle of its own vin santo. A proud badge of honour, it designated some kind of wealth; after all, if a farm had vin santo, it meant the farmer had enough leisure to 'waste time' and resources in making it and allowing it to mature.

Fattoria la Vialla was founded by Antonio Lo Franco's parents in 1978 as a hobby. His father worked in fashion and the first winemaking attempts were, to quote Antonio, 'home-made' and reserved for friends and family.

Slowly the hobby evolved into something more serious. His father became a full-time organic farmer, and in 1996 Antonio joined him (*pictured right*), as did older brother Gianni (*left*) and, in time, younger brother Bandino (*centre*).

In 1993, Giorgio Marone, a disciple of Giacomo Tachis, started to help out with the wines, aided later by oenologists Umberto Trombelli and Marco Cervellera.

This wine is made from Trebbiano and Malvasia grapes grown in the estate's oldest vineyards, dating back to the 1980s, on clay and sandstone soils at 300m and a north-south exposition, which concentrates aromas thanks to strong temperature variation.

The grapes are allowed to wither for three months before a soft pressing and slow, cool fermentation; the wine then spends three years in small, 97-litre barrels before release.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**Sweet Tuscany over £15**  
**Castello Sonnino, Vin Santo del Chianti 2008** (13.5%)

*Yeasty notes and even a hint of Marmite complement a delectable nose of whistle-clean orange, apricot and nuts. Rich and resinous, with serious concentration of stone fruits, lifted freshness and a powerful, long and lovely aftertaste.*

Not available in the UK or USA

**Tasted against** Tenuta San Vito, Malmantico, Vin Santo del Chianti 2007

THE METHOD FOR producing this classic sweet wine is remarkable and painstaking, one that has been honed by Tuscan winemakers over centuries.

At Sonnino (*pictured*), Trebbiano grapes plus a small portion of Malvasia are picked from vineyards with a high clay content, with some limestone – considered ideal for Trebbiano, giving the wine great minerality.

The grapes are then dried for a few months on mats in a well-aired space. After fermentation, the must is aged in small barrels of various sizes for five years in rooms under the roof, where the variations between summer and winter temperatures are pronounced.

The 2008 vintage was typically Tuscan: a dry spring and fairly hot summer with little rain. Harvest conditions were favourable, and the late autumn was dry and cold, perfect weather in which to dry the grapes.

On inheriting Castello Sonnino in 1988, Alessandro de Renzis Sonnino set about restoring a property that had been in his family for about 200 years and was a famous estate until 1920, when it fell into neglect. Since he took over, the cellar has been rebuilt and new vineyards planted. He has made wine here since 1989, producing the first (revived) vintage of this Trophy winner four years later.



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**Regional Trophy winner**  
**UK Sparkling over £15**  
**Coates & Seely, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Hampshire NV (12%)**

*There's a delightful, focused freshness to this, with its crystal-clear, classic Chardonnay nose of lemon, toast, green apple and biscuit. Rich and vigorous, it's ripely flavoured with a pure, dry palate and a splendid, lively finish. Still needs more time in bottle to fully relax.*

£29.95 Berry Bros & Rudd

**Tasted against** Chapel Down, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Kent 2009 • Digby, Reserve Brut, West Sussex 2009 • Gusbourne, Blanc de Blancs Late Disgorged Brut, Kent 2007 • Hoffmann & Rathbone, Blanc de Blancs Brut, West Sussex 2010 • Hush Heath, Balfour 1503 Classic Cuvée Brut, Kent NV • Ridgeview, Blanc de Blancs Brut, East Sussex 2011

NICHOLAS COATES LEFT behind the world of finance in 2006, escaping London for a more sedate existence among the chilly, chalky slopes of Hampshire. There he established a partnership with his old business-school friend, Christian Seely. Chief executive of AXA Millésimes, Seely manages wine icons including Bordeaux's Châteaux Pichon Baron and Suduiraut, and Portugal's Quinta do Noval.

After hatching a plan to make their own quality English sparkling wine (or, as they would have it, 'Britagne') the pair found a south-facing eight-hectare Wooldings site with a vineyard established 25 years ago. A further 7ha were planted on a south-east facing slope opposite within a year, also to Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier and Pinot Noir.

The excellent 2009 vintage, entirely responsible for this Trophy winning non-vintage, gave excellent fruit/acid balance. Yields are low, with production capacity in the revamped winery at 65,000 bottles.



**Regional Trophy winner**  
**USA Pinot Noir over £15**  
**Kutch, McDougall Ranch Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California 2013 (12.3%)**

*Distinct and forceful, with a whole-bunch presence, plus spice, herbs and red berries, with dusky, forest accents to give depth to the gorgeous berry and pomegranate fruit. That earthiness is echoed again on the end. Deep, complex and built to last.*

£38 Roberson

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

JAMIE KUTCH (pictured) was in his late 20s and working in finance in New York City when the wine bug hit. In 2005, aged 30, he left the east coast behind, and he and future wife Kristen Green settled in Sonoma.

His mission with this Trophy winner is to 'express the vineyard's origin while being invisible with my own hands'. With the help of associate winemaker Joanna Wells, Kutch uses little new oak, doesn't cold soak the grapes and avoids over-extracting.

All the wines are also 100% whole cluster fermented. 'It works well in Sonoma and adds freshness, complexity and ageability to the wines,' Kutch says. 'I don't doubt for a second that this 2013 will see its 30th birthday in a very healthy condition.'

McDougall Ranch is the first vineyard Kutch picks, showing the most phenolic ripeness as it sits, south-facing, above the coastal fog belt at an altitude of 285m. The Pacific is just over 5km away, but for Kutch what makes the site and the wine special are the sandstone soils.

There's very little topsoil, allowing the vine's roots to come into contact with the sandstone within a few metres. That deprives the vine of nutrients, naturally stunts its growth and creates small clusters and berries, giving the wine real intensity.



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## Regional Trophy winner Red Veneto over £15 Cecchetto, Gelsaia, Piave Malanotte 2011 (14.5%)

*A vibrant nose of great freshness and depth, adorned with ink, chocolate, plum, cherry, spice and earth. Crushingly tannic on the palate, it's nonetheless precise, suave and complex with a lovely, lingering florality. Muscular but impressively civilised.*

Not available in the UK  
POA Un Po Pazzo USA

**Tasted against** No other Golds in this category

GIORGIO CECCHETTO CAUSED a scandal among his fellow Veneto producers during the 1990s when he decided to revive the Raboso del Piave grape variety in an innovative new style, leaving a portion of the grapes (15% to 30%) to dry. Now this method has shaped the new DOCG of Piave Malanotte, named after the village of Tezze di Piave Malanotte in Treviso.

Making Raboso is 'an act of faith', says Cecchetto. The rustic variety – whose precursor was mentioned by Pliny the Elder in his *Naturalis Historia* – is today cultivated close to the river Piave throughout the Treviso plain, from Conegliano to Vazzola, up to Oderzo, Motta di Livenza and San Dona di Piave.

This is an area where it would be more profitable to make Prosecco, and yet Cecchetto is content to continue the work of his father, who produced just 400 hectolitres of wine, but on a larger scale. To date he has amassed more than 140 hectares of vines, either owned or rented.

Late-ripening, it requires maceration on the skins prior to fermentation, yielding a wine of great body, but one that rewards patience: harsh and tannic when young, it mellows and softens to display floral and cherry notes with oak ageing.



## Regional Trophy winner Amarone over £15 Tinazzi, Selezione di Famiglia, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012 (15%)

*A superior but open, fragrant nose with wild berries, dried fruit, black cherry, plums and brambly fruit spiked with fig and damson. Warm and round, with serious, fat tannins and layers of flavour complemented by hints of liquorice on the elegantly long, mineral finish. Pure class.*

£41 Roccamora

**Tasted against** Fasoli Gino, Alteo, Amarone della Valpolicella, Veneto 2008

EUGENIO TINAZZI ESTABLISHED Cantine Tinazzi (pictured) in 1968 in Lazise, in the Cavaion Veronese against the beautiful backdrop of the countryside around Lake Garda. He started out small and focused on the local Veronese wines, but slowly expanded into Lombardy and then throughout northern Italy.

Today Tinazzi owns Casa Vitivinicola Tinazzi in Lazise and Tenuta Valleselle in Bardolino, as well as San Giorgio and Feudo di Santa Croce, both in Manduria, in the south of Puglia. The company remains a family operation, with Tinazzi's son, GianAndrea, and then grandson, Giorgio, expanding its sales over the years, first throughout Italy and then across Europe. GianAndrea's daughter Francesca joined the business in 2009.

This Trophy winner is a blend of 80% Corvina, 15% Rondinella and 5% Molinara sourced from the best-positioned hilly vineyards of the Marano di Valpolicella area. After a hand-selection of grapes and the traditional drying and fermentation process, the wine is matured in variously sized American and French oak casks for 18 to 24 months, with just 7,000 bottles produced in 2012.



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# Alsace



## Regional Chair

**Thierry Meyer** (see judges, p4)

ALSACE IS A complex region offering a wide diversity of terroirs, grape varieties and styles. Yet 2015 was a slightly disappointing year at the DWWA. After four good consistent vintages from 2007 to 2010, the following four years, were more mixed. So much so that our panel only

awarded Commended or above to 50% of wines submitted and granted only two Golds and two Trophies. If entry-level Alsace wines were unable to shine, the best terroir wines from grand cru appellations are worth looking for, with complex character, length and a great capacity to age.

## What should we buy from here?

2013 was the dominant vintage, giving great Rieslings and Gewurztraminers, especially those produced on grand cru terroirs of marl and limestone. These wines are pure, fresh, deep and will keep well. Some of the best Pinot Noir 2013s also impressed us, confirming that this might be one of the best vintages for fuller-bodied reds since the glorious years of 2009 and 2005. Although no Golds or Silvers were awarded, Crémant d'Alsace continued to provide good and homogeneous quality, (even if the sparkling rosés still lacked a bit of fruit.) Available at moderate prices, they represent a good alternative to sparkling wines from other regions.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

With only 35% of entries awarded Commended or above, early bottled 2014 wines were disappointing. Grapes were attacked by the vinegar fly *Drosophila suzukii*, which meant rigorous hand selection of the healthiest bunches. To prevent rot, grapes were sometimes harvested early, resulting in wines lacking ripeness. In 2012/2013, growers attempting to produce drier-style wines by picking grapes earlier ended up making dry but bitter wines which lacked maturity. And in this year's competition, we again found a number of commercial blends uninspiring. Off-dry, barely fruity and simple, these wines are best drunk young and cold on a summer terrace. Alsace has so much more to offer.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Terroir has made a strong return in Alsace over the past 10 years, and Rieslings from the 51 grands crus have caught much of the attention. Recent DWWA competitions suggest that there is a growing number of grand cru Gewurztraminers showing similar progress. Depending on the exposure and soil type, wines will show more or less, fruit, spice and depth. Off-dry versions now tend to replace the sweeter wines of the past, making wines perfectly suitable to match spicy dishes. The character of Gewurztraminers from Alsace's best terroirs is unmatched.

## Alsace won

1 International Trophy  
(see p19)

1 Regional Trophy  
(see p56)

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## Gold white

● **Cave de Ribeauvillé, Riesling, Grand Cru Osterberg 2012 (13%)**  
Impressive and classy, with an open nose of lemon, petrol and flowers. There's real finesse and direction to the finely balanced palate which has a line of firm acidity, great concentration and a long, salty finish.

● **Paul Ginglinger, Riesling, Grand Cru Pfersigberg 2013 (13%)**  
£17 **The Wine Society**  
Real character and sense of place. This is harmonious, fresh, concentrated and elegant, with ripe notes of apples, citrus, yellow plums and beeswax; all carried along by the refreshing minerality and brisk acidity which accentuate the long finish.



## Silver white

- **Cave de Ribeauvillé, Riesling, Grand Cru Rosacker 2011**
- **Domaines Schlumberger, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Kessler 2010**
- **Dopff-au-Moulin, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Brand 2013**
- **Jean-Marie Haag, Riesling, Grand Cru Zinnkoepflé 2013**
- **Joseph Cattin, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Hatschbourg 2013**
- **Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Cuvée Bacchus Gewurztraminer 2014**



## Silver red

- **Domaine Paul Blanck, Pinot Noir 2013**
- **Schmitt & Carrer, Schloessel Mühle Pinot Noir 2013**



## Silver sweet white

- **Ginglinger-Fix, Gewurztraminer 2011**
- **Jean-Marie Haag, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Zinnkoepflé 2013**

- **Joseph Cattin, Pinot Gris, Sélection de Grains Nobles 2011**



## Bronze sparkling white

- **Cave de Hunawih, Calixte Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV**
- **Cave de Ribeauvillé, Giersberger Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV**
- **Domaine Laurent Vogt, Blanc de Blancs, Crémant d'Alsace 2013**
- **Dopff-Au-Moulin, Cuvée Julien, Crémant d'Alsace NV**
- **Helfrich, Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV**
- **Pierre Sparr, Clos Ste-Odile Brut Chardonnay, Crémant d'Alsace NV**
- **Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Blanc de Blancs Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV**



## Bronze white

- **Baumann-Zirgel, Riesling, Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2013**
- **Cave de Beblenheim, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Sonnenglanz 2013**
- **Cave de Beblenheim, Pinot Gris Réserve 2013**
- **Cave de Hunawih, Riesling, Grand Cru Rosacker 2013**
- **Cave de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Sylvaner 2014**
- **Cave de Turckheim, Gewurztraminer 2013**
- **Cave de Turckheim, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Brand 2010**
- **Cave de Turckheim, Riesling, Grand Cru Brand 2011**
- **Cave de Turckheim, Riesling, Marnes & Calcaires 2011**
- **Domaine Allimant-Laugner, Gewurztraminer 2013**
- **Domaines Schlumberger, Riesling Grand, Cru Kessler 2012**
- **Dopff & Irion, Cuvée René Dopff, Riesling 2014**
- **Dopff & Irion, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Vorbourg 2010**
- **Dopff & Irion, R Dopff Muscat 2014**
- **Jean Geiler, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Hengst 2013**
- **Joseph Cattin, Riesling, Grand Cru Hatschbourg 2013**
- **Kuehn, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Brand 2013**
- **Laurent Vogt, Riesling, Grand Cru Altenber-de-Wolxheim 2012**
- **Léon Beyer, Riesling, Comtes Cuvée d'Eguisheim 2011**
- **Roi Dagobert, Riesling, Grand Cru Altenberg-de-Bergbieten 2012**
- **Rolly Gassmann, Riesling 2012**
- **Théo Cattin & Fils, Gewurztraminer, Bollenberg 2011**
- **Théo Cattin & Fils, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Hatschbourg 2013**
- **Théo Cattin & Fils, Pinot Gris Vieilles Vignes 2012**
- **Willm, Riesling, Grand Cru Kirchberg de Barr 2013**
- **Zinck, Portrait Riesling 2014**



## Bronze red

- **Pierre Henri Ginglinger, Rubis Pinot Noir 2013**

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## Bronze sweet white

● **Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Gewurztraminer, Sélection de Grains Nobles 2009**

### Commended sparkling white

● Charles Frey, Extra Brut, Crémant d'Alsace 2011 ● Dopff & Irion, Egérie Chardonnay Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV ● Lucien Albrecht, Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Excellence Brut, Crémant d'Alsace NV ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Pinot Gris Brut, Crémant d'Alsace 2010

### Commended sparkling rosé

● Bott Frères, Rosé, Crémant d'Alsace NV ● Dopff & Irion, Brut Rosé, Crémant d'Alsace NV

### Commended white

● André Ehrhart, Sélection Elise Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Hengst 2013 ● Arthur Metz, Riesling Ire Presse 2014 ● Biecher & Schaal, Riesling, Grand Cru Schlossberg 2013 ● Cave de Beblenheim, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Sonnenglanz 2013 ● Cave de Beblenheim, Pinot Gris 2014 ● Cave de Beblenheim, Riesling, Grand Cru Sonnenglanz 2013 ● Cave de Beblenheim, Vieilles Vignes Pinot Gris 2013 ● Cave de Beblenheim, Vieilles Vignes Riesling 2013 ● Cave de Ribeauvillé, Gewurztraminer Vieilles Vignes 2014 ● Cave de Turckheim, Gewurztraminer Vieilles Vignes 2013 ● Cave du Roi Dagobert, Racines & Terroirs Riesling 2013 ● Clément Lissner, Riesling, Grand Cru Altenberg-de-Wolxheim 2012 ● Domaine Ansen Sal, Weingarten 2013 ● Domaine Fernand Engel, Riesling, Grand Cru Mandelberg 2013 ● Domaine Fernand Engel, Riesling, Grand Cru Praelatenberg 2013 ● Domaine Michel Fonné, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Marckrain 2011 ● Domaine Riefle Bihl, Bonheur Exceptionnel 2013 ● Domaine Zinck, Pinot Blanc 2014 ● Dopff & Irion, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Vorbourg 2009 ● Dopff & Irion, René Dopff Pinot Blanc 2014 ● Dopff & Irion, Riesling, Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2012 ● Eblin-Fuchs, Riesling, Zellenberg 2013 ● Ginglinger, Riesling, Grand Cru Ollwiller 2013 ● Gustave Lorentz,

Riesling, Grand Cru Altenberg-de-Bergheim 2010 ● Helfrich, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Steinklotz 2011 ● Helfrich, Riesling 2013 ● Helfrich, Riesling, Grand Cru Steinklotz 2013 ● Jean Geiler, Riesling, Grand Cru Wineck-Schlossberg 2013 ● Jean-Baptiste Adam, Le Riesling, Grand Cru Wineck-Schlossberg 2012 ● Joseph Cattin, Riesling, Pur de Roche 2012 ● Joseph Cattin, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Hatschbourg 2013 ● Kuentz-Bas, Auxerrois, Trois Châteaux 2013 ● La Cave du Vieil, Armand Cuvée du Vieil Gewurztraminer 2013 ● Marks & Spencer, Le Clos Ste-Odile Riesling 2011 ● Morrison, Signature Pinot Gris 2013 ● Pierre Sparr, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Mambourg 2013 ● Pierre Sparr, Riesling, Grand Cru Schoenenbourg 2013 ● Roi Dagobert, Krittler Riesling 2013 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Zinnkoepfle 2013 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Le Clos des Amandiers Pinot Gris 2012 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Cuvée Chevalier Pinot Blanc 2014 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Pinot Blanc 2014 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Riesling, Grand Cru Goldert 2011 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Riesling, Grand Cru Goldert 2010 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Pfaff Riesling Tradition 2014 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Rabelais Pinot Gris 2014 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Riesling, Grand Cru Zinnkoepfle 2012 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Riesling, Grand Cru Steinert 2011 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Steingold Gewurztraminer 2012 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Steingold Riesling 2012 ● Wunsch & Mann, Riesling, Grand Cru Steingrubler 2012 ● Zinck, Portrait Gewurztraminer 2013

### Commended red

● Cave de Hunawirh Pinot Noir 8 2013 ● La Cave de Pfaffenheim, La Griffe du Diable 2011

### Commended sweet white

● Domaine Fernand Engel, Pinot Gris, Grand Cru Gloeckelberg 2013 ● Fernand Engel, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Altenberg-de-Bergheim 2013 ● Jean-Baptiste Adam, Le Grand K Grand Cru 2012 ● Vignerons de Pfaffenheim, Gewurztraminer Vendange Tardive 2011

# Argentina



## Regional Chair

**Patricio Tapia** (see judges, p4)

AFTER THE FLOOD of medals for Argentina last year (37 Gold and 12 Trophies), things have calmed down. But although the number of medals has decreased this year (15 Golds and five Trophies), our enthusiasm for the development of these wines has not dropped at all. The trend to fresher,

more drinkable, friendly-food wines moves on without pause. Yes, it's true, there is still lots of wood and extraction (and super-heavy bottles), but finesse and freshness is slowly taking over. And what was a sign last year has become a clear trend: Malbec now has Cabernet Franc as a companion in the top red stakes. If you want to try something new from Argentina, Cabernet Franc is getting better and better.

## What should we buy from here?

Stay with Malbec. It's a grape now at a time of profound change. Slowly it's shedding its heavy, thick, velvety cloak of excessive maturity and oak to display all its fruity sharpness, freshness and softness. But also look towards Cabernet Franc – it feels fresh and alive, especially from the Uco Valley. And don't miss Torrontés' evolution, as it forgets its previous complex of trying (and failing) to be a light, crisp New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and now assumes its real identity: an exuberant, floral wine with a rich, voluptuous body.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

All the huge and heavy glass bottles. Instead of opening them, take them to the gym and work out with them! The worst is that the wine they contain is not only expensive, but tastes like jam. The jury is still out on Chardonnay. Except for honourable (and expensive) examples from high up in the mountains, Argentinian Chardonnay remains flat, sometimes excessively sweet and boring. The same could be said about Merlot – we did not give any medals for this grape in 2015.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Last year, the evolution of Cabernet Sauvignon seemed stuck in heavy, super-ripe wines. This year, there is a glimmer of hope. Producers have finally clicked that excessive extraction is the way to achieve bigger Cabernets, but not necessarily better ones. A certain air of subtlety is making its way on to the scene of Argentinian Cabernet, especially from Mendoza.



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Eric Zwiebel MS

(also judged Bordeaux and Regional France)

ZWIEBEL IS CELLAR master at Summer Lodge Country House Hotel in Dorset. Born in Alsace, he worked as sommelier for Le Pavillon Elysée Lenôtre in Paris

before moving to London to broaden his wine knowledge. In 2001, Zwiebel achieved his Master Sommelier qualification and in 2004, was named Best Sommelier of the UK, which he followed up with third place at the Best Sommelier of Europe competitions in 2006 and 2008. He reached the finals in the Best Sommelier of the World in 2007 and placed 4th at the 2013 competition.

## Argentina won

**3 International Trophies** (see p19)

**2 Regional Trophies** (see p56)

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## Gold white

● **Amalaya, Blanco de Corte, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014 (13.5%)**  
£9.99 Liberty Wines

Lean but vibrant, with a nose of elderflower, pink grapefruit, white flowers, apples and a clever use of Riesling that ➤



tempers the Torrontés. It has a lovely texture, with grip, fine oak integration and a long finish. Classy and seductive.

● **El Esteco, Don David Reserve Torrontés, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014 (14%)**

A reticent nose at first, with cloves and cardamon in the background, then ripe apricots and mandarin growing with time in the glass. To taste it's grippy and vibrant, with lime, minerals and well-judged oak adding another dimension.



**Gold red**

● **Altos las Hormigas, Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013 (14%)**

£35.99 **Hailsham Cellars, Winedirect** Concentrated, deep nose of smoky dark berries. Attractive palate of black olives, stone and herbal, spicy, rich red fruit, underpinned by mineral tones and fine-grained tannins. A refined example of Gualtallary; a proper mountain wine.

● **Argento, Reserva Malbec, Mendoza 2013 (14%)**

Warm, round and welcoming, this offers plenty of personality for your money. There's a lovely core of fresh, pure, red and dark fruit, framed within a beautiful texture, soft tannins and complementary notes of crushed rocks, minerals and flowers.

● **Asda, Extra Special Malbec, Mendoza 2014 (13%)**

£5 **Asda** A cracking Malbec with plenty of cheer and upfront, youthful abandon. The vibrant, breezy nose precedes a palate of lovely purity, showcasing juicy red fruits, a hint of pepper and just a kiss of oak. Brilliant value.

● **Catena, Appellation Malbec, Vista Flores, Tunuyán, Mendoza 2013 (13.5%)**

POA **Bibendum PLB** An oaky aroma of cedar, vanilla, wood shavings and chocolate, but the deep, dense black fruits make their presence felt. Exuberant palate of sweet spices and chocolatey black fruits and salty minerals. Extremely long.

● **Catena, Appellation Malbec, Lunlunta, Maipú, Mendoza 2013 (13.5%)**

POA **Bibendum PLB**

Funky and slightly rustic but in the best way, with a beautiful nose of blueberry, black pepper, violets and spices. The palate is energetic and intense, showing an abundance of black fruits, complemented by earthy flavours and animal tones.

● **Catena, Appellation Cabernet Franc, San Carlos, Mendoza 2013 (13.5%)**

POA **Bibendum PLB** A pretty wine which is Bordeaux in style. The crisp nose melds graphite, mint, flowers and dark fruits, while the palate is sleek, fluid, mouthwatering and complex, with powerful yet elegant tannins and a lovely core of fruit. Will age very well.

● **Condeminal, Poncho Pampa Blend, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014 (14.5%)**

£16 **Las Bodegas UK** \$16 **Wine Bridge Imports** Beautifully perfumed and lifted, with touches of diesel, mint, cassis and candied lemon peel. Lovely finesse and purity in the mouth, with layers of peppery red fruit, refreshing acidity and delicate tannins, but energy and expression in spades. Glorious!

● **El Esteco, Ciclos Malbec, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013 (14%)**

Deep and rich with a generous layer of oak on both nose and palate, but the integration is good and it melts into ripe, velvety, creamy black fruit which displays fine concentration and tenseness. An opulent wine, yes, but not one you will tire of. A refined example of Salta.

● **La Escuela, Malbec, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2012 (14%)**

£24.99 **Armit Wines** POA **Vineyard Brands USA** Cracking nose of sweet cassis, violets, blackberries and a leafy hint. The concentrated palate has amazing texture, generous black fruit and minerals. Tense but voluptuous, this is a wine that's been made with love and shows a real sense of place.

● **Luigi Bosca, Gala 1, Mendoza 2012 (15%)**

£18.95 **Dunnell's Premier Wine, Harrods, John Gordons, Loki, Rollings Wine Co, The Cellar Tasting House, Worcester Wines, Wine Library** An enticing, complex nose of dark fruits, leather, earth, graphite and sweet spices. On the palate it's equally impressive,

with a beautiful structure and sophisticated texture. The tannins are smooth and the acidity refreshing, and while both spicy and intense, it's not at the expense of refinement.

● **Quieto, 3 Cabernet Franc, Mendoza 2014 (14%)**

POA **Cupari Wines** A fantastically balanced, generous wine resplendent with black fruits, ripe strawberries, herbs and spices. The refreshing palate is velvety, rounded and fluid, with fine-grained tannins, integrated oak and very nice acidity on the finish. Certainly ready now but could equally tuck away for three years.

● **Salentein, Barrel Selection Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013 (14%)**

POA **Matthew Clark** A tremendous expression of Malbec from the heights of Uco Valley. Aromas of violets, blueberry and darker fruits lead on to a palate bursting with fragrant red cherry, oak spice and a crunch of pepper. This is intense and rich, with juicy acidity and a floral aftertaste.

● **Zorzal, Terroir Unico Malbec, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014 (14%)**

£20 **Barwell & Jones** A beautifully fresh and crystal-clear nose of blueberry, cassis, raspberry and spice. There's a salty, dark-fruited facet to the textured palate, along with herb-tinged red fruits, crisp acidity, mineral tones and an intriguingly chalky feel. A superb illustration of Gualtallary.



**Silver white**

● **El Esteco, Ciclos Torrontés, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014**

● **Etchart, Reserve Torrontés, Cafayate, Salta 2014**

● **Graffigna, Centenario Pinot Grigio, San Juan 2014**

● **Salentein, Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013**



**Silver red**

● **Achaval-Ferrer, Quimera, Mendoza 2012**

● **Alpamanta, Estate Malbec, Mendoza 2011**

● **Amalaya, Tinto de Corte, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014**

● **Argento, Esquinas, Mendoza 2013**

● **Bodega Toneles, Tonel 46 Reserva, Mendoza 2012**

● **Callia, Pyros Barrel Selected Malbec, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2013**

● **Callia, Magna Malbec, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2013**

● **Catena, Appellation Malbec, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2013**

● **Colomé, Auténtico Malbec, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013**

● **Del Río Elorza, Verum Reserva Malbec, Alto Valle, Rio Negro 2012**

● **Doña Paula, Los Cardos Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014**

● **El Enemigo, Cabernet Franc, Mendoza 2012**

● **El Esteco, Ciclos Cabernet Sauvignon, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013**

● **El Esteco, Amaru High Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013**

● **El Esteco, Don David Malbec, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013**

● **El Esteco, Malbec, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013**

● **Estancia Mendoza, Malbec Roble, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013**

● **Etchart, Arnaldo B, Cafayate, Salta 2012**

● **Fabre, Phebus Reservado Malbec, Patagonia 2014**

● **Fabre Montmayour, Gran Reservado Malbec, Mendoza 2013**

● **Finca La Luz, Callejón del Crimen Reserva Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013**

● **Finca Las Moras, Paz, Black Label Malbec, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2013**

● **Finca Las Moras, Finca Pedernal, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2011**

● **Gauchezco, Oro Malbec, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2010**

● **La Celia, Pioneer Reserva Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013**

● **La Posta, Pizzella, Mendoza 2014**

● **Lagarde, Guarda Cabernet Franc, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012**

● **Montechez, Limited Edition Malbec, San Carlos, Mendoza 2012**

● **Mosquita Muerta, Sapo de Otro Pozo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012**

● **Navarro Correas, Structura, Mendoza 2011**

● **Norton, La Colonia Colección Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2013**

● **Pablo y Walter, Malbec, Mendoza 2013** ➤

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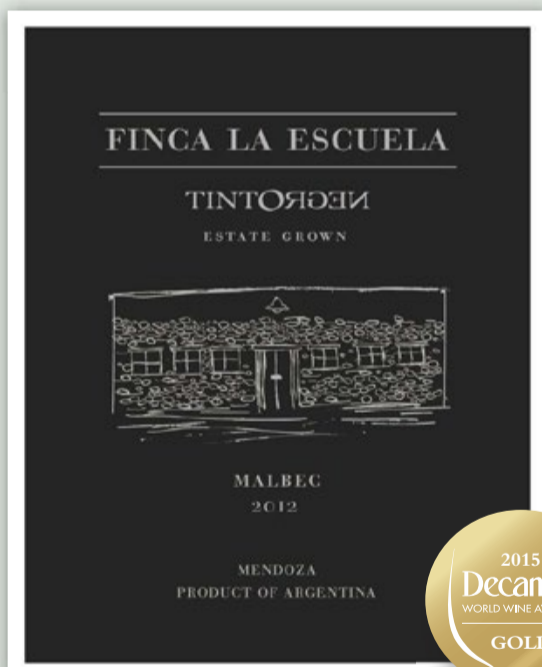


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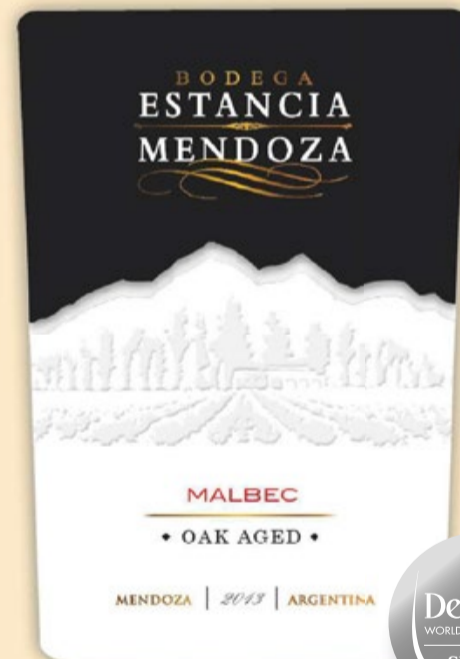
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- Pascual Toso, Barrancas, Maipu, Mendoza 2013
- Quieto, 3 Cabernet Franc, Mendoza 2013
- Riglos, Quinto Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013
- Rutini, Mendoza 2012
- Salentein, Numina Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Terrazas des Andes, Cheval des Andes, Mendoza 2010
- Tierra Fertil, Reserva Malbec, Mendoza 2013
- Tinto Negro, Tinto Negro, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Trapiche, Melodia Winemaker Selection Pinot, Mendoza 2014
- Trapiche, Mar & Pampar Pinot Noir, Buenos Aires 2014
- Trapiche, Gran Medalla Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Viñalba, Reservado de la Familia Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Viñalba, Reservado Malbec-Cabernet Franc 80/20, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Viñavida, Luxury Business Class, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2011
- Vistalba, Tomero Gran Reserva Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2011
- Zuccardi, Q Cabernet, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Zuccardi, Zeta, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012

 **Silver sweet**

- Bodega del Desierto, Late Harvest Viognier, La Pampa 2014

 **Bronze sparkling white**

- Trivento, Single Vineyard Brut Nature NV

 **Bronze white**

- Argento, Selección Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014
- Bodegas Fabre, Vinalba Reservado Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014
- Catena, Alta Chardonnay, Mendoza 2013
- Chakana, Estate Selection Chardonnay, Mendoza 2013
- Dominio del Plata, Crios 2014
- Doña Paula, Estate Riesling, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014
- Finca las Nubes, Torrontés, Cafayate, Salta 2014
- Lagarde, Viognier, Mendoza 2014
- Pascual Toso, Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014
- Salentein, Barrel Selection Chardonnay, Uco Valley 2013
- Territorio, Torrontés, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014

- Trapiche, Estación 1883 Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014
- Trapiche, Melodias Winemaker Selection Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014
- Zorzal, Terroir Unico Sauvignon Blanc, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Alambrado, Gran Selección Malbec, Mendoza 2014
- Alpamanta, Estate Cabernet Franc, Mendoza 2013
- Alpasión, Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Altocedro, Malbec, Año Cero, La Consulta, San Carlos, Mendoza 2013
- Angulo Innocenti, Nonni, La Consulta, San Carlos, Mendoza 2014
- Antucura, Barrandica Cabernet Sauvignon, Vista Flores, Tunuyán, Mendoza 2014
- Argento, Bonarda Mendoza 2014
- Atamisque, Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Bodegas Fabre, Vinalba Reservado Malbec, Patagonia 2013
- Buenaventura, Aureo de Colección, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Callia, Blend de Terroirs Malbec, Zonda, San Juan 2013
- Casarena, DNA Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2011
- Catena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2013
- Catena Malbec, Mendoza 2013
- Catena Zapata, The Society's Exhibition Malbec, Mendoza 2013
- Chakana, Estate Selection Red Blend, Mendoza 2014
- Cobos, Bramare Cabernet Sauvignon, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012
- Domaine Bousquet, Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014
- Domaine Bousquet, Reserve Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013
- Don Manuel Vilafane, IV Centenario, Mendoza 2010
- Doña Paula, Estate Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- El Esteco, Don David Cabernet Sauvignon, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013
- El Esteco, Don David Syrah Reserve, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013
- El Esteco, Don David Tannat Reserve, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013
- Fabre, HJ Fabre Reserva Malbec Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2014
- Fabre, Phebus Reservado Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2014
- Fabre Montmayour, Reservado Malbec Mendoza 2014
- Finca el Origen, Reserva Malbec Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014
- Finca Flichman, Expresiones Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Mendoza 2013
- Finca La Luz, Callejón del Crimen Gran Selección Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Finca Las Moras, Gran Syrah, San Juan 2012
- Finca Las Moras, Paz Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc, San Juan 2013

- Gauchezco, Reserva Malbec, Mendoza 2013
- Gen, Otra Piel, Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2014
- Graffigna, Centenario Malbec Reserve, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2013
- Graffigna, Grand Reserve Malbec, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2012
- Humberto Canale, Selección de Familia, Patagonia 2012
- La Agrícola, Alambrado Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza 2014
- La Agrícola, Alambrado Malbec Mendoza 2014
- La Agrícola, Alambrado, Gran Selección Cabernet, Mendoza 2014
- La Agrícola, The Forefather Malbec-Shiraz, Mendoza 2014
- La Guarda, El Guardado Syrah, San Juan 2012
- Marks & Spencer Butcher's Block Bonarda-Malbec, Mendoza 2014
- Mascota, Opi Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014
- Montechez, Alma de Luna, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Navarro Correas, Reserva Selección de Parcelas Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2012
- NQN, Malma Finca La Papay Pinot Noir, San Patricio del Chañar, Neuquén 2013
- Pascual Toso, Magdalena Toso, Barrancas, Maipu, Mendoza 2012
- Pascual Toso, Selected Vines Cabernet Sauvignon, Barrancas, Maipu, Mendoza 2013
- Qaramy, Alto, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Quieto, Family Selection, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2009
- Quieto, Family Selection, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2010
- Renacer, Punto Final Gran Cabernet Franc, Perdriel, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2011
- Riglos, Gran Cabernet Franc, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013
- Salentein, Lot 01 Malbec-

- Cabernet, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Salentein, Primus Cabernet Sauvignon, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012
- Séptima, Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2013
- Tamarí, Reserva Malbec, Mendoza 2014
- Terrazas de los Andes, Malbec, Mendoza 2012
- Tittarelli, Malbec, Mendoza 2014
- Trapiche, Estación 1883 Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2013
- Trapiche, Pure Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014
- Trivento, Golden Reserve Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012
- Trivento, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014
- Tupun, Reserve Single Vineyard Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013
- Viñalba, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014
- Zorzal, Terroir Unico Pinot Noir Gualtallary, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013
- Zuccardi, Brazos de los Andes, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013
- Zuccardi, Emma Zuccardi Bonarda, Mendoza 2013
- Zuccardi, Malbec, Vista Flores, Tunuyán, Mendoza 2013
- Zuccardi, Tito, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2013

 **Bronze sweet white**

- Amalaya, Blanco Dulce, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014
- Crotta, Le Muscat, San Martín, Mendoza 2013

**Commended sparkling white**

- Cruzat, Clásico Extra Brut NV
- Doña Paula, Sauvage Blanc 2014
- Gauchezco, Pinot Noir Extra Brut, Mendoza, NV
- Secreto Patagónico, Mantra Extra Brut, Patagonia 2013



**BEHIND THE SCORESHEET**  
**Paz Levinson**

LEVINSON IS SOMMELIER at Epicure in Paris, the Michelin three-starred restaurant of the Hotel Le Bristol. She started her wine career in her native Argentina, where she worked as head sommelier for top-end restaurants, including Restó

and Nectarine. She taught part-time at the Centro Argentino de Vinos y Espirituosas for five years and achieved her professional sommelier diploma in 2006. Levinson recently became the first Argentinian to pass the Court of Master Sommeliers' advanced sommelier certificate. She was named Best Sommelier of Argentina in 2010 and 2014, and in 2013 was a semi-finalist at the Best Sommelier of the World competition. She has also written for magazines, including *El Conocedor*.

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## Commended sparkling rosé

● Secreto Patagónico, Mantra Extra Brut Rosé, Patagonia 2013

## Commended white

● Argento, Chardonnay Mendoza 2014  
 Colomé, Torrontés, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014 ● Del Río Elorza, Verum Chardonnay, Alto Valle, Río Negro 2013  
 ● Don Cristobal, El Indigo Viognier, Mendoza 2014 ● El Esteco, Don David Chardonnay, Calchaquíes, Salta 2014 ● Etchart, Gran Linaje Torrontés, Salta 2014 ● Finca Las Moras, Pinot Grigio 2015 ● Graffigna, Centenario Torrontés 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Fisherman's Catch Chenin Blanc, Mendoza 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Arbol de Vida Pinot Grigio, Mendoza 2014 ● Navarro Correas, Colección Privada Chardonnay, Mendoza 2014 ● Salentein, Primus Chardonnay, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013 ● Trapiche, Estación 1883 Torrontés, Mendoza 2014 ● Viñalba, Selección Torrontés, Mendoza 2014 ● Vistalba, Tomero Torrontés Cafayate, Salta 2014 ● Zuccardi, Brazos de los Andes, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014

## Commended rosé

● Bodega Argento Malbec Rosé, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2014  
 ● El Esteco, Amaru High Vineyards Torrontés Rose 2015, Calchaquíes, Salta 2015 ● Marks & Spencer, Fragoso Shiraz Bonarda Rosé, Mendoza 2014 ● The Co-operative, Fairtrade Malbec Rosé, Famatina Valley, La Rioja 2014

## Commended red

● Antucura, Barrandica Malbec, Vista Flores, Tunuyán, Mendoza 2014 ● Bodega Toneles, Gran Tonel 137 Mendoza 2010 ● Bodega Toneles, Tonel 22 Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Bodegas Callia, Alta Malbec, Tulum Valley, San Juan 2014 ● Callia, Pyros Barrel Selected Shiraz, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2013 ● Callia, Pyros Single Vineyard Malbec, Pedernal Valley, San Juan 2012 ● Carmelita, Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Carmelita, Vista Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Casa Altamira, SonVida Malbec, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2012 ● Casarena, Lauren's Vineyard, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012 ● Chacra, Barda Pinot Noir Alto Valle, Río Negro 2014 ● Chakana, Ayni Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013 ● Cobos, Bramare Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Cobos, Felino Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Del Río Elorza, Verum Pinot Noir, Alto Valle, Río Negro 2013 ● Desierto, Malbec, Patagonia 2013 ● Desierto, Cabernet Franc, 25 de Mayo, La Pampa 2012 ● Desierto, Malbec, 25 de Mayo, La Pampa 2012 ● Domaine Bousquet, Grande Réserve Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2012 ● Doña Paula, 1100, San Carlos, Mendoza 2013 ● Doña Paula, Black Edition Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2013 ● El Monstruo de las Montañas, Malbec-Bonarda, Mendoza 2013 ● Estancia Mendoza, Los Helechos, Mendoza 2012 ● Fabre, Phebus Gran Reservado Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2013 ● Familia Schroeder, Alpataco Malbec, Patagonia 2014 ● Familia Schroeder, Alpataco Pinot Noir, Patagonia 2014 ● Familia Schroeder, Saurus Select Pinot Noir, Patagonia 2013 ● Fin del Mundo, Reserva Malbec, San Patricio del Chañar, Neuquén 2013 ● Fin del Mundo, Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Patagonia 2010 ●

Finca el Origen, Cabernet, Mendoza 2014 ● Finca Flichman, Dedicado, Mendoza 2013 ● Finca La Luz, Callejón del Crimen, Gran Selección Petit Verdot, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Finca Las Moras, Alma Mora Malbec, San Juan 2014 ● Finca Las Moras, Dada Art Wine 1, San Juan 2014 ● Finca Las Moras, Reserva Malbec, San Juan 2014 ● Finca Sopenia, Reserve Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013 ● Finca Sopenia, Synthesis Malbec, Tupungato, Mendoza 2013 ● Gauchezco, Plata, Malbec-Cabernet Franc Gran Reserva, Mendoza 2012 ● Graffigna, Centenario Elevation Red, San Juan 2013 ● Humberto Canale, Selección de Familia, Patagonia 2013 ● Inca, Tannat, Calchaquíes, Salta 2013 ● José Luis Mounier, Las Nubes Cabernet-Malbec, Salta 2013 ● La Agricola, Alambrado Malbec-Tempranillo Mendoza 2014 ● La Celia, Elite, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013 ● La Chamiza, Martín Alsina Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2011 ● La Guarda, El Guardado Chic Malbec, San Juan 2013 ● La Mascota, Cabernet Franc, Maipú, Mendoza 2013 ● La Mascota, Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipú, Mendoza 2013 ● La Mascota, Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● La Riojana, The Co-operative Fairtrade Merlot, Famatina Valley, La Rioja 2014 ● Los Haroldos, Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014 ● Melipal, Blend, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012 ● Navarro Correas, Gran Los Arboles Malbec 2014 ● Norton, Barrel Select Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Norton, Winemaker's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2012 ● NQN, Malma Reserva de Familia Malbec, Patagonia 2012 ● Pascual Toso, Alta Cabernet Sauvignon, Barrancas, Maipú, Mendoza 2013 ● Penedo Borges, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2013 ● Pulenta, Single Vineyard, Finca Don Antonio Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Quieto, 3 Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Ruca Malen, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2012 ● Rutini, Apartado Gran Malbec, Mendoza 2010 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Malbec, Mendoza 2014 ● Salentein, Portillo Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014 ● Santa Julia, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014 ● Santa Julia, Reserva Malbec-Cabernet Franc, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2014 ● Séptima, Gran Reserva, Mendoza 2012 ● Séptima, Séptima Obra Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza 2012 ● Trapiche, Finca Las Palmas, Gran Reserva Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Trapiche, Las Palmas Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipú, Mendoza 2012 ● Trapiche, Melodias Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2014 ● Trapiche, Melodias Syrah, Mendoza 2014 ● Trapiche, Melodias Malbec, Mendoza 2014 ● Trapiche, Estación 1883 Malbec, Mendoza 2013 ● Trivento, Golden Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza 2012 ● Trivento, Parra Alta Malbec, Mendoza 2014 ● Tukma, Gran Corte, Calchaquíes, Salta 2012 ● Vallisto, Malbec, Cafayate, Salta 2011 ● Vicentin, Backbone, Mendoza 2012 ● Viñalba, Malbec-Syrah, Patagonia 2013 ● Viñavida, Luxury Cashmere Gran Reserva, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2011 ● Vistalba, Tomero Reserva Malbec Uco Valley, Mendoza 2012 ● Zuccardi, Aluvional, Altamira, San Carlos, Mendoza 2012 ● Zuccardi, Q Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza 2013 ● Zuccardi, Q Tempranillo, Santa Rosa, Mendoza 2013

# Australia



## Regional Co-Chair

**Anthony Rose** (see judges, p4)

THIS YEAR'S TALLY of medals, Gold and Silver in particular, is evidence that Australia puts its best foot forward in this competition. The consolidation of regional focus is one of the most heartening, continuing stories of Australian wine as individual regions become better

defined for wine styles based on a growing understanding of their potential. This is particularly true of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Riesling and Semillon. But that's not the end of the story. The emergence of new styles and blends is another feature beginning to take shape in often exciting, new form. In all, there is plenty for wine shoppers to cheer about and to enjoy in Australian wine.

## What should we buy from here?

Shiraz remains Australia's strongest suit, both from warm and cooler regions. Its alter Mediterranean ego, Grenache, tended to show better in blends with Shiraz and Mourvedre/Mataro, while Pinot Noir is a promising work-in-progress. Chardonnays of complexity and balance continue to emerge from Margaret River with Mornington, Adelaide Hills and Yarra Valley running it close. Semillon is a star, unique in the Hunter Valley in particular as a medium bodied dry white that retains freshness and gains in complexity over time. A few good blends with Touriga Nacional and Spanish varieties raise hopes without setting the pulse racing. Few countries can make complex fortified wines at such great prices.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Many cheap Shiraz blends entered were inadequate, with excessive bitter extraction covered up by sugar and even volatility. There were also too many clunky, old-fashioned Shirazes, often from McLaren Vale. Viognier is gaining traction, although the same cannot yet be said yet for Pinot Grigio and there is a little too much basic Chardonnay for complacency. Despite the Cabernet Sauvignon success story, a number were on the green or hard side. Consumers are better off thinking of Australia not as a cheap but rather a quality option. Pay a little more and you will be rewarded.

## What should we keep an eye on?

As the pressure comes off supply, producers are increasingly able to concentrate on their better vineyards, hence an overall improvement in quality in, for instance, Hunter Semillon and McLaren Vale Cabernet. Great Southern, and within it Frankland River, is a region to watch with excellent wines emerging. We have commended Tasmania before and this year it surprised us with two Trophies. Look out for some of the better blends using Portuguese and Spanish varieties. Coonawarra meanwhile continues to cement its reputation for good Cabernet, but keep a weather eye for Cabernets from Margaret River and Clare Valley too. ➤





**Regional Co-Chair**  
**Michael Hill-Smith MW**  
(see judges, p4)

AUSTRALIA DID EXCEPTIONALLY well again this year. Silver medals were plentiful, there were 40 Golds and then a haul of 14 Regional and International Trophies, showing once again that in blind tastings Australia more than holds its own with any other

wine-producing country in the world.

Close observers understand that traditional Australian wine styles are well established and worthy classics, that the modern evolutionary wines are truly exciting, and that a small but vocal group of revolutionaries are pushing the boundaries of conventional winemaking and creating new styles along the way. In all, an exciting winescape to explore.

**What should we buy from here?**

Bottle-aged Semillon, Chardonnay from cooler sites, Shiraz from cool and warm regions, and Cabernet Sauvignon from Margaret River and Coonawarra were all impressive.

The standout variety for me, however, was Riesling. The youthful 2014s from both the Clare and Eden Valleys were fresh and aromatic with great depth of primary fruit coupled with acid line and cut, while the bottle-aged wines from 2008 and 2009 are exceptional and a must for any serious Riesling devotee.

Top Riesling is not only to be found in Clare and Eden Valley, with Frankland River in Western Australia making some wonderful tight, lean and flavoursome wines. Not all these wines are dry, with a number of off-dry, retro styles showing well – a style that somewhat surprisingly is making a comeback among the cool kids.

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

Much has been made of Australia's 'value for money' wines – the fact that four of the top-selling wine brands in the world are Australian is evidence of this. But this focus on entry-level and lower priced wines had been to the detriment of Australia's fine-wine offering.

Don't think of Australia as a place to buy inexpensive wine; think of it instead as a place to buy fine wine. Spend more and you will be well rewarded, whether at £15, £30 or over £60 a bottle. Leave the cheaper bottles on the shelf and move up the price ladder – you will notice the difference.

**What should we keep an eye on?**

While many traditional wines did well in the tasting, there is no shortage of exciting, modern styles being made in Australia. This is particularly true of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and cool-climate Shiraz. Winemakers are picking early to retain natural acidity, making more single-vineyard and single-block wines, and adopting a less interventionist philosophy in their winemaking. They prefer wild yeast to cultured, small-batch fermentations to large, and in general are making savoury, edgy and textural wines. These modern, more avant-garde styles are well worth looking out for.

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**6 International Trophies** (see p19)  
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**Gold white**

● **Brokenwood, ILR Reserve Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2009 (10.9%)**

Although relatively closed and reserved, this is still racy and fresh. There are some honeyed, spicy hints to the fruit on the palate which is just beginning to build up some texture, and the structured acidity drives the length of the finish. A keeper.

● **Brokenwood, Latara Vineyard Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2009 (11%)**

Graceful and restrained. An elegant, smoky nose leads on to a succulent and generous palate, which is waxy, snappy and packs in a lot of flavour, with a lovely mouthfeel of lemon. Long and satisfying with a great future.

● **Brookland Valley, Estate Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 (13.5%)**

A wonderful nose of Granny Smith apples and cinnamon. A tight but powerful Chardonnay, the refreshing palate is plushly textured, with apricot and peach and a good, long finish that reveals a savoury almond note at the very end. A great wine.

● **Brookland Valley, Reserve Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 (13.5%)**

A wonderfully ripe style with lots of pineapple, cream, vanilla and exotic fruit on the nose. To taste it's refined and sophisticated, with classy use of expensive oak which frames plush, sweet fruit, polished off by a great finish.

● **Leasingham, Bin 7 Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 (12.5%)**

£19.99 **Amazon, Hardy's 1853 Club**  
Impressive concentration on the nose, with yellow and white peach, mirabelle plum, flowers and candied lemon peel. Despite its youth it shows impressive intensity, with classy citrus

succulence, hints of jasmine and wet stones, and a rich vein of acidity. Has a promising future.

● **Leasingham, Classic Clare Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 (12%)**

Incredible depth on the nose of white flowers, peach and lime. Exemplary purity on the crystalline, layered, velvety palate which has a delicious, stony minerality feel, and a long, savoury finish. This has a terrific life ahead of it.

● **McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2007 (11%)**

£14 **Tesco**  
A classic example which – as is so often the way with the very best Hunter Valley Semillon – belies its age. A savoury wine, it has a discreet acid backbone, with delicate but mouthfilling flavours of lemon and honey on drizzled on toast. A great wine.

● **McGuigan, Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2008 (11.5%)**

A superb aged Riesling which still has plenty of life. The nose is complex, intriguing and displays pure stony fruit with a delightful mineral freshness, while the structured palate has a lovely feel to the spiky citrus fruit.

● **Penfolds, Yattarna Chardonnay 2012 (13%)**

£120 **Cru World Wine, Fraziers, Hedonism, Justerini & Brooks, Laithwaites, Lay & Wheeler,**  
A gleaming, streamlined Chardonnay, lovingly made to the nth degree with a lifted, struck-match and lemony nose that shows a beautiful barrel-fermented character. The palate is no less impressive, with a leesy underbelly and fine acid balance. Still young and tightly wound.

● **Pewsey Vale, The Contours Museum Reserve Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2009 (12.5%)**

£20 **Amazon, Champion Wines, Corks Out, Free Run Juice, Fortnum & Mason, Hennings, Philglas & Swiggot, Reserve Wines, Selfridges**  
Brilliant concentration on the nose of smoke, grapefruit, yellow apples and tropical fruit. The fresh palate shows petrol characters alongside notes of minerals, toasted brioche and a marmalade tanginess which lingers for minutes. Spectacular.

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● **Shaw, Isabella Riesling Reserve, Canberra District, New South Wales 2014 (11.5%)**  
A delicate, Kabinett-style take on Riesling boasting a perfumed nose of apple, pear, smoke, blossom and citrus. Although light in body, the limey palate still shows admirable texture and mouthwatering acidity, which offsets the sweetness.

● **Tempus Two, Pewter Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2011 (10.6%)**  
A classic Hunter Valley Semillon nose, drenched in honey and toast. The palate is broad and textured, showing delightful, lemony fruit and incredible finesse and complexity. A hallmark style and a stunning wine to cherish and cellar.

● **Tempus Two, Pewter Uno Zenith Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2011 (10.5%)**  
A captivating nose of brioche, lemon, lime, honey and lanolin. Succulent and mouthfilling, the palate is textured, with complex citrus fruit and structure thanks to the firm, ripe acidity. Has a positive future ahead.

● **Vasse Felix, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 (13%)**  
£20.99 **Amazon, Avery's, Philglas & Swigot**  
Modern, precise nose with a citric edge and peach notes. This is open and welcoming, with an apricot, spice and citrus palate, plus a smart acid line. There's a lovely, piercing tension but the fruit is there to balance, and this is ripe for enjoying now.

● **Yalumba, The Virgilius Viognier, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012 (14%)**  
£32 **Amazon, Hoult's, Hennings, Laithwaite's**  
An ambitious but drinkable, sinuous wine which really builds in the glass. The polished, oily palate has great balance, a mineral edge, bursts of apricot and peach and a cleansing finish leaving you with those stone fruits and a hint of spice.



● **Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Shiraz, South Australia 2013 (14.5%)**  
Very primary, forward and youthful, this needs a few years

to truly unfurl but still has plenty of appeal now. The nose is reserved, but it opens up more on the smooth palate, with lots of spice, dark plums, chocolate, plush tannins and rich oak.

● **Brookland Valley, Estate Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 (13.5%)**  
With a nose of blackcurrant leaf and cedar, this has a Bordeaux slant although is undeniably Margaret River. Elegant and fine-boned, the palate is silky and seamless, with a menthol lift, delicate but weighty tannins, and lovely, lingering flavours.

● **Brookland Valley, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 (13.5%)**  
An attractive, feminine, controlled wine, with ripples of berry fruit, seamless use of oak, amazing concentration and density. Intense and impressive, it's a tad closed at present but is clearly built for a long future and deserves time in bottle.

● **Château Tanunda, The Everest Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012 (14.5%)**  
A gutsy, brooding nose of grilled meat, spice, plums, undergrowth and herbs. Although needing time, there's still plenty on the dark but fresh palate to keep you interested, with its hint of dried fruits, gravelly tannins and finely judged use of oak.

● **Hardy's, Eileen Hardy Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 (14%)**  
£39.99 **Accolade, Hardy's 1853 Club**  
This is winemaking at its most polished, resulting in an intense, full-bodied, balanced, complex wine, with fantastically integrated oak, briary, chocolatey fruit, and a deliciously long finish polished off by a minty hint.

● **Hardy's, Thomas Hardy Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (14%)**  
£50 **Accolade**  
The nose is reticent, offering up only a smoky, toasted scent. But in the mouth it blossoms, with layers of luxurious dark fruits plus notes of cured meats and savoury spices. The depth of fruit, ripe tannins and acidity bode well for the future.

● **Houghton, Gladstones Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret**

**River, Western Australia 2013 (13.5%)**  
A formidable but balanced heavyweight that's still maturing. There's a brooding, elegant intensity of ripe dark fruits and lamb juices. The palate has crunchy, complex, savoury and luscious dark fruits, bound in ripe tannins and lifted by fresh acidity.

● **Kilikanoon, Killerman's Run GSM, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013 (14.5%)**  
£15 **Dalling & Co, Florish & Prosper, ND John, Tivoli Wines, Uncorked, Wimbledon Wine Cellars**  
A beautiful, luxurious nose of ripe, bold, black fruits leads on to a rounded palate that delivers similar generosity, framed by firm tannins that provide a grippy finish. There's a very attractive acid kick and a lovely, lifted violet note on the finish.

● **Lindeman's, Limestone Ridge Shiraz-Cabernet, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012 (14%)**  
Gorgeous nose with lovely purity and old-vine expression. Aromas of plums, cherry, redcurrants and rhubarb, ably supported by cinnamon tones. To taste it's fine, aromatic and concentrated, with cassis fruit, caramel and finely knit sandalwood oak.

● **Marks & Spencer, The Gum Vineyard Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 (13.5%)**  
£14 **Marks & Spencer**  
More austere than many but this has a classic structure, crunchy fruit, defined tannins and great drinkability. It's a lovely Adelaide Hills Shiraz with its spicy red fruit, flowers and a meaty finish. Not heavy, just perfectly framed.

● **McGuigan, Personal Reserve Shiraz, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014 (13.5%)**  
A modern Hunter Valley Shiraz, that is a real cracker. Blackberry, spice and pepper intertwine with a gentle violet perfume on the nose, while the structured but fresh palate has loads of extract, a brooding power and a polished, sappy finish.

● **Taylor's, St Andrews, Single Vineyard Release Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012 (14.5%)**  
£35 **Oz Wines**  
Polished and alluring aromas of coal, herbs, leafy cherry and

eucalyptus are followed by an intense, savoury, silky palate, with velvety tannins, high quality oak and lots of chocolate-kissed sloes and blackberries.

● **Taylor's, The Visionary Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012 (14%)**  
£95 **Oz Wines**  
Beautifully fragrant and complex blackcurrant, beetroot, liquorice, mint, eucalyptus, raspberry and vanilla. The palate is succulent and savoury, with cool-climate, deep berry fruit bound in fine-grained tannins, ending in a long and serious finish. Built to last.

● **Wolf Blass, Black Label, 38th Vintage Cabernet Sauvignon-Shiraz 2010 (15%)**  
A classic Aussie blend that has a concentrated nose of sweet spices and dark fruits. The palate has a lively entry of crunchy but ripe, inky fruit, supported by seamless tannins. A warming, elegant wine that needs a few more years to hit its stride.



● **All Saints, Grand Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (18%)**  
£34.60/375ml **Bowland Forest Vintners, Jascots, Woods Wines**  
An accomplished, elegant wine, with aromas of fresh grapes, raisins and caramel augmented by a delightful floral lift. The palate has wonderful intensity and freshness, being both gentle and deep, with poise and length.

● **All Saints, Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (17%)**  
£14.45/375ml **Bowland Forest Vintners, Jascots, Woods Wines**  
Aged rancio fruit, oak and a real punch of Muscat on the nose, along with caramel and toffee. The palate is rich and luscious, with depth, fine concentration, gorgeous balance, freshness, purity and delicious precision.

● **De Bortoli, Black Noble 10 Year Old, New South Wales NV (17.5%)**  
£22.90/500ml **Bon Coeur**  
\$52 **San Francisco Wine Exchange**  
Lusciously rich and exotic, this could rival any Port, Madeira or Sherry. Incredible and unusual, it delivers notes of smoke, wood, treacle, crème brûlée and fish oil; all driven on by brisk acidity. ➤

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● **Morris, Black Label Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia NV (17.5%)**

€18.95/500ml **Australian Wines Online, Oz Wines**

A lovely, aged and pure Muscat layered with mature oak and honeyed, floral notes. Superb intensity, and while oily and rich it remains fresh. A supple style with elegance and persistency.

● **Morris, Cellar One Classic Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (17.5%)**

€20/500ml **Bibendum PLB**

A complex, concentrated nose of peach and apricot. This has persistency, drive and lovely mouthfeel of flavours including honey, caramel and baked apple. An absolute classic with an excellent finish.

● **Morris, Cellar One Classic Liqueur Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (17.1%)**

€20/500ml **Bibendum PLB**

Expressive and enticing notes of caramel, pineapple, dried fruit and sweet spices. Concentrated but wonderfully balanced where each component works in harmony. And what a finish!

● **Morris, Old Premium Rare Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (17%)**

€79/500ml **Bibendum PLB**

A treacly, faintly woody, rich, spicy and concentrated nose. There's burnt sugar sweetness on the opulent palate, but also enough freshness within to keep it from becoming cloying, and the flavours linger forever.

● **Morris, Old Premium Rare Liqueur Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (18%)**

€79/500ml **Bibendum PLB**

A gloriously unctuous nose of roasted nuts, figs, prunes, treacle and caramel, followed up by a rich, rounded, savoury, rancio-flavoured palate decorated with notes of coffee and raisins. Something of a guilty pleasure.

● **Stanton & Killeen, Grand Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV (18%)**

€43.99/375ml **Bacchanalia, Berry Bros & Rudd, Harper Wells, Oddbins**

Dark, nutty and intense, the nose is formed of woody, caramel notes. In the mouth it's complex and succulent, with lift and freshness, showing powerful, burnt sugar and orange flavours leading to a lingering length.



**Gold fortified red**

● **Penfolds, Grandfather Rare Tawny NV (20%)**

€80 **Berry Bros & Rudd, Corking Wines, Edmond Wines**

Complex, meaty and brooding – reminiscent of Oloroso – with notes of toffee, sultanas, coffee and praline. Classy palate that has an alluring, salty tang along with dried fruit. Seamless, sustained and not at all shouty.

● **Saltram, Mr Pickwick's Particular Tawny, South Australia NV (19.5%)**

Complex nose of walnuts, rum and raisin, brown sugar molasses and wood polish. Layered, spicy and long, the palate is creamy with notes of preserved mandarins and toffee apple, and crisp, cleansing acidity.



**Silver sparkling white**

● **Bird in Hand, Joy, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2007**

● **House of Arras, Blanc de Blancs, Tasmania 2005**

● **House of Arras, Elite No 801 Brut, Tasmania NV**



**Silver white**

● **Bay of Fires, Pinot Gris, Tasmania 2014**

● **Bay of Fires, Riesling, Tasmania 2014**

● **Capel Vale, Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc, Pemberton, Western Australia 2014**

● **Devil's Corner, Riesling, Tasmania 2014**

● **Evans & Tate, Redbrook Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012**

● **Ferngrove, Cossack Riesling, Frankland River, Western Australia 2014**

● **Fraser Gallop, Parterre Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014**

● **Hardy's, Eileen Hardy Chardonnay 2013**

● **Hardy's, HRB Chardonnay 2013**

● **Hay Shed Hill, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013**

● **Henschke, Julius Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014**

● **Jacob's Creek, Steingarten Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012**

● **John Duval, Plexus Marsanne-Roussanne-Viognier, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014**

I **Josef Chromy, Zdar Chardonnay, Tasmania 2012**

● **Killerby, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013**

● **Las Vino, CBDB (Chenin Blanc Dynamic Blend), Margaret River, Western Australia 2013**

● **Leasingham, Classic Clare Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012**

● **Lindeman's, Semillon Bin 1355, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013**

● **Marks & Spencer, Chardonnay, Tasmania 2014**

● **McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2009**

● **McGuigan, Personal Reserve Blackberry Vineyard Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013**

● **McGuigan, Personal Reserve Hunter Ridge Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013**

● **McGuigan, The Shortlist Chardonnay Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013**

● **McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2004**

● **McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2010**

● **McGuigan, Vineyard Select Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2005**

● **McGuigan, Vineyard Select Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2006**

● **McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2009**

● **Nepenthe, Ithaca Chardonnay 2013, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013**

● **Oxford Landing, Viognier, South Australia 2014**

● **Peccavi, Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013**

● **Peter Lehmann, Margaret Semillon, Barossa, South Australia 2009**

● **Pewsey Vale, Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014**

● **Rosemount, Diamond Label Chardonnay 2014**

● **Sidewood, Mappinga Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013**

● **Soumah, Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013**

● **Taylor's, Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014**

● **Tempus Two, Copper Zenith Semillon Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2010**

● **Tempus Two, Pewter Uno**

**Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014**

● **Tyrrell's, Vat 1 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013**

● **Tyrrell's, Winemaker's Selection Vat 1 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2005**

● **Wolf Blass, White Label Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2008**

● **Wolf Blass, White Label Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2009**

● **Yalumba, Viognier, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013**



**Silver red**

● **Angove, Family Crest Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013**

● **Angove, Warboys Vineyard Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013**

● **Barossa Valley Estate, Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvedre, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012**

● **Barossa Valley Estate, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012**

● **Bay of Fires, Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2013**

● **Bird in Hand, Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013**

● **Bird in Hand, Mac Shiraz, South Australia 2012**

● **Blue Pyrenees, Estate, Pyrenees, Victoria 2012**

● **Blue Pyrenees, Richardson Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Victoria 2012**

● **Brand's Laira, Blockers Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012**

● **Bremerton, Batonnage Shiraz-Malbec, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013**

● **Brookland Valley, Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013**

● **Brookland Valley, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012**

● **Brothers In Arms, The Guardian Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012**

● **Byrne, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012**

● **Capel Vale, Scholar Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012**

● **Casella, 1919 Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2007**

● **Château Tanunda, Matthews Road Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012**

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- Wynns, Messenger Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010
- Yalumba, Old Bush Vine Grenache, Barossa, South Australia 2014



**Silver**  
**sweet white**

- De Bortoli, Deen Vat 5 Botrytis Semillon, New South Wales 2009
- Tempus Two, Pewter Botrytis Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013



**Silver**  
**fortified white**

- Chambers Rosewood, Old Vine Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV
- Stanton & Killeen Grand Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV
- Stanton & Killeen Classic Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV

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head sommelier, and then restaurant manager, at The Ledbury in Notting Hill, and as sommelier at The Square restaurant in Mayfair, both in London. Before that, she was head sommelier at London's Boxwood Café (Gordon Ramsay) and Zuma. At Selfridges, Davies assists clients in selecting wine, advises on how to set up a new cellar, or helps with the growth of an established one.



**Silver fortified red**

- Galway Pipe, Grand Tawny NV



**Bronze sparkling white**

- Blue Pyrenees, Midnight Cuvée Chardonnay, Pyrenees, Victoria 2010
- House of Arras, A by Arras, Tasmania NV
- House of Arras, Grand Vintage, Tasmania 2005
- Jacob's Creek, Sparkling Moscato NV
- Jansz, Brut, Tasmania 2009
- Jansz, Premium Cuvée Brut, Tasmania NV



**Bronze sparkling rosé**

- Jansz, Premium Brut Rosé Tasmania NV



**Bronze white**

- Aldi, Lot 02 Chardonnay, Pipers River, Tasmania 2013
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014
- Aravina, Wildwood Ridge Reserve Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014
- Bay of Fires, Chardonnay, Tasmania 2013
- Bird in Hand, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Bird in Hand, Pinot Gris, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Bird in Hand, Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Brash, Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Brookland Valley, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Castelli, Il Liris Chardonnay, Denmark, Western Australia 2013
- Coldstream Hills, Reserve Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013

- Dalrymple, Cave Block Chardonnay, Pipers River, Tasmania 2012

- Dandelion Vineyards, Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Dandelion Vineyards, Twilight of the Adelaide Hills Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Dandelion Vineyards, Wonderland of the Eden Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- De Bortoli, Section A5 Chardonnay Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014

- De Bortoli, Villages Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013

- Deakin Estate, Viognier, Victoria 2014

- Domaine Naturaliste, Artus Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

- Domaine Naturaliste, Floris Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

- Domaine Naturaliste, Sauvage Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

- Eddystone Point, Riesling, Tasmania 2013

- Eden Hall, Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Evans & Tate, Breathing Space, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Fuddling Cup, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Gatt, Riesling, High Eden, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Giant Steps, Tarraford Vineyard Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014

- Grant Burge, Kraft Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Hardy's, HRB Chardonnay 2012

- Hardy's, HRB Pinot Gris 2014

- Heirloom, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Heirloom, Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Heydon, The Willow

- Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012

- Howard Park, Chardonnay, Western Australia 2013

- Howard Park, Miamup Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Howard Park, Riesling, Mount Barker, Western Australia 2014

- Jacob's Creek, Classic Sauvignon Blanc, South Eastern Australia 2014

- Jacob's Creek Cool Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, South Eastern Australia 2014

- Jacob's Creek, Steingarten Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013

- Jim Barry, The Lodge Hill Dry Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014

- Jonathan Tolley, Pinot Grigio, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Josef Chromy, Riesling, Tasmania 2014

- Kilikanoon, Mort's Reserve Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014

- Killerby, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012

- Knee Deep, Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Lenton Brae, Chardonnay, Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011

- Lenton Brae, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Magpie, Rag & Bone Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2011

- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2005

- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2003

- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon 2014, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014

- McGuigan, Bin Series 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2010

- McGuigan, Bin Series 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013

- McGuigan, Personal Reserve Hunter Ridge Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014

- McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2011

- McGuigan, The Shortlist Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013

- McGuigan, The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013

- McGuigan The Shortlist Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South

**Wales 2007**

- McHenry Hohnen, Burnside Vineyard Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013

- McWilliam's, Chardonnay, Tumbarumba, New South Wales 2013

- Morrisons, Crisp & Refreshing Pinot Grigio, South Eastern Australia 2014

- Mount Pleasant, Lovedale, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2007

- Mr Riggs, Cold Chalk Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013

- Mr Riggs, Ein Riese Riesling, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Mr. Riggs, Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014

- Nepenthe, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013

- Nepenthe, Petraea Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Nepenthe Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Nugan, Frasca's Lane Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, King Valley, Victoria 2014

- O'Leary Walker, Polish Hill River Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2011

- O'Leary Walker, Polish Hill River Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014

- O'Leary Walker, Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014

- Oxford Landing, Sauvignon Blanc, South Australia 2014

- Penfolds, Bin 13A Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013

- Penfolds, Bin 311 Chardonnay, Tumbarumba, New South Wales 2013

- Penfolds, Bin 51 Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Peter Lehmann, Hill & Valley Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Peter Lehmann, Portrait Dry Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014

- Peter Lehmann, Wigan Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2009

- Preveli, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Preveli, Wild Thing Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Rochford, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013

- Rosemount MV Collection Chardonnay, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014

- Rosily, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014

- Shaw, Vineyard Estate Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Canberra District, New South Wales 2014

- Shingleback, Haycutters Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014

- Simon Lang, Sauvignon Blanc, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2009

- Singlefile, Fumé Blanc, Pemberton, Western Australia 2014 >

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- Skillogalee Trevarrick Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Skillogalee Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013
- Snake + Herring, Marks & Spencer, High + Dry Riesling, Porongurup, Great Southern, Western Australia 2014
- Stella Bella, Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014
- Stella Bella, Serie Luminosa Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Tamar Ridge, Sauvignon Blanc, Tamar Valley, Tasmania 2014
- Taylors, St Andrews Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014
- Telegraph Station, Cuvée 1872 Semillon, South Eastern Australia 2014
- Tempus Two, Pewter Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013
- Tempus Two, Zenith Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2009
- The Interlude, Semillon, South Eastern Australia 2014
- Thompson, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Thorn-Clarke, Mount Crawford Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014
- Tournon, Mathilda Chaptoutier, Victoria 2014
- Tyrrell's, Single Vineyard Belford Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013
- Tyrrell's, Vat 1 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2009
- Tyrrell's, Vat 47 Hunter Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013
- Tyrrell's, Vat 1 Hunter Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2006
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Riesling, Clare Valley & Eden Valley 2011
- Wolf Blass, White Label Chardonnay, Piccadilly Valley, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Yalumba, Organic Viognier, South Australia 2014
- Yalumba, Roussanne, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013
- Zonte's Footstep, Doctressa Di Lago Pinot Grigio, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Zonte's Footstep, Excalibur Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014



**Bronze  
red**

- Aberdeen, Angus The Bull Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Victoria, Victoria 2013
- Aberdeen, Wee Angus Cabernet-Merlot, Central Victoria, Victoria 2013
- All Saints, Durif, Rutherglen, Victoria 2012

- Amphora, Cartel Padthaway, South Australia 2012
- Angove, Warboys Vineyard Shiraz-Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Annie's Lane, Copper Trail Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Aravina Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Atika, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2010
- Barossa Drive Reserve Shiraz Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014
- Barossa Valley Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Barton Steer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013
- Basedow's, Shiraz Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Bellvale, Quercus Vineyard Pinot Noir, Gippsland, Victoria 2013
- Bellvale, Stony Block Pinot Noir, Gippsland, Victoria 2013
- Bethany, GR Reserve Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Bethany, Le Réserve Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Bethany, Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Bird in Hand, Merlot, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Bird in Hand, Mt Lofty Ranges Shiraz, South Australia 2013
- Bird in Hand, Nero d'Avola, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2010
- Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Merlot, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Shiraz, South Australia 2012
- Blue Pyrenees, Reserve Shiraz, Pyrenees, Victoria 2012
- Blue Pyrenees, The Richardson Series Shiraz, Victoria 2012
- Brand's Laira, One Seven One Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010
- Braydun Hill, Single Vineyard Premium Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Brokenwood, Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013
- Brothers in Arms, Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2010
- Brothers in Arms, Formby & Adams Cutting Edge Cabernet-Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2010
- Brothers in Arms, Formby & Adams Leading Horse Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2010
- Brothers in Arms, The Guardian Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Buckingham Estate, Reserve Shiraz, Western Australia 2011
- Byrne, Reserve Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013
- Cape Naturaliste, Torpedo Rocks Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011
- Capel Vale, Regional Series



**BEHIND THE  
SCORESHEET**

**Kavita Faiella**

*(also judged Middle East, Far East & Asia)*

AFTER WORKING WITH a number of Australia's most celebrated chefs, Faiella went to the Maldives, as head sommelier of the Conrad, and then as the regional cellar master for Aman

Resorts, where she developed the wine programmes for properties in Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, India and Sri Lanka. In 2010, she became the wine director of the Press Room Group, where she was responsible for 12 Hong Kong restaurants. Today Faiella is based in Sydney running her own consultancy company, Voyageur Selections. She continues to work as a brand ambassador for wineries in the Asia-Pacific region, and also offers wine programme consultancy for restaurants and hotels. She hopes to pass the final part of her exams to become Australia and Asia's first female Master Sommelier.

- Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Casella, 1919 Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2008
- Casella, 1919 Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2007
- Casella, 1919 Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2010
- Casella, Beyond Horizon Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Casella, Beyond Horizons Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Casella, Beyond the Black Stump Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Casella, Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2012
- Casella, Limited Release Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2012
- Castelli, Cabernet, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013
- Castelli, Il Liris, Frankland River, Western Australia 2012
- Castelli, Shiraz, Great Southern, Western Australia 2013
- Chapel Hill, Bush Vine Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Château Tanunda, 100 Year Old Vines Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Château Tanunda, 150 Year Old Vines, 1858 Field Blend, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Château Tanunda, Chorus Tempranillo-Garnacha-Graciano, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Château Tanunda, Grand Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Château Tanunda, Marks &

- Spencer Petit Verdot, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Château Tanunda, Parishes Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Château Tanunda, Everest Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2010
- Churchview, The Bartondale Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Clairault, Cabernet, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Cloudburst, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Credaro, Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Credaro, Family Estate Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Credaro, Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Cumulus, Climbing Cabernet Sauvignon, Orange, New South Wales 2013
- Cumulus, Climbing Merlot, Orange, New South Wales 2013
- Cumulus, Climbing Shiraz, Orange, New South Wales 2013
- Dalrymple, Pinot Noir, Pipers River, Tasmania 2013
- Dandelion Vineyards, Lion's Tooth Shiraz-Riesling, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Dandelion Vineyards, Lioness of McLaren Vale Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- D'Arenberg, The Galvo Garage, South Australia 2010
- De Bortoli, Estate Grown Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014
- Deakin Estate, Shiraz, Victoria 2014

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- Deep Woods Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Deep Woods Reserve Block 7 Shiraz Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Deep Woods, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Devil's Corner, Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2014
- Domain Barossa, Naked Angels' Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Domaine Naturaliste, Morus Australis Cabernet, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Dynasty, Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Evans & Tate, Breathing Space, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Evans & Tate, Redbrook Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011
- Evans & Tate, Redbrook Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011
- Evoi, The Satyr Reserve, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Ferngrove, Cabernet, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013
- Fox Creek, Jim's Script, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot-Cabernet Franc-Petit Verdot, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Fox Creek, Postmaster Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvedre, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Fox Creek, Short Row Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Fuddling Cup, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011
- Fuddling Cup, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Gatt, Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Gatt, High Eden Cabernet Sauvignon, High Eden, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Gatt, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Gatt, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- Gatt, Shiraz, High Eden, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Geoff Hardy, Pertaringa Undercover Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Glaetzer, Bishop, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Grant Burge, Benchmark Shiraz, South Australia 2013
- Grant Burge, Corryton Park Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, South Australia 2010
- Hardy's, HRB Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
- Hardy's, HRB Shiraz 2013
- Hardy's, Nottage Hill Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Hardy's, Nottage Hill Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2014
- Hardy's, William Hardy Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Hardy's, William Hardy Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Hardy's Tintara Upper Tintara Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Heartland, Director's Cut Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Heirloom, Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Heirloom, Shiraz, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Henry's Drive, H Syrah, Padthaway, South Australia 2012
- Higher Plane, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011
- Hither & Yon, Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Houghton, CW Ferguson Cabernet-Malbec, Great Southern, Western Australia 2012
- Houghton, Crofters Cabernet Sauvignon, Frankland River, Western Australia 2012
- Houghton, Crofters Shiraz, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013
- Houghton, Thomas Yule Shiraz, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013
- House of Cards, The Joker Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Irvine, Estate Merlot, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Irvine, Zinfandel Reserve, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Jacob's Creek, Classic Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Jacob's Creek, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Jacob's Creek, Reserve Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Jacob's Creek, St Hugo Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2008
- Jericho, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- John Duval, Annexus Grenache, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- John Duval, Eligo Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- John Duval, Entity Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Jonathan Tolley, Shiraz McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Josef Chromy, Marks & Spencer, Pure South Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2013
- Josef Chromy, Zdar Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2012
- Katnook, Merlot, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Katnook, Shiraz, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Kellermeister, Black Sash Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Kellermeister, Missy Moo Mataro, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Kellermeister, The Firstborn Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Kellermeister, Wild Witch Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Kilikanoon, Blocks Road Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Kilikanoon, Duke Reserve Grenache, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Kilikanoon, Prodigal Grenache, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Kingston Echelon Petit Verdot, Riverland, South Australia 2010
- Leasingham, Bin 61 Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Leasingham, Classic Clare Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013
- Leconfield, Richard Hamilton Centurion 121 Year Old Vine Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Limb, Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Lindeman's, Pyrus Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc-Malbec, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Lisa McGuigan, Platinum Collection Shiraz, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2012
- Longview, The Piece Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2010
- Longview, Yakka Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- McGuigan, Handmade Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- McGuigan, Handmade Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013
- McGuigan, The Shortlist GSM, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- McGuigan, The Shortlist Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- McGuigan, The Shortlist Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2006
- McHenry Hohnen, Rolling Stone, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- McLaren Vale III Associates, Giant Squid Ink Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- McWilliam's, Cabernet Sauvignon Hilltops, New South Wales 2012
- Mitolo, Angela Shiraz McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Morrisons, Signature Limestone Coast Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013
- Mount Langi Ghiran, The Society's Exhibition Victoria Shiraz, Victoria 2011
- Mr Riggs, Generation Series The Magnet Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Mr Riggs, The Gaffer Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Mr Riggs, Yacca Paddock Tempranillo, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Murdoch Hill, The Landau, Oakbank Syrah, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Nepenthe, Altitude Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- Nepenthe, Gate Block Shiraz 2012, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- Nepenthe, Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- Nepenthe, The Good Doctor Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013
- Nine Acre Block, Matilda's Ghost Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Nugan, Dried Grape Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013
- Penfolds, Bin 150 Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Penfolds, Bin 389 Cabernet-Shiraz, South Australia 2012
- Penfolds, Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- Penfolds, Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz-Cabernet, South Australia 2013
- Penfolds, RWT Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Penley, Phoenix, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Pertaringa, Rifle & Hunt Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaide, South Australia 2013
- Peter Lehmann, Clancy's, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Peter Lehmann, Hill & Valley Tempranillo, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Peter Lehmann, Portrait Cabernet, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Peter Lehmann, Portrait Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Peter Lehmann, VSV 1885 Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Peter Lehmann, VSV Hearnden Shiraz, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013
- Plantagenet, Cabernet Sauvignon, Great Southern, Western Australia 2013
- Plantagenet Shiraz, Great Southern, Western Australia 2012
- Preveli, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Preveli, Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Redheads Studio, Barrel Monkeys McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Redheads Studio, Esulé, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Redheads Studio, Tomahawk, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Reschke Vitulus Coonawarra, South Australia 2010
- Reynella, Basket Pressed Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Reynella, Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Richard Hamilton, Colton's GSM, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Riddoch Coonawarra, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount, Diamond Label Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount, Diamond Label Shiraz, South Australia 2013
- Rosemount, District Release Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Rosemount, GSM, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount, MV Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount Balmoral Syrah, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount District Release Traditional McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount Little Berry GSM, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014 ➤

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- Rosemount Little Berry Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Rosemount MV Collection GSM, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Saltram, Mamre Brook Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Saltram, Moculta Rd Vineyard Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- Saltram, Pepperjack Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Saltram Mamre Brook Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Saltram No 1 Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- Saracen, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2010
- Schild, Grenache-Mourvèdre-Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Schild, Moorooroo Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Serafino, Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Shaw, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Canberra District, New South Wales 2013
- Shaw, Merriman Merlot, Canberra District, New South Wales 2013
- Shaw, Shiraz, Canberra District, New South Wales 2013
- Shingleback, D Block Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Shingleback, D Block Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Shingleback, Haycutters Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Shingleback, Red Knot Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014
- Shingleback, The Gate Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Shingleback, Unedited Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Singlefile, Clement V, Frankland River, Western Australia 2013
- Singlefile, Pinot Noir, Denmark, Western Australia 2014
- Singlefile, The Philip Adrian Cabernet Sauvignon, Frankland River, Western Australia 2012
- Sister's Run, Calvary Hill Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Skillogalee, Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Skillogalee The Cabernets, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Some Young Punks, Three Monkeys Shiraz-Grenache-Mataro, South Australia 2013
- Songlines, Bylines Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Soumah, Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014
- St Hugo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010
- St Hugo, Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- St Hugo, Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2010
- Stella Bella, Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Stella Bella, Serie Luminosa Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Step Rd, Cabernet Sauvignon,

- Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Step Rd Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Stonier, Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 2013
- Stonyfell, Bin 62 Cabernet-Shiraz-Malbec, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013
- Stormflower, Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Streicker, Bridgeland Block Syrah, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Streicker, Ironstone Block Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Stuart Wines, Whitebox Shiraz, Heathcote, Victoria 2012
- Taltarni, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pyrenees, Victoria 2012
- Taltarni, Shiraz, Pyrenees, Victoria 2012
- Tamar Ridge, Pinot Noir, Tamar Valley, Tasmania 2012
- Taylors, Promised Land Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia 2014
- Taylors, Promised Land Shiraz-Cabernet South Australia 2014
- Taylors, Reserve Parcel Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013
- Taylors, St Andrews Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Tellurian Heathcote GSM, Heathcote, Victoria 2013
- Tellurian Pastiche Shiraz, Heathcote, Victoria 2013
- Tellurian Tranter Shiraz, Heathcote, Victoria 2013
- Tempus Two, Uno Shiraz, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014
- Tesco, The Regions Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- The Colonial Estate, Exile Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- The Colonial Estate, Explorateur Old Vine Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013
- Thistledown, The Vagabond Old Vine Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Thomson, W&J Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012
- Thorn-Clarke, Ron Thorn Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Thorn-Clarke, William Randell Cabernet Sauvignon, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012
- Thorn-Clarke, William Randell Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Tidswell, Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2012
- Trentham, Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Trentham, Family Reserve Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2013
- Trentham, Family Reserve Shiraz, Heathcote, Victoria 2010
- Turkey Flat, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Vasse Felix, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Vasse Felix, Heytesbury, Margaret

- River, Western Australia 2011
- Victory Point, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2010
- Willunga 100, Shiraz-Viognier, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Willunga 100, The Hundred Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013
- Windows, Basket Pressed Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013
- Wine by Sam, Victorian Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Victoria 2012
- Wingara, Azahara Shiraz, Murray Darling, Victoria 2014
- Wingara, La La Land Malbec, Victoria 2013
- Wirra Wirra, RSW Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Brown Label Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Malbec, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Shiraz-Viognier, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2010
- Wolf Blass, Gold Label Syrah, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Grey Label Cabernet-Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Grey Label Cabernet-Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2010
- Wolf Blass, Moculta Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, Platinum Label Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010
- Wolf Blass, St John's Ebenezer Road Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012
- Wolf Blass, White Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012
- Woody Nook, Gallagher's Choice Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012
- Wynns, Black Label Shiraz, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Wynns, Cabernet-Shiraz-Merlot, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Wynns, The Siding Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013
- Wynns, V&A Lane Cabernet-Shiraz, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Wynns, V&A Lane Shiraz, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012
- Yabby Lake, Marks & Spencer Red Claw Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 2013
- Yalumba, Paradox Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2010
- Yellow Tail, Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia 2010
- Zilzie, Regional Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra, South Australia 2013

- Zonte's Footstep, Avalon Tree Cabernet, Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia 2013
- Zonte's Footstep, Baron Von Nemesis Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013
- Zonte's Footstep, Chocolate Factory Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013



### Bronze sweet white

- Buller, Berverford Gold, Victoria 2010
- De Bortoli, Marks & Spencer, Hermits Hill Botrytis Semillon, Riverina, New South Wales 2009
- De Bortoli, Noble One, New South Wales 2013
- De Bortoli, Tesco Finest Dessert Wine, Riverina, New South Wales 2009
- Kulara, Lighting Creek Moscato, South Eastern Australia NV
- Nugan, Cookoothera Botrytis Semillon, New South Wales 2010,



### Bronze sweet rosé

- Innocent Bystander, Moscato Victoria 2014



### Bronze fortified white

- Baileys of Glenrowan, Founder Classic Muscat, Glenrowan, Victoria NV
- Campbells, Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV
- Campbells Rutherglen Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV
- De Bortoli, Show Liqueur Muscat, New South Wales NV
- Stanton & Killeen, Muscat, Rutherglen, Victoria NV
- Stanton & Killeen, Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria NV



### Bronze fortified red

- De Bortoli, Old Boys 21 Year Old Tawny NV
- Grant Burge, 10 Year Old Tawny, Barossa, South Australia NV
- Hardy's, Whiskers Blake Classic Tawny, South Eastern Australia NV
- Kalleske, JMK Shiraz VP, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014
- Yalumba, Museum Reserve 50 Years Old Tawny, Barossa, South Australia NV

### Commended sparkling white

- Pirie, Brut, Tasmania NV, Saracen, Marée, Margaret River, Western Australia 2010,

### Commended sparkling rosé

- Bird in Hand, Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014
- House of Arras, Brut Rosé, Tasmania 2005
- Taltarni, Taché 2011

### Commended sparkling red

- Grant Burge, Sparkling Shiraz

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Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia NV ● Shingleback, Black Bubbles McLaren Vale, South Australia NV

## Commended white

● Andrew Peace, Signature Chardonnay, Victoria 2014 ● Basedow's, Village White, Barossa, South Australia 2014 ● Bellvale Athena's Vineyard Chardonnay, Gippsland, Victoria 2012 ● Bethany, Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Bird in Hand, Arneis, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012 ● Bird in Hand, Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Casella, Beyond Horizons Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia 2013 ● Château Tanunda, 150 Year Old Vines Semillon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Compass Point, Pinot Grigio, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Cumulus, Chardonnay, Orange, New South Wales 2013 ● De Bortoli, Estate Grown Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014 ● De Bortoli, Family Selection Chardonnay, New South Wales 2014 ● Deakin Estate, Chardonnay, Victoria 2014 ● Deakin Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Victoria 2014 ● Domaine Naturaliste, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Domaine Naturaliste, Purus Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Domaine Naturaliste, Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Dynasty, Sauvignon Blanc, South Eastern Australia 2013 ● Eddystone Point, Pinot Gris, Tasmania 2013 ● Evans & Tate, Breathing Space Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Fowles, Ladies who Shoot their Lunch, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2012 ● Hardy's, HRB Riesling, Clare Valley & Tasmania 2014 ● Hardy's, William Hardy Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Hay Shed Hill Pitchfork Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Heggies, Chardonnay, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013 ● Heirloom, Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Hill-Smith, Chardonnay, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Howard Park, Tesco Finest Tingleup Riesling, Great Southern, Western Australia 2012 ● Jacob's Creek, Reeves Point Chardonnay, Kangaroo Island, South Australia 2013 ● Jacob's Creek, Reserve

Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Jacob's Creek Classic Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Jamiesons Run, Chardonnay, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2014 ● Juniper, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Killerby, Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Kingston Estate Wines, Sainsbury's Winemakers' Selection Limestone Coast Chardonnay, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013 ● L.A.S. Vino, Wild Ferment Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Lenton Brae, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Wilyabrup Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Lenton Brae, Southside Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Lisa McGuigan, Platinum Collection Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2012 ● Lisa McGuigan, Silver Collection Chardonnay, South Australia 2014 ● Maggie, The Next Big Thing Chardonnay, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014 ● McGuigan, Shortlist Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012 ● McGuigan, Shortlist Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014 ● McGuigan The Shortlist Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2012 ● McWilliam's, 842 Chardonnay, Tumburumba, New South Wales 2013 ● Millbrook, Estate Viognier Perth Hills, Western Australia 2014 ● Mount Pleasant, Elizabeth Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013 ● Nepenthe, Ithaca Chardonnay Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2010 ● Nugan, Frasca's Lane Chardonnay, King Valley, Victoria 2013 ● Oxford Landing, Chardonnay, South Australia 2014 ● Peccavi Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Penfolds, Cellar Reserve Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 ● Plantagenet, Riesling, Great Southern, Western Australia 2014 ● Plantagenet Chardonnay, Great Southern, Western Australia 2013 ● Rosily, Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Santolin Reserve Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2014 ● Sidewood The Owen Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Singlefile, Family Reserve Chardonnay, Denmark, Western Australia 2014 ● South Gippsland Wine Company, Caledonia Australis Chardonnay 2013, Gippsland, Victoria 2013 ● Spar Australia

Chardonnay Reserve South Eastern Australia NV ● Stella Bella, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Stormflower, Sauvignon Blanc, Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Taylors, Chardonnay, South Australia 2014 ● Taylors, Jaraman Chardonnay 2014 ● Tempus Two, Pewter Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2014 ● The Signal Post, Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Thompson, Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Thorn-Clarke, Eden Trail Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Trentham, Family Reserve Chardonnay, Tasmania 2013 ● Victory Point, Victory Point Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Voyager Estate, Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Wyndham, Bin 222 Chardonnay South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Yalumba, Y Series Viognier, South Australia 2014

## Commended rosé

● Preveli, Wild Thing Pinot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 ● Shingleback, Haycutters Salmon Rosé, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014

## Commended red

● Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013 ● Angove, Family Crest Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Angove, Family Crest Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvedre, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014 ● Angove, Warboys Vineyard Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Asda, Extra Special Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Asda, Extra Special Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013 ● Atika, Tempranillo, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2010 ● Balnaves, Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010 ● Bellvale, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, Victoria 2013 ● Beresford Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Bird in Hand, Montepulciano, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 ● Bird in Hand, Nest Egg Cabernet Sauvignon, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012 ● Bird in Hand, Two in the Bush Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 ● Blaxland, Tanunda Hill Reserve Single Estate Shiraz Barossa, South Australia 2012 ● Bleasdale, Mulberry Tree Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013 ● Bleasdale Second Innings Malbec, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013 ● Brash, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Bremerton, Walter's Reserve Cabernet, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2010 ● Cahillton, Shiraz, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013 ● Caledonia Australis, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, Victoria 2013 ● Campbells, Durif, Rutherglen, Victoria 2012 ● Capel Vale, Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Casella, 1919 Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2008 ● Casella The Black Stump Reserve Shiraz Clare Valley, South Australia 2013 ● Chapel Hill, The Vicar, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Churchview, The Bartondale Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Compass Point, Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Cranswick, Shiraz, South Australia 2014 ● Credaro, Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Credaro, Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Cullen, Mangan East Block, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Cumulus, Merlot, Orange, New South Wales 2011 ● Cumulus, Rolling Grenache Shiraz Mouvedre, New South Wales 2013 ● Cumulus, Rolling Shiraz, New South Wales 2013 ● Cumulus, Shiraz, Orange, New South Wales 2011 ● Curly Flat, Pinot Noir Macedon Ranges, Victoria 2012 ● Dalrymple, Bicheno Pinot Noir, Tasmania 2012 ● De Bortoli, Family Reserve Petite Sirah, Riverina, New South Wales 2012 ● De Bortoli, Villages Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013 ● Eden Hall, Springton Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013 ● Edgemill, Rare Penny Kulara Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon South Eastern Australia 2013 ● Fairbank, Pinot Noir, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Ferngrove, Dragon Shiraz, Frankland River, Western Australia 2012 ● Fowles, Ladies who Shoot their Lunch, Central Victoria, Victoria 2013 ● Gatt, Cabernet Sauvignon, High Eden, Eden Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Gatt, Shiraz, High Eden, Eden Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Gemtree, Bloodstone, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Gemtree, Uncut Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Glaetzer, Anaperenna, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Hardy's, Nottage Hill Pinot Noir, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Hardy's, Tintara Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Hardy's, Tintara, Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Hardy's, William Hardy Shiraz, South Australia 2013 ● Heartland, Director's Cut Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2012 ● Heartland, Dolcetto & Lagrein, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013 ● Heirloom, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Henry's Drive, Dead Letter Office Shiraz, Padthaway, South Australia 2013 ● Henschke, Cyril Henschke Eden Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Heydon, WG Grace Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Higher Plane, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2010 ● Howard Park, Leston Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Irvine, James Irvine Grand Merlot, Eden Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Jacob's Creek, Classic Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Jacob's Creek, Johann Shiraz-Cabernet, South Australia 2010 ● Jacob's Creek, Two Lands Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 ● Jim Barry, The Lodge Hill Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Juniper, Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River, Western Australia 2011 ● Juniper, Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Kingsland, Australian Red, South Eastern Australia NV ● Kingsland, Barossa Drive Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Kingston, Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia 2013 ● Kingston, Echelon Shiraz, South Australia 2012 ● Kingston, Petit Verdot, Riverland, South Australia 2014 ● Kingston, Sainsbury's Winemakers' Selection Petit Verdot, Riverland, South Australia 2013 ● Kingston Estate Shiraz, Wrattontully, South Australia 2013 ➤



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Stefan Neumann

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Quat'Saisons in Oxford, Restaurant Hotel Obauer in Salzburg, and Steirereck in Vienna. Neumann is currently studying to become a Master Sommelier.

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● Kingston Estate Wines, Sainsbury's Winemakers' Selection South Australian Shiraz, South Australia 2013 ● Krondorf, Symmetry Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Las Vino, Portuguese Pirate Blend, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Leasingham, Bin 56 Cabernet-Malbec, Clare Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Leasingham, Classic Clare Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Leconfield, Richard Hamilton Hut Block Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Leconfield, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Leconfield Merlot, Coonawarra, South Australia 2013 ● Lindeman's, Regional Series Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Barossa, South Australia 2013 ● Lisa McGuigan, Wilde Thing Cabernet-Shiraz, South Australia 2014 ● Longview, Nebbiolo, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2012 ● Maggie, The Mixed Thing, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013 ● McGuigan, Shortlist Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012 ● McGuigan, Shortlist Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010 ● McHenry Hohnen, Rocky Road Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Mildara, White Label Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2012 ● Millbrook Sangiovese, Geographe, Western Australia 2014 ● Mitolo, G.A.M. Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Mr. Riggs, Castro's Ligador Shiraz-Mataro, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Mr. Riggs, The Truant Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Murdoch Hill, The Cronberry Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Nepenthe, Altitude Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2014 ● Nepenthe, Tempranillo, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 ● Normans Chais Clarendon Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2010 ● Nugan, Alfredo, Dried Grape Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013 ● Nugan, Alfredo, Second Pass Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013 ● Nugan, Manuka Grove Durif, Riverina, New South Wales 2010 ● Oxford Landing, Cabernet sauvignon-Shiraz, South Australia 2013 ● Peccavi, Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 ● Penfolds, Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia 2012 ● Pertaringa, Over the Top Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Peter Lehmann, Mentor Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2011 ● Peter Lehmann, VSV Ruediger Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013 ● Redheads Studio, Dogs of the Barossa Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Richard Hamilton Burton's Vineyard Old Bush Vine Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Rochford, Syrah, Yarra Valley, Victoria 2013 ● Rosemount, Single Vineyard Series Dry Red, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Schild, Ben Schild Reserve Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Shaw, Estate Merlot, Canberra District, New South Wales 2013 ● Shingleback, Davey Brothers Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Shingleback, Davey Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Shingleback, Davey Estate Reserve Shiraz, McLaren Vale,

South Australia 2013 ● Shingleback, Vin Vale Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Singlefile, Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Australia 2013 ● Sirromet, Signature Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Granite Belt, Queensland 2013 ● Sister's Run Bethlehem Block Cabernet, Barossa, South Australia 2013 ● Songlines, Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Spar, Hand Selected Australian Cabernet-Shiraz, South Eastern Australia NV ● St Hugo, Vetus Purum Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia 2010 ● St Leonards, Cabernet Franc, Rutherglen, Victoria 2013 ● Stonyfell, Black Label Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013 ● Taylors, Merlot, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Taylors, Promised Land Shiraz, South Australia 2014 ● Taylors, Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 ● Telegraph Station, Cuvée 1872 Pinot Noir, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● The Colonial Estate, Émigré, Barossa, South Australia 2012 ● The Interlude, Pinot Noir, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● The Old Faithful, Café Block Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● The Old Faithful, Top of the Hill Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● The Perfect Storm, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Thistledown, Thorny Devil Old Vine Single Vineyard Grenache, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2013 ● Thompson, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2011 ● Thomson, Old Pumphouse Shiraz, South Australia 2013 ● Tyrrell's, Single Vineyard Stevens Shiraz, Hunter Valley, New South Wales 2013 ● Voyager Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2010 ● Voyager Estate, Girt by Sea Cabernet-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● W. Salter, Pepperjack Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013 ● Willunga 100, Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Willunga 100, McLaren Vale Cabernet/Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Willunga 100, Tempranillo, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2014 ● Windows, Basket Pressed Syrah, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 ● Wirra Wirra, Catapult Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Wirra Wirra, Church Block, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 ● Wirrega, Sfera Shiraz, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013 ● Wolf Blass, Lyndoch Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Wolf Blass Dorrien Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2012 ● Woodstock, Pilot's View Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Woodstock, The Octogenarian Grenache-Tempranillo, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 ● Yalumba, FDR 1A Cabernet-Shiraz, Eden Valley, South Australia 2011 ● Yalumba, The Octavius Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2009 ● Yalumba, The Tri-Centenary Grenache, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2008 ● Zilzie, Regional Collection Shiraz, Barossa, South Australia 2013 ● Zilzie, Shiraz-Viognier, South Eastern Australia 2014 ● Zonte's Footstep, Violet Beaugard Malbec, Langhorne Creek, South Australia 2013

**Commended sweet white**  
● Yalumba, FSW8B Botrytis Viognier, Wrattontully, South Australia 2014

## Austria



### Regional Chair

**Andreas Larsson** (see judges, p4)

DESPITE ALL THE talk about how modern technique, better viticulture and strict selection evens out the impact of vintage, it's evident that it does play an important role in wine quality. This was clearly seen when we tasted through the 2014s, a tricky and demanding year (only 14 of the 86

wines we gave awards to were from 2014). They aren't bad wines per se, however at this young stage they are just lacking a bit of charm and roundness, showing high acidity and rather lean structures. They should come around (stay tuned for DWWA 2016), but until then stick to the 2013s and 2012s that are still available on the market.

### What should we buy from here?

Occupying a third of the total vineyard area, it's no surprise that Grüner Veltliner is what Austria does best. It's such a generous and diverse variety, spanning the lighter, peppery and fresher styles to the lush, bold, tropical and powerful examples with great longevity. Even if Riesling is only a small segment of the total production, it still makes some of the most delicious white wines in the world from the stony terraces in Niederösterreich, combining power with freshness and unparalleled elegance. The reds are constantly improving and the most stable performer is undoubtedly Blaufränkisch as a solo player or in blends. Sauvignon Blanc from Styria is another style that truly deserves more attention: these are very vibrant, ripe and fresh examples that can't be compared with New Zealand or the Loire – truly a style of their own.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Zweigelt wasn't too convincing this year – only two Commendeds were awarded. Some of the wines can be straightforward and generous but rarely get the nuance or complexity we find in Blaufränkisch or Sankt Laurent. Speaking of the latter, this is a much more steady variety for more Burgundian, softer and suppler styles of red. However many this year that did not make the cut left a lot to be desired, being overripe, jammy and out of balance.

### What should we keep an eye on?

Apart from the obvious Wachau, Wagram, Kamptal and Kremstal Rieslings and Grüners, there are so many interesting subregions to keep an eye on. Those from Thermenregion are fundamentally different to the above mentioned styles in their very aromatic, lush and bold profile yet still with that distinct Austrian spiciness. For fresher and unoaked whites, look out for the other varieties of Styria – Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Welschriesling (they are a bit more uneven when oak is involved). Last but not least, don't forget the golden elixirs from the banks of Lake Neusiedl. Our Regional Trophy winner proves these wines truly belong in the world's top echelon of sweet wine.

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**Austria won**

**0** International Trophies (see p19)  
**2** Regional Trophies (see p56)

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**Gold white**

● **Bernhard Ott, Rosenberg, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013 (13%)**

€24.50 **Savage Selection**  
 A delicate, classic wine showing spices, lentils, minerals and ripe yellow fruits leading through to a bold finish. It may need more time to reveal its full potential, yet its class is already apparent and its future certainly a fine one.

● **Johann Donabaum, Riesling Limitierte Edition Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013 (14%)**

€52.99 **Hallgarten Druitt & Novum POA AI Selections USA**  
 Ripe, luscious and bold with youthful power, there's a real sense of originality here. Densely packed with peachy yellow fruit, it displays impeccable balance and is a very fine expression of Wachau Riesling. It glides through to a glorious finish.

● **Müller, Grüner Veltliner Gottschelle Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013 (13.5%)**

€16.50 **Austrian Wines Direct**  
 A harmonious, reserved wine of real class. The nose shows flint, roasted tropical fruits and spice, while the bold, grippy palate delivers spiced apple flavours and a lovely mouthfeel. A great portrait of variety and origin.

● **Sattlerhof, Kranachberg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2012 (14%)**

Smoky, stony and intriguing, this is a unique Sauvignon. The extra bottle age has given gorgeous fennel, stone fruit and citrus flavours in addition to a distinct mineral slant. Drinking well now, but still with vital freshness, firm structure and a long finish.



**Silver white**

● **Allram, Grüner Veltliner Gaisberg 10TW Lage Reserve,**

**Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**  
 ● **Alzinger, Loibenberg Riesling Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Alzinger, Steinertal Grüner Veltliner Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Atzberg, Obere Steiltterrassen Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Domaene Gobelsburg, Riesling, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Gesellmann, Chardonnay Steinriegel, Burgenland 2012**

● **Gritsch Mauritiushof, Gruener Veltliner Loibenberg Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Gross, Nussberg Sauvignon Blanc Grosse STK Lage, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2012**

● **Gross, Sulz Sauvignon Blanc 1 STK Lage, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013**

● **Heinrich Hartl III, Rotgipfler, Thermenregion, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Laurenz V, Silver Bullet Grüner Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Leth, Grüner Veltliner Brunthal 10TW, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Leth, Grüner Veltliner Scheiben 10TW, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Machherndl, Riesling Alte Reben Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Marcus Huber, Sainsbury's, Taste The Difference Grüner Veltliner Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Rabl, Loiserberg Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Rabl, Schenkenbichl Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Schuster, Grüner Veltliner Valvinea, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Skoff Original, Royal Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013**

● **Türk, Grüner Veltliner Kremser Sandgrube Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Türk, Grüner Veltliner Kremser Weinberge, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Türk, Grüner Veltliner Thurnerberg Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Winzer Krems, Kremser Pfaffenberg Riesling Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013**



**Silver red**

● **Gesellmann, Blaufränkisch Hochacker Reserve,**

**Mittelburgenland, Burgenland 2012**

● **Gesellmann, Blaufränkisch Creitzer Reserve, Mittelburgenland, Burgenland 2012**

● **Schloss Halbturn, Blaufränkisch, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2011**



**Bronze sparkling white**

● **Goldeck, Die Edle Brut, Niederösterreich 2012**

● **Schlumberger, Dom Brut Niederösterreich 2007**

● **Szigeti, Riesling Steinterrassen Spitz, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2012**



**Bronze sparkling rosé**

● **Schlumberger, Dom Rosé Brut, Burgenland 2011**



**Bronze white**

● **Allram, Riesling Gaisberg Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Allram, Riesling Heiligenstein Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Bernhard Ott, Der Ott, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Brindlmayer, Brigos Reserve, Traisental, Niederösterreich 2012**

● **Bründlmayer, The Society's Exhibition Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Domaene Gobelsberg, Grüner Veltliner, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner Terrassen, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Gritsch Mauritiushof, Singerriedel Grüner Veltliner Smaragd, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Gross, Jakobi Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2014**

● **Johann Donabaum, Grüner Veltliner Limitierte Edition, Wachau, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Kolkmann, Grüner Veltliner Fruchtspiel, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Laurenz V, Charming Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Lenikus, Erinnerungsgarten, Wiener Gemischter Satz, Wien 2013**

● **Leth, Grüner Veltliner Gigama Grande Reserve, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Loimer, Langenlois Käferberg, Erste Lage, Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Markus Huber, Single Estate Grüner Veltliner, Traisental, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Merry Widows, Muskat Ottonel, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2013**

● **Morrison's, Signature Grüner Veltliner, Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Prieler, Pinot Blanc, Leithaberg, Burgenland 2013**

● **Sattlerhof, Gamlitzer Sauvignon Blanc Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2014**

● **Schuster, Roter Veltliner Valvinea, Wagram, Niederösterreich 2013**

● **Skoff Original, Kranachberg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013**

● **Skoff Original, Obegg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013**

● **Skoff Original, Royal Chardonnay, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013**

● **Waitrose, Grüner Veltliner Niederösterreich 2014**

● **Wieninger, Nußberg, Wiener Gemischter Satz, Wien 2013**

● **Winzer Krems, Kremser Wachtberg Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Kremstal, Niederösterreich 2013**



**Bronze red**

● **Feiler-Artinger, Blaufränkisch Umriss, Neusiedlersee-Hügelland, Burgenland 2012**

● **Gesellmann, Hochberg, Burgenland 2011**

● **Gesellmann, OP Eximium Cuvée No 25, Burgenland 2012**

● **Heinrich Blaufränkisch Burgenland 2013**

● **Heinrich Hartl III, Pinot Noir Reserve, Thermenregion, Niederösterreich 2012**

● **Heinrich Hartl III, St Laurent Classic Thermenregion, Niederösterreich 2012**

● **Johanneshof Reinisch, St Laurent Frauenfeld, Thermenregion, Niederösterreich 2012**

● **Lenz Moser, Klosterkeller Siegendorf, Burgenland 2011**

● **Peter Dolle, Cuvée Année Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2011**

● **Schloss Halbturn, Impérial, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2011**

● **Schloss Halbturn, Jungenberg, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2010**

● **Schloss Halbturn, St Laurent, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2011**

● **Thom Wachter, Eisenberg Reserve, Eisenberg, Burgenland 2012**

**Commended sparkling white**

● **Schlumberger, Dom Classic Brut Niederösterreich 2009** ● **Szigeti, Grüner Veltliner Brut, Neusiedlersee, Burgenland 2013**

**Commended white**

● **Jordan, Simone I Wine & Queen, Niederösterreich 2014** ● **Loimer, Langenlois Loiserberg Riesling Reserve, Kamptal, Niederösterreich 2013** ● **Müller, Grüner Veltliner Bergkristall, Niederösterreich 2014** ● **Skoff Original, Grassnitzberg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2013** ● **Skoff Original, Grauburgunder, Südsteiermark, Steiermark 2014** ● **Wieninger, Herrenholz Grüner Veltliner, Wien 2014**

**Commended red**

● **Feiler-Artinger, Zweigelt & More, Burgenland 2011** ● **Heinrich, Zweigelt, Burgenland 2013** ➤



# Bordeaux



## Regional Chair

**Stephen Brook** (see judges, p4)

THIS YEAR BORDEAUX doubled its tally of Golds and won four Trophies, due to the strong showing of 2012 reds (and some 2011s) and also thanks to whites from 2013 and 2014. But what surprised almost all the tasters was the quality of the 2014 reds. Not a great vintage, but there

were many highly attractive, simple Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur wines, and they won't be expensive either. Maritime Bordeaux is always at the mercy of its climate, but this year's DWWA confirmed the Bordelais are becoming more expert at coping with what nature throws at them (except in 2013!).

## What should we buy from here?

Keep an eye on the 2012s – this is an underrated vintage now starting to show just how good it can be. Appellations such as Pessac-Léognan and Blaye (but not Bourg) presented very good wines, as well as a few dullards. 2012s from Margaux, Pauillac and St-Estèphe were very good too, and Haut-Médoc also showed well. At grand cru classé level, there were some outstanding St-Emilions, and many Pomerols were delicious. Sauternes, especially the 2011s, were superb. It's essential to cherry pick in Bordeaux: no appellation is uniformly great.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Avoid the 2013s. Most of the wines were herbaceous, often excessively. Underripeness was the hallmark of the vintage, though we suspected some of the better wines were produced by adding (legally) a vat of 2012 of the same wine to the blend. Basic St-Emilion and St-Emilion grand cru were hard to recommend (over-oaking was an issue), and some of the worst wines came from Lussac-, Puisseguin- and Montagne-St-Emilion. Lustrac and Moulis were disappointing.

## What should we keep an eye on?

The dry whites were among the big surprises this year. Whether as pure Sauvignon Blanc or as blends with Semillon, there were a range of styles and price levels, but most give immediate pleasure. Pessac-Léognan still makes the greatest whites in Bordeaux, but for simpler, zestier styles there's fine value in the Graves and Entre-Deux-Mers. For reds, Cadillac and Castillon are increasingly dynamic appellations – far more reliable and appealing than the rustic St-Emilion satellites.

### Bordeaux won

**1** International Trophy  
(see p19)

**3** Regional Trophies  
(see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards



**Gold white**

● **Château de Landiras, Graves 2014 (12.5%)**

£14.95 **Roberson Wines**

A fine, fresh, flinty nose, with the Sauvignon and Semillon both making their presence felt with aromas of pink grapefruit,

passion fruit and pineapple. Textured, with lovely balance and brilliant intensity, this is a wine of substance, with a delightful, lingering citrus finish.



**Gold red**

● **Château Fonplegade, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012 (14%)**

£44.50-£46.50 **Champion Wines, Corks of Cotham, Hedonism, Highbury Vintners, Noble Green, Taylors Fine Wine, The Good Wine Shop**

Dense, oaky nose of blackberry, shiitake mushrooms, mocha, plum and floral notes. Rich, suave and velvety, it seduces with its opulent, toasty black cherry fruit, ripe tannins and impressive mineral density. It needs time as it's still very upfront now, but it's not lacking in style.

● **Château Verniotte, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2011 (14.5%)**

£22 **Laithwaite's**  
A rich, polished nose of sweet cherries and a hint of fruit cake. Modern, full-bodied, intense and lavishly oaked, but sleek and successful, with glossy fruit and good balance between the tannins, alcohol and acidity, plus mightily impressive weight and concentration. A lot of bang for your buck; excellent.

● **Christine Nadalié, Clos la Bohème, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 (13%)**

£25 **O'Briens Wine POA B&B'S French Wine Club USA**  
Bursting with ripe fruit on the nose along with mint, liquorice, vanilla and a slightly raisiny tone. The keenly balanced palate is ripe with cedar and cinnamon spice pairing nicely with dark ripe fruit; while the fresh acidity keeps things ticking along nicely throughout the excellent length.

● **Clos des Quatre Vents, Margaux 2012 (13%)**

£27.46 **Justerini & Brooks**  
A lifted, complex, toasty nose of mocha and cherry with a light savoury tone. This is suave, rounded and luxurious, with an attack of sweet, silky, elegant fruit, wrapped in fine tannins and lifted by good acidity. Has all the elegance of Margaux that you would hope for, with lots of room to mature.



**Silver white**

- **Bellavizio, Bordeaux 2012**
- **Caves de Rauzan, Augey, Bordeaux 2014**
- **Château Grand Abord, Graves 2014**
- **Château Rahoul, Graves 2013**
- **Vignobles Mottet, Château La France, Bordeaux 2014**



**Silver red**

- **Barton & Guestier, Thomas Barton Réserve Privée, Médoc 2012**
- **Bellavizio, Bordeaux 2012**
- **Château Arnauld, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château Bonnet, Divinus, Bordeaux 2010**
- **Château Boutisse, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012**
- **Château Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien 4CC 2012**
- **Château Clauzet, St-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château Crabitey, Graves 2012**
- **Château d'Agassac, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2011**
- **Château D'Agassac, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2010**
- **Château des annereaux, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2010**
- **Château Fombrage, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012**
- **Château Greysac, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château Haut Bourcier Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012**
- **Château Haut Breton Larigaudière, Margaux, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château Haut Jamin, Bordeaux 2014**
- **Château Haut Nadeau, Réserve du Propriétaire, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012**
- **Château Haut Selve, Réserve, Graves 2012**
- **Château La Clare, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château La Commanderie, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012**
- **Château La Fleur Peyrabon, Pauillac, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château Larose Perganson, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2011**
- **Château Larose-Trintaudon, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012**
- **Château La Tour Carnet, Haut-Médoc 4CC 2012**
- **Château Le Cône Le Royal Blaye 2011**
- **Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan 2012**
- **Château l'Espérance, Cuvée Trois Frères, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010**
- **Château Maucamps, Cru Bourgeois, Haut-Médoc 2012**

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- Château Mazeyres, Pomerol 2012
- Château Monconseil-Gazin, Grande Réserve, Blaye 2011
- Château Montet, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Nodoz, Côtes de Bourg 2014
- Château Redon, Bordeaux 2012
- Château Tour de Pez, Cru Bourgeois, St-Estèphe 2012
- Château Tour de Pressac, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Tour Peyronneau, Pierrick Lavau, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Verniotte, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château Yon-Figeac, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012
- Clos des Jacobins, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012
- Domaine de Montalon, Bordeaux Supérieur 2009
- Raymond Huet, Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2012
- Vignobles Moze-Berthon, Château Gouprie, Pomerol 2011

## Silver sweet white

- Château de Rayne Vigneau, Madame de Rayne, Sauternes 2011
- Château du Cros, Loupiac 2011
- Château Haut Bergeron, Sauternes 2012
- Château Roumieu, Sauternes 2012

## Bronze white

- André Lurton, Château de Rochemorin, Pessac-Léognan 2011
- Arnozan, Réserve des Chartrons, Bordeaux 2014
- Calvet, Réserve Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Argadens, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Bel Air, Perponcher, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Damanieu d'Albret, Sauvignon, Bordeaux Sec 2014
- Château de Lugagnac, Eos Sauvignon Gris, Bordeaux Sec 2013
- Château de Rayne Vigneau, Le Sec de Rayne Vigneau, Bordeaux Sec 2013
- Château de Respide, Callipyge, Graves 2013
- Château des Places, Graves 2014
- Château des Seigneurs de Pommyers, Entre-Deux-Mers 2014
- Château du Barrailh, Graves 2013
- Château Guiteronde, Bordeaux 2013
- Château Haut Mallet, Entre-Deux-Mers-Haut-Benauges 2013
- Château La Grace Fonrazade Bordeaux 2013
- Château Lamothe de Haux, Cuvée Valentine par Valentine, Bordeaux 2013
- Château Minvielle, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Roquefort, Sauvignon-Sémillon, Bordeaux 2014

- Château Tour de Mirambeau, Bordeaux 2014
- Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite), Légende, Bordeaux 2014
- Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite), Saga, Bordeaux 2014
- Famille Raymond, Nos Racines, Bordeaux 2014
- Le Chai au Quai, Le Grand Chai, Bordeaux 2013
- Maison Ginestet, Bordeaux 2014
- Maison Sichel, Sirius Bordeaux 2014
- Michel Dietrich, Château Haut Rian, Bordeaux 2014
- Néel-Chombart, Château Lamothe de Haux, Bordeaux 2014
- Sauveterre, A L'Envers Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux 2013
- Tifayne, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2014
- Vignerons de Tutiac, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux 2014
- Yvon Mau, Premius, Bordeaux 2014

## Bronze rosé

- Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Mouton Cadet, Bordeaux 2014
- Yvon Mau, Premius, Bordeaux 2014

## Bronze red

- Antoine Moueix, Bordeaux 2014
- Arnozan, Réserve des Chartrons, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Baron Philippe de Rothschild Baron Nathaniel, Pauillac 2012
- Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Marks & Spencer, Pauillac 2010
- Barton & Guestier, Château Magnol, Haut-Médoc 2012
- Béatrice & Vincent Rapin, Domaine de Valmengaux, Bordeaux 2012
- Béatrice & Vincent Rapin, La Dame de Onze Heures, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Bernard Magrez, Château Guerry, Côtes de Bourg 2011
- Bernard Magrez, Château Pérenne, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Aney, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Barreyre, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Beauséjour Hostens, Haut-Médoc 2012
- Château Bel Air, Haut-Médoc 2011
- Château Bel-Air, L'Esprit de Bel-Air La Royère, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Blaignan, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Boutillot, Révélation d'Hubert de Boüard, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Brethous, Cuvée Prestige, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Brown, Pessac-Léognan 2012
- Château Cadet-Bon, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012
- Château Calon, St-Georges St-Emilion 2012
- Château Cambon La Pelouse, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012

- Château Campet, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2013
- Château Cantelauze, Pomerol 2012
- Château Cantinot, Les Tours de Cantinot, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château Cantinot, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château Capbern Gasqueton, St-Estèphe 2009
- Château Capdet, Lustrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Castera, Médoc 2012
- Château Cazenave, St-Emilion 2012
- Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Clarke, Lustrac-Médoc 2011
- Château Clinet, Fleur de Clinet, Pomerol 2012
- Château Clos du Loup Cuvée Prestige, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2014
- Château Clos du Loup Cuvée Tradition, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2014
- Château Corbin Michotte, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Croix du Rival, Lussac St-Emilion 2012
- Château d'Agassac, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2007
- Château de Belcier, Le Pin, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château de Braude, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château de Candale, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château de Côme, St-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château de Ferrand, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012
- Château de Lugagnac, Eos Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château de Marchesseau, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2012
- Château de Piote, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur 2008
- Château de Potiron, Cuvée Excellence, Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château de Potiron, Cuvée Exceptionnelle, Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château de St-Pey, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château de Seguin, Cuvée Carpe Diem, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Château Des Places, Graves 2013
- Château Doms, Graves 2012
- Château du Barrailh, Cuvée Collection Prestige, Graves 2010
- Château du Cartillon, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château du Moulin Rouge, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château du Val d'Or, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château du Vieux Puit, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2014
- Château Ducluzeau, Lustrac-Médoc 2012
- Château Ferrande, Graves 2013
- Château Fleur Haut Gaussens, Terres d'Argile, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Fonplegade, Fleur de Fonplegade, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012

- Château Fourcas Dupré, Cuvée Hautes Terres, Lustrac-Médoc 2011
- Château Fourcas Dupré, Lustrac-Médoc 2012
- Château Gallion, Révélation d'Hubert de Boüard, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Godeau Ducarpe, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Gourran, Grande Réserve, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Grimont, Cuvée Prestige, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Guillaume Blanc, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Château Haut Mirambet, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Haut Rocher, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Haut Selve, Graves 2012
- Château Haut-Brisson, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Haut-Goujon, La Rose St-Vincent, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2011
- Château Hourtin-Ducasse, Haut-Médoc 2011
- Château Jacques Noir, St-Emilion 2012
- Château la Clarière laithwaite, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château La Croizille, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château La Favière, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château la Garde, Pessac-Léognan 2010
- Château La Grâce Fonrazade St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château La Grave Peynet, Bordeaux 2014
- Château La Mothe du Barry, Le Barry, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château La Tour de Bessan, Margaux, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château La Tour de Mons, Margaux, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Laborie Granger, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Château Laronde Desormes, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Laroque, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2012
- Château Larose Trintaudon, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Larteau, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château Laubarit, Bordeaux 2014
- Château le Boscq, St-Estèphe 2010
- Château Le Bourdieu, Médoc 2012
- Château Le Caillou, Pomerol 2012
- Château Le Cône, Le Royal, Blaye 2012
- Château Le Grand Verdus, Grande Réserve, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Léognan, Pessac-Léognan 2012
- Château l'Espérance, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château l'Étoile de Clottle, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Lis Ancres, Merlot-Cabernet Franc, Bordeaux 2012
- Château Loudenne, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Mangot, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2010
- Château Meyre, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ➤

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- Château Mille Roses Haut-Médoc 2012
- Château Mirefleurs, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Château Montcabrier, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château Montlabert, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2013
- Château Moron Lafitte, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Château Moulin de Clotte Vieilles Vignes, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Pabus, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château Pape Clément, Pessac-Léognan (1CC 2012)
- Château Patache d'Aux, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Pey la Tour, Réserve du Château, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011
- Château Pey la Tour, Réserve du Château, Bordeaux Supérieur 2010
- Château Peyrabon, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Picon, Cuvée du Moulin, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Château Pierrail, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château Piney, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Plaisance, Bordeaux Supérieur 2010
- Château Pontet-Fumet, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Prieuré-Lichine, Confidences, Margaux 2012
- Château Rollan de By, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Sénéjac, Haut-Médoc 2011
- Château Sergant, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2012
- Château Sissan, Grande Réserve, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc 2012
- Château Soleil, Puisseguin St-Emilion 2012
- Château Tayac-Plaisance, Margaux 2012
- Château Terre Blanche, Noémie, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2011
- Château Tertre de Belvès, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2011
- Château Tour Baladoz, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Tour Chapoux, Merlot - Cabernet Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Château Tour Peyronneau, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Tour St-Vincent, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2011
- Château Tour Seran, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2011
- Château Tournefeuille, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2012
- Château Tourteau Chollet, Graves 2010
- Château Vieux Longa, St-Emilion 2011
- Château Vieux Manoir, Bordeaux 2012
- Château Villa Bel-Air, Graves 2012
- Château-Haut Goujon, Cuvée Cabernet, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2011
- Christine Nadalié, Château Beau Rivage, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Clarence Dillon, Clarendelle, Bordeaux 2010
- Clos Albertus, St-Georges St-Emilion 2011



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

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- Clos Beauregard, Pomerol 2012
- Clos Vieux Taillefer, Pomerol 2012
- Côtes Rocheuses, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Domaine Bouteiller, Les Calèches de Lanessan, Haut-Médoc 2012
- Dourthe, Château Rahoul, Graves 2011
- Famille Lavaux, Château Bernateau, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Famille Raymond, Nos Racines, Bordeaux 2014
- J.P. Garde, Château La Truffe, Pomerol 2012
- JP Dumon & Fils, Château Viramière, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- La Favière, Muse, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- La Fleur de François, Sélection, Bordeaux 2012
- Le Chai Au Quai, La Barrique de Bordeaux, Bordeaux 2012
- Les Hauts de Granget, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Les Vignerons de Sauveterre, Excelium, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Lestonnat, Pomerol 2012
- M. Gonet & Fils, Château Lesparre, Graves de Vayres 2012
- Maison Sichel, Château Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Marie-Laure Lurton, Château de Villegeorge, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Michel Gonet Château d'Eck Pessac-Léognan 2012
- Michel Pelissie, Château de Landiras, Graves 2013
- Morrisons, Claret, Bordeaux 2013
- Raymond, La Joly Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Richard Barraud, Château Carmère Médoc 2012
- Château Liversan, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Calon-Ségur, Marquis de Calon St-Estèphe 2010
- Union de Producteurs de St-Emilion, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2013

- Union de Producteurs de St-Emilion, La Fleur Anne, St-Emilion 2012
- Vieux Château des Combes, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Vignobles Brunot, Château Piganeau, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Yvon Mau, Le Petit Grand, Bordeaux 2014
- Yvon Mau, Premius, Bordeaux 2013



## Bronze sweet white

- Clos Haut-Peyraguey, Sauternes 1CC 2012

## Commended sparkling white

- Château Tifayne, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Crémant de Bordeaux 2013
- Jaillance, Cuvée de l'Abbaye Brut, Crémant de Bordeaux NV
- La Fleur de François, Brut, Crémant de Bordeaux NV

## Commended sparkling rosé

- Jaillance, Cuvée de l'Abbaye Brut Rosé, Crémant de Bordeaux NV
- La Fleur de François Rosé Brut, Crémant de Bordeaux NV

## Commended white

- Benoît Valerie Calvet, BX Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2014
- Calvet, Limited Release Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux 2014
- Caves de Rauzan, La Perrière, Bordeaux 2014
- Caves de Rauzan, Château Les Pasquets, Entre-Deux-Mers 2014
- Caves de Rauzan, Château Villotte, Bordeaux 2014
- Château de l'Orangerie, Grand Classique, Bordeaux Blanc 2014
- Château Ferrande, Graves 2014
- Château Guiraud, G, Bordeaux Sec 2014
- Château la Tour de Chollet, Exceptionnel, Ste-Foy Bordeaux 2014
- Château le Grand Verdus, Bordeaux Blanc 2014
- Château Leroy-Beauval, Bordeaux Sec 2013
- Château Loudenne, Bordeaux 2013
- Château Maison Noble, St-Martin, Entre-Deux-Mers 2014
- Château Mathiot, Bordeaux 2014
- Château Montet, Bordeaux Blanc 2014
- Château

- Pouchaud-Larquey, Entre-Deux-Mers 2014
- Château Toumilon, Graves 2014
- Château Tour de Mirambeau, Cuvée Passion, Bordeaux 2012
- Clarence Dillon, Clarendelle, Bordeaux 2013
- Dourthe, La Grande Cuvée Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux 2014
- Maison Ginestet, Ginestet Classique, Bordeaux 2014
- Maison Ginestet, Marquis de Chasse, Bordeaux 2014
- Mouton Cadet, Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux 2014
- Pierre Lurton, Château Marjosse, Bordeaux 2014
- Roc St-Vincent, Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux Sec 2014
- Sartre, Le S, Pessac-Léognan 2011
- Yvon Mau, Le Petit Grand, Bordeaux 2014

## Commended rosé

- Château Du Bernat, J'Exception, Bordeaux 2014
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Bordeaux 2014

## Commended red

- Antoine Moueix, Le Grand Chapelain, Bordeaux 2013
- Antoine Moueix, Le Grand Chapelain, Bordeaux 2014
- Antoine Moueix, Merlot Bordeaux 2012
- Arnoz, Réserve des Chartrons, Médoc 2012
- Baron de Lubernac, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Réserve Mouton Cadet, St-Emilion 2012
- Beaumont, The Society's Exhibition, Haut-Médoc 2011
- Benoit Valerie Calvet, BX, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Castel, Merlot, Bordeaux 2014
- Caves de Rauzan, Château Villotte, Bordeaux 2014
- Caves de Rauzan, Château Laureçon Bordeaux Supérieur 2014
- Château Ambe Tour Pourret, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Barreyres, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013
- Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012
- Château Bel Air, Lussac St-Emilion 2012
- Château Bertineau, St-Vincent, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2012
- Château Bois Pertuis, Bordeaux 2012
- Château Brande-Bergère, Cuvée O'Byrne, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Château Brillette, Comte du Perier de Larsan, Moulis 2012
- Château Brillette, Haut Brillette, Moulis 2012
- Château Brulesecaille, Côtes de Bourg 2012
- Château Cantin, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012
- Château Cantinot, Orbite, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château Champs de Lucas, Bordeaux 2012
- Château Chantemerle, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013
- Château Claud-Bellvue, Cuvée La Folie d'Ana, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Claud-Bellvue, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château Claud-Bellvue, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2010
- Château Claymore, Château La Claymore, Lussac St-Emilion 2013
- Château Clos des Prince, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2011
- Château Coudert, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2011
- Château Courbian, Médoc 2013
- Château d'Arcins, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013
- Château de Belcier, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012
- Château de Bois Clair, Bordeaux 2014
- Château de La Dauphine, Fronsac 2011
- Château de Laborde, Bordeaux 2014
- Château de Lisennes, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur 2009
- Château de l'Orangerie, Grand Classique Bordeaux Supérieur 2013
- Château de Lugagnac, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012
- Château de Panigon, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013
- Château de Parenchère, Cuvée Raphaël, ➤

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Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château de Parenchère, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château de Piote, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur 2007 ● Château de Respide, Callipyge, Graves 2012 ● Château de Ste-Gemme, Haut-Médoc 2012 ● Château de Seguin, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Château des Annereaux, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2011 ● Château des Demoiselles, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château des Fougères, Clos Montesquieu, Graves 2012 ● Château des Seigneurs de Pommyers, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château d'Hanteillan, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Dorleac, Révélation D'Hubert de Boüard, Graves 2014 ● Château du Bois Chantant, Cuvée Lawrence H., Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château du Breuil, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château du Gazin, Canon Fronsac 2013 ● Château du Rocher, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Flaunys, Montagne St-Emilion 2013 ● Château Fonroque, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2011 ● Château Fourcas Hosten, Lustrac-Médoc 2012 ● Château Franc Le Maine, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Gémeillan, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013 ● Château Godeau St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Goëlane, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Château Grand Lartigue, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2010 ● Château Grand Renom, Bordeaux 2013 ● Château Guitignan, Moulis, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Hannetot, Pessac-Léognan 2012 ● Château Haut Bertinerie, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Haut Breton Larigaudière, Château Tayet Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château Haut Guillebot, Château Montet, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Haut-Brisson, La Grave, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Haut-Goujon, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2011 ● Château Haut-Macô, Côtes de Bourg 2010 ● Château Hourtou, Côtes de Bourg 2013 ● Château Jouanin, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château La Baronnerie, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château La Brande Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2011 ● Château La Branne, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château La Gravelle, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château la Marzelle, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2011 ● Château La Tour du Pin Figeac, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Lacombe Noaillac, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Lafon, Lustrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Lagrange, Lussac St-Emilion 2012 ● Château Lamothe, Valentine par Valentine Réserve, Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Lamothe-Vincent, Le Grand Rossignol, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château Lanbersac, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Puisseguin St-Emilion 2012 ● Château Landereau, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château Latour Camblandes, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2013 ● Château Laubès, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Le Bonnat, Graves 2012 ● Château le Grand Verdus, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château le Noble, Cuvée Héritage, Bordeaux 2011 ● Château le Pourcaud, Bordeaux 2014 ● Château le Sèpe, Cuvée Initiale, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Leroy-Beauval, Seigneur de Beauval, Bordeaux 2014 ● Château Leroy-Beauval, Bordeaux 2013 ● Château Les Conseillans, Côtes de Bordeaux 2014 ●

Château les Grands Chênes, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Les Trois Manoirs, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013 ● Château Lestage Simon, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Lezin, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Château Magnol, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Maison Noble, Château Jean de Bel Air, Bordeaux 2014 ● Château Malmaison, Moulis 2011 ● Château Malvina, Bordeaux 2014 ● Château Malvina, Bordeaux 2013 ● Château Mangot, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2011 ● Château Manon La Lagune, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Maréchaux, Bordeaux Supérieur 2011 ● Château Margerots, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château Marquis de Terme Margaux, 4CC 2011 ● Château Maurac, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Mayne Lalande, Lustrac-Médoc 2012 ● Château Mille Roses, Margaux 2012 ● Château Milord, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Minvielle, Merlot-Cabernet, Bordeaux 2014 ● Château Moncets, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2011 ● Château Mongravey, Margaux, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château Moulin Bellegrave, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2013 ● Château Paran Justice, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Penin, Grande Sélection Merlot, Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 ● Château Petite Roque, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Pindefleurs, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Pipeau, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Pontac Gadet, Médoc 2012 ● Château Pontet Bayard, Puisseguin St-Emilion 2013 ● Château Pouchaud-Larquey, Bordeaux 2012 ● Château Queyron Pindefleurs, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Ramage la Batisse, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château St-Aubin, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Château St-Hilaire, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2013 ● Château Techene, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Château Tour Grand Faurie, St-Emilion Grand Cru 2012 ● Château Tourteran, Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2012 ● Clinet, Ronan, Bordeaux 2012 ● Domaine du Grand Ormeau, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2012 ● Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite), Saga, Bordeaux 2013 ● Dourthe, Château Rahoul, Graves 2012 ● Duché St-Vincent, Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014 ● Ducourt, Château La Rose du Pin, Bordeaux 2012 ● Bonnet & Fils, Château Haut-Guiraud Pêché du Roy, Côtes de Bourg 2013 ● Vignobles Falguyret Léglise, Château Rousset-Caillau, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Esprit de Lussac, Lussac St-Emilion 2012 ● Famille Dubard, Château Bel-Air, Puisseguin St-Emilion 2012 ● Famille Sichel, Sirius Merlot - Cabernet Bordeaux 2012 ● Grenier, Château Pillot, Côtes de Bourg 2013 ● JB Brunot & Fils, Château Tour de Grenet, Lussac St-Emilion 2012 ● Jonathan Maltus, Garagiste, Bordeaux 2012 ● Le Chai Au Quai, Le Grand Chai, Bordeaux 2012 ● Le Clos des Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan 2012 ● Le Duché St-Vincent, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2014 ● Le MirDen d'Or, Bordeaux 2012 ● Les Chartrons, Bordeaux 2014 ● Les Hauts de Tousquiron, Cuvée Lucie, Médoc 2012 ● Les Vignerons d'Uni-Médoc, Clément St Jean Réserve, Médoc 2012 ● Lestonnat, Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2013 ● Lestonnat, Bordeaux Supérieur 2013 ● Maison Ginestet, Cour de Mandelotte, Bordeaux 2014 ● Maison

Ginestet, Marquis de Chasse, Bordeaux 2014 ● Mission St Vincent, Réserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2014 ● Pavillon la Tourelle, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux 2014 ● Prévôt de Picon, Bordeaux 2014 ● Roc des Chevaliers, Bordeaux Supérieur 2014 ● Sainsbury's Taste the Difference, St-Emilion 2013 ● St-Jovian, Réserve, Bordeaux 2014 ● Sartre, Le S Pessac-Léognan 2010 ● Vieux

Remparts, Lussac St-Emilion 2012 ● Villa Bordeaux, Bordeaux 2014 ● Yvon Mau, Révélation d'Hubert de Boüard, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2014

#### Commended sweet white

● Château des Rochers, Sauternes 2013 ● Château des Rochers, Sauternes 2012 ● Marks & Spencer, L'Or du Ciron, Sauternes 2011 ● Yvon Mau, Tesco Finest, Sauternes 2010

## Burgundy & Beaujolais



### Regional Chair

### Jasper Morris MW

(see judges, p4)

THE MOST IMPRESSIVE aspect of this region across all the colours and categories, was consistency. Not every wine was wonderful of course, and sometimes vintage character impinged a little more than might be ideal, but for the vast majority of

wines we felt that the producer had done a pretty decent job. Real flair, over and above expectations, was very much rarer though, and our six Golds were down from the 13 we awarded in 2014. However for the second year in a row the most excitement came from some lowly appellations such as Mâcon-Villages, taking an International Trophy, Petit Chablis (Regional Trophy) and Beaujolais-Villages (Gold).

### What should we buy from here?

I never want to be too prescriptive about what people should buy. Follow the producers you like, or the merchant or critic who understands your palate. But even so it is hard not to be drawn towards Chablis. Be careful with 2013, but buy those which were not picked too late, and watch out for the 2014s. No need necessarily to restrict yourself to the upper echelons either. There's value to be found in Mâcon-Villages and definitely in its southern neighbour, Beaujolais-Villages. For grander Burgundy, it depends on your purse, but 2013 stands up very well to more famous vintages. We were impressed with what we saw from village through to grand cru.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

At under £15 it is worth experimenting. Be careful with 2013 whites though. Those picked after the wet weekend of 4/5 October became mushily diffuse very easily. Oddly enough, the reds needed that rainfall to complete their ripening process, but they are lean and precise, rather than ethereal or fulsome. Above £15 more consistency, even certainty, is required. If you can try the wine first, that's great. If not, make sure you buy from somebody you can trust. We didn't see much not to like in the samples put in front of us though.

### What should we keep an eye on?

Never take your eye off Burgundy! Not because the wines are always glorious but because you need to concentrate in order to make the most of them, and to be able to pick out the best

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wines. Burgundy may not be the proverbial minefield it once was, but it doesn't offer guaranteed successes either.

The Beaujolais, Mâconnais and Chablis are all happening places. The Côte Chalonnaise less so, and of course the Côte d'Or has its established hierarchies. But try St-Aubin if you can't or don't want to afford Puligny, or Marsannay if the great names of the Côte de Nuits are beyond reach.



## Gold white

● **Albert Bichot, Domaine Long-Depaquit, Moutonne, Chablis Grand Cru 2013 (13.3%)**  
£65 **Flint, H2Vin, Laytons, Soho Wine Supply**

Muscular, gastronomic and very well executed, the elegant nose boasts restrained lemon and pear elements, crushed oyster shells, white flowers and chalky minerality. There's a delightfully saline touch to the palate, which has fine weight and structure, apple fruit and a long finale. This has a great future.

● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Vougeot 1er Cru 2012 (13.5%)**  
£75 **Berry Bros & Rudd**

A shy nose which eventually reveals aromas of yellow plum, flint and cloves. It stretches its muscles on the palate which has a pleasingly oily character, along with layers of flavour; beginning with minerals, then the white fruit, and finally the oak. It needs time to fully knit but has gravity and precision.



## Gold red

● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Les Mazoyères, Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2013 (13%)**

£125 **Berry Bros & Rudd**

Dense, dark and brambly, with spicy, floral, highly fragrant fruit on the nose. There's great concentration here, with ripe red cherries bolstered by notes of minerals, spice, and a very long finish which has a lovely perfume on the back palate. Full, succulent and exciting.

● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Chambolle-Musigny 2013 (13%)**  
£59 **Berry Bros & Rudd**

The suave, red-fruited and violet-tinged nose balances both power and finesse. The super-succulent, smooth, sweet palate reveals touches of lilac,

**Burgundy won**  
**2 International Trophies (see p19)**  
**2 Regional Trophies (see p56)**

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damp earth, liquorice and impressive density. This shows the fresh style of the vintage and has excellent length.

● **Maison Chanzy, Aux Echanges, Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 2013 (13%)**  
£66.75 **Gerrard Seel**

A nose of perfumed candle, ripe cherry and blackcurrant leaf leads on to an elegant, creamy palate of red cherry fruit, sweet spice and fresh acidity. A young charmer, this needs time to unfurl, and while not a heavyweight it is absolutely pure and classical Burgundy.



## Silver sparkling white

● **Bailly Lapiere, Chardonnay Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Bailly Lapiere, Vive La Joie Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne 2008**  
● **Louis Picamelot, Terroir de Chazot, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**



## Silver white

● **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Pavillon, Charmes, Meursault 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Cave de Lugny, Les Charmes, Mâcon-Lugny 2013**  
● **Cave de Lugny, Les Coteaux des Anges, Mâcon-Lugny 2014**  
● **Château de Rully, La Bressande, Rully 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, La Comme, Santenay 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Les Folatières, Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 2013**

● **Comtesse des Vazeilles, Pouilly-Fuissé 2014**  
● **Domaine Berthelemot, Abbaye, Morgeot, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Domaine Berthelemot, Les Levrons, Puligny-Montrachet 2013**  
● **Domaine Christian Moreau, Vaudésir, Chablis Grand Cru 2013**  
● **Domaine Daniel Seguinot & Filles, Chablis 2013**  
● **Domaine de Biéville, Chablis 2014**  
● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Savigny-lès-Beaune 2012**  
● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Beaune 2012**  
● **Domaine du Chardonnay, Vaillons, Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Domaine Laroche, Blanchot, Chablis Grand Cru 2012**  
● **Henri de Villamont, Les Bouchères, Meursault 1er Cru 2013**  
● **La Chablisienne, Grenouilles, Chablis Grand Cru 2011**  
● **La Chablisienne, La Sereine, Chablis 2013**  
● **La Chablisienne, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **La Chablisienne, Montmains, Chablis 1er Cru 2012**  
● **Lamblin & Fils, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Louis Jadot, Domaine Gagey, Beaune 1er Cru 2010**  
● **Marks & Spencer, Chablis 2012**  
● **Morrison, Signature Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Pascal Bouchard, Les Champs blancs, Chablis 2014**  
● **Tremblay, Vaudésir, Chablis Grand Cru 2013**



## Silver red

● **Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2012**  
● **Albert Bichot, Secret de Famille Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Les Puillets, Mercurey 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Pinot Noir Vieilles Vignes, Bourgogne 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Nuits-St-Georges 2013**  
● **Domaine Berthelemot, Clos des Mouches, Beaune 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Domaine de la Vougeraie, Les Damodes, Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Domaine Gille, Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 2013**  
● **Domaine Gille, Vosne-Romanée 2013**  
● **Henri de Villamont, Les Feusselottes, Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 2012**

● **Henri Magnien & Fils, Les Cazetiers, Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Jean Claude Boisset, Les Charmes, Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Ninot, Marissou, Rully 1er Cru 2013**



## Bronze sparkling white

● **Bailly Lapiere, Noir & Blanc Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Bailly Lapiere, Pinot Noir Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Bailly Lapiere, Vive La Joie Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne 2007**  
● **Cave de Lugny, Blanc de Blancs, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Lebeault, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Louis Bouillot, Les Grands Terroirs, Les Villages Brut Nature, Crémant de Bourgogne 2006**  
● **Louis Picamelot, Cuvée Jeanne Thomas Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**  
● **Louis Picamelot, Les Terroirs Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV**



## Bronze sparkling rosé

● **Bailly Lapiere, Vive La Joie Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne 2008**



## Bronze white

● **Alain Geoffroy Beauroy, Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Albert Bichot, Secret de Famille Chardonnay Bourgogne 2013**  
● **Bailly Lapiere, St-Bris 2013**  
● **Benjamin Laroche, La Manufacture, Petit Chablis 2013**  
● **Benjamin Laroche, La Manufacture, Vaillons Vieilles Vignes, Chablis 1er Cru 2012**  
● **Bouchard Aîné & Fils, La Grande Bruyère, St-Véran 2013**  
● **Bouchard Aîné & Fils, Chablis 2013**  
● **Castel, Héritier de la Famille, Chablis 2014**  
● **Cave de Lugny, Chardonnay, Mâcon-Villages 2014**  
● **Cave de Lugny, Cœur de Charmes, Mâcon-Lugny 2013**  
● **Cave de Viré, Cuvée Spéciale, Viré-Clessé 2014**  
● **Château de Chassagne-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet 2008**  
● **Château de Chemilly, Vosgros, Chablis 1er Cru 2013**  
● **Château de Chemilly, Petit Chablis 2013**  
● **Château de Citeaux, Chardonnay, Bourgogne 2013**  
● **Château de Rully, Rully 2012**  
● **Château de Santenay, En Vesvau, St-Aubin 2013**  
● **Château de Santenay, Meursault 2013**  
● **Château-Fuissé, Le Clos, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013**  
● **Collin Bourisset, Mâcon-Villages 2014** ➤



- Collovray & Terrier, Vieilles Vignes, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013
- Domaine Chanson, En Caradeux, Pernand-Vergelesses 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Christian Moreau, Vaillons, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Christian Moreau Clos des Hospices dans Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2013
- Domaine Christian Moreau Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2013
- Domaine de Fussiachus, Vieilles Vignes, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013
- Domaine de la Levée, Asda Extra Special, Chablis 2013
- Domaine de la Motte, Beauroy, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine de la Motte, Vau Ligneau, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine de la Motte, Vieilles Vignes, Chablis 2013
- Domaine des Deux Roches, Rives de Longsault, St-Véran 2013
- Domaine des Malandes, Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2013
- Domaine des Remparts, Bourgogne Aligoté 2014
- Domaine Doudet, Redrescul, Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru 2012
- Domaine du Bicheron, Vieilles Vignes, Viré-Clessé 2013
- Domaine du Chardonnay, Chablis 2014
- Domaine du Château de Meursault, Charmes, Meursault 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Ferret, Tête de Cru Les Perrières, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013
- Domaine Fourrey, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Gonon, Mâcon-Bussièrès 2013
- Domaine Jean Monnier & Fils, Vieilles Vignes, Meursault 2013
- Domaine Jean-Pierre Sève Sélection Vieilles Vignes, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013
- Domaine La Croix Montjoie, La Voluptueuse, Bourgogne Vézelay 2013
- Domaine La Croix Montjoie, l'Impatiente, Bourgogne Vézelay 2013
- Domaine Laroche, La Collégiale, Chablis 2014
- Domaine Laroche, St-Martin, Chablis 2013
- Domaine Laroche, Vau de Vey, Chablis 1er Cru 2012
- Domaine Les Perserons, Mâcon-Charnay-lès-Mâcon 2014
- Domaine Perraud l'Oeuvre de Perraud, Mâcon-Villages 2013
- Domaine Perraud Mâcon-La Roche-Vineuse 2013
- Domaine Pinson Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2013
- Domaine Pinson Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Sangouard-Guyot, Authentique, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013
- Domaine Séguinot-Bordet, Fourchaume, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Domaine Talmard, Mâcon 2014
- Domaine Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy 2014
- Gérard Tremblay, Domaine des Iles, Fourchaume, Chablis 1er Cru 2014
- Henry de Vézelay, Chardonnay, Bourgogne Vézelay 2013

- JM Brocard, Domaine Pierre de Prehy for Marks & Spencer, Chablis 2011
- J Moreau & Fils, Vaucoupin, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- J Moreau & Fils, Chablis 2013
- Jaffelin, Passetemps, Santenay 1er Cru 2012
- Jaffelin, Sur Gamay, St-Aubin 1er Cru 2012
- Jaffelin, Rully 2012
- Jean Moreau et Fils, Vaillons, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Jean Moreau et Fils, Valmur, Chablis Grand Cru 2012
- Jean-Claude Boisset, En Rémyilly, St-Aubin 1er Cru 2013
- Jean-Claude Boisset, Le Limozin, Meursault 2013
- Jean-Claude Boisset, Sur Gamay, St-Aubin 1er Cru 2013
- Jean-Marc Brocard, Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2012
- Jean-Marc Brocard, Les Vieilles Vignes de Ste-Claire, Chablis 2013
- Jean-Marc Brocard, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2012
- Jean-Marc Brocard, Ste-Claire, Chablis 2014
- Jean-Marc Brocard, Vau de Vey, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- La Chablisienne, Côte de Léchet, Chablis 1er Cru 2012
- La Chablisienne, Grande Cuvée, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- La Chablisienne, La Pierrelée, Chablis 2013
- La Chablisienne, Les Vénérables, Chablis 2012
- La Chablisienne, Montée de Tonnerre, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Labouré-Roi, Chardonnay, Bourgogne 2013
- Lamblin & Fils, Vieilles Vignes, Chablis 2013
- Les Domaines Brocard, Marks & Spencer, Chablis 2013
- Lidl, Chablis 2013
- Louis Chavy, Puligny-Montrachet 2013
- Louis Jadot, Domaine Gagey, Les Grèves, Beaune 1er Cru 2011
- Louis Jadot, Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 2011
- Louis Max, Fourchaume, Chablis 1er Cru 2014
- Louis Max, Rully 2013
- Louis Max, Mâcon-Villages 2014
- Louis Max, Pouilly-Fuissé 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Sauvignon Blanc, St-Bris 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Petit Chablis 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Mâcon-Uchizy 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Montagny 1er Cru 2013
- Pascal Bouchard, Le Classique, Chablis 2014
- Pascal Bouchard, Les Vieilles Vignes, Montmains, Chablis 1er Cru 2013
- Philippe Bouzereau, Château de Citeaux, Meursault 2013
- Philippe Colin, Les Chaumées, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 2013
- Philippe Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet 2013
- Ropiteau, St-Romain 2013
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Bourgogne Aligoté 2014



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Jan Konetzki

KONETZKI (pictured above with Christy Canterbury MW), began his professional career as an apprentice baker before leaving his native Germany to work in Switzerland, Greece and the USA. Returning to Germany, he worked as a bar manager and then apprenticed as restaurant manager in the renowned Hotel Louis C Jacob, before moving into the role of sommelier. In 2007, Konetzki moved to London to join Gordon Ramsay Holdings where he worked as sommelier for Maze, Maze Grill and Claridge's, and as assistant head sommelier at the Michelin three-star Gordon Ramsay restaurant. He was promoted to head sommelier in 2010, and since then he has achieved both WSET qualifications and the Court of Master Sommeliers' advanced sommelier certificate. In 2012, he won both the Moët UK Sommelier of the Year and the Prix Le Montrachet. Konetzki co-founded WineMeister in 2013, an app which helps users select wines from German supermarket shelves.

- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Petit Chablis 2014
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Pouilly-Fuissé 2014
- Sylvaine & Alain Normand, Terroir de Solutré, Pouilly-Fuissé 2012
- Sylvaine & Alain Normand, Pouilly-Fuissé 2012
- Sylvaine et Alain Normand, Vieilles Vignes, Mâcon-La Roche-Vineuse 2013
- Tesco, Chablis 2014
- Union des Viticulteurs de Chablis, Tesco Finest, Chablis 1er Cru 2011
- Waitrose, Cave des Vignerons de Chablis, Chablis 2013
- Waitrose, Mâcon-Lugny 2014



### Bronze red

- Aegerter, Belle Canaille, Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 2013
- Albert Bichot, Domaine du Clos Frantin, Echezeaux Grand Cru 2012
- Antonin Rodet, Clos de Thorey, Aux Thorey, Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 2009

- Château de Chamirey, Les Ruelles, Mercurey 1er Cru 2013
- Château de Santenay, La Comme, Santenay 1er Cru 2013
- Château de Santenay, Les Brunettes & Planchots, Aloxe-Corton 2013
- Château de Santenay, Montée, Beaune 1er Cru 2013
- Château de Santenay, Mercurey 2013
- Domaine Bertagna, Clos de la Perrière, Vougeot 1er Cru 2012
- Domaine Bertagna, Clos St-Denis 2012
- Domaine Chanson, Beaune-Bastion, Beaune 1er Cru 2010
- Domaine Gille, Les Brûlées, Nuits-St-Georges 2012
- Domaine La Croix Montjoie, Irancy 2013
- Domaine Maillard Père & Fils, Chorey-lès-Beaune 2013
- Domaines des Perdrix, Quasi-Monopole, Aux Perdrix, Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 2012
- Doudet-Naudin, Gevrey-Chambertin 2013

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- French Cellars, Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 2014
- Henri de Villamont, Les Renardes, Corton Grand Cru 2012
- Jaffelin, Clos St Anne, Monopole, Les Grèves, Beaune 1er Cru 2012
- Jaffelin, Hervelets, Fixin 1er Cru 2012
- Jaffelin, Vieilles Vignes, Gevrey-Chambertin 2012
- Jaffelin, Chambolle-Musigny 2012
- Jean-Claude Boisset, Les Grèves, Beaune 1er Cru 2013
- Jean-Claude Boisset, Les Valozières, Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru 2013
- Jean-Claude Boisset, Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2013
- Louis Max, Bourgogne, Bourgogne 2013
- Louis Max, Les Damodes, Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 2013
- Louis Max, Nuits-St-Georges 2013
- Louis Max, Gevrey-Chambertin 2013
- Maison Chanzy, En Rosey, Rully 2013
- Maison Chanzy, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2013
- Maison Gille, Volnay 2013
- Sainsbury's, Winemaker's Selection Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 2012
- Simonet Fèbvre, Marks & Spencer, Irancy 2012
- Tramier & Fils, Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru 2010
- Vignerons de Buxy, Clos Jus, Givry 2013

## Commended sparkling white

- Bailly Lapierre, Ravizotte Extra Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV ● Domaine du Bicheron, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne 2013 ● Domaine La Croix Montjoie, Brut Crémant de Bourgogne NV ● Lebeault, Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne NV ● Louis Bouillot, Perle d'Or Brut, Crémant de Bourgogne 2009 ● Louis Bouillot, Perle Rare, Crémant de Bourgogne 2011

## Commended sparkling rosé

- Bailly Lapierre, Brut Rosé Crémant de Bourgogne NV ● Louis Picamelot, Les Terroirs Brut Rosé Crémant de Bourgogne NV

## Commended white

- Aegerter, Réserve Personnelle, Meursault 2013 ● Alain Geoffroy Vau Ligneau, Chablis 1er Cru 2013 ● Antonin Rodet, Chablis 2013 ● Benjamin Laroche, La Manufacture, Vau Ligneau, Chablis 1er Cru 2012 ● Blason de Bourgogne, Montagny 2013 ● Bouchard Aîné & Fils, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2012 ● Bouchard Aîné & Fils, Vaillons, Chablis 1er Cru 2012 ● Bouchard Aîné & Fils, Valmur, Chablis Grand Cru 2011 ● Cave de Lugny, La Carte, Mâcon-Lugny 2012 ● Cave de Lugny, Les Chenaudières, Bourgogne 2014 ● Cave de Viré, Vieilles Vignes, Mâcon-Villages 2014 ● Château de Beauregard, The Society's Exhibition, Pouilly-Fuissé 2012 ● Château de Chaintré, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013 ● Château de Chamirey, La Mission, Mercurey 1er Cru 2013 ● Château de Chemilly, Chablis 2013 ● Château de Santenay, Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes,

- Bourgogne 2013 ● Château de Santenay, Clos de la Chaise Dieu, Monopole, Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune 2013 ● Château de Santenay, Le Roc Blanc, Mercurey 2013 ● Collin Bourisset, Les Carroz, Côteaux Bourguignons 2014 ● Domaine Christian Moreau, Cuvée Guy Moreau, Vaillons, Chablis 1er Cru 2013 ● Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils, Valmur, Chablis Grand Cru 2013 ● Domaine de L'érable, Chablis 2013 ● Domaine Fourrey, Côte de Léchet, Chablis 1er Cru 2013 ● Domaine Fourrey, Chablis 2014 ● Domaine Gonon, Vieilles Vignes, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013 ● Domaine La Croix Montjoie, L'Élégante, Bourgogne Vézelay 2013 ● Domaine Louis Moreau, Les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru 2011 ● Domaine Louis Moreau, Valmur, Chablis Grand Cru 2011 ● Domaine Louis Moreau, Vau Ligneau, Chablis 1er Cru 2013 ● Domaine Louis Moreau, Chablis 2014 ● Domaine Perraud St-Véran 2013 ● Domaine Petitjean, Chardonnay, Bourgogne Côte d'Auxerre 2013 ● Domaine Séguinot-Bordet, Chablis 2013 ● Gérard Tremblay-Domaine des Iles, Montmains, Chablis 1er Cru 2014 ● Henri de Villamont, La Canée, Auxey-Duresses 2012 ● Jaffelin, Meursault 2012 ● Jean Moreau et Fils, Mont de Milieu, Chablis 1er Cru 2013 ● Jean-Claude Fromont, Joséphine Dubois, Chablis 2014 ● Jean-Paul Paquet Domaine Les Vieux Murs, Pouilly-Fuissé 2013 ● La Chablisienne, Les Preuses, Chablis Grand Cru 2011 ● Labouré-Roi, Le Beaunois, Chablis 2013 ● Louis Max, Beaucharme Chardonnay, Bourgogne 2014 ● Louis Max, Vignes du Domaine, Mercurey 2013 ● Louis Max, Chablis 2014 ● Louis Max, Mercurey 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Domaine Chêne Mâcon-La Roche-Vineuse 2013 ● Morrison, Signature, Bourgogne 2014 ● Olivier Savary, Sélection Vieilles Vignes, Chablis 2013 ● P. Ferraud & Fils, L'Entrecoches, Pouilly-Fuissé 2014 ● The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition, St-Aubin 2012 ● Vignerons de Buxy, Bourgogne 2013

## Commended red

- Aegerter, Nuits-St-Georges 2013 ● Albert Bichot, Clos de la Roche Grand Cru 2011 ● Antonin Rodet, Château de Mercey, Sazenay, Mercurey 1er Cru 2013 ● Bel Air, Grande QV, Côteaux Bourguignons 2014 ● Château de la Terrière, Côteaux Bourguignons 2014 ● Château de Santenay, Clos du Roi, Beaune 1er Cru 2013 ● Collin Bourisset, Les Carroz, Côteaux Bourguignons 2014 ● Domaine Berthelemot, Noizons, Pommard 2013 ● Domaine du Château de Meursault, Clos des Chênes, Volnay 1er Cru 2013 ● Domaine Petitjean, Les Boisseaux, Bourgogne Côte d'Auxerre 2013 ● Jaffelin, Les Duresses, Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru 2012 ● Jean-Claude Boisset, Nature d'Ursulines, Bourgogne 2013 ● Tramier & Fils, Côteaux Bourguignons 2013 ● La Cave d'Azé, Bourgogne Pinot Noir Bourgogne 2014 ● Labouré-Roi, Pinot Noir, Bourgogne 2013 ● Labouré-Roi, Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune 2013 ● Louis Jadot, Celebration, Beaune 1er Cru 2012 ● Louis Jadot, Clos de Vougeot

- Grand Cru 2008 ● Louis Jadot, Monthélie 2010 ● Louis Max, Clos Prieur, Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 2013 ● Louis Max, Vigne du Domaine, Mercurey 2013 ● Louis Max, Côteaux Bourguignons 2014 ● Louis Max, Côte de Nuits-Villages 2013 ● Louis Max, Mercurey 2014

## Beaujolais



**Gold red**

- Louis Tête, Les Combes, Beaujolais-Villages 2013 (12.5%)

£11.90 Wilks & Co

Such a cheerful, fragrant wine with a brilliantly floral nose augmented by purple and blue fruits. The gorgeously fresh palate is a bundle of vivacity, with flavours of dark fruit, cherry stone, a hint of mushroom and a light tropical note.



**Silver red**

- Château Bonnet, Vieilles Vignes, St-Amour 2014
- Château de la Terrière, Fleurie 2014
- Château des Ravatys, Cuvée Mathilde Courbe, Côte de Brouilly 2013
- Château du Chatelârd, Cuvée Les Vieux Granits, Fleurie 2014
- Château du Chatelârd, Cuvée Les Vieux Granits, Fleurie 2013
- Château Grange Cochard, Côte du Py, Morgon 2013
- Domaine André Colonge & Fils, Gorge de Loup, Brouilly 2014
- Louis Jadot, Clos de Rochebres, Château des Jacques, Moulin-à-Vent 2010
- Louis Tête, Marks & Spencer, Brouilly 2013
- Louis Tête, Memoria, Beaujolais 2013
- Pierres Dorées, La Rosé Pourpre, Beaujolais 2014
- Roland Pignard, Régnié 2013



**Bronze red**

- Bel Air, Beaujolais-Villages 2014
- Bel Air, Brouilly 2014
- Château Bonnet, Vieilles Vignes, Chénas 2014
- Château de Chénas, Coeur de Granit, Moulin-à-Vent 2014
- Château de la Terrière, Beaujolais-Villages 2014
- Château de la Terrière, Brouilly 2014
- Château de Pizay, Cuvée Grands Cras, Morgon 2014
- Château de Pizay, Beaujolais 2014
- Château de St-Lager, Brouilly 2014

- Château des Loges, Sélection, Beaujolais-Villages 2014
- Château du Chatelârd, Baronne, Perle de Granits, Fleurie 2013
- Château du Chatelârd, Cuvée Les Roches, Morgon 2014
- Château Grange Cochard, Vieilles Vignes, Morgon 2013
- Domaine de Haute Molière, Fleurie 2013
- Domaine de la Madone, Le Perreon, Beaujolais-Villages 2014
- Domaine de la Madone, Beaujolais-Villages 2013
- Domaine de la Pirolette, St-Amour 2014
- Domaine du Penlois, Morgon 2013
- Domaine Lathuilière Gravallon Corcelette, Morgon 2014
- Domaine Pardon, Fleurie 2014
- Domaine Ruet, Voujon, Brouilly 2013
- Franck Cinquin, Domaine des Braves, Régnié 2014
- Fred & Hélène Lockwood, Gamay Noir Vieilles Vignes, Régnié 2014
- Gilles Gelin, Beaujolais-Villages 2013
- Gilles Gelin, Fleurie 2013
- Jean Loron, Beau, Beaujolais 2014
- Le Nid, Moulin-à-Vent 2013
- Louis Jadot, Château des Jacques, Moulin-à-Vent 2011
- Lucien Tardieu, Fleurie 2013
- Morrison, Specially Selected, Beaujolais 2013
- Morrisons, Signature, Beaujolais-Villages 2013
- Morrisons, Signature, Fleurie 2013
- Pierre Ferraud & Fils, La Dynastie des Ferraud, Moulin-à-Vent 2011
- Signé Vignerons, Les Hommes, Brouilly 2014
- The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition, Fleurie 2013

## Commended white

- Château du Chatelârd, Secret de Chardonnay, Beaujolais 2014 ● Domaine du Penlois, Chardonnay du Chatelârd, Beaujolais 2014

## Commended red

- Cave de Fleurie, Fleurie 2014 ● Château de Bellevue, Climat Les Charmes, Morgon 2013 ● Château de la Chaize, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Brouilly 2013 ● Château de la Chaize, Brouilly 2013 ● Château des Bachelards Comtesse de Vazeilles, Fleurie 2014 ● Château des Bachelards Comtesse de Vazeilles, Moulin-à-Vent 2014 ● Château du Chatelârd, Vieilles Vignes, Beaujolais-Villages 2014 ● Domain Pardon, Cuvée de L'Ermitage, Beaujolais-Villages 2014 ● Domaine André Colonge & Fils, Beaujolais-Villages 2014 ● Domaine Gaget, Côte du Py, Morgon 2013 ● Domaine Gaget, La Madone, Fleurie 2013 ● Domaine Lathuilière Gravallon, Pisse Vieille, Brouilly 2014 ● Georges Duboeuf, Beaujolais-Villages 2013 ● Georges Duboeuf, Fleurie 2013 ● Jacques Charlet, Domaine de la Virolette, Fleurie 2014 ● Jean-Paul Bartier, Les Iris, Beaujolais 2013 ● Le Nid, La Rochelle, Moulin-à-Vent 2013 ● Le Nid, Rochebres, Moulin-à-Vent 2013 ● Lucien Tardieu, Beaujolais 2013 ● Paul Sapin, Marks & Spencer, Fleurie 2013 ● Roland Pignard, Morgon 2012 ● Roland Pignard, Morgon 2013 ➤

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# Canada



## Regional Chair

**Tony Aspler** (see judges, p4)

CANADIAN VINTNERS OBVIOUSLY appreciate the halo effect accruing to medal winners at the DWWA, as this year's entries were up substantially – although conspicuous by its absence was dry Riesling, Ontario's strongest suit. Sparkling wines from traditional varieties shone; icewines also did well

(which was only to be expected), but some could do with greater acidity for balance. Our non-Canadian judge was surprised by the overall quality of the Pinot Noir flight featuring wines from Ontario and British Columbia; and Syrahs from both provinces won universal approval. Sauvignon Blanc was also a big surprise. Overall, a good showing for Canada, especially in the white wine categories, both sweet and dry.

## What should we buy from here?

Think of British Columbia's southern Okanagan Valley as the Rhône and Ontario as Burgundy, in terms of climate; so BC's reds have more volume and concentration, and Ontario's reds more delicacy and finesse. But in both cases beware vintage variation: look for 2012. Go for traditional-method sparkling wine, Riesling icewine, Pinot Noirs from Ontario (Niagara and Prince Edward County) and fleshier BC versions. Also try Syrah from both regions and Bordeaux varieties from BC, especially when blended with Syrah. They will be even better though, with a less heavy-handed approach to oak to allow the fruit to shine – especially with Merlot.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

The varietal Cabernet Sauvignons from both regions, across three vintages, failed to impress, showing green tannins and too much oak. Too many whites had an overdose of residual sugar, particularly BC Pinot Gris and aromatic varieties from both regions. Canada should be able to do Gewurztraminer well, but what we tasted did not show the potential of this perfumed variety. Cabernet icewine was poor, due to rusty colours and overly sweet flavours. The 2013 Ontario Rieslings, according to one judge, 'lacked precision and intensity' and BC's version was 'rather flaccid'.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Prince Edward County, a four-hour drive west of Niagara, is producing top-flight Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and more and more wineries are making sparkling wine by either the traditional method or Charmat process. The number of Pinot Noir entries shows the confidence with which producers in both provinces are approaching this challenging grape. More wineries are experimenting with blended whites, mixing Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc (though a little less residual sugar would be appreciated). Rosé is becoming an even bigger deal in Canada, both still and sparkling, and on the evidence of what we tasted, Marsanne in BC should be encouraged.

## Canada won

0 International Trophies (see p19)

4 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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## Gold sweet white

● **Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 (9.5%)**

£62.99/375ml **Liberty Wines**  
Intensely tropical and luscious, with honey aromas alongside baked and fresh citrus, ripe peach and melon. Juicy peach juice greets you on the sweet palate, which is given real punch by the lovely acidity and notes of zippy lime zest, apple and honey-drenched pineapple.

● **Mission Hill, Reserve Vidal Icewine Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013 (8%)**

Energetic and forceful, with a nose of lemon, tropical fruit, ripe apple, apricot jam and a touch of caramel. Rich and full on the wonderfully balanced palate, which is bathed in apricot, orange zest, lemon curd and racy acidity, with a delectable finish. Brilliant.

● **Peller, Oak Aged Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 (11%)**

A fantastically layered, botrytis nose of Turkish Delight, apricot jam, sweet spice, pear and baked apples. The smoothly textured, beautifully balanced palate fills the mouth with notes of marmalade, spice, stone fruit, tangy lemon acidity and a long, long finish.

● **Pillitteri, Reserve Icewine Riesling, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012 (11%)**

£18.99/250ml **Dudley Craig**  
A classic icewine, with a honeyed nose delivering an abundance of orange peel, petrol, apricot, baked apple and citrus notes, with just a hint of sultana. There's a delightful freshness to the expansive palate which unveils apples, pears, white flowers and a hit of tangerine acidity.



## Silver sparkling white

● **Jackson-Triggs, Okanagan Estate, Entourage Grand Reserve Brut, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2010**



## Silver white

- **Burrowing Owl, Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013**
- **Cedar Creek, Platinum, Block 5 Chardonnay Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013**
- **Le Clos Jordanne, Vineyard Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011**
- **Moon Curser, Afraid of the Dark, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013**
- **Quails' Gate, Stewart Family Reserve Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013**
- **Ravine Vineyard, Chardonnay, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013**
- **Thirty Bench, Small Lot Riesling Wild Cask, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013**



## Silver red

- **Baillie-Grohman, Reserve Pinot Noir, British Columbia 2012**
- **Burrowing Owl, Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012**
- **Church & State, Coyote Bowl Merlot Similkameen Valley, British Columbia 2010**
- **Flat Rock, Gravity, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012**
- **Hidden Bench, Pinot Noir, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012**
- **Howling Bluff, Summa Quies Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012**
- **Intersection, Alluvia, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012**
- **Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Grand Reserve Merlot, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012**
- **Jackson-Triggs, SunRock Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011**
- **Moon Curser, Dead of Night, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012**
- **Moon Curser, Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012**
- **Nk'Mip, Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2010**
- **Ravine Vineyard, Reserve Cabernet Franc, St David's Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012**

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● SpierHead, Pinot Noir Cuvée, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013



## Silver sweet white

- Inniskillin, Dark Horse Vineyard Riesling Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Inniskillin, Vidal Sparkling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011
- Isabella, Little Beaver Golden Maple Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Reserve Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Peller, Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Strewn Vidal Icewine, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011



## Silver sweet red

- Inniskillin, Discovery Series Tempranillo Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Pillitteri, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Icewine, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012



## Bronze sparkling white

- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Entourage Grand Reserve Brut, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Entourage Grand Reserve Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011
- Jackson-Triggs, Reserve Chardonnay Musqué, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2014
- Sumac Ridge, Steller's Jay Méthode Classique Brut, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2008
- Summerhill Pyramid, Cipes Ariel, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, 1998
- Summerhill Pyramid, Cipes Blanc de Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2008



## Bronze white

- 50th Parallel, Riesling, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Burrowing Owl, Sauvignon Blanc, Similkameen Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Church & State, Coyote Bowl Series Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Flat Rock, Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Henry of Pelham, Speck Family Reserve Riesling, Short Hills Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013

- Hidden Bench, Chardonnay, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Hidden Bench, Riesling, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Reserve Riesling, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Inniskillin, Okanagan Estate Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Delaine Fumé Blanc, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate Grand Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Grand Reserve Chardonnay, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Okanagan Estate, Grand Reserve Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- JoieFarm, Muscat, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Lake Breeze, Sauvignon Blanc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Lake Breeze, Seven Poplars Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Le Clos Jordanne, Claystone Terrace Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Le Clos Jordanne, Village Reserve Chardonnay, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Chardonnay Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Mission Hill Reserve Chardonnay Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser Arneis, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Nk'Mip, Qwam Qwmt Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Noble Ridge, Reserve Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Thirty Bench, Triangle Vineyard Small Lot Riesling, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Vieni, Chardonnay Reserve, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Westcott, Estate Chardonnay, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012

- Le Clos Jordanne, Village Reserve Chardonnay, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Chardonnay Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Mission Hill Reserve Chardonnay Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser Arneis, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Nk'Mip, Qwam Qwmt Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Noble Ridge, Reserve Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Thirty Bench, Triangle Vineyard Small Lot Riesling, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Vieni, Chardonnay Reserve, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Westcott, Estate Chardonnay, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012

- Vieni, Chardonnay Reserve, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Westcott, Estate Chardonnay, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012



## Bronze rosé

- Poplar Grove, Poplar Grove Blanc De Noirs, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014



## Bronze red

- Black Sage Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Burrowing Owl, Athene, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012 >

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- Burrowing Owl, Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- CedarCreek, Platinum Desert Ridge Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Church & State, Coyote Bowl Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Church & State, Quintessential, British Columbia 2010
- Covert Farms Amicitia Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Covert Farms MDC, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Gold Hill, Cabernet Franc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Gold Hill, Meritage Family Reserve, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Gold Hill, Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Inniskillin, Dark Horse Vineyard Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Inniskillin, Discovery Series Malbec, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, SunRock Shiraz, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Reserve Shiraz, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- JoieFarm, Gamay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- JoieFarm, Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Lake Breeze, Seven Poplars Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Le Clos Jordanne, Village Reserve Pinot Noir, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Magnotta Shiraz Limited Edition Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Mission Hill, Limited Edition Cabernet-Shiraz, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Shiraz, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Monster Cabs, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Monster Red Eyed, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Moon Curser, Carmenere, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser, Contraband Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser, Malbec, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser, Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser, Tempranillo, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser Cabernet-Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Nk'Mip, Qwam Qwmt Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Osoyoos Larose, le Grand Vin,

- Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Painted Rock, Estate Grown Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Pillitteri, Exclamation Reserve Cabernet Franc, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Poplar Grove, Cabernet Franc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Poplar Grove, Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Poplar Grove, The Legacy, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Quails' Gate, Stewart Family Reserve Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Rosewood, Origin Cabernet Franc, Niagara Escarpment, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Rosewood, Select Series Merlot, Niagara Escarpment, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Sumac Ridge, Black Sage Cabernet Sauvignon, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012



### Bronze sweet white

- Inniskillin, Gold Oak Aged Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Inniskillin, Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Reserve Riesling Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Magnotta Riesling Icewine Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Peller, Vidal Blanc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Peller Estates Private Reserve Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Pillitteri, Reserve Icewine Vidal, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Pondview, Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Trius Showcase Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Whistler Riesling Icewine, Similkameen Valley, British Columbia 2013



### Bronze sweet red

- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Cabernet Franc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Reserve Cabernet Franc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Merlot

- Icewine Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Peller, Cabernet Franc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Strewn Cabernet Sauvignon Icewine, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013

### Commended sparkling white

- Flat Rock, Riddled, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2009

### Commended white

- 50th Parallel, Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- 50th Parallel, Pinot Gris, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- CC Jentsch Cellars, Viognier, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Clos du Soleil, Capella, British Columbia 2013
- Henry of Pelham, Speck Family Reserve Chardonnay, Short Hills Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Hidden Bench, Nuit Blanche, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Howling Bluff, Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Inniskillin, Okanagan Estate Pinot Grigio, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Inniskillin, Okanagan Estate Riesling, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Grand Reserve White Meritage, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Grand Reserve CSV, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Jackson-Triggs, Okanagan Estate Reserve Viognier, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- JoieFarm, A Noble Blend, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Kittling Ridge, Barrel Fermented Limited Edition Chardonnay, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Mission Hill, Lone Pine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Riesling Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Mission Hill, Reserve Pinot Gris, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Nagging Doubt, Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Poplar Grove, Pinot Gris, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2014
- Rosewood, Mima's Block Riesling, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Rosewood, Sussreserve Riesling, Niagara Escarpment, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2014
- See Ya Later Ranch Pinot Gris, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Thirty Bench, Steel Post Vineyard Small Lot Riesling, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013

### Commended red

- 50th Parallel, Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Baillie-Grohman, Cabernet Franc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Burrowing Owl, Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Burrowing Owl, Syrah, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- CC Jentsch The Chase, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- CedarCreek, Platinum Desert Ridge Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Church & State, Coyote Bowl Malbec, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Church & State, Coyote Bowl Merlot, Okanagan

- Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Church & State, Quintessential, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Covert Farms The Bluff, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2010
- Flat Rock, Pinot Noir, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Henry of Pelham, Speck Family Reserve Cabernet-Merlot, Short Hills Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2010
- Inniskillin, Dark Horse Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Inniskillin, Discovery Series Zinfandel, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Reserve Merlot, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Inniskillin, Reserve Cabernet Franc, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Reserve Merlot, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Delaine Syrah, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Niagara Estate, Grand Reserve Shiraz, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, Okanagan Estate Grand Reserve Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Jackson-Triggs, SunRock Illumina, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate Grand Reserve Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Grand Reserve CSV, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- JoieFarm, PTG, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Kacaba, Reserve Merlot, Niagara Escarpment, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2010
- Le Clos Jordanne, Claystone Terrace Pinot Noir, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Le Clos Jordanne, Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir, Twenty Mile Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Lulu Island, Meritage, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Magnotta, Limited Edition Cabernet Sauvignon Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2011
- Magnotta, Limited Edition Meritage Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013
- Mission Hill, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Mission Hill, Reserve Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Moon Curser, Border Vines, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Moon Curser, Cabernet Sauvignon, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011
- Moon Curser, Petit Verdot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Pelee Island Winery, Baco Noir Reserve Retro Pelee Island, Lake Erie North Shore, Ontario 2013
- Pillitteri, Merlot, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Rosewood, Origin Series Merlot, Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Strewn Strewn Three Terroir, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Sumac Ridge Black Sage Vineyard Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012
- Summerhill Pyramid, Grasslands Organic Merlot, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2010
- Trius, Grand Red, Four Mile Creek, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012
- Vieni, Pinot Noir Private Reserve, Vinemount Ridge, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012

### Commended sweet white

- Clos du Soleil, Saturn, Similkameen Valley, British Columbia 2013
- Clos Saragnat, Ice Wine, Cantons-de-l'Est, Quebec 2011
- Inniskillin, Okanagan

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Estate Vidal Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013 ● Isabella Little Beaver Riesling Icewine Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013 ● Lulu Island, Riesling-Chardonnay Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2010 ● Lulu Island, Viognier Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011 ● Mission Hill, Reserve Late Harvest Vidal Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2012 ● Mission Hill, Reserve Riesling Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013 ● Reif, Vidal Icewine, Niagara River, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 ● Riverview, Buona Notte Vidal Riesling Icewine,

Niagara River, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2010

## Commended sweet red

● Inniskillin, Niagara Estate, Sparkling Cabernet Franc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2012 ● Isabella Winery, Little Beaver Merlot Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2011 ● Pondview Cabernet Franc Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 ● Reif, Grand Reserve Cabernet Icewine, Niagara River, Niagara Peninsula, Ontario 2013 ● Whistler, Merlot Icewine, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia 2013

## Central & Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia)



### Regional Chair

### Caroline Gilby MW

(see judges, p4)

HUNGARY AND SLOVENIA led the way this year, building on their reputation as the most exciting countries in this corner of Europe. In both, more than two-thirds of entries won awards, while the Czech Republic and Romania lagged behind with recognition for

fewer than half of theirs. Hungary gave us a thrilling line-up of luscious Tokaji Aszú wines, but also showed how much strength still wines can offer. Regional Trophies went to superb examples of Cabernet Franc and dry Furmint, there was a Gold for Kékfrankos and a crop of 'nearly there' Silvers, with a strong showing from Cabernet Franc. And sweet wines didn't just go Hungary's way, with an International Trophy for Slovenia and a Gold for the Czech Republic. And kudos too for the Regional Trophy and Gold for Slovenian sparkling wines.

### What should we buy from here?

Furmint continues to show its class and versatility in producing complex, mineral-rich dry wines, vinified both with and without oak. Hungary took a Trophy and a Gold for dry Furmint and there was also a Trophy for Slovenia (where the grape is sometimes called Sipon), with some great-value Silver medal winners too. In Tokaj, Furmint played the starring role in the blend for judges' favourite wines, with its hallmark steely freshness to balance the intense sweetness.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

2014 has been a shockingly bad vintage for most producers in Central & Eastern Europe, so it's one to skip if possible. The best producers have made crisp, light, easy-drinking whites and rosés, but this wasn't a year for reds and there won't be many premium wines either. The Czech Republic continues to rely heavily on medium-dry and medium-sweet styles, which may work for local consumers but the quality of the fruit is sadly masked by boring sweetness. Romania needs to

get a grip on managing tannins and oak to achieve a more globally acceptable style before it will do better here.

### What should we keep an eye on?

Central Europe has some genuinely exciting local varieties. Furmint is well on the way to becoming established, though there's more to come as winemakers learn how to get the very best from it. Its Tokaji Hárslevelű is also promising, though not yet in the spotlight. On the red front, Kékfrankos has a strong claim to being Hungary's own and is making increasingly assured wines. Romania's Feteasca grapes (both red and white) have exciting potential as does the delicious Negru de Drăgășani, while Slovenian Rebula adds an extra dimension in some excellent sparklers.

### Central & Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia) won

1 International Trophy (see p19)

5 Regional Trophies (see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards

### Czech Republic

#### 2015 Decanter Gold sweet white

● Sklepy Lechovice, Ryzlink Rynsky Slámové Víno, Znojemska, Moravia 2013 (7.5%)

Intense and lively, with notes of apple blossom, apple peel, lime, mango, pineapple and straw on the nose. Fine, youthful and pure, the palate opens with ripe guava and and melon, showing lovely depth and concentration, balanced by zesty acid before the lingering, orange peel finish.

#### 2015 Decanter Silver white

● Reisten, Classic Pozdni Sber Riesling, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

#### 2015 Decanter Silver sweet white

● Michlovsky, Aurelius, Velkopavlovicka, Moravia 2012

#### 2015 Decanter Bronze sparkling white

● Bohemia Sekt, Louis Girardot Brut, Moravia 2010

● Bohemia Sekt, Prestige Brut, Moravia 2011

#### 2015 Decanter Bronze white

● Château Valtice, Sauvignon, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Habanske Sklepy, Sauvignon, Velkopavlovicka, Moravia 2013 ● Josef Dufek, Ryzlink Rynsky, Pozdni Sber, Velkopavlovicka, Moravia 2011

● Lahofer, Rulandské Bílé, Znojemska, Moravia 2013

● Mikrosvin Mikulov, Ryzlink Rynsky, Flower line, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Mikulov, Sommelier Club Rulandské Bílé, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Petr Skoupil, Chardonnay, Velkopavlovicka, Moravia 2013

● Petr Skoupil, Pálava, Velkopavlovicka, Moravia 2013

● Reisten, Pinot Blanc, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Reisten, Pinot Gris Classic Late Harvest, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Sonberk, Riesling, Mikulovska, Moravia 2011

● Stepan Manak, Ryzlink Vlassky Terroir, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013

● Vinařství Krist, Kabinetní Víno Sauvignon, Slovacka, Moravia 2014

● Vinne Sklepy Lechovice, Pozdni Sber Rulandské Bílé Znojemska, Moravia 2013

● Zamecke Vinařství Bzenec, Ryzlink Rynsky Terroir, Mikulovska, Moravia 2010

● Znovin Znojmo, Ledňánek Ríční Lot 4033 Pozdni Sber Sylvánské Zelene Znojemska, Moravia 2014

● Znovin Znojmo, Lot 4045 Sauvignon Znojemska, Moravia 2014

### Commended sparkling white

● Bohemia Sekt, Prestige Brut, Moravia 2013 ● Bohemia Sekt, Prestige Chardonnay Brut L1503407, Moravia 2013

### Commended white

● Gotberg, Sylvaner, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013 ● Hort, Sauvignon, Znojemska, Moravia 2013 ● Kovacs, Sauvignon, Mikulovska, Moravia 2013 ● Lahofer, Neuburske, Znojemska, Moravia 2013 ● Mikrosvin Mikulov, ➤

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Rulandské Šedé, Znojemská, Moravia 2013 ● Pavlov, Pálava, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Pavlov, Pinot Gris, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Pavlovín, Sauvignon, Velkopavlovická, Moravia 2013 ● Pavlovín, Ryzlink Rýnský, Velkopavlovická, Moravia 2011 ● Pialek & Jäger, Pinot Blanc, Znojemská, Moravia 2013 ● Sklepy Lechovice, Pozdni Sber Pinot Gris, Znojemská, Moravia 2013 ● Sonberk, Pálava, Mikulovská, Moravia 2012 ● Sonberk, Riesling Noble Rot, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Stepan Manak, Rulandské Bílé, Slováká, Moravia 2013 ● Vinařství Cech, Pozdni Sber Rulandské Šedé, Slováká, Moravia 2014 ● Vinařství Cech, Pozdni Sber Ryzlink Rýnský, Slováká, Moravia 2014 ● Vinařství Cech, Pozdni Sber Sauvignon, Slováká, Moravia 2014 ● Vinařství Dufek, Tramín Cervený, Slováká, Moravia 2013 ● Vinařství Kovacs, Ryzlink Vlašský, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Vinařství Krist, Kabinetní Víno Rulandské Šedé, Slováká, Moravia 2014 ● Vinařství Nepraš, Nad Sklepy Pozdni Sber Pinot Gris, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Vinofol, Chardonnay Late Harvest, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013 ● Zamecke Vinařství Bzenec, Herbarium Moravicum Chardonnay, Slováká, Moravia 2013

#### Commended rosé

● Kaplicky, André, Velkopavlovická, Moravia 2014

#### Commended red

● Pavlovín, Rulandské Modré, Velkopavlovická, Moravia 2011 ● Znovin Znojmo, Lot 3089 Dornfelder Znojemská, Moravia 2013

#### Commended sweet white

● Sonberk, Pálava Botrytický Sber, Mikulovská, Moravia 2013

## Hungary



**Gold white**

#### ● Sauska, Medve Furmint Tokaj 2012 (14%)

£40 **Berkmann Wine Cellars**  
Lovely lifted aromas of butterscotch, oak, peach and a hint of orange lead on to a big and complex palate with oodles of rich, mineral-tinged, toasty apple, pear and stone fruit. It's elegant and well composed, with an attractively phenolic bitterness on the mid-palate, and a crisp, long finish.



**Gold red**

#### ● Takler, Görögszői Kékfrankos, Szekszárd, Dél-Pannónia 2011 (14%)

A gentle, pure nose of kirsch, plum, liquorice and wild raspberry overlaid with vanilla.

The palate is deceptively delicate, with hidden weight and structure, vibrant acidity, fine tannins, and ripe blueberry and raspberry fruit, followed by pepper, bitter almond, herbs and cherries. Delicious.



**Gold sweet white**

#### ● Disznókő, Tokaji 5 Puttonyos Tokaj 2010 (12%)

POA **Champagnes & Châteaux, Waitrose**

Lovely, playful intensity on the nose with notes of apricot, botrytis, peach and pineapple. Fresh, bright and sweet to taste, the botrytis element gathers momentum on the palate which also unveils flavours of bitter orange marmalade, barley sugar, youthful passion fruit and vivid acidity. Excellent all round.

#### ● Dobogó, Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Tokaj 2008 (10.5%)

£57.99/500ml **Liberty Wines**  
Lovely, playful, floral intensity of peach, dried apricots, mango and pineapple perfume and a twist of lemon zest. Sweet and fresh with a silky elegance, ripe, exotic and stone fruits in the mouth, with finely balanced acidity and waxy, syrupy tones on the lingering finish. Great length and complexity.

#### ● Gróf Degenfeld, Tokaji Aszú-Eszencia Tokaj 2008 (8.5%)

Vivid, layered palate of vanilla, Christmas cake, passion fruit, candied orange peel, toffee and apricot. Very rich, sweet and luscious, but complex too, with amazing weight, pungent botrytis notes and strong acidity to counteract the sweetness. Deep, broad, long and very impressive.

#### ● Gróf Degenfeld, Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Tokaj 2008 (10.5%)

Perfumed nose of ripe mango, dried apricot, marmalade, fig, sultana and pungent botrytis; a lightly oxidative style. It's a muscular wine, with a rich, ripe, voluptuous palate of mango and melon, with impressive concentration that persists throughout the long finish.

#### ● Hétszőlő, Tokaji 5 Puttonyos Tokaj 2008 (11%)

Generous honey and ripe apricots with some orange peel

lift on an intense nose which is run through with a savoury botrytis component. This is classic Aszú, with a joyous, silky, full-flavoured palate abounding in mango, pineapple, ginger, caramel and perky, lemony acidity.

#### ● Patricius, Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Tokaj 2006 (11%)

POA **Enotria**  
Highly intense but fine nose of dried apricots, tangerine peel, mango, roasted almonds, dried mushroom and flowers. There's sharp acidity and fine structure to the palate, with syrupy tones of extra-ripe preserved fruit, just amazing intensity, and brilliant balance between the sweetness and acidity.

#### ● Royal Tokaji, 6 Puttonyos Tokaj 2011 (9%)

£10.65/500ml **Amazon, Bibendum PLB**  
POA **Wilson Daniels USA**  
Youthful, composed nose that shows hints of acacia, Williams pear, lemon, orange peel, elderflower, nectarine and spice. This is a fine, pure and silky wine; exotically flavoured, with lovely balance and vibrancy, ending with a long finish where the delicious flavours linger in the mouth. Excellent value.



**Silver sparkling white**

#### ● Törley, Chardonnay Brut Nature, Etyek-Buda, Észak-Dunántúl 2011



**Silver white**

● Dobogó Pincészet, Sent Tamás Betsek Tokaj 2013  
● Gilvesy, Rajnai Rizling, Badacsony, Balaton 2013  
● Kreinbacher, Furmint, Nagy-Somló, Balaton 2012  
● Royal Tokaji, Vineyard Selected Furmint Tokaj 2013  
● Sandahl, Gold Standard Riesling, Badacsony, Balaton 2013



**Silver red**

● Aranyfürt Kft-Schieber Pincészet, Schiebert Szekszárdi Quinta Essencia, Szekszárd, Dél-Pannónia 2012  
● Bock, Libra, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Halasi Gergely, Ammonites, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Halasi Gergely, Gold Cuvée, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Heumann, Kékfrankos Reserve, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Vylyan, Duennium, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Vylyan, Mandolás, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

#### ● Vylyan, Pillangó, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011



**Silver sweet white**

● Château Dereszla, Tokaji Aszú-Eszencia Tokaj 2008  
● Disznókő, Tokaji 5 Puttonyos Tokaj 2008  
● Disznókő, Tokaji 5 Puttonyos Tokaj 2011  
● Tokajicum, Mandulás, Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Tokaj 2010



**Bronze sparkling white**

● Hungaria Pezsgőpincészet, Extra Dry, Etyek-Buda, Észak-Dunántúl NV  
● Kreinbacher, Prestige Brut, Nagy-Somló, Balaton NV  
● Törley, Gála Sec NV



**Bronze sparkling rosé**

● Törley, François President Brut Rosé, Etyek-Buda, Észak-Dunántúl 2010



**Bronze white**

● Béres, Lőcse Furmint Tokaj 2011  
● Borbély Családi Pincészet, Karós Olasz Rizling, Badacsony, Balaton 2013  
● Hilltop, Wine Atlas Tokaji Furmint Tokaj 2014  
● Holdvölgy, Expression Tokaj 2012  
● Lajvér Borház, Cuvée Blanc, Dél-Pannónia 2014  
● Lajvér Borház, Olaszrizling, Dél-Pannónia 2014  
● Laposa, Kéknyelű, Badacsony, Balaton 2013  
● Pajzos, Furmint Selection, Tokaj 2013  
● Sandahl, Rhine Riesling Laundry hanger, Badacsony, Balaton 2012  
● Sauska, Furmint Tokaj 2013  
● Tokaj-Hétszőlő, Furmint Selection Tokaj 2011  
● Tűzkő, Hárslevelű, Tolna, Dél-Pannónia 2011



**Bronze red**

● Bodri Pincészet, Optimus, Szekszárd, Dél-Pannónia 2011  
● Csányi, Château Teleki Cabernet Franc, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2012

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I Heumann, Borosso, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011  
 ● Heumann, Cabernet Franc, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011  
 ● Kovács Nimród, NJK Nagy Eged Eger 2009  
 ● Ostoros, Kékfrankos Eger 2012  
 ● Thummerer Egri Bikavér, Eger 2011  
 ● Tüzkő, Domb, Tolna, Dél-Pannónia 2009  
 ● Vin Art, Prémium Cabernet Sauvignon, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011  
 ● Wunderlich, Cassiopeia Cabernet Sauvignon, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

## Bronze sweet white

● Béres, Tokaji 5 Puttonyos, Tokaj 2007  
 ● Royal Tokaji, Late Harvest, Tokaj 2013

## Commended sparkling white

● Balatonboglári, Chapel Hill Chardonnay Brut NV ● Törley, Fortuna Doux NV

## Commended white

● Barta, Old King Furmint Tokaj 2013  
 ● Frittmann, Cserszegi Fűszeres, Kunság, Duna 2014 ● Kreinbacher, Öreg Tökék Bora, Nagy-Somló, Balaton 2012 ● Laposa, Pino, Badacsony, Balaton 2013 ● Pajzos, Furmint T Tokaj 2013 ● Sandahl, Riesling All of a Kind, Badacsony, Balaton 2013

## Commended rosé

● Frittmann Kunság, Duna 2014 ● Szentpéteri, Néro, Kunság, Duna 2014  
 ● Törley, György-Villa Syrah Rosé, Etyek-Buda, Észak-Dunántúl 2014

## Commended red

● Bock, Capella, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2009 ● Csányi Pincészet, Elegance, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2012 ● Domaine Edegger, Pinot Noir, Badacsony, Balaton 2012 ● Eszterbauer, Tivald Cabernet Sauvignon, Szekszárd, Dél-Pannónia 2012 ● Halasi Gergely, Gold Cabernet Franc, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011 ● Halasi Gergely, Gold Cabernet Sauvignon, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011 ● József Bock, Bock Cuvée, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011 ● Juhász, Gesztenyés Merlot Eger 2012 ● Malatinszky Kúria, Kövesföld, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2009 ● Szentpéteri, Cabernet Sauvignon, Kunság, Duna 2013 ● Vin Art, Classicus Cabernet Sauvignon, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011 ● Vylvan, Montenuovo Cuvée, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011 ● Wunderlich, Koh-I-Noor Merlot, Villány, Dél-Pannónia 2011

## Romania

### Silver red

● Viile Metamorfosis, Via Marchizului, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013

### Silver sweet white

● Cramele Recas, Conacul Ambrozy Sauvignon Blanc, Recas, Banat 2013

### Bronze sparkling white

● Domeniile Panciu, Brut, Panciu, Moldova 2012

### Bronze white

● Avincis, Crâmpoșie Selecționată Dragasani, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013  
 ● Avincis, Fetească Regală-Pinot Gris, Dragasani, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013  
 ● Budureasca, Origini Sauvignon Blanc, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2014  
 ● Liliac, Fetească Regală, Lechinta, Transylvania 2013

### Bronze red

● Amb Crepuscul, Lechinta, Transylvania 2013  
 ● Avincis, Cuvée Andrei Cabernet Sauvignon, Dragasani, Muntenia & Oltenia 2011  
 ● Budureasca, Zenovius, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013  
 ● Cramele Halewood, Hyperion Chairman's Reserve, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013  
 ● Unicom, Făurar Roșu de Ceptura, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013  
 ● Viile Metamorfosis, Cantvs Primvs, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2012  
 ● Vinarte, Castel Starmina, Mehedinti 2013

### Bronze sweet white

● Liliac, Nectar Lechinta, Transylvania 2013  
 ● Roy & Damboviceanu Corcova, Vin Dessert, Corcova, Mehedinti 2013

## Commended sparkling white

● Casa Panciu, Muscat Ottonel Dulce, Panciu, Moldova 2014

## Commended sparkling rosé

● Cramele Halewood, Rhein Extra Brut Rosé, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia NV

## Commended white

● Averesti, Sauvignon Blanc, Husi, Moldova 2014 ● Crama Girboiu, Epicentrum, Aligoté & Muscat, Cotesti, Moldova 2014 ● Crama Girboiu, Tectonic Muscat Ottonel, Cotesti, Moldova 2014 ● Cramele Recas, Sole Chardonnay Barrique, Recas, Banat 2014 ● Domeniul Coroanei, Minima Moralia Honor, Segarcea, Muntenia & Oltenia 2011 ● Jidvei, Mysterium Chardonnay-Pinot Noir-Feteasca Alba, Târnavé, Transylvania 2014 ● Liliac, Pinot Gris, Lechinta, Transylvania 2013 ● Tectonic, Sarba, Cotesti, Moldova

2014 ● Viile Budureasca, Vine in Flames Feteasca Regala, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2014

## Commended rosé

● Roy & Damboviceanu Corcova, Corcova, Mehedinti 2014

## Commended red

● Budureasca, Noble 5, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2012 ● Budureasca, Origini Shiraz, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2012 ● Cramele Halewood, Byzantium Rosso di Valachia, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2014 ● Cramele Halewood, La Umbra Pinot Noir, Dealurile Munteniei, Muntenia & Oltenia 2014 ● Roy & Damboviceanu Corcova, Reserve Pinot Noir, Corcova, Mehedinti 2011 ● Unicom, Iacob, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2012 ● Unicom, Purpura Valahica, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2010 ● Viile Metamorfosis, Via Coltul Pietrei, Dealu Mare, Muntenia & Oltenia 2013

## Slovenia

### Gold sparkling white

● Bjana, Cuvée Prestige, Brda, Primorska 2010 (12.5%)

Inviting nose of lychee, gentle lemon tones, biscuit and honey. Classy and refined, with a persistent mousse, refreshing acidity, crisply framed citrus flavours and a tangy acidity which comes to the fore on the finish. Elegant and well harnessed.

### Gold sweet white

● Marjan Simčič, Leonardo, Brda, Primorska 2009 (14%)  
 £32.85 Bancroft

Wild and vivid, with forceful, absorbing aromas of orange peel, nuts and barley sugar. It's similarly pronounced in the mouth, with palate-coating flavours of sultana, apricot, dates, honey, caramel and burnt sugar. Viscous but complex and balanced, with a lengthy conclusion.

● Mavretic, Sauvignon Icewine, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2011 (11%)

An exquisite, honeyed and rich sweet wine with true Sauvignon character despite its opulence. Smoky aromas and notes of barley sugar, herbs, mango and passion fruit are the nucleus of the nose, while the silky palate is graced with brown sugar, lemon juice and reams of honeyed fruit.

● Ptujška Klet, Pullus, Rumeni Muskat, Stajerska, Podravje 2011 (12.5%)

Dramatic but articulate expression of the Muscat grape, with golden, honeyed nuts, caramel, apricot, lemon blossom and rose. Fine and intense, this is a pure and pretty wine, run through with vibrant acidity and with a long and dynamic finish.

### Silver sparkling white

● Bjana, Brut, Brda, Primorska NV  
 ● Zlati Grič, Konjiška Penina, Bela Brut, Stajerska, Podravje NV

### Silver white

● Dveri-Pax, Sipon-Furmint, Stajerska, Podravje 2013  
 ● Gross, Sauvignon Blanc Colles, Stajerska, Podravje 2012  
 ● Krainz, Sipon Stajerska, Podravje 2013  
 ● Marjan Simčič, Opoka Sauvignon Blanc, Brda, Primorska 2012  
 ● P&F, Jeruzalem Ormož, Renski Riesling, Stajerska, Podravje 2013

### Silver red

● Marjan Simčič, Pinot Noir Brda, Primorska 2012

### Silver sweet white

● Klet Zorenc-Hohnjec, Ledeno Rumeni Muškat, Stajerska, Podravje 2011  
 ● Radgonske Gorice, Svečnično Chardonnay, Radgona-Kapela, Podravje 2009  
 ● Sanctum, Laški Rizling ledeno vino, Stajerska, Podravje 2009

### Bronze white

● Dveri-Pax, Sauvignon, Stajerska, Podravje 2014  
 ● Dveri-Pax, Sauvignon Vajgen, Maribor, Podravje 2013  
 ● Krainz, Traminer, Stajerska, Podravje 2012  
 ● Marc Srečko, Zelen, Vipava, Primorska 2014  
 ● Marjan Simčič, Pinot Grigio, Brda, Primorska 2013  
 ● Marjan Simčič, Selekcija Chardonnay, Brda, Primorska 2012  
 ● Marof, Chardonnay, Prekmurje, Podravje 2012  
 ● P&F, Gomila, Single Vineyard Selection Furmint, Stajerska, Podravje 2011 ➤



- Ptujška Klet, Pullus Zvrst, Srednje Slovenske Gorice, Podravje 2012
- Ramšak, Chardonnay, Stajerska, Podravje 2013
- Vinakoper, Capris Malvazija, Koper, Primorska 2013
- Vipava 1894, Sauvignon, Vipava, Primorska 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Colja, QV, Karst, Primorska 2011
- Marof, Mackovci, Modra Frankinja, Prekmurje, Podravje 2011
- Vinakras, Teran Prestige Karst, Primorska 2013
- Vinakras Teran, Karst, Primorska 2014

 **Bronze sweet white**

- Mavretic, Rumeni Muscat, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2011
- Univerza v Mariboru, Sauvignon Jagodni Izbor, Meranovo, Maribor, Podravje 2007

**Commended sparkling white**

- Radgonske Gorice Zlata Penina Brut Nature, Radgona-Kapela, Podravje 2006
- Simonič, Semiška Penina Polsuho, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2012

Simonič, Semiška Penina Suho, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2007

**Commended sparkling red**

- Vinakras, Kraška Penina, Karst, Primorska 2013

**Commended white**

- Druzovic, Sisi Chardonnay, Stajerska, Podravje 2014
- Dveri-Pax, Chardonnay Vajgen Stajerska, Podravje 2013
- Georgiberg, Secreto Silber, Fosili, Stajerska, Podravje 2011
- Marof, Laški Rizling, Prekmurje, Podravje 2012
- P&F, Gomila, Single Vineyard Selection Chardonnay, Stajerska, Podravje 2013
- Vipava 1894, Chardonnay-Beli Pinot, Vipava, Primorska 2014
- Vipava 1894, Malvazija, Vipava, Primorska 2014
- Vipava 1894, Malvazija Prestige Vipava, Primorska 2014
- Vipava 1894, Vrtovčan, Vipava, Primorska 2014

**Commended red**

- Dveri-Pax, Modra Frankinja, Stajerska, Podravje 2011
- Dveri-Pax, Modri Pinot, Stajerska, Podravje 2011
- KZ Metlika, Metliška Crnina, Bela Krajina, Posavje 2013
- Vinakras, Izbrani Teran, Karst, Primorska 2014
- Vinakras, Teranton, Karst, Primorska 2009
- Vipava 1894, Merlot, Vipava, Primorska 2012
- Zajc, Blue Rabbit Dolenjska, Posavje 2013

**Commended sweet white**

- P&F, Gomila, Traminer Auslese, Stajerska, Podravje 2011

way east and north. However, although quantities were disastrous, the wines were not. Whenever you see a 2014 this summer and autumn, it's worth the risk.

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

We are still seeing problems with overwhelming oak use and over-extracted reds made from overripe, unbalanced fruit. A lot of 2011s are tiring, while many 2012 remain obstinately hot and hard. There must have been some self-policing by the would-be entrants, though; both Bulgaria and Serbia managed to send many more reds that did jump all these hurdles – and, of course, they got medals! Sadly, Albania and the red wines from Bosnia-Herzegovina haven't improved on closer acquaintance. Slovakian Tokaj, although very genuine, remains firmly tied in style to that known and loved by the Russian market more than 20 years ago.

**What should we keep an eye on?**

We had a much wider range of good wines (both red and white) from Macedonia this year, especially from the Tikves region. All of former Yugoslavia has always had a wonderful mix of terroirs and grape types; we are only now beginning to appreciate just how good. Serbia, too, proved that last year's interesting results were no flash in the pan. Armenia's Areni Noir grape was another consistent repeat performer in a delicious, gentle, red fruits style. The Russians also upped their game, even entering some really good, inexpensive reds and some excellent fizz.

## Central & Eastern Europe



**Regional Chair**

**Angela Muir MW**

(see judges, p4)

EASTERN EUROPE VENTURES ever further afield. This year added Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, both of which sent us some very creditable entries: try them if you find them. The extremely steep learning curve that this vast 'region' has started to climb in the last couple of decades continues. It was clear to us that we were not discarding anything like as many samples as we had in the past, and we probably awarded more Silvers and Bronzes. Real Gold-medal winemaking still seems to elude the region (we had one star from Bulgaria in 2015) but it is now safer than ever to try something you've never heard of.

**What should we buy from here?**

Moldovan Rose, anyone? Or, for that matter, Armenian, Georgian, Serbian, Bulgarian or Slovakian? Every one of these countries produced at least one rosé we'd have been happy to drink. That's the joy of this panel's task: we never know what's in the next glass. Our hopes weren't too high for the young whites and rosés this year as the horrible weather that bedevilled Northern Italy's 2014 vintage spread a very long

**Central & Eastern Europe won**

 **International Trophies (see p19)**

 **Regional Trophies (see p56)**

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**Armenia**

 **Silver red**

- ArmAs, Areni Aragatsotn, Armenia 2012

 **Bronze white**

- ArmAs, UruUu Kangun Semi Sweet, Aragatsotn 2013
- Armenia Wine Factory, Takar Kangun, Aragatsotn 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Takar Areni, Aragatsotn 2013

**Commended rosé**

- ArmAs, Aragatsotn 2013

**Commended red**

- ArmAs, Karmrahut, Aragatsotn 2012

**Azerbaijan**

 **Bronze red**

- Aspi, Savalan Cabernet Sauvignon Ripassato 2011
- Aspi, Savalan Limited Release Dry Red 2012

**Commended white**

- Aspi, Savalan Chardonnay 2014

**Bosnia-Herzegovina**

 **Bronze white**

- Hercegovina Produkt, Charisma Zilavka, Mostar 2014
- Hercegovina Produkt, Zilavka Zlatna Dolina, Mostar 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Krš Crni, Blatina, Ljubuški 2013
- Nuic, Blatina, Ljubuški 2013

**Commended white**

- Crnjac & Zadro, Zilavka Selekcija, Mostar 2013
- Zadro, Zilavka, Mostar 2013

**Commended red**

- Vinarija Skegro, Carsus Blatina, Ljubuški 2011

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## Bulgaria



**Gold red**

- Angelus, Gold Stallion, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012 (14.5%)

An absolute mosaic of aromas including sour cherry, blueberry, cocoa, fresh damson and tobacco. The palate is muscular, structured, but precise, with firm, velvety tannins and notes of bramble jelly, spice, leather, stone fruits and dark chocolate. A powerful wine which leaves you feeling you've tasted something very special.



**Silver red**

- Angelus, Stallion Classic Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Château Burgozone, Pinot Noir, Danubian Plain, Northern Region 2012
- Château Kolarovo, Cabernet Sauvignon Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Edoardo Miroglio, Elenovo Merlot, Nova Zagora, Rose Valley, Sub-Balkan Region 2011
- Melnik, Aplauz 55 Reserve, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013



**Bronze white**

- Angelus, White Stallion, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Katarzyna, Le Magnifique Chardonnay, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Staro Oryaovo, White Story Traminer, Varna, Black Sea, Eastern Region 2013



**Bronze rosé**

- Dives, Special Selection, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Peach Garden, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2014



**Bronze red**

- Dives Merlot Barrique Special selection, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Dives Merlot Barrique Special Selection, Thracian Valley,

Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013

- Dragomir, Pitos, Plovdiv, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Edoardo Miroglio, Elenovo Mavrud, Nova Zagora, Rose Valley, Sub-Balkan Region 2011
- Edoardo Miroglio, Sant'Ilia Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc-Melnik, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Katarzyna, Encore Malbec, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Katarzyna, La Vérité Cabernet Franc, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Magura, Shiraz & Cabernet Franc, Vidin, Danubian Plain, Northern Region 2012
- Melnik, Aplauz Cabernet Sauvignon, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Rossidi, Pinot Noir, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Santa Sarah, Zar Simeon Royal Héritage, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Terra Tangra, Grand Reserve, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2009
- Terra Tangra, Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Terra Tangra, Single Barrel, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2009
- Yustina, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013

**Commended white**

- Chateau Burgozone, Via Istrum, Viognier Gold Selection, Danubian Plain, Northern Region 2014
- Dives, Muscat, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2014
- Dives, Sauvignon Blanc Special Selection, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2014

**Commended red**

- Bratanov, Single Vineyard Mavrud Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Chateau Kolarovo, Ahal Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Dives, Cabernet Sauvignon Barrique, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Dives Merlot Barrique, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Edoardo Miroglio, Em Pinot Noir, Nova Zagora, Rose Valley, Sub-Balkan Region 2012
- Edoardo Miroglio, Soli Pinot Noir, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Katarzyna, Chopin Concerto, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Katarzyna, Chopin Nocturne, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Katarzyna, Encore Syrah, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Melnik, Aplauz Merlot, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Melnik, Bergule, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern

- Region 2013
- Minkov Brothers, Cabernet Sauvignon, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Minkov Brothers, Le Photographe Pinot Noir, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2013
- Rumelia Merul Cabernet Sauvignon, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Staro Oryahovo Red Story Merlot, Varna, Black Sea, Eastern Region 2013
- Terra Tangra, Organic, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2012
- Villa Yustina, Monogram Mavrud & Rubin, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2011
- Yustina, Special Reserve, Thracian Valley, Thracian Lowland, Southern Region 2010

## Georgia



**Silver white**

- Alaverdi Monastery, Since 1011, Rkatsiteli, Kakheti 2013



**Silver red**

- Khareba, Château Lipartiani, Gurjaani, Kakheti 2012
- Schuchmann, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti 2014
- Tbilvino, Saperavi, Kakheti 2013



**Bronze sparkling white**

- Bagrationi, Reserve Brut, Kartli 2013



**Bronze white**

- Château Mukhrani, Goruli Mtsvane Kartli 2013
- Khareba, Mtsvane, Gurjaani, Kakheti 2014
- Schuchmann, Mtsvane, Napareuli, Kakheti 2014
- Teliani Valley, Glekhuri Kisi Qvevri, Kakheti 2013
- Teliani Valley, Kisi-Mtsvane, Kakheti 2013
- Teliani Valley, Semi Sweet, Tvishi, Racha-Lechkhumi 2013



**Bronze red**

- Khareba, Semi-Sweet, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti 2013
- Schuchmann, Akhasheni, Kakheti 2014
- Schuchmann, Saperavi, Kakheti 2014
- Schuchmann, Mukuzani, Kakheti 2013
- Shumi, Georgica Mukuzani, Mukuzani, Kakheti 2013
- Shumi, Iberiuli, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti 2013
- Tamada, Saperavi, Kakheti 2013
- Teliani Valley, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti 2013

- Teliani Valley, Mukuzani, Kakheti 2013

**Commended sparkling white**

- Bagrationi, Finest Brut, Kartli 2013

**Commended white**

- Château Mukhrani, Réserve Du Prince, Kartli 2012
- Khareba, Château Lipartiani, Imereti 2012

**Commended rosé**

- Château Mukhrani, Tavkveri Kartli 2013

**Commended red**

- Shumi, Georgica Saperavi, Napareuli, Kakheti 2013
- Tbilvino, Kindzmarauli, Kakheti 2013
- Tbilvino, Saperavi Special Reserve, Kakheti 2012
- Tbilvino, Khvanchkara, Racha-Lechkhumi 2013

## Kazakhstan



**Bronze white**

- Arba, Ainala Gewurztraminer, Assa Valley, Almaty 2013

**Commended red**

- Arba, Pino Assa Valley, Almaty 2013
- Arba, Kyzyl Arba Cabernet Franc, Assa Valley, Almaty 2012

## Macedonia



**Silver red**

- Stobi, Aminta, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013



**Bronze white**

- Domaine Lepovo, Chardonnay, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014
- Imako, Majestic Temjanika, Ovche Pole, Povardarje 2014
- Stobi, Chardonnay Barrique, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013
- Tikveš, Barovo, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014
- Tikveš, Grenache Blanc Special Selection, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014
- Tikveš, Temjanika Selection, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014



**Bronze rosé**

- Tikveš, Alexandria Cuvée, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014



**Bronze red**

- Bovin, Alexandar, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2012
- Domaine Lepovo, Pinot Noir, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013
- Stobi, Barrique Merlot, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013
- Tikveš, Special Selection Merlot, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013
- Tikveš, Special Selection Vranec, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013

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### Commended white

- Tikveš, Rkaciteli Special Selection, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2014

### Commended red

- Kamnik, Signature Merlot Grand Reserva, Skopje, Povardarje 2012 ● Sainsbury's, House Pinot Noir, Vardar Valley, Povardarje, NV ● Stobi, Vranec Veritas, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013 ● Tikveš, Alexandria Cuvée, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013 ● Tikveš, Bela Voda Veles, Povardarje 2012 ● Tikveš, Special Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Tikvesh, Povardarje 2013

## Moldova

### Silver white

- Albastrela, Pinot Grigio Stefan Voda 2014
- Chateau Purcari Pinot Grigio, Purcari, Nistreana 2014

### Silver rosé

- Chateau Purcari, Purcari, Nistreana 2014

### Bronze white

- Chateau Purcari, Alb, Purcari, Nistreana 2012
- Chateau Purcari, Sauvignon, Purcari, Nistreana 2014
- Fautor, Sauvignon Blanc, Valul lui Traian, Leova 2014
- Vinaria din Vale, Feteasca Alba Valul lui Traian, Leova 2014

### Bronze rosé

- Fautor, Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé 2014

### Bronze red

- Chateau Purcari, Freedom Blend, Purcari, Nistreana 2011
- Chateau Purcari, Negru, Purcari, Nistreana 2010

### Commended white

- Albastrela, Sauvignon Blanc Codru 2014 ● Fautor Chardonnay-Rkaciteli, Valul lui Traian, Leova 2012 ● Morrisons Chalkboard Pinot Grigio, Codru 2014

### Commended red

- Fautor, Illustro, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot Rezerva, Valul lui Traian, Leova 2012 ● Mimi, Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

## Montenegro

### Bronze red

- Rupice, Di Vine, Podgorica 2010

## Russia

### Silver sparkling white

- Abrau-Durso, Brut, Krasnodar 2009

### Silver red

- Usadba Divnomorskoe, West Hill Blend, Krasnodar 2012

### Bronze sparkling white

- Abrau-Durso, Brut, Krasnodar 2010
- Abrau-Durso, L'Art Nouveau Brut, Krasnodar 2010

### Bronze white

- Usadba Divnomorskoe, East Hill Blend, Krasnodar 2013

### Bronze red

- Château Tamagne, Premier Rouge Réserve, Krasnodar 2013
- Usadba Divnomorskoe, Syrah, Krasnodar 2012

### Commended sparkling rosé

- Château Tamagne, Reserve Extra Brut Rosé, Krasnodar 2014

### Commended red

- Château Tamagne, Saperavi, Krasnodar 2013

## Serbia

### Silver white

- Bogdan, Sauvignon Blanc, Subotica-Horgoš 2014
- Vinum, Sauvignon Blanc, Srem 2013

### Silver red

- Aleksandrović, Rodoslov, Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2009
- Aleksić Amanet, Vranje, Nišava-South Morava 2011
- Temet Dobra Godina, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2011
- Veritas, Momentum Cabernet Sauvignon, Srem 2012

### Bronze white

- Aleksandrović, Trijumf Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013
- Aleksandrović, Trijumf Barrique, Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012

- Janko, Misija, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013
- Kiš, Kišova Misterija Polusuvo, Fruška Gora Srem 2011
- Temet, Pinot Grigio, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2014
- Temet Tri Bele, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2014

### Bronze rosé

- Temet, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2014

### Bronze red

- Aleksandrović, Regent, Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2009
- Belo Brdo, Alma Mons, Fruška Gora Srem 2012
- Belo Brdo, Cabernet Franc, Srem 2012
- Janko, Zavet, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013
- Janko, Zavet Stari, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012
- Kovačević, Aurelius, Fruška Gora Srem 2012
- Matalj Vinarija, Kremen Cabernet Sauvignon Negotinska Krajina 2013
- Milan Nikolić, Vinis Crveno, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2011
- Tonković, Kadarka Rapsodija, Subotica-Horgoš 2012
- Vinarija Despotika, Dokaz, Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012
- Zvonko Bogdan, Cuvée No 1, Subotica-Horgoš 2012

### Commended white

- Bjelica, Babaroga, Fruška Gora Srem 2013 ● Janko, Vrtlog, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013 ● Matalj Vinarija, Terasa Chardonnay, Negotinska Krajina 2013 ● Molowinery, Inat, Srem 2013 ● Molowinery, Inat Crown Plaza, Srem 2012 ● Pusula, Sauvignon Blanc, Pocerina 2013 ● Temet Ergo Belo, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012 ● Temet Ergo Belo, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013 ● Vinum, Italijanski Rizling, Srem 2013 ● Zvonko Bogdan, Icon Campana, Subotica-Horgoš 2013

### Commended rosé

- Bogdan, Sec, Subotica-Horgoš 2014
- Tonković, Kadarka, Subotica-Horgoš 2014

### Commended red

- Aleksandrović, Trijumf Noir, Oplenac, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012
- Belo Brdo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Srem 2011 ● Bjelica, Graffiti Crveno, Fruška Gora Srem 2013 ● Janko, Zapis Crveni, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2013 ● Matalj Vinarija, Kremen Kamen, Negotinska Krajina 2012 ● McCulloch, Merlot-Malbec, Srem 2012 ● Temet Ergo, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2011 ● Temet Ergo Crveno, Jagodina, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012 ● Tonković, Kadarka Fantazija, Subotica-Horgoš 2011 ●

- Tonković, Kadarka Icon, Subotica-Horgoš 2011 ● Vinarija Jeremić, Kanon, Belgrade, Sumadija-Great Morava 2012 ● Zvonko Bogdan, Zivot Tece, Subotica-Horgoš 2013

## Slovakia

### Silver sweet white

- Zitavské Vinice, Muskat Ottonel 42, Nitrianska 2013

### Bronze white

- Hubinský, Chardonnay Malokarpatská 2014
- Hubinský, Devín, Malokarpatská 2014
- Tokaj Macik, Mono Furmint, Tokajská 2011
- Vinidi, Rizling Rýnsky, Nitrianska 2013

### Bronze red

- Matyšák, Oak Wood Frankovka Modrá, Malokarpatská 2011
- Zitavské Vinice, Shiraz, Nitrianska 2011

### Bronze sweet white

- Ostrožovič, Saturnia Muškát Zltý, Tokajská 2013
- Tokaj & Co, Tokajská 1999
- Zitavské Vinice, Rizling Rýnsky 36, Nitrianska 2013

### Commended white

- Matyšák, Prestige Gold Tramín Cervený, Južnoslovenská 2013 ● Zitavské Vinice, Sauvignon, Nitrianska 2013

### Commended red

- Vinidi, Dorn, Nitrianska 2011

### Commended sweet white

- Chateau Viničky, Tokajská 2009
- Ostrožovič, Saturnia Furmint, Tokajská 2012 ● Ostrožovič, Tokajská 2002 ● Tokaj Macik, Selection, Tokajská 2006

## Ukraine

### Silver red

- Shabo, Cabernet Classic, Odessa NV

### Commended white

- Shabo, Chardonnay Classic, Odessa NV ● Shabo, Chardonnay Reserve, Odessa 2013 ● Shabo, Telti-Kuruk Grand Reserve, Odessa 2013

### Commended red

- Shabo, Cabernet Reserve, Odessa 2013

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# Champagne



## Regional Chair

**Richard Juhlin** (see judges, p4)

IMPRESSIVELY, 88% OF our 624 wines tasted were awarded this year. That includes an impressive 79 Silvers, nine Golds and three Trophies. The Champenois have clearly got their act together – partly in response to greater competition from other regions producing better sparkling wines. For

instance, we found almost no faulty wines; something which was far more common 10 years ago. What's more, the cheapest Champagnes are more drinkable than ever.

## What should we buy from here?

In most categories there were no big surprises and, reassuringly, price very often reflected quality. Pinot Noir shows more class and breed than the less-structured Pinot Meunier. Grower blanc de blancs remain a bargain in most cases, and I'd also recommend giving them a few years extra in the cellar. But despite the growth and success of grower Champagnes, the real winners this year were a number of famous names and big houses, which are very much on form.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

I would ignore zero dosage Champagnes. Personally, I look forward to the day when they are finally out of fashion. This year I was disappointed by some of the 2008s which we tasted, but I still believe it is a great vintage and I encourage you to buy as much as you can from the most highly rated producers. Patience is a virtue! The 2004 vintage is also not as consistent as 2002 or 2006 in terms of style and quality, but the year to avoid is 2007, which has a strange unbalanced combination of maturity and harshness.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Apart from the 2008s, I would recommend the 2006s – this is going to be a great vintage with the same perfect balance as 2002. We're also seeing a continued trend from last year's DWWA, which is an increasing proportion of odd varieties like Pinot Blanc, Arbanne and Petit Meslier in some blends. And do keep an eye open for more biodynamic grower Champagnes which have been vinified in oak. Lastly, we saw more examples of the toasty reductive style from a number of brands. Many of these were extremely impressive and were accordingly rewarded with high marks.

spices and delicious, complex fruit that carries a savoury slant. Young, but long, with a fine mousse and great potential.

● **Fleury, Extra Brut 2002 (12.5%)**

£46 **Fields Morris & Verdin, Vintage Roots**

Creamy, forceful nose of acacia honey, citrus and lily blossoms. The palate is impressive indeed, building gently from a modest foundation before moving through the gears to deliver complex, rounded flavours of fabulous, ripe citrus fruits and a touch of chalky minerality.

● **Heidsieck & Co, Monopole, Gold Top Brut 2007 (12%)**

£34.99 **Asda, Majestic, Ocado, The Champagne Co**

A nose of finesse and maturity, showing deep tones of toast, biscuit, ripe citrus and white stone fruit. The palate is just as classy and elegant, with fine bubbles, great acidity, lovely poise and elements of ginger, hazelnuts, brioche and butter.

● **Louis Dousset, Blanc de Noirs Grand Cru Brut 2002 (12%)**

Enticing nose of fresh scones with strawberry jam, candied citrus, honey and flint. The palate is elaborate and supple, with fine structure and subtle power, a gentle creaminess and an attractive, very long, fruity-mineral aftertaste.

● **Orpale, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2002 (12.5%)**

£60 **Marks & Spencer**

Alluring, powerful nose of nuts, grilled stone fruits, spices, orange blossom, acacia and dried citrus fruits. This is classy and textured; slightly smoky on the palate which is ripe and long, with fine mineral support, depth and vigour.

● **Piper-Heidsieck, Cuvée Rare Brut 1988 (12%)**

Very rich and ripe buttery nose displaying further notes of mushroom, petrol, orange blossom, ripe citrus, praline and chocolate ganache. Praline remains on the structured palate along with notes of brioche and a long, citrusy finish. Complex and delicious.

● **Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs Brut 2006 (12%)**

£147 **Hatch Mansfield**

The nose is dominated by candied lemon peel, apple, ripe pear and fresh bread, but with a beautiful undertow of firm mineral nuttiness. It's elegantly textured, with haute couture bubbles, a bounty of ripe fruits, and a fresh, rounded mouthfeel with layers of complexity.

● **Taittinger, Folies de la Marquetterie Brut NV (12.5%)**

£60.70 **Fortnum & Mason, Harrods, Waitrose**

Complex and seductive toasty nose of ripe citrus, honey and spicy biscotti over discreet white fruits. Rich and supremely balanced in the mouth, with real vinosity, golden fruit, ripe acids, nutty flavours and a light but long, tingling mineral finish.



● **Charles Heidsieck, Brut Rosé 1999 (12%)**

£85 **Farr Vintners, Fortnum & Mason, Harrods, Hedonism**

Captivating aromas of almonds, sweet spice, white fruits, berries and crusty bread, all wrapped around flinty minerality. It's rich and multilayered, with excellent balance and fine concentration of candied cranberries and citrus, with further mineral lines providing sterling support.



● **AR Lenoble, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2008**

● **Alain Bailly, Brut Réserve 2009**

● **Allouchery-Perseval, Brut 2007**

● **Allouchery-Perseval, Réserve Brut NV**

● **Beaumont des Crayères, Fleur Blanche Blanc de Blancs Brut 2008**

● **Beaumont des Crayères, Nostalgie Brut 2004**

● **Bernard Remy, Grand Cru Brut NV**

● **Besserat de Bellefon, Cuvée des Moines Blanc de Blancs Brut NV**

● **Boizel, Grand Vintage Brut 2004**

● **Boizel, Joyau de France Brut 2000**

● **Boulard Bauquaire, Cuvée Mélanie Blanc de Blancs Brut NV**

● **Bourdaire-Gallois Cuvée Millésime Brut 2006**

● **Breton Fils, Blanc de Noirs Brut Nature 2009** ➤

**Champagne won**  
**1 International Trophy**  
 (see p19)  
**2 Regional Trophies**  
 (see p56)

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● **Deutz, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2008 (12%)**

£60 **Gonzalez Byass UK**

Scents of sultanas, madeleine cake, coconut, dried apricot and spice, leads on to a full palate of lemon sherbet, gentle

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- Castelnau, Réserve Brut NV
- Château de L'Auche, Cuvée du Chapitre Brut NV
- Chanoine Frères, Tesco Finest Brut 2009
- Charles Ellner, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Charles Heidsieck, Brut 2005
- Charles Heidsieck, Réserve Brut NV
- Charpentier, Terre d'Emotion Brut NV
- Chaudron, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Comte Audoin de Dampierre, Family Réserve Grand Cru Brut 2007
- Comte de Cheurlin, Beauregard Blanc de Noir Brut Nature NV
- Dauby, Cuvée Guy Dauby, Grand Cru Brut NV
- David Coutelas, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- David Coutelas, Prestige Brut NV
- Deutz, Cuvée William Deutz Brut 2002
- Dom Caudron Brut 2007
- Dom Caudron Cuvée Cornalyne Brut NV
- Dom Caudron Vieilles Vignes Brut NV
- Duménil, Premier Cru Brut Nature NV
- Duval-Leroy, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2006
- Duval-Leroy, Sainsbury's Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Esterlin, Cléo Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- F Cossy, Origine Premier Cru Extra Brut NV
- Fleury, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Fleury, Sonate N°9 Opus 10 Extra Brut NV
- GH Mumm, Brut 2006
- GH Mumm, Mumm de Cramant, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Gauthier-Christophe, Cuvée Mathilde Brut NV
- Gremillet, Brut 2009
- Heidsieck & Co. Monopole, Premier Cru Brut NV
- Heidsieck & Co. Monopole Bronze Top Brut NV
- Heidsieck & Co. Monopole Cuvée Impératrice Brut NV
- Henriot, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Henriot, Souverain Brut NV
- J de Telmont, Grand Blanc de Blancs Brut 2007
- J de Telmont, Grand Couronnement, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2002
- J de Telmont, LD Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 2006
- J de Telmont, OR 1735 Brut 2004
- Jacquart, Alpha Brut 2006
- Jacquart, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2006



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Rytis Jurkenas

JURKENAS IS JOINT director of Clos & Cru, a resource devoted to Champagne, and the manager of *Kalba.lt*, the largest educational company in his native Lithuania. After graduating from medical school, Jurkenas worked in the

pharmaceutical industry for about 10 years and only started to learn about wine in 1993, due to its limited availability in Lithuania. His discovery of Champagne came nine years later, and this has since become a passion. Since 2002, Jurkenas has been a regular visitor to the Champagne region, where he goes to taste and to learn the latest about the terroir, the technology and the winemaking process. He currently holds more than 3,500 tasting notes for Champagnes, judges regularly in wine competitions in Lithuania as well as abroad. Jurkenas also organises Champagne tastings.

- Laurent-Perrier, Brut NV
- Laurent-Perrier, Grand Siècle Brut NV
- Lombard & Cie, Tanagra Gand Cru Brut NV
- Lutun, Fleur de Bois Extra Brut NV
- Mandois, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2010
- Maurice Grumier, Amand Cuvée du Fondateur, Extra Brut NV
- Maurice Grumier, Instant Nature Ultra Brut NV
- Nicolas Feuillatte, Palmes d'Or Brut 2006
- Palmer & Co, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2008
- Pertois-Lebrun, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Instant Brut NV
- Pierre Boever & Fils, Grand Cru Brut 2009
- Pinot Chevauchet, Precieuse Premier Cru Brut NV
- Piper-Heidsieck, Cuvée Rare Brut 2002
- Piper-Heidsieck, Essentiel Cuvée Brut NV
- Salmon, Special Club Brut 2009
- Sanger, Triangle Minéral Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2008
- Taittinger, Prélude Grands Crus Brut NV
- Thiénot, Cuvée Stanislas Brut 2006
- Union Champagne, Tesco Finest Grand Cru Brut 2007
- Xavier Leconte, Le Charme d'Anaïs Blanc de Blancs Brut 2009



### Silver rosé

- Collet, Rosé Brut NV
- Henriot, Brut Rosé NV
- Lanson, Extra Age Brut Rosé NV
- Laurent-Perrier, Brut Rosé NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Lady de N Cuvée Rosé Brut NV
- Paul Laurent, Cuvée du Fondateur Brut Rosé NV
- Veuve Devanlay, Brut Rosé NV



### Bronze white

- A Bergère, Grand Cru Brut NV
- Abel Charlot, Marks & Spencer Brut 2005
- Albert de Milly, Réserve Brut NV
- Albert de Milly, Tradition Brut NV
- André Robert, Le Mesnil Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut 2007
- Asda, Louis Bernard Extra Special Premier Cru Brut NV
- Ayala, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2007
- Barfontarc, Cuvée Sainte Germaine Brut 2007
- Barfontarc, Tradition Brut NV
- Bauchet, Saint-Nicaise Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut 2009
- Bauguet-Jouette, Carte Blanche Brut NV
- Beaumont des Crayères, Fleur Noire Blanc de Noirs Brut 2006
- Beaumont des Crayères, Grand Prestige NV
- Besserat de Bellefont, Cuvée des Moines Extra Brut NV
- Boizel, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Bouché Père & Fils, Cuvée Réserve Brut NV

- Bouché Père & Fils, Cuvée Saphir Brut NV
- Bredon, Cuvée Jean-Louis Brut NV
- Breton Fils, Brut de Brut, Extra Brut NV
- Canard-Duchêne, Authentic Réserve Brut NV
- Castelnau, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2003
- Castelnau, Brut 2003
- Castelnau, Brut NV
- CH & A Prieur, Grand Prieur Brut 2002
- Charles Collin, Brut NV
- Charles Collin, Extra Brut NV
- Charles de Cazanove, Tête de Cuvée Brut NV
- Charles De Cazanove, Vieille France Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Charles Mignon, Marks & Spencer 1er Cru Premium Réserve Brut NV
- Charles Mignon, Marks & Spencer, Comte de Marne Grand Cru Brut NV
- Charles Mignon, Premium Réserve Brut NV
- Charles Orban, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Charpentier, Terre d'Emotion Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Château de Bligny, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Colin, Parallèle, Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Extra Brut NV
- Collet, Art Déco Brut NV
- Collet, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Collet, Brut NV
- Collet, Esprit Couture Brut NV
- Collet, Extra Brut NV
- Cuperly, Grande Réserve Grand Cru Brut NV
- De Castellane, Brut 2007
- De Castellane, Brut NV
- De Lozey, Extra Brut NV
- De Saint Gall, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut NV
- De Saint Gall, Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut NV
- De Saint Gall, Tradition Brut NV
- De Venoge, Cordon Bleu Brut NV
- De Venoge, Louis XV Brut 2006
- Déhu, Léon Lhermitte Brut NV
- Déhu, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Delong, Marlène Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Delong, Marlène, Cuvée Privilège Brut NV
- Demilly de Baere, Cuvée Carte d'Or Brut NV
- Demilly de Baere, Cuvée Pure Brut 2005
- Demilly de Baere, Cuvée Rare Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Devaux, Cuvée D Brut NV
- Devaux, Ultra D Extra Brut NV
- Dom Caudron Camille Philippe Brut NV
- Domaine B Girardin, Appoggiature Brut NV
- Domaine B Girardin, Point d'Orgue Brut 2007
- Domaine B Girardin, Vibrato Brut NV
- Doyard-Mahé, Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut 2010
- Doyard-Mahé, Carte d'Or Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Drappier, Grande Sendrée Brut 2006
- Duchêne, Kalikasan Brut Nature NV

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- Duménil, Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut NV
- Duménil, Cuvée Prestige Vieilles Vignes Brut NV
- Duval-Leroy, Brut NV
- Duval-Leroy, Fleur de Champagne Premier Cru Brut NV
- Duval-Leroy, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference 1er Cru Brut 2007
- Edouard Brun, Réserve Premier Cru Brut NV
- Eric Legrand, Carte Réserve Brut NV
- Ernest Rapeneau, Brut NV
- Esterlin, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Esterlin, Exclusif Brut NV
- F Cossy, Eclat Premier Cru Brut NV
- Fleury, Notes Blanches Brut Nature NV
- François Dubois, Nocturne Privilège Brut NV
- François Dubois, Prestige Brut NV
- François Dubois, Grand Cru Brut NV
- GH Martel & Co, Cuvée Victoire Fût de Chêne Brut 2008
- GH Martel & Co, Cuvée Victoire Premier Cru Brut NV
- GH Martel & Co, Prestige Brut NV
- GH Martel & Co, Victoire Brut NV
- Gardet, Tradition Brut NV
- Gautherot, Exception Extra-Brut NV
- Gauthier-Christophe, Réserve Brut NV
- Georges de la Chapelle Extra-Brut NV
- Georges Vesselle, Grand Cru Brut 2009
- Gérard Gratiot Brut 2006
- Germer Breton, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Gimmonnet Gonet, Cuvée Or Grand Cru Brut NV
- Gimmonnet Gonet, Prestige Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2009
- Goutorbe Bouillot, Carte d'Or Brut NV
- Goutorbe-Bouillot, Cuvée Louise B Brut NV
- Granzamy, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Gratiot Pilière, Tradition Extra Brut NV
- Gremillet, Brut Nature NV
- Gueusquin, Cuvée Prestige Speciale Brut NV
- Guy Charbaut, Blanc de Noirs Extra Brut 2009
- Guy Charbaut, Cuvée de Réserve Vieilles Vignes Premier Cru Brut NV
- Guy de Chasse, Cuvée de Buretel Grand Cru Brut NV
- H Blin, Quintessence Meunier Blanc de Noirs Extra Brut 2009
- H Blin, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- H Blin, Brut 2006
- Heidsieck & Co, Monopole, Blue Top Brut NV
- Henri Abelé, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Henri Abelé, Brut 2004
- Henri Abelé, Brut NV
- Henri Abelé, Sourire de Reims Brut 2007
- Henriot, Brut 2006
- J Charpentier, Réserve Brut NV
- Jacquart, Brut Mosaïque NV
- Jacquart, Extra-Brut NV
- Jacques Boncoeur, Réserve Brut NV

- Jacques Copinet, Intégral Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Jamart, Volupté Brut NV
- Janisson & Fils, Grand Cru Brut NV
- Janvry, Prestige des Sacres Brut NV
- Jean Comyn, Harmonie Brut NV
- Jean Comyn, Symphonie Brut 2009
- Jean-Noël Haton, Extra, Brut NV
- Jean-Noël Haton, Noble Vintage Brut 2007
- Jean-Pol Hautbois, Grande Réserve Extra Brut NV
- Jaunaux-Robin, Sélection Brut Zero NV
- Jeeper, Grand Cru Brut NV
- Jeeper, Grande Réserve Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- JM Gobillard, Grande Réserve Premier Cru Brut NV
- JM Gobillard, Prestige Brut 2009
- Joseph Perrier, Royale Brut NV
- La Croix des Postes, Livrée Noire Grand Cru Brut 2006
- Lallier, Grand Cru 2008
- Lanson, Black Label Brut NV
- Lanson, Noble Cuvée, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2000
- Lanson, Père & Fils Brut NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Lady de N Chardonnay Brut NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Lady de N Clovis Brut NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Lady de N Fût de Chêne Brut NV
- Le Mesnil, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut NV
- Léon Launois, Réserve Brut NV
- Lidl, Comte de Senneval Brut NV
- Lombard & Cie, Grand Cru Brut 2008
- Lombard & Cie, Grand Cru Brut NV
- Lombard & Cie, Premier Cru Brut NV
- Louis Dousset, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2006
- Louis Dousset, Original Brut NV
- Lutun, Prestige Brut NV
- Maison Burtin, De Vallois Brut NV
- Malard, LadyStyle Brut NV
- Mansard, Tradition de Mansard Brut NV
- Marc, Grande Cuvée Brut NV
- Marc, Perla-Néra Grand Cru Brut 2008
- Michel Fagot, Sélection des Clos Premier Cru Brut 2004
- Michel Marcoult, Tradition Brut NV
- Moët & Chandon, Grand Vintage Brut 2006
- Montaudon, Brut 2007
- Montaudon, Classe M Brut NV
- Montaudon, Réserve Première Brut NV
- Moutardier, Brut 2007
- Moutardier, Pure Meunier Brut Nature NV
- Napoleon, Brut 2000
- Napoleon, Tradition Brut NV
- Nicolas Feuillatte, Brut Réserve NV
- Nicolas Feuillatte, Cuvée Spéciale Brut 2007
- Nicolas Gueusquin Premier Cru Tradition Brut NV
- P Desroches, Marks & Spencer Brut NV
- P Louis Martin, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Palmer & Co, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV ➤



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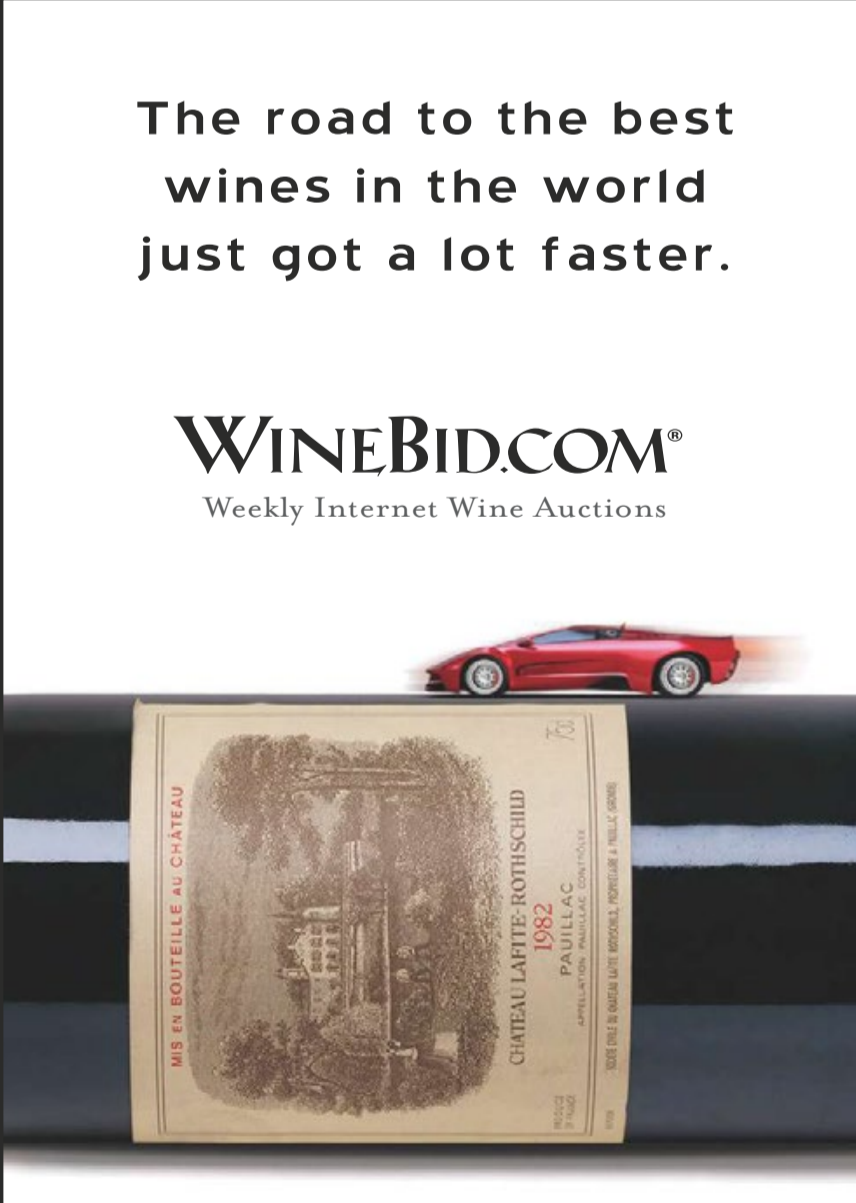
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- Pannier, Brut Sélection NV
- Paul Goerg, Lady Brut 2004
- Paul Goerg, Premier Cru Brut 2005
- Paul Laurent, Prestige Brut NV
- Perrier-Jouët, Grand Brut NV
- Pertois-Lebrun, Exaltation Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru Brut NV
- Philippe Gamet, Cuvée de Réserve Brut NV
- Philippe Glavier, Génésis, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Extra Brut NV
- Philippe Gonet, Belemnita, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut 2005
- Philippe Gonet, Réserve Brut NV
- Pierre Boever & Fils, Les Dames de France Brut NV
- Pierre Courtois, Sélection Brut NV
- Pierre Trichet, La Puissance Brut NV
- Pinot-Chevauchet, Cuvée Joyeuse Brut NV
- Pinot-Chevauchet, Genereuse Brut Nature NV
- Piper-Heidsieck, Sublime Demi-Sec NV
- Prestige des Sacres, La Cuvée Boisée Brut NV
- René Collet, Empreinte de Terroir Chardonnay Brut NV
- René Collet, Empreinte de Terroir Extra Brut NV
- Richard Royer, Richard Royer Cuvée Originel Extra-Brut NV
- Robert Barbichon, Réserve 4 Cépages Brut NV
- Roger Adnot, Renaissance Brut NV
- Roger Barnier, 100% Meunier Extra Brut 2009
- Roger Barnier, Blanche Brut 2008
- Roger Barnier, Sélection Brut NV
- Royal Coteau, Premier Cru Blanc de Chardonnay Brut 2008
- Royal Coteau, Premier Cru Extra-Dry 2006
- Salmon, AS Brut NV
- Sanger, Terroir Natal Brut NV
- Taittinger, Nocturne Sec NV
- Tarlant, Réserve Brut NV
- The Co-operative, Les Pionniers Brut NV
- The Co-operative, Les Pionniers Brut 2006
- Thierry Grandin, Cuvée Marcel Jardin Premier Cru Brut NV
- Trepo Loriguier, Songe d'Une Nuit de Vendanges Extra Brut 2008
- Trouillard, Cuvée de Fondateur Brut 2007
- Trouillard, Elexium Brut NV
- Trouillard, Extra Sélection Brut NV
- Vadin-Plateau, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Venoge, Blanc de Noirs Réserve Brut NV
- Vincent Couche, Brut 2004
- Vincent Couche, Perle de Nacre Extra Brut NV
- Voirin Jumel, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut NV
- Vollereaux, Brut Réserve NV
- Waitrose, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Waitrose, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Waris-Hubert, Cuvée Blanche Avize Grand Cru Brut 2009
- Waris-Hubert, Grand Cru Chardonnay Brut NV
- Xavier Leconte, Alexis Brut NV
- Yann Alexandre, Noir Brut NV
- Yann Alexandre, Roche Mère Brut Nature NV



## Bronze rosé

- Alain Bailly, Réserve Brut Rosé 2011
- Bauguet-Jouette, Brut Rosé NV
- Beaumont des Crayères, Grand Brut Rosé NV
- Bourdaire-Gallois, Brut Rosé NV
- Canard-Duchêne, Charles VII Brut Rosé NV
- Castelnau Brut Rosé NV
- Charles de Cazanove, Vieille France Brut Rosé NV
- Charles Gardet, Rosé de Saignée Premier Cru Brut 2006
- Charles Heidsieck, Réserve Brut Rosé NV
- Charles Mignon, Marks & Spencer Premium Réserve Premier Cru Brut Rosé NV
- Charpentier, Terre d'Emotion Brut Rosé NV
- Château de Bligny, Grande Réserve Brut Rosé NV
- Comte de Cheurlin, Rosé Célébrité, Le Suchot, Extra Brut Rosé NV
- Delong Marlène, Cuvée Rosée Brut NV
- Devaux, Cuvée Brut Rosé NV
- Devaux, D Brut Rosé NV
- Dom Caudron Camille Philippe Brut Rosé NV
- Duménil, Vieilles Vignes Brut Rosé NV
- Duval-Leroy, Sainsbury's Brut Rosé NV
- Ernest Rapeneau, Brut Rosé NV
- François Dubois, Brut Rosé NV
- François Secondé, Brut Rosé NV
- GH Martel & Co, Brut Rosé NV
- GH Martel & Co, Cuvée Victoire Brut Rosé NV
- GH Martel & Co, Victoire Brut Rosé NV
- Gardet, Rosé Brut NV
- Gauthier-Christophe, Brut Rosé NV
- Gremillet, Brut Rosé NV
- H Blin, Brut Rosé NV
- Heidsieck & Co. Monopole, Rosé Top Brut NV
- Henri Abelé, Le Sourire de Reims Brut Rosé 2003
- Henri Abelé, Rosé Brut NV
- Jacquart, Mosaïque NV
- Jeeper, Grand Brut Rosé NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Cuvée Tendre Brut Rosé NV
- Lombard & Cie, Brut Rosé NV
- Lombard & Medot, Morrison Signature Brut Rosé NV
- Louis Dousset, Rosé de Saignée, Grand Cru Brut Nature 2007
- Louis Enderlin, Brut Rosé NV
- Malard, Cuvée LadyStyle Brut Rosé NV
- Marks & Spencer, Oudinot Brut Rosé NV
- Moët & Chandon, Grand Vintage Brut Rosé 2006
- Montaubret, Brut Rosé NV
- Nicolas Gueusquin, Premier Cru Brut Rosé NV
- Palmer & Co, Rosé Brut NV
- Pannier, Rosé Brut NV
- Perrier-Jouët, Blason Brut Rosé NV
- Pierre Darcys Brut Rosé NV
- Roger-Constant Lemaire, Rosé de Saignée NV



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Rob MacCulloch

MW (also judged Burgundy and USA & Central America)

MACCULLOCH FIRST WORKED with wine when he joined Oddbins in its mid-1990s heyday. Thereafter, he worked as a cellar-hand for Montana Wines in Gisborne, New

Zealand, during the 1999 harvest. On return to the UK, he worked firstly for Hatch Mansfield Agencies from 1999 to 2006, and then for Bibendum Wine from 2006 to 2009. He currently works full-time for specialist Burgundy importers Domaine Direct, and part-time for independent wine merchant Taurus Wines.

- Vincent Couche, Eclipsia Brut Rosé NV
- Vollereaux, Brut Rosé NV
- Xavier Leconte, Secret de Femme Brut NV

## Commended white

- Abel Charlot, Marks & Spencer Brut NV
- Alain Bailly, Brut Tradition NV
- Albert Beerens, Carte Or Brut NV
- Allouchery-Perseval, Tradition Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Bauchet, Origine Brut NV
- Beaumont des Crayères, Fleur de Prestige Brut 2006
- Beaumont des Crayères, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Bertrand de Bessac, Cuvée du Marquis Brut NV
- Boulard Bauquaire, Tradition Brut NV
- Bourdaire-Gallois, Réserve Brut NV
- Canard-Duchêne, Charles VII La Grande Cuvée Brut NV
- Canard-Duchêne, Cuvée Léonie Brut NV
- Château de l'Auche, Cuvée Sélection Brut NV
- Chanoine Frères, Asda, Extra Special Louis Bernard 2007
- Charles Collin, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Charles de Cazanove, Vieille France Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Charles de Cazanove, Vieille France Brut NV
- Charles Ellner, Qualité Extra Brut NV
- Charles Lecouvey, Cuvée Réserve Brut NV
- Charles Orban, Marks & Spencer Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Charpentier, Terre d'Emotion Vérité Brut NV
- Chassenay d'Arce, Brut 2006
- Collet, Collection Privée Brut 2006
- Comte Audoin de Dampierre, Cuvée des Ambassadeurs Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Comte de Cheurlin, Champ du Clos, Blanc de Blanc Extra Brut NV
- David Coutelas, Cuvée César Brut 2006
- Déhu, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Déhu, Tradition Brut NV
- Déhu, Tradition Extra Brut NV
- Delong Marlène, Esprit Nature, Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut NV
- Dérouillat, Cuvée Cécile Brut 2006
- Dérouillat, L'Esprit Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut NV
- Deutz, Classic Brut NV
- Devaux, Devaux D Brut 2006
- Devaux, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Doyard-Mahé, Cuvée Désir, Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut NV
- Duménil, Grande Réserve Premier Cru Brut NV
- Duménil, Premier Cru Brut 2005
- E Jamart & Cie, Réserve Brut NV
- Edouard Brun, Brut 2004
- Emile Leclere, Générations 5 Brut NV
- Emile

- Leclère, Cuvée du Bicentenaire Brut NV
- Emile Leclère, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Etienne Lefèvre, Prestige Grand Cru Brut NV
- F Cossy, Vieilles Vignes Brut 2006
- F Vauversin, Original Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut NV
- François Dubois, Brut NV
- François Dubois, Premier Cru Brut NV
- François Dubois, Réserve Brut NV
- François Dubois Révérence Brut NV
- François Bedel, Dis, Vin Secret Extra Brut NV
- GH Martel & Co, Victoire Prestige Brut NV
- GH Mumm, Cordon Rouge Brut NV
- Gardet, Selected Réserve Brut NV
- Gautherot, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Gimonnet Gonet, Tradition Brut NV
- Gimonnet-Gonet, Carat du Mesnil Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Goutorbe-Bouillot, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Granzamy, Brut NV
- Granzamy, Cuvée Speciale Brut NV
- Gratiot, Maison Brut NV
- Gratiot, Prélude Brut NV
- Gratiot-Pillièrre, Tradition Brut NV
- Gremillet, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Gremillet, Sélection Brut NV
- Gueusquin, Brut NV
- Hautbois Jean Pol, Harmonie Brut NV
- J Charpentier, Prestige Brut NV
- J de Telmont, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- J de Telmont, Sans Soufre Ajouté Brut NV
- JM Tissier, Réserve Brut NV
- Jacques Copinet, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Jacques Copinet, Extra-Quality Brut NV
- Janisson & Fils, Brut Blanc de Noirs Grand Cru Brut NV
- Jean Josselin, Alliance Brut NV
- Jean Josselin, Cuvée des Jean Brut NV
- Jean-Noël Haton, Classic Brut NV
- Jean-Pierre Legret, Grande Réserve Brut NV
- Jeeper, Grand Assemblage Brut NV
- JM Gobillard, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- JM Gobillard, Tradition Brut NV
- Lallier, Grande Réserve Grand Cru Brut NV
- Lanson, White Label Sec NV
- Le Brun de Neuville, Brut 2008
- Le Brun de Neuville, Brut 2006
- Le Brun de Neuville, Cuvée Chardonnay Brut NV
- Leclerc Briant, Réserve Brut NV
- Liebart Régnier, Brut NV
- Liébart-Régnier, Chardonnay Brut NV
- Liébart-Régnier, Excéla Brut 2008
- Lionel Carreau, Tradition Blanc de Noirs Brut NV
- Lombard & Medot, Lombard & CIE Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Brut NV
- Louis Dousset, Assemblage Grand Cru Brut NV

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Louis Enderlin, Brut NV ● Louis Kremer Morrison's Signature Brut NV ● Louis Roederer, Premier Brut NV ● Lutun, Brut NV ● Maison Burtin, Etienne Dumont Brut NV ● Mansard, Premier Cru Brut NV ● Marc, Initiale Noir & Blanc Brut NV ● Marc Chauvet, Brut NV ● Marc Chauvet, Sélection Brut NV ● Marks & Spencer, Oudinot Blanc de Blancs Brut NV ● Michel Fagot, Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut NV ● Moët & Chandon, Impérial Brut NV ● Moulin Jean Philippe Blanc de Blancs NV ● Moutardier, Carte d'Or Brut NV ● Nominé-Renard, Blanc de Blancs Brut NV ● Nominé-Renard, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV ● Oudinot, Marks & Spencer Brut 2007 ● Oudinot, Marks & Spencer Louis Chaurey Brut NV ● Pascal Hénin, Réserve Brut NV ● Pascal Hénin, Tradition Brut NV ● Paul Laurent, Cuvée du Fondateur Brut NV ● Paul Laurent, Pierre Darcys Blanc de Noirs Brut NV ● Philippe Fourrier, Cuvée Prestige Brut NV ● Philippe Gamet, Cuvée 5000 Brut NV ● Philippe Gonet, Signature Blanc de Blancs Brut NV ● Pierre Brigandat, Tradition Brut NV ● Pierre Courtois, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2005 ● Pierre Courtois, Tradition Brut NV ● Pierre Darcys, Brut NV ● Pierre Moncuit, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru Brut NV ● Pierre Trichet, L'Héritage Blanc de Blancs Brut NV ● Piper-Heidsieck, Brut NV ● Ployez-Jaquemart, Extra Quality Brut NV ● Richard Royer, Cuvée Mlle Jeanne Brut 2008 ● Robert Barbichon, Blanc de Noirs Brut NV ● Roger-Constant Lemaire, Cuvée Trianon 1966 Brut NV ● Royer, Nature, Brut Zero NV ● Royer, Réserve Brut NV ● Ruffin & Fils, L'Ame de Jean Brut NV ● Sanger, Générosité Noire NV ● Sourdlet-Diot, Cuvée de Réserve Brut NV ● Taittinger, Brut Réserve NV ● Tesco Finest Premier Cru Brut NV ● Thiénot, Brut NV ● Thiénot, Brut 2006 ● Tribut Schloesser, Blanc de Chardonnay Brut NV ● Tribut

Schloesser, René Brut NV ● Tribut-Schloesser, Brut Origine NV ● Veuve Devanlay, Brut NV ● Veuve Monsigny, No. III Brut NV ● Vollereaux, Extra Brut NV ● Xavier Leconte, Signature du Hameau Brut NV ● Yann Alexandre, Blanc de Blancs Brut 2008

## Commended rosé

● Alexandre Bonnet, Brut Rosé NV ● Bauchet, Séduction Brut Rosé NV ● Bernard Remy, Brut Rosé NV ● Chanoine Freres, Tesco Finest Brut Rosé NV ● Charles Collin, Brut Rosé NV ● Charles de Cazanove, Tradition Brut Rosé NV ● Charles Ellner, Brut Rosé NV ● Chassenay d'Arce Jacques Boncoeur Brut Rosé NV ● Chassenay d'Arce, Brut Rosé NV ● Collet, Collection Privée Dry Rosé NV ● Croix d'Irval, Premier Cru Brut Rosé NV ● De Castellane, Rosé Brut NV ● Déhu, Prestige Brut Rosé NV ● François Dubois, Emotion Rosé Demi-Sec NV ● François Dubois, Spéciale Brut Rosé NV ● GH Mumm, Le Brut Rosé NV ● Georges Vesselle, Grand Cru Brut Rosé NV ● Gérard Gratiot, Brut Rosé NV ● Gimmonnet-Gonet, Brut Rosé NV ● Gratiot Pilière, Brut Rosé NV ● Guy de Chasse, Premier Cru Brut Rosé NV ● J de Telmont, Grand Brut Rosé NV ● Janvry, Prestige des Sacres Brut Rosé NV ● Jean Josselin, Audace Brut NV ● Jean-Noël Haton, Brut Rosé NV ● Jean-Pol Hautbois, Brut Rosé NV ● Lallier, Grand Cru Brut Rosé NV ● Lanson, Rose Label Brut Rosé NV ● Leclerc Briant, Brut Rosé NV ● Lutun, Brut Rosé NV ● Marc, Chéri Brut Rosé NV ● Moët & Chandon, Rosé Impérial Brut NV ● Montaudon, Brut Rosé NV ● Oudinot, Marks & Spencer, Medium-Dry Rosé NV ● Piper-Heidsieck, Sauvage Brut Rosé NV ● Royer, Brut Rosé NV ● Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne Brut Rosé 2006 ● Taittinger, Prestige Brut Rosé NV ● Tribut Schloesser, Brut Rosé NV ● Veuve Monsigny, No 3 Brut Rosé NV

## What should we buy from here?

Value and sheer moreish drinkability were consistently highlighted by our panel of judges. It was fantastic to see Carmenere making a leap forward, with wines exhibiting more freshness, balance and elegant complexity than ever before. Even Merlot made it onto the Gold podium – twice – which is an extremely rare event (notable that they were from cooler estates in Colchagua and Casablanca: coastal Chile holds much untapped potential for Bordeaux varieties). This is the result of hard viticultural work and winemaking refinement; Chilean wineries deserve credit. Brazil's fizz, from sweet Moscato to traditional-method wines – can be excellent value and its more elegant reds are a savoury joy.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Uruguayan (and Brazilian) Tannat is a mixed bag and too often veers into fearsomely tannic territory. From Chile, San Antonio is looking worryingly variable, perhaps the result of the planting gold rush in recent years. Cheap Central Valley Sauvignon (Vert rather than Blanc, not that you'd know it from the label) is tedium in a bottle. Equally mind-numbing can be the homogenously ripe, stolid Cabernet at all ends of the price spectrum. If the judges could have one wish for next year, it is that we start to see the beginnings of a Cabernet revival as we have with Carmenere.

## What should we keep an eye on?

The south is starting to become a real hotbed of quality and innovation, for wines of all styles – witness Regional Trophies for Itata Chardonnay, a Pais-Cinsault blend, sweet Torontel from Maule and a Gold for Bío Bío Malbec. There's a natural freshness to the wines that makes them balanced and food-friendly. Sparkling and sweet wines are two categories on the rise; Chile needs to be wary of the (marketing-led) trend for super-dry fizz, though, as it can make for unbalanced wines. Innovative red blends are increasingly successful. Lastly, good Chilean Riesling is a thing of beauty, and Uruguayan Albariño might be a tip for the future too.

## Chile, Brazil & Uruguay



### Regional Chair

### Peter Richards MW

(see judges, p4)

BLINK AND YOU miss another quantum leap in Chilean wine. The country's progress continues apace, albeit not necessarily in predictable or linear fashion if this year's DWWA results are anything to go by. As overall categories, Syrah and the north didn't

do as well as they have previously, while we saw an exciting resurgence in Carmenere, Merlot and red blends. The nine Golds are down on last year's 11, but we have 10 Trophies to trump the nine in 2014. These wines are testament to the ever-increasing diversity, intrigue and quality of the modern Chilean wine scene. Brazilian fizz and reds showed particularly well too: Gold can't be far away.

### Chile won

2 International Trophies (see p19)

8 Regional Trophies (see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards



Gold white

● Chocalán, Sauvignon Blanc, Malvilla, San Antonio 2013 (13.5%)

£8.94 Amazon

Complex and intense with aromas of resin, wax, vanilla, pea, apple, bitter orange skin and pink grapefruit. Powerful, pure and precise, with lovely

stone fruit notes, a line of fresh acidity and an excellent, vivid finish. Every sip invites another.

● Estampa, DelViento Sauvignon Blanc, Colchagua 2014 (13.5%)

As invigorating as a blast of sea spray. Nervy, tense and direct, it begins with a nose of grass, passion fruit, grapefruit and tangerine. Dry but with lots of tropical fruit complemented by asparagus, nectarine and a salty hit at the end. Mouthwatering.



Gold red

● Cono Sur, 20 Barrels Merlot, Peralillo Estate, Colchagua 2012 (14%)

£15.95 Bargain Booze, Tesco

A wide-ranging spectrum of ➤

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aromas, from dark berry fruits through to cedar, spice, chocolate, cinnamon and ginger. There's an explosion of rich, blockbuster fruit on the mid-palate, but it's all framed by refreshing acidity and a creamy, refined texture. This is high quality all round – bravo!

● **Julio Bouchon, Canto Sur, Maule 2014 (13%)**

£12 **Bancroft**

Edgy and a tad rustic, there's lots to like in this Carmenere-Carignan-Pais blend, with a nose of black fruits, ginger, rhubarb and red berries. It has delicious freshness, purity, a savoury blackcurrant edge and a floral lift. Breezy and alive, it's not trying too hard to impress, which only enhances its appeal.

● **Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Valley 2013 (13.5%)**

£8 **Sainsbury's**

Toasty, sappy, direct and intense, with notes of celery, raspberry and redcurrant on the nose. It's proper Pinot: precise and invigorating, showing some leather, spicy oak and blackcurrant on the palate, with a leafy, smoky edge and a lovely, silky texture.

● **Santa Helena, Selección del Directorio Carmenere, Colchagua 2013 (14%)**

Juicy, vibrant and spicy, this gives you super-pure cassis fruit, fantastic concentration and fine structure. A full-bodied Carmenere, with a savoury, smoky aspect to the chocolate, blackberry, coffee and mature, silky red and dark fruits on the palate. It surprises with a garrigue-like hint to the finish.

● **Sutil, Aluvios de Tingui Gran Reserva, Colchagua 2012 (14.5%)**

A clever blend of Carmenere and Malbec. The rich nose displays notes of baked fruit, dark chocolate, tobacco and roasted plums, while the palate is ample and elegant, with figs, aniseed, cranberry and cocoa flavours wrapped in velvety tannins. Very moreish and food-friendly.

● **The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible Malbec, Bío Bío Valley 2013 (14%)**

£6.99 **Co-op**

A wine that really sings from the very start, with its bright

and breezy floral, herbal and leafy aromas. The palate is concentrated and firm, with silky dark fruit and gorgeous concentration of black cherry, blackberry and an intriguing touch of green peppercorn. There's a lot of wine for your money here.

● **Viña Casablanca, Nimbus, Single Vineyard Merlot, Casablanca Valley 2012 (14.8%)**

£15.99 **Hayward Bros**

A plush nose with layers of herbs, plums, cocoa, spice, sweet oak, tobacco leaves and black pepper. The standard never slips on the palate, which is centred and full-bodied, with fine-grained, firm tannins allied to lovely, juicy acidity, black fruits and rosemary, and culminating in a long, savoury finish. What a wine!

 **Silver sparkling white**

● **Valdivieso, Cuvée Reserve Extra Brut NV**

 **Silver sparkling rosé**

● **Torres, Santa Digna Estelado Brut Rosé 2013**

 **Silver white**

● **Aldi, Lot 04 Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**

● **Arboleda, Chardonnay, Aconcagua Costa 2014**

● **Aresti, Trisquel Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**

● **Asda, Winemaker's Choice Sauvignon Blanc Central Valley 2014**

● **Calyptra, Gran Reserva Chardonnay, Cachapoal 2011**

● **Casas del Bosque, Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, Casablanca Valley 2014**

● **Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**

● **Cono Sur, Single Vineyard No. 23 Riesling, Bío Bío Valley 2014**

● **Leyda, The Co-operative Truly Irresistible Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**

● **Morandé, Edición Limitada, Sauvignon Blanc Blanco de Foudres Casablanca Valley 2014**

● **Morrison's, Signature Chardonnay Casablanca Valley 2014**

● **San Pedro, Epica Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley 2014**

● **Santa Carolina, Specialties Ocean Side Sauvignon Blanc San Antonio 2014**

● **Santa Helena, Selección del Directorio Sauvignon Blanc, Colchagua 2014**

● **Tabalí, Talinay Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2013**

● **Undurraga, TH Sauvignon Blanc, Lo Abarca, San Antonio 2013**

● **Ventisquero, Kalfu Sumpai Sauvignon Blanc, Huasco Valley, Atacama 2014**

 **Silver red**

● **Aguirre, Felicia Carmenere-Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2013**

● **Amayna, Syrah, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013**

● **Anakena, Alwa Carmenere Peumo, Cachapoal 2010**

● **Arboleda, Carmenere, Aconcagua Valley 2013**

● **Botalcura, La Porfía Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2012**

● **Carmen, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Alto, Maipó Valley 2012**

● **Casa Silva, Doña Dominga Gran Reserva de los Andes Carmenere, Colchagua 2013**

● **Casa Silva, Gran Terroir de los Andes Carmenere, Los Lingues, Colchagua 2013**

● **Casa Silva, Reserva Carmenere, Cuvée Colchagua, Colchagua 2014**

● **Casas del Toqui, Gran Reserva Malbec, Apalta, Colchagua 2013**

● **Château Los Boldos, Vieilles Vignes Cabernet Sauvignon, Alto Cachapoal 2013**

● **Château Los Boldos, Vieilles Vignes Syrah, Alto Cachapoal 2012**

● **Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Carmenere, Peumo, Cachapoal 2013**

● **Cono Sur, 20 Barrels Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2012**

● **Cono Sur, 20 Barrels Syrah, Limarí Valley 2012**

● **Cono Sur, Block 18 Single Vineyard, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **El Principal, Memorias, Pirque, Maipó Valley 2011**

● **Emiliana, Signos de Origen Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2013**

● **Errazuriz, Estate Series Carmenere, Aconcagua Valley 2014**

● **Errazuriz, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Merlot, Curicó 2013**

● **Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Valley 2013**

● **Falernia, Carmenere Reserva, Elqui Valley 2013**

● **Falernia, Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley 2012**

● **Julio Bouchon, Block Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Maule 2012**

● **Maycas del Limarí, San Julian, Limarí Valley 2013**

● **Mayu, Carmenere-Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley 2013**

● **Mayu, Sangiovese Reserva, Elqui Valley 2013**

● **Mayu, Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley 2012**

● **Miguel Torres, Cordillera Carignan, Maule 2012**

● **Pérez Cruz, Cot Limited Edition, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **Pérez Cruz, Pircas de Liguai Cabernet Sauvignon Single Collection, Maipó Valley 2012**

● **Pérez Cruz, Winemaker's Selection, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **Porta, Cima, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **Quintay, Clava Reserva Carmenere, Rapel 2013**

● **San Pedro, 1865 Limited Edition Syrah, Elqui Valley 2011**

● **San Pedro, 1865 Single Vineyard Carmenere, Maule 2012**

● **Santa Alicia, Millantú, Maipó Valley 2012**

● **Santa Carolina, Herencia, Peumo, Rapel 2010**

● **Santa Ema, Amplus Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **Santa Ema, Rivalta, Maipó Valley 2012**

● **Tamaya, T Limited Release Syrah, Limarí Valley 2012**

● **Tarapaca, Gran Reserva Carmenere, Maipó Valley 2013**

● **TerraNoble, Kaykun Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2011**

● **TerraNoble, Lahuen 2012**

● **TerraNoble, Reserva Terroir Syrah, Colchagua 2012**

● **Undurraga, TH Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Alto 2013**

● **Undurraga, TH Pinot Noir, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013**

● **Valdivieso, Caballo Loco, Apalta, Colchagua 2012**

● **Valle Secreto, First Edition Cabernet Sauvignon, Cachapoal 2012**

● **Viña Maipo, Alto Tajamar, Buin, Maipó Valley 2010**

● **Viña Maipo, Vitral Carmenere, Rapel 2013**

● **Vistamar, Sepia Reserva Malbec, Maule 2013**

● **Volcanes de Chile, Parinacota, Maule 2011**

● **Volcanes de Chile, Tectonia Pinot Noir, Bío Bío Valley 2013**

 **Silver sweet white**

● **Torres, Nectaria Botrytis Riesling, Curicó 2010**

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● **Viña Requiñaga, Toro de Piedra Late Harvest, Curicó 2013**



## Bronze white sparkling

- **Undurraga, Brut Nature, Leyda Valley, San Antonio NV**
- **Valdivieso, Grand Cuvée Blanc de Blancs Brut NV**



## Bronze white

- **Anakena, Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley 2014**
- **Animo, Sauvignon Blanc Coquimbo 2014**
- **Arboleda, Sauvignon Blanc, Aconcagua Costa 2014**
- **Caliterra, Tributo Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Carmen, Gran Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Casa Marin, Cipress Sauvignon Blanc, Lo Abarca, San Antonio 2014**
- **Casas del Bosque, Pequeñas Producciones Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Casas del Bosque, Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Chilcas, Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Itata Valley 2013**
- **Cimarsa, Pedro Jimenez, Central Valley 2013**
- **Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo Chardonnay Reserva 2014**
- **Concha y Toro, The Society's Exhibition Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2013**
- **Cono Sur, 20 Barrels Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Cono Sur, Single Vineyard Block No 5 Chardonnay, Quebrada Alta, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Emiliana, Novas Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, San Antonio 2014**
- **Errazuriz, Sauvignon Blanc, Aconcagua Costa 2014**
- **Errazuriz, The Blend Collection, Aconcagua Valley 2012**
- **Errazuriz, Wild Ferment Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Errazuriz, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Falernia, Pedro Ximenez, Elqui Valley 2014**
- **Falernia, Sauvignon Blanc Elqui Valley 2014**
- **Falernia, Torrontel, Elqui Valley 2014**
- **La Playa, Block Selection No 13 Reserve Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2014**
- **Luis Felipe Edwards, Marea Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Luis Felipe Edwards, Marea Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Matetic, Corralillo Riesling, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Matetic, Corralillo Sauvignon Blanc, San Antonio 2014**

- **Mayu, Dimaro Pedro Ximenez, Elqui Valley 2014**
- **Montes, Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Pandolfi Price, Larkün, Itata Valley 2013**
- **Quintay, Q Grand Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **San Pedro, 1865 Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Santa Alicia, Reserva Chardonnay, Maipó Valley 2014**
- **Santa Carolina, Reserva de Familia Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2011**
- **Santa Helena, Vernus Sauvignon Blanc, Colchagua 2014**
- **Santa Rita, 120 Viognier, Central Valley 2014**
- **Sutil Chono Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2014**
- **Tarapaca, Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Tarapacá, Gran Reserva Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Torres, Cordillera Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley 2014**
- **Viña Casablanca, Nimbus Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Viña Leyda, Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Garuma Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014**
- **Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Kadun Sauvignon Gris, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013**
- **Viña Maipo, Quebrada Seca, Limarí Valley 2013**
- **Viña Maipo, Vitral Sauvignon Blanc 2014**
- **Viu Manent, Secret Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **William Cole, Columbine Special Reserve Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013**



## Bronze red

- **Agustinos, Gran Terroir Malbec, Bío Bío Valley 2013**
- **Anakena, Ona Special Reserve Pinot Noir Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013**
- **Apaltaga, Colección Limited Edition Carignan, Maule 2013**
- **Artifice, Aureo Carmenere, Maule 2012**
- **Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Escudo Rojo, Central Valley 2012**
- **Bauzá, Ensamblaje, Maipó Valley 2011**
- **Bisquertt, La Joya Gran Reserva, Colchagua 2014**
- **Bisquertt, Petirrojo Reserva Carmenere, Colchagua 2014**
- **Bisquertt, Q Clay, Colchagua 2011**
- **Botalcura El Delirio Syrah-Malbec Reserva, Maule 2014**
- **Boya, Syrah, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013**
- **Caliterra, Edición Limitada B Colchagua 2012**

- **Caliterra, Tributo Single Vineyard Carmenere, Colchagua 2012**
- **Caliterra, Tributo Syrah, Colchagua 2012**
- **Calypra, Assemblage Gran Reserva, Cachapoal 2011**
- **Casa Donoso, Coordinada Lircay, Maule 2013**
- **Casa Silva, Doña Dominga Carmenere, Colchagua 2014**
- **Casa Silva, Doña Dominga Reserva de Familia Syrah, Colchagua 2014**
- **Casa Silva, Marks & Spencer, Pintao Reserva Carmenere, Colchagua 2013**
- **Casa Silva, Santa Tierra Gran Cru Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013**
- **Casa Silva, Santa Tierra Gran Cru Carmenere, Colchagua 2013**
- **Casas del Bosque, Pequeñas Producciones Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Château Los Boldos, Amalia, Cachapoal 2012**
- **Château Los Boldos, Cuvée Tradition Cabernet Sauvignon, Alto Cachapoal 2013**
- **Chilcas, Red One San Rafael, Maule 2011**
- **Chilcas Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Maule 2012**
- **Compass Point Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2013**
- **Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo Reserva Privada Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013**
- **Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Cabernet Sauvignon, Puente Alto, Maipó Valley 2013**
- **Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block 27 Carmenere, Peumo, Cachapoal 2012**
- **Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block Las Terrazas Cabernet Sauvignon, Pique, Maipó Valley 2012**
- **Concha y Toro, The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition Merlot, Peumo, Cachapoal 2012**
- **Cono Sur 20 Barrels Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **Cono Sur, Bicicleta, Central Valley 2014**
- **Cono Sur, Bicicleta Pinot Noir 2014**
- **Cono Sur Single Vineyard Block 21, San Antonio 2013**
- **Cremaschi Furlotti, Edición Limitada de Familia, Loncomilla, Maule 2013**
- **Cremaschi Furlotti, Vénere, Loncomilla, Maule 2012**
- **El Principal, Andetelmo, Pique, Maipó Valley 2011**
- **Emiliana, Signos de Origen, La Cantera Garnacha-Syrah-Mourvedre, Colchagua 2013**
- **Errazuriz, Estate Series Shiraz, Aconcagua Valley 2014**
- **Errazuriz, Wild Ferment Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2012**
- **Falernia, Carmenere Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley 2013**
- **Hacienda el Condor, Paya de Millaman Malbec, Sagrada Familia, Curicó 2011**
- **Hugo Casanova, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maule 2013**
- **Hugo Casanova, Reserva Merlot, Maule 2013**

- **I Wines, Qu Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2013**
- **Indómita, Gran Reserva Carignan, Maule 2014**
- **Indómita, Gran Reserva Carmenere, Maipó Valley 2014**
- **Indómita, Marks & Spencer, Tierra y Hombre Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Kenos, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó 2013**
- **La Playa, Block Selection Carmenere, Colchagua 2014**
- **La Rosa, Cuvée Don Reza, Peumo, Cachapoal 2013**
- **Los Vascos, Carmenere Grande Reserve, Colchagua 2013**
- **Luis Felipe Edwards, Gran Reserva Cabernet Franc Colchagua 2014**
- **Luis Felipe Edwards, La Poderosa, The Powerful One Reserva, Rapel 2013**
- **Mancura, Leyenda Gran Reserva Syrah-Cabernet Franc-Merlot, Casablanca Valley 2012**
- **Matetic, EQ Syrah, San Antonio 2012**
- **Matetic, Syrah, San Antonio 2011**
- **Miguel Torres, Cordillera Syrah Apalta, Colchagua 2011**
- **Miguel Torres, Manso de Velasco, Curicó 2012**
- **Miguel Torres, Reserva De Pueblo 2013**
- **Montes, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013**
- **Morandé, Edición Limitada Black, Mediterráneo del Maule, Maule 2012**
- **Morandé, Edición Limitada Carignan, Loncomilla, Maule 2012**
- **Morandé, Vigno Carignan, Maule 2012**
- **Morrison, Signature Carmenere, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Morrison, Signature Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2014**
- **Oveja Negra, Single Vineyard Carmenere, Maule 2012**
- **Pais de Poetas, Merlot, Central Valley 2014**
- **Pérez Cruz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Alto, Maipó Valley 2013**
- **Pérez Cruz, Chaski Petit Verdot, Maipó Valley 2014**
- **Pérez Cruz, Single Vineyard La Higuera Block, Maipó Valley 2013**
- **Puertas, Caballo Azul, Curicó 2012**
- **Puertas, El Milagro Syrah Reserva, Curicó 2012**
- **Puertas, Matapenquero 3, Curicó 2009**
- **Quintay, Q Grand Reserve Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2013**
- **San Pedro, 1865 Single Vineyard Syrah, Cachapoal 2012**
- **San Pedro, Castillo de Molina Cabernet Sauvignon, Rapel 2013**
- **San Pedro, Castillo de Molina Carmenere, Maule 2013**
- **San Pedro, Gato Negro Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2014**
- **Santa Alicia, Reserva Merlot Maipó Valley 2014**
- **Santa Carolina, Reserva Carmenere Cachapoal 2013**
- **Santa Carolina, Specialties Dry Farming Carignan Cauquenes, Maule 2011**
- **Santa Carolina, Specialties Wild Spirit Mourvedre Cachapoal 2013** ➤

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- Santa Carolina Reserva de Familia Carmenere Rapel 2012
- Santa Helena, Parras Viejas Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013
- Santa Rita, Floresta Cabernet Franc, Colchagua 2012
- Santa Rita, Medalla Real Gran Reserva Maipó Valley 2011
- Siegel Special Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013
- Siegel Unique Selection, Los Lingues, Colchagua 2011
- Sutil, Acrux, Colchagua 2012
- Tabalí, Limited Edition Syrah-Carmenere Reserva, Limarí Valley 2012
- Tabalí, Maray Limited Edition Syrah, Limarí Valley 2012
- Tabalí, Payen, Limarí Valley 2011
- Tamaya, T Limited Release Carmenere, Limarí Valley 2012
- Tarapaca, Gran Reserva Syrah, Maipó Valley 2011
- Tarapacá, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013
- Tarapacá, Gran Reserva Pinot Noir, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Tesco, Finest, Las Lomas Shiraz, Colchagua 2013
- Tesco Finest, El Recurso Block 18 Cabernet, Maipó Valley 2013
- Tres Palacios, Cholqui, Maipó Valley 2011
- Undurraga, Founders Collection Carmenere, Colchagua 2012
- Undurraga, Sibarís Carmenere, Colchagua 2013
- Undurraga, TH Syrah Barraza, Limarí Valley 2012
- Undurraga, TH Carignan, Maule 2012
- Undurraga, TH Carmenere Peumo, Cachapoal 2012
- Undurraga, TH País-Cinsault, Cauquenes, Maule 2014
- Valdivieso, Caballo Loco Grand Cru, Limarí Valley 2012
- Valdivieso, Caballo Loco Grand Cru Sagrada Familia, Sagrada Familia, Curicó 2010
- Valle Andino, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2012
- Ventisquero, Grey Carmenere, Maipó Pacífico, Maipó Valley 2012
- Ventisquero, Grey Pinot Noir, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Villaseñor, Cabernet Franc, Maipó Valley 2011
- Villaseñor, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó 2013
- Viña Casablanca, Nimbus Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2012
- Viña Leyda, Lot 8 Syrah, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2012
- Viña Maipo, Gran Devoción Cabernet-Syrah, Maule 2012
- Viña Requingua, Potro de Piedra, Curicó 2012
- Vistamar, Gran Reserva Cabernet-Syrah Maipó Valley 2012
- Vistamar, Sepia Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Maipó Valley 2013
- Viu Manent, Cabernet Sauvignon Single Vineyard La Capilla Estate, Colchagua 2012
- Viu Manent, Single Vineyard San Carlos Malbec, Colchagua 2012



## Bronze sweet white

- Vistamar, Late Harvest Moscatel, Limarí Valley 2014

### Commended sparkling white

- Valdivieso, Brut NV

### Commended sparkling rosé

- TerraNoble, Pinot Noir Brut Nature, Casablanca Valley NV

### Commended white

- Anakena, Enco Reserve Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Apaltagua, Colección, Limited Blanc Edition San Antonio 2014
- Bisquertt, La Joya Gran Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2013
- Botalcura, El Delirio Chardonnay-Viognier Reserva, Central Valley 2014
- Caliterra, Tributo Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Carmen, Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Château Los Boldos, Cuvée Tradition Chardonnay, Alto Cachapoal 2014
- Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2013
- Concha y Toro, Frontera Specialties Pedro Jimenez, Limarí Valley 2013
- Concha y Toro, Sunrise Chardonnay, Maule 2014
- El Principal, Kifé, Pirque, Maipó Valley 2014
- Emiliana, Signos de Origen, La Vinilla Chardonnay-Viognier-Marsanne-Roussanne, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Errazuriz, Chardonnay, Aconcagua Costa 2013
- Errazuriz, Sauvignon Blanc, Aconcagua Valley 2014
- I Wines, Qu Chardonnay, Central Valley 2014
- Indómita, Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Indómita, Marks & Spencer Tierra y Hombre Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014
- La Rosa, La Capitana Chardonnay Barrel Reserve, Cachapoal 2014
- Los Vascos, Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Luis Felipe Edwards, Asda Extra Special Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Mancura, Guardian Reserva Viognier, Casablanca Valley 2013
- Marks & Spencer Secano Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Matetic, EQ Chardonnay, San Antonio 2013
- Matetic, EQ Coastal Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Maycas del Limarí, Reserva Especial Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2014
- Mayu, Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley 2014
- Morandé, Gran Reserva Chardonnay Casablanca Valley 2013
- Morrisons, Signature Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Porta, Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Bío Bío Valley 2014
- Quintay, Clava Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley 2014
- San Pedro, Castillo de Molina Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley 2014
- San Pedro, Gato Negro Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley 2014
- Santa Helena, Siglo de Oro Chardonnay, Central Valley 2014
- Santa Rita, Floresta Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Santa Rita, Medalla Real gran Reserva Chardonnay Leyda Valley, San Antonio

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- Siegel, Special Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Smoking Mountain, Sauvignon Blanc Coquimbo 2014
- Sol de Andes, Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Tamaya, T Limited Release Carmenere, Limarí Valley 2012
- Tesco Finest\*, Campo Lindo Sauvignon Blanc, San Antonio 2014
- Torres Cordillera Chardonnay, Limarí Valley 2014
- Torres, Days Of Summer Muscat, Itata Valley 2014
- Valdivieso, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Viña Casablanca Cefiro Sauvignon Blanc Casablanca Valley 2014
- Viña Leyda, Lot 4 Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Viña Leyda, Lot 5 Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Viña Leyda, Reserva Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Viña Leyda, Reserva Riesling, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Falaris Hill Chardonnay, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013
- Viña Requingua, Toro de Piedra Grand Reserve Chardonnay, Maule 2013
- Viu Manent, Gran Reserva Chardonnay Colchagua 2014
- William Cole, Mirador Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, Casablanca Valley 2014

### Commended rosé

- Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo Shiraz 2014
- Marks & Spencer, La Huasa Zinfandel, Central Valley 2014
- Palo Alto, Reserva, Maule 2014

### Commended red

- Agustinos, Reserva Pinot Noir, Bío Bío Valley 2014
- Akana, Old Vines, Rapel 2012
- Anakena, Ona Special Reserve, Cachapoal 2013
- Apaltagua, Envero Gran Reserva Carmenere, Apalta, Colchagua 2013
- Arboleda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Aconcagua Valley 2013
- Aresti, Trisquel Cabernet-Syrah-Petit Verdot, Colchagua 2012
- Bisquertt, Ecos De Rulo Single Vineyard Carmenere, Marchigue, Colchagua 2013
- Bisquertt, Petirrojo Reserva, Colchagua 2014
- Bodegas & Terroirs, Casa Monheim Carmenere, Maipó Valley 2013
- Botalcura El Delirio Syrah-Nebbiolo Reserva, Maule 2013
- Boutinot, Sierra Grande Pinot Noir, Central Valley 2014
- Caliboro, Erasmo Cabernet-Merlot, Maule 2010
- Canepa, Familia Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2013
- Canepa, Familia Carmenere Reserva Rapel 2013
- Canepa, Finisimo Cabernet Sauvignon, Marchigue, Colchagua 2013
- Car Men Air, Maule 2012
- Carmen, Gran Reserva Carmenere Apalta, Colchagua 2012
- Carmen, Gran Reserva Syrah, Apalta, Colchagua 2012
- Casa Donoso, Clos Centenaire, Maule 2013
- Casa Silva, Doña Dominga Gran Reserva de los Andes Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013
- Casa Silva, Doña Dominga, Gran Reserva de la Costa Syrah, Colchagua 2013
- Casa Silva, Doña Dominga, Reserva de Familia Carmenere Colchagua 2014
- Casa Silva, Gran Terroir de los Andes Cabernet Sauvignon, Los Lingues, Colchagua 2013
- Casablanca Nimbus Single Vineyard Syrah Casablanca Valley 2012
- Casas del Bosque, Pequeñas Producciones Pinot Noir Casablanca Valley 2013
- Casas del

- Bosque, Syrah Gran Reserva, Casablanca Valley 2012
- Casas del Toqui, Aviary Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2012
- Château Los Boldos, Grand Reserve Merlot, Alto Cachapoal 2013
- Chilcas Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Lolol, Colchagua 2012
- Chilensis Reserva Pinot Noir Maule 2013
- Chono, Single Vineyard Syrah, Limarí Valley 2012
- Chrono, San Lorenzo, Maipó Valley 2012
- Concha y Toro, Casillero del Diablo Leyenda Cabernet Sauvignon, Pirque, Maipó Valley 2013
- Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Merlot, Peumo, Rapel 2013
- Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block 3 Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2013
- Concha y Toro, Trio Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc-Shiraz, Maipó Valley 2013
- Concha y Toro, Trio Reserva, Rapel 2013
- Concha y Toro The Society's Exhibition Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2011
- Cono Sur, Ocio Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2013
- Cremaschi Furlotti, Single Vineyard Carmenere, Loncomilla, Maule 2013
- Emiliana, Coyam, Colchagua 2012
- Emiliana, Marks & Spencer Organic Malbec, Rapel 2013
- Emiliana, Novas Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Maipó Valley 2013
- Emiliana, Novas Carmenere-Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013
- Emiliana, Novas, Garnacha-Syrah Gran Reserva Cachapoal 2012
- Emiliana, Novas Gran Reserva Syrah-Mourvedre, Cachapoal 2013
- Errazuriz, Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Aconcagua Valley 2013
- Errazuriz, The Blend Collection, Aconcagua Valley 2010
- Estampa, Fina Reserva, Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec-Syrah, Marchigue, Colchagua 2013
- Estampa, LaCruz, Marchigue, Colchagua 2010
- Hugo Casanova, Don Aldo, Maule 2010
- Hugo Casanova, Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah, Maule 2011
- Hugo Casanova, Reserva Carmenere, Maule 2013
- I Wines, Carmenere, Peumo, Cachapoal 2011
- I Wines, Latina Carmenere, Peumo, Cachapoal 2012
- I Wines, Latina Syrah Peumo, Cachapoal 2012
- Indómita, Duetto Cabernet Sauvignon-Carmenere, Maipó Valley 2013
- Indómita, Duetto Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2014
- Indómita, Zardoz, Maipó Valley 2013
- Kingston, Lucero Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2012
- La Playa Block Selection No. 6 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013
- La Regalona, Unica, Maule 2012
- La Rosa, La Capitana Carmenere, Cachapoal 2013
- La Rosa, La Capitana, Barrel Reserve Merlot, Cachapoal 2013
- Las Niñas, El Guapo, Apalta, Colchagua 2012
- Las Niñas, Gran Reserva Syrah Mourvedre, Apalta, Colchagua 2013
- Las Niñas, Apalta, Colchagua 2013
- Los Espinos Merlot, Central Valley 2014
- Los Vascos, Le Dix, Colchagua 2012
- Luis Felipe Edwards, Gran Reserva Carignan, Maule 2013
- Luis Felipe Edwards, LFE900 Single Vineyard, Colchagua 2012
- Luis Felipe Edwards, Winemaker's Choice Cabernet Sauvignon Central Valley 2014
- Mancura, Vuelo Mágico, Maipó Valley 2011
- Marks & Spencer, La Huasa Merlot, Central Valley 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Secano Pinot Noir, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2014
- Matetic, Corraillo Pinot Noir, San Antonio 2013

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● Matetic, Corralillo Syrah, San Antonio 2013 ● Matetic, Corralillo Winemaker's Blend, San Antonio 2012 ● Maycas del Limarí, Reserva Especial Pinot Noir, Limarí Valley 2014 ● Mayu, Carmenere Reserva, Elqui Valley 2013 ● MontGras Antu Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013 ● MontGras Reserva Especial Carmenere Colchagua 2014 ● Morandé, Edición Limitada Black Mezcla de Campo Maule 2013 ● Morandé, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Maipó Valley 2012 ● Morandé, Gran Reserva Pinot Noir Casablanca Valley 2014 ● Odfjell, Armador Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Odfjell, Capítulo Flying Fish, Central Valley 2012 ● Palo Alto, Reserva I, Maule 2013 ● Panamericana, Merlot, Central Valley 2012 ● Pérez Cruz, Cabernet Franc Limited Edition, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Pérez Cruz, Carmenere Limited Edition, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Pérez Cruz, Liguai, Maipó Valley 2012 ● Pérez Cruz, Syrah Limited Edition, Maipó Valley 2013 ● San Pedro, 1865 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Santa Alicia, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Maipó Valley 2013 ● Santa Carolina, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua 2013 ● Santa Carolina, Reserva de Familia Cabernet Sauvignon Maipó Valley 2012 ● Santa Carolina, VSC Cachapoal 2011 ● Santa Carolina Reserva Pinot Noir Casablanca Valley 2013 ● Santa Ema, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Santa Ema, Reserve Carmenere, Cachapoal 2013 ● Santa Helena, Selección del Directorio Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013 ● Santa Helena, Siglo de Oro Merlot, Central Valley 2014 ● Santa Isle, Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Maule 2012 ● Santa Rita, 120 Cabernet Franc, Central Valley 2014 ● Santa Rita, 120 Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2014 ● Santa Rita, 120 Merlot Central Valley 2013 ● Santa Rita, Secret Reserve, Maipó Valley 2014 ● Siegel, Single Vineyard Carmenere, Los Lingues, Colchagua 2012 ● Sol de Andes, Reserva Especial Syrah, Colchagua 2012 ● Spar, Hand Selected Merlot, Central Valley NV ● Sutil, Aluvios de Maipo, Maipó Valley 2013 ● Sutil, Canto de Piedra Reserva Carmenere, Colchagua 2014 ● Sutil, Chono Single Vineyard Carmenere, Maipó Valley 2012 ● Tabalí, Maray, Limarí Valley 2011 ● Tabalí, Reserva Especial Pinot Noir, Limarí Valley 2013 ● Tabalí, Reserva Especial Syrah, Limarí Valley 2012 ● Tamaya, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Limarí Valley 2013 ● Tamaya, Reserva Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Limarí Valley 2013 ● Tarapaca, Gran Reserva Etiqueta Negra Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2012 ● Tarapacá, Gran Reserva Etiqueta Azul Maipó Valley 2012 ● Terramater, Altum Shiraz, Isla de Maipó, Maipó Valley 2012 ● Terramater, Atum Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó 2012 ● Terramater, Limited Reserve Shiraz, Isla de Maipó, Maipó Valley 2012 ● TerraNoble, CA2 Costa Carmenere, Colchagua 2012 ● TerraNoble, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2012 ● TerraNoble, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013 ● TerraNoble, Reserva Terroir Cabernet Sauvignon, Los Lingues, Colchagua



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2012 ● TerraNoble, Tricau, Maule NV ● Tierra Alta, Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2012 ● Tierra del Fuego, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maule 2013 ● Tierra del Fuego, Reserva Carmenere, Maule 2014 ● Toqui Gran Toqui Syrah, Cachapoal 2013 ● Toqui Leyenda Cachapoal 2010 ● Toro de Piedra, Grand Reserve Merlot, Curicó 2013 ● Undurraga, T.H. Rarities, Garnacha Cariñena-Monastrell, Cauquenes, Maule 2011 ● Valdivieso, Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipó Valley 2012 ● Valle Andino, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua 2013 ● Viña Casablanca Cefiro Reserva Pinot Noir Casablanca Valley 2013 ● Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Canelo Syrah, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013 ● Viña Leyda, Single Vineyard Las Brisas Pinot Noir, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2013 ● Viña Maipo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2013 ● Viña Maipo, Classic Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley 2014 ● Viña Maipo, Classic Series Shiraz, Central Valley 2014 ● Viña Maipo, Gran Devoción Carmenere/Syrah, Maule 2012 ● Viña Maipo, Gran Devoción Syrah-Petit Sirah, Maule 2012 ● Viña Maipo, Limited Edition Syrah, Maipó Valley 2010 ● Viña Maipo, Merlot, Central Valley 2014 ● Viña Maipo, Syrah, Central Valley 2014 ● Viña

Maipo, Vitral Syrah Central Valley 2013 ● Viña Requingua, Laku, The Final Blend 2010 ● Viña Requingua, Toro de Piedra Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua 2013 ● Viña Requingua, Toro de Piedra Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó 2013 ● Viu Manent, Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva, Colchagua 2013 ● Viu Manent, Secret Carmenere, Colchagua 2013 ● Viu Manent, Secret Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2013 ● Viu Manent, Secret Syrah, Colchagua 2013 ● Viu Manent, Vibo Viñedo Centenario, Colchagua 2012 ● Volcanes de Chile, Tectonia Grenache-Petite Sirah-Mourvedre, Central Valley 2012 ● Willaim Cole, Mirador Reserva Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2014 ● William Cole, Columbine Special Reserve Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2013 ● William Cole, Mirador Selection Carmenere, Colchagua 2014

## Brazil

 **Silver sparkling white**

● Campos de Cima, Natural Brut, Campanha 2012

 **Silver white**

● Viapiana, Expressões Chardonnay, Montes Altos 2012

 **Silver red**

● Salton, Intenso Cabernet Franc, Campanha 2013

 **Bronze sparkling white**

● Aurora, Chardonnay Brut, Serra Gaúcha NV  
● Domno do Brasil, Ponto Nero Brut NV  
● Garibaldi, Chardonnay Natural Brut NV  
● Garibaldi, Moscatel, Serra Gaúcha NV  
● Garibaldi, Prosecco NV,

 **Bronze sparkling rosé**

● Casa Valduga, Arte Tradicional Natural Brut Rosé 2013  
● Domno, Ponto Nero Natural Brut Rosé NV,

 **Bronze red**

● Luiz Argenta, Cabernet Sauvignon, Serra Gaúcha 2009

### Commended sparkling white

● Casa Perini, Moscatel NV ● Garibaldi, Amaze Muscat NV ● Viapiana, 250 Dias Riesling Brut NV ● Viapiana, 575 Dias Natural Brut NV

### Commended white

● Campos de Cima, Viognier, Campanha 2014

### Commended red

● Aurora, Reserva Merlot, Serra Gaúcha 2013 ● Campos de Cima, Assinatura, Campanha 2014 ● Casa Valduga, Premium Raízes Cabernet Franc, Campanha 2011 ● Perini, Qu4tro 2009

## Uruguay

 **Bronze white**

● Garzon, Albariño 2014

 **Bronze red**

● Pisano, Marks & Spencer, Cisplatino Tannat, Progreso, Canelones 2014

### Commended white

● Garzon Viognier Maldonado 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Juanicó Sauvignon-Viognier 2014

### Commended red

● TerraZul, Tannat, San José 2014 ➤

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# Croatia



## Regional Chair

### Angela Muir MW

(see judges, p4)

APART FROM WANTING even more entries, Croatia met our expectations at DWWA 2015. Every year the styles become more clearly defined, and these owe nothing to either the Old World or the New. Use of oak and maceration is becoming more subtle;

the latter especially for white wines. Out of our 40 Bronze, Silver and two Regional Trophy winners, only 15 were made primarily from non-native grapes. Croatians are not afraid to experiment. They make every style of wine going: from fabulous sweets to sparklers from indigenous varieties, not forgetting a long history of amphora wines, all worth trying.

## What should we buy from here?

Quite a number of medal winners this year came from larger producers who have now attracted bright, younger winemakers. Their wines are good, affordable and likely to appear outside the country. From inland, Graševina (aka Laski Rizling of historically ill repute) is now well spread among the medal table too; these days, it's dry, often crisp, green and fresh, or almost unctuous yet still dry and reminiscent of fresh bread and lemon zest. It can even keep and develop well. It's coastal opposite number, Malvasija, often showing fresh hay, parsley and almond scents, is almost universally well handled and perfect with the Adriatic's grilled fish.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

The flip side of Malvasija is that it doesn't usually age well if it is made in a simpler style. In fact, age is probably the biggest single key factor linking what we threw out. If a producer has a wine older than 2012, you need to know a lot more about it before risking buying a bottle. Most of what we discarded were reds – the 2010 and 2011 vintages are getting tired or were Brett infected and therefore bitter on the finish, while the 2012s that remain tended to have very stewed tannins.

## What should we keep an eye on?

The spectacular vineyards around Dubrovnik are finally producing mostly Brett-free red wines, even from pre-phylloxera vines. Plavac Mali can now be seen for the star variety that it is, culminating in one of our Regional Trophies. The grape has a very fine but very dense tannin structure that can be used for wines to drink tomorrow or to keep for decades. Its signature is a gorgeous, aromatic red plum/red cherry nose and palate in a range of styles: traditional high-alcohol off-dry bottlings; more gentle, soft, ripe, easy-drinking reds; and hefty, modern wines with new oak.

### Croatia won

0 International Trophies (see p19)

2 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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### Silver sparkling white

- Kabola, Re Brut, Istria, Coastal 2012

### Silver white

- Belje, Goldberg Chardonnay, Coastal 2006
- Belje, Graševina Baranja, Continental 2013
- Benvenuti, Malvazua Istarska, Istria, Coastal 2010
- Cattunar, Collina Malvazija Istarska, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Kutjevo, Graševina Turković, Slavonia, Continental 2014
- Laguna, Festigia Malvazija, Istria, Coastal 2013

### Silver red

- Degrassi, Contarini Cabernet Sauvignon, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Laguna, Terra Rossa, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Meneghetti, Istria, Coastal 2010
- Nikola Bura, Dingač, Coastal 2012

### Silver sweet white

- Benvenuti, Corona Grande, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Orahovica, Graševina Ledeno, Slavonia, Continental 2011

### Bronze sparkling white

- Bedekovich, Brut Nature, Prigorje-Bilogora, Continental 2012

### Bronze white

- Belje, Goldberg Graševina Baranja, Continental 2014
- Belje, Graševina Baranja, Continental 2014
- Bolfan, Riesling, Zagorje-Medimurje, Continental 2013
- Kostanjevec, Pinot Bijeli, Prigorje-Bilogora, Continental 2014
- Kutjevo, Graševina, Slavonia, Continental 2014
- Kutjevo, Graševina de Gotho, Slavonia, Continental 2014
- Medea, Montiron, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Pilato, Istarska Malvazija Sur Lie Istria, Coastal 2011
- Podrumi, Graševina Vrhunska, Podunavlje, Continental 2013
- Podrumi, Traminac, Podunavlje, Continental 2013
- Prigora, Sauvignon Springtime, Prigorje-Bilogora, Continental 2014
- Zlatan, Posip, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2014
- Zlatan, Posip, Northern Dalmatia, Coastal 2014

### Bronze rosé

- Kostanjevec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Prigorje-Bilogora, Continental 2014

### Bronze red

- Benmosche Family, Plavac Mali, Dingač, Coastal 2011
- Benmosche Family, Zinfandel, Dingač, Coastal 2012
- Feravino Feričanci, Miraz Cabernet Sauvignon, Slavonia, Continental 2012
- Kozlovic, Santa Lucia, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Kozlovic, Teran, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Laguna, Festigia Cabernet Sauvignon Istria, Coastal 2011
- Laguna, Festigia Merlot, Istria, Coastal 2012
- Matošević, Grimalda, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Podrumi Plausus, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2011
- PZ Masvin, Shiraz Kotar Superior, Dalmatian Interior, Coastal 2013

### Commended sparkling white

- Cattunar, Senator Brut, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Zelenika Vladislav, U Sridu Demi Sec, Podunavlje, Continental 2012

### Commended white

- Belje, Chardonnay, Baranja, Continental 2006
- Belje, Goldberg Graševina, Baranja, Continental 2013
- Kabola, Malvazija, Istria, Coastal 2013
- Korta Katarina, Pošip, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2013
- Kozlovic, Santa Lucia, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Laguna, Festigia Riserva Malvazija Akacija, Istria, Coastal 2012
- Laguna, Festigia Riserva Malvazija Vizinada, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Matošević, Grimalda, Istria, Coastal 2009
- Orahovica, Silvanac Zeleni, Slavonia, Continental 2013
- Prigora, Breg, Prigorje-Bilogora, Continental 2014
- Vlado Župančić, Plemenitaš Cuvée, Plešivica, Continental 2013

### Commended red

- Belje, Goldberg Frankovka, Baranja, Continental 2012
- Benkovac, Korlat Merlot, Dalmatian Interior, Coastal 2011
- Benvenuti, Teran, Istria, Coastal 2011
- Feravino Feričanci, Miraz Frankovka, Slavonia, Continental 2009
- Franc Arman, Superior Merlot, Istria, Coastal 2009
- Jako, Stina, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2011
- Jakob, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot-Syrah, Slavonia, Continental 2009
- Kutjevo, Maximo Nero, Slavonia, Continental 2010
- Mimica, Pribidrag, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2010
- Orahovica, Vrhunska Frankovka, Slavonia, Continental 2012
- Skaramuča, Reserva, Dingač, Coastal 2010
- Svirče Hvar, Plavac Mediterano, Central and South Dalmatia, Coastal 2011

### Commended sweet white

- Kutjevo, Graševina Ice Wine, Slavonia, Continental 2009
- OPG Gašparinčić, Graševina, Zagorje-Medimurje, Continental 2011

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# Germany



## Regional Chair Giles MacDonogh

(see judges, p4)

EVERY YEAR AT the DWWA the lion's share of wines comes from a particular vintage. This year it was 2013: a difficult year when there was a lot of rot about, and growers felt the need to pick early and quickly, with the result that many of the wines were

high in acidity and light in body. I have had an opportunity to look at the 2013s several times in the past 12 months, and I can hardly say it was a surprise to encounter so many lean wines. Wine is a natural product, however, and to some extent you take the rough with the smooth.

### What should we buy from here?

It would, however, be a mistake to write the 2013 vintage off. There are (thank goodness) always great winemakers who are able to make top wines even from apparently unpromising material. The Mosel region, which ripens late, was not nearly so badly affected as some of the others, and wine lovers can expect to enjoy some really lovely Mosel wines from 2013, particularly in the off-dry, semi-sweet categories. Some of the Nahe wines were also very impressive, and there were good things from Franken too.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Two regions in particular were disappointing this year: the Rheingau and the Pfalz (though there were some stars; each won a Regional Trophy). The Rheingau had picked itself up recently and was making simply gorgeous, mostly dry, Rieslings. I think that they should have made more Kabinett-style wines in 2013, which would have balanced out the acidity with a bit of sweetness. Too often they tried some other ploy – deacidification, malolactic or barrel-fermentation to round off the wines. The Pfalz has made itself a reputation for its full-bodied dry whites. In 2013, they were predictably lighter and I missed the thunder.

### What should we keep an eye on?

It certainly wasn't all gloom and doom and we were able to award eight golds and 31 silvers. I was immensely proud this year to be able to hand out a Regional Trophy to a German Sekt sparkling wine for the first time. I have long been an admirer of sparkling Riesling, and at their best German Sekt is quite distinct from its counterparts in the rest of Europe, particularly when – like this one – it uses mature Riesling for its base wine. For those producers who were patient at harvest time, there were some stunning Auslesen, Beerenauslesen and Eisweine made in 2013 – just look at our host of Golds and the Regional Trophy – where the wines' often fierce acidity was wholly tamed by a luscious sweetness brought on by noble rot.

Germany won  
0 International  
Trophies (see p19)  
4 Regional Trophies  
(see p56)

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### Gold sweet white

#### ● Fürst Hohenlohe Oehringen, Verrenberg Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese, Württemberg 2013 (11%)

Wonderfully heady nose of botrytis, Asian spices, sultana and fir honey; it gets ever more intense with each sniff. The delicious, lip-smacking palate is structured and full, with greengage fruit, liquorice and searing acidity which cuts through flavours of candied citrus peel on the back palate.

#### ● Hexamer, Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg Riesling Auslese, Nahe 2013 (7%)

Thrillingly pure with captivating poise and freshness. A unique wine with a nose of minerals and fresh tar, with that bitumen-like character replicated on the palate, along with more minerality, honey, peach, lemon and a scattering of herbs. Splendidly long with a gorgeous, melting finish.

#### ● St Urbans-Hof, Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese, Mosel 2013 (8%)

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A very restrained but attractive nose that needs a lot of coaxing in the glass, but as it starts to unwind the more promising it becomes. This has a great aromatic trajectory ahead with a herbal complexity already evident, plus a gorgeously pure palate with racy acidity and high-quality fruit.

#### ● Winzer Sommerach, Sommeracher Katzenkopf Silvaner Eiswein, Franken 2012 (7%)

Crystal clear and incisive, with waves of beautifully concentrated fruit such as candied pineapple and lemon peel. Super-sweet and concentrated, this is pure and

structured with a lasting finish and crisp acidity. A wine to indulge in.



### Silver sparkling white

#### ● Sekthaus Solter, Riesling Réserve, Rheingau 2005



### Silver white

#### ● Aldinger, Sauvignon Blanc, Grosse Reserve Trocken, Württemberg 2014

#### ● Allendorf, Jesuitengarten Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2013

#### ● Dönnhoff, Schlossböckelheimer Felsenberg Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Nahe 2013

#### ● Hans Wirsching, Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewächs, Franken 2013

#### ● Hans Wirsching, Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Silvaner Trocken Grosses Gewächs, Franken 2013

#### ● Hessische Staatsweingüter Kloster Eberbach, Hochheimer Domdechane Riesling Trocken Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2012

#### ● Nik Weis St Urbans-Hof, Leiwener Laurentiuslay Riesling Grosse Lage, Mosel 2012

#### ● Schloss Proschwitz, Traminer-Riesling Spätlese, Sachsen 2013

#### ● Staffelter Hof, 862 Riesling Trocken Spätlese, Mosel 2012

#### ● Von Winning, Ruppertsberger Reiterpfad, Pfalz 2013

#### ● Winzer Sommerach Supremus Silvaner Trocken Spätlese, Franken 2013



### Silver red

#### ● Aldinger, Marienglas Spätburgunder Grosses Gewächs, Württemberg 2012

#### ● Dagernova, Heimersheimer Kapellenberg Spätburgunder, Ahr 2013

#### ● Fritz Waßmer, Pinot & Syrah, Baden 2012

#### ● Fritz Waßmer, Spätburgunder CCL, Baden 2012

#### ● Schloss Proschwitz, Spätburgunder Grosses Gewächs, Sachsen 2012



### Silver sweet white

#### ● Dönnhoff, Norheimer Kirschheck Riesling Spätlese, Nahe 2013

#### ● Dr Loosen, Erdener Treppchen Auslese, Mosel 2013 >

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- Hans Wirsching, Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Trockenbeereauslese, Franken 2013
- Hexamer, Riesling Spätlese Meddersheimer Rheingrafenberg Spätlese, Nahe 2013
- Karl Pfaffmann Erben Riesling Auslese, Pfalz 2012
- Kerpen, Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese, Mosel 2013
- Leitz, Rüdeshheimer Berg Roseneck Spätlese, Rheingau 2013
- Martin Waßmer, Staufener Schlossberg Riesling Auslese, Baden 2013
- Schloss Schönborn, Hattenheim Pfaffenberg Riesling Spätlese, Rheingau 2013
- St Urbans-Hof, Bockstein Ockfen Spätlese Mosel 2013
- St Urbans-Hof, Goldtröpfchen Piesport Auslese, Mosel 2013
- Staffelter Hof, Kröver Steffensberg Trockenbeereauslese, Mosel 2011
- Thomas Schmitt, Private Collection Spätlese, Mosel 2011
- Winzer Sommerach, Sommeracher Katzenkopf Silvaner Trockenbeereauslese, Franken 2013

 **Bronze sparkling white**

- Bardong, Blanc de Noir Spätburgunder, Rheingau 2010
- Sekthaus Solter, Riesling Rheingau NV

 **Bronze white**

- Allendorf, Charta Riesling, Rheingau 2013
- Allendorf, Hasensprung Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2013
- Allendorf, Terroir, Hasensprung Riesling Kabinett Rheingau 2013
- Balthasar Ress, Hattenheim Schützenhaus Riesling Kabinett, Rheingau 2013
- Bischöfliche Weingüter Trier, Kanzemer Altenberg Riesling Kabinett, Mosel 2013
- Bürgerspital, Randersackerer Marsberg, Franken 2013
- Dagernova, Spätburgunder Blanc de Noir, Ahr 2014
- Darting Estate, Marks & Spencer, Dürkheimer Riesling Trocken Kabinett Pfalz 2014
- Dönnhoff, Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Nahe 2013
- Dr Loosen, Ernst Loosen Privatreserve Riesling, Pfalz 2013
- Edition Fritz Keller, Riesling, Baden 2013
- Franz Keller, Bassgeige Grauburgunder, Baden 2014
- Fritz Waßmer, Grauer Burgunder, Baden 2014
- Hans Wirsching, Iphöfer Kronsberg Scheurebe Alte Reben Trocken Spätlese, Franken 2013

- Kalkbödele, Grauer Burgunder Réserve Spätlese, Baden 2013
- Kerpen, Graacher Domprobst Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Mosel 2013
- Künstler Hochheimer Kirchenstück Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2013
- Künstler, Rüdeshheimer Berg Rottland Riesling Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2012
- Leitz, Eins Zwei Dry, Rheingau 2014
- Schloss Proschwitz, Grauburgunder Spätlese, Sachsen 2012
- Schloss Schönborn, Hattenheim Pfaffenberg Riesling Trocken Erstes Gewächs, Rheingau 2013
- Winzer Sommerach Fürstenberg Escherndorf Silvaner, Franken 2013
- Winzer Sommerach Supremus Weißburgunder Trocken Spätlese, Franken 2013

 **Bronze red**

- Braunewell, Teufelspfad Pinot Noir, Rheinhessen 2012
- Dagernova, Frühburgunder, Ahr 2011
- Edition Fritz Keller, Spätburgunder, Baden 2013
- Fritz Waßmer, Spätburgunder Barrique, Baden 2009
- Fritz Waßmer, Spätburgunder M, Baden 2012
- Fürst Hohenlohe Oehringen, Ex Flammis Orior, Württemberg 2012
- Fürst Hohenlohe Oehringen, In Senio, Württemberg 2012
- Hessische Staatsweingüter Kloster Eberbach, Rüdeshheimer Berg Schlossberg Troken Grosses Gewächs, Rheingau 2012
- Hexamer, Spätburgunder Rotwein No 1 Trocken, Nahe 2011
- Martin Waßmer, Ehrenstetter Oelberg Cabernet Franc, Baden 2011
- Martin Waßmer, Pinot Noir Schlatter Maltesergarten, Baden 2012
- Martin Waßmer, Schlatter Maltesergarten Spätburgunder, Baden 2012
- Martin Waßmer, Schlatter Spätburgunder SW, Baden 2012
- Physiokrat, Baden 2012
- Schales, Cardinalis Cuvée, Rheinhessen 2009
- Schwarzer Adler, Franz Anton Spätburgunder, Baden 2013
- Winzer Sommerach Supremus Spätburgunder, Franken 2012

 **Bronze sweet white**

- Bischöfliche Weingüter Trier, Trittenheimer Apotheke Riesling Spätlese, Mosel 2013
- Darting Estate, Marks & Spencer Fronhof Riesling Eiswein, Pfalz 2012
- Louis Guntrum, Riesling Kabinett Nierstein Bergkirche Kabinett, Rheinhessen 2014

**Commended sparkling white**

- Sekthaus Solter, Henri Réserve Brut NV

**Commended white**

- Binderer, Devil's Rock Riesling, Pfalz 2014
- Blue Fish, Riesling, Pfalz 2014
- Bürgerspital, Würzburger Pfaffenberg Silvaner Trocken, Franken 2013
- Bürgerspital, Würzburger Riesling Kabinett, Franken 2014
- Dönnhoff, Oberhäuser Leistenberg Riesling Kabinett, Nahe 2014
- Friedrich-Wilhelm-Gymnasium, Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Kabinett, Mosel 2013
- Louis Guntrum, Riesling

- Nierstein Oelberg Trocken Spätlese, Rheinhessen 2013
- Schwarzer Adler, Franz Anton Weissburgunder, Baden 2013
- Thomas Schmitt, Private Collection Kabinett, Mosel 2013
- Thomas Schmitt, Private Collection Riesling, Mosel 2013

**Commended rosé**

- Edition Fritz Keller, Rosé, Baden 2014

**Commended sweet white**

- Winzer Sommerach, Sommeracher Katzenkopf Weissburgunder Trockenbeereauslese, Franken 2013

## Greece & Cyprus



**Regional Chair**

**Nico Manassis** (see judges, p4)

FOUR DAYS OF tasting Greece and Cyprus revealed improvements, changes and surprises. Crete was the most improved region, with a raft of dry whites. Look out for the rare, textured Thrapsathiri, floral and spicy Vilana, and the stone-fruited Vidiano – a rising star. Santorini was highly consistent, showing its class. Nemea outperformed all other red-wine regions, with a sterling performance at entry level and ambitious attempts with ageworthy wines. Finally, fortified Samos Muscat must be one of the best-value wines of its kind. It is clear that despite climate-change challenges, overall quality is steadily rising in Greece and Cyprus.

**What should we buy from here?**

Assyrtiko from Santorini is not without reason Greece's best-known, much in demand, bone-dry white, winning a Regional Trophy and a Gold. There are 15 wineries on the island offering fascinating examples of this complex terroir, with unoaked, lightly oaked and oaked expressions. These unique wines show their best after two or three years in bottle. Nemea's Agiorgitiko grape shone, bagging two Regional Trophies and a Gold. These winners are all different in style, showing that regional diversity and vintage variation are important. From Cyprus, a brilliant surprise was the new generation of Xinisteri, which bagged its first-ever Regional Trophy along with a solid Silver. This textured white wine shows what the untapped potential in higher altitudes, coupled with modern farming practices, can bring to this underrated grape.

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

From Greece: a poor 2014 vintage in Arkadia did not allow the spicy, late-harvest, pink-skinned Moschofilero grape to shine. Blends and international varieties from the island of Evia put in a poor showing. The Ionian islands and Epirus were a mixed bag, hardly capitalising on the esteemed indigenous grape varieties planted there. From Cyprus: many reds were faulty and tired. Producers are steering the revival but still need to do more to make fresher, modern wines.

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## What should we keep an eye on?

Cretan reds are gaining in consistency and variety of flavour. Look out for the varieties Kotsifali, Liatiko and the tannic Mandilari. The ever-dependable, light white Savatiano grape from Attica and Boetia is proving how food-friendly it can be. If you want a Barbaresco taste at a bargain price, the unique, characterful Xinomavro is just as demanding and rewarding for adventurous drinkers. From Cyprus, seek out varietal Maratheftiko reds or blends with Syrah, as well as Gianoudi.



### Gold white

- **Gaia, Wild Ferment Assyrtiko Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014 (13%)**  
£17.48 **Fintry Wine, Great Wine Direct**  
\$45 **Athenee Importers & Distributors**  
An amazing, almost Burgundian nose of white flowers, acacia and ginger. The complex palate evolves in the mouth, revealing vibrant fruit and a strong mineral structure. An excellent, polished wine with a long finish that leaves you with engaging flavours of ripe fruit.
- **Gerovassiliou, Viognier, Epanomi, Macedonia 2013 (13.5%)**  
£18.99 **Amazon, Hallgarten Druitt & Novum, D Byrne, Highbury Vintners**  
A rather discreet bouquet but nonetheless it's a creamy, seductive nose with exotic fruits beginning to appear. The palate is finely textured and long, with savoury, leesy stone fruits and a linear finish. A top-notch wine of undeniable quality; bags of potential.

- **Ktima Biblia Chora, Ovilos, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014 (13.5%)**  
£20.49 **Amazon, Hallgarten Druitt & Novum**  
**POA Cava Spiliadis USA**  
An oily, rounded nose with lifted notes of spice, ginger and flowers. The palate is polished and broad shouldered, with the Semillon providing an attractive citrus character, while the Assyrtiko delivers welcome freshness and acidity. Long, complex and sophisticated.



### Gold red

- **Skouras, Grande Cuvée, Nemea, Peloponnese 2008 (13.5%)**  
A wine of character and soul, with layered aromas of charcoal, Darjeeling tea, thyme, minerals,

## Greece & Cyprus won

- 0 **International Trophies (see p19)**
- 6 **Regional Trophies (see p56)**

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red berries and juicy cherries. Elegant and stylish, this is still in excellent shape, with its fine-grained tannins, vibrant fruit and long, noble finish.



### Silver sparkling white

- **Cair, Brut Dodekanisos, Aegean Islands 2013**



### Silver white

- **Argyros, Assyrtiko French Oak Fermented, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2013**
- **Argyros, Atlantis, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Artemis Karamolegos, Aidani, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Artemis Karamolegos, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Gerovassiliou, Chardonnay, Epanomi, Macedonia 2013**
- **Gerovassiliou, Malagousia Epanomi, Macedonia 2014**
- **Gerovassiliou, Viognier Epanomi, Macedonia 2014**
- **Idaia, Ocean Thrapsathiri, Crete 2014**
- **Kechri, Kechribari Retsina, Thessaloniki, Macedonia 2014**
- **Kouros, Rhoditis, Patras, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Ktima Biblia Chora, White, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014**
- **Lyrarakis, Plyto, Crete 2014**
- **Nikos Douloufakis, Dafnios, Crete 2014**
- **Santo, Assyrtiko, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Skouras, Moschofilero, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Sokos Savvatiano, Central Greece 2014**



### Silver rosé

- **Seméli Orinos Helios Rosé, Korinthia, Peloponnese 2014**



### Silver red

- **Alpha Estate, Xinomavro Reserve Vieilles Vignes, Amyndeon, Macedonia 2011**
- **Barafakas, Ampleoy Idea Nemea, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Chrisohou, Xinomavro, Naoussa, Macedonia 2013**
- **Domain Mega Spileo, Achaia, Peloponnese 2009**
- **Domaine Skouras, Fleva, Peloponnese 2013**
- **Gaia, S, Peloponnese 2013**
- **Gerovassiliou, Avaton, Epanomi, Macedonia 2013**
- **Gerovassiliou, Red Wine, Epanomi, Macedonia 2012**
- **Gerovassiliou, Syrah, Epanomi, Macedonia 2011**
- **Hatzidakis, Mavrotragano Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2013**
- **Karavitakis, Klima Merlot-Kotsifali, Chania, Crete 2012**
- **Kitrus Syrah Pieria, Macedonia 2012**
- **Ktima Biblia Chora, Pangeon, Macedonia 2012**
- **Ktima Tselepos Kokkinomilos, Arkadia, Peloponnese 2012**
- **La Tour Melas 2012**
- **Skouras, Saint George, Nemea, Peloponnese 2012**



### Silver fortified white

- **Samos, Anthemis, Samos, Aegean Islands 2009**



### Bronze sparkling white

- **Domaine Glinavos, Debina, Zitsa, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2013**



### Bronze white

- **Alexakis, Vidianó, Crete 2014**
- **Alpha Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Florina, Macedonia 2014**
- **Alpha Estate, Turtles Vineyard Malagousia Florina, Macedonia 2014**
- **Ampelóeis, Syfonia, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014**
- **Anastasia Fragou, Savatiano, Attiki, Central Greece 2014**
- **Argyros, Aidani, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Athanasίου, Moschofilero, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Avantis Estate, Afoura, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2013**
- **Diamantakis, Diamantopetra, Vidianó - Assyrtiko, Crete 2014**
- **Diamantakis, Prinos Malvasia-Chardonnay, Crete 2014**
- **Diamantakis, Vidianó, Crete 2014**
- **Domaine Hatzimichalis, Alfega Lefkos, Valley of Atalanti, Central Greece 2014**

- **Domaine Katsaros, Chardonnay, Krania, Thessaly 2013**
- **Domaine Messenicolos, Two Moons, Karditsa, Thessaly 2014**
- **Gaia, Thalassitis, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Gerovassiliou, Chardonnay, Epanomi, Macedonia 2014**
- **Gerovassiliou, Epanomi, Macedonia 2014**
- **Hatzidakis, Nykteri, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2013**
- **Hatzidakis, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Karavitakis, Moschato Spinias, Chania, Crete 2014**
- **Kir-Yianni, Droumo, Florina, Macedonia 2014**
- **Ktima Pavlidia, Thema, Drama, Macedonia 2014**
- **Ktima Tselepos, Blanc de Gris, Arkadia, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Lyrarakis, Thrapsathiri, Crete 2014**
- **Lyrarakis, Vilana Barrel Fermented, Crete 2013**
- **Mercouri, Kallisto, Ilia, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Monemvasia, Asproudi, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Moraitis, Malagousia, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Mylonas, Malagousia, Attiki, Central Greece 2014**
- **Mylonas, Savatiano, Attiki, Central Greece 2014**
- **Papagiannakos, Savatiano, Markopoulo, Central Greece 2014**
- **Samos, Psiles Korfes, Aegen Sea, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Skouras, Larsinos Viognier, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Tselepos, Canava Chrissou, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Vriniotis Iama Malagousia-Assyrtiko, Evia, Central Greece 2014**
- **Zacharias, Moschofilero, Peloponnese 2014**



### Bronze rosé

- **Alpha Estate, Florina, Macedonia 2014**
- **La Tour Melas, Idylle D'Achinos 2014**
- **Lyrarakis, Idyll Rosé, Crete 2014**
- **Moraitis Estate, Aidani Mavro-Mandilaria Rosé, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014**
- **Paterianakis, Melissinos Dry Rosé, Crete 2014**



### Bronze red

- **Alpha Estate, Axia Syrah-Xinomavro, Macedonia 2011**
- **Alpha Estate, Utopia, Florina, Macedonia 2011**
- **Alpha Estate, Xinomavro, Hedgehog Vineyard, Amyndeon, Macedonia 2011**
- **Athanasίου, Nemea, Peloponnese 2014**
- **Avantis Estate, Collection, Evia, Central Greece 2010**
- **Barafakas, Thousand Years, Nemea, Peloponnese 2010**
- **Diamantakis, Syrah-Mandilari, Crete 2012** ➤

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**I Domaine Messenicolos, Moi Je M'En Fous, Karditsa, Thessaly 2014**  
 ● **Domaine Paterianakis, Peza, Crete 2012**  
 ● **Domaine Skouras, Megas Oenos, Peloponnese 2011**  
 ● **Domaine Zacharioudakis, Kotsifali, Heraklion, Crete 2012**  
 ● **Domaine Zafeirakis, Limniona, Tyrnavos, Thessaly 2012**  
 ● **Gerovassiliou, Avaton Epanomi, Macedonia 2012**  
 ● **Idaia, Ocean Mandilaria-Syrah, Crete 2011**  
 ● **Idaia, Ocean Mandilaria-Syrah, Crete 2010**  
 ● **Idaia, Crete 2012**  
 ● **Ktima Pavlidis, Emphasis Tempranillo, Drama, Macedonia 2011**  
 ● **Ktima Pavlidis, Thema, Drama, Macedonia 2012**  
 ● **La Tour Melas Cyrus One, Achinos 2013**  
 ● **Lantides, Agiogitiko, Nemea, Peloponnese 2013**  
 ● **Lantides, Little Ark 2013**  
 ● **Lyrarakis Syrah-Kotsifali, Heraklion, Crete 2012**  
 ● **Melissinos, Mavro, Slopes of Enos, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2013**  
 ● **Mitavelas Estate, Old Vineyards Nemea, Peloponnese 2012**  
 ● **Moraitis, Paros Reserve, Paros, Malvasia Paros, Aegean Islands 2009**  
 ● **Moraitis, Sillogi Red 2010**  
 ● **Rhous, 6th Edition, Crete 2013**  
 ● **Tsililis, Theopetra Limniona Meteora, Thessaly 2011**  
 ● **Wine Art, Idisma Drios Syrah, Drama, Macedonia 2011**  
 ● **Zacharias Agiorgitiko, Peloponnese 2014**



**Bronze  
sweet white**

● **Hatzidakis, Vinsanto, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2003**  
 ● **Lyrarakis, Malvasia Crete 2012**  
 ● **Moraitis, Malvasia, Paros, Malvasia Paros, Aegean Islands 2011**



**Bronze  
sweet red**

● **Diamantis Liastos Siatista, Macedonia 2008**  
 ● **Idaia, Liatiko, Dafnes, Crete 2006**  
 ● **Karavitakis Liastos from Romeiko, Chania, Crete 2008**



**Bronze  
fortified white**

● **Samos, Grand Cru, Samos, Aegean Islands 2014**  
 ● **Samos, Vin Doux, Samos, Aegean Islands 2014**

**Commended sparkling white**

● **Santo, Sparkling Brut, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2013** ● **Zoinos Zitsa Brut, Zitsa, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2013**

**Commended sparkling rosé**

● **Zoinos, Aurelia, Epirus, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2013**

**Commended white**

● **Anastasia Fragou, Neilis, Attiki, Central Greece 2014** ● **Argyriou, Malagousia, Parnassos, Central Greece 2014** ● **Avantis Estate, Lenga, Evia, Central Greece 2014** ● **Cair, Selections, Dodekanisos, Aegean Islands 2014** ● **Gavalas, Nykteri, Santorini, Aegean Islands 2014** ● **Gianna Dodou, Savatiano, Slopes of Kitherona, Central Greece 2014** ● **Kourtaki, Crete 2014** ● **Ktima Biblia Chora, Areti, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014** ● **Ktima Biblia Chora Plagios Sideways, Pangeon, Macedonia 2014** ● **Ktima Pavlidia, Emphasis Assyrtiko, Drama, Macedonia 2014** ● **Lyrarakis, Assyrtiko, Crete 2014** ● **Lyrarakis, Vilana, Crete 2014** ● **Lyrarakis Cuvée Grande Colline, Crete 2014** ● **Mediterra, Assyrtiko, Crete 2014** ● **Melissinos, Gold, Slopes of Enos, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2014** ● **Mercouri Foloji, Peloponnese 2014** ● **Moraitis, Sillogi, Cyclades, Aegean Islands 2014** ● **Muses Estate, 9, Thebes, Central Greece 2014** ● **Sokos, Malagousia, Slopes of Kitherona, Central Greece 2014** ● **Sokos Epilinos Slopes of Kitherona, Central Greece 2014** ● **Troupis, Moschofilero, Arkadia, Peloponnese 2014** ● **Tsililis, Theopetra Malagouzia-Assyrtiko, Meteora, Thessaly 2014** ● **Zoinos, Zitsa Classico, Zitsa, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2014**

**Commended rosé**

● **Kir-Yianni, Akakies, Amyndeon, Macedonia 2014** ● **Kir-Yianni, Twin Sails Greek Rosé 2014** ● **Ktima Pavlidis, Thema, Drama, Macedonia 2014**

**Commended red**

● **Alpha Estate, Alpha One Negroamaro, Florina, Macedonia 2009** ● **Alpha Estate, Axia Syrah-Xinomavro, Macedonia 2012** ● **Ampeloeis, Silver, Pangeon, Macedonia 2012** ● **Avantis Estate, Agios Chronos, Evia, Central Greece 2010** ● **Digenakis, Nymfeos Red, Crete 2010** ● **Domaine Katsaros, Krania, Thessaly 2009** ● **Glinavos, Syrah, Epirus, Epirus & Ionian Islands 2012** ● **Kir-Yianni, Dyo Elies, Imathia, Macedonia 2011** ● **Kir-Yianni, Ramnista, Naoussa, Macedonia 2011** ● **Kourtis, Oniros, Pieria, Macedonia 2012** ● **Ktima Biblia Chora, Ovilos, Pangeon, Macedonia 2009** ● **Ktima Biblia Chora Areti Pangeon, Macedonia 2010** ● **Ktima Pavlidis, Emphasis Syrah, Drama, Macedonia 2011** ● **Ktima Tselepos Avlotopi, Arkadia, Peloponnese 2012** ● **La Tour Melas, Franc de Pieds, Fthiotida, Central Greece 2013** ● **Lantides, Vigne D'or, Peloponnese 2013** ● **Lyrarakis, Kotsifali, Crete 2013** ● **Lyrarakis, Okto, Crete 2012** ● **Marks & Spencer, Thymiopoulos Xinomavro, Naoussa, Macedonia 2012** ● **Monemvasia Laloudi, Peloponnese 2008** ● **Mylopotamos Epifanis, Mount Athos, Macedonia 2010** ● **Porto Carras, Limnio, Côtes de Meliton, Macedonia 2012** ● **Seméli, Reserve, Nemea, Peloponnese 2011** ● **Tsililis, Theopetra 24, Meteora, Thessaly 2010** ● **Tsililis, Theopetra Syrah-Limniona-Cabernet Sauvignon, Meteora, Thessaly 2011** ● **Wine Art, Techni Alipias, Drama, Macedonia 2012**

**Commended sweet white**

● **Samos, Nectar, Samos, Aegean Islands 2011**

**Commended sweet red**

● **Dourakis, Euphoria Romeiko Liasto, Chania, Crete 2014** ● **Mediterra, Mavrodaphne of Patras, Peloponnese NV**

**Cyprus**



**Silver  
white**

● **Makkas, Xynisteri, Paphos 2014**



**Silver  
rosé**

● **Zambartas, Limassol 2014**



**Silver  
fortified red**

● **Aes Ambelis, Commandaria NV**



**Bronze  
white**

● **Aes Ambelis, Xynisteri-Semillon, Limassol 2014**  
 ● **Makkas, Chardonnay, Paphos 2014**  
 ● **Makkas, Paphos 2014**  
 ● **Sodap, Kamanterena Xynisteri, Paphos 2014**  
 ● **Zambartas, Xynisteri Limassol 2014**  
 ● **Zambartas Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc Paphos 2014**



**Bronze  
rosé**

● **Aes Ambelis, Nicosia 2014**  
 ● **K&K Vasilikon, Einalia, Kathikas, Akamas-Laona 2014**  
 ● **Sodap Kamanterena Lefkadha-Shiraz, Paphos 2014**



**Bronze  
red**

● **Zambartas, Lefkada-Shiraz, Limassol 2013**  
 ● **Zambartas, Maratheftiko, Limassol 2013**



**Bronze  
sweet white**

● **Tsiakkas, Commandaria 2008**



**Bronze  
sweet red**

● **Anama, Concept 2011**

**Commended white**

● **Fikardos, Amalthia, Paphos 2014** ● **G Athenodorou & Sons, Gerolemo Muscat, Paphos 2014** ● **Sodap, Kamanterena Xynisteri-Semillon, Paphos 2013**

**Commended rosé**

● **Makkas, Rodostafylo, Paphos 2014**

**Commended red**

● **Makkas, Lefkada, Paphos 2011**

# Languedoc-Roussillon



**Regional Co-Chair**

**Rosemary George MW**

(see judges, p4)

ONE OF THE many attractions of Languedoc-Roussillon is its enormous variety – you can find just about every style of wine you might wish for, from delicate dry whites to luscious dessert wines, light fruity reds to more full-bodied reds, and simple quaffers to wines with structure and ageing potential. And there are fortified and sparkling wines too. They were all there for us to taste. And inevitably some showed better than others. This year I had particularly high expectations for the region's whites, as wines from varieties such as Roussanne, Vermentino and indeed the humble Picpoul are making enormous progress. Those expectations were fulfilled.

**What should we buy from here?**

The best reds from the usual quintet of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Grenache and Cinsaut never fail to please with their spicy flavours. A flight of Minervois showed particularly well, yielding a Trophy and a Gold, with the sturdy, spicy flavours reminiscent of the wild scenery. There were some elegant wines from Pic-St-Loup, and characterful wines from La Clape, while the newest cru, Terrasses du Larzac, offered

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some delicious drinking, yielding five Golds. And their success was matched by a Faugères Trophy and Gold for whites from La Clape and Picpoul de Pinet (so much better as a deliciously refreshing sappy dry white as opposed to sparkling). Grape varieties such as Roussanne, Marsanne and Vermentino, as well as more established Grenache Blanc, Macabeo and Bourboulenc are making some wonderfully satisfying and characterful whites too.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

I absolutely agree with my co-Chair James Lawther MW (*below*). The most uninspiring wines were the varietal vins de pays made from the usual international grapes such as Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. The coastal plain, where most of these varieties are grown, is too warm for them to show any individual varietal character. At best they provide easy drinking. Also to be avoided are the overoaked wines, with insufficient fruit to balance the wood. Happily this style is becoming less prevalent as producers learn how to master the use of oak.

## What should we keep an eye on?

One surprise was a flight of Malepère and Cabardès, two small appellations that are often overlooked. They are close to Carcassonne, where the grape varieties of the Mediterranean meet those of Bordeaux. Malepère is more firmly Bordelais, whereas in Cabardès the blend of the two regional styles has proved to be particularly successful with a freshness and originality – and a Gold! The vins doux naturels of Banyuls and Rivesaltes are long overdue for a revival in their reputation. It is extraordinary that it is still possible to buy wines from 1955 (see our Gold) at an affordable price.



### Regional Co-Chair

### James Lawther MW

(see judges, p4)

THE OVERRIDING IMPRESSION after a week's tasting of 600-plus wines was the versatility of the Languedoc-Roussillon. The appellation reds took pride of place but the whites produced from regional varieties also surprised, as did the sparkling wines. The

remarkable fortified wines should not be forgotten either. The bright news for consumers was that the successful wines covered all price points and, yes, you could find quality and value under £8 (notably Corbières), though £8 to £15 remains the strongest ground. Vintage-wise, I thought the 2013s displayed more intensity overall, but our red Trophy winners were both 2012s, underlining the fact that even in 'tricky' years this region remains reasonably dependable.

## What should we buy from here?

The notable winners were the red wines of Corbières, Minervois La Livinière and Terrasses du Larzac. Corbières did well at all price points, the cru Corbières-Boutenac (with its minimum 30% Carignan) providing true regional character if you are willing to pay a little more. Minervois La Livinière showed more dependability than the larger and more varied

designation Minervois. As to Terrasses du Larzac, granted full AC status in 2014, it goes from strength to strength – the five Golds proving the point. The only drawback is the higher price range of £15 to £30, but they are worth it.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

The IGP varietal wines, especially those from international varieties, were less than convincing. The Cabernets and Merlots were generally dull, Sauvignon Blanc lacklustre, and much of the Chardonnay blowsy and over-oaked. There was also a flight of Minervois where the oak was heavy handed. And for the second year running Pic-St-Loup was disappointing, despite a good Gold. Was it the wines submitted or is the appellation resting on its laurels? Whatever the answer, guaranteed quality seems compromised at present.

## What should we keep an eye on?

The dry whites produced from regional varieties were something of a surprise. 2014 was a cooler vintage and good for whites, so keep an eye out for the likes of the affordable (up to £8) Picpoul-de-Pinet or IGP and appellation whites produced from Grenache Blanc blended with grapes like Roussanne, Marsanne and Vermentino. Outside the front-running reds there was also a solid showing from Côtes du Roussillon-Villages, especially in 2013. And of course, though it will always be a niche market, the aged fortified wines of Rivesaltes and Banyuls are exceptional, with vintages like 1977 (Silver), 1955 (Gold) and 1974 (Regional Trophy) still commercially available.



**Gold white**

● **Château Rouquette sur Mer, Cuvée Arpège, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2014 (13.5%)**

A fresh, floral and lemony nose, with further hints of pink grapefruit and a saline twang; this is a real maritime wine. The poised palate has a lovely attack of concentrated fruit, before revealing a refreshing twist of grapefruit pith and a taste of the sea on the back palate. All in harmony and with elegant balance.

● **Marks & Spencer, Cuvée Resac, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014 (12.5%)**  
£8.50 **Marks & Spencer**

This has a delicate nose with crisp apple and fresh citrus fruit and a light perfume revealing an appealing saline note. The palate is absolutely classic Picpoul, showing zippy, vibrant acidity, strong minerality and a sappy mineral character that evokes fresh flavours of the sea. Great value.

**Languedoc-Roussillon won**

**0 International Trophies (see p19)**

**5 Regional Trophies (see p56)**

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**Gold red**

● **Château Cabezac, Roc de Bô, Caudios, IGP Côtes-du-Brian 2012 (14%)**

£20.40 **Cabezac UK**

Wild dark fruits, meat, spices, herbs, flowers and fresh leather; like a walk through a dense forest. The tannins are fantastically integrated with equally well-judged acidity, and the palate delivers further savoury black fruits, minerals, and a long, seamless finish.

● **Château Latour de Rissac, Cabardès 2013 (13.5%)**

A firm nose with a touch of pepper and cassis, then ➤

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fleshy red fruit with a peppery tannic streak and a rounded finish in the mouth. Opens up in the glass to reveal a lovely, rich wine that's a highly successful combination of Bordeaux and Languedoc flavours and grapes.

● **Domaine Boucabeille, Les Orris, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013 (14%)**

£20.50 **Justerini & Brooks**  
Violets, iris and rose give way to plum, damson, blackcurrant, olive, liquorice and cinnamon. A multi-dimensional wine which perfectly balances the powerful sun-drenched slopes of Roussillon with the subtlety, elegance and poise of a top-quality wine.

● **Domaine Les Grandes Costes, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012 (14.5%)**

£14.99 **Co-op**  
Fragrant with hints of mulberry, plum, wild strawberry, rosemary and thyme.

Concentrated yet restrained, with lovely, pretty black fruits on the palate, accompanied by minerals, flowers and spices. Elegant and charming with multiple layers and integrated oak, this is a wine you just want to drink more of.

● **Gérard Bertrand, Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre, Corbières 2013 (14%)**

POA **Hallgarten Druitt**  
Deep and brooding with intense black fruit and layers of complexity from fig, prune, sausage and herbs to leather, spice and garrigue aromas. Bursts on to the palate with real intention yet retains decorum until the finish. Concentrated, complex with that trademark *sauvage* character.

● **Gérard Bertrand, Le Viala, Minervois La Livinière 2013 (14.5%)**

£49.99 **Hallgarten Druitt**  
POA **Southern Wines & Spirits of America**  
Discreet and delicate, with aromas of dark, brooding, blackberry fruit, precise minerality and smoked meat coated in cracked black pepper. Firm but suave with waves and waves of flavour, the ripe fruit is couched in velvety, grainy and high-quality tannins, then a complex, very long finish. This is a delicious paradox in a bottle.

● **JeanJean, Domaine du Causse d'Arboras, La Faille, Terrasses du Larzac 2013 (14%)**

Sinewy wine with savoury leather and spice notes, plus a charry, smoked meat character. The tannins are firm on the substantial palate which shows tons of fruit, plus chocolate and floral characters. The long, lingering finish shows both freshness and some promising peppery fruit.

● **Les Chemins de Carabote, Les Pierres qui Chantent, Terrasses du Larzac 2011 (14%)**

Modern and harmonious with a nose of complex dark fruit, cherry, plum, earthy minerals, black olive and spicy meat. Developed and expansive on the palate, with integrated tannins and a very long finish decorated with garrigue notes, intense minerals, tar, dried flowers and layers of ripe, dark fruit. A real drink.

● **Mas de la Seranne, Antonin & Louis, Terrasses du Larzac 2012 (14%)**

POA **Tanners**  
A charming brew of meat, pepper, spice and smoke plus precise red and black fruits on the nose. This is rich, earthy, complex and refreshing, sporting ripe tannins and gorgeous flavours of juicy red fruits, garrigue, violets and bacon, ending with a long and perfumed finish. Top marks.

● **Mas des Querne, Le Querne, Terrasses du Larzac 2012 (14%)**

Rich, deep nose, with minerals, plum and earthy undergrowth, but also some lovely floral top notes and subtle wood spice. Full in body but wonderfully fresh in flavour, with finely tuned tannins, vanilla, violets, chocolate and sweet raspberry fruit. Very long and fine – there's no heaviness here.

● **Plan de l'Homme, Habilis, Terrasses du Larzac 2012 (14.5%)**

A strong garrigue character on the nose, boosted by mineral elements and aromas of wild berries and liquorice. Rounded, ripe, harmonious palate with a tannic streak that frames flavours of raspberry, herbs and violets, polished off by a powerful but balanced, mineral finish. Lovely.



**Gold fortified red**

● **Gérard Bertrand, Legend Vintage, Rivesaltes 1955 (15.5%)**

£230 **Hallgarten Druitt**  
POA **Southern Wines & Spirits of America**  
Super-complex nose with notes of dried fig, apricot, nougat, quince jam, sous-bois, caramel, spice and with an impressive depth. Hits the palate running with its richness of zesty fruit, salty mid-palate and great acidity, carrying on to an impressive finish. Incredible freshness for 60-year-old wine.

● **Le Secret des Marchands, Grande Réserve, Maury 2009 (17.5%)**

Very deep, dark and mysterious nose which reveals cassis, blackberry, blueberry and plum jam. There's lovely balance between sweetness and acidity, with a tannic backbone that props up layers of spicy fruit flavours which have power, persistence and precision.



**Silver white**

● **Les Costières de Pomerols, Beauvignac Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014**

● **Château de Lascaux, Garrigue, Languedoc 2014**

● **Château Rives-Blanques, Odysée Chardonnay, Limoux 2013**

● **Château Viranel, Tradition, St-Chinian 2014**

● **Domaine de Fenouillet, Les Hautes Combes, Faugères 2013**

● **Domaine Lauriga, Grenache-Macabeu, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2014**

● **French Cellars, Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014**

● **Jean-Claude Mas, Arrogant Frog, Chardonnay-Viognier Ribet Blanc IGP d'Oc 2014**

● **Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Girelles, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014**

● **la Vendémiaire, Les Arbres Blancs, Languedoc 2013**

● **Le Petit Chat, IGP d'Oc 2014**

● **Sainsbury's, Taste The Difference, IGP d'Oc 2014**



**Silver rosé**

● **Domaine Montrose, La Balade, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014**

● **Domaine Montrose, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014**

● **Domaine Ste-Cécile du Parc, Notes Frivoles, IGP Caux 2014**  
● **Foncalieu, Syrah-Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014**



**Silver red**

● **Abbotts & Delaunay, Cumulo Nimbus, Minervois 2012**

● **Abbotts & Delaunay, Réserve, Corbières 2013**

● **Abbotts & Delaunay, Réserve, Minervois 2013**

● **Bergerie du Capucin, Dame Jeanne, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013**

● **Bernard Magrez, Mon Seul Rêve, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2012**

● **Bernard Magrez, Passion d'une Vie, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2012**

● **Calmel & Joseph, Les Terroirs Minervois 2013**

● **Castel, Famille Castel Grande Réserve Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014**

● **Castelmaure, Les Hauts de Castelmaure, Corbières 2013**

● **Cave de Roquebrun, Baron d'Aupenac, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2012**

● **Cave de Roquebrun, Golden Vines, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2011**

● **Château Camplazens, La Réserve, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013**

● **Château de Cazeneuve, Les Calcaires, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013**

● **Château de Gourgazaud, Réserve, Minervois La Livinière 2012**

● **Château de La Baume, St-Chinian 2012**

● **Château de Paraza, Cuvée Spéciale, Minervois 2012**

● **Château de Serres, Château de Serres, Côtes de Malepère 2012**

● **Château du Donjon Cuvée Prestige, Minervois 2011**

● **Château Haut Gléon, Corbières 2012**

● **Château La Dournie, Etienne, St-Chinian 2012**

● **Château Lorgeril, Collection d'Altitude, Cabardès 2012**

● **Château Maris, Les Planels, Minervois La Livinière 2012**

● **Château Ricardelle, Cuvée Juliette Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013**

● **Château Rombeau, Elise Vieilles Vignes, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2011**

● **Château Rombeau, Le Rouge, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013**

● **Château Rouquette sur Mer, Cuvée Amarante, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2012**

● **Château Rouquette sur Mer,**

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#### L'Esprit Terroir, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013

- Domaine Bort, Orfèverie, Vin de France 2013
- Domaine de Babio, Minervois 2012
- Domaine de Baron'Arques, Limoux 2011
- Domaine de Castelnaud, Cayenne, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine du Joncas, Obra, Terrasses du Larzac 2013
- Domaine La Prade Mari, Conte des Garrigues, Minervois 2011
- Domaine Les Grandes Costes, Musardises, Coteaux du Languedoc 2013
- Domaine Ste-Cécile du Parc, Mouton Bertoli, IGP Caux 2011
- Famille Fabre, Château Fabre Gasparets, Corbières-Boutenac 2011
- Fortant de France, Terroir de Collines Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Gérard Bertrand, Château de La Sougeole, Côtes de Malepère 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Château la Sauvageonne Grand Vin, Terrasses du Larzac 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Château Laville Bertrou, Minervois La Livinière 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Château l'Hospitalet Grand Vin, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Cigalus, IGP Aude Hauterive 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Domaine de Villemajou, Corbières-Boutenac 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, La Forge, Corbières-Boutenac 2013
- Gérard Bertrand, Minervois 2013
- La Grange, Castalides, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2013
- La Gravette, Vignes Hautes,

#### Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013

- Les Domaines Auriol, Orangerie de Cicéron, Corbières 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Latour de France, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013
- Mas de l'Oncle, Sélection, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013
- Mas des Dames, La Diva, Coteaux-de-Murviel 2012
- Mas Gabinèle, Faugères 2013
- Paul Mas, Carignan, IGP Hérault 2014
- Sentiers de Bagatelle, Donnadiou, St-Chinian 2013
- Terrassous, Pierres Plates, Côtes du Roussillon Les Aspres 2013
- Terres d'Hachene, Ilex, IGP Cévennes 2010

#### Silver fortified red

- Gérard Bertrand, Legend Vintage, Rivesaltes 1977
- Le Manoir des Schistes, Le Secret des Marchands, Grande Réserve, Maury 2010

#### Bronze sparkling white

- Château de Villelongue, Brut Crémant de Limoux 2012
- Domaine J Laurens, Graimenous Brut, Crémant de Limoux 2013
- Domaine Rosier, Cuveé Jean Philippe Brut, Blanquette de Limoux 2013
- Domaine Rosier, Ma Maison Brut, Crémant de Limoux 2012
- Sieur d'Arques, Cuvée Royale Brut, Crémant de Limoux NV

#### Bronze sparkling rosé

- Domaine Rosier, Ma Maison Brut Rosé Crémant de Limoux 2013

#### Bronze white

- Abbe Rous, In Fine, Collioure 2013
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Chardonnay, Limoux 2014
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Sauvignon Blanc-Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Asda, Extra Special Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Baron de Badassière, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Benjamin Darnault, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Cap Cette, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Cave de l'Ormarine, Duc de Morny, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Cellier des Chartreux, Sauvignon, IGP Gard 2014
- Chais de Blanville, Opale, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Château de Castelnaud, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Château de Lascaux, Les Pierre d'Argent, Coteaux du Languedoc 2012
- Château Martinolles, Vieilles Vignes, Limoux 2014
- Chevalier de Fauvert, Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2013
- Claude Val, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Dom Brial, Le Pot, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2014
- Domaine Begude, Chardonnay Terroir 11300, IGP Haute-Vallée-de-l'Aude 2014
- Domaine de Castelnaud, L'Ile Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine de la Clapière, Figuerette, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine de L'Arjolle, Viognier-Sauvignon Blanc, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014
- Domaine du Clos des Charmes, Danaé, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine La Louvière, La Souveraine, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine St-Michel Archange, L'Ange, Minervois 2014
- Domaine Ste-Rose, La Nuit Blanche Roussanne, IGP d'Oc 2013
- Domaines Robert Vic, Preignes le Vieux, Vermentino, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Fortant, Terroir Littoral IGP d'Oc 2014
- Jean-Claude Mas, Elégance, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Jean-Claude Mas, Striking French Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Le Grand Noir, Minervois Blanc, Minervois 2013
- Les Costières de Pomerols, Beauvignac, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Les Costières de Pomerols, Mas Puech, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Les Jamelles, Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Lorgeril, Le Marquis de Pennautier Terroirs d'Altitude Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2013
- Mas des Tannes, Réserve, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Monrouby, Grenache Blanc, IGP d'Oc 2013

- Mont Rocher de la Maison d'Alliance, Vieilles Vignes, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Ormarine, Villemarin, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014
- Paul Mas, Côte Mas Méditerranée, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Paul Mas, Vermentino, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Paul Mas, Vignes de Nicole Chardonnay-Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Richeimer, Terre & Mer, IGP Côtes-de-Thau 2014
- St-Ferréol, IGP d'Oc 2006
- Tautavel Vingrau, Syrousse Côtes du Roussillon 2014
- The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2013
- Vignerons du Narbonnais, Chardonnay-Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014

#### Bronze rosé

- Benjamin Darnault Pique-Nique, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Castel, Réserve de France Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Château de Lascaux, Garrigue, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2014
- Côté Mas, Rosé Aurore, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine d'Escapat, Le Capitaine, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Domaine La Croix Belle, Le Champ des Grillons, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014
- Domaine La Difference, Le Rosé de la Racine Carrée, Languedoc 2014
- Domaines Baron de Rothschild (Lafite), Ausières, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Foncalieu, Piquepoul Coteaux-d'Ensérune 2014
- Gérard Bertrand, Château La Sauvageonne, Coteaux du Languedoc 2014
- Gérard Bertrand, Hédou, Corbières 2014
- Les Jamelles, Grenache, IGP d'Oc 2014

#### Bronze red

- Aldi, Lot 03 Pézenas, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2013
- Alma Cersius, In Vino Erotico, IGP Coteaux-du-Libron 2013
- Aubai Mema, La Douzième, IGP Gard 2013
- Aubai Mema, Liverna, IGP Gard 2013
- Baron de l'Enclos, Merlot, IGP Aude 2014
- Beauchatel, Merlot, IGP Aude 2014
- Bergerie du Capucin, Larmanela, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012
- Bernard Alias, Hector & Juliette, Corbières 2013
- Blanville, Pierre de Lune, Languedoc 2013
- Calmel & Joseph, Les Terroirs, St-Chinian 2013
- Castel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Vin de France 2014
- Castel, Réserve de France Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014
- Cave de Berlou, Terre de ➤



Loups, Les Terrasses Royales, St-Chinian Berlou 2013  
 ● Cave de l'Abbe Rous, Cyrécé, Collioure 2013  
 ● Cave de l'Ormarine, Veyrac, Coteaux du Languedoc 2013  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Eclats de Schistes, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2013  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, La Grange des Combes, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2014  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, La Grange des Combes, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2013  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Les Fiefs d'Aupenac, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2013  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Seigneur d'Aupenac, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2012  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Terrasses de Mayline, St-Chinian 2014  
 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Terres d'Orb, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Cazes, Le Credo, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2011  
 ● Château Beaugard Mirouze, Fiaire, Corbières 2010  
 ● Château Beaugard, Mirouze, Lauzina, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château Belvize, Cuvée des Oliviers, Minervois 2012  
 ● Château Cabezac, Grande Cuvée Belvèze, Minervois 2011  
 ● Château Cabezac, Roc de Bô, Minervois 2012  
 ● Château Camplazens, Grenache, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Château Camplazens, La Garrigue, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Château d'Anglès, Grand Vin, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2010  
 ● Château de Caraguilhes, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château de Ciffre, Terroirs d'Altitude, Faugères 2012  
 ● Château de Jau, Jaujau 1er, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2011  
 ● Château de Lastours, Grande Réserve, Corbières 2010  
 ● Château de Lastours, Simone Descamps, Corbières 2011  
 ● Château de Marmorières, Les Amandiers, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Château de Marmorières, Marquis de Raymond, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Château de Paraza, Les Baronnie, Minervois 2011  
 ● Château de Pennautier, L'Esprit de Pennautier, Cabardès 2012  
 ● Château St-Cels, St-Chinian 2013  
 ● Château des Jaume, Maury Sec 2014  
 ● Château du Grand Caumont, Cuvée Spéciale, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château du Grand Caumont, Cuvée Impatience, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château du Grand Caumont, Cuvée Tradition, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château Fardel-Laurens, l'Ardoise, Faugères 2013  
 ● Château Fonsalade, St-Chinian 2011  
 ● Château Haut-Blanville, Grande Cuvée, Coteaux du Languedoc Grés de Montpellier 2010  
 ● Château La Dornie, Elise, St-Chinian 2011

● Château La Roque, Cupa Numismae, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012  
 ● Château La Sauvageonne, Cuvée Pica Broca, Terrasses du Larzac 2013  
 ● Château Laquirou, Ausines, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Château Montel, Castanéa, Coteaux du Languedoc St-Drézéry 2012  
 ● Château Notre Dame du Quatourze, A Fleur d'Eau Grande Réserve, Coteaux du Languedoc Quatourze 2013  
 ● Château Pech-Latt, Vieilles Vignes, Corbières 2013  
 ● Château Ricardelle, Cuvée Vendredi XIII, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Château Rouquette sur Mer Le Clos de la Tour, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2012  
 ● Château Ste-Eulalie, La Cantilène, Minervois La Livinière 2012  
 ● Château St-Jacques d'Albas, La Chapelle d'Albas Minervois 2012  
 ● Château St-Jacques d'Albas, Le Château d'Albas, Minervois 2012  
 ● Château Spencer La Pujade, Le P'tit Spencer, Corbières 2014  
 ● Château Tourril, Panatella, Minervois 2011  
 ● Château Villenouvette, Cuvée Marcel Barsalou, Corbières 2011  
 ● Claude Val, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Clos Bagatelle, A l'Origine, St-Chinian 2014  
 ● Comte Jehan De Woillemont, Commanderie de St-Pierre la Garrigue, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Côté Mas, Rouge Intense, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Coteaux du Pic Seigneur de Lauret, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013  
 ● Domaine Belles Pierres, Les Clauzes de Jo, Languedoc 2013  
 ● Domaine Cailhol Gautran, Villa Lucia, Minervois 2012  
 ● Domaine Cazes, Ego, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013  
 ● Domaine Clavel, Copa Santa, Coteaux du Languedoc 2013  
 ● Domaine Coudoulet, Domaine Coudoulet, Minervois 2014  
 ● Domaine de Baron'Arques, La Capitelle, Limoux 2011  
 ● Domaine de Brau, Pure Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2013  
 ● Domaine de Coussergues, 1495, IGP d'Oc 2013  
 ● Domaine de Fabrègues, La Villa, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2012  
 ● Domaine de la Baume, Grand Chataignier Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Domaine de la Baume, Terres Syrah-Cabernet, IGP d'Oc 2013  
 ● Domaine de La Cendrillon, No 1, Corbières 2011  
 ● Domaine de la Clapière, Jardin de Jules, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Domaine de la Perdrix, Cuvée Joseph-Sébastien Pons, Côtes du Roussillon 2013  
 ● Domaine de la Perdrix, T Côtes du Roussillon 2014  
 ● Domaine de l'Argenteille, Garric, Terrasses du Larzac 2013

● Domaine de Mayrac, Dilettante, IGP Haute-Vallée-de-l'Aude 2012  
 ● Domaine de Sauzet, Champ de la Tour, IGP d'Oc 2012  
 ● Domaine de Soustres, Merlot IGP d'Oc 2013  
 ● Domaine de Tholomies, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Domaine de Tholomies, La Chapelle Syrah-Grenache, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Domaine de Vénus Passions, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2010  
 ● Domaine de Viranel, Trilogie, Cessenon 2013  
 ● Domaine des deux Platanes, 1 Carignan Vieilles Vignes, IGP Hérault 2011  
 ● Domaine du Causse d'Arboras, La Sentinelle, Terrasses du Larzac 2013  
 ● Domaine Eric Gelly, Plaisir des Sens, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014  
 ● Domaine Jean Gleizes, Ovilius, IGP Coteaux-de-Narbonne 2013  
 ● Domaine La Capelle, Minervois 2013  
 ● Domaine La Croix Belle, Le Champ du Coq, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2013  
 ● Domaine le Nouveau Monde, Tradicion, Coteaux du Languedoc 2012  
 ● Domaine les Grandes Costes, La Sarabande, Coteaux du Languedoc 2010  
 ● Domaine L'Ostal Cazes, Grand Vin, Minervois La Livinière 2012  
 ● Domaine Pech Rome, Florens, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2012  
 ● Domaine Peytavy, Clos de l'Amandaie, Coteaux du Languedoc Grés de Montpellier 2013  
 ● Domaines Auriol, Le Jour et la Nuit Carignan, IGP Aude 2014  
 ● Domaines Baron de Rothschild (Lafite), Blason d'Aussières, Corbières 2012  
 ● Domaines Robert Vic, La Balade, Minervois 2013  
 ● Foncalieu, La Lumière, Corbières 2011  
 ● Foncalieu, Le Lien, Minervois 2011  
 ● Foncalieu, Les Illustres, Coteaux-d'Ensérune 2012  
 ● Fortant, Terroir de Collines Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Fortant de France, Terroir Littoral Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● French Cellars, Shiraz, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Cap Insula, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Château de Villemajou, Corbières-Boutenac 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Château l'Hospitalet La Réserve, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Domaine de l'Aigle Pinot Noir, IGP Haute-Vallée-de-l'Aude 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Grand Terroir, Côtes du Roussillon Les Aspès 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Grand Terroir Côtes du Roussillon Tautavel 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Grenache-Carignan, Fitou 2013

● Gérard Bertrand, L'Hospitalitas, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Naturea, Corbières 2014  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Réserve, Côtes du Roussillon Tautavel 2013  
 ● Gérard Bertrand, Syrah-Mourvèdre, St-Chinian 2013  
 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Aldi The Exquisite Collection Cabernet de Cabernet, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Mas des Tannes, IGP Hérault 2014  
 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Rouge Intense, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Striking French Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Jeanjean, Grand Devois, Languedoc 2011  
 ● Joseph Castan, Chapelle St-Roch, Faugères 2014  
 ● La Galaura, St-Jean, Coteaux du Languedoc 2012  
 ● La Grange, Castalides Icône, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2013  
 ● Lauriga, Mas Les Arts, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2013  
 ● Le Grand Clauzy, Malbec, Vin de France 2013  
 ● Le Grand Noir, Black Sheep GSM, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Le Mas de l'écriture L'écriture, Terrasses du Larzac 2010  
 ● Les Chemins de Bassac, Isa, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2013  
 ● Lorigeril, Mas des Montagnes, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2012  
 ● Maison Fortant, La Grande Nuit Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Marks & Spencer, Les Voiles de Paulilles Collioure 2013  
 ● Marks & Spencer, Corbières 2013  
 ● Mas des Quernes, La Villa Romaine, Terrasses du Larzac 2012  
 ● Mas Gabinèle, Inaccessible Faugères 2011  
 ● Montlobre, Tête de Cuvée, IGP d'Oc 2011  
 ● Moulin de Gassac, Guilhem, IGP Hérault 2014  
 ● Paul Mas, Grenache-Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Paul Mas, Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014  
 ● Plô Roucarels, Limoux 2012  
 ● Prieuré St-Jean de Bébien, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2012  
 ● Rambier, Domaine Haut-Lirou, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2014  
 ● S Delafont, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012  
 ● Sichel, Château Trilloi, Corbières 2012  
 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Domaine Ste-Catherine, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013  
 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Roc Amour, Côtes du Roussillon Tautavel 2012  
 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Rocher des Buis, Maury Sec 2013  
 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Syrousse, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2011  
 ● Tesco Finest Domaine Aubersmenil, Fitou 2013  
 ● Three French Hens, Merlot Mourvèdre, IGP d'Oc 2013  
 ● Vignerons de la Méditerranée, Madame Claude Parmentier, Fitou 2013  
 ● Wenny & Gabriel Tari, Pure Pinot Noir, IGP d'Oc 2013

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## Bronze sweet white

● Dom Brial, Muscat, Muscat de Rivesaltes 2014



## Bronze fortified red

● Conet & Cie, Mise Précoce, Banyuls Rimage 2012  
● Tautavel Vingrau, Eclat Grenat, Maury 2013

### Commended sparkling white

● Baron Maxime, Gold Réserve Brut, Limoux 2013 ● Domaine J Laurens, Le Moulin Brut, Blanquette de Limoux NV ● Domaine Rosier, Blanquette de Limoux 2013 ● Roche Lacour, Brut, Crémant de Limoux 2013 ● Ste-Hilaire, Brut, Blanquette de Limoux 2013 ● Tallavignes, Brut Particulier, Crémant de Limoux NV ● Tesco Finest 1531 Blanquette de Limoux, Limoux 2012

### Commended white

● Abbe Rous, Cornet et Cie Collioure 2013 ● Abbotts & Delaunay, Zephyr, Limoux 2013 ● Alma Cersius, In Vino Erotico, IGP Coteaux-du-Libron 2014 ● Alma Cersius Viognier Code Inspiration, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Asda, Extra Special Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Benjamin Darnault, Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Calmel & Joseph, Villa Blanche Sauvignon Blanc, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Cave St Maurice, Pujol Lacoste, IGP Cévennes 2014 ● Cellier des Chartreux, Les Armandiers Chardonnay, IGP Gard 2014 ● Cellier des Chartreux, Origine Chardonnay, IGP Gard 2013 ● Chapelle de Novilis, Neus, Coteaux-d'Enserune 2014 ● Château Haut Gléon Corbières 2014 ● Château Laquirou, Albus, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2014 ● Château Rives-Blanques, La Trilogie Chardonnay-Chenin-Mauzac, Limoux 2012 ● Daumas Gassac, Grande Réserve de Gassac, IGP Hérault 2014 ● Domaine Begude, Etoile Chardonnay, Limoux 2013 ● Domaine Begude, Le Bel Ange Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de Castelnaud, Les Ronces, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de la Baume, Les Vignes de Madame IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de Montmarin, Sauvignon, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014 ● Domaine du Joncas, Alba, IGP Hérault 2014 ● Domaine du Père Benoît, Gavroche, Vin de France NV ● Domaine La Croix Belle, Le Champ des Lys, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014 ● Domaine La Louvière, Le Libertin, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine Modat, Les Lucioles, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2014 ● Fabre Gasparets, Chimère, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Foncalieu, Albariño, Vin de France 2014 ● Gérard Bertrand, Château l'Hospitalet Grand Vin, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2014 ● Gérard Bertrand, Naturalys Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Gérard Bertrand, Réserve Spéciale Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Aldi The Exquisite Collection, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014 ● Laurent Miquel L'Artisan Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Laurent Miquel Vendanges Nocturnes Viognier IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Laurent Miquel Vérité Grande Cuvée, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Le Grand Noir, Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014

● Les Costières de Pomerols, Tesco Finest, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014 ● Les Costières de Pomerols, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet 2014 ● Les Javelles, Sélection Spéciale Chardonnay-Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Louis Max, Climats Chardonnay Les Terres Froides, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Maison Fortant, La Grande Nuit Chardonnay, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Fête du Gris Sauvignon Gris, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Marks & Spencer Château de Flaugergues, Languedoc 2014 ● Paul Mas, Marsanne, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Paul Mas, Nicole Vineyard Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Paul Mas, Viognier-Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Paul Mas Elegant Frog Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Pâtisserie du Vin, Chardonnay-Muscat, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Taste The Difference Chardonnay, Limoux 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Sauvignon Blanc-Colombard, Vin de France 2014 ● St-Ferréol, Grande Réserve, IGP d'Oc 2007 ● St-Ferréol, IGP d'Oc 2010 ● The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible St Gabriel Vineyard Viognier, IGP d'Oc 2014

### Commended rosé

● Château La Roque, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2014 ● Domaine de la Clapière, Jalade, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de la Provençanière, Pêche Coquin, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de Montmarin, Les Oliviers, IGP Côtes-de-Thongue 2014 ● Foncalieu, Le Griset Gris de Gris, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Fortant, Terroir Littoral Grenache, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Fortant de France, Terroir Littoral Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Les Embruns, La Croix des Saintes, IGP Sable de Camargue NV ● Les Richoises, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Languedoc 2014 ● Skalli, Couleurs du Sud Grenache, IGP d'Oc NV ● The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2014

### Commended red

● Benjamin Darnault, Réserve, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2014 ● Calmel & Joseph, Les Crus, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Caramany 2012 ● Calmel & Joseph, Les Terroirs Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2013 ● Castel, Famille Castel Réserve de France Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Castel, Merlot, Vin de France 2014 ● Castellaure, Corbières 2014 ● Catherine M. Delaunay Les Javelles Sélection Spéciale IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Col de L'Orb, St-Chinian 2014 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Roches Noires, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2014 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Roches Noires, St-Chinian Roquebrun 2013 ● Cave de Roquebrun, Terrasses de Cabrio, St-Chinian 2014 ● Chais de Blanville, Opale, Languedoc 2013 ● Château Auzias, Cabardès 2014 ● Château Boissezon-Guiraud, St-Chinian 2014 ● Château Brugayrole, Corbières 2014 ● Château Camplazens, Marselan, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Château Camplazens, Prémium, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013 ● Château Camplazens, Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Château Coulon, Corbières 2013 ● Château d'Agel, Caudios, Minervois 2011 ● Château d'Aussières, Corbières 2012 ● Château du Grand Caumont, Réserve

de Laurence Corbières 2013 ● Château du Grand Caumont Corbières 2013 ● Château du Vieux Parc, La Sélection, Corbières 2013 ● Château Fontiès, Corbières 2013 ● Château Lalande, Cabardès 2013 ● Château Laquirou, Champs Rouge, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013 ● Château Pech-Latt, Corbières 2014 ● Château Portal, Minervois 2014 ● Château Ricardelle, Blason, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2013 ● Château St-Jean d'Aumières, l'Alchimiste, Terrasses du Larzac 2013 ● Château St-Jean d'Aumières, Les Collines Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Château St-Jean d'Aumières, Les Perles Noires, Languedoc 2014 ● Château Seguala, Côtes du Roussillon Tautavel 2014 ● Château Tourril, Livia, Minervois 2013 ● Château Viranel, Tradition, St-Chinian 2012 ● Château Viranel, V, St-Chinian 2012 ● Clos d'Elle, À Huis Clos, Languedoc 2011 ● Comte de Monteny, Syrah-Merlot, IGP d'Oc NV ● Comtes de Rocquefeuil Coteaux du Languedoc Montpeyroux 2014 ● Coteaux du Pic, Petit Loup Marselan, IGP St-Guilhem-le-Désert 2014 ● Couleurs du Sud, Terroir Littoral Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Couleurs du Sud, Terroir Littoral Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Dom Brial, Château les Pins, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2011 ● Dom Brial, Corpus, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2010 ● Domaine Cailhol Gautran, Cantus Vitis, Minervois 2013 ● Domaine Cavalier, Domaine Cavalier, IGP St-Guilhem-le-Désert 2013 ● Domaine Clavel, Bonne Pioche Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2012 ● Domaine Costes-Cirgues, Château Costes-Cirgues, Languedoc 2012 ● Domaine de Fenouillet, Combe Rouge, Faugères 2013 ● Domaine de la Baume, La Jeunesse Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de la Clapière, Gatefer, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Domaine de la Perdrix, Corto, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2014 ● Domaine de la Provençanière, Cuvée P Cabernet Franc-Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaine de Nizas, Languedoc 2011 ● Domaine de Sauzet, Cuvée du Champ de la Tour, IGP d'Oc 2011 ● Domaine de Tholomies, Minervois La Livinière 2013 ● Domaine la Louvière, La Séductrice, Côtes de Malepère 2012 ● Domaine la Louvière, La Maîtresse, Côtes de Malepère 2012 ● Domaine La Reze, Minervois 2013 ● Domaine Mirabau, Côtes du Roussillon 2013 ● Domaine Modat, Comme Avant, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages Caramany 2012 ● Domaine Pech Rome, Clemens, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2011 ● Domaine Ricardelle de Lautrec, Ocrouge Cuvée Pontserme, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Domaine St-Michel Archange, Cuvée Joséphine, Minervois 2013 ● Domaine Ste-Cécile du Parc, Notes Franches, IGP Caux 2012 ● Domaine Ste-Cécile du Parc, Sonatina, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas 2012 ● Domaine St-Jean d'Aumières, Les Marnes Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaines Baron de Rothschild (Lafite), Aussières Cabernet Sauvignon - Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Domaines Baron de Rothschild (Lafite), Aussières Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Domaines Robert Vic, Preignes le Vieux, Preignes Collection, IGP d'Oc 2011 ● Domaines Robert Vic, Preignes le Vieux, Preignes Petit Verdot, IGP d'Oc 2013 ●

Foncalieu, Vieilles Vignes de Carignan, IGP Hérault 2014 ● Fortant de France, Réserve des Grands Monts Carignan IGP Hérault 2013 ● Fortant de France, Terroir de Collines Cabernet Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Fortant de France, Terroir de Collines Malbec, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● French Cellars, Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● French Cellars, Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Gérard Bertrand, Naturalys Pinot Noir, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Gérard Bertrand, Réserve, Côtes du Roussillon Les Aspres 2013 ● Hort France, Premium, Corbières 2011 ● Jacques Frelin, Sainsbury's So Organic Shiraz, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Jean-Benoit Cavalier, Château de Lascaux, Languedoc 2013 ● Jean-Claude Mas, Arrogant Frog Ribet Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Joseph Castan, Éléance/Excellence / Le Confidentiel Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Joseph Castan, Éléance/Excellence/Le Confidentiel Carignan IGP Aude 2014 ● La Procession, Malbec, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● La Vendémiaire, l'Insulaire, Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape 2012 ● Le Grand Noir, Black Sheep Cabernet-Shiraz, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Le Grand Noir, Minervois 2012 ● Le Petit Chat Malin, IGP d'Oc 2013 ● Le Tracteur Bleu, Vin de France 2014 ● Les Coteaux de St-Christol, Christovinum, Coteaux du Languedoc St-Christol 2011 ● Les Coteaux de St-Christol, Sanctus Christoforus, Coteaux du Languedoc St-Christol 2013 ● Les Javelles, Malbec Cepage Rare, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Les Javelles, Merlot, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Les Javelles, Réserve Mourvèdre, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Les Païssels, St-Chinian 2013 ● Marks & Spencer, Gold Label Merlot IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Mas d'Arcay, Valentibus, Coteaux du Languedoc St-Drézéry 2013 ● Mas de la Seranne, Le Clos des Immortelles, Terrasses du Larzac 2013 ● Mas de l'Oncle, Éléance, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013 ● Mas des Dames, La Dame, Coteaux du Languedoc 2012 ● Mas Olivier Grande Réserve, Faugères 2013 ● Michel Maury, Sélection Réserve Merlot IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Morrisons, Signature Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Moulin de Gassac, Grande Réserve de Gassac, IGP Hérault 2014 ● Paul Mas Clos des Mûres, Coteaux du Languedoc 2014 ● Plan de l'Homme, Sapiens, Terrasses du Larzac 2012 ● Richemer, Terre & Mer Marselan-Syrah, IGP Côtes-de-Thau 2014 ● S Delafont, Languedoc 2013 ● Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013 ● Secrets de Cave, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup 2013 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Le Cirque, IGP Côtes Catalanes 2013 ● Tautavel Vingrau, Les Costes, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2012 ● Terres d'Hachene, Robur, IGP Cévennes 2011 ● Vicomte, Les Vigneaux Syrah, IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Vignerons de Cers-Portiragnes, Merlot Code Emotion IGP d'Oc 2014 ● Vignobles Dom Brial, Les Pins & Co, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages 2012 ● Vila Voltaire, La Faute, Coteaux de Fontcaude, IGP Hérault 2012 ● Yvon Mau, Merlot, IGP Aude 2014 ● Yvon Mau, Ocean Merlot, IGP Aude 2014

### Commended sweet white

● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Muscat de St-Jean-de-Minervois NV ➤



# Loire



## Regional Chair

**Jim Budd** (see judges, p4)

THIS WAS EASILY our best ever year! I have been the Regional Chair for the Loire ever since the DWWA started in 2003, and never before have we given so many top awards – six Golds and four Regional Trophies across a spread of appellations. We are a tough panel to please (our previous record

was two Trophies and two Golds) and we certainly liked many of the wines this year, especially from 2014 – often beautifully balanced wines.

## What should we buy from here?

At present Muscadet is definitely the Loire's greatest bargain. Enjoy it fresh and young with shellfish, or as an aperitif. The 2014 vintage is very good in the Pays Nantais, producing lovely, ripe, balanced wines, and this showed when we awarded Golds to three 2014 Muscadets. The Regional Trophy went to a 2010 cru communaux – a style of Muscadet with longer lees aging. In general, whites, reds and rosés from 2014 are well worth buying but don't delay too long as for many producers (apart from those in the Central Vineyards) this was a short vintage, the third in a row, so stocks are low.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

We had one very disappointing flight of IGP Sauvignon Blanc. All were from 2014 and were dilute and unripe. In 2014 they ought to have been so much better than they were. Best to pay a little more for a Touraine Sauvignon or opt to pay the premium for a Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé or other Central Vineyards appellations.

Producers in the sweet wine crus of Bonnezeaux, Chaume and Quarts de Chaume need to consider declassifying these wines in difficult years like 2013 and just release top wines in good vintages. Several of the 2013s entered would have been decent Coteaux du Layons but did not have the concentration to merit their more expensive cru status.

## What should we keep an eye on?

I have already flagged up Muscadet. In particular look out for four more communes joining the ranks of the Muscadet cru communaux – Château-Thébaud, Goulaine, Monnières-St-Fiacre (from where our Trophy-winner hails) and Mouzillon will be added to the original three communes of Clisson, Gorges and Le Pallet.

Pinot Noir from the Central Vineyards, especially from Sancerre, can be excellent. For the second time the Red Loire Trophy over £15 has gone to a Sancerre Rouge, which underlines the progress that has been made with Pinot Noir over the past two decades. Top reds here are now on the level with many Burgundies, without the price-tag. Best, however, not to shout too loud as in 2013 Sancerre Rouge accounted for only 13% of the appellation's production, so high demand could quickly push prices up.

## Loire won

0 International Trophies (see p19)

4 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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**Gold white**

● **Château de la Botinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 (12%)**

POA **Castel UK**

A graceful, almost saline nose with attractively ripe citrus fruit, aromatic herbs, minerals and flowers. This is mouthfilling, lively and precise, with bags of Muscadet character: lovely, lemony fruit concentration, and a touch of bitterness and salinity on the lengthy finish which adds to the complexity.

● **Domaine Landrat-Guyollet, Gemme de Feu, Pouilly-Fumé 2012 (12.5%)**

A ripe, seductive Sauvignon which makes an immediate impression with its breezy, rich nose. The maturing, graceful palate is rich in texture but highly refreshing nonetheless, with the polished fruit underscored by a stony mineral facet. A fine bottle.

● **Joseph Mellot, Le Chant des Vignes, Pouilly-Fumé 2014 (12.5%)**

£17.65 **Hatch Mansfield**

A big, grapey nose with hints of lime and real richness. This a wine with substance and panache. It is confidently textured and quietly imposing, with the concentrated fruit backed by lifted floral notes and a mineral freshness. An opulent but energetic Pouilly-Fumé with charming length.

● **Pierre-Luc Bouchaud, Pont Caffino, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 (12%)**

£9.90 **Eclat Wines**

Squeaky-clean aromas of elegant, leafy orchard fruit, citrus, flowers and a herbal sweetness. The textured and polished palate is a delight: crunchy apple, mouthwatering and integrated gentle lemony acidity, and run through with a

mineral seam which culminates in a long, salty finish.

● **Vignobles Sourice, Manoir de la Hersandière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 (12%)**

An elegantly pure nose of leafy white peach, green apple and citrus, fleshed out with hints of something more tropical. The supple, substantial palate shows real vim and vigour; cut through with bags of fresh minerals, vivacious acidity, lemony freshness and with a saline flourish on the finish.



**Gold red**

● **Château La Varière, La Chevalerie, Anjou-Villages Brissac 2013 (13%)**

A broad, concentrated wine, with lots of black fruit characters on the nose, which also offers coffee tones and an attractive, Marmite-like note. The muscular tannins need time to soften, but they are ripe and integrated, perfectly partnering the potent red and black fruits.



**Silver sparkling white**

● **Amiot, Veuve Amiot Brut, Saumur NV**

● **Bouvet Ladubay, Saphir Brut, Saumur 2012**

● **Antoine Simoneau, Brut Rosé Touraine NV**



**Silver white**

● **Bouchié-Chatellier, La Renardière, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**

● **Cave des Vins de Sancerre, Les Marennes, Sancerre 2014**

● **Château de Montfort, Vouvray 2014**

● **Château du Cléray, Haute Culture, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**

● **Domaine Curot, Sancerre 2014**

● **Domaine de Villargeau, Sauvignon Blanc, Coteaux du Giennois 2013**

● **Domaine des Hautes Cottières, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**

● **Domaine du Closel, Clos du Papillon, Savennières 2013**

● **Domaine du Tremblay, Quincy 2014**

● **Domaine Favray, Mathilde, Pouilly-Fumé 2012**

● **Domaine Gadais, Marks & Spencer, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**

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- **Domaine Martin, Le Perd son Pain, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine Michel Girard & Fils, Silex, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Michel Thomas & Fils, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Salmon, Vieilles Vignes, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Eric Louis, Les Celliers de la Pauline, Sancerre 2014**
- **Eric Louis, Menetou-Salon 2014**
- **Fournier Père & Fils, Tesco Finest, Sancerre 2014**
- **Francis Blanchet, Silice, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Gadais Père & Fils, Domaine de la Tourmaline, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Isabelle & Pierre Clément, Châtenoy, Menetou-Salon 2014**
- **Jean-Marie Reverdy, Domaine de la Villaudière, Sancerre 2014**
- **Joseph Mellot, Domaine des Mariniers, Pouilly-Fumé 2013**
- **Joseph Mellot, Le Rimonet, Quincy 2014**
- **Joseph Mellot, Les Thureaux, Menetou-Salon 2014**
- **Laporte, Le Grand Rochoy, Sancerre 2012**
- **Matthias & Emile Roblin, Origine, Sancerre 2014**
- **Simon Chotard, Les Cris, Sancerre 2014**
- **Villebois, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**

 **Silver rosé**

- **Remy Pannier, Rosé d'Anjou 2014**

 **Silver red**

- **Domaine des Trottières, Faustina MMXI, Anjou-Villages 2011**
- **M Levron & R Vincenot, Château de Parnay - Coulée du Méridien, Saumur-Champigny 2011**

 **Silver sweet white**

- **Bois Mozé, Château Rousset, Coteaux de L'Aubance 2011**
- **Château de Fesles, Bonnezeaux 2011**
- **Domaine Ogereau, Clos des Bonnes Blanches, Coteaux du Layon St-Lambert 2011**

 **Bronze sparkling white**

- **Bouvet Ladubay, Brut, Saumur NV**
- **Veuve Amiot, Brut, Crémant de Loire NV**

 **Bronze sparkling rosé**

- **Bouvet-Ladubay, Brut Rosé Saumur NV**

 **Bronze white**

- **Bernard Maillard, Prestige des Roches Pyrénées, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Branger, Manoir de la Grelière Vieilles Vignes Réserve, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Caves des Vins de Sancerre, Les Ruettes, Sancerre 2014**
- **Château de Chamboureau, Marks & Spencer, Savennières 2009**
- **Château de Parnay, Clos d'Entre Les Murs Saumur 2010**
- **Château de Targé, Les Fresnettes, Saumur 2013**
- **Château de Tracy, Mademoiselle de St-Baville, Pouilly-Fumé 2013**
- **Château de Tracy, Mademoiselle de T, Pouilly-Fumé 2013**
- **Château de Varennes, Savennières 2013**
- **Clos des Orfeuilles, L'Odessée Minérale, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Comte Georges de Choulot, Château de Thauvenay, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Clair Moreau, Château-Thébaud, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 2010**
- **Domaine de Bellevue Sauvignon, Touraine 2014**
- **Domaine de la Grange, Brin d'R, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine de la Grange, Vieilles Vignes, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine de la Potardière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine de Villalin, Quincy 2014**
- **Domaine de Villargeau, Coteaux du Giennois 2014**
- **Domaine des Ballandors Quincy 2014**
- **Domaine du Haut Bourg, Muscadet Sur Lie, Muscadet Côtes de Grand-Lieu 2014**
- **Domaine du Haut Bourg, Pavillon, Muscadet Côtes de Grand-Lieu 2014**
- **Domaine du Nozay, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine François Cartier, Touraine 2014**
- **Domaine Gadais, Marks & Spencer, La Grande Cuvée, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine Joël Delaunay, Sauvignon Blanc Touraine 2014**
- **Domaine La Haute Févrie, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine Lebrun, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Domaine Martin, Les Trois Versants Vieilles Vignes, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Domaine Michel Girard & Fils, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Salmon, Réserve du**

**Fief, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**

- **Emile Balland, Les Beaux Jours, Coteaux du Giennois 2014**
- **Eric Louis, Les Affaubertis, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Famille Lieubeau, Domaine de la Fruitière, Vignes Blanches, Val de Loire 2014**
- **Florian Mollet, Roc de l'Abbaye, Sancerre 2014**
- **Florian Mollet, Sainsbury's, TaSte-the Difference, Sancerre 2014**
- **Fournier Père & Fils, Tesco Finest, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Gadais Père & Fils, Les Perrières Monopole, Muscadet 2012**
- **Gadais Père & Fils, Vieilles Vignes, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2013**
- **Guilbaud Frères, Le Soleil Nantais, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Guy Allion, Domaine du Haut Perron Sauvignon, Touraine 2014**
- **Jean Paul Mollet, L'Antique, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Jean-Paul Balland, Grande Cuvée, Sancerre 2013**
- **Jean-Pierre Bailly Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Joseph Mellot, La Grande Châtelaine, Sancerre 2012**
- **Joseph Mellot, Le Chatellenie, Sancerre 2014**
- **Lafond, La Raie, Reuilly 2014**
- **Matthias & Emile Roblin, Enclos de Maimbray, Sancerre 2014**
- **Michel Vattan, Cuvée Argile, Sancerre 2014**
- **Paul Prieur & Fils, Sancerre 2014**
- **Pierre Jacolin, Le Prieuré de St-Céols, Menetou-Salon 2014**
- **Pierre Chainier, Les Perruches, Vouvray 2014**
- **Pierre-Luc Bouchaud, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Robert Cantin, Les Pier Blanc, Sancerre 2014**
- **Serge Dagueneau et Filles, Clos des Chaudoux, Pouilly-Fumé 2013**
- **Sophie Bertin, La Côte Blanche, Sancerre 2014**
- **Sophie Bertin, Silex, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Tinel-Blondelet, Genetin, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Vignobles Sourice, Château de la Mouchetière Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Villebois, Aldi Sauvignon Blanc, Val de Loire 2014**
- **Waitrose, Sauvignon Blanc, Touraine 2014**

 **Bronze rosé**

- **Domaine Jean-Paul Balland, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Michel Thomas & Fils, Sancerre 2014**
- **Domaine Paul Thomas, Chavignol, Sancerre 2014**
- **Fournier Père & Fils, Tesco Finest, Sancerre 2014**
- **Joël Delaunay, Le Grand Ballon, Touraine 2014**
- **La Grille, Rosé d'Anjou 2014**

 **Bronze red**

- **Bois Mozé, Les Terres Rouges, Anjou 2012**
- **Château de Minière, Vignes Centenaires de Minière, Bourgueil 2010**
- **Domain la Bonnelière, Saumur-Champigny 2014**
- **Domain la Bonnelière, Symphonie Cabernet Franc, Saumur-Champigny 2014**
- **Domain la Bonnelière, Les Poyeux, Saumur-Champigny 2014**
- **Domaine de la Noblaie, The Co-operative Truly Irresistible, Chinon 2013**
- **Domaine de la Perruche, Clos de Chaumont, Saumur-Champigny 2014**
- **Domaine des Chesnaies, La Musse, Anjou-Villages 2010**
- **Domaine des Hauts Perrays, Anjou 2014**
- **Domaine des Ouches, Igoranda, Bourgueil 2013**
- **Domaine du Vieux Pressoir, Saumur-Puy-Notre-Dame 2011**
- **Domaine Maison Père & Fils, Cheverny 2014**
- **Domaine Ratron, Clos des Cordeliers Cuvée Tradition, Saumur-Champigny 2013**
- **Domaine Ratron, Clos des Cordeliers Prestige, Saumur-Champigny 2011**
- **Jourdon & Pichard, Trois Quartiers Vieilles Vignes, Chinon 2013**
- **Levron & Vincenot, Château Princé Anjou-Villages-Brissac 2012**
- **Musset-Roullier, L'éjourie, Anjou 2014**
- **Vignoble de la Jarrotterie, Concerto Vieilles Vignes, St-Nicolas de Bourgueil 2012**

 **Bronze sweet white**

- **Château la Varière, Les Guerches, Quarts de Chaume Grand Cru 2013**
- **Domaine de Montgilet, Les Trios Schistes, Coteaux de l'Aubance 2013**
- **Musset Roullier, La Royauté, Anjou-Coteaux de la Loire 2014**

**Commended sparkling white**

- **Ackerman, Royal Brut, Crémant de Loire NV**
- **Ackerman, Veuve Laperrière Chardonnay Brut NV**
- **Ackerman, X Gold Brut NV**
- **Bideau-Giraud, Champerlé 2013**
- **Bouvet Ladubay, Tresor Brut, Saumur 2010**
- **Caves Elisabeth Paul Louis Blanc de Blancs Brut NV**
- **Marquis de la Tour, Brut NV**
- **Musset-Roullier, Noctambule, Crémant de Loire 2013**
- **Veuve Amiot, Chardonnay Brut, Crémant de Loire NV**

**Commended sparkling rosé**

- **Bouvet Ladubay, Cremant de Loire Rosé, Crémant de Loire NV**

**Commended white**

- **Alban Roblin, Sancerre 2014**
- **Bertrand Jeannot & Fils, Domaine de Riaux, Pouilly-Fumé 2014**
- **Bougrier, La Grille Sauvignon Blanc, Touraine 2014**
- **Castel, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014**
- **Castel, Touraine 2014**
- **Château de Fesles, La Chapelle ➤**

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Vieilles Vignes, Anjou 2013 ● Château de Tracy, Haute Densité, Pouilly-Fumé 2012 ● Château du Coing de St-Fiacre, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2014 ● Clair Moreau, Clos de la Vieille Chaussée, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2013 ● Claude Cogne, Sauvignon Blanc, Val de Loire 2013 ● Clos de l'Elu, Bastingage, Anjou 2013 ● Domaine Bizet, Sancerre 2014 ● Domaine de Bellevue La Plaine des Cailloux, Touraine Oisly 2014 ● Domaine de Bois St-Denis, Reuilly 2014 ● Domaine de la Gonorderie, Sauvignon, Val de Loire 2014 ● Domaine de la Rablais, Cuvée St-Georges Sauvignon Blanc, Val de Loire 2014 ● Domaine de Rocheville, La Dame, Saumur 2013 ● Domaine de Rocheville, La Jouvencelle, Saumur 2013 ● Domaine des Echardières, Touraine 2014 ● Domaine des Troitières, Vieilles Vignes, Anjou 2014 ● Domaine du Pré Semelé, Sancerre 2014 ● Domaine du Tremblay, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Quincy 2014 ● Domaine Henri Beurdin Reuilly 2014 ● Domaine Landrat-Guyollet, The Society's Exhibition, Pouilly-Fumé 2012 ● Domaine Maison Père & Fils, Cheverny 2014 ● Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Thauvenay, Sancerre 2014 ● Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Villa Paulus, Pouilly-Fumé 2014 ● Domaine Moreux, Corty Artisan Silex, Pouilly-Fumé 2014 ● Domaine Raimbault-Pineau, Sancerre 2014 ● Domaine Trottereau, Quincy 2014 ● Domaine Vacheron Les Romains, Sancerre 2013 ● Donatien Bahuaud, La Diva Sauvignon, Val de Loire 2014 ● Famille Leclair, Domaine de la Rochette, Touraine Chenonceaux 2013 ● Francis Blanchet, Calcite, Pouilly-Fumé 2014 ● Henri Bourgeois, La Vigne Blanche, Sancerre 2014 ● Henri Bourgeois Le MD de Bourgeois Sancerre 2013 ● Henri de Lorgère, Aldi Finest Winemakers Selection, Sancerre 2014 ● Hubert Brochard, Sancerre 2014 ● Jean-Luc Mardon Domaine Pré Baron, Sauvignon Blanc Touraine 2014

● Joël Delaunay, Le Grand Ballon Sauvignon Blanc, Val de Loire 2014 ● Joseph Mellot, Grande Cuvée de Edvins, Pouilly-Fumé 2013 ● Joseph Mellot, La Gravelière, Sancerre 2014 ● Joseph Mellot, Le Troncsec, Pouilly-Fumé 2013 ● Les Frères Couillaud, Domaine de la Ragotiere, Sauvignon Blanc, Val de Loire 2014 ● Michel Redde, Petit Fumé, Pouilly-Fumé 2014 ● Paul Doucet, Sancerre 2014 ● Paul Prieur & Fils, Monts Damnés, Sancerre 2013 ● Pierre Prieur & Fils, La Damnée des Prieur, Sancerre 2014 ● Rémy, Julien & Clément Raimbault, Zeste, Sancerre 2013 ● Sébastien Treuillet, Pouilly-Fumé 2014,

#### Commended rosé

● Domaine de la Gonorderie, Cabernet d'Anjou 2014

#### Commended red

● Château de Chaintres, Vieilles Vignes, Saumur-Champigny 2011 ● Domaine de la Rablais, Cuvée St-Georges Côt, Val de Loire 2012 ● Domaine de la Rablais, Touraine Chenonceaux 2012 ● Domaine de Rocheville, Le Roi, Saumur-Champigny 2010 ● Domaine des Champs Fleuris, Vieilles Vignes Cabernet Franc, Saumur-Champigny 2014 ● Domaine des Chesnaies, La Musse, Anjou-Villages 2011 ● Domaine Michel Thomas & Fils, Sancerre 2013 ● Domaine Paul Thomas, Chavignol, Sancerre 2013 ● Domaine Vacheron Belle Dame, Sancerre 2011 ● Domaines Tatin, La Commanderie, Reuilly 2013 ● Donatien Bahuaud, Les Boires, Chinon 2012 ● Jean Louis Lhumeau, Anjou 2012 ● Jean Louis Lhumeau, Anjou-Villages 2011 ● Réthoré Davy, Le Pavillon, Val de Loire 2013

#### Commended sweet white

● Alain Rousseau, Domaine des Fontaines, Cuvée Prestige, Bonnezeaux 2011 ● Château de la Guimonière, Coteaux du Layon 1er Cru Chaume 2013

inspired reds. Unless, of course, they think consumers are not interested in fruit as a component of wine.

#### What should we buy from here?

All the winners on these pages. Unoaked Chenin Blanc and Colombard from Thailand (the latter winning a Regional Trophy); Sauvignon Blanc from India and zesty, tingling unoaked Koshu from Japan (another Regional Trophy), including sparkling versions. Israel is producing impressive dry Viognier and Gewürztraminer and, in the case of the latter, outstanding rich, sweet versions too. Israel and Lebanon are also making interesting reds from Malbec and Rhône varieties. In China, Cabernet Gernischt (Carmenere) is experiencing encouraging success. If you can tell from the label, go for the less ambitious (ie: less oaked) wines.

#### What should we leave on the shelf?

Across the entire category, almost all premium-priced red wines have too much extraction and new oak for them to be recognisable as drinkable. It's as if expensive new barrels are used to substitute aromas and flavours. The same is also true for the whites, which are so much more enjoyable without debilitating and drying wood. Reds from Japan should be avoided almost completely. Most Cabernet Sauvignon wines – from Israel to India to China – taste more of oak than fruit and are dry, hard and merciless on the finish.

#### What should we keep an eye on?

Colombard from Thailand, rosé too. Syrah from China and wines from Yunnan Province in the south. Ice wines from the freezing north-east Liaoning Province bordering North Korea have a great future. Dessert wines from Israel and dry whites from Rhône varieties are promising too. Koshus from Japan – they draw greater complexity from clever use of lees contact rather than oak. Syrahs from India are worth looking out for provided oak is not emphasised. Finally, look to wineries that do not just rely on overseas consultant winemakers but are mindful of how important viticulture is to making good wine.

## Middle East and Far East Asia



### Regional Chair

### Ch'ng Poh Tiong

(see judges, p4)

LET'S START WITH the negatives. Japan should seriously consider not producing red wine entirely. They are scrawny and, in some cases, skeletal. Using oak to mask what little fruit there wasn't in the first place adds disaster to a fruitless situation.

Chinese wineries, in spite of the few successes, should extricate themselves from beyond the tunnel vision of only producing red Bordeaux blends. And Chardonnay. Long extractions and extended oak contact merely produce 'wood juice' not something drinkable, let alone enjoyable. This advice applies as much also to Israeli producers of Bordeaux-

## China

### Silver white

● Tiansai, Skyline of Gobi, Chardonnay Reserve, Xinjiang 2013

### Silver red

● Château Yuhuang, Cabernet Gernischt, Ningxia 2013  
● GreatWall, Terroir Premium Selection Merlot, Ningxia 2006  
● Imperial Horse, Ganbao Syrah, Ningxia 2013  
● Legacy Peak, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Ningxia 2012  
● Ningxia Xixia King, Envoy Merlot, Ningxia 2013  
● Shangri-La, Altiwine No 6, Yunnan Plateau, Yunnan 2013  
● Tiansai, Skyline of Gobi,

## Middle East and Far East Asia won

0 International Trophies (see p19)  
2 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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**Cabernet Sauvignon Selection, Xinjiang 2013**  
● Zhongfei, Barrel Aged Shiraz, Xinjiang 2013  
● Zhongfei, Merlot Reserve, Xinjiang 2013

### Bronze white

● Helan Mountain, Special Reserve Chardonnay, Ningxia 2013

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## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Kathy Morgan MS

(also judged Greece & Cyprus)

MORGAN IS BASED in Washington DC and is wine director for Bryan Voltaggio's Range restaurant. In 2010, she passed the Master Sommelier exams, and has 15 years' restaurant experience, working in venues such as

Michel Richard's Citronelle, 2941 and Ristorante Tosca. Morgan has also written for many local and national publications, and is a frequent wine judge and speaker at food and wine festivals. One of her favourite roles is as an educator and mentor. She is an instructor at the Capital Wine School and an adjunct professor at New York's International Culinary Center, and a member of the Washington DC chapter of Les Dames d'Escoffier.

- Tiansai, Skyline of Gobi, Selection Chardonnay, Xinjiang 2013



### Bronze red

- Château Hedong, 38° Latitude North, Ningxia 2012
- Château Lanny, Reserve Merlot, Ningxia 2013
- Château Yangyang, Hezun Cabernet Gernischt, Ningxia 2012
- Château Yangyang, Hezun Cabernet Sauvignon, Ningxia 2012
- Château Yuquan, Ningxia 2012
- Helan Mountain, Special Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Ningxia 2012
- Imperial Horse, Pinot Noir, Ningxia 2013
- Kannan, Black Beauty, Ningxia 2011
- Shangri-La, Shiraz, Yunnan Plateau, Yunnan 2013
- Terre Sainte, Blue Mountain, Ningxia 2011
- Tiansai Skyline of Gobi, Classic Cabernet Sauvignon, Xinjiang 2013
- Zhong Fei, Barrel Aged Cabernet Sauvignon, Xinjiang 2013
- Zhongfei Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Xinjiang 2013
- Zhuihui Yuanshi, Shan Zhi Zi, Ningxia 2011



### Bronze sweet white

- Heilongjiang Luyuan, Fenhe Château Ice Wine 2012

### Commended white

- Château Yuquan, Chardonnay, Ningxia 2012
- GreatWall, Desert Fox Chardonnay, Ningxia 2013
- Xixia King, Italian Riesling, Ningxia 2013
- Yantai Changyu Pioneer Wine

Company, Dionysus Drunken Italian Riesling Dry, Shihezi, Xinjiang 2013

### Commended red

- Château Changyu, Baron Balboa, Shihezi, Xinjiang 2011
- Hansen, Merlot, Ningxia 2009
- Shangri-La, Altiwine A3, Yunnan Plateau, Yunnan 2013
- Yinchuan Treasure, Château Treasure Real, Ningxia 2012

## India



### Silver white

- Krsma, Sauvignon Blanc, Hampi Hills, Karnataka 2014



### Bronze white

- Grover, La Réserve, Nandi Hills, Karnataka 2014

### Commended white

- Grover, Vijay Amritraj Reserve Collection, Nandi Hills, Karnataka 2013
- Grover Zampa, Art Collection Sauvignon Blanc, Nandi Hills, Karnataka 2014

### Commended red

- Zampa, Chêne Grande Réserve, Nashik, Maharashtra 2013

## Israel



### Silver white

- Adir, A, Upper Galilee 2013
- Carmel, Admon Chardonnay, Upper Galilee 2013
- Psagot, Viognier, Jerusalem Hills, Judean Hills 2014



### Silver red

- Avidan, Cabernet Sauvignon, Judean Hills & Upper Galilee 2013
- Carmel, Kayoumi Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Upper Galilee 2011
- Galil Mountain, Ela, Upper Galilee 2012
- Galil Mountain, Meron, Upper Galilee 2011
- Montefiore, Petite Sirah, Judean Hills 2011
- Teperberg 1870 Limited Edition Cabernet Franc, Shomron 2011
- Teperberg 1870 Terra Malbec, Jerusalem Hills, Judean Hills 2013
- Tura, Mountain Heights Merlot, Sharon, Shomron 2011



### Silver sweet white

- Golan Heights Winery Yarden, Heights Wine Frozen Gewurtraminer, Golan Heights, Galilee 2012



### Bronze white

- Carmel, Kayoumi Riesling, Upper Galilee 2013



### Bronze red

- Adir, A, Upper Galilee 2012
- Adir, Plato, Upper Galilee 2012
- Avidan Cabernet Franc, Upper Galilee 2013
- Benhaim, Cabernet Sauvignon Grande Réserve, Upper Galilee 2010
- Binyamina Wines, Diamond, Upper Galilee 2012
- Carmel, Mediterranean, Galilee 2010
- Carmel, Petite Sirah Old Vines, Judean Hills 2010
- Golan Heights Winery, Yarden, Kela Vineyard Merlot, Golan Heights, Galilee 2011
- Psagot, Edom, Jerusalem Hills, Judean Hills 2013
- Recanati, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Lebanon Vineyard, Upper Galilee 2012
- Tabor, Limited Edition 1/11000, Tabor, Galilee 2009
- Teperberg 1870, Cabernet Franc, Shomron 2010
- Teperberg 1870, Meritage, Shomron 2012
- Teperberg 1870, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Shomron 2011

### Commended sparkling rosé

- Golan Heights Winery Yarden, Brut Rosé, Golan Heights, Galilee 2009

### Commended red

- Adir, Kerem Ben Zimra Shiraz, Upper Galilee 2013

## Japan



### Silver white

- Grace, Cuvée Misawa Akeno Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu 2014



### Bronze sparkling white

- Lumière, Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu 2013



### Bronze white

- Château Mercian, Nagano Chardonnay Nagano, Chubu 2013
- Grace, Koshu Hishiyama Private Reserve, Yamanashi, Chubu 2014
- Kurambon Wine, Marks & Spencer Sol Lucet Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu 2014
- Kurambon Wine, Sol Lucet Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu 2014
- Suntory, Tomi No Oka, Japan Premium Takayamamura Chardonnay, Nagano, Chubu 2013

### Commended white

- Château Mercian, Mariko Vineyard Chardonnay, Nagano, Chubu 2013
- Château Mercian, Niitsuru Chardonnay, Tohoku 2013
- Grace, Koshu Kayagatake, Yamanashi, Chubu 2014
- Suntory, Tomi No Oka, Japan Premium Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu 2013
- Suntory, Tomi No Oka, Premium Tsugaru Sauvignon Blanc, Aomori, Tohoku 2013

## Lebanon



### Bronze rosé

- Domaine Wardy, Rosé du Printemps, Bekaa Valley 2014



### Bronze red

- Cave Kouroum, Petit Noir, Bekaa Valley 2014

### Commended red

- Château Ksara, Château, Bekaa Valley 2012
- Château Nakad, Château des Coteaux, Bekaa Valley 2010

## Thailand



### Bronze white

- GranMonte, Verdelho, Asoke Valley, Khao Yai 2014
- Monsoon Valley, Blended White, Chao Phraya Delta 2014

### Commended white

- GranMonte, Viognier, Asoke Valley, Khao Yai 2014

### Commended red

- Siam Winery, Monsoon Valley Shiraz, Hua Hin Hills 2013 ➤

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# New Zealand



**Regional Chair**  
**Cameron Douglas MS**  
(see judges, p4)

NEW ZEALAND WINES continue to demonstrate they can earn their place both as individuals and categories in the competitive world of fine wine. Chardonnay provoked lots of discussion with a wide range of styles entered – covering old-school oaky,

fruity and creamy expressions right through to more elegant, lean and textured examples. The best of all these deserve recognition. Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough and Pinot Noir from the lower North and South Island regions maintain their rock star status: pure expressions of fruit, and regional/sub-regional characteristics are significant. Wines from the exciting 2013 vintage (notably Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah) were for the most part very good to outstanding, and many of the 2014 wines look extremely promising.

## What should we buy from here?

Pinot Noir priced at £14.99 to £29.99 offers the greatest range of quality to price, with some exceptional examples to be discovered – such as the seven of our eight red Golds and two Trophies. The best Wairarapa Pinots are distinctive, with gentle savoury, silty mineral complexity and pure fruit at the core. Nelson and Marlborough examples also showed regional signatures of gravel and clay minerality alongside a core of darker cherry and light red plums. Canterbury and Waitaki Valley Pinots showed elegance and charm with limestone-enriched minerality, while Central Otago wines show strength in depth, with vine age adding real complexity.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Pinot Gris is a sizable category in New Zealand; the volume of production and sales reflects this. But the number of decent examples this year was disappointing at all price points – many were bland or simply too sweet and out of balance. Try before you buy. Sauvignon Blanc in the under £8 category had more disappointments than highlights, with sweetness and acidity being too high, or a lack of concentration evident – the 2014 wines especially. Sadly, too, Grüner Veltliner did not grab the attention it did last year, with many entries lacking varietal definition, concentration and finish.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Syrah, whether from Waiheke Island, Matakana, Hawke's Bay or Marlborough, is destined for greatness. It accounts for just 1.2% (423ha) of New Zealand's total production, yet is grabbing global attention. Take advantage of anything from 2012 and 2013 in the £14.99 to £29.99 bracket – these wines are worth a place in your cellar. Chardonnay should not be overlooked either, so long as you are prepared to pay £15 or more. It's worth it, as the top examples show great finesse and elegance in the bouquet, plenty of texture and minerality, pure expressive fruit and judicious use of oak.

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● **Church Road, Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2014 (13.5%)**  
Engaging aromas of nectarine, peach, struck match, and bran biscuit – an overall very pure expression of fruit. High quality oak has clearly gone into the mix here, providing the foundations of a textured, long palate with light tannins, a richly fruited sweet core, embellished by a hint of smoke.

● **Craggy Range, Single Vineyard Avery Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 (13%)**  
£12.99 **Bon Coeur, General Wine Co, New Zealand House of Wine, The Square Wine Co, Waitrose, Winedirect**  
A self-assured wine with a super-positive nose of rocket leaf, red pepper, passion fruit, gooseberry and elderflower. Dry yet succulent, there's a fine symmetry between the heady richness and zingy freshness, with fleshy, exotic mango fruit on the palate countered by energetic acidity.

● **Man O'War, Gravestone Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2013 (14%)**  
£22.25 **Amazon, Harrogate Fine Wines, Salut Wines**  
Highly appealing bouquet with a lush layer of waxy citrus from the Semillon coming through strongly, partnered by wet stones, smoke, grass and tropical fruit edging. Textured and concentrated, lime juice races through the vivacious, crunchy palate, with an added layer of oak spice on the finish.

● **Ngatarawa, Proprietors' Reserve Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013 (14%)**  
Attractive, rich aromas are very subtly handled, with notes of lime, lemon and just a peck of creamy oak. It broadens out on the palate, with some lees and

barrel notes coming through alongside the firm, linear acidity. This is a modern Kiwi Chardonnay that deserves continued attention.

● **Sacred Hill, Orange Label Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 (12.5%)**  
£12.99 **Tesco**

Alive and singing on the nose with its riches of gooseberry fruit, grass, snow pea, green pepper and grapefruit. This is a pithy and refreshing Sauvignon Blanc with a punch of lush tropical fruit on the palate balanced by racy acidity and a lick of minerality

● **Stoneleigh, Latitude Sauvignon Blanc, Rapaura, Marlborough 2014 (13.5%)**  
\$16.99 **Pernod Ricard USA**  
Excellent concentration on a nose of lifted gooseberry, grapefruit, lemon and lime, plus an undertow of green pepper and grass. It's a lovely, fresh and crisp wine, with tight acidity, impeccable balance, and a crunchy green apple finish possessing a stony slant.

● **Yealands, Peter Yealands Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 (13.5%)**  
Benchmark quality, with a nose of lime, grapefruit, stone, plus hints of mango and papaya. Whistle-clean and delicious, there's an elegance and complexity to the palate, which carries refreshing, pithy citrus notes and a density of flavour which punches above its weight.



● **Amisfield, RKV Reserve Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2010 (14.3%)**  
No wallflower, this is unabashed Central Otago Pinot, with a nose graced with spicy dark fruits, smoke, bloody meat, star anise and tapenade. Satiny and luxurious in the mouth, this is a well-harnessed animal, with ambitious levels of fruit pairing perfectly with the similarly bold oak and lifted acidity.

● **Ata Mara Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 (14%)**  
£19.95 **Harrisons Wines**  
A lovely perfume of floral notes partnering sweet red and black cherry fruit tinged by vanilla oak. This is finely structured yet

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overtly generous with its fruit concentration, fine but ripe tannins, and lengthy finish.

● **Craggy Range, Aroha, Te Muna, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013 (13.5%)**  
£54.99 **Farr Vintners, Hailsham Cellars, Harvey Nichols, Hedonism, The Wine Society**

Complex and attractive nose with a savoury richness to the supple red fruits, aided by waxy floral notes and aromas of forest floor and toast. Silky and lithe, there's real density to the palate which holds enticing mocha and spice characters, combined with a creamy richness and great length.

● **Grasshopper Rock, Earnscleugh Vineyard Pinot Noir, Alexandra Basin, Central Otago 2013 (13%)**

£13.99 **Naked Wines**

Fine, pretty nose: pure and ripe, blessed with layers of toasty oak, raspberry, strawberry and just a hint of chocolate and spice. To taste it's no less toothsome, with sparkling intensity and vibrancy, delivering cinnamon-kissed, creamy red fruits. Beautifully poised and with great tension.

● **Judge Rock, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 (13%)**

Delicious aromas of dried herbs, dark plums, damson, red cherry and a hit of mint. The oak is very well judged, leading to a silky, supple, fresh and vital palate which grows in intensity, possessing serious amounts of ripe red fruit alongside a touch of cinnamon tannins.

● **Rod McDonald, Quarter Acre Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013 (13.5%)**

£15 **Marks & Spencer**

Dainty nose of dark plums, dried herbs, olives, liquorice, pepper and roasted red fruits. There's a lovely sweet entry to the palate which is rich and spicy, then the oak tannins begin to make their presence felt, but the fruit concentration is more than a match for them. A wine with a natural synergy.

● **Te Kairanga, John Martin Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013 (14%)**

Powerful bouquet of rich, ripe berry fruit with creamy oak, a floral lift and a dash of spice. There's plenty of flavour with

the full, sweet fruit intensity well matched by the oak and carried nicely by cleansing acidity, along with a medicinal edge. Young but memorable.

● **Woolleston, Pinot Noir, Upper Moutere, Nelson 2012 (13%)**

£21.99 **Amazon, Hallgarten Druitt & Novum Wines**

\$30.99 **San Francisco Wine Exchange**

A bold, perfumed style with savoury, brambly red fruits and dark cherry with a light cloak of toasty oak. Silky, juicy and concentrated, there are delicious flavours of red fruits alongside really attractive grip and light spicy elements which begin to shine towards the lengthy finish.

 **Gold sweet white**

● **Seifried, Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling, Nelson 2014 (10%)**

£15.99 **Harvey Nichols, Hoult's, Helmsley Wine Co, Halifax Wine, Laithwaites, Selfridges, Vintage Marque, Waitrose**

A decadent, heady wine, with its luscious nose of peach, lime blossom, papaya, lemon zest and pineapple. Wonderfully concentrated and pure with a gorgeous pithy note which prevents it becoming blowsy. Its sweetness is backed up by laser-like acidity and a powerful aftertaste that never ends.

 **Silver sparkling white**

● **Akarua, Brut, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2010**

● **Lindauer, Special Reserve Blanc de Blancs Brut, Gisborne NV**

● **Osawa, Prestige Collection Brut NV**

● **Soljans, Fusion Sparkling Muscat NV**

 **Silver sparkling rosé**

● **Akarua, Brut Rosé, Bannockburn, Central Otago NV**

● **Lindauer Brut Rosé NV**

 **Silver white**

● **Amisfield, Pinot Gris, Central Otago 2014**

● **Anchorage, Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014** ➤



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- Ara, Single Estate Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014
- Aronui Single Vineyard Pinot Gris, Upper Moutere, Nelson 2014
- Black Cottage, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Brancott, Letter Series B Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Brancott, Terroir Series Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Coniglio, Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Delegat, Sauvignon Blanc Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Esk Valley, Winemakers Reserve Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Framingham, Ribbonwood Riesling, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, Organic Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Johner Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, East Taratahi/Gladstone, Wairarapa 2014
- Kim Crawford, Kim Crawford Marlborough Dry Riesling, Marlborough 2013
- Kim Crawford, Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Kono, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Lawson's Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Lawson's Dry Hills Riesling, Marlborough 2013
- Marisco, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference River Block Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014
- Marisco, The Kings Legacy Chardonnay Marlborough 2012
- Marlborough Valley Wines, Wishbone Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Martinborough Vineyard, Russian Jack Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Rapaura Springs, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Rod McDonald, Quarter Acre Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Saint Clair, Marks & Spencer James Sinclair Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Saint Clair, Pioneer Block 2 Swamp Block Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Saint Clair, Winemaker's Blend Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013
- Saint Clair Premium Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Soho, Carter Chardonnay, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2014
- Squealing Pig, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Stoneleigh, Rapaura Series



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET Melanie Brown

A NEW ZEALAND native, Brown has been in the UK for more than 10 years. She joined the team at Peter Gordon's The Providores and Tapa Room in London in 2006, where she transformed the wine list to the largest offering of premium New Zealand wine in the UK.

She has now established her own specialist New Zealand online wine retailer, The New Zealand Cellar, which opened in summer 2014 and is an extension of the wine list at The Providores while also offering a selection of New Zealand wine events. In May 2015 a retail space for the company opened at Pop Brixton.

- Sauvignon Blanc, Rapaura, Marlborough 2014
- The Crossings, Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Tohu, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Waimea Estates, Chardonnay, Nelson 2013
- Waimea Estates, Sauvignon, Waimea Plains, Nelson 2014
- Yealands, Single Block M2 Organic Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014

### Silver red

- Akarua, Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2012
- Alpha Domus, The Aviator, Bridge Pa, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Alpha Domus, The Barnstormer Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Ara, Select Block K54 Limited Release Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2012
- Auntsfield, Hawk Hill Pinot Noir, Southern Valleys, Marlborough 2011
- Big Sky, Pinot Noir, Te Muna Road, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Church Road, Grand Reserve Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Craggy Range, Le Sol, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Craggy Range, Sophia, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Delegat, Crownthorpe Terraces Merlot, Matapiro/Crownthorpe, Hawke's Bay 2013

- Delegat, Pinot Noir, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Domain Road, Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2012
- Elephant Hill, Pinot Noir, Alexandra Basin, Central Otago 2013
- Framingham, Ribbonwood Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, The Brothers Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Huntaway, Reserve Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Jackson Estate, Vintage Widow Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2012
- Judge Rock, St Laurent, Central Otago 2013
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2012
- Lawson's Dry Hills Reserve Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Leveret, Reserve Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Leveret, Reserve Merlot-Cabernet, Hawke's Bay 2009
- Mud House, Claim 431 Central Otago Pinot Noir, Bendigo, Central Otago 2013
- Mud House, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Oyster Bay, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Sileni, The Triangle Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Soho, McQueen Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Spy Valley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Stoneleigh, Rapaura Series Pinot Noir, Rapaura, Marlborough 2013

- Terrace Edge, Pinot Noir, Waipara, Canterbury 2013
- Vavasour, Dashwood Pinot Noir Marlborough 2013
- Wairau River, Reserve Pinot Noir, Rapaura, Marlborough 2013
- Wooing Tree, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2011
- Wooing Tree, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2012
- Yealands, Elms Single Vineyard Talisman Syrah Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Yealands, Land Made Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Peter Yealands Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014



### Silver sweet white

- Giesen, The Brothers Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013
- Marisco, The King's A Sticky End Noble Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013
- Riverby, Single Vineyard Noble Riesling, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Seifried, Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling, Nelson 2013



### Bronze sparkling white

- Akarua Brut Central Otago NV
- Nautilus, Brut, Marlborough NV



### Bronze white

- Ara, Single Vineyard Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Babich, Black Label Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Babich, Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Baronne Edmond de Rothschild, Rimapere Sauvignon Blanc, Rapaura, Marlborough 2014
- Brancott, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Cable Bay Chardonnay, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Church Road, Grand Reserve Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Cimarosa, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Clos Henri, Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2013
- Craggy Range Te Muna Road Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2014
- Crossroads, Winemakers Collection Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2012
- Crossroads, Milestone Series Gewürztraminer, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Eradus, Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Esk Valley, Verdelho, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Fairbourne, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2013

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- Framingham, Ribbonwood Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, Small Batch Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, The Brothers Chardonnay, Marlborough 2014
- Giesen, Vineyard Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013
- Hunky Dory, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Hunky Dory, The Tangle Pinot Gris-Gewürztraminer-Riesling, Marlborough 2014
- Indevin, Crux, Marlborough 2014
- Insight, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Insight, Single Vineyard Dry Riesling, Marlborough 2012
- Insight, Single Vineyard Gewürztraminer, Marlborough 2013
- Invivo, Michelle's Chardonnay, Central Otago 2013
- Jackson Estate, Stich Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Kumeu River, The Society's Exhibition Chardonnay, Kumeu/Huapai, Auckland 2013
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Reserve Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Gewürztraminer, Marlborough 2013
- Lawson's Dry Hills, Mount Vernon Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Leveret, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Marisco, The Kings Legacy Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013
- Matua, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Moko Black, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Mud House, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Nautilus, Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013
- O:tu, Blend 102 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Osawa, Prestige Collection

- Chardonnay, Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Oyster Bay, Chardonnay, Marlborough 2014
- Oyster Bay, Pinot Gris, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Peregrine, Pinot Gris, Central Otago 2014
- Rapaura Springs, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Riverby, Grüner Veltliner, Marlborough 2014
- Saint Clair, Estate Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Saint Clair, Premium Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Saint Clair, Pioneer Block, Cash Block 20 Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Seifried, Marks & Spencer Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014
- Seifried, Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014
- Seifried, Split Rock Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014
- Sileni, Cellar Selection Pinot Gris, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Sileni, Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Spy Valley, Envoy Sauvignon Blanc, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Spy Valley, Riesling, Marlborough 2013
- Spy Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Staete Landt, Annabel Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Stanley, Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Stoneleigh, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Summerhouse, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Te Awa, Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Te Awa, Left Field Albariño, Gisborne 2014
- Terra Sancta, Riverblock Chardonnay, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2013
- Tinpot Hut, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014

- Tohora Point, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Vidal, Anthony Joseph Reserve Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Villa Maria, Cellar Selection Chardonnay, Marlborough 2014
- Villa Maria, Tesco Finest North Row Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Viscosity, Cirro Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014
- Viscosity, Cirro Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Waimea Estates, Grüner Veltliner, Waimea Plains, Nelson 2014
- Waimea Estates, Spinyback Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014
- Waimea Estates, Gewürztraminer, Nelson 2014
- Waimea Estates, Pinot Gris, Nelson 2014
- Waimea Estates, Spinyback Pinot Gris, Waimea Plains, Nelson 2013
- Waipara Hills, Pinot Gris, Waipara, Canterbury 2014
- Waipara Hills, Riesling, Waipara, Canterbury 2013
- Wairau River, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013
- Wither Hills, Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013
- Woollaston, Riesling, Nelson 2014
- Yealands, Morrison's, Signature Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Peter Yealands Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Single Block L5 Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Winemaker's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Single Vineyard PGR, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014

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**Bronze rosé**

- Lawson's Dry Hills Pinot, Marlborough 2014

- Spy Valley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014

**2015 Decanter AWARDS BRONZE**  
**Bronze red**

- Akarua Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2013
- Akarua, Rua Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2014
- Ara, Select Blocks Pinot Noir Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Ara, Single Estate Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Ata Mara, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2014
- Auntsfield, Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Southern Valleys, Marlborough 2013
- Babich, Winemakers' Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Brancott, Terroir Series Pinot Noir, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2013
- Brennan, B2 Pinot Noir Central Otago 2013
- Brennan, Pinot Noir, Gibbston, Central Otago 2011
- Cairnbrae, Pinot Noir, Southern Valleys, Marlborough 2013
- Church Road, Grand Reserve Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Hawke's Bay 2011
- Church Road, Merlot-Cabernet-Malbec, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Craggy Range, Single Vineyard Syrah, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Craggy Range, Te Muna Road Vineyard Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Crossroads, Milestone Series Syrah, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2012
- Crossroads, Winemakers Collection Syrah Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Elephant Hill, Merlot Malbec, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Elephant Hill, Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Esk Valley, Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2012
- Forrest, TattyBogler Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Fromm, La Strada Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Giesen, Small Batch Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Gladstone Vineyard, Jealous Sisters Pinot Noir, East Taratahi/Gladstone, Wairarapa 2013
- Glover, Zephyr Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2012
- Hawkesbury, Akitu A1, Central Otago 2013
- Invivo, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2012
- Julicher, Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2012
- Kim Crawford, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Lamont, Pinot Noir, Bendigo, Central Otago 2012
- Lawson's Dry Hills, The Pioneer Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2012
- Man O'War, Dreadnought Syrah, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2012
- Man O'War, Ironclad, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2010 ➤



**BEHIND THE SCORESHEET**  
**Catriona Felstead MW**

FELSTEAD GRADUATED FROM the University of St Andrews with a degree in French and Spanish and spent the first years of her working life at a Spanish petrochemical company. After discovering a love for wine, she undertook a WSET Intermediate course and moved her career to the wine trade. In 2004 she became a manager at Oddbins and then joined

Berry Bros & Rudd in 2007, becoming a marketing manager in 2008. She moved into her current role of New World wine buyer in August 2013. Felstead won scholarships as the top student in her WSET Diploma graduating class, and was awarded The Robert Mondavi Winery Award for her theory papers in the Master of Wine examinations.

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- Margrain, Home Block Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Marlborough Valley Wines, Marlborough Sun Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Martinborough Vineyard, Russian Jack Pinot Noir Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Martinborough Vineyard, Te Tera Pinot Noir Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Matua, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Matua, Single Vineyard Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Matua, Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2013
- Mt Difficulty, Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2013
- Mt Difficulty, Roaring Meg Pinot Noir Central Otago 2013
- Mud House, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Ngatarawa, Alwyn Winemakers Reserve Merlot Cabernet, Hawke's Bay 2010
- Ngatarawa, Alwyn Winemakers Reserve Merlot Cabernet Hawke's Bay 2009
- Nobile, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Oyster Bay, Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Pask, Declaration Merlot, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Rockburn, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Rod McDonald, Te Awanga Syrah, Te Awanga, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Saint Clair, Estate Selection Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Saint Clair, Pioneer Block 14 Doctor's Creek Pinot Noir, Omaka, Marlborough 2013
- Saint Clair, Pioneer Block 17 Plateau Malbec, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Shorn, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Sileni, Cellar Selection Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Sileni, Cellar Selection Pinot Noir, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Sileni, Cellar Selection Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2014
- Sileni, The Peak Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Squealing Pig, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Staete Landt, Map Maker Pinot Noir Marlborough 2014
- Stoneleigh Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Te Awa, Cabernet-Merlot Hawke's Bay 2011
- Te Awa, Left Field Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Te Awa, Single Estate Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2011
- Te Kairanga, Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Te Kairanga, Runholder Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013
- Terra Sancta, Estate Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2012
- The Crossings, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014
- Tinpot Hut, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013

- Villa Maria, Cellar Selection Pinot Noir Marlborough 2013
- Villa Maria, Cellar Selection Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013
- Villa Maria, Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2012
- Viscosity, Cirro Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013
- Waikato River, Merlot, Gisborne 2013
- Waipara Hills, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013
- Waipara West, Ram Paddock Red, Waipara, Canterbury 2013
- Wairau River, Pinot Noir Marlborough 2013
- Yealands, Marks & Spencer Single Block Series R3 Pinot Noir, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Peter Yealands Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2014
- Yealands, Winemakers Reserve Pinot Noir, Gibbston, Central Otago 2013



### Bronze sweet white

- Brancott, Letter Series B Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013
- Ngatarawa, Proprietors Reserve Noble Riesling Hawke's Bay 2014

### Commended sparkling white

- Eden, Brut NV ● Freeman's Bay, Winemaker's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc Brut, Marlborough 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Mount Bluff Brut, Gisborne NV ● Oyster Bay, Brut NV

### Commended white

- Amisfield, Sauvignon Blanc, Central Otago 2014 ● Ara, Pathway Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 ● Ara, Select Blocks Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 ● Ara, Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 ● Ara, Select Blocks Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014 ● Ara, Single Estate Pinot Gris Marlborough 2014 ● Babich, Black Label Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014 ● Blank Canvas, Grüner Veltliner, Marlborough 2013 ● Blank Canvas, Riesling, Marlborough 2013 ● Blind River, Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Brancott, Letter Series R Sauvignon Gris, Marlborough 2013 ● Cable Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Cairnbrae, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Clos Henri, Petit Clos Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Cowrie Bay, Chardonnay, Gisborne 2013 ● Craggy Range Kidnappers Vineyard Chardonnay, Te Awanga, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Crossroads, Milestone Series Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2014 ● Drylands, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Elephant Hill, Sauvignon Blanc, Te Awanga, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Falconhead, Viognier Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Forrest, Stonewall Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Framingham, Classic Riesling, Marlborough 2013 ● Framingham, Ribbonwood Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Framingham, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Giesen, The August 1888 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2012 ● Giesen, The Fuder

- Single Vineyard Selection: Clayvin Chardonnay, Marlborough 2013 ● Giesen, The Fuder Single Vineyard Selection: Matthews Lane Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013 ● Gladstone Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, East Taratahi/Gladstone, Wairarapa 2014 ● Glover Zephyr Riesling Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2013 ● Huia, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Huntaway Reserve Chardonnay, Gisborne 2013 ● Indevin, The Menagerie, East Coast 2014 ● Invivo, Graham Norton's Own Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Kaituna Hills, Marks & Spencer, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Kim Crawford, Small Parcels Spitfire Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Kim Crawford, Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014 ● Kiri, Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 ● Lawson's Dry Hills, Chardonnay, Marlborough 2014 ● Lawson's Dry Hills, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Lawson's Dry Hills, The Pioneer Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2012 ● Man O'War, Valhalla Chardonnay, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2013 ● Marlborough Valley Wines, Marlborough Sun Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Mount Riley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Mt Difficulty, Pinot Gris, Bannockburn, Central Otago 2014 ● Mt Difficulty, Roaring Meg Pinot Gris, Central Otago 2014 ● Mud House, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Mud House, The Woolshed Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Nautilus, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Nobile, Icon Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013 ● Oyster Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Pask, Declaration Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Pask, Gimblett Road Barrique Fermented Sauvignon Blanc, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2014 ● Saint Clair, Premium Grüner Veltliner, Marlborough 2014 ● Seifried, Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014 ● Seifried, Aotea Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014 ● Shingle Peak, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Sileni, The Priestess Pinot Gris, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Sileni, The Straits Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Sileni The Lodge Chardonnay Hawke's Bay 2014 ● Soho, Stella Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Spy Valley, Envoy Johnson Vineyard Chardonnay, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013 ● Spy Valley, Gewürztraminer, Marlborough 2013 ● Spy Valley, Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014 ● Te Awa, Left Field Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2014 ● Tiki Ridge Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Tinpot Hut, McKee Vineyard Grüner Veltliner, Blind River, Marlborough 2013 ● Vavasour, Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Vavasour, Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Villa Maria, Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Villa Maria, Clifford Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Villa Maria, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Villa Maria, Single Vineyard Taylors Pass Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Waimea Estates, Spinyback Grüner Veltliner, Nelson 2013 ● Waimea Estates, Classic Riesling, Nelson 2014

- Waimea Estates, Spinyback Riesling, Nelson 2013 ● Waipara Hills, Chardonnay, Waipara, Canterbury 2013 ● Wairau River, Pinot Gris Marlborough 2014 ● Wairau River, Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2014 ● Waitrose, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Wild South, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Wither Hills, Marks & Spencer, Clocktower Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Wither Hills, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Land Made Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Peter Yealands Reserve Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Coolwater Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Single Block S1 Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Single Vineyard Pinot Gris, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible Pinot Grigio, Marlborough 2014

### Commended red

- Amisfield, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2012 ● Ara, Pathway Pinot Noir Waihopai Valley, Marlborough 2013 ● Black Grape Society, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 ● Brancott, Letter Series Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2012 ● Coal Pit, Tiwha Pinot Noir, Gibbston, Central Otago 2013 ● Craggy Range Te Kahu, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Crossroads, Milestone Series Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Drylands, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013 ● Esk Valley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013 ● Framingham, Pinot Noir, Wairau Valley, Marlborough 2013 ● Giesen, Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2014 ● Gladstone Vineyard, Pinot Noir, East Taratahi/Gladstone, Wairarapa 2013 ● Johner, Pinot Noir Reserve, East Taratahi/Gladstone, Wairarapa 2013 ● Julicher, 99 Rows Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2012 ● Kalex, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2013 ● Limestone Creek, Thistle Ridge Block 2 Pinot Noir, Waipara, Canterbury 2013 ● Margrain, River's Edge Pinot Noir, Martinborough, Wairarapa 2013 ● Matua, Single Vineyard Malbec, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Osawa, Winemaker's Collection Pinot Noir Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Peregrine, Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2012 ● Soljans, Barrique Reserve Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Soljans, Tribute Merlot-Malbec, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Spy Valley, Envoy, Outpost Pinot Noir, Omaka, Marlborough 2011 ● Staete Landt, Paladin Pinot Noir, Rapaura, Marlborough 2013 ● Stanley, Block 8 Pinot Noir, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2013 ● Stoneleigh, Latitude Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013 ● Te Awa, Left Field Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2013 ● The Hay Paddock, Harvest Reserve Syrah, Waiheke Island, Auckland 2012 ● Vidal, Reserve Series Pinot Noir, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Yealands, Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014 ● Yealands, Winemaker's Reserve Pinot Noir Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2013

### Commended sweet white

- Sileni Estate Selection Late Harvest Semillon, Hawke's Bay 2013 ● Stanley, Noble Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Awatere Valley, Marlborough 2014

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# Piedmont



## Regional Chair

**Paolo Basso** (see judges, p4)

THE BEST PIEMONTESE producers' quest for quality does not cease, from a viticultural or oenological point of view as well as on the marketing side.

The modern farming techniques and the will to understand the terroir have enabled the region's most uncompromising growers to nurture

their vines to the perfect maturity by adapting and improving harvesting methods. In the cellar, the respect for the raw material is stronger than ever, meaning winemakers are now avoiding the oxidisation issues of the past. Finally, the use of oak has been tempered, letting the Nebbiolo grape express itself to the fullest. While firmly wedded to their terroirs, young Piedmontese producers are indefatigable globetrotters, regularly travelling the world to promote their wines and the region as a whole.

## What should we buy from here?

The best Barolos and Barbarescos – which have produced one great vintage after the other over the past few years – are a must in every wine lover's cellar. These are reds with exceptional ageing potential and which develop their qualities over a long time – perfect wines, in fact, to buy for your children to enjoy on their 18th of 21st birthdays. The Barberas, meanwhile, are a delectable, earlier-drinking alternative to pair with the rich autumn dishes.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

International or non-Piedmontese grape varieties have not showed a great adaptability to the terroirs here. Stick with Piedmont's traditional varieties and wine styles and you won't go wrong.

## What should we keep an eye on?

As underlined last year, the appellations from northern Piedmont – like Gattinara, Ghemme, Lessona and Boca – are continuing a steady revival. This is thanks to enthusiastic producers who are making every effort to restore the lustre on wines which, a few centuries ago, were universally famous and the centrepiece on every refined dining table.

### Piedmont won

1 International Trophy  
(see p19)

1 Regional Trophy  
(see p56)

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**Gold red**

● **Borgogno, Liste, Barolo 2010 (14%)**

£55 **Astrum Wine Cellars**  
POA **Domaine Select Wine Estates USA**  
A forceful wine of personality and character. The bewitching nose is blessed with floral notes and velvety red fruits, while the palate is neat and perfectly trimmed, with lovely acidity

and great tannins backing up flavours of liquorice and mint.

● **Cascina Adelaide, Cannubi, Barolo 2011 (14.5%)**

£50 **Alliance Wine**  
Savoury and subtle perfume of violet and paprika alongside deeper tones of tobacco and liquorice. The palate suggests maturation in traditional large, used casks. It has great fruit expression, with a firm structure and fine length.

● **Conterno Fantino, Sori Ginestra Barolo 2011 (15%)**

£60 **Great Western Wine, Planet of the Grapes, Winesolution**  
A rich, complex, ethereal nose with an abundance of violets, liquorice and tobacco leaf characters. The strong palate is rich and juicy, with generous levels of red cherry and roses, svelte tannins, wonderfully balanced acidity and a long, lingering finish.

● **Gemma, Colarej, Barolo 2011 (14%)**

£35 **Oddbins**  
A wine of gravitas from head to tail. The lifted nose is endowed with toasty notes, rich, spices, tobacco, leather, chocolate, mushroom and cedar oak over deep plum and strawberry fruit. Powerful and dense, with impressively ripe tannins, saline acidity and long-lasting length.

● **Gianni Gagliardo, Barolo 2010 (14.5%)**

£27.70 **Fine & Rare**  
POA **Enotec Import USA**  
A traditional nose of ripe berry fruits decorated in liquorice, cinnamon, clove and displaying refined evolution. The palate is round and rich, with fleshy fruit, well-judged oak, and notes of salt, coffee, tobacco, leather and sweet spices. Long and elegant; an impressive package.

● **Gio Domenico Negro, Basarin Barbaresco Riserva 2010 (14%)**

Exotic fruit aromas plus notes of sandalwood, ripe plums, tobacco and toast. The palate is gorgeously balsamic, with a saline air and flavours of fresh red fruit seasoned with smoke and spice notes. Long and plush, this is still young and will certainly develop further.

● **Giuseppe Cortese, Rabajà, Barbaresco Riserva 2008 (14.5%)**

£45 **Decorum Vintners**  
POA **Winebow USA**

A delicious Nebbiolo, with a broad, ripely fruited nose and touches of tobacco, spice and undergrowth. Agile and tense, it's densely textured, with deep flavours of sweet black fruit, backed up by smooth tannins and a long, persistent finish.

● **Pianpolvere Soprano, 7 Anni, Bussia, Barolo Riserva 2008 (14.5%)**

£105 **Decorum Vintners**  
Plump nose with notes of earth, spice, raisin and a prominent vanilla scent. Seductive, complex and concentrated, the layers of flavour are buttressed by polished tannins and finely knitted acidity, with a return of vanilla and leather at the end.

● **Réva, Barolo 2011 (14.5%)**

An elegant yet rich nose greets the first approach, with soft bramble fruits, spiced truffles, sour cherry, violet, vanilla and leather. The opulent palate is balanced by delightful acidity, with the well-managed tannins providing the bedrock for the lush, Maraschino cherry fruit.

● **Sainsbury's, Taste The Difference, Barolo 2011 (14.5%)**

£16 **Sainsbury's**  
A soft and generous nose, full of charm and easy appeal with aromas of roses, violets and macerated red fruits. Elegant, rounded tannins form the core of the palate which boasts balanced acidity, juicy, red forest fruits and great length.

● **Tenute Sella, San Sebastiano Allo Zoppo, Lessona 2007 (13.5%)**

£35.50 **Astrum Wine Cellars, Bottle Apostle, Corks of Cotham, Field & Fawcett, Wined Up Here**  
A fine expression of Nebbiolo, with a nose of ripe wild cherry plus tertiary notes of balsamic and leather. This is perfectly balanced, showing graceful evolution, still full of fruit and character, with vibrant acidity, silky tannins and great length.

● **Terre da Vino, Essenze Barolo Riserva 2001 (14%)**

£35.36 **Vinum**  
A triumphant riserva, with a marvellous nose of bramble fruit, blackberry compote and liquorice. Full in body with cracking intensity of fruit, there are intriguing hints of ➤

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quinine and spice, and the finish is both long and graceful.

● **Terre da Vino, Barolo Riserva 2004 (14%)**

£22.99 **Waitrose**

The 2004 vintage shines out in this statuesque red. The tannins are serious and grainy, but meld perfectly with the rich cherry and plum fruit, the flavours drifting throughout the long finish, where they take on a cooked nuance.

● **Terre del Barolo, Vinum Vita Est, Barolo 2011 (14.5%)**

POA **Elliott Bay Distributing USA**

Limpid, exotic, perfumed red, blue and black fruit underneath a layer of sandalwood and spice. The intense, concentrated fruit on the palate is similarly spicy, with a firm, tannic foundation and a lifted, oaky finish which promises well for the future.

● **Villadoria, Barolo 2011 (14.5%)**

£35 **Alfie Fiandaca**

\$50 **Fedway Associates**

A youthful, rich wine, with lovely clarity of jammy, red forest fruit compote notes on the nose. The palate is full and structured, with more bold red fruits supported by flavours of leather and liquorice, with the finish evoking vanilla and tobacco leaf notes.

 **Gold sweet white**

● **Ca' d'Gal, Lumine, Moscato d'Asti 2014 (5%)**

£13.99 **Les Caves de Pyrène, Noble**

**Fine Liquor, Smiling Grape Co**

\$18.99 **ABC Fine Wines & Spirits**

A willowy, exquisite wine with a nose of lemon zest showered in fresh flowers. There's a lovely, zingy minerality to accompany a palate plump with lime peel notes, while the finish is long and very moreish. Heavenly!

 **Silver sparkling red**

● **Carlin de Paolo, Malvasia di Castelnuovo Don Bosco 2014**

 **Silver white**

● **Castellari Bergaglio, Rovereto Vignavecchia, Gavi 2012**

● **Tenuta Carretta, Canorei, Roero Arneis 2012**

● **Tenuta San Pietro, Gorrina, Gavi 2011**

 **Silver red**

● **Albino Rocca, Ronchi Barbaresco 2012**

● **Aldo Marengo, Pirona Barbera, Langhe 2013**

● **Andrea Oberto, Rocche dell'Annunziata, Barolo 2011**

● **Araldica, Corsini, Barbaresco 2011**

● **Batasiolo, Briccolina, Barolo 2010**

● **Batasiolo, Brunate, Barolo 2010**

● **Batasiolo, Cerequio, Barolo 2010**

● **Batasiolo, Barbaresco 2012**

● **Borgogno, Cannubi, Barolo 2009**

● **Brandini, Barolo 2011**

● **Broccardo, Barolo 2011**

● **Cagliero, Ravera, Barolo 2009**

● **Cascina in Langa, Amalia, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012**

● **Casetta, Barilin, Barbera d'Alba 2008**

● **Casetta, Barolo Riserva 2009**

● **Clavesana, Il Clou, Dogliani Superiore 2012**

● **Costa di Bussia, Bussia, Barolo 2011**

● **Deltetto, Bussia, Barolo 2009**

● **Demarie, Barolo 2010**

● **E Pira e Figli, Via Nuova, Barolo 2011**

● **Fontanafredda, Barolo Argento, Barolo 2011**

● **Fontanafredda, La Rosa, Barolo 2011**

● **Fontanafredda, Serralunga d'Alba, Barolo 2011**

● **Gabriele Scaglione, Passione di Re, Barolo 2010**

● **Gemma, Giblin, Barolo Riserva 2007**

● **Giacomo Fenocchio, Bussia, Barolo 2011**

● **La Fusina Baralo, Barolo 2010**

● **La Torricella, Barolo 2010**

● **Marchesi di Barolo, Barolo 2009**

● **Massolino, Parafada, Barolo 2011**

● **Massolino, Parussi, Barolo 2011**

● **Mirafiore, Paigallo, Barolo 2010**

● **Natale Verga, Barolo 2011**

● **Negretti, Mirau, Barolo 2010**

● **Negretti, Barolo 2010**

● **Palazzo Rosso, Feudo Antico, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012**

● **Palazzo Rosso, Sturcignot, Nebbiolo d'Alba 2012**

● **Principiano Giuseppe, Boscareto, Barolo 2010**

● **Principiano Giuseppe, Barolo 2010**

● **Rapalino Enzo, La Ganghija, Barbaresco 2011**

● **Rocche dei Manzoni, Bricco San Pietro La Roul, Barolo 2010**

● **Sainsbury's Taste the Difference, Barbera d'Asti 2013**

● **Salvano, Fosco, Dolcetto di Diano d'Alba 2013**

● **Salvano, Barbaresco 2011**

● **Salvano, Barolo 2010**

● **Sartirano Figli, Selezione Fellini Barolo 2010**

● **Silvano Bolmida, Bussia, Barolo Riserva 2009**

● **Socré, Roncaglie, Barbaresco 2010**

● **Socré, Barbaresco 2011**

● **Sordo, Parussi, Barolo 2010**

● **Tenuta Carretta, Bric Paradiso, Roero 2010**

● **Tenuta Tenaglia 1930 Una Buona Annata, Barbera del Monferrato Superiore 2011**

● **Terre da Vino, Essenze Barolo 2010**

● **Terre da Vino, Paesi Tuoi, Barolo 2010**

● **Travaglini, Riserva, Gattinara 2009**

● **Travaglini, Tre Vigne, Gattinara 2009**

 **Silver sweet white**

● **Cà ed Balos, Moscato d'Asti 2014**

● **Cascina Pian D'Or, Bricco Riella, Moscato d'Asti 2014**

● **Riboli, Fantasia, Moscato d'Asti 2013**

● **Scarpa, Tacco 12, Moscato d'Asti 2014**

 **Bronze sparkling white**

● **Cieck, San Giorgio, Erbaluce di Caluso 2010**

● **Marks & Spencer, Gibó, Asti NV**

● **Tosti, Cuvée Giulio I Brut, Alta Langa 2008**

 **Bronze sparkling rosé**

● **Colombo, Brut Rosé, Alta Langa 2011**

 **Bronze sparkling red**

● **Marengo, Pineto, Brachetto d'Acqui 2014**

 **Bronze white**

● **Aldo Marengo Areneis, Langhe 2014**

● **Araldica, Madonnina, Gavi 2014**

● **Batasiolo, Granée, Gavi 2014**

● **Brogli, La Meirana, Gavi 2014**

● **Brogli, Villa Brogli, Gavi 2014**

● **Cieck, Misobolo Erbaluce di Caluso 2014**

● **Deltetto San Michele, Roero Arneis 2014**

● **Gabriele Scaglione, Ostinatamente Roero Arneis 2013**

● **Isolabella della Croce, Sauvignon Blanc, Piemonte 2013**

● **La Raia, Riserva, Gavi 2012**

● **La Scolca, Antan, Piedmont 2004**

● **La Scolca, Gavi 2014**

● **Nicola Bergaglio, Minaia, Gavi 2014**

● **Noceto Michelotti, No 31, Piemonte 2013**

● **Noceto Michelotti, No 32, Monferrato 2013**

● **Pelassa, San Vito, Roero Arneis 2014**

● **Roberto Sarotto, Aurora, Gavi 2014**

● **Tenuta Carretta, Cayega, Roero Arneis 2014**

● **Tenuta Montemagno, Nymphae, Monferrato 2013**

● **Tenuta San Pietro, Il Mandorlo, Gavi 2014**

● **Tenuta Santa Caterina, Salidoro, Monferrato 2013**

 **Bronze rosé**

● **Araldica, Marks & Spencer Charetto, Monferrato 2014**

● **Carlin de Paolo, Il Giullare, Monferrato Charetto 2014**

 **Bronze red**

● **Aldo Marengo, Parlapá, Dogliani Superiore 2013**

● **Aldo Marengo, Suri, Dogliani 2013**

● **Aldo Marengo, Barbaresco 2012**

● **Alessandro Rivetto Nebbiolo, Langhe 2013**

● **Alice Bel Colle, Alix, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012**

● **Anne & Peter Justesen, Vigne Juste Monferrato 2011**

● **Araldica, Asda, Extra Special, Barolo 2010**

● **Araldica, Marks & Spencer, Barbaresco 2012**

● **Araldica, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012**

● **Arione, Barbera d'Asti 2013**

● **Batasiolo, Sovrana, Barbera d'Alba 2012**

● **Batasiolo, Barolo 2011**

● **Batasiolo, Barolo Riserva 2008**

● **Bel-Sit, Cunsej, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012**

● **Borgo Isolabella, Bricco del Falco Pinot Nero, Piemonte 2010**

● **Brandini, Resa 56, Barolo 2011**

● **Brandini, Rocche del Santo, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2013**

● **Broccardo, Barbera d'Alba 2013**

● **Caldera, Balmè, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012**

● **Cantamessa, La Vocata, Barbera d'Asti 2013**

● **Cantina di Nizza, Ceppi Vecchi, Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza 2011**

● **Cantine del Borgo Reale, Maturo, Piemonte 2013**

● **Carlin de Paolo Cursus Vitae, Barbera d'Asti 2013**

● **Cascina Cucco, Cerrati, Barolo 2010**

● **Cascina Cucco, Serralunga d'Alba, Barolo 2011**

● **Cascina in Lange, Amalia, Langhe 2013**

● **Cascina La Barbatella, Ruanera, Monferrato 2012 ➤**

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- Gemma, Gelso, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2011
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- Gianni Doglia, Genio, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
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- Isolabella della Croce, Augusta, Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza 2009
- Justesen, Vigne Juste, Barbera d'Asti 2013
- La Collina dei Re, Vigna, Barolo 2011
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- Marchesi di Barolo, Cannubi, Barolo 2011
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- Pelassa, Barolo 2011
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- Pertinace, Nervo, Barbaresco 2011
- Pico Maccario, Lavignone, Barbera d'Asti 2014
- Pier, La Fenice, Barbaresco 2010



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Robin Kick MW

(also judged Regional Italy, Switzerland and Tuscany)

CHICAGO-BORN, KICK now lives in Lugano, Switzerland, and is a freelance buying and cellar consultant and wine judge. She changed career paths in 1998 when she left a teaching position

to study wine at the Université du Vin in Suze-la-Rousse in France's Rhône Valley. After graduating, she moved to California to work as a fine wine specialist at Christie's auction house in Beverly Hills, where she continued her WSET wine studies. In 2003, she returned to Europe and lived in London, working as a wine buyer Goedhuis & Co. Kick became a Master of Wine in 2014.

- Reverdito, Bricco Cogni, Barolo Riserva 2008
- Rizieri, Sori del Ricchino, Dolcetto di Diano d'Alba 2013
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- Rocche dei Manzoni, Perno Vigna Cappella di S Stefano, Barolo 2010
- Salvano, Gentilium, Langhe 2011
- San Silvestro, Magno, Barbaresco 2012
- San Silvestro, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2013
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- San Silvestro, Patres, Barolo 2011
- Silvano Bolmida, Bussia, Barolo 2011
- Sordo, Perno, Barolo 2010
- Sorelle de Nicola, Feyles, Barolo Riserva 2006
- Tenuta La Meridiana, Tra La Terra e Il Cielo, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2010
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- Tenuta Rocca, Ornati, Langhe 2012
- Tenuta Rocca, Ròca Neira, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012
- Tenuta Tenaglia, Emozioni, Barbera d'Asti 2009
- Tenute Neirano, Le Croci, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2013
- Terre del Barolo, Barolo 2011
- The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Barbera d'Asti 2012
- Travaglini, Gattinara 2010
- Valle Vento, Barolo 2010
- Veglio, Barolo, Barolo 2011
- Veglio, Barbaresco 2012
- Villadoria, Barbaresco 2012



## Bronze sweet white

- Broglio, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Cerrino, Moscato d'Asti 2014

- Dogliotti, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Federico Ferrero, Sori Gala, Moscato d'Asti 2014
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- San Silvestro, Dulcis, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Tosti, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Veglio, Moscato d'Asti 2014



## Bronze sweet red

- Alice Bel Colle, Pian delle Canne, Brachetto d'Acqui 2014
- Bersano, Brachetto d'Acqui 2014

## Commended sparkling white

- La Maranzana, Pinot-Chardonnay Extra Dry, Piedmont 2014
- Marengo, Asti 2014
- Veglio, Re della Notte Extra Dry, Piedmont NV
- Villa Broglio, Villa Broglio Brut, Gavi 2013

## Commended sparkling red

- Contero, Brachetto d'Acqui 2014

## Commended white

- Araldica, La Luciana, Gavi 2014
- Batasiolo, Roero Arneis 2014
- Bava, Thou Bianc, Piemonte 2013
- Bricco dei Guazzi, Gavi 2013
- Broglio, Bruno, Gavi 2013
- Broglio, The Co-operative's Truly Irresistible, Gavi 2014
- Broglio, The Co-operative's Truly Irresistible, Gavi 2013
- Carlin de Paolo Arneis, Terre Alfieri 2014
- Cascina in Langa, Amalia Rossese Bianco, Langhe 2013
- Casetta, Mumplin, Roero Arneis 2013
- Castellari Bergaglio, Rolona, Gavi 2013
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- Giustiniana Lugarara, Gavi 2014
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- Massucco, Roero Arneis 2014
- Molinetto, Relys, Gavi 2013
- Negro Angelo e Figli, Serra Lupini, Roero Arneis 2014
- Pico Maccario,

- Vita, Monferrato 2013
- San Silvestro, Parvo, Roero Arneis 2014
- Spar, Hand Selected Gavi 2014
- Tesco, Finest, Gavi 2014
- Veglio, Chardonnay, Langhe 2014

## Commended rosé

- Lorenzo Lombardelli, Bella Rosé, Asti 2013

## Commended red

- Abrigo Giovanni, Nebbiolo d'Alba 2012
- Aldo Marengo Nebbiolo, Langhe 2012
- Batasiolo, Langhe 2012
- Bel-Sit, Belcèret, Langhe 2013
- Bel-Sit, Sichivej, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2011
- Boido, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2011
- Broccardo, Langhe 2013
- Cagliari Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012
- Cantina di Nizza, Magister, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
- Cascina Val del Prete, Bricco Medica, Roero 2011
- Clavesana, Dogliani 2014
- Colle Manora, Paloalto, Monferrato 2012
- Demarie, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012
- E Pira e Figli, Cannubi, Barolo 2011
- Feyles Barbaresco Riserva 2006
- Foglino, 7 Gus Pinot Noir, Piemonte 2013
- Flli Serio & Battista Borgogno, Cannubi, Barolo 2011
- Giribaldi, Conca d'Oro, Nebbiolo d'Alba 2012
- Justesen, Vigne Juste Pinot Noir, Piemonte 2011
- La Fusina Pinot Nero, Langhe 2011
- Le Vigne di Cà Nova, Acclivio, Langhe 2012
- Le Vigne di Cà Nova, Riverbero, Langhe 2008
- Le Vigne di Cà Nova, Riverbero, Langhe 2009
- Lorenzo Lombardelli, Classico, Barbera d'Asti 2012
- Luca Ferraris, Opera Prima, Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato 2011
- Marchesi di Barolo, Barbaresco 2012
- Marco Bonfante, Bussia, Barolo 2010
- Marco Bonfante Stella Rossa, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
- Massucco, Trono, Nebbiolo d'Alba 2012
- Montalbera, La Tradizione, Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato 2013
- Neirano, Barolo 2011
- Noceto Michelotti, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2011
- Pico Maccario, Epico, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
- Riboli, Mappale Sesantuno, Barbera d'Asti 2013
- Ricossa, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
- Salvano, Maestrale, Barbera d'Alba 2012
- Salvano, Trabuch, Langhe 2012
- Sordo, Monvigliero, Barolo 2010
- Sylla Sebaste, Bussia, Barolo 2011
- Tenuta Montemagno, Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato 2014
- Tenuta San Pietro, Bellavita, Monferrato 2011
- Tenuta Santa Caterina, Arlandino, Grignolino d'Asti 2013
- Tenuta Santa Caterina, Sori di Giul, Freisa d'Asti 2011
- Tenuta Tenaglia, Giorgio Tenaglia, Barbera d'Asti 2009
- Tenute Cisa Asinari dei Marchesi di Gresy Monte Aribaldo, Dolcetto d'Alba 2013
- Terre da Vino, La Luna e i Falò, Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2012
- Veglio, Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2013
- Villadoria, Bricco Magno, Langhe 2012
- Vinchio-Vaglio Serra, Laudana, Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza 2012

## Commended sweet white

- Alice Bel Colle, Paiè, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Borgo Maragliano, La Caliera, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Cantina Maranzana, Muscatè Bianc Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Criölin, Moscato d'Asti 2014
- Gianni Doglia, Moscato d'Asti 2014

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## Port & Madeira



**Regional Chair**  
**Richard Mayson**  
(see judges, p4)

ANOTHER TREMENDOUS SET of results for two of the world's leading fortified wines. With the number of entries up significantly on last year, out of 176 wines tasted only 13 failed to win an award. And yet the judges' scrutiny was as assiduous as ever, with each and every wine being debated at least once, and sometimes two and three times until we agreed on the result.

From 138 Ports awarded, we gave 17 Golds and four Regional Trophies, with no less than 16 given to colheitas and aged tawny Ports (10, 20, 30 and 40 year old). We were bowled over by the ethereal beauty of these wines. Madeira performed very strongly with 10 Silvers, five Golds and an International Trophy from just 22 wines entered.

Among the Ports there were medals at all price levels, with some of the UK's leading supermarkets receiving awards for mid-range and entry-level wines, many retailing for under £10. The quality of relatively inexpensive ruby, reserve ruby and late-bottled vintage (LBV) Ports has never been better and it is especially reassuring to see the UK's best-selling Port, Cockburn's Special Reserve receiving a Silver Medal.

We are very fortunate that most of the big names in the Port and Madeira business submit wines to our judgement, but we encountered some tremendous Ports from single quintas and smaller houses too. For the adventurous, there is so much to explore within both these regions.

### What should we buy from here?

Once again, the short answer is virtually everything. If I had to single out a category it would be aged tawny Port (from 10 years upwards) and don't overlook colheitas – effectively age-dated tawny – from houses like C da Silva's Dalva and Kopke, both multiple Gold winners. The judges also greatly enjoyed the Madeiras which are such wonderful wines to appreciate again and again due to the fact that they are resistant to oxidation on ullage. You can enjoy the same bottle of old Madeira over weeks, even months.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Beware of oxidised bottles of vintage Port, which may have been left standing on the shelf for too long. We have seen too many of these being submitted in recent DWWA competitions and this year was no exception.

### What should we keep an eye on?

LBV and single-quinta vintage Ports from 2010. This was a challenging year in the Douro but we found some wonderfully vibrant wines with lovely purity of fruit. Keep an eye on wines from some of the smaller or lesser-known Port shippers, especially Andresen and Barão de Vilar (for their Colheitas), C da Silva's Dalva (LBV, tawny, colheita and white Ports), and Poças Junior, Barros, Kopke and Burmester (aged tawnies).

## Madeira



### Gold white

● **Blandy's, Single Harvest Colheita Sercial 1998 (20%)**

£50/500ml **Bordeaux Index, Fortnum & Mason, Hedonism**

A richer, sweeter style of Sercial sporting aromas of the sea to accompany dried citrus peel and honeyed nut scents. Ripe on the palate with notes of honeyed toast, nougat, apple skin and fruitcake, all held in place by tense acidity which enlivens the balanced finish.

● **Blandy's, Single Harvest Malmsey 1996 (20%)**

£55/500ml **Armit Wines, Davy's, Hedonism, Peake Wine Associates, The Bordeaux Cellar**

Seamless from start to finish, with a generous nose of dates, raisins and dried apricots. The stone fruit translates to the palate, which opens with coffee and milk chocolate, before revealing orange, fig and nut, then a lime marmalade finish. Poised, delicious and superb.

● **Henriques & Henriques, 15 Year Old Bual NV (20%)**

£25/500ml **The Drink Shop, The Wine Society**

Rich, lifted and enticing aromas of spices, dried fruits, toffee, marmalade and candied orange peel. There's a lovely freshness to the palate with the richness offset by zesty acidity, carrying along flavours of caramelised citrus, hazelnut, fig, and a lovely, grapey finish.

● **Justino's, 10 Year Old Verdelho NV (19%)**

£22.20 **Liberty Wines**

A delightful, lifted orange marmalade aroma, along with banana bread, salted nuts and candied citrus. A fabulous Madeira for the price, with an array of powerful flavours including coffee, spice, grapefruit and lime. Very long, taut and expressive.

● **Leacock's, Bual 1966 (20.5%)**

£230 **Vintage Marque**

Aristocratic, exciting old Bual. Intense savoury aromas of bacon, dried fruit, nuts and caramel lead to a multi-layered palate which unravels to reveal coffee, dried spice and plenty of alive fruit, with excellent acidity

### Port & Madeira won

**1** International Trophy  
(see p19)

**4** Regional Trophies  
(see p56)

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and an orange-water freshness. Extremely well put together and set for the long haul.



### Silver white

● **Blandy's, 10 Year Old Sercial NV**

● **Blandy's, 10 Year Old Verdelho NV**

● **Blandy's, Single Harvest Colheita 2002**

● **Blandy's, Single Harvest Colheita Verdelho 1998**

● **Henriques & Henriques, 15 Year Old Malvasia NV**

● **Henriques & Henriques 20 Year Old Verdelho NV**

● **Henriques & Henriques, Single Harvest Boal 2000**

● **Justino's, Boal 1978**



### Silver red

● **Henriques & Henriques, Medium Rich Single Harvest 1998**

● **Justino's, Fine Rich Colheita 1996**



### Bronze white

● **Blandy's, 10 Year Old Bual NV**

● **Cossart Gordon, Single Harvest Colheita Bual 2005**

● **Justino's, 10 Year Old Malvasia NV**



### Bronze red

● **Henriques & Henriques, Marks & Spencer, 5 Year Old Finest Medium Rich NV**

### Commended white

● **Justino's, 10 Year Old Boal NV**

## Port



### Gold red

● **Barão de Vilar, Feuerheerd's Colheita 1975 (20%)**

A highly inviting wine with a mosaic of aromas and flavours, starting with a mature, alluring ➤

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nose of dried figs, prunes and dates. The rich and creamy palate has vanilla and crème brûlée flavours alongside molasses and Demerara sugar. A complete and special wine with superb balance and length.

● **Barros, 20 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

£29.99 **Hallgarten Druitt & Novum**  
Ethereal aromas of fig, date and prune bolstered by a creamy complexity. This absolutely sings and is beautifully poised, with flavours of sweet apricot, honey, nut brittle and a touch of butterscotch on the finish. This is an exquisite wine for which no change could constitute an improvement.

● **Blackett, 30 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

High-toned but attractively so, with a complex nose of honey, spice and caramelised orange. Vigorous and elegant, it's richly concentrated with a palate drenched in dried apricots, date, coffee, blossom and mocha flavours, all perfectly

wrapped with seamless acidity and ending with a tangy finish.

● **Burmester, 20 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

Coconut and dates with spices, raisin, nuts and lifted marmalade aromas and a touch of crème brûlée. Complex, delicious and silky, with toffee apple, dried apricot, prune, beeswax, fresh juicy fruit and lashings of chocolate. This is a fine and suave wine.

● **Burmester, 40 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

Smells of everything that should accompany a good cheese board – figs, dates, prunes and nuts – then high-toned notes of polish and tar. Sweet, rich marmalade flavours fill the mouth, with citrus zestiness, roasted coffee and milk chocolate, then a long and broad finish.

● **C Da Silva, Dalva, Colheita 1995 (20%)**

A luscious but accessible wine, with splendid aromas of

fruitcake, walnut, prunes and spice. There's an astonishing level of extract to the palate, with its silky apricot fruit and darker tones of coffee beans, nuts and burnt caramel. This is a fresh, tangy, textbook Colheita and tremendous value to boot.

● **C Da Silva, Dalva, Colheita 1975 (20%)**

Compact and restrained at 40 years old, but with a complexity to die for, showing notes of tar, leather, baked orange, clove and candied citrus. The pinpoint acidity keeps things ticking along, with flavours of honey, almond nougat and brown sugar eventually giving way to a tangy marmalade finish.

● **C Da Silva, Presidential Late Bottled Vintage 2010 (19.5%)**

Massive and savoury nose with tightly packed fruit, augmented by mint, earth, mulberry and blackberry. The palate is open, opulent and quite fiery, but with balancing freshness plus liquorice and chocolate-coated black fruit. Exactly what a top LBV should present, with a rich, long and balanced finish.

● **Ferreira, Late Bottled Vintage 2010 (20%)**

£15.99 **Berkmann Cellars, Sogrape UK**  
Cool, fresh and minty with aromas of herbs and incense cloaking gorgeously powerful elements of damson, blackberry and plum. This is extremely impressive with amazing underlying depth and concentration, a nascent core of brilliantly pure black fruit and an expansive, precise finish.

● **Graham's, 40 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

£110 **Cambridge Wine Merchants, Fortnum & Mason, Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Magnum Wine Co, Planet of the Grapes**

On first approach, amazing aromas of crème brûlée, coffee and vanilla leap at you. There's no single dominant flavour to the palate, it instead being a composed, gently unfolding affair with notes of burnt sugar, crème patisserie, lemon curd, walnut and cocoa powder. Extraordinary.

● **Graham's, Amostras Colheita 1972 (20%)**

£220 **Vintage Marque**  
An ethereal, somewhat high-toned bouquet, with

lovely, heady aromas of singed fruit, raisin and fig. Great poise here, with a persistent, refreshing palate which unveils coffee bean, roasted fruits as well as the patina of age via touches of beeswax and furniture polish.

● **Gran Cruz, 30 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

A soulful nose of rich nuts, honey, delicate candied fruit, spice and a hint of autumn leaves. It's powerful and weighty on the multi-faceted palate, revealing flavours of caramelised oranges, almond brittle, a rancio touch and a creamy texture, countered by lovely, fresh acidity.

● **Kopke, 10 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

£19.95 **Hayward Bros**  
Attractively high-toned and lifted, with aromas of dried apricot, vanilla, toffee and nuts. Lithe, seamless and layered flavours weave their way through a structured, fresh palate which retains its delicate sweetness all the way through to a long finale that repeatedly reinvents itself. Very fine.

● **Kopke, Colheita 1941 (20%)**

£426 **Hayward Bros**  
A virtually faultless wine at 74 years old, which has broken into old and delicate elements. The nose reveals layer upon layer of liquorice, iodine, leather, toffee, raisins and burnt orange. It's a quite remarkable bitter-sweet concoction that continually unfolds on the palate and is due sincere respect.

● **Sandeman, 30 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

£65 **Costco, Majestic, South Downs Cellars, Sogrape UK**  
Sublime and dainty, with aromas of toffee, orange curd, butterscotch and flowers. This is monumental in terms of flavour and concentration but it's also sleek and silky, with a refined dusting of tannic spice decorating the notes of citrus juice, roasted nuts and prunes.

● **Vasques de Carvalho, 30 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

A meaty nose of molasses, muscovado sugar, dates, figs, coffee and orange zest. The linear, fresh palate is characterful and extensive, with a rich, tawny marmalade ➤



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Rod Smith MW

SMITH IS A wine educator, marketer and salesman, based in the south of France. He is the director of the Riviera Wine Academy and previously worked for Vins Sans Frontières, a wine supplier to the superyacht industry in the France, as well as a number of fine wine importers and retailers in the UK. He started his wine career in 1987 at Oddbins while studying at Chelsea School of Art, and upon completing a degree in illustration and graphic design in Dundee he continued to work for the high-street retailer alongside freelancing as an illustrator. An increasing love of wine won the day, however, and Smith's career has seen him work for Seagram and Mentendorff, as well as judging at the Moscow Wine Fair and the Shanghai International Wine Challenge.

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### KOPKE

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### BARROS

The Barros brand was created in 1913 and its name and history are quintessentially Portuguese. Its wines are simple yet precise and deeply representative of the Douro region. They show the world the best of Portugal. Barros has received countless awards and is recognised as a quality Port wine brand. Barros represents new Portuguese talent, modern moments and innovation. It is Portugal, but with a modern twist. The wine style is easy-to-drink, sweet with a low acid profile and soft tannins. For this year's Decanter World Wine Awards, 20 year old Tawny was awarded Gold and the Barros 1974 won the top Regional Award.



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character that coats the mouth enlivened by a pleasing twist of lime. A very special wine.

● **Warre's, Amstras Otima 10 Year Old Tawny NV (20%)**

£17.50 Asda, Majestic, Selfridges, Tesco, Waitrose

Refined and delicate, with warm crème caramel aromas enhanced by dried fruit, toasted nuts and spice. Rich and pungent, with a long, sweeping palate boasting fabulous acidity and flavours of apricot, walnut and pungent toffee, leading to a long and gracious finish.



**Silver white**

- Ferreira 10 Year Old NV
- Kopke, 10 Year Old NV
- Kopke, 40 Year Old NV



**Silver red**

- Amável Costa, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Barão de Vilar, Colheita 1990
- Barros, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Blakett, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Blakett 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Bulas 2012
- Burmester, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- C Da Silva, Dalva Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- C Da Silva, Presidential 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- C Da Silva Dalva Colheita 1967
- Cálem, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Cálem 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Cálem, Colheita 2000
- Cálem Colheita 1961
- Cockburn's, Quinta dos Canais 2012
- Cockburn's, Special Reserve NV
- Cockburn's 2011
- Ferreira, Duque de Bragança 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Fonseca 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Fonseca, Terra Prima Reserve NV
- Fonseca 1985
- Graham's, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Graham's 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Graham's, Quinta dos Malvedos 2004
- Graham's, Six Grapes Reserve NV
- Graham's 30 Year Old Tawny NV
- JH Andresen, Special Selection Colheita 1991
- Kopke 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Kopke, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Kopke, Colheita 1966
- Kopke, Colheita 1957
- Krohn, Colheita 1998
- Marks & Spencer 20 Year Old Tawny NV

- Marks & Spencer, Finest Reserve NV
- Marks & Spencer, Special Reserve Decanter NV
- Morrisons Special Reserve NV
- Offley, 30 Year Old Tawny NV
- Offley, Boa Vista 2011
- Pacheca 2012
- Poças Júnior, Special Reserve NV
- Quinta da Gaivosa 2012
- Quinta do Pégo, Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- Quinta do Tedo 2011
- Quinta Santa Eufemia, Colheita 2005
- Royal Palace, Marks & Spencer Colheita 2001
- Rozès, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Rozès, Terras do Grifo 2012
- Sandeman, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Sandeman, Founders Reserve NV
- Sandeman, Imperial Reserve NV
- Sandeman, Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- Taylor's, 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Taylor's, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Taylor's, Quinta de Vargellas 2001
- Taylor's 1985
- Vista Alegre, 30 Year Old Tawny NV
- Vista Alegre 2005
- Warre's, Bottle Aged Late Bottled Vintage 2003



**Bronze white**

- Alves de Sousa Caldas NV
- Barão de Vilar, 10 Year Old NV
- Borges, Soalheira Old 10 Year Old NV
- Ferreira, Dona Antónia Reserva NV



**Bronze red**

- Barão de Vilar, Maynard's Colheita 2005
- C Da Silva, Dalva 2012
- C Da Silva, Dalva 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Croft, Quinta da Roeda 2002
- Croft 1994
- Favaios, Porto Monge 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Ferreira, Dona Antónia Reserva Tawny NV
- Ferreira 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Fonseca, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Fonseca, Guimaraens 1998
- Fonseca, Unfiltered Late Bottled Vintage 2008
- Gesprove, Soneto Late Bottled Vintage 2009
- Graham's, Late Bottled Vintage 2009
- Graham's 2000
- Gran Cruz, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Gran Cruz, Late Bottled Vintage 2001

- Gran Cruz 1999
- JH Andresen, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- JH Andresen, Century 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Marks & Spencer, Late Bottled Vintage 2009
- Marks & Spencer 2011
- Morrisons, Ruby NV
- Morrisons, Signature Late Bottled Vintage 2009
- Offley, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Pingo Doce, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Pingo Doce, Late Bottled Vintage 2009
- Poças Júnior, Matured in Wood 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Poças Júnior, Ruby NV
- Quinta da Gaivosa, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Quinta da Pacheca, Reserve NV
- Quinta de Santa Eufemia, Mellor's Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- Quinta do Pessegueiro 2012
- Quinta do Tedo, Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- Quinta Santa Eufemia, Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- Ramos Pinto, Late Bottled Vintage 2011
- Ramos Pinto, Quinta de

- Ervamoira 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Ramos Pinto, Quinta do Bom Retiro 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Sandeman, 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Sandeman 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Sandeman Vau Vintage 1999
- Taylor's, 30 Year Old Tawny NV
- Taylor's, Late Bottled Vintage 2010
- The Wine Society The Society's Exhibition 10 Year Old Tawny NV
- Vasques de Carvalho, 20 Year Old Tawny NV
- Vasques de Carvalho, 40 Year Old Tawny NV
- Warre's Quinta da Cavadinha 2001

**Commended white**

- Borges, Coroa Dry NV ● Porto Cruz Lágrima NV

**Commended white**

- Marks & Spencer NV ● Porto Cruz NV

**Commended red**

- Barão de Vilar, Maynard's Late Bottled Vintage 2010 ● Krohn, Late Bottled Vintage 2009 ● Marks & Spencer, 10 Year Old Tawny NV ● Quinta do Infantado, 10 Year Old Tawny NV ● Vasques de Carvalho, 10 Year Old Tawny NV ● Vista Alegre Colheita 2003

## Portugal



**Regional Chair**

**Sarah Ahmed MW**

(see judges, p4)

IN A WATERSHED year, we awarded a record five Trophies and six Golds but, more importantly, the entries showcased Portugal's thrilling strength in diversity better than ever before. Bairrada and Dão reds gave the Douro and Alentejo a run for their money,

though the panel would love to see more entries from all four regions' top brass. Best of all, there was a striking increase in white entries, two of which (both Vinho Verdes) won Regional Trophies. And who'd have thought that the country's biggest producer, Sogrape, would field such an off-the-wall, super-premium Dão white – a non-vintage blend with an average eight years in barrel. A worthy Gold.

**What should we buy from here?**

Vinho Verde had its best, most consistent showing yet, especially Monção e Melgaço's charismatic Alvarinhos – all 12 won awards, topped by our stylistically different Trophies – one racy and mineral, the other tropical citrus. The moreish charm of Setúbal and Douro fortified Moscatels reliably seduced. For reds, the Douro's results were as up and down as this mountainous region itself, so base your purchases on the award winners here. Our three red Douro Golds and the Trophy show you can – and should – look beyond the household names in this dynamic, fast-growing region. In Bairrada, Baga is the chief beneficiary of a quality focus. From entry level up we found character and elegance; three of four Baga/Baga-based reds won Silver.

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## What should we leave on the shelf?

We kicked out far too many wines, more than a third. In Lisboa and Tejo – traditional engine rooms for quaffers – cellar hygiene left much to be desired. To the south, where Península de Setúbal and Alentejo can produce wonderfully smooth and ripe reds, poor tannin management and over-extraction resulted in unpleasantly astringent wines; it was an issue in the Douro too. High residual sugar, still a bugbear with rosés, also proved problematic in some cheaper reds.

## What should we keep an eye on?

The whites. Vinho Verde's improved wines (fruitier, fresh and floral, sometimes mineral) are on a roll; they offer great value. For premium wines, single-varietal Vinho Verde (made from Alvarinho, Loureiro or Avesso) excelled, bagging both white Trophies and five of the region's six Silvers. But make a beeline for Monção e Melgaço Alvarinhos; those labelled Minho were much less convincing. The top Dão and Bucelas whites are ageworthy, with world-class complexity and grace.



### Gold white

● **Quinta dos Carvalhais, Especial, Dão NV (14.5%)**  
£43 Hedonism, Sogrape UK  
A beguiling nose of grapefruit peel, mint, nuts, honeysuckle, diesel, sweet spices and baked citrus fruits. This is crisp, elegant, spicy and complex, with delicious concentration of flavours, perky acidity, a stunningly long finish and lots of potential to develop further.



### Gold red

● **Horta Osório, Reserva, Douro 2012 (14%)**  
A wonderfully aromatic wine with complex notes of tobacco, eucalyptus, graphite minerality, plus dense red and black fruit. There's a charming, cleansing feel to the palate which is home to smooth tannins, a rounded mouthfeel, bright fruit and high-quality oak. A very smart wine.

● **Jorge Rosas, Quinta da Touriga-Chã Douro 2012 (14.5%)**  
£30 St Aubyn Wines  
Big and bold with an attention-grabbing nose of chocolate, vanilla, sweet plum, flowers, dried figs and caramel. The pace doesn't let up on the palate, which is packed with svelte fruit, sweet oak and a supple, long, mineral finish. An iron fist in a velvet glove.

● **Quinta de Lubazim, Grande Reserva, Douro 2012 (14%)**  
Gorgeous, beautifully pure and

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floral Touriga Nacional aromas with chocolate-dipped Morello cherry and thyme, enhanced by sweet, creamy oak. The silky, seductive palate has finely judged tannins and minerality. Characterful and long with real freshness from the old vines.



### Gold fortified white

● **Adega de Faviões, Moscatel do Douro 1989 (17%)**  
£65 Viserra  
A hugely complex and moreish wine. Fascinating nose of dried spice, mocha, caramel, burnt orange, plum, nutmeg, cooked tropical fruits and muscovado sugar. Intensely sweet but elegant and classy, the palate is decorated with a lovely floral facet, and the brightness of acidity assures it a long life.

● **Ermelinda Freitas, Moscatel Superior, Península de Setúbal 2005 (19%)**  
A complex, savoury nose of walnuts, smoked almonds, apricots, marmalade and new oak is the precursor for a gloriously lush and creamy palate; one brimming with

sweet spices, then orange and lemon confit. A bewitching wine with so much going on.



### Silver sparkling rosé

● **Mateus, Baga-Shiraz Brut Rosé NV**



### Silver white

- Adega de Monção, Muralhas de Monção, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Anselmo Mendes, Muros Antigos Loureiro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Casa de Vilacetinho, Colheita Seleccionada Avesso, Vinho Verde 2014
- Casal de Ventozela, Loureiro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Paulo Laureano, Premium Vinhas Velhas, Vidigueira, Alentejo 2014
- Quinta de Soalheiro, Alvarinho Reserva, Vinho Verde 2013
- St Isidro de Pegões, Contemporânea Península de Setúbal 2014
- Vilacetinho, Grande Escolha, Vinho Verde 2014
- Vila Real, Colheita, Douro 2014
- Vila Real, Reserva, Douro 2014
- Wine Ventures, Morgado de Sta. Catherina, Bucelas 2012



### Silver rosé

● **DFJ, Portada Winemaker's Selection, Lisboa 2014**



### Silver red

- Aliança, Baga, Bairrada 2009
- Aliança, Reserva, Bairrada 2012
- António Lopes, Ribeiro, Douro 2012
- Bacalhã, Tinto da Anfora, Alentejano 2013
- Barão de Vilar, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Campolargo, Baga, Bairrada 2011
- Casa da Passarella, Somontes, Serra da Estrela, Dão 2011
- Casa Ferreirinha, Antónia Adelaide Ferreira, Douro 2011
- Casa Ferreirinha, Callabriga, Douro 2012
- Casa Ferreirinha, Quinta da Leda, Douro 2012
- Comporta, Vinhas da Comporta, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Cortes de Cima, Reserva, Alentejano 2011
- Dona Matilde, Douro 2011
- Hacienda Branca, Reserva, Alentejano 2013
- Herdade da Calada, Touriga Nacional-Syrah Alentejano 2013
- Herdade de Calada, Caladessa, Alentejo 2013

- Herdade Paço do Conde, Winemakers Selection, Alentejano 2011
- Horta Osório Douro 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira Vinha das Romãs, Alentejano 2012
- Pias, Dona Fernanda Reserva 2011
- Pias, Quatro Décadas Reserva, Alentejo 2011
- Prats & Symington, Chryseia, Douro 2012
- Quinta da Fronteira, Grande Reserva, Douro 2012
- Quinta da Gaivosa, Douro 2009
- Quinta de Lemos, Dona Santana, Dão 2008
- Quinta do Crasto, Reserva Old Vines, Douro 2012
- Quinta do Sagrado, Reserva, Douro 2007
- Quinta do Vesúvio, Pombal do Vesúvio, Douro 2010
- Quinta dos Castelares, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Santos Lima, Monte das Promessas, Alentejano 2014
- Santos Lima, Monte do Caçador, Alentejano 2014
- São Miguel, Alicante Bouschet, Alentejano 2013
- São Miguel, Reserva Alentejano 2012
- Tagus Creek Cabernet Sauvignon-Aragonez, Tejo 2013
- Vasques de Carvalho, X Bardos, Douro 2012
- Vieira de Sousa, Reserve, Douro 2013
- Wine With Spirit, Carpe Noctem Voyeur, Alentejano 2012



### Silver fortified white

- Bacalhã, Moscatel de Setúbal Superior, Setúbal 2001
- Dourocaves, 10 Anos, Moscatel do Douro 2010



### Bronze sparkling white

- Ermelinda Freitas, Reserva, Península de Setúbal 2011
- Ex Libris, Super Reserva, Bairrada 2008
- Vértice, Millésime, Douro 2009



### Bronze sparkling rosé

- Pingo Doce, Rosé Bruto 2012



### Bronze white

- Adega de Borba, Convento da Vila, Alentejano 2014
- I Adega de Monção, Contemporânea Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Aliança, Alabastro, Alentejano 2014
- Aliança, Quinta da Garrida, Dão 2014 ➤

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- Altano, Douro 2014
- Anselmo Mendes, Contacto, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Anselmo Mendes, Muros Antigos Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Aveleda, Alvarinho, Minho 2014
- Aveleda, Quinta da Aveleda, Vinho Verde 2014
- Bacalhã, Catarina, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Bacalhã, Quinta da Bacalhã, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Borges, Meia Encosta, Dão 2014
- Caminhos Cruzados, Titular: Encruzado, Dão 2013
- Carvalhais Duque de Viseu, Dão 2013
- Casa das Gaeiras, Reserva Vinhas Velhas, Obidos 2013
- Casa de Vilacetinho, Colheita Seleccionada Loureiro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Casal de Ventozela, Arinto, Vinho Verde 2014
- Castello d'Alba, Reserva, Douro 2014
- Caves Velhas, Cabeça de Toiro Reserva, Tejo 2014
- Cortes de Cima, Alentejano 2013
- Crasto, Superior, Douro 2013
- DFJ, Grand'Arte Chardonnay, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ, Two Ravens Lisboa 2014
- Duorum, Tons, Douro 2014
- Ermelinda Freitas, Terras do Pó, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Herdade da Comporta, Vinhas da Comporta, Setúbal 2014
- Herdade da Comporta, Vinhas do Sado, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Reserva, Alentejano 2013
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Alentejano 2014
- Monte do Álamo, Guiça Reserva, Alentejano 2013
- Morgadio da Torre, Alvarinho, Vinho Verde 2013
- Morrisons, Signature, Douro 2014
- Pacheca, Douro 2014
- Pingo Doce, Colheita Seleccionada, Dão 2014
- Quanta Terra, Grande Reserva, Douro 2013
- Quinta da Cova, Fronteira, Douro 2014
- Quinta da Rede, Grande Reserva, Douro 2013
- Quinta de Gomariz, Loureiro Colheita Seleccionada, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta dos Carvalhais, Encruzado, Dão 2013
- Quinta dos Carvalhais, Reserva, Dão 2011
- Quinta dos Castelaes, Douro 2014
- Rede, Reserva, Douro 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemaker's Selection, Vinho Verde NV
- Santos Lima, Experiências, Lisboa 2013
- Santos Lima, Vale Perdido, Lisboa 2014
- Santos Lima, Viosinho, Lisboa 2014
- Solar de Serrade, Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- St Isidro de Pegões, Chardonnay-Arinto, Península de Setúbal 2013

- St Isidro de Pegões, Selected Harvest Peninsula de Setúbal 2014
- Terra d'Alter, Reserva Alentejano 2013
- Terra d'Alter, Telhas, Alentejano 2013
- Vila Real, Premium, Douro 2014
- Vila Real, Vinhas dos Altos, Douro 2014
- Vila Verde, Amoras, Vinho Verde 2014
- Vila Verde, Vinho Verde 2014
- Wine Ventures, Prova Régia Reserva, Bucelas 2013



### Bronze rosé

- Brigando, Touriga Nacional, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ, Pomar, Lisboa 2014
- Ferreirinha, Vinha Grande, Douro 2014
- Peso, Vinha do Monte, Alentejano 2014
- Quinta do Perdigão, Dão 2014
- Rovisco Garcia, Alentejano 2014



### Bronze red

- 1912 Winemakers, Encosta do Bocho Grande Reserva, Douro 2009
- 1912 Winemakers, Encosta do Bocho Reserva, Douro 2009
- 1912 Winemakers, Piorro Grande Reserva, Douro 2009
- 5 Bagos, Palato do Côa, Douro 2011
- 5 Bagos, Palato Reserva, Douro 2011
- Adega de Borba, Premium, Alentejo 2012
- Adega de Borba, Senses Syrah, Alentejano 2013
- Adega de Favaios, Casa Velha, Colheita Seleccionada, Douro 2012
- Alexandre Relvas Insólito, Alentejano 2013
- Almeida Garrett, Entre Serras, Beira Interior 2012
- Altano, Quinta do Ataíde, Douro 2012
- Altano, Quinta do Ataíde Reserva, Douro 2011
- Alves de Sousa Abandonado, Douro 2011
- Aneto, Douro 2011
- Arcos do Rei, Valmonte Reserva, Douro 2011
- Asda Extra Special, Dão 2013
- Bacalhã, JP Private Selection, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Bacalhã, Quinta do Carmo Reserva, Alentejano 2011
- Barão de Vilar, Proeza Douro 2013
- Barão de Vilar, Zom Reserva, Douro 2011
- Beyra, Reserva, Beira Interior 2013
- Bridão, Syrah, Tejo 2012
- C Da Silva, Dalva, Douro 2012
- Caminhos Cruzados, Titular: Colheita, Dão 2012
- Carmin, Monsaraz Premium, Reguengos, Alentejo 2011
- Casa de Mouraz Private Selection, Dão 2012
- Castello D'Alba, Vinhas Velhas Grande Reserva, Douro 2013
- Cavalo Bravo, Reserva, Tejo 2013

- I Caves Velhas, Cabeça de Toiro Special Selection, Tejo 2010
- Cortes de Cima, Chaminé, Alentejano 2013
- Cortes de Cima, Petit Verdot, Alentejano 2011
- Cortes de Cima, Alentejano 2011
- DFJ Pedras do Monte Castelão, Península de Setúbal 2013
- Douro Prime, Inquieto Reserva, Douro 2011
- Dourocaves, Reserva, Douro 2011
- Duorum, Altitude, Douro 2013
- Duvalley, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Esporão, Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Essential Passion, As Claras Algarve 2013
- Filipe Palhoca, São Filipe, Península de Setúbal 2013
- Foz de Arouce Beiras 2011
- Herdade da Pimenta Alentejano 2013
- Herdade de Peso, Reserva Alentejo 2012
- Herdade dos Lagos, Vale de Camelos Sisão, Alentejano 2013
- Herdade Grande, Reserva, Alentejano 2011
- Herdade Penedo Gordo, Conde Villar Alentejano 2014
- Inquieto, Touriga Nacional, Douro 2011
- J Portugal Ramos, F'Oz, Alentejano 2013
- J Portugal Ramos, Marquês de Borba, Borba, Alentejo 2013
- J Portugal Ramos, Reserva, Alentejano 2013
- J Portugal Ramos, Vila Santa Reserva, Alentejano 2012
- João M Barbosa, Ninfa, Tejo 2011
- Julio Bastos, Dona Maria Amantis Reserva, Alentejano 2009
- Lupucinus, Selection, Douro 2013
- Manz, Contador de Estórias Reserva, Península de Setúbal 2011
- Manz, Pomar do Espírito Santo Reserva, Cheleiros, Lisboa 2012
- Maritávora, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Maritávora, Reserva, Douro 2011
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Petit Verdot, Alentejano 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Syrah-Viognier, Alentejano 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Alentejano 2013
- Montes Eremos, Reserva, Douro 2013
- Morrisons, Signature, Douro 2013
- Pacheca, Superior, Douro 2012
- Pêra-Grave, Reserva, Alentejano 2012
- Pias, AsPias, Alentejano 2014
- Pias, Pulo do Lobo, Alentejano 2014
- Plansel, Selecta Reserva, Alentejano 2013
- Poças Júnior, Vale de Cavalos, Douro 2012
- Prats & Symington, Post Scriptum, Douro 2012
- Quinta da Alorna, Tejo 2012
- Quinta da Foz, Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta da Foz, Douro 2012
- Quinta da Lapa, Reserva, Tejo 2011
- Quinta da Rede, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Quinta de Aguiera, Grande Follies, Bairrada 2011

- Quinta de Fafide, Marks & Spencer Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta de Lemos, Dona Santana, Dão 2009
- Quinta de Lemos, Touriga Nacional, Dão 2008
- Quinta do Carmo, Alentejano 2012
- Quinta do Crasto, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference, Douro 2013
- Quinta do Crasto, Tinta Roriz, Douro 2011
- Quinta do Granjal, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Quinta do Pessegueiro, Aluzé Douro 2012
- Quinta do Pessegueiro, Douro 2012
- Quinta do Romeu, Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta dos Carvalhais, Reserva, Dão 2010
- Quinta dos Carvalhais, Tinta Roriz, Dão 2011
- Quinta dos Carvalhais, Touriga Nacional, Dão 2012
- Quinta dos Murças, Reserva, Douro 2010
- Quinta dos Roques, Reserva, Dão 2011
- Quinta Vale d'Aldeia, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta Vale de Fornos, Syrah Reserva, Tejo 2012
- Ramos Pinto, Duas Quintas Reserva, Douro 2012
- Rocim, Olho de Mocho Reserva, Alentejano 2011
- Rovisco Garcia, Superior, Alentejano 2011
- Sabe, Almeida Garrett Selecta, Cova da Beira, Beira Interior 2011
- Sabe, Star Mountain Beira Interior 2013
- São Miguel, Colheita Seleccionada, Alentejano 2013
- São Miguel, Montinho Reserva Alentejano 2013
- Sivipa, Terras do Sado, Península de Setúbal 2014
- St Isidro de Pegões, Alto Pina Península de Setúbal 2013
- St Isidro de Pegões, Colheita Seleccionada, Península de Setúbal 2011
- St Isidro de Pegões, Trincadeira, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Terra d'Alter, Alicante Bouschet, Alentejano 2013
- Terra d'Alter, Reserva, Alentejano 2012
- Tiago Mateus Cabaço e Cabaço, Vinhas Velhas, Alentejano 2013
- V. Leite de Faria, Animus, Douro 2013
- Valle Pradinhos, Reserva Trasmontano 2011
- Vallegre, Colheita, Douro 2013
- Vallegre, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Vasques de Carvalho, Oxum Douro 2012
- Vilalva, Reserva, Douro 2013
- Vila Real, Colheita, Douro 2013
- Wine With Spirit, Bastardô!, Tejo 2013
- Wine With Spirit, Bread & Cheese, Tejo 2013



### Bronze sweet white

- Bridão, Colheita Tardia, Tejo 2013

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Above: DWWA Chairman Steven Spurrier discusses one of the entries with Portugal Regional Chair Sarah Ahmed



## Bronze fortified white

- Bacalhã, Moscatel de Setúbal, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Ermelinda Freitas, Moscatel de Setúbal, Península de Setúbal NV
- St Isidro de Pegões, Contemporâneo Moscatel de Setúbal, Península de Setúbal NV
- St Isidro de Pegões, Moscatel de Setúbal, Península de Setúbal NV

## Commended sparkling white

- Vértice, Gouveio Bruto, Douro 2007

## Commended white

- Adega de Borba, Alentejo 2014
- Abraço, Abbraccio Branco, Douro 2014
- Adega de Monção, Deu la Deu Grande Escolha Alvarinho Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2013
- Adega de Palmela Palmela 2014
- Adega de Redondo, Porta da Ravessa, Alentejo 2014
- Adega Mãe, Dory Reserva, Lisboa 2013
- Adega Mayor, Reserva do Comendador, Alentejo 2013
- Alves de Sousa Berço, Douro 2011
- Bacalhã, Cova da Urça, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Beyra, Beira Interior 2014
- Bridão, Clássico, Tejo 2014
- Casa de Mouraz, Encruzado, Dão 2013
- Casa de Mouraz, Dão 2013
- Casa Ermelinda Freitas, Dona Ermelinda, Palmela 2014
- Casa Ferreirinha, Antonia Adelaide Ferreira, Douro 2012
- Casa Ferreirinha, Vinha Grande, Douro 2013
- Casal do Conde, Viognier, Tejo 2014
- Caves Transmontanas, Vértice Grande Reserva, Douro 2012
- Corina Maria Pereira Antunes, Socalcos do Bouro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Cortes de Cima, Sauvignon Blanc, Alentejo 2014
- DFJ, Cara Viva Lisboa 2014
- DFJ, Grand'Arte Alvarinho, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ, Point West, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ, Storks Landing, Fernão Pires-Chardonnay, Lisboa 2014
- Dom Diogo, Alvarinho Colheita Seleccionada Minho 2014
- Ermelinda Freitas, Sauvignon Blanc-verdelho, Península de Setúbal 2013
- Esporão, Monte Velho, Alentejo 2014
- Esporão, Verdelho, Alentejo 2014
- Estreia, Vinho Verde 2014
- Hacienda Branca, IIV, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade da Calada, Baron de B Alentejo 2013
- Herdade da Comporta, Comporta,

- Península de Setúbal 2013
- Herdade da Comporta, Parus, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Herdade dos Coelheiros, Tapada de Coelheiros, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade Grande, Reserva, Alentejo 2013
- Howard's Folly, Sonhador Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2012
- J Portugal Ramos, Loureiro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Julio Bastos, Dona Maria Amantis Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Mateus Expressions Maria Gomes-Chardonnay 2014
- Montes Ermos, Códaga do Larinho, Douro 2014
- Montes Ermos, Grande Reserva, Douro 2013
- Parras, Montaria, Alentejo 2014
- Pingo Doce, Vinho Regional, Alentejo 2014
- Pingo Doce, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Portal do Fidalgo, Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quanta Terra, Terra a Terra Reserva, Douro 2013
- Quinta da Raza, Dom Diogo Aveso, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta da Raza, Alvarinho-Trajadura, Minho 2014
- Quinta da Raza, Basto, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta das Arcas, Arca Nova, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta das Arcas, Conde Villar Alvarinho, Minho 2014
- Quinta de Azevedo, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta de Covela, Edição Nacional Aveso, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta de Curvos Loureiro, Vinho Verde 2014
- Quinta de Gomariz, Alvarinho, Minho 2014
- Quinta de Santa Cristina, Alvarinho-Trajadura, Minho 2014
- Quinta do Casal Monteiro, Arinto-Fernão Pires, Tejo 2014
- Quinta do Ferrão, Arinto, Bairrada 2014
- Quinta Vale d'Aldeia, Alvarinho Duriense 2014
- Rede, Douro 2014
- Resigon, Costa SW Reserva Península de Setúbal 2013
- Ribafreixo, Gáudio Alvarinho, Alentejo 2014
- Santos Lima, Monte das Promessas, Alentejo 2014
- Santos Lima, Palha Canas, Lisboa 2014
- Santos Lima, Sauvignon Blanc, Lisboa 2014
- Santos Lima, Viognier, Lisboa 2014
- St Isidro de Pegões, Portinho do Covo Península de Setúbal 2014
- St Isidro de Pegões, Nico Ten, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Vila Real, Old Vines in Young Hands 2014
- Vila Real, Terras de Alleu NV
- Wine Ventures, Quinta da Romeira, Bucelas 2013
- Commended, Rosé, Still - Dry (below 5 g/L residual sugar), Adega de Palmela Vale dos Barris, Península de

- Setúbal 2014
- Casa da Passarella, O Brazileiro, Serra da Estrela, Dão 2014
- DFJ, Two Ravens, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ Coreto Joker Lisboa 2014
- DFJ Storks Landing Lisboa 2014
- Santos Lima, Alentejo 2014
- Santos Lima, Espiga, Lisboa 2014
- Tagus Creek Shiraz-Touriga Nacional, Tejo 2014,

## Commended red

- 1912 Winemakers, Piorro Reserva, Douro 2010
- Adega de Borba, Borba, Alentejo 2013
- Adega de Pegões, Rovisco Pais Reserva, Península de Setúbal 2011
- Adega de Redondo, Porta da Ravessa, Alentejo 2014
- Adega Mayor, Caiado, Alentejo 2013
- Aliança, Alabastro Reserva Alentejo 2013
- Aliança, Foral Reserva, Douro 2013
- Amoras de Portugal, Lisboa 2013
- Amoreira da Torre, Zebro, Alentejo 2014
- Amoreira da Torre, Alentejo 2014
- Aneto, Grande Reserva, Douro 2010
- Asda, Extra Special, Douro 2013
- Azamor, Petit Verdot, Alentejo 2011
- Bacalhã, Palácio da Bacalhã, Península de Setúbal 2009
- Bacalhã, Quinta da Bacalhã, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Barão de Vilar, Douro 2013
- Beyra, Superior, Beira Interior 2013
- Brigando, Lisboa 2014
- Bulas, Grande Reserva, Douro 2010
- Bulas, Reserva, Douro 2011
- Carmim, Contemporâneo, Alentejo 2013
- Cartaxo, Coudel Mor Reserva, Tejo 2011
- Casa da Caldeira Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Casa da Passarella, O Oenólogo Vinhas Velhas, Serra da Estrela, Dão 2011
- Casa Santos Lima, Bonavita, Lisboa 2013
- Caves Velhas, D Fuas Reserva, Terras Do Dão, Dão 2013
- Chocapalha, CH, Lisboa 2011
- Christie's, Castelinho Reserva, Douro 2012
- Ciconia, Touriga Nacional, Alentejo 2013
- Comenda Grande, Tinta Caiada, Alentejo 2012
- Comenda Grande, Alentejo 2012
- Cortes de Cima, Aragonez, Alentejo 2012
- Cortes de Cima, Touriga Nacional, Alentejo 2008
- DFJ, Monte Alentejo Reserva, Alentejo 2013
- DFJ Coreto, Lisboa 2014
- DFJ Portada, Winemakers Selection, Lisboa 2014
- Dona Matilde Reserva, Douro 2011
- Douro Wine Devotion, Quinta do Cerro da Nora Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Duorum, Douro 2013
- Duorum Tons Douro 2013
- Empreendimentos Turísticos Montebelo, Casa da Insua, Dão 2011
- Ermelinda Freitas, Alicante Bouschet, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Ermelinda Freitas, Merlot, Península de Setúbal 2011
- Ermelinda Freitas, Valoroso, Península de Setúbal 2013
- Falua X by Duorum, Douro 2013
- Flor das Tecedeiras, Douro 2013
- Herdade da Comporta, Comporta, Península de Setúbal 2010
- Herdade da Comporta, Parus, Península de Setúbal 2011
- Herdade da Comporta, Vinhas do Sado, Península de Setúbal 2014
- Herdade da Fonte Coberta, Alicante Bouschet Reserva, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade da Fonte Coberta, Bolota Dourada Alentejo 2013
- Herdade de Espirra, Pavão de Espirra, Península de Setúbal 2010
- Herdade do Peso, Vinha do Monte, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade do Peso Trinca Bolotas, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade dos Grous, Moon Harvested, Alentejo 2012
- Herdade dos Lagos, HDL Aragonez, Alentejo 2013
- Herdade dos Lagos, Vale de Camelos Falcão, Alentejo

- 2012
- J Portugal Ramos, Smart Dog, Alentejo 2013
- Julio Bastos, Dona Maria, Alentejo 2012
- Monte Branco, Alentejo, Alentejo 2013
- Monte Branco, Alentejo Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira, NA 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Reserva, Alentejo 2013
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Monte da Ravasqueira, Touriga Franca, Alentejo 2012
- Mundus, Lisboa 2012
- Nunes Barata, Grande Reserva, Alentejo 2011
- Nunes Barata, Reserva Alentejo 2011
- Paço do Conde, Reserva, Alentejo 2011
- Parras, Montaria, Alentejo 2014
- Pêra-Grave, Alentejo 2012
- Pias, Encostas do Enxoe Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Pingo Doce, Reserva, Alentejo 2012
- Pingo Doce, Seleccção Reserva, Alentejo 2013
- Pingo Doce Reserva, Douro 2013
- Poças Júnior, Coroa d'Ouro Douro 2012
- Quanta Terra, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta da Cidadoura, Seleccção do Enólogo, Lisboa 2013
- Quinta da Lapa, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Tejo 2012
- Quinta da Ribeirinha, Vale de Lobos Syrah, Tejo 2013
- Quinta das Apegadas, Grande Reserva Douro 2011
- Quinta de Lagares, Douro 2012
- Quinta de Lemos, Alfrocheiro, Dão 2009
- Quinta de Roriz, Prazo Roriz, Douro 2011
- Quinta do Cão, Douro 2013
- Quinta do Pégo, Cerro do Santo Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta do Pégo, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta do Sagrado, VT'08, Douro 2008
- Quinta do Serrado Touriga Nacional, Dão 2010
- Quinta do Tedo, Grande Reserva, Douro 2011
- Quinta dos Castelares, Douro 2012
- Quinta dos Roques, Touriga Nacional, Dão 2012
- Quinta dos Termos, A Surpresa de Virgílio Loureiro, Beira Interior 2011
- Quinta dos Termos, Grande Escolha, Beira Interior 2011
- Quinta Santa Eufemia, Colheita, Douro 2012
- Rede, Reserva, Douro 2010
- Rocim, Mariana, Alentejo 2013
- Rui Reguinga Terrassus Reserva, Douro 2012
- Sobroso, Barrique Select, Alentejo 2013
- St Isidro de Pegões, Cabernet Sauvignon, Península de Setúbal 2012
- St Isidro de Pegões, Contemporâneo, Península de Setúbal 2013
- St Isidro de Pegões, Contemporâneo Selection Península de Setúbal 2012
- St Isidro de Pegões, Syrah, Península de Setúbal 2012
- St Isidro de Pegões, Touriga Nacional, Península de Setúbal 2012
- Tagus Creek Shiraz-Trincadeira, Alentejo 2013
- Terra d'Alter, Alfrocheiro, Alentejo 2013
- Terras d'Alter, Outeiro, Alentejo 2012
- V Leite de Faria, Gloria Reserva, Douro 2013
- Valle Pradinhos, Porta Velha Trás-os-Montes Valpaços, Trás-os-Montes 2012
- Vermelha, Mundus Aragonez, Lisboa 2010
- Vermelha, Mundus Escolha Lisboa 2010
- Vermelha, Mundus Reserva Lisboa 2010
- Vermelha, Mundus Syrah, Lisboa 2012
- Vieira de Sousa, Grande Reserva, Douro 2012
- Vila Real, Old Vines in Young Hands 2013
- Vila Real, Premium Red Douro 2013
- Vila Real, Reserva, Douro 2012
- Vila Real, Terras de Alleu NV

## Commended sweet white

- Aneto, Late Harvest, Douro 2010 ➤

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# Regional France



## Regional Chair

**Andrew Jefford** (see judges, p4)

MY PANEL RELISHED its five-day inspection of the wines of Regional France: the country's geographical and topographical amplitude once again found a sensual echo in a set of wines characterised above all by their diversity. Bravo to the winemakers who let this happen, without striving

to 'correct' that diversity away and repress regional singularities. International Trophies for Bandol and Provence rosés, Regional Trophies for Gaillac, Cahors and Jurançon and Golds for Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire, Palette and Pécharmant: not even I expected such far-flung excellence. Regional France proved that it's in great shape.

## What should we buy from here?

It may be huge, baggy and shapeless, but Côtes de Provence was this year's star. We all expect great rosé from this vast zone, and sure enough we found it; the standard here is remarkably high (though it's sometimes less easy to taste why one particular rosé costs £15 more than another). There was a lovely flight of compelling whites – compelling in the undemonstrative way that only Provence can manage; and the reds, too, were the best we had even looked at. Why? A fresher style, less oak and earlier bottling seem to be the keys.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

If Jurançon and Cahors struggled more this year than last, the reason was probably difficult weather conditions in 2013 and 2014; the best wines of Cahors in this year's DWWA certainly came from 2011 and 2012. Vin de France continues to puzzle: there must be ambitious wines in this category, but we see few of them. The other set of wines which received repeated opprobrium from our tasters were over-oaked reds, no matter what their appellation (often the most ambitious wine from a modest source). It may be that the local market for such wines relishes a plank-whipping – but our international tasters most definitely don't.

## What should we keep an eye on?

I'm a devotee of Bandol's great reds. We didn't see many this year – but we did have an impressive if small showing of Bandol's whites and rosés, thereby proving that you can't keep a good terroir down. Corsica, too, is another zone where whites can excel and where the standard of rosé is rising. Perhaps there are vintage phenomena at work, but on the basis of this year's entry both Gaillac and Bergerac, too, are looking increasingly white-friendly. And if you've never sampled a Fronton, a Pécharmant or a Palette – well, this is the year to start!

## Regional France

won

**3** International Trophies (see p19)

**4** Regional Trophies (see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards



**Gold white**

## Provence

● **Château Barbeiranne, Cuvée Vallat-Sablou, Côtes de Provence 2014 (13%)**

Haunting, nutty, full, fragrant and long, with beautiful Rolle aromas of apricot, blossom and sweet marzipan. On the gentle, pliant palate there's a fine mineral backbone, surrounded with sweet spices, flowers and melon. All in all, this is gossamer winemaking and super stuff.



**Gold rosé**

## Provence

● **Château Coussin, César à Sumeire, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014 (12.5%)**

£25 **Oddbins**

\$60 **T Edward Wines**

Light, graceful, charming and most pristine, with lots of nougat and southern personality, but subtly fruity and fresh too. It's vinous, sappy and long, with incredible energy and drive but, paradoxically, with a lightness of touch as well. Hard to improve on this; real class.

● **Château des Demoiselles, Côtes de Provence 2014 (13.5%)**

£9.95 **More Sake**

Fresh and lively scents of peach, red cherry and spice, along with something nuttier and richer too. Smooth, plush, and full of creamy flavours, this is a supremely gratifying rosé with delicious saline edges and a softly textured finish. Outstanding value.

● **Château d'Esclans, Les Clans, Côtes de Provence 2013 (14%)**

£59.40 **Hedonism**

Fragrant, lingering and intricate, with honeyed oak and sweet berry fruit on the nose. Glorious

substance and depth, this is mellow but intense, with expressive, nutty fruit, peach nougatine and a long, finish. This really pushes the boundaries of rosé in terms of concentration and allusiveness.

● **Château d'Esclans, Whispering Angel, Côtes de Provence 2014 (13%)**

£22.30 **Hedonism**

Nutty, waxy and weighty, this is vital and fresh, but with an appealingly earthy undertow. There's an attack of wild strawberry on a succulent palate which holds layers of flavour through to a nutty core, with the finish really stretching out to a great length. Urbane and mightily impressive.

● **Clos Gautier, Oser, Côtes de Provence 2014 (12.5%)**

Taut, fresh and zesty, this is a top-notch rosé, with vibrant notes of fresh strawberries on a sappy nose, underpinned with fennel-like vegetal notes. Further summery red fruits appear in the mouth, cut through with delicate acidity and topped off by a salty finish.



**Gold red**

## Provence

● **Château Henri Bonnaud, Palette, Provence 2011 (15%)**

£22.73 (2010) **Gauntleys**

POA **The Wine Trust USA**

Wonderful garrigue nose of great depth and complexity, with warm and baked southern characters, plus hints of cherry and green wheat. The palate is smooth, silky and speaks of the sun, with plenty of freshness and boisterous charm. An excellent wine of understated class, this is the south in its most charming mood.

● **Château la Jeannette, Baguier, Côtes de Provence 2013 (14.5%)**

Earthy, warm, sweet and voluptuous, with attractive aromas of blackcurrant alongside deeper, smoky Syrah spice. Textured, lush, pure and long, with fine-grained tannins, plump fruit, dark chocolate, spice, and a finish of herbs and smoke. A delicious and serious glass of red.

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● **Château Léoube, Les Forts de Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2011 (13.5%)**

£19.99 **Daylesford Organics**  
Vivid and full, with fine concentration of ripe, supple blackberry, red berry fruits and spice. This is well made, with the fruit still present and backing up the tannins. A big, warm, hearty southern red with a sense of place, ready to take centre stage at the dinner table.

## Southwest

● **Château Lagrezette, Le Pigeonnier, Cahors 2012 (14.5%)**

Sweet, full, spicy, mineral and drenched in expensive oak and black fruit; but it works well, with scents of cinder and ash beneath spit-roasted meat, and the oak is woven in seamlessly. A splendid effort, with fantastic depth and breadth of flavour, and a complex, long finish.

● **Château Lagrezette, Cahors 2012 (13.5%)**

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Dense, deep, dark, softly sweet, and quietly vegetal; altogether an outstanding nose. This is a close-textured but highly alluring wine, with lots of sombre interest and latent power on a supple palate of dark chocolate, black fruit and some mineral magic towards the end. Super stuff.

● **Château les Marnières, Les Pierres Levées, Pécharmant 2012 (13.5%)**

Alive and vital, with lots of vivid fruit like redcurrant, plum and blackberry. An outstanding effort for the money, over-delivering with an elegant, smart palate of spicy fruit, gravelly depths and a complex, refreshing finish. A charmer.



**Gold**  
**sweet white**

## Southwest

● **Domaine du Cinquau, La Part des Hommes, Jurançon 2012 (12%)**

POA **Domaine Direct**  
Tangy nose of honey, candied peach, beeswax, ripe quince, lemon verbena and pressed mint. Intensely creamy and complex, this is opulent, rich, detailed and long, with tones of cream, almond, vanilla and

apricot taking centre stage on a palate rounded out by oak and lifted by the acidity.



**Silver**  
**sparkling white**

## Vin de France

● **Château du Galoupet, L'Exception 2012**



**Silver**  
**white**

## Corsica

● **Clos Poggiale, Vin de Corse 2014**

● **Clos Venturi, Vin de Corse 2014**

## Jura

● **Domaine Berthet-Bondet, Château-Chalon 2007**

● **Domaine Rolet Père & Fils, Naturé, Arbois 2012**

## Provence

● **Château du Galoupet, Côtes de Provence 2013**

● **Clos Gautier, Blanc, Côtes de Provence 2014**

## Southwest

● **Cave de Jurançon, Roche Guilhem, Jurançon Sec 2014**

● **Château les Donats, Le Prestige Bergerac Sec 2013**

● **Domaine Cauhapé, La Canopée, Jurançon Sec 2012**

● **Domaine du Cinquau, Le Fruit, Jurançon 2014**

● **Famille Saubot, Domaine du Cinquau, Sensations, Jurançon Sec 2014**

● **Laguille, Ugni Blanc-Colombard, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**

● **Domaine de Ménard, Marine, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**

● **Rigal, Fringant, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**

● **Vignobles Dubard, Château Laulerie, Bergerac Sec 2014**



**Silver**  
**rosé**

## Corsica

● **Clos Venturi, 1769, Vin de Corse 2014**

● **Domaine de Terra Vecchia, Niellucchi, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2014**

## Provence

● **Bastide de la Ciselette, Bandol 2014**

● **Caves du Commandeur, Dedicace, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Château Barbeiranne, Marie, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Château Cavalier, Réserve de la Famille, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Château de St-Martin, No 2, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Château du Galoupet, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Château Routas, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014**

● **Château Vignelaure, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2014**

● **Clos Gautier, Clos du Château, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Clos la Neuve, Séduction, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014**

● **Domaine de la Croix, Irresistible, Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine de la Sanglière, Cuvée Spéciale, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine de la Sanglière, La Riviera, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine de la Sanglière, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine de Rimauresq, Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine de Rimauresq, R, Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Domaine St-Andrieu, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Famille Sumeire, Château Coussin, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014**

● **Famille Sumeire, La Croix du Prieur, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Le Grand Cros, L'Esprit de Provence, Côtes de Provence 2014**

● **Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Côtes de Provence 2014**



**Silver**  
**red**

## Corsica

● **Clos Venturi, 1769 Sciacarellu, Vin de Corse 2013**

● **Clos Venturi, Vin de Corse 2013**

## Provence

● **Château Gasqui, Corps et Ames, Côtes de Provence 2011**

● **Château la Tour de l'Evêque, Habillage Noir & Or, Côtes de Provence 2011**

● **Château la Tour de l'Evêque, Côtes de Provence 2012**

● **Domaine du Clos Gautier, Clos du Château, Côtes de Provence 2013**

● **Domaine les Béates, Les Béatines, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2013**

## Southwest

● **Château Chevaliers Lagrezette, Malbec, Cahors 2012**

● **Château de Gaudou, Renaissance Malbec, Cahors 2012**

● **Château Lagrezette, Paragon, Cahors 2012**

● **Château Lamartine Expression, Cahors 2012**

● **Château Nozieres, L'Elegance, Cahors 2011**

● **Château Pinaie, L'Authentique, Cahors 2013**

● **Château Pique-Sèque, Terre di Pique-Sèque, Montravel 2010**

● **Château St-Didier, La Vierge du Prieure de Cenac, Cahors 2010**

● **Domaine Capmartin, Cuvée du Couvent, Madiran 2013**

● **Domaine Sarrabelle, St-André, Gaillac 2012**

● **Sarrabelle, In Vinum, Gaillac 2011**

## Vin de France

● **Clos Venturi, 1769 Cuvée Carcajolu 2014**



**Silver**  
**sweet white**

## Southwest

● **Château de Cabidos, St-Clément Petit Manseng, IGP Comté Tolosan 2012**



**Bronze**  
**sparkling white**

## Jura

● **Philippe Michel, Brut Chardonnay, Crémant du Jura 2012**



**Bronze**  
**sparkling rosé**

## Vin de France

● **Marks & Spencer, Moscato Rosé Doux NV**



**Bronze**  
**white**

## Corsica

● **Domaine Terra Vecchia, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2014**

● **Domaine Terra Vecchia, Muscat, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2014**

● **Orenga de Gaffory, Cuvée des Gouverneurs, Patrimonio 2013**

## Jura

● **Domaine Rolet Père & Fils, Chardonnay, Arbois 2012**

## Poitou-Charentes

● **Maison des 3 Ponts, Lepontis Joly Sable, IGP Charentais 2014** ➤

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## Provence

- Château Gasqui, Corps & Ame, Côtes de Provence 2012
- Château la Martinette, Caviar Blanc, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Château la Tour de l'Évêque, Blancs de Blancs, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Clos Gautier, Clos du Château Blanc, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine de la Vallongue, Garrigues, Les Baux-de-Provence 2014
- Domaine de Rimauresq, Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine d'Estoublon, IGP Alpilles 2012
- Le Grand Cros, L'Esprit de Provence, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Romanin, IGP Alpilles 2014
- Villa Baulieu, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2013

## Savoie

- Philippe Viallet, Vin de Savoie 2014

## Southwest

- Cabidos, Sauvignon, IGP Comté Tolosan 2013
- Castel, Réserve de France Sauvignon Blanc, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014
- Cave du Marmandais, Château La Bastide, Côtes du Marmandais 2014
- Château de Cabidos, Petit Manseng Sec Cuvée Comte Philippe IGP Comté Tolosan 2010
- Château de la Jaubertie, Mirabelle, Bergerac Sec 2013
- Château de la Jaubertie, Bergerac 2014
- Château Jolys, Cuvée Pauline, Jurançon Sec 2014
- Domaine de Joy, Envie de Joy, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014
- Domaine de Ménard, Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014
- Domaine du Cinquau, Ambitions, Jurançon Sec 2013
- Domaine du Grand Mayne, Des Vendangeurs, Côtes de Duras 2012
- Domaine Laguilhon, Jurançon Sec 2013
- Famille Fezas, Java, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014
- Famille Latrille, Château Jolys, Jurançon Sec 2014
- Grandissime, Tesco Finest, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014
- Les Vignerons de Buzet, Château Loustalet Buzet 2014
- Les Vignerons de Buzet, l'Excellence, Buzet 2014
- l'Oie du Périgord, Sauvignon Blanc, Périgord 2014
- Marks & Spencer, St-Mont 2013
- Mauro Guicheney, Le Secret de Ste-Frivoile, Côtes de Duras 2012
- Plaimont Producteurs, Les Vignes Retrouvées, St-Mont 2013
- Plaimont Producteurs, Tesco Finest, St-Mont 2012
- Rigal, Original Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014

## Vin de France

- Abbesse, Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- Clos Venturi, 1769 Biancu Gentile 2014
- La Villette, Chardonnay 2013
- Villebois, Petit Villebois Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- Yvon Mau, Colombar-Chardonnay 2014



**Bronze**  
**rosé**

## Corsica

- Clos Poggiale, Vin de Corse 2014
- Clos Venturi, Vin de Corse 2014
- Domaine de Terra Vecchia, Sciaccarellu, IGP Ile de Beauté 2014
- Domaine de Terra Vecchia, IGP l'Ile de Beauté 2014

## Provence

- Asda, Gassier, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Barthès Bandol 2014
- Château de Landé, Flaveur, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château de Peyrassol, Commanderie de Peyrassol, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château de St-Martin, Grande Réserve Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château des Muraires, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château du Rouet, Cuvée Réserve Tradition, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Gassier Le Pas du Moine, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014
- Château la Martinette, Aurore sur la Moskova, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Château la Martinette, Rollier, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château la Martinette, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Lauzade, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Pas du Cerf, Diane, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Pas du Cerf, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Romanin, Les Baux-de-Provence 2014
- Château Roubine, Premium, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Ste-Roseline, Lampe de Méduse, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Château Val d'Arcenc, Bandol 2014
- Château Vignelaure, La Source, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2014
- Clos Gautier, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Coeur de Cardeline, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Domaine de la Navarre, Marks & Spencer, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol 2014
- Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol 2014
- Domaine de la Vallongue, Garrigues, Les Baux-de-Provence 2014

- Domaine de l'Amaurigue, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine de l'Anglade, Cuvée Tradition, IGP Maures 2014
- Domaine Houchart, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014
- Domaine St-Pons, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine Ste-Marie, Cuvée 1884, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Domaine Ste-Marie, Tradition Côtes de Provence 2014
- Estandon, Terres de St-Louis, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014
- Estandon, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Famille Sumeire, Cabaret, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Famille Sumeire, Château L'Afrique, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Gassier, Domaine de la Chautarde, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014
- Hecht & Bannier, Côtes de Provence 2014
- La Lauzade, Cuvée Aurélia, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Patrice Moreux, Château des Vingtinières, Côtes de Provence 2014
- Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Joël Robuchon, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Roseline, Harmonie, Côtes de Provence 2014
- St-Andrieu, L'Oratoire, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014

## Southwest

- Rigal, Original Malbec, IGP Comté Tolosan 2014
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Negrette, Fronton 2014

## Vin de France

- Bougrier, Abbesse 2014



**Bronze**  
**red**

## Corsica

- Clos Poggiale, Vin de Corse 2013

## Jura

- Domaine Grand, Poulsard, Côtes du Jura 2013

## Poitou-Charentes

- Domaine du Grollet, Family Réserve, IGP Charentais 2010
- Domaine du Grollet, Réserve, IGP Charentais 2010
- Maison des 3 Ponts, Lepontis Croix de Lune, IGP Charentais 2014

## Provence

- Caves du Commandeur, Dedicace, Côtes de Provence 2013
- Château Barbeiranne, Cuvée Charlotte, Côtes de Provence 2011
- Château de Fontlade Ermitte du Maunier, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2011
- Château d'Ollières, Haut de l'Ermitage, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2012
- Château Salettes, Bandol 2013

- Château Vignelaure, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2008
- Château Vignelaure, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2007
- Domaine les Béates, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2012
- Domaine St-Andrieu, Côtes de Provence 2012
- Villa Baulieu, Cuvée Bérengère, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2012

## Savoie

- Cave de Chautagne, Vieilles Vignes Mondeuse, Vin de Savoie Chautagne 2014

## Southwest

- Cave de Labastide, Château Bournet, Gaillac 2013
- Cave du Marmandais, Château La Bastide, Côtes du Marmandais 2014
- Château Bazin, Côtes du Marmandais 2013
- Château Bellevue la Forêt, Optimum, Fronton 2011
- Château Clément Termes, Gaillac 2014
- Château d'Ourbenac, Malbec, Cahors 2009
- Château du Cèdre, Le Cèdre, Cahors 2012
- Château les Bouysses, Cahors 2012
- Château les Croisille, Divin Croisille, Cahors 2011
- Château Nozieres, Ambroise de l'Her, Cahors 2012
- Château Peyros, Vieilles Vignes, Madiran 2010
- Château Pinairie, Malbec, Cahors 2012
- Château Pinairie, Cahors 2013
- Château Terrebert, Côtes du Marmandais 2013
- Château Vincens, Origine, Cahors 2013
- Château Vincens, Prestige, Cahors 2013
- Domaine Capmartin, Vieilles Vignes, Madiran 2013
- Famille Déprez, Château la Hitte Buzet 2014
- Famille Fezas, Domaine Chiroulet, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2013
- Les Vignerons de Buzet, l'Excellence, Buzet 2012
- Les Vignerons de Buzet, Red Badge, Buzet 2012
- Les Vignerons de Buzet, Sans Sulfites, Buzet 2013
- Les Vignerons du Brulhois, Terresence, Brulhois 2011
- Rigal, Château Beauvilain Monpezat, Cahors 2013
- Rigal, Grand Chêne, Cahors 2013
- Rigal, Les Terrasses, Cahors 2013
- Rigal, L'Instant Truffier Malbec, IGP Comté Tolosan 2014
- Rigal, Original Malbec, IGP Comté Tolosan 2014

## Vin de France

- Abbotts & Delaunay, Alto Stratus 2012
- Badet Clement, La Villette Cabernet-Sauvignon 2013
- Doudet-Naudin, Pinot Noir 2014
- Les Jamelles, Cepage Rare Carignan 2014

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## Bronze sweet white

### Jura

- **Domaine Rolet, Vin de Paille, Arbois 2007**

### Southwest

- **Castel, Jurançon 2014**
- **Domaine du Cinquau, L'Esprit, Jurançon 2012**
- **Domaine Laguilhon, Jurançon 2012**



## Bronze fortified white

### Corsica

- **Domaine Orega de Gaffory, Muscat du Cap Corse 2013**

### Commended sparkling white

#### JURA

- **Domaine Rolet Père & Fils, Brut, Crémant du Jura 2010**

#### SAVOIE

- **Lambert Gerard, Royal Seyssel Brut, Seyssel 2011**

#### VIN DE FRANCE

- **Charles de Fère, Mérite Brut NV**

#### PROVENCE

- **Domaine de Léoube, Côtes de Provence NV**

### Commended white

#### CORSICA

- **Clos Venturi, 1769, Vin de Corse 2014**
- **U San Muletto Irrésistible, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2013**

#### POITOU-CHARENTES

- **Maison des 3 Ponts, Lepontis Les Roches, IGP Charentais 2014**

#### PROVENCE

- **Château les Amoureuses, Terres des Amoureuses All White, IGP Méditerranée 2012**
- **Domaine de l'Anglade, Le Blanc IGP Maures 2014**

#### SOUTHWEST

- **Aldi, The Venturer, Colombard-Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Château Clément Termes, Gaillac 2014**
- **Château de Jurque, Fantaisie, Jurançon Sec 2014**
- **Clos Rocailleux, Mauzac, Gaillac 2013**
- **Domaine Cauhapé, Quest, Jurançon Sec 2014**
- **Domaine de Joy, L'Éclat, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Domaine de Ménard, Colombard-Sauvignon, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Domaine du Rey, 4 Cépages, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Domaine du Rey, Colombard-Sauvignon, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Domaine la Hitaire, Hors Saison Sauvignon-Semillon, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Laguille, Gros Manseng, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Laguille, La Rencontre, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Laguille, Sauvignon, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Les Grandes Caves d'Albret, Colombard-Chardonnay IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Marks & Spencer, Mayne de Beaugard, Bergerac 2014**
- **Plaimont Producteurs, Colombelle L'Original, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Plaimont Producteurs, Terres**

#### d'Artagnan, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014

- **Rigal, L'Instant Figuier, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Rigal, Original Sauvignon, IGP Côtes de Gascogne 2014**
- **Terre de Vignerons, Famille Excellor Le Benjamin, IGP Atlantique 2014**
- **Terre de Vignerons, Honoré de Berticot, IGP Atlantique 2014**

#### VIN DE FRANCE

- **Vieux Papes, Cuvée Réserve NV**
- **Villebois, Sauvignon Blanc 2014**

### Commended rosé

#### CORSICA

- **Clos Santini, Patrimonio 2014**

#### POITOU-CHARENTES

- **Maison des 3 Ponts, Lepontis Prelude, IGP Charentais 2014**

#### PROVENCE

- **Berne, Grande Récolte, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Castel, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Barbanau, L'Instant, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Barbeiranne, Camille, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Beaulieu, Alexandre, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2014**
- **Château Carpe Diem, Castille, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Cavalier, Prestige, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Cavalier, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château du Rouet, 1840, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Ferry Lacombe, Cascaï, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Fontaine, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Gassier, 946, Côtes de Provence St-Victoire 2014**
- **Château la Jeannette, Baguier, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château la Jeannette, Fleurs, Côtes de Provence La Londe, Provence 2014**
- **Château la Tour de l'Évêque, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Léoube, Secret de Léoube, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Pas du Cerf, Le Merle, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Château Roubine Cuvée R, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Domaine de Valcolombe, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014**
- **Domaine les Béates, Les Béatines, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2014**
- **Domaine Ste-Marie, Papparazzi, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Gassier, Amalthée, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **l'Amaurigue, Fleur de l'Amaurigue, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Maison St-Aix, Aix, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2014**
- **Mirabeau, Pure, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Mirabeau, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Moncigale, Côtes de Provence 2014**
- **Terres de St-Hilaire, Oppidum, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2014**

#### SOUTHWEST

- **Château Pique-Sègue, Bergerac 2014**
- **Chevalier Famaey, Malbec, IGP Côtes du Lot 2014**
- **Rigal, L'Instant Safran, IGP Comté Tolosan 2014**

### Commended red

#### CORSICA

- **Clos Santini, Patrimonio 2013**
- **Clos Venturi, 1769, Vin de Corse 2013**
- **Domaine Terra Vecchia, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2014**
- **Domaine Terra Vecchia, Niellucciu, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2014**
- **Orega de Gaffory, Cuvée Felice, Patrimonio 2012**
- **U San Muletto Irrésistible, IGP l'Île de Beauté 2013**

#### POITOU-CHARENTES

- **Maison des 3 Ponts, Pinot Noir Par Lepontis, IGP Charentais 2014**

#### PROVENCE

- **Château d'Esclans, Déesse, IGP Var 2011**
- **Château du Galoupet, Empreinte, Côtes de Provence 2011**
- **Clos Gautier, Côtes de Provence 2013**
- **Domaine de Rimauresq, Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence 2012**
- **Domaine de Rimauresq, R, Côtes de Provence 2012**
- **Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Collines des Laure Syrah, IGP Méditerranée 2013**
- **Les Terres de St-Hilaire, Oppidum, Coteaux Varois-en-Provence 2011**

#### SAVOIE

- **Cave de Chautagne, Vieilles Vignes Pinot, Vin de Savoie Chautagne 2014**

#### SOUTHWEST

- **Astrolabe, Malbec, Cahors 2012**
- **Cave du Marmandais, Château La Vieille Eglise Côtes du Marmandais 2013**
- **Cave du Marmandais, Château La Vieille Eglise, Réserve, Côtes du Marmandais 2013**
- **Château Bovila, Malbec, Cahors 2012**
- **Château de Fayolle, Sang du Sanglier, Bergerac 2012**
- **Château de la Jaubertie, Mirabelle, Bergerac 2012**
- **Château de Panisseau, Baccarat, Côtes de Bergerac 2012**
- **Château du Port, Cuvée Prestige, Cahors 2013**
- **Château Famaey, Malbec, Cahors 2011**
- **Château Labarrade, Malbec, Cahors 2011**
- **Château Lamartine, Cuvée Particulière, Cahors 2012**
- **Château les Croisilles, Noble Cuvée, Cahors, 2011**
- **Château les Donats, Bergerac 2012**

- **Château les Hauts d'Aglan, Cuvée A, Cahors 2012**
- **Clos la Coutale, Cahors 2013**
- **Clos Troteligotte, K-2 Malbec, Cahors 2013**
- **Clos Troteligotte, K-lys Cahors 2011**
- **Domaine du Theron, Prestige, Cahors 2013**
- **Domaine Capmartin, L'Instant, Madiran 2013**
- **Domaine de Prince, Rossignol, Cahors 2013**
- **Domaine la Borie, Exception, Cahors 2011**
- **Jean-Luc Baldès, Clos Triguédina, Cahors 2012**
- **Jean-Luc Baldès, Petit Clos, Cahors 2012**
- **Maison Rigal, Château La Ferrière, Bergerac 2014**
- **Mauro Guicheny, Côtes de Duras 2012**
- **Pelvillain, Gariottin, Cahors 2013**
- **Pelvillain Frères, Eulalie Château de Cénac, Cahors 2012**
- **Rigal, Grand Chêne, Cahors 2014**
- **Rigal, Les Terrasses, Cahors 2014**
- **Rigal, L'Instant Réglissé, IGP Comté Tolosan 2014**

#### VIN DE FRANCE

- **Badet Clement, La Villette 2013**
- **Durou, Exception Malbec 2014**
- **Vieux Papes, Cuvée Réserve NV**

### Commended sweet white

#### SOUTHWEST

- **Château de Jurque, Tendresse, Jurançon 2013**
- **Château Jolys, Cuvée Jean, Jurançon 2012**
- **Domaine Lasserre, Jurançon 2013**

### Commended sweet rosé

#### VIN DE FRANCE

- **Grain d'Amour NV**

## Regional Italy



### Regional Chair

**Ian D'Agata** (*see judges, p4*)

IT WAS A very good year for Regional Italy; a funny thing too, given that many of the white wines entered were from the 2014 vintage – rain-plagued and less than something to write home about. Yet I came away from this year's DWWA feeling that overall quality was vastly superior to last year, mainly as a result of better winemaking. There are still wines reflective of the 'winemaking by numbers' school of thought (unfortunately common all over the world) – uninteresting wines with no sense of place – but, for the most part, Regional Italy performed admirably. Wine lovers will find there is plenty to like, the low prices included.

### What should we buy from here?

As the Regional Italy category includes as many as 12 different regions, the offer is varied and interesting. Don't miss the wines of Valle d'Aosta, which offers probably the highest average quality of winemaking in all of Italy; picking a bad wine from Italy's smallest region requires an inordinate amount of bad luck. Look for Pinot Grigio (often called Pinot Gris here), Petite Arvine, Fumin and other little-known but delicious native varieties. Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Alto Adige/Südtirol confirm themselves as two other regions of exceptionally high quality. There are also great wines from ➤



Le Marche and Abruzzo, but given the enormous volumes of wine produced annually here, it is inevitably a mixed bag, so knowing the names of the better producers is key.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Wine lovers should learn, once and for all, to leave cheap wines made in an industrial manner on the shelves. Screwcapped, very heavy glass bottles from Italy are usually a sure sign of a bad wine made for the export market and trying hard to impress by other means. Do not throw your money away on cheap plonk, made by clever chaps counting on people's desire for the 'ultimate good deal'. Though there are exceptions, many Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Castelli Romani from Lazio and Umbria's Orvieto wines are examples. On a more positive note, downright faulty wines are rare.

### What should we keep an eye on?

Marvel at a world of exciting, relatively inexpensive wines you never imagined existed such as Trebbiano d'Abruzzo and Pecorino, but learn the names of the best producers and steer clear of others (*Decanter's* annual Italy supplement, published each January is a great resource). Lazio Frascati, Ligurian whites or Valle d'Aosta red and white wines are worth a try. Finally, Trentino-Alto Adige and Friuli-Venezia Giulia make excellent whites – and yes, they are more expensive on average than other Italian wines, so beware the cheap stuff.

 **Gold sparkling rosé**

### Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

● **Altemasi, Metodo Classico Brut Rosé, Trento NV (12%)**  
£14.99 **D Byrne & Co, Russell & Newnes, Scarlet Wines**

This is an elegant, reserved wine with its small, steadily rising bubbles and a mineral-flecked nose of herbs, mint, crusty bread and red fruits. The mature palate is no less classy, abounding with raspberry, citrus, apples, strawberry, and a long, savoury, mineral finish.

 **Gold white**

### Le Marche

● **Monte Schiavo, Le Giuncare, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2011 (13.5%)**  
£15 **Boutinot**

A superbly complex wine. Its faintly herbal notes dovetail with ripe apple, crunchy white fruits, incense and toasted nuts. The palate is agile and ripe, with vigorous acidity and impressively juicy flavours of pistachio, pineapple and honey.

### Regional Italy won

- 1 International Trophy (see p19)
- 2 Regional Trophies (see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards

● **Umani Ronchi, Vecchie Vigne, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2012 (14.5%)**  
£19.50 **AG Wines, Great Western Wine, Q Wines**

Mature, elegant and alluring aroma of yellow fruit, pineapple, white flowers, marzipan and mandarin. This is energetic and vibrant – both bright and ripe – with a layered, powerful, oily but fresh palate of flinty stone fruit.

 **Gold sweet white**

### Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

● **Tramin, Terminus Gewürztraminer Vendemmia Tardiva, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012 (11%)**

POA **Hallgarten Druitt & Novum**  
A beguiling perfume of jasmine

tea, lychee, almond, orange peel, lavender and varnish. The palate is lifted and ethereal, with long flavours of kumquat, honey and dried apricot, breezy acidity and an opulent finish.

 **Silver sparkling white**

### Emilia-Romagna

● **Casali, Albore Frizzante Secco, Colli Scandiano e Canossa 2014**

### Friuli-Venezia Giulia

● **La Delizia, Naonis Jadér Cuvée Brut NV**

### Lombardy

- **Berlucchi, 61 Brut, Franciacorta NV**
- **Berlucchi, 61 Satèn Brut, Franciacorta NV**
- **Berlucchi, Brut 25, Franciacorta NV**
- **Berlucchi, Casa delle Colonne Brut, Franciacorta 2008**
- **Berlucchi, Palazzo Lana Satèn Riserva Brut, Franciacorta 2006**
- **Bersi Serlini, Brut Cuvée No 4, Franciacorta 2010**
- **Bersi Serlini, Satèn Brut, Franciacorta NV**
- **Corte Aura, Brut, Franciacorta NV**
- **Majolini, Electo Brut, Franciacorta 2006**

### Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- **Ferrari, Perlé Brut, Trento 2007**
- **Ferrari, Perlé Nero Extra Brut, Trento 2007**
- **Ferrari, Giulio Ferrari Extra Brut, Trento 2004**

 **Silver sparkling rosé**

### Emilia-Romagna

● **Rinaldini, Rosato Secco, Emilia 2014**

### Lombardy

- **Berlucchi, 61 Rosé Brut, Franciacorta NV**
- **Berlucchi, Freccianera Rosa Brut, Franciacorta 2010**

 **Silver sparkling red**

### Emilia-Romagna

● **Albinea Canali, Ottocentenero, Lambrusco dell'Emilia NV**

- **Casali, Lambrusco, Lambrusco dell'Emilia 2014**
- **Chiarli, Lambrusco Premium, Lambrusco di Sorbara 2014**

 **Silver white**

### Abruzzo

- **MGM Mondo del Vino, Roversi Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2013**
- **Umani Ronchi, Marks & Spencer Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014**

### Friuli-Venezia Giulia

- **Castello di Buttrio, Mon Blan, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013**
- **Fantinel, Frontiere, Collio 2013**
- **I Feudi di Romans, Pinot Grigio, Friuli Isonzo 2014**
- **Jermann, Pinot Bianco, Venezia Giulia 2013**
- **La Viarte, Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013**
- **Le Monde Friulano, Friuli Grave 2014**
- **Pierpaolo Pecorari, Kolaus Sauvignon Blanc, Venezia Giulia 2013**
- **Pierpaolo Pecorari, Pinot Grigio, Venezia Giulia 2014**
- **Puiatti, Lus Ribolla Gialla Venezia Giulia 2014**
- **Ronco dei Tassi, Malvasia, Collio 2014**
- **Tenuta Ca' Bolani, Aquilis Sauvignon, Friuli Aquilea 2013**
- **Tenuta Fernanda Cappello, Traminer Aromatico, Friuli Grave 2013**

### Lazio

- **Casale del Giglio, Bellone 2013**
- **Casale Marchese, Frascati Superiore 2014**

### Le Marche

- **Belisario, Del Cerro, Verdicchio di Matelica 2014**
- **Bonci, San Michele Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2012**
- **Borgo Paglianello, Jera, Verdicchio di Matelica Riserva 2011**
- **Casalfarneto, Grancasale, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2011**
- **Pievalta, San Paolo Classico Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2012**
- **Ripa Marchetti, Apicus, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2013**
- **Tenuta di Tavignano, Misco, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2013**

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## Liguria

- Lunae, Fior di Luna, Colli di Luni 2014
- Visamoris, Sogno Pigato, Riviera Ligure di Ponente 2013

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- Erste & Neue, Weissburgunder, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- Produttori Cortaccia, Kofl Sauvignon, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- San Michael-Eppan, Sanct Valentin Gewürztraminer Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- St Magdalena, Gewürztraminer Kleinstein, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- St Pauls, Plötzner Weissburgunder, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014
- Tiefenbrunner, Kirchleiten Sauvignon, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013

## Valle d'Aosta

- Eleonora Charrere, Petite Arvine, Les Crêtes 2013



**Silver red**

## Abruzzo

- Codice Citra, Palio, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2012
- Fantini Farnese, Edizione Cinque Autoctoni 14 2012

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

- Castello di Buttrio, Mon

Rouge, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2012

- Castelvechio, Cabernet Franc, Carso 2011
- Conte d'Attimis-Maniago, Tazzelenghe, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2010
- Eugenio Collavini, Pignolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2006
- La Viarte, Schioppettino di Prepotto, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2010
- Moschioni, Pignolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2009
- Rodaro Paolo, Romain Pignolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2007
- Valpanera, Riserva, Friuli Aquilea 2009

## Lazio

- Antico Ceppo, Petit Verdot 2013
- Casale del Giglio, Cesanese 2012
- Paolo & Noemia d'Amico, Villa Tirrena 2011
- Principe Pallavicini, Rubillo Cesanese 2014

## Le Marche

- Saladini Pilastris, Rosso Piceno 2014

## Lombardy

- Gianluigi Rumo, Dei Giop al Regiur, Valtellina Superiore 2009
- Mamete Prevostini, Albareda, Sforzato di Valtellina 2011
- Montelio, Costarsa Pinot Nero, Otrepò Pavese 2010
- Qua Quarini, Vigna Pregana, Buttafuoco Oltrepò Pavese 2009

● Rivetti & Lauro, Dell'Orco, Sforzato di Valtellina 2011

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- Cantina Rotaliana di Mezzolombardo, Clesurae, Teroldego Rotaliano 2011
- Franz Haas, Pinot Nero, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012

## Umbria

- Bocale, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2011
- Chiorri, Sangiovese 2013

## Valle d'Aosta

- La Source, Torrette 2013
- La Source, Torrette Superiore 2012
- Ottin, Pinot Noir 2012



**Silver sweet white**

## Emilia-Romagna

- Terzoni Claudio, Sensazioni d'Inverno Le Virtu del Poggio, Colli Piacentini 2012



**Bronze sparkling white**

## Abruzzo

- Mucci, Extra Dry 2014

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

- Fantinel, One & Only Brut, Prosecco 2014
- La Delizia, Naonis Brut, Prosecco NV
- La Delizia, Naonis Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- La Delizia, Naonis Moscato NV
- Pitars, Extra Dry, Prosecco 2014
- San Simone, Il Concerto Brut, Prosecco NV
- Tenuta Ca' Bolani, Brut, Prosecco NV

## Lazio

- Omina Romana, Bellone Brut 2013

## Lombardy

- Berlucchi, Casa delle Colonne Zero, Franciacorta 2008
- Berlucchi, Freccianera Satèn, Franciacorta 2010
- Bersi Serlini, Antepima Brut Franciacorta NV
- Cà del Gè, Brut, Otrepò Pavese Metodo Classico 2009
- Caminella, Ripa di Luna Brut 2011
- Corte Aura, Satèn Brut, Franciacorta NV
- Fattoria la Violla, Il'35 Extra Brut 2012

- Lo Sparviere, Brut, Franciacorta 2009
- Riccafana, Zero Zero Franciacorta 2012
- Ricci Curbastro, Satèn Brut Franciacorta 2010

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- Ferrari, Brut Trento NV

## Vino da Tavola

- Bisol, Talento Pas Dosé 2004
- Foglino, 7.0 Blanc de Noir Extra Brut 2007
- Villa degli Olmi, Müller Thurgau Brut NV
- Vis Amoris, Brut 2011



**Bronze sparkling rosé**

## Lombardy

- Bellavista, Brut Rosé, Franciacorta 2009
- Riccafana, Rosé Pinò Negher Brut, Franciacorta 2011

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- Rotari, Brut Rosé, Trento NV

## Vino da Tavola

- Zonin, Rosamore Brut NV



**Bronze sparkling red**

## Emilia-Romagna

- Ceci, To You, Bolle, Emilia NV
- Chiarli, Pruno Nero, Lambrusco di Modena 2014
- Medici Ermete, Concerto Lambrusco, Reggiano 2013
- Rinaldini, Vecchio Moro, Lambrusco dell'Emilia 2014
- Riunite, Lambrusco dell'Emilia NV



**Bronze white**

## Abruzzo

- Cantina Tollo, Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Casal Thaulero, Orsetto Oro Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Citra, Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Codice Citra, Niro Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Contesa, Caparrone, Colline Pescaresi 2014
- Costantini Antonio, Abruzzo Pecorino 2014
- Marramiero, Anima, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2014
- Sorso, Pinot Grigio, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Talamonti, Trabocchetto, Colline Pescaresi 2014
- Tenuta Ulisse, Unico Passerina, Terre di Chieti 2014 ➤



### BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

#### Katie Exton

(also judged Tuscany)

EXTON BEGAN HER career helping out at English winery Breaky Bottom, and followed up with a stint at high street retailer Majestic. In 2007 she took a trainee sommelier position at London Michelin-starred restaurant Chez Bruce

under the stewardship of fellow DWWA judge Terry Threlfall, where she progressed to become head sommelier and wine buyer. She has also worked at The Square and is now head sommelier and wine buyer at The River Café.

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- Terzini Tocco di Casauria, Abruzzo Pecorino 2014
- Zaccagnini, Cuvée dell'Abate Abruzzo Pecorino 2014
- Zaccagnini, Il Bianco di Ciccio 2014

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

- Angoris, Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Bajta Salez, Malvasia, Venezia Giulia 2013
- Borgo Conventi, Friulano, Collio 2013
- Ca' Ronessa, Friulano Collio 2014
- Castellargo, Albus, Friuli Grave 2014
- Castello di Buttrio, Ribolla Gialla, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Castelvecchio Malvasia Dileo Carso 2013
- Caviro, Romio Sauvignon, Friuli Grave, Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2014
- Conte d'Attimis-Maniago, Ronco Broilo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2011
- Italo Cescon, Il Tralcetto Pinot Grigio, Friuli Grave 2014
- Jermann, Vinnæ, Ribolla Gialla, Venezia Giulia 2013
- Jermann, Vintage Tunina, Venezia Giulia 2012
- La Roncaia, Eclipse, Venezia Giulia 2013
- La Viarte, Sauvignon Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Le Monde Chardonnay, Friuli Grave 2014
- Paolo Rodaro, L'Evoluto Sauvignon Venezia Giulia 2011
- Perusini, Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Pierpaolo Pecorari, Sauvignon Blanc, Venezia Giulia 2014
- Pighin, Sauvignon Blanc, Friuli Grave 2014
- Puiatti, Archètipi Ribolla Gialla Venezia Giulia 2012
- Rodaro Paolo, Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Rodaro Paolo, Sauvignon, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2014
- Ronchi San Giuseppe, Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2014
- Ronchi San Giuseppe, Sauvignon, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Ronco dei Tassi, Sauvignon Collio 2014
- Ronco del Gelso, Siet Vignis di Chardonnay, Friuli Isonzo 2013
- Ronco del Gelso, Toc Bas, Friuli Isonzo 2013
- Stella, Giuseppe & Luigi Pinot Grigio, Friuli Latisana 2014
- Valpanera, Carato Chardonnay, Friuli Aquileia 2011
- Vigna Traverso, Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013
- Zuani, Vigne, Collio 2013

## Lazio

- Casale del Giglio, Antinoo 2013
- Corte dei Papi Passerina del Frusinate 2013
- Terre dei Pallavicini, Roma 2014

## Le Marche

- Belisario, Cambrugiano,

- Verdicchio di Matelica Riserva 2011
- Belisario, Terre di Valbona Verdicchio di Matelica 2014
- Casalfarneto, Cimaio, Marche 2011
- Casalfarneto, Crisio, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2012
- Colli Ripani, Rugaro Gold Pecorino Offida 2014
- Fiorini, Tenuta Campioli, Bianchetto del Metauro Superiore 2014
- Garofoli, Macrina, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2014
- Garofoli, Podium, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2012
- La Vialla, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2014
- Saladini Pilastrini, Pecorino, Offida 2014
- Santa Barbara, Tardivo Ma Non Tardo, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico 2011
- Tenuta di Tavignano, Misco Classico, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2011
- Umani Ronchi, Casal di Serra, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2014
- Umani Ronchi, Plenio, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2012
- Zannotti, Grestio, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico 2014

## Liguria

- Lunae, Etichetta Grigia Vermentino, Colli di Luni 2014

## Lombardy

- La Ghidina di Benedetti Luisella, Ella, Lugana 2014
- Natale Verga, Pinot Grigio, Provincia di Pavia 2014
- Tenuta Rovaglia, Filo di Arianna Vendemmia Tardiva, Lugana 2012

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

- Alta Italia, Chardonnay, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2014
- Castello della Rosa Pinot Grigio, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2014
- Cavit, Bottega Vinai Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014
- Cavit, Bottega Vinai Sauvignon Blanc, Trentino 2014
- Cavit, Rocca Murer Sauvignon Blanc, Trentino 2014
- Colterenzio, Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014
- Hans Rottensteiner, Carnol Pinot Bianco, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014
- La Vis, Ritratti Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014
- La Vis, Vigneti di Montagna Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014
- Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Chardonnay, Trentino 2014
- Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Riserva Chardonnay, Trentino 2013
- Mezzacorona, Chardonnay, Trentino 2014
- Morrisons, Signature Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014
- Nals Margreid, Baron Salvadori,

- Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012
- Nals Margreid, Mantele Sauvignon Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- Nals Margreid, Sirmian Pinot Bianco, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013
- Rotaliana, Gewürztraminer, Trentino 2014
- San Michael-Eppan, Montiggl Riesling, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014
- San Michele Appiano, Pinot Grigio Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014

## Umbria

- Chiorri, Grechetto 2014
- Perticaia, Trebbiano Spoletino, Spoleto 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection, Orvieto Classico 2014
- Tudernum, Colle Nobile Grechetto Superiore, Todi 2014

## Valle d'Aosta

- Anselmet, Petite Arvine 2013
- La Source, Petite Arvine 2013
- Otin, Petite Arvine 2013

## Bronze rosé

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

- Caviro, Dino, Delle Venezie 2014

## Le Marche

- Angeli di Varano, Pinko Nero 2013

## Bronze red

## Abruzzo

- Bosco Nestore, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2012
- Cantina Miglianico, il Fondatore, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2011
- Casal Thaulero, Duca Thaulero Riserva Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2010
- Caviro, Romio, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2012
- Collefriso, Di Collefriso, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2008
- Collefriso, Vignaquadra, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2010
- Dragani, Don Gabriele, Terre di Chieti 2014
- Feudo Antico, Riserva, Tullum 2010
- Frentana, Torre Vinaria, Terre di Chieti 2013
- Orlandi Contucci Ponno, La Regia Specula, Colline Teramane 2011
- Rosarubra, Lomanegra, Colline Pescaresi 2008
- Tenuta Ulisse, Unico, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2013
- Valle Reale, Vigneto di Popoli, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2010



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Laura DePasquale MS

(also judged Southern Italy and Veneto)

DEPASQUALE'S FIRST SERIOUS introduction to wine was in the late 1980s in New York City, where she worked as a bartender at Arizona 206, followed by a stint as beverage director at the Royalton Hotel. In the early 1990s, she moved to Miami and worked as an award-winning sommelier at Norman's restaurant until she was recruited by Palm Bay International in 2001 as Florida's fine wine specialist. After 10 years with the company, DePasquale left Palm Bay as vice president of fine wine development. In 2011, she was recruited by The Country Vintner to run Stacole, the company's fine wine division based in Boca Raton, where she is general manager.

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● Zaccagnini, Tralcetto, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2013

## Emilia-Romagna

● La Sabbiona, Centesimino, Ravenna 2013  
● Mont'Arquato, Duca di Ferro Riserva, Gutturnio 2010  
● Torre San Martino, Vigna Claudia Riserva, Colli di Faenza 2011  
● Umberto Cesari, Sangiovese Riserva, Sangiovese di Romagna 2012

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

● Antico Broilo, Riserva Schioppettino di Prepotto, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2010  
● Beltrame, Tazzelenghe, Delle Venezie 2009  
● Castellargo, Rubéus, Friuli Grave 2013  
● Castelvechio, Cabernet Sauvignon Dileo Carso 2011  
● Il Roncal, Refosco dal Peduncolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2011  
● Le Due Torri, Refosco, Friuli Grave 2011  
● Le Monde, Cabernet Sauvignon Friuli Grave 2013  
● Moschioni, Rosso Reâl, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2009  
● Perusini, Refosco dal Peduncolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2012  
● Piera Martellozzo, Terre Magre, Refosco Friuli Grave 2013  
● Pitars, Naos, Venezia Giulia 2010  
● Rodaro Paolo, Romain Refosco dal Peduncolo, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2009  
● San Simone, Sugano Cabernet Franc, Friuli Grave 2011  
● Stocco, Roos dai Lens, Venezia Giulia 2010

## Lazio

● Casale del Giglio, Madreselva, Lazio 2011  
● Casale del Giglio, Petit Verdot 2013  
● Corte dei Papi Colle Ticchio, Cesanese del Piglio 2013  
● Omina Romana, Cabernet Sauvignon 2011  
● Omina Romana, Ceres Anesidora I 2011  
● Omina Romana, Diana Nemorensis I 2012  
● Omina Romana, Janus Geminus I 2011  
● Principe Pallavicini, Amarasco Cesanese 2013  
● Principe Pallavicini, Casa Romana 2012

## Le Marche

● Colonnara, Lacrima di Morro d'Alba 2013  
● Fioretti Brera, Rigo 23 Riserva, Conero 2012  
● Garofoli, Piancarda, Rosso Conero 2012  
● La Canosa, Muse' 2012  
● Terracuda, Lubaco Aleatico Superiore, Pergola 2012

● Terracuda, Profondo Sangiovese Riserva, Colli Pesaresi 2012  
● Umani Ronchi, Cumaro Riserva, Conero 2010  
● Velenosi, Querciantica Superiore, Lacrima di Morro d'Alba 2013

## Lombardy

● Ca' di Frara, La Casetta, Bonarda, Otrepò Pavese 2013  
● Ca' Maiol, Fabio Contato, Garda Classico 2009  
● Calatroni, Bonarda, Otrepò Pavese 2013  
● Comincioli, Gropèl, Riviera del Garda Bresciano 2011  
● Fiamberti, Vigna Sacca del Prete, Buttafuoco 2008  
● San Michele ai Pianoni, Profondo Riserva, Otrepò Pavese 2006  
● Travaglino, Campo dei Ciliegi, Barbera, Otrepò Pavese 2012  
● Valba, Alessandro Bergamasca 2010  
● Valba, Léonie, Bergamasca 2013  
● Vigna Badalucca, Buttafuoco 2010

## Molise

● Claudio Cipressi, 66, Tintilia 2009  
● Claudio Cipressi, Macchiarossa, Tintilia 2010

## Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol

● Cantina Rotaliana di Mezzolombardo, Riserva, Teroldego Rotaliano Superiore 2011  
● Cantina Sociale Trento, Heredia Novaline Merlot Riserva, Trentino 2011  
● Cavit, Bottega Vinai, Teroldego Rotaliano 2012  
● Cavit, Bottega Vinai Lagrein Dunkel, Trentino 2012  
● Cavit, Bottega Vinai, Merlot, Trentino 2012  
● Cavit, Terrazze della Luna, Teroldego Rotaliano 2013  
● Concilio, Mozart, Trentino 2013  
● Erste & Neue, Lagrein, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013  
● Kurtatsch Cortaccia, Lagrein Frauenrigl, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012  
● Masi, Fojaneghe, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2010  
● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Riserva Teroldego Rotaliano 2012  
● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Riserva Lagrein, Trentino 2012  
● Mezzacorona, Teroldego Trentino 2013  
● Mezzacorona Teroldego Rotaliano 2013  
● Pravis, Fratagrande, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2011  
● Produttori Bolzano, Lagrein Riserva, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012  
● Rottensteiner, Lagrein Gries Riserva Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012  
● San Leonardo, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2007  
● Sociale Trento, Heredia, Trentino Ziresi 2012  
● Tesco, Finest Teroldego, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2013

## Umbria

● Adanti, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2008  
● Bocale, Montefalco 2011  
● Castello di Corbara, Calistri Sangiovese, Lago di Corbara 2012  
● Castello di Corbara, Lago di Corbara 2012  
● Paolo & Noemia d'Amico, Notturmo dei Calanchi, Pinot 2012  
● Perticaia, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2010  
● Scacciadiavoli, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2010  
● Tenuta Alzatura, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2009  
● Tenuta Rocca di Fabbri, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2010  
● Tudernum, Fidenzio, Sagrantino di Montefalco 2009

## Valle d'Aosta

● Anselmet, Fumin 2012  
● Eleonora Charrere, Fumin 2011  
● Otin, Fumin 2012



**Bronze sweet white**

## Friuli-Venezia Giulia

● Roberto Scubla, Cratis, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2011  
● Ronco del Gelso, Aur, Delle Venezie 2011

## Lazio

● Principe Pallavicini, Stillato 2013

### Commended sparkling white EMILIA-ROMAGNA

● Caviro, Romio Pignoletto Frizzante, Colli Bolognesi 2014 ● Riunite, Moscato Trebbiano Lambrusco dell'Emilia NV

### FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

● Ca' Bolani, Frizzante, Prosecco NV  
● Stella, Extra Dry, Prosecco 2014

### LOMBARDY

● Barone Pizzini, Satèn Brut, Franciacorta 2011 ● Berlucchi, Freccianera Brut, Franciacorta 2010 ● Berlucchi, Freccianera Nature, Franciacorta 2010 ● Ca' d'Or, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Franciacorta NV ● La Montina, Pas Dosè Riserva, Franciacorta 2007 ● La Montina, Satèn Brut, Franciacorta NV ● Romantica, Brut, Franciacorta 2012 ● Tenuta Il Bosco, Oltrenero Brut, Otrepò Pavese Metodo Classico NV ● Travaglino, Gran Cuvée Nero Brut, Otrepò Pavese Metodo Classico 2008 ● Villa Franciacorta, Extra Brut Franciacorta 2008

### TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE/SÜDTIROL

● Altemasi Brut Trento 2010

### VINO DA TAVOLA

● Duca del Valentino, Secco NV ● Mionetto, Cuvée Sergio 1887 Extra Dry 2014 ● Piera Martellozzo, Millesimato Extra Dry 075 Carati 2014

### Commended sparkling rosé LOMBARDY

● Travaglino, Montecérésino Cruasé Brut, Otrepò Pavese Metodo Classico 2011

### VINO DA TAVOLA

● Chiarli, Vino Spumante Rosé Brut 2014 ● Duca del Valentino, Rosato Secco NV ● Le Contesse, Pinot C Brut 2014

### Commended sparkling red EMILIA-ROMAGNA

● Monte delle Vigne, Lambrusco, Emilia 2013 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Lambrusco dell'Emilia NV ● Zanasi, Graspadolce, Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro 2014 ● Zanasi, Graspaoiro, Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro 2014 ● Zanasi, Secco, Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro 2014

### Commended white ABRUZZO

● Codice Citra, Palio Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014 ● Colle Moro Alianto, Terre di Chieti 2014 ● Frentana Torre 2014 ● Jasci & Marchesani, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2014 ● La Cascina del Colle, Kukukaya Terre di Chieti 2014 ● Orion Wines, Pehhcora Pecorino, Terre di Chieti 2014 ● Zaccagnini, Kasaura Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2014

### EMILIA-ROMAGNA

● Bonelli, Ortrugo Frizzante, Colli Piacentini 2014 ● Monte delle Vigne, Callas, Emilia 2012 ● Romio, Albana di Romagna 2014 ● Umberto Cesari, Colle del Re Albana di Romagna 2014 ● Umberto Cesari, Moma, Rubicone 2014

### FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

● Antonutti, Sauvignon Friuli Grave 2014 ● Beltrame, Friulano, Friuli Aquilea 2013 ● Borgo Conventi, Pinot Grigio, Collio 2014 ● Borgo Conventi, Sauvignon, Collio 2014 ● Ca' Ronessa, Pinot Bianco Collio 2014 ● Fossa Mala, Chardonnay, Friuli Grave 2013 ● Giorgio Colutta, Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2014 ● Il Roncal, Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013 ● La Roncaia, Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013 ● La Tunella, Col Matiss Sauvignon, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013 ● Lis Neris, Confini, Friuli Isonzo 2012 ● Marco Felluga, Col Disòre, Collio 2011 ● Marco Felluga, Sauvignon, Collio 2013 ● Marco Sclaris, Pinot Grigio, Collio 2013 ● Piera Martellozzo, Terre Magre Pinot Grigio, Friuli Grave 2014 ● Principato, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014 ● Puiatti, Fun Sauvignon Venezia Giulia 2014 ● Ronco dei Tassi, Fosarin, Collio 2013 ● Ruffino, Lumina Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014 ● Salatin, Pinot Grigio, Friuli Grave 2014 ● Scarbolo, My Time, Venezia Giulia 2011 ● Tenuta Fernanda Cappello, Sauvignon, Friuli Grave 2013 ● Vigna Traverso, Sauvignon Blanc, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013 ● Vigne del Malina, Pinot Grigio, Venezia Giulia 2011 ● Vigne del Malina, Sauvignon, Venezia Giulia 2011 ● Zuani, Riserva, Collio 2012

### LAZIO

● Lorenzo Costantini, Borgo del Cedro Frascati Superiore 2013 ● Omina Romana, Chardonnay 2013 ● Paolo ➤

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& Noemia d'Amico, Calanchi di Vaiano Chardonnay 2013

#### LE MARCHE

● La Canosa, Peko', Offida 2014 ● Monte Schiavo, Coste del Molino, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico 2014 ● Monte Schiavo, Pallio di San Floriano, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2014 ● Piersanti, Zecci Collezione, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico 2013 ● Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Verdicchio Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico 2014 ● Saladini Pilastrini, Falerio 2014 ● Saputi, Castru Vecchium, Ribona, Colli Maceratesi 2014 ● Vallerosa Bonci, Pietrone Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva 2009 ●

#### LIGURIA

● Lunae, Cavagino, Vermentino, Colli di Luni 2013

#### LOMBARDY

● Avanzi, Giovanni Avanzi Sirmione Lugana 2014 ● Bulgarini Fausto, Lugana 2014 ● La Travaglina, Rugiadé Riesling Otrepò Pavese 2014 ● Perla del Garda, Madonna della Scoperta, Lugana Superiore 2011 ● Tenuta Roveglia, Limne Lugana 2014 ● Travaglino, Lunano Pinot Grigio Otrepò Pavese 2014

#### TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE/SÜDTIROL

● Alta Italia, Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Asda, Extra Special Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Ca' Mandato, Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2013 ● Cantina Sociale Trento, Heredia Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Cavit, Bottega Vinai, Gewürztraminer, Trentino 2014 ● Cavit, Terrazze della Luna Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Concilio, Contessa Giovanna Manzi Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Forte Alto, Pinot Grigio Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2014 ● Franz Haas, Manna Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2012 ● Franz Haas, Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2013 ● La Vis, Storie di Vite Pinot Grigio, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2014 ● Maso Grener, Vigna Tratta Chardonnay, Trentino 2013 ● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Assonanza, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2013 ● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Mezzacorona, Pinot Grigio Trentino 2014 ● Monfort, Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● Pravis, Teramara, Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2013 ● Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Pinot Grigio, Trentino 2014 ● St Pauls, Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2014 ● Tesco, Finest Pinot Grigio Trentino 2014

#### UMBRIA

● La Piuma, Orvieto 2014 ● Paolo & Noemia d'Amico, Terre di Ala 2013

#### Commended rosé

##### LOMBARDY

● Adria Vini, Italia Pinot Grigio Rosé, Provincia di Pavia 2014 ● Comincioli, Diamante, Riviera del Garda Bresciano 2014

#### Commended red

##### ABRUZZO

● Codice Citra, Caroso, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2010 ● Costantini Antonio, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2011 ● Dragani, Gunè Riserva, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2008 ● Feudo Antico, Tullum 2011 ● Illuminati, Riparosso,

##### Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2013 ●

Illuminati, Zanna Riserva Colline Teramane 2010 ● Italo Pietrantoni, Cerano Riserva, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2010 ● Marramiero, Incanto, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2012 ● Marramiero, Inferi Riserva, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2011 ● Orsogna, Nican, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2008 ● Ripa Teatina, Spyro, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009 ● Rosarubra, Intimo, Colline Pescaresi NV ● Sainsbury's, House Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2013 ● San Lorenzo, Escol Riserva, Colline Teramane 2009 ● The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2013 ● Zaccagnini, San Clemente, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2011

#### EMILIA-ROMAGNA

● Caviro, Tavernello Sangiovese, Rubicone 2014 ● Caviro, Terre Forti Sangiovese, Rubicone 2014 ● Gruppo Cevico Tavino Sangiovese Rubicone 2014 ● Le Rocche Malatestiane, E Nèr, Cabernet Sauvignon Riserva, Colli di Rimini 2012 ● Leonardo da Vinci, Rubicaia, Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore 2013 ● Morrisons, Signature Sangiovese, Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore 2013 ● Poderi dal Nespole, Le Prugneto Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore 2013 ● Predappio di Predappio, Vigna de Generale, Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore Riserva 2012 ● Terragens, Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore Riserva 2012 ● Torre San Martino, Vigna 1922 Riserva, Sangiovese di Romagna 2011 ● Trere, Re Nero, Colli di Faenza 2013

#### FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

● Campo del Viotto, Merlot, Venezia Giulia 2012 ● Fossa Mala, ReFossa, Friuli Grave 2011 ● Le Due Torri Merlot, Friuli Grave 2011 ● Malina, Merlot, Venezia Giulia 2009 ● Rodaro Paolo, Romain Schioppettino Colli Orientali del Friuli 2010 ● Ronco dei Tassi, Cjarandon Riserva, Collio 2009

#### LAZIO

● Corte dei Papi, San Magno, Cesanese del Piglio 2012 ● Le Lase, Thesan 2009 ● Lorenzo Costantini, Borgo del Cedro 2013 ● Omina Romana, Merlot 2011

#### LE MARCHE

● La Canosa, Nullius 2013 ● La Canosa, Nullius 2012 ● La Canosa, Nummaria, Rosso Piceno Superiore 2013 ● La Vigne di Franca, Crismòn 2012 ● Le Senate, Barbula 2013 ● Le Senate, Cacinello 2012 ● Paolino & Stanford, Baccolino, Offida 2010 ● Umani Ronchi, Fonte del re, Lacrima di Morro d'Alba 2013 ● Velenosi, Ludi, Offida 2011

#### LIGURIA

● Lunae, Niccolo' V, Colli di Luni 2010

#### LOMBARDY

● Comincioli, Sulér, Riviera del Garda Bresciano 2011 ● Conte Vistarino, Pernice Pinot Nero, Provincia di Pavia 2010 ● Prime Altare, Pinot Noir Centopercento, Provincia di Pavia 2012 ● Rivetti & Lauro, Uì Inferno Vigna 117, Valtellina Superiore 2011 ● Tenuta Roveglia, Ca' d'Oro Cabernet Sauvignon, Garda 2011 ● Valba, Lavinia, Bergamasca 2011

#### TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE/SÜDTIROL

● Bottega Vinai, Pinot Nero, Trentino 2013 ● Castelfeder, Burgum Novum Pinot Nero, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012 ● Concilio, Vigna Braide Teroldego Rotaliano 2013 ● Maso Cantanghel, Pinot Nero, Trentino 2011 ● Maso Grener, Vigna Bindesi Pinot Nero, Trentino 2013 ● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian, Teroldego Rotaliano 2013 ● Mezzacorona, Castel Firmian Merlot, Trentino 2013 ● Produttori Bolzano, Cabernet Riserva Mumelter, Alto Adige/Südtirol 2012

#### UMBRIA

● Lungarotti, Vigna Monticchio, Rubesco, Torgiano Rosso Riserva 2009 ● Montemelino, Vigna Alta 2011 ●

Pomario, Sariano 2011 ● Rocca di Fabbri, Riserva, Montefalco 2008 ● Tudernum, Sangiovese Todi 2012 ● Vitalonga, Terra di Confine 2012

#### VALLE D'AOSTA

● La Source, Syrah 2011

#### VINO DA TAVOLA

● 47 Anno Domini, Garbin 2011 ● Bibi Graetz, Casamatta NV ● Cantina di Verona, AP 2012 ● Judeka, Frabianco 2014 ● Provinco Italia, Grande Alberone NV

#### Commended sweet white

##### FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

● Rodaro Paolo, Verduzzo Friulano, Colli Orientali del Friuli 2013

## Rhône



#### Regional Chair

**John Livingstone-Learmonth** (see judges, p4)

THE DIVERSITY OF the Rhône, and its ability to provide stimulating wines, were the highlights DWWA 2015. Two white Regional Trophies: a refined Muscat de Beaufort from the south, and a dining-friendly, deep

St-Joseph from the north. A red Regional Trophy and two Golds: a complex Châteauneuf-du-Pape from the illustrious 2010 vintage, a beautiful, lyrical Hermitage and a handsome, full Séguret from one of the most picturesque villages of the south. However, it remains the case that, if shopping for bargains in the massive Côtes du Rhône category, you still have to select carefully from trusted names.

#### What should we buy from here?

Buzzing away well are the fringe areas of the Rhône. Clairette de Die, from the foothills of the Alps, provides sparkling wines with character, a note of Muscat grapeyness, and a wonderfully low alcohol of 8%. Coteaux des Baronnies wines come from a setting of high lands and meadows at over 500m altitude east of Nyons, and are an outlet for good Chardonnay – better than from the Ardèche – as well as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Cairanne is still comfortably the top Rhône Village, backed by Plan de Dieu and Séguret.

#### What should we leave on the shelf?

Two appellations continue to struggle to provide quality across the board: Lirac and Vacqueyras possess some very good domaines, but also serve up wines marred by very basic winemaking faults – oxidative wines, and wines with brett that smell like dead animals. This is not good enough. Another area to be suspicious about is wine from good appellations such as Gigondas sold at cheap prices – under £15. These mostly come from merchants or large enterprises, which buy grapes, and are therefore unable to closely supervise vineyards that demand rigorous care during tricky summers. Stick to small domaines, pay more, and enjoy.

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## What should we keep an eye on?

White Rhône wines have long been ignored or misunderstood, since they do not conform to a world of Sauvignon Blanc and immediate acidity. These are wines whose basis is glycerol – a grapey richness, with texture a prime part of their appeal. The market is picking up on their qualities, suited as they are to so many dining options: butter-based, sauced dishes, Asiatic cuisine, white meats, strong fish and cheese, for example. In the northern Rhône 2013 was fabulous for wines made from Marsanne – Hermitage, St-Joseph, St-Péray and Crozes-Hermitage; while 2013 and 2014 in the southern Rhône are excellent vintages, with standout clarity of fruit.



### Gold red

- **Delas, Domaine des Tourettes, Hermitage 2012 (13.5%)**

£55 **Berkmann Wine Cellars**  
A complex nose which exults the north with its meaty, grounded nature and tones of cherry, smoke, dark plum, chocolate and spice. This is genuine Hermitage, displaying proper local expression, well-harnessed power, and an almost Pinot-like finesse, but with bold, ripe fruit and a finely judged wrap of oak.

- **Domaine de Mourchon, Grande Réserve, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret 2012 (14.5%)**

£17.99 **Averys**  
\$35 **Dionysus USA**  
Deep, serious and mysterious but also full and nicely fresh. The palate moves well, with attractive, powerful, ripe black fruits and a pleasing, fleshy feel to the acid expression; the finish rounded off by just a nibble of tannin. This is a very complete, balanced and confident glass of wine at an excellent price.

### Rhône won

0 International Trophies (see p19)  
3 Regional Trophies (see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards



### Silver sparkling white

- **Poulet & Fils, Clairette de Die NV**



### Silver white

- **Cave de Tain, Hermitage 2011**
- **Delas, Galopine, Condrieu 2013**
- **Jean-Luc Colombo, La Belle de Mai, St-Péray 2013**
- **Laudun Chusclan, Esprit du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Domaines des Grands Amandiers, Condrieu 2013**
- **Rémi Niero, Chéry, Condrieu 2013**



### Silver rosé

- **Domaine de la Mordorée, La Dame Rousse, Tavel 2014**



### Silver red

- **Aldi, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2014**
- **Cellier des Dauphins, Les Dauphins, Côtes du Rhône-Villages St-Maurice 2014**
- **Château Courac, Côtes du Rhône 2013**
- **Château des Coccinelles, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Signargues 2013**
- **Château Les Amoureuses, Dandy Black, Vin de France 2011**
- **Domaine de la Bastide, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan 2014**
- **Domaine de la Mordorée, La Reine des Bois Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013**
- **Domaine de Nalys, Le Châtaignier, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2011**
- **Domaine Duclaux, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010**
- **Domaine Les Grands Bois, Cuvée Eloïse, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2013**
- **Domaine Tour St-Michel, Feminessance, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012**
- **Domaines Viticoles Renouard, Terrasses d'Hortense, Costières de Nimes 2011**
- **Gabriel Meffre, Laurus, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013**
- **Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Bartavelles, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012**
- **Le Mas Sylvia, Cuvée Carmen, Coteaux des Baronnie 2012**
- **Louis Bernard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013**
- **Maison Bouachon La Tiare du Pape, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2011**
- **Paul Coulon et Fils, Domaine de Beurenard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010**
- **Pavillon St-Pierre, Côtes du Rhône 2013**
- **Romain Duvernay, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Vidal-Fleury, Hermitage 2010**



### Silver fortified white

- **Domaine des Bernardins, Muscat de Beaufort-de-Venise 2014**



### Bronze sparkling white

- **Jaillance, Eclat de Die, Clairette de Die NV**
- **Jaillance, Henri Bonnet Cuvée Tradition, Clairette de Die NV**
- **Jaillance, Tradition Bio, Clairette de Die NV**
- **Jaillance, Tradition Doux Fruité, Clairette de Die NV**



### Bronze white

- **Château St-Louis la Perdrix, Costières de Nimes 2014**
- **Domaine de la Verrière, Chêne Bleu, Vaucluse 2011**
- **Domaine des Sénéchaux, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013**
- **Domaine du Chêne, Condrieu 2013**
- **Domaine Le Pointu, Feuille d'Or, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010**
- **Guy Farge, Vania, St-Joseph 2013**
- **Le Mas Sylvia, Cuvée Naïade, Coteaux des Baronnie 2013**
- **Les Dauphins, Réserve, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Marks & Spencer, Réserve du Bouldes, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Laudun 2014**
- **Ogier, Clos de l'Oratoire des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2014**
- **Vidal-Fleury, Crozes-Hermitage 2014**



### Bronze rosé

- **Cellier des Dauphins, Dauphins, Organic, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Château St-Louis la Perdrix, Costières de Nimes 2014**



### Bronze red

- **Arc du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2013**
- **Asda Côtes du Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu 2013**
- **Bonpas, Réserve de Bonpas, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Cave de Tain, Arènes Sauvages, Cornas 2011**
- **Cave de Tain, Hermitage 2012**
- **Cellier des Dauphins, Waitrose Classic, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Cellier des Dauphins, Coteaux des Baronnie 2014**
- **Cellier des Dauphins, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Massif d'Uchaux 2014**
- **Cellier des Princes, Les Hauts des Coteaux, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012**
- **Château Clématis, Excellence, Côtes du Rhône 2010**
- **Château Courac, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Laudun 2013**
- **Château de Bouchassy, Quatuor, Lirac 2012**
- **Château de Manissy, Côtes du Rhône 2014**
- **Château de Segries, Clos de L'Hermitage, Côtes du Rhône 2011**
- **Château des Coccinelles, Côtes du Rhône 2013**
- **Château Maucoil, Privilège, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012**
- **Château Mourgues du Grès, Les Capitelles, Costières de Nimes 2011**
- **Château Rochecolombe, Côtes du Rhône 2013**
- **Château Sixtine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013**
- **Château-Bizard, Montagne de Raucoule, Grignan lès Adhémar 2012**
- **Chêne Bleu Astralabe, Ventoux 2011**
- **Clefs des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010** ➤



### BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

## Jennifer Docherty MW

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- Clos de Caveau, Lao Muse, Vacqueyras 2012
- Domaine Brusset, Hommage à André Brusset, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2012
- Domaine Chaume-Arnaud, La Cadène, Vinsobres 2012
- Domaine Comte de L'Auze, Réserve de la Comtesse, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine de Cabasse, Casa Bassa, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret 2010
- Domaine de Carabiniers, Dementer, Lirac 2012
- Domaine de la Mordorée, La Reine des Bois Lirac 2013
- Domaine de Nalys, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012
- Domaine de Provensol, Cléduny, Côtes du Rhône 2012
- Domaine des Chanssaud, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine des Remizières, Cuvée Emilie, Hermitage 2013
- Domaine des Sénéchaux, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012
- Domaine du Chêne, St-Joseph 2012
- Domaine Font de Michelle, Cuvée Tradition Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine Juliette Avril, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine Le Clos de Caveau, Les Bateliers, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Domaine Le Pointu, Mathieu, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010
- Domaine Le Pointu, Aeternalis, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2009
- Domaine Le Pointu, Clément, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2010
- Domaine Les Grands Bois, Cuvée Maximilien, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2014
- Domaine Rochevine, Coeur de Rochevine, St-Joseph 2011
- Domaine St-Amant, Grangeneuve, Beaugues de Venise 2012
- Domaine St-Etienne, Les Galets, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2013
- Domaines Renouard, Sacmandre, Costières de Nîmes 2009
- Gabriel Meffre, Domaine de Longue Toque, Gigondas 2012
- Gabriel Meffre, Laurus, Gigondas 2013
- Gabriel Meffre, St-Mapalis, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu 2014
- Gabriel Meffre, St-Théodoric, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Grandes Serres, La Cours des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2011
- Jean-Luc Colombo, La Louvée, Cornas 2012
- Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Ruchets, Cornas 2012
- Jean-Luc Colombo, Terres Brulées, Cornas 2012
- Le Gravillas, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Sablet 2014
- Le Mas Sylvia, Cuvée Amazone, Coteaux des Baronnie 2012
- M Chapoutier, La Bernadine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012
- Maison Bouachon, La Tiare du Pape, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012
- Ogier, Marks & Spencer, Les Closiers, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2011

- Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Les Grandes Terrasses, Cornas 2011
- Perrin, The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition, Crozes-Hermitage 2012
- Terra Ventoux, Secret de Truffes, Ventoux 2012
- Terra Ventoux, Terres de Truffes, Ventoux 2012
- Vincent Paris, Sélection, Cornas 2013

#### Commended sparkling white

- Jaillance, Tradition Doux Fruité Organic, Clairette de Die NV
- Monge Granon, Tradition, Clairette de Die NV

#### Commended white

- Cellier des Dauphins, Signature, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Château Beauchene, Viognier, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Château Bizard, Blanc d'Amour, Grignan lès Adhémar 2014
- Château Courac, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Laudun 2014
- Château Mourgues du Grès, Capitelles, Costières de Nîmes 2013
- Domaine de l'Amauve, Daurèle, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret 2014
- Domaine St-Amant, La Tabardonne, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2013
- Gilles Flacher, Les Rouelles, Condrieu 2013
- Jean-Luc Colombo, La Redonne, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- La Verrerie, Viognier, Vaucluse 2014
- Laudun Chusclan, Cinq Cépages, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Léon Perdigal, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Ogier, Héritages, Côtes du Rhône 2014

#### Commended rosé

- Château d'Aqueria, Tavel 2014
- Château La Verrerie, Luberon 2014
- Domaine Amido, Les Amandines, Tavel 2014
- Domaine de la Verrière, Chêne

- Bleu, Vaucluse 2014
- Domaine de Tara, Terre d'Ocres, Vaucluse 2014
- Domaine des Carabiniers, Tavel 2014
- Domaine Lafond, Roc-Epine, Tavel 2014
- Terres d'Avignon, La Grange des Filles, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Vidal-Fleury, Côtes du Rhône 2014

#### Commended red

- Arc du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2012
- Asda Extra Special, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2014
- Aureto, Tempesta, Vaucluse 2012
- Baron d'Escalin, Jardin d'Escalin, Grignan lès Adhémar 2013
- Baron d'Escalin Domaine Vergobbi, Grignan lès Adhémar 2011
- Blason du Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Bonpas, Réserve, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Bonpas, Ventoux 2014
- Bosquet des Papes, Chante Le Merle Vieilles Vignes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Canteperdrix, Madazanum, Ventoux 2012
- Cave de Tain, Grand Classique, Crozes-Hermitage 2013
- Cave de Tain, Tesco Finest Crozes-Hermitage 2013
- Cellier des Chartreux, Chevalier d'Anthelme, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Cellier des Dauphins, Les Dauphins, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Puyméras 2014
- Cellier des Dauphins, Signature, Vieilles Vignes, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Cellier des Dauphins, Costières de Nîmes 2014
- Cellier des Dauphins, Vinsobres 2014
- Cellier des Princes, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2013
- Château Beauchene, Grande Réserve, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Château Clématis, Corsés, Côtes du Rhône 2011
- Château Clématis, Fruité, Côtes du Rhône 2011
- Château d'Aqueria, Lirac 2012
- Château Fortia, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Château Maucoil, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Château

- St-Sauveur, Chapelle St-Sixte, Beaugues de Venise 2012
- Château St-Sauveur, L'Homme de Coeur, Ventoux 2012
- Château Val Joanis, Tradition Rouge, Luberon 2012
- Château Vessière Philippe de Vessière Costières de Nîmes 2012
- Cuvée du Vatican, Réserve de l'Abbé, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Delas, St-Esprit, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Domaine Cabanis, Tradition, Costières de Nîmes 2013
- Domaine Chamfort, Vasco Perdigao, Vacqueyras 2013
- Domaine Coste Chaude, Florilège, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Domaine de la Canarde, Vinsobres 2012
- Domaine de la Présidente, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Cairanne 2013
- Domaine de la Tourade, l'Euse, Vacqueyras 2012
- Domaine de Provensol, Coucou, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Domaine des 3 Celliers, Alchimie, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine des Anges, Archange, Ventoux 2012
- Domaine des Carabiniers, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Domaine des Coccinelles, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Domaine des Garrigues, Lirac 2013
- Domaine du Fournier, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Signargues 2013
- Domaine Eygrestre, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret 2013
- Domaine Florence Mejan, Lirac 2014
- Domaine Gris des Bauries, Les Chaix, Côtes du Rhône 2012
- Domaine La Lyre, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Domaine les Girard du Boucou, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Domaine Les Grands Bois, Cuvée Marc, Rasteau 2014
- Domaine Roche-Audran, Marius Le Pére Mayeux, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan 2012
- Domaine Rouge-Bleu, Mistral, Côtes du Rhône 2012
- Domaine Terre Davau, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Domaine Tour St-Michel, Deux Soeurs, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Gabriel Meffre, Laurus, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2013
- Gabriel Meffre, Ste-Catherine, Gigondas 2013
- J Boulard, Esprit des Trois Pierres, Costières de Nîmes 2014
- Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Forot, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Gravières, Crozes-Hermitage 2013
- La Compagnie Rhodanienne, Exigence, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Laudun Chusclan, Esprit du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Laudun Chusclan Vignerons Clos de Taman, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Laudun 2014
- Lavau, Gigondas 2013
- Le Clairon des Anges, Costières de Nîmes 2013
- Le Gravillas, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu 2014
- Le Gravillas, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Séguret 2014
- Les Dauphins, Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan 2014
- Louis Mousset, Habemus No 265, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- M Chapoutier, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Maison Bouachon, La Maurelle, Crozes-Hermitage 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Légit du Pape, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013
- Moncigale, Eclat du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Morrisons, Côtes du Rhône NV
- Nicolas Perrin, Crozes-Hermitage 2012
- Ogier, Héritages, Côtes du Rhône 2014
- Ortas, La Domelière, Rasteau 2013
- Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Joël Robuchon, Ventoux 2013
- Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Les Jalets, Crozes-Hermitage 2012
- Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Parallèle 45, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Pavillon St-Pierre, Grande Réserve, Côtes du Rhône 2013
- Peloux, Palais des Anciens, Costières de Nîmes 2014
- Peloux, Palais des Anciens Réserve, Bouches-du-Rhône 2014
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2013



#### BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Laura Rhys MS *(also judged Canada)*

RHYS STARTED HER wine career after gaining a degree in hospitality from college and taking a WSET course, which led her to focus on wine. Her first job was at the Hotel du Vin in Winchester, and during her time there, she won a regional heat of the Ruinart UK Sommelier of the Year in 2007. When Hotel TerraVina opened in 2007, Rhys moved with Gerard Basset MS MW as head sommelier, and in 2009 began studying for her Master Sommelier qualification, passing the practical the first year and gaining the theory and tasting parts in 2010.



# Sherry



**Regional Co-Chair**

**Pedro Ballesteros Torres**  
MW (see judges, p4)

SHERRY IS A scandalous category in the DWWA – 95% of wines entered this year won an award – an amazing performance, and all thanks to the relentless effort of most Sherry bodegas to improve quality. Although there were excellent wines in all

styles, the most impressive results were in those categories where there is a firm focus on quality over quantity: VORS (Very Old Rare Sherry), pasado, en rama and palo cortado. But even the average quality in the best known, most prolific categories – fino, manzanilla, oloroso and amontillado – is now better than ever. For those still with memories of clumsy Sherries of the past, I urge you to try these DWWA winners.

**What should we buy from here?**

Almost anything! In tasting terms, fino and manzanilla are, at 15% alcohol, table wines with a lovely original expression and unique affinity with refined food. The pasado and palmas styles require heavier dishes, but their complexity is amazing. Palo cortado is best on its own – try a glass as an aperitif. The VORS are extravagant jewels for those looking for ultimate refinement. And bathe your Stilton in our International and Regional Trophy-winning Pedro Ximénez wines: magic!

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

Cream Sherry is the one style that has not seen improvements in quality; with a few exceptions, most are uninteresting. Besides, there are far too many other sweet fortified wine alternatives to cream, including great PX and some Moscatel. Some very cheap fino and manzanilla can still be found on supermarket shelves, under unknown brands. Ignore them. Top-quality manzanilla and fino are quite affordable anyway.

**What should we keep an eye on?**

The freshness and depth of the best en rama wines are superb – snap them up in the short window they are available. Manzanilla is a complex alternative to bland Pinot Grigio in wine bars, and look out for more Sherries on restaurant lists.



**Regional Co-Chair**

**Sarah Jane Evans** MW  
(see judges, p4)

THE SHERRY JUDGING is watched with a certain amount of envy – the stately progression of these glorious wines from the youngest to the oldest. Gradually the colours arriving at the table of the judges become richer and deeper, always glinting alluringly in

the glass. Sherry is a great sensuous experience; with the mature amontillados and palos cortados offering superb

complexity of aromas even before you taste them. It's hard not to get carried away by the superlatives. As we award the Golds and Trophies we always ask ourselves 'what more could this wine possibly do?' And the answer regularly with Sherry this year was 'nothing; it's perfect'.

**What should we buy from here?**

All wines winning awards this year come with our warmest recommendation. I'd particularly highlight the increasing number of wines released with more age than the basic regulations require, giving each an individual edge. The Palmas series from Gonzalez Byass is one such; they are from the Tío Pepe cellar but with more years in the solera. Be sure to buy palo cortados; our four Golds are fascinating wines. They lie on the cusp between youth and age, purity and richness. And our Trophy-winning Pedro Ximénez are extraordinary sweet fortifieds. Their silent years in the bodega have given them a kind of wisdom.

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

Young, watery manzanillas and finos have no charm, except at the spring fairs in Andalucia when they are refreshing. These are still the wines that populate supermarket shelves, along with the pale creams and sweetened amontillados.

**What should we keep an eye on?**

The trend for en rama Sherry started a few years back, and is continuing to grow. Not always a better wine, but they should deliver finos and manzanillas with more depth and flavour and freshness – like the wines as you would taste them in the cellar. Moscatel: the lovely but rare in-between category that has half the sweetness of Pedro Ximénez. It's light enough to drink. There's very little of it about now, and it has nothing at all to do with the bargain-basement Moscatels from Valencia.



**Gold dry**

- **Gonzalez Byass, Una Palma Fino (15.5%)**  
£15.09/500ml **General Wine Co, Lay & Wheeler**

A traditional style of fino, with an intense, iodine tang alongside concentrated aromas of camomile, hay, bruised pear and smoked cheese. Full in body and rich in flavour, this is complex and superbly long, with a bready fruit intensity that is almost more like an amontillado.

- **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Pastrana Manzanilla Pasada (15%)**  
£12.99 **Majestic, Sainsbury's, Waitrose**
- **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Pastrana Manzanilla Pasada (15%)**  
£12.99 **Majestic, Sainsbury's, Waitrose**
- **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Pastrana Manzanilla Pasada (15%)**  
£12.99 **Majestic, Sainsbury's, Waitrose**

**Sherry won**

- 2 International Trophies (see p19)**
- 1 Regional Trophy (see p56)**

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Sherry that should be enjoyed with food. A serious manzanilla.

- **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Wellington 30 Years Old VORS Palo Cortado (19%)**  
£60/500ml **Nickolls & Perks**
- Delicate, complex and impeccably balanced, with nutty notes and earthy old wood aromas. There's great harmony here, with a luscious, rich palate of toasted cedar, walnuts, tanned leather, almonds, chocolate and quince paste, ending in a refined, lengthy finish. A top wine. ➤

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● **Lustau, 30 Years VORS Amontillado (21.5%)**  
£52.49-£55/500ml **Amazon, Berry Bros & Rudd, Fields Morris & Verdin**  
Extremely complex, restrained, deeply aristocratic and hugely classy, with a nose of fresh tar, dark chocolate and marmalade. This is a jewel, with a long and powerful finish which carries notes of Christmas cake, smoke, salty fruit and piercing acidity.

● **Lustau, 30 Years VORS Oloroso (20.5%)**  
£52.49-£56/500ml **Amazon, Berry Bros & Rudd, Fields Morris & Verdin**  
Multi-faceted and powerful, with a profound nose of vanilla, beeswax, garrigue, furniture polish, dates and leaves. The linear palate exudes tangerine fruit, coconut, maple bacon, almonds, wood and chestnut purée with a salty, mineral finish.

● **Lustau, 30 Years VORS Palo Cortado (21.5%)**  
£52.49-£57/500ml **Amazon, Berry Bros & Rudd, Fields Morris & Verdin**  
Superbly intense and structured, with salted caramel, liquorice, bitter dark chocolate, bacon, walnuts and leather. This shows character, pervasive length, the careful maturation and amazing complexity. Simply delicious and worthy of any accolade.

● **Morrison's, Signature Oloroso (20%)**  
£5.99/375ml **Morrison's**  
Authentically styled this is very true to its type, possessing brooding depths of rich raisins, figs, liquorice and prunes. To taste it's gutsy and powerful, with textbook oloroso characteristics, and a classical, lovely, long finish.

● **Osborne, Capuchino 30 Years Old VORS Palo Cortado (20%)**  
£21/500ml **Emporia Brands, The Wine Society**  
Soft and smooth but with staying power. Satisfying and rewarding on the nose, with a brilliant, fresh and mellow fruit character. Dry and austere, yet gives so much with flavours of Indian spices, leather, roasted figs, walnuts and umami.

● **Williams & Humbert, Dos Cortados Solera Especial 20 Años Palo Cortado (20.5%)**  
£15.99/375ml **Booths, Fortnum & Mason, Theatre of Wine, Waitrose**  
Enchanting and alluring with a

deep nose of walnut, molasses, mahogany, figs and dates. Full bodied and powerful, there's a real purity to the fruit which shows an underlying richness, plus flavours of smoked almonds and cedar. Ripe, long, rich and distinctive, this is pure class.



- Silver dry**
- **Botaina, Dry Amontillado**
  - **Cayetano del Pino, Solera, Palo Cortado**
  - **Cayetano del Pino Viejísimo 1/5 Butts Palo Cortado**
  - **Fernando de Castilla, Antique Palo Cortado**
  - **Gonzalez Byass, Del Duque VORS Amontillado**
  - **González Byass, Dos Palmas Fino**
  - **González Byass, Tres Palmas Fino**
  - **Harveys, 30 Years VORS Palo Cortado**
  - **Harveys, Extra Dry Fino**
  - **Harveys, 30 Years VORS Amontillado**
  - **Harveys, 30 Years VORS Oloroso**
  - **Hidalgo-La Gitana, En Rama Manzanilla**
  - **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Faraon 30 Years Old Oloroso**
  - **Hidalgo-La Gitana, Manzanilla**
  - **La Ina, Fino**
  - **Lustau, Almacenista Fino del Puerto**
  - **Lustau, Almacenista Manuel Cuevas Jurado Amontillado**
  - **Lustau, Almacenista Pata de Gallina Oloroso**

● **Lustau, Emperatriz Eugenia Very Rare Oloroso**

- **Lustau, Los Arcos Dry Amontillado**
- **Lustau, Marks & Spencer, Very Rare Oloroso**
- **Lustau, Morrison's, Fino**
- **Lustau, Península Palo Cortado**
- **Lustau, Puerto Fino**
- **Lustau, Río Viejo Oloroso**
- **Lustau, Waitrose, Solera Jerezana Dry Amontillado**
- **Lustau, Waitrose, Solera Jerezana, Palo Cortado**
- **Osborne, Sibarita Oloroso**
- **Viniberia, Pedro's Almacenista Selection Palo Cortado**
- **Williams & Humbert, Marks & Spencer, Extra Dry & Light Manzanilla**



- Silver sweet**
- **Gonzalez Byass, Matusalem VORS Oloroso Dulce**
  - **Harveys, 30 Years VORS Pedro Ximénez**
  - **Harveys, 12 Year Old Cream**
  - **Lustau, East India Solera Cream**
  - **Lustau, Emilín Moscatel**
  - **Lustau, San Emilio Pedro Ximénez**
  - **Lustau, Solera Superior Rare Cream**
  - **Osborne, Venerable Pedro Ximenez**



- Bronze dry**
- **Fernando de Castilla, Don Fernando Fino**
  - **Fernando de Castilla, En Rama Fino**

- **González Byass, Apostoles 30 Years Palo Cortado**
- **Lustau, Almacenista Oloroso del Puerto**
- **Lustau, Don Nuño Oloroso**
- **Lustau, Marks & Spencer, Very Rare Amontillado**
- **Lustau, Papirusa Manzanilla**
- **Lustau, Rare Escudrilla Amontillado**
- **Lustau, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Muestra Fino**
- **Lustau, Very Rare Dry Palo Cortado**
- **Osborne, 51-1A VORS Amontillado**
- **Osborne, Fino Quinta**
- **Viniberia, Pedro's Almacenista Selection Amontillado**
- **Viniberia, Pedro's Almacenista Selection Fino**
- **Viniberia, Pedro's Almacenista Selection Oloroso**
- **Williams & Humbert, Alegria Manzanilla**
- **Williams & Humbert, Collection 12 Years Old Oloroso**



- Bronze sweet**
- **Candela, Cream**
  - **Caversham, Premium Cream**
  - **Gonzalez Byass, Noe Pedro Ximenez**
  - **Lustau, Capataz Andres Deluxe Cream**
  - **Lustau, Morrisons, Cream**
  - **Lustau, Murillo Pedro Ximenez**
  - **Lustau, Waitrose, Solera Jerezana Rich Cream**
  - **Marks & Spencer, Very Rare Pedro Ximenez**
  - **Morrison's, Signature Pedro Ximénez**
  - **Pedro Rodriguez e Hijos, Mil Pesetas Cream**
  - **Sanchez Romate, Waitrose, Cream**
  - **Viña 25, Pedro Ximenez**

#### Commended dry

- **Elías González, Macarena Manzanilla**
- **Fernando de Castilla, Clàssic Oloroso**
- **Fernando de Castilla, Don Fernando Oloroso**
- **Hijos de Rainera Perez Marin, La Guita Manzanilla**
- **Lustau, Jarana Fino**
- **Lustau, Morrison's, Signature Dry Manzanilla**
- **Lustau, Morrison's, Signature Palo Cortado**
- **Lustau, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Amontillado**
- **Lustau, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Medium Dry Oloroso**
- **Lustau, Waitrose, Light & Dry Manzanilla**
- **Lustau, Waitrose, Pale & Dry Fino**
- **Lustau, Waitrose, Solera Jerezana Dry Oloroso**
- **Sanchez Romate, The Wine Society's Fino**
- **Valdespino, Inocente Fino**
- **Williams & Humbert, Collection 12 Years Old, Amontillado**
- **Williams & Humbert, Marks & Spencer, Dry & Crisp Fino**

#### Commended sweet

- **Lustau, Marks & Spencer, Rare Cream**
- **Lustau, Morrison's, Pale Cream**
- **Marks & Spencer, Cream**
- **Osborne, Pedro Ximenez 1827**
- **Williams & Humbert, Canasta Cream**
- **Williams & Humbert, Marks & Spencer, Sweet & Aromatic Pale Cream**



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# South Africa



**Regional Chair**

**Lynne Sherriff MW**

(see judges, p4)

MY EXPECTATIONS THIS year were definitely exceeded. There were superb, diverse Chenin Blancs, from light and fruity to heavier styles with a touch of oak – very food friendly.

There were awesome Shiraz wines, sometimes 100% and then often made

more interesting with other Rhône varietals; peppery and spicy and delicious. It was great to see smart use of French oak, which really balanced the fruit in both the red and white wines, and I felt this was certainly a step up from last year. Chardonnays in a wide spectrum of styles added another dimension, and there were some superb red blends – both Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinotage based. Plenty of choice!

**What should we buy from here?**

The grape varieties in South Africa that stand out are most certainly Chenin Blanc, Shiraz and all red blends. The Cape Blends were rich and spicy, containing a significant portion of Pinotage, while the Cabernet-based blends were very diverse, making use of the other Bordeaux varietals, but often with Shiraz too. A strongly emerging category is that of white blends and here one has an array of styles, using Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Chardonnay and also the white Rhône and Bordeaux grapes. We found juicy, wines, allowing for easy drinking, as well as those for complex food and wine pairing. Definitely wines to watch as many have great ageing potential.

**What should we leave on the shelf?**

The sparkling wines were disappointing, both in the number of entries and in styles. While we recognised old favourites made in traditional Cape styles, there was a lack of diversity and true méthode Champenoise character. Some of the Sauvignon Blancs lacked the punch of last year’s competition, although the strong regions again stood out, such as Elgin, Elim and Darling. But overall there was no category that truly was poor, making the judging a very pleasurable experience.

**What should we keep an eye on?**

Regions to watch are certainly Elgin, Elim, Darling and Walker Bay. Swartland is South Africa’s Scarlet Pimpernel One is continually surprised by what pops out from there, but most are absolutely stunning, both whites and reds, from a cornucopia of varieties. Chenin Blanc has gone up in leaps and bounds in quality and diversity – far from its original cheap and cheerful image of yesteryear. Shiraz and Shiraz blends of all shapes and sizes are emerging, and Pinotage has risen like a phoenix, adding spice to red blends, with Bordeaux and Rhône varietals. Keep an eye out for the 2015 whites later this year and the 2015 reds next year. It was a dry vintage, with very healthy grapes and is already being heralded as one of the greatest vintages of the past decade. Already lots of interesting wines on shelf and more to come.

**South Africa won**

**5** International Trophies (see p19)

**8** Regional Trophies (see p56)

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**Gold white**

● **Cape Point Vineyards, Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, Cape Point 2013 (13.5%)**

£18.50 **Swig**

POA **Broadbent Selections USA**  
Waxy lanolin notes overlay aromas of oyster shell, lime, pea and lemongrass. The palate is broad, complex, focused and nuanced, showing vibrant pink grapefruit lemon and limestone, with precise, crystalline acidity that cleanses the palate.

● **Carmen Stevens, Catoria Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 (13.5%)**

£9.99 **Naked Wines**

Bold, cool, grassy, flinty nose of grapefruit and passion fruit. Tangy, textured and vibrant, with lively flavours that replicate the nose, along with white pepper. Classic Cape Sauvignon, halfway between the Loire and New Zealand.

● **Hamilton Russell, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2014 (13%)**

£24 **Cape London, Edencroft, SA Wines Online**

\$30.99 **Vineyard Brands**  
Powerful and wonderfully ripe, with oyster shell minerality, citrus fruit, grassy notes and hints of biscuit. Toasty oak complements the bounty of fruit, powered by zingy, classy acidity. Serious, impeccably made and long, this will improve.

● **KWV, The Mentors Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Darling 2013 (13%)**

£19.99 **Bottle Green**

There may only be 10% of Semillon but it has a presence, delivering toasty notes which flesh out the freshly mown grass aroma of the Sauvignon. The lovely, weighty mid-palate has tangy, lively flavours which coat the mouth and sing all the way to the finish.

● **Paul Cluver, Estate Chardonnay, Elgin 2014 (13.5%)**

£14.95 **Amazon, Frontier Fine Wines, Great Grog, Handford, SA Wines Online**  
Pithy, cool-climate wine of great concentration, fabulous use of oak and mouthwatering acidity. There’s light stone fruit, lees and citrus on the palate, which grows and develops, taking on a creamy, nutty facet alongside a cut of acidity.

● **Paul Cluver, Gewurztraminer, Elgin 2014 (12.5%)**

£12.49 **Booths, Frontier Fine Wines, Great Horkesley Wine, Oxford Wine Co, Tanners, Waitrose**  
Seductive perfume of rose. The lightly tangy mouthfeel shows lychee and Turkish Delight flavours, supplemented by spice, honey and further subtle hints of exotic fruit. A lively and intelligent example of the grape with a splendid finish.

● **The Tea Leaf, Chenin Blanc, Piekenierskloof, Citrusdal Mountain 2014 (14%)**

£11.99 **All About Wine, D Byrne, Define Food & Wine, Mitchell Vintners, Noel Young, Wineraks, Woodwinters, Worth Bros**

Intense and impressive, with marine aromas alongside apricot, lemon and acacia. The palate is tightly structured, yet still has high levels of viscosity and layers of minerals, spice, oak, yellow stone fruit and fabulously integrated acidity.

● **Uva Mira, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013 (13.5%)**

Delicate, restrained and almost austere with a fragrant nose of nectarine, mandarin and toast. Still young, this is wonderfully enjoyable and has buckets of substance and grip, with a rich feel to the tangy palate enlivened by zippy acidity.



**Gold red**

● **Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Shiraz, Swartland 2014 (14.5%)**

£8 **Sainsbury’s**

Very much a nod to the Rhône, with a fragrant, subtly spicy but direct nose of bay leaf and charcuterie. It’s structured, lush and rich, cool climate in style, with the finely concentrated fruits bolstered by a flow of black olive juice. ➤

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● **Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Syrah, Swartland 2014 (14%)**

£7.99 Amazon, Sainsbury's, SA Wines Online, The Wine Cellar, Waitrose  
Intense and of superb quality, with a Rhône-ish nose of cedar, bay leaves, peppercorn, black olives and flowers. It's fresh, lightly textured palate, with its spicy, ripe Syrah fruit, fine tannins and gentle acidity. Please make more of it!

● **Cederberg Private Cellar, Five Generations Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg 2013 (14%)**

£25.40 Bancroft, SA Wines Online  
Spicy Christmas cake and blueberry aromas which show good restraint. Svelte, juicy and impressive, with an abundance of black fruits, partnered by toasty brioche, and a brush of cocoa richness coming through at the end of the structured, wonderfully long tail.

● **Cederberg Private Cellar, Shiraz, Cederberg 2013 (14%)**

£17.85 Bancroft, Tankerton Wine  
Cool-climate and very fine, with multilayered notes of ink, iodine, umami, cumin, white pepper, strawberry, raspberry and forest floor. With its silky tannins and rounded texture, elegance and harmony are the key features which drive the wine to a long length.

● **Eagles' Nest, Shiraz, Constantia 2012 (14.5%)**

£29.95 Corks Out, Dreyfus Ashby, Handford, Harrogate Fine Wine, Vagabond, Wine Trust 100, Woodwinters  
POA Cape Ardor South Africa USA  
There's a dusty, chocolatey edge to the ripe plum and cherry fruit, augmented by sweet spice. The mouth is broad and vibrant, with creamy, luscious, savoury black fruits showing great focus. A classy, premium wine.

● **Glen Carlou, Gravel Quarry, Paarl 2010 (14%)**

£25.99 Liberty Wines  
POA Hess Collection USA  
Attractive tertiary notes of forest floor, tobacco and clean leather top a bouquet of cassis and dry spice. Robust, certainly, but generous with it, with rich fruit, rounded tannins and a gently sweet finish that completes the package.

● **Glenelly, Glass Collection Syrah, Stellenbosch 2011 (14%)**

£11.95 Farthinghoe Vintners, Frontier Fine Wines, Lea & Sandeman, Martinez Wines

Nose of lily, garrigue, herbs, olives and savoury black fruit. It's freshly fruited in the mouth, with a bright line of acidity and fine yet very grippy tannins. A real charmer now, this will be at its apex in a few years when the tannins have truly melded.

● **Hartenberg, The Mackenzie, Stellenbosch 2012 (14.6%)**

£49.95 Bancroft  
POA Terry Seitz USA  
Engaging forest fruits aromas with an added dimension thanks to notes of violets and toasty oak. In the mouth its no less seductive, with red and blue fruit, cracked pepper, dried thyme and spice; enveloped in sleek, fine-grained tannins and an elegant finish.

● **KWV, The Mentors Petit Verdot, Stellenbosch 2012 (14%)**

£19.99 Bottle Green  
Sweet and plump with ripe and zippy aromas of damson, blueberry, spice, herbs, toffee and cedar. It has the density of Petit Verdot but isn't overpowering, with a succulent, defined palate with crisp acidity, pure dark fruits and a fresh, fragrant length.

● **Morrison's, Signature Pinotage, Western Cape 2014 (14%)**

£6.99 Morrison's  
A very fine example of what this variety can deliver from South Africa and at a cracking price. Eminently drinkable and delightfully fresh, there's a base of soft tannins, above which you find mellow notes of tobacco, liquorice and bold raspberry and cherry.

● **Nederburg, II Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon Groenekloof, Darling 2011 (14.7%)**

POA Matthew Clark  
A stunning nose holding notes of beautifully ripe cassis fruit, elegant oak spices and cedar. Already multi-faceted, there's a developing complexity to this, with thick dark fruits in the mouth lifted by a menthol high note and underpinned with fine, grainy tannins.

● **Ormonde, Chip Off the Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon, Darling 2013 (14.1%)**

Fetching aromas of mulberry, cassis, dark plum, cedar, then liquorice and spice top notes. This is youthfully exuberant, with swathes of curranty fruits and mint reined in by grippy, sappy tannins and oak, before a final burst of fruit on the finish.

● **Ormonde, Shiraz, Darling 2013 (14%)**

Fine character and guts, with a beefy nose of charcoal, smoke, tobacco, beetroot, violet and salami. It's darkly fruited and dense, but refreshing too, with toasted oak, blackberry depths, smoky blue fruit and a mineral finish. Plenty of terrior allure.

● **Paul Cluver, Estate Pinot Noir, Elgin 2013 (13.5%)**

£14.95 Amazon, Field & Fawcett, Frontier Fine Wines, Gerrard Seel, Lea & Sandeman

Dark, broody nose of black cherry, caramelised plum, smoke and forest fruits. Bright red berry fruit is forefront on the palate which is light on its feet, sleekly textured, with outstanding balance, elegance and purity. This is benchmark quality for South Africa.

● **Rhebokskloof, The Rhebok Cape Blend, Paarl 2012 (14%)**

Deep, dark, concentrated nose with an intriguing garrigue element, and attractive floral lift. Ample, layered and rich with lots of spiced, briary fruit, there's a fine playoff between the fruit and tannins, and the structure to ensure this will improve in the next few years.

● **Saronsberg, Full Circle, Tulbagh 2013 (14.5%)**

£30 Adnams  
Black pepper and plum galore on the nose, along with forest fruits, cinnamon and dusty oak spice, with vanilla and blueberry lurking beneath. This is finely toned and lithe, with a seamless, polished texture, creamy oak, sweet fruit and a long, succulent finish.

● **Tesco, Finest Malbec, Swartland 2014 (14%)**

£7.99 Tesco  
Fresh and engaging bright mulberry, cherry, liquorice and aniseed. The sweet and lifted palate is home to swathes of generous flavours: blueberry

muffin, strawberry and plum, complemented by a leafy hint and a veneer of spice.

● **Uva Mira, DW Syrah, Stellenbosch 2013 (14%)**

Hefty and still young, but its class is clear. Dense, savoury aromas of spice, blueberry, blackberry confit, crème de cassis and leafy red plum. It has a classic tautness, with layers of minerals, dark chocolate and black fruit, with smooth tannins and a silky finish.

● **Wildeckrans Shiraz Barrel Select Reserve, Bot River, Walker Bay 2012 (14%)**

Lovely perfumed elegance with lots of depth of classy, ripe dark fruit, blueberry, mint and earth. Succulent, chewy but velvety, the palate has many layers with big fruit offset by defined tannins and lifted acidity, leading to a long and satisfying length. Has a bright future.



## Silver sparkling white

- **Boschendal, Chardonnay-Pinot Noir Brut, Western Cape NV**
- **Boschendal, Grande Cuvée Brut, Western Cape 2009**
- **Des Dieux, Claudia Brut, Walker Bay 2009**
- **Graham Beck, Marks & Spencer Rhona Brut, Western Cape 2009**
- **Kleine Zalze, Brut, Western Cape NV**
- **Kleine Zalze, Chardonnay-Pinot Noir Brut, Stellenbosch 2010**
- **Kleine Zalze, Chardonnay-Pinot Noir Brut, Coastal Region 2009**
- **KWV, Laborie Blanc de Blancs Brut, Western Cape 2010**



## Silver white

- **Adoro, Naudé, Western Cape 2009**
- **Almenkerk, Sauvignon Blanc Elgin 2014**
- **Bellingham, The Bernard Series, Whole Bunch Roussanne, Paarl 2014**
- **Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Viognier-Grenache Blanc Western Cape 2014**
- **Boschendal, 1685 Sauvignon Blanc Grande Cuvée Coastal Region 2014**
- **Boschendal, Reserve Collection Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2013**
- **Brampton, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014** ➤

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- Cape Point Vineyards, Isliedh, Cape Peninsula 2013
- Cape Point Vineyards, Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Peninsula 2014
- Cape Point Vineyards Semillon, Cape Peninsula 2014
- Cederberg Private Cellar, Five Generations Chenin Blanc, Cederberg 2012
- Cederberg Private Cellar, Sauvignon Blanc, Cederberg 2014
- Constantia Glen, Two, Constantia 2014
- David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014
- David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner Semillon, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2013
- De Wetshof, The Site Chardonnay, Robertson 2006
- DeMorgenzon, Reserve Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014
- Douglas Green, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Driehoek, Ludic Sauvignon Blanc, Cederberg 2014
- Escapades, Semillon, Coastal Region 2014
- Fleur du Cap, Unfiltered Semillon, Western Cape 2013
- Franschhoek Cellar, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Franschhoek Cellar, Sauvignon Blanc Western Cape 2014
- Franschhoek Cellar, Franschhoek Vineyards Semillon, Franschhoek 2014
- Franschhoek Cellar, Our Town Hall Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Groot Constantia, Gouverneurs Reserve, Constantia 2013
- Groote Kaap, Viognier, Western Cape 2014
- Hartenberg, The Eleanor Stellenbosch 2013
- Jordan, Nine Yards Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Ken Forrester, The FMC, Stellenbosch 2012
- Kindred Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2013
- Klein Constantia, Metis, Constantia 2013
- Klein Constantia, Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2014
- Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2013
- Kumala, Reserve Chenin Blanc, Swartland 2014
- KWV, The Mentors Grenache Blanc Paarl 2014
- La Motte, Pierneef Sauvignon Blanc, Cape South Coast 2014
- Lomond, Snowbush, Cape Agulhas 2012
- Middelburg, Chenin Blanc, Paarl 2013

- Mon Vieux, Aquifer Semillon, Swartland 2014
- Mon Vieux, Hell's Heights Sauvignon Blanc, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2014
- Nederburg, II Centuries Sauvignon Blanc, Darling 2014
- Nederburg, Ingenuity White Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg, The Anchorman Western Cape 2014
- Oldenburg, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Oldenburg, Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Ormonde, Chip Off the Old Block Sauvignon, Darling 2014
- Ormonde, Sauvignon Blanc, Darling 2014
- Richard Kershaw, Chardonnay Elgin 2014
- Riebeek Cellars, Chardonnay, Swartland 2014
- Rustenberg, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Dry White, Breedekloof 2014
- Saronsberg, Viognier, Tulbagh 2013
- Simonsig, Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Spier, Creative Block Two, Coastal Region 2014
- Sumaridge, Chardonnay, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2013
- Tokara, Directors Reserve, Stellenbosch 2013
- Tokara, Reserve Collection Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Uitkyk, Chardonnay, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2013
- Uitkyk, Sauvignon Blanc, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2014
- Welgemeend Chenin Blanc, Paarl 2014
- Wildekrans, Chenin Blanc Barrel Select Reserve, Bot River, Walker Bay 2013



- Babylonstoren, Babel, Simonsberg, Paarl 2013
- Beaumont Mourvedre, Bot River, Walker Bay 2011
- Bellingham, The Bernard Series, Basket Press Syrah, Coastal Region 2013
- Beyerskloof, Faith, Stellenbosch 2011
- Beyerskloof, Faith, Stellenbosch 2010
- Beyerskloof, Pinotage Reserve Stellenbosch 2013
- Boschendal, 1685 Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon Coastal Region 2013
- Boschendal, Merlot, Western Cape 2014

- Boschendal, Syrah Reserve Collection, Coastal Region 2013
- Bouchard-Finlayson, Hannibal, Walker Bay 2013
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- Carmen Stevens, Catoria Coastal Blend Coastal Region 2013
- Cederberg Private Cellar, Cabernet Sauvignon Cederberg 2012
- Charles Back, Cyril Back 15, Coastal Region 2012
- Citrusdal, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Leap Point Fairtrade Pinotage, Western Cape 2014
- Constantia Glen, Five, Constantia 2010
- Constantia Glen, Three, Constantia 2012
- David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner Pinot Noir, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014
- DeMorgenzon, Reserve Syrah, Stellenbosch 2012
- Diemersdal, MM Louw, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013
- Diemersdal, Private Collection, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013
- Douglas Green Cabernet Sauvignon Western Cape 2014
- Driehoek, Shiraz, Cederberg 2012
- Durbanville Hills, Luipaardsberg Merlot, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2011
- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Shiraz, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2011
- Eikendal, Charisma, Stellenbosch 2013
- Ernie Els, Proprietors Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012
- Ernie Els, Proprietor's Syrah, Stellenbosch 2013
- Ernie Els Signature, Stellenbosch 2013
- Excelsior, Paddock Shiraz, Robertson 2013
- Fairview, Eenzaamheid Shiraz, Paarl 2012
- Fairview, Jakkalsfontein Shiraz, Swartland 2012
- Fairview, Petite Sirah, Paarl 2012
- Fish Hoek, Malbec, Western Cape 2014
- Fish Hoek, Pinotage, Western Cape 2014
- Flagstone, Music Room Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2013
- Fleur du Cap, Unfiltered Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012
- Franschhoek Cellar, Franschhoek Vineyards Shiraz, Franschhoek 2013
- Franschhoek Cellar, Stone Bridge Pinotage, Western Cape 2013

- Franschhoek Cellar, The Churchyard Cabernet Sauvignon Western Cape 2013
- Groot Constantia, Gouverneurs Reserve Constantia 2012
- Groot Constantia, Merlot, Constantia 2013
- Groot Constantia, Pinotage, Constantia 2013
- Groot Constantia Shiraz, Constantia 2012
- Guardian Peak, Lapa Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2012
- Hamilton Russell Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2013
- Hartenberg, Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch 2013
- Hartenberg, Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch 2012
- Hartenberg, The Stork Stellenbosch 2012
- Hartenberg, The Stork Stellenbosch 2011
- Holden Manz, Big G, Coastal Region 2011
- Jean Englebrecht, Reserve Merlot, Stellenbosch 2013
- Jean Englebrecht, The Stellenbosch Reserve Ou Hoof Gebou Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2013
- Jordan, The Prospector Syrah, Stellenbosch 2013
- Journey's End, Marks & Spencer Kendal Lodge Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot Stellenbosch 2012
- Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2010
- Kumala, Reserve Malbec, Swartland 2014
- KWV, The Mentors Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch 2012
- KWV, Abraham Perold Insignis, Coastal Region 2012
- KWV, Abraham Perold Tributum, Coastal Region 2013
- KWV, The Mentors Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region 2012
- KWV, The Mentors Orchestra Coastal Region 2011
- La Motte, Pierneef Syrah-Viognier, Western Cape 2013
- Lanzerac, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012
- Lanzerac, Merlot Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch 2013
- Le Bonheur, Prima, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2010
- Le Bonheur, Tricorne, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2012
- Lomond, Conebush Syrah, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Lomond, Pinot Noir, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Lyngrove, Collection Merlot Stellenbosch 2014
- Mont du Toit, Les Coteaux Cabernet Franc, Wellington 2012
- Morrisons, Merlot, Western Cape 2014

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- Nederburg, Heritage Heroes, The Brewmaster, Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg, Heritage Heroes, The Motorcycle Marvel, Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg, Heritage Heroes, The Motorcycle Marvel Western Cape 2011
- Nederburg, Manor House Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2012
- Nederburg, Private Bin R121 Shiraz, Paarl 2011
- Nederburg, Private Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2011
- Nederburg Private Bin Pinot Noir Western Cape 2012
- Oak Valley, Pinot Noir, Elgin 2013
- Oldenburg, Cabernet Sauvignon Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2011
- Oldenburg, Rhodium Stellenbosch 2012
- Oldenburg, Syrah Stellenbosch 2012
- Painted Wolf, Pictus III, Swartland 2011
- Paul Cluver, Marks & Spencer Pinot Noir, Elgin 2014
- Paul Cluver, Village Pinot Noir, Elgin 2013
- Peter Falke, Signature Exclusive Blend, Stellenbosch 2013
- Peter Falke, Signature Syrah, Stellenbosch 2013
- Prime Cuts, Red Blend, Western Cape 2014
- Rustenberg, Buzzard Kloof Syrah, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2012
- Rustenberg, Buzzard Kloof Syrah, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2011
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- Saronsberg, Full Circle, Tulbagh 2012
- Saronsberg, Provenance Rooi, Coastal Region 2012
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- Saronsberg, Shiraz, Tulbagh 2012
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- Spier, Creative Block 5, Coastal Region 2012
- Spier, Naledi Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region 2012
- Stellenzicht, Golden Triangle Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2012
- Stellenzicht, Rhapsody, Stellenbosch 2009
- Strandveld, First Sighting Shiraz, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2012

- Tesco Finest, Pinotage, Swartland 2013
- The Grape Grinder, The Grinder Pinotage, Western Cape 2013
- The High Road, Director's Reserve, Stellenbosch 2011
- Thelema Mountain Vineyards, Sutherland Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot, Elgin 2010
- TSW, Reserve Syrah, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Uva Mira, The Mira Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2013
- Wildekrans, Barrel Select Reserve Pinotage, Bot River, Walker Bay 2013
- Wildekrans, Cape Blend Barrel Select Reserve, Bot River, Walker Bay 2012
- Zonnebloem, Lauréat, Stellenbosch 2012
- Zorgvliet, Silver Myn Argentum, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2013

 **Silver**  
**sweet white**

- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Noble Late Harvest, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2012
- Groot Constantia, Grand Constance, Constantia 2012
- Lourensford, Noble Late Harvest, Stellenbosch 2012
- Nederburg, Private Bin Eminence, Paarl 2011
- Nederburg, Private Bin Eminence, Paarl 2010
- Nederburg, Winemasters Reserve Noble Late Harvest Western Cape 2012

 **Bronze**  
**sparkling white**

- De Wetshof Brut, Robertson 2008
- Pongrácz, Desiderius Brut, Western Cape 2008

 **Bronze**  
**sparkling rosé**

- Boschendal, Brut Rosé, Coastal Region NV
- Kleine Zalze, Cap Classique Brut Rosé, Western Cape NV

 **Bronze**  
**white**

- Aàldering, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Aàldering, Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2013
- Arniston Bay, Coast Colombard-Chenin Blanc, Western Cape NV
- Babylonstoren, Viognier, Simonsberg, Paarl 2014
- Beaumont, Hope Marguerite, Bot River, Walker Bay 2013
- Bellingham, The Bernard Series, Hand Picked Viognier, Coastal Region 2014 ➤

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- Boekenhoutskloof, The Wolftrap Western Cape 2014
- Bon Courage, Prestige Cuvée Chardonnay Robertson 2014
- Boschendal, Chardonnay, Elgin 2013
- Boschendal, Jean Garde Unoaked Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Boschendal, Rachel's Chenin Blanc, Coastal Region 2014
- Boschendal, Reserve Collection Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2012
- Boschendal Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Bouchard-Finlayson, Missionvale Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2013
- Brampton, Unoaked Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Cape Point Vineyards Marks & Spencer Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Peninsula 2014
- Cavalli, Cremello, Stellenbosch 2013
- D'Aria, The Songbird Sauvignon Blanc, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2014
- Daschbosch, Exanimo, Breedekloof 2014
- Daschbosch Steen Breedekloof 2014
- David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner The Bowline, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014
- De Wetshof, Bon Vallon Chardonnay, Robertson 2014
- De Wetshof Bateleur Chardonnay, Robertson 2009
- Delaire Graff, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Delaire Graff, Chenin Blanc, Swartland 2013
- Delaire Graff, Coastal Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region 2014
- DeMorgenon, Reserve Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Diemersfontein Carpe Diem Chenin Blanc, Wellington 2014
- Douglas Green, Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Durbanville Hills, Biesjes Craal Sauvignon Blanc, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2014
- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Chardonnay, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013
- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Sauvignon Blanc, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2014
- Eagles' Nest, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2013
- Eagles' Nest, Viognier, Constantia 2014
- Eikendal, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Escapades, Semillion-Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Flagstone, Treaty Tree Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014
- Flagstone, Word of Mouth Viognier, Western Cape 2013
- Flagstone Free Run Sauvignon Blanc, Cape South Coast 2013

- Fleur du Cap, Unfiltered Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Glen Carlou Quartz Stone Chardonnay, Paarl 2013
- Glenelly, Grand Vin Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Groot Constantia, Chardonnay, Constantia 2013
- Groot Constantia, Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2014
- Helderberg, Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Jordan, The Outlier Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Journey's End, Marks & Spencer, Honeycomb Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014
- Kalander, White Blend, Swartland 2014
- Ken Forrester, Old Vine Reserve Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Klein Constantia, Chardonnay, Constantia 2013
- Kleine Zalze, Cleefs Reserve Collection Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Kleine Zalze, Vineyard Selection Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- KWV, The Mentors Chenin Blanc Paarl 2014
- KWV, The Mentors Sauvignon Blanc, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014
- KWV, The Mentors Sauvignon Blanc, Darling 2013
- KWV, The Mentors Semillon, Darling 2013
- La Motte, Chardonnay, Franschoek 2013
- Lanzerac, Chardonnay, Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch 2013
- Le Bonheur, Chardonnay, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2014
- Le Bonheur, Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Leopards Leap, Culinaria Collection Chenin Blanc Western Cape 2014
- Leopards Leap, Culinaria Collection Pinot Noir-Chardonnay Western Cape 2014
- Lomond, SSV, Cape Agulhas 2014
- Lomond, SSV, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Lomond, Sugarbush Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas 2014
- Lourensford, Winemaker's Selection Viognier, Stellenbosch 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Daniel's Drift Chenin Blanc-Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Nederburg, The Anchorman, Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg, The Young Airhawk, Western Cape 2014
- Nederburg, The Young Airhawk, Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg, Manor House Sauvignon Blanc Western Cape 2014
- Nederburg, Private Bin D234 Sauvignon Blanc, Darling 2014
- Neethlingshof, Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014
- Oak Valley, Fountain of Youth Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2014
- Ormonde, Ondine Chenin Blanc Darling 2013
- Ormonde, Ondine Sauvignon Blanc, Darling 2013
- Ormonde, Ondine Semillon, Darling 2013

- Painted Wolf, Peloton, Coastal Region 2013
- Paul Cluver, Marks & Spencer Ferricrete Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2014
- Perdeberg, The Dry Land Collection, Chenin Blanc, Paarl 2014
- Plaisir de Merle, Chardonnay, Western Cape 2013
- Rickety Bridge, Chardonnay, Franschoek 2014
- Riebeek Cellars, A Few Good Men Chardonnay, Swartland 2014
- Rustenberg, Five Soldiers Chardonnay, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2012
- Sainsbury's, Winemaker's Selection Chenin Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Chenin Blanc-Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection House Chenin Blanc, Breedekloof 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Simonsvlei, Chardonnay, Western Cape 2013
- Spar, Hand Selected, Western Cape NV
- Spar Hand Selected Reserve Chenin Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Spier, 21 Gables Chenin Blanc, Tygerberg 2013
- Spier, 21 Gables Sauvignon Blanc, Tygerberg 2014
- Spier, Savanha Naledi Chardonnay, Tygerberg 2013
- Strandveld First Sighting Sauvignon Blanc, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014
- Sumaridge, Maritimus, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2012
- The Siren, Chenin Blanc-Chardonnay-Viognier Western Cape 2014
- Tokara, Reserve Collection Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2014
- Trizanne, Signature Clearsprings Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014
- Trizanne, Signature TSW Reserve Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Uitkyk, Chenin Blanc, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2012
- Uva Mira, The Single Tree Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013
- Vrede en Lust, White Mischief, Elgin 2014
- Vuurberg, Coastal Region 2013
- Yellowwood Mountain, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region 2014
- Zevenwacht, The Tin Mine, Stellenbosch 2014
- Zonnebloem, Limited Edition Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region 2014

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**Bronze  
rosé**

- Riebeek Cellars, Pinotage, Swartland 2014
- Spar, Hand Selected, Western Cape NV

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BRONZE  
**Bronze  
red**

- Aàldering, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Stellenbosch 2011
- Aàldering, Estate Lady M, Stellenbosch 2014
- African Pride, Lady Anne Barnard Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region 2013
- African Pride, Lady Anne Barnard Syrah, Coastal Region 2013
- Almenkerk, Syrah, Elgin 2012
- Alto, Alto Rouge, Stellenbosch 2012
- Alto, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2011
- Andreas, Shiraz, Wellington 2012
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- Asara, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2011
- Asara, Cape Fusion Western Cape 2012
- Asda, Extra Special Shiraz, Western Cape 2014
- Babylonstoren, Nebukadnesar Simonsberg, Paarl 2012
- Babylonstoren, Shiraz, Simonsberg, Paarl 2013
- Bellingham, The Bernard Series, Bush Vine Pinotage, Coastal Region 2013
- Bellingham, The Bernard Series, Small Barrel SMV, Coastal Region 2013
- Beyerskloof, Diesel Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2012
- Beyerskloof, Field Blend, Stellenbosch 2010
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- Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region 2013
- Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Merlot, Coastal Region 2014
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- Boekenhoutskloof, The Wolftrap Syrah-Mourvedre-Viognier, Western Cape 2014
- Boland, Paarl Mountains Cabernet Sauvignon, Paarl 2014
- Bon Courage, Inkará Cabernet Sauvignon, Robertson 2012
- Boschendal, Cecil John Rhodes Shiraz, Coastal Region 2013
- Boschendal, Lanoy Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Western Cape 2013
- Boschendal, S&M Shiraz-Mourvedre, Coastal Region 2013
- Boschendal, Shiraz, Coastal Region 2013
- Bosman, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Wellington 2013
- Bouchard-Finlayson, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2012
- Boutinot, Percheron, Old Vine Cinsault, Western Cape 2014
- Brampton, Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region 2013
- Cape Point Vineyards Stonehaven Syrah, Western Cape 2013
- Catherine Marshall, Peter's Vision Merlot, Elgin 2011

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- Cloof, The Very Sexy Shiraz, Darling 2012
- Constantia Glen, Five, Constantia 2011
- Constantia Glen, Three, Constantia 2011
- D'Aria, SV Shiraz, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2012
- Deetlefs, Familie, Western Cape 2013
- DeMorgenzon, DMZ Syrah, Stellenbosch 2012
- Diemersfontein, Carpe Diem Pinotage Reserve, Wellington 2013
- Doolhof, Theseus, Wellington 2009
- Doolhof Single Vineyard Collection Cabernet Franc, Wellington 2012
- Driehoek, Pinot Noir, Cederberg 2013
- Durbanville Hills, Caapmans Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2011
- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Merlot, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2011
- Eagles' Nest, Merlot, Constantia 2011
- Eikendal, Classique, Stellenbosch 2012
- Ernie Els, Big Easy, Western Cape 2013
- Ernie Els, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2013
- Escapades, Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Malbec, Coastal Region 2013
- Excelsior, Cabernet Sauvignon, Robertson 2013
- Excelsior, Heritage Reserve Merlot, Robertson 2014
- Fairview, The Beacon Shiraz, Swartland 2012
- Fire Flower, Shiraz-Mourvedre, Western Cape 2014
- First Cape, Limited Release Shiraz-Cabernet, Western Cape 2013
- Flagstone, Treaty Tree Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2013
- Fleur du Cap, Pinotage Bergkelder Selection, Western Cape 2013
- Fleur du Cap, Shiraz Bergkelder Selection, Western Cape 2013
- Fleur du Cap, Unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012
- Glen Carlou, Cabernet Sauvignon, Paarl 2013
- Glen Carlou, Merlot, Paarl 2013

- Groot Constantia, Cabernet Sauvignon, Constantia 2013
- Groote Kaap, Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2014
- Guardian Peak, Summit Syrah-Mourvedre-Grenache, Western Cape 2012
- Hartenberg, Gravel Hill Shiraz Stellenbosch 2010
- Hartenberg, Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012
- Hartenberg, Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2012
- Helderberg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2013
- Holden Manz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Franschhoek 2011
- Holden Manz, Visionaire, Western Cape 2012
- House of Wine, Fangalo, Western Cape 2013
- Jordan, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012
- Jordan, Cobblers Hill, Stellenbosch 2011
- Kanonkop, The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2013
- Kleine Zalze, Cleefs Reserve Collection Shiraz-Mourvedre-Viognier, Western Cape 2013
- Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Cabernet Stellenbosch 2009
- Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2009
- Kleine Zalze, Malbec Reserve, Western Cape 2013
- KWV, The Mentors Pinotage Coastal Region 2013
- KWV, The Mentors Shiraz, Coastal Region 2013
- La Motte, Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2012
- La Motte, Syrah, Western Cape 2012
- Lanzerac, Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2013
- Leopards Leap, Cabernet Sauvignon Western Cape 2013
- Le Bonheur, Prima, Stellenbosch 2009
- Le Bonheur, Tricorne, Stellenbosch 2009
- Le Riche, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012
- Leopards Leap, Culinaris Collection Grand Vin, Western Cape 2012
- Lomond, Merlot, Cape Agulhas 2013

- Lomond, SMV, Cape Agulhas 2013
- Lomond, Syrah, Cape Agulhas 2012
- Lothian, Vineyard Selection Pinot Noir, Elgin 2013
- Lourensford, Winemaker's Selection Merlot, Stellenbosch 2013
- Lyngrove, Platinum Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2013
- Meerlust, Pinot Noir, Stellenbosch 2013
- Meinert, Cabernet Sauvignon, Devon Valley, Stellenbosch 2011
- Meinert, Priner's Ink Pinotage, Devon Valley, Stellenbosch 2012
- Morrisons, Smooth & Spicy Pinotage, Western Cape 2014
- Mount Rozier, Merlot, Stellenbosch 2014
- Mt Vernon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Simonsberg, Paarl 2011
- Nederburg, Ingenuity Red, Western Cape 2012
- Nederburg, Manor House Shiraz Western Cape 2013
- Nederburg Privat Bin R163 Cabernet Sauvignon Paarl 2010
- Neethlingshof, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012
- Neethlingshof, Caracal, Stellenbosch 2012
- Ormonde, Ondine Cabernet Franc, Darling 2010
- Ormonde, Ondine Merlot, Darling 2011
- Painted Wolf, Guillermo Pinotage, Swartland 2011
- Painted Wolf, The Den Pinotage, Coastal Region 2013
- Perdeberg, Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon, Paarl 2012
- Perdeberg, The Dry Land Collection Shiraz, Paarl 2012
- Peter Falke, Ruby Blend, Stellenbosch 2012
- Plaisir de Merle, Cabernet Sauvignon, Paarl 2012
- Rainbow's End, Cabernet Franc, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2013
- Rainbow's End, Cabernet Sauvignon, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2013
- Riebeek Cellars, Kasteelberg Shiraz, Swartland 2013
- Rustenberg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2013
- Rustenberg, John X Merriman, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2012
- Rustenberg, Merlot, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2013
- Rustenberg, Peter Barlow Cabernet Sauvignon, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2009
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Dry Red Western Cape 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Shiraz-Cabernet, Western Cape 2014
- Seven Springs, Pinot Noir, Overberg 2013
- Simonsig, Redhill Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2012
- Simonsig, Syrah Merindol, Stellenbosch 2012
- Simonsig, Tiara Stellenbosch 2011
- Simonsig Redhill Pinotage Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2011

- Spar Hand Selected Red, Western Cape NV
- Spier, 21 Gables Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2012
- Stellenbosch Drive, Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2014
- Stellanzicht, Golden Triangle Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2012
- Strandveld, The Navigator, Cape South Coast 2012
- Sumaridge, Epitome, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2010
- Terra d'Aria, The Soprano Shiraz, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013
- The Goose, Expression, Upper Langkloof 2008
- The Grape Grinder, The Grinder Shiraz, Coastal Region 2012
- The Grape Grinder, The Milkwood Shiraz-Viognier, Western Cape 2013
- The High Road, Classique, Stellenbosch 2011
- The Siren, Shiraz-Grenache Western Cape 2014
- Thelema Mountain Vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2011
- Tokara, Directors Reserve, Stellenbosch 2011
- Uitkyk, Carlonet Cabernet Sauvignon, Simonsberg, Stellenbosch 2011
- Unsung Hero Shiraz, Western Cape 2014
- Vrede en Lust Côtes de Savoye Syrah-Grenache-Viognier, Simonsberg, Paarl 2013
- Waverley Hills, Shiraz-Mourvedre-Viognier, Tulbagh 2011
- Zevenwacht, Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012
- Zorgvliet, Petit Verdot, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2010
- Zorgvliet, Richelle Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2010

 **Bronze**  
**sweet white**

- Durbanville Hills, Rhinofields Noble Late Harvest, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013
- Ken Forrester, T Noble Late Harvest, Stellenbosch 2011
- KWV, The Mentors Noble Late Harvest Walker Bay 2013
- Nederburg, Private Bin Edelkeur Western Cape 2011
- Nederburg, Private Bin Edelkeur, Coastal Region 2010
- Nederburg, Winemasters Reserve Noble Late Harvest, Western Cape 2013

**Commended sparkling rosé**

- Graham Beck, Marks & Spencer Rhona Brut Rosé, Western Cape NV

**Commended white**

- Almenkerk, Lace Sauvignon Blanc Elgin 2014 ● Asara, Vineyard Collection Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Asara Lightly Wooded Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Asda, Extra Special Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region 2014 ● Babylonstoren, Chenin Blanc, Simonsberg, Paarl 2014 ● Black Cuvée Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 ● Cape Point Vineyards Stonehaven Sauvignon Blanc, ➤

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Western Cape 2014 ● Constantia Glen, Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2014 ● David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014 ● Diemersfontein, Carpe Diem Viognier Reserve, Wellington 2014 ● Hartenberg, Chardonnay Stellenbosch 2013 ● Jordan, Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Jordan, Inspector Péringuey Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2013 ● Kleine Zalze Vineyard Selection Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Kumala Chenin Blanc-Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014 ● KWV, Cathedral Cellar Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014 ● KWV, The Mentors Chenin Blanc Coastal Region 2013 ● Lomond, Pincushion Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas 2013 ● Lomond, Pincushion Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas 2014 ● Lomond, Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas 2014 ● Lomond, Sugarbush Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas 2013 ● Lourensford, Winemaker's Selection Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Morrison, Signature Chenin Blanc, Western Cape 2014 ● Morrisons, Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014 ● Morrisons, Fresh & Citrusy Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 ● Morrisons, Signature Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 ● Mt Vernon, Single Vineyard Chardonnay, Simonsberg, Paarl 2012 ● Neethlingshof, Gewüztaminer, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Opstal, Carl Everson Chenin Blanc, Slanghoek 2013 ● Painted Wolf, The Den Chenin Blanc, Swartland 2014 ● Perdeberg, The Dry Land Collection Sauvignon Blanc, Paarl 2013 ● Prime Cuts, White Blend, Western Cape 2014 ● Sainsbury's, House Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape 2014 ● Simonsig, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2013 ● Stellenbosch Drive, Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Strandveld, Pofadderbos Sauvignon Blanc, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2014 ● Strandveld Adamastor, Elim, Cape Agulhas 2012 ● Tesco, Finest Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● The Goose, Sauvignon Blanc, Upper Langkloof 2014 ● Thelema Mountain Vineyards, Sutherland Chardonnay, Elgin 2012 ● Uva Mira, Sing-a-Wing Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Wellington, La Cave Chenin Blanc, Wellington 2013 ● Zevenwacht, Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Zorgvliet, Simoné, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2012

#### Commended rosé

● L'Avenir, Rosé de Pinaotage, Western Cape 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Six Hats, Western Cape 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Pinotage, Western Cape 2014

#### Commended red

● Aålderling, Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2011 ● Asara, The Bell Tower, Stellenbosch 2011 ● Cloof, Duckitt, Darling 2012 ● Cloof, Merlot, Darling 2012 ● Daschbosch, Plicatilis, Western Cape 2013 ● Daschbosch, Procavia, Western Cape 2012 ● Deetlefs, De Hageveld, Breedekloof 2012 ● Deetlefs, Estate Merlot, Breedekloof 2013 ● Deux Frères, Liberté, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Diemersfontein, Shiraz, Wellington 2013 ● Diemersfontein Coffee Pinotage, Western Cape 2013 ● Doolhof, Signature Malbec, Wellington 2012 ●

Durbanville Hills, Shiraz, Durbanville, Tygerberg 2013 ● Eikendal, Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Ernie Els, Proprietor's Blend, Stellenbosch 2013 ● Excelsior, Merlot, Robertson 2014 ● Fish Hoek Shiraz, Western Cape 2013 ● Flagstone, Truth Tree Pinotage, Western Cape 2014 ● Glenelly, The Glass Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Ken Forrester, The Gypsy, Western Cape 2011 ● Kindred Cinsault, Stellenbosch 2013 ● Kleine Zalze, Family Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Stellenbosch 2010 ● Kleine Zalze, Vineyard Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Kleinood, Tamboerskloof Syrah, Stellenbosch 2011 ● KWV, Cathedral Cellar Triptych, Western Cape 2013 ● La Motte, Millennium, Western Cape 2013 ● L'Huguenot, Shiraz Western Cape 2011 ● L'Huguenot, Shiraz-Pinotage Western Cape 2012 ● Meerlust, Merlot, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Meerlust, Rubicon, Stellenbosch 2010 ● Meinert, Synchronicity, Devon Valley, Stellenbosch 2009 ● Mont du Toit, Paarl 2008 ● Morgenster, Stellenbosch 2003 ● Morrisons, Rich & Fruity Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2014 ● Morrisons, Rich & Spicy Shiraz, Western Cape 2014 ● Nederburg, Nedreburg II Centuries Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape 2010 ● Nederburg, The Brewmaster, Western Cape 2011 ● Neethlingshof, The Owl Post, Stellenbosch 2013 ● Ormonde, Cabernet Sauvignon, Darling 2011 ● Ormonde, Chip Off the Old Block Merlot, Darling 2013 ● Perdeberg, The Dry Land Collection Pinotage, Paarl 2012 ● Plaisir de Merle, Petit Plaisir, Western Cape 2013 ● Rainbow's End, Shiraz, Banghoek, Stellenbosch 2013 ● Rhebokskloof, Pinotage, Coastal Region 2012 ● Riebeek Cellars, A Few Good Men Cabernet Sauvignon, Swartland 2013 ● Riebeek Cellars, Cabernet Sauvignon, Swartland 2014 ● Sainsbury's, House Shiraz, Western Cape NV ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Pinotage-Shiraz, Western Cape 2014 ● Simonsvlei, Toffee Chunk Syrah, Western Cape 2013 ● Simonsvlei, Paragon SMCV, Western Cape 2012 ● Simonsvlei, Shiraz Premier Selection, Western Cape 2013 ● Spar, Hand Selected Reserve Shiraz, Western Cape 2014 ● Spier, North Bank Malbec, Western Cape 2014 ● Stellenbosch Drive, Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, Stellenbosch 2014 ● Sumaridge, Red Blend, Upper Hemelen-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay 2013 ● The Goose, Shiraz, Upper Langkloof 2011 ● Thelema Mountain Vineyards, Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2012 ● Trizanne Signature Clearsprings Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Western Cape 2013 ● Vanderburg Shiraz-Pinotage, Western Cape 2014 ● Vrede en Lust Syrah, Western Cape 2012 ● Vuurberg, Reserve Stellenbosch 2010 ● Waitrose, Fairtrade Merlot, Olifants River 2014 ● Wandering Beeste, Syrah, Swartland 2014 ● Welgemeend, Reserve Coastal Region 2011 ● Welgemeend Douelle Coastal Region 2011 ● Zevenwacht, The Tin Mine Stellenbosch 2012 ● Zonnebloem, Place In The Sun Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2014

#### Commended sweet white

● Neethlingshof, Maria, Stellenbosch 2014

## Southern & Eastern Mediterranean



### Regional Chair

### Markus del Monego MW

(see judges, p4)

TURKEY HAD THE lion's share of entries in this category, with almost 90% of the wines tasted and made a strong statement as a country on the rise. Its crisp white wines and juicy reds were convincing medal winners. Morocco displays a French influence

in wine styles, with some strong examples from the region of Meknès & Fes. Malta entered only five wines, but its two medal winners proved that its whites can be interesting.

### What should we buy from here?

Indigenous Turkish grapes – either in blends or as single varieties. Whites like Narince combine juicy fruit with tempting freshness. Reds, such as Oküzgözü or Kalecik Karasi, are characterful. Look for wines in the mid-price range, which are generally performing more convincingly than many of the super-premium wines.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Balance has still to be found in some wines, especially in the super-premium and premium price range. Over-extraction and too much oak should not be mistaken for complexity and depth. Especially with red wines, many of examples started with a good platform of fruit but then seemed technically over-processed. These wines are unpleasant, dry out the palate and provide little drinking pleasure.

### What should we keep an eye on?

In Turkey, Narince and Sauvignon Blanc have the potential as future stars. So too do Bokazkere and Oküzgözü blended with Cabernet Sauvignon. Extremely promising are examples of blends with Nero d'Avola, a grape variety which seems to adopt well to the Aegean Coast.

## Malta

### Commended white

● Delicata, Classic Collection Landini Vermentino 2014

### Commended fortified white

● Delicata, Grand Vin de Hauteville Moscato 2013

## Morocco



**Silver red**

● Les Celliers de Meknès, Château Roslane, Coteaux de l'Atlas 1er Cru, Meknès & Fès 2011



**Bronze red**

● Les Celliers de Meknès, Château Roslane, Ksar Bahia Cuvée Prestige, Beni M'tir, Meknès & Fès 2013

### Southern & Eastern Mediterranean won

○ International Trophies (see p19)

○ Regional Trophies (see p56)

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## Commended white

- Charles Mélia, Le Val d'Argan 2013
- Les Celliers de Meknès, Château Roslane, Coteaux de l'Atlas 1er Cru, Meknès & Fès 2014

## Commended red

- Les Celliers de Meknès, Château Roslane, Coteaux de l'Atlas 1er Cru, Meknès & Fès 2013

## Turkey



**Silver red**

- Selendi, Selendi Blend, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Urla Sarapçılık, Nero d'Avola-Urla Karasi, Aegean Coast Region 2013



**Bronze white**

- Sevilen, Isabey Sauvignon Blanc, Aegean Coast Region 2014
- Vinkara, Mahzen Narince, Black Sea Coast 2012



**Bronze red**

- Besibiryerde, Cabernet Sauvignon-Bogazkere-Okuzgozu-Merlot-Shiraz, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Pamukkale, Anfora Trio, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Pamukkale, Sava, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2014
- Pamukkale, Sava Premium, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Yazgan, Mahra Bogazkere-Okuzgözü, South-East Anatolia 2014

## Commended white

- Arcadia, Odrisia Gris, Kirklareli, Thrace-Marmara 2013
- Aydin, Prodom Sauvignon Blanc, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2014
- Besibiryerde, Chardonnay-Sultaniye-Emir-Narince-Sauvignon Blanc, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Doluca, Sarafin Chardonnay, Thrace-Marmara 2013
- Kavaklidere, Côtes d'Avanos Sauvignon Blanc, Central Anatolia 2013
- Kavaklidere, Prestige Narince,

- Central Anatolia 2013
- Pamukkale, Meridies Narince-Sauvignon Blanc, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Pamukkale, Nodus Narince, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Suvla, Sauvignon Blanc, Thrace-Marmara 2014
- Usca, Sonnet 5 Bornova Misketi, Aegean Coast Region 2014

## Commended red

- Arcadia, A Blend, Kirklareli, Thrace-Marmara 2012
- Barel Sarapçılık Gıda, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Thrace-Marmara 2012
- Chateau Nuzun, Thrace-Marmara 2011
- Datca, Grand Reserve, Aegean Coast Region 2011
- Doluca, Tuğra Oküzgözü, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Gordias, Bogazkere, South-East Anatolia 2012
- Karmen sarapçılık, Collection Oküzgözü-Boğazkere, Mid-Eastern Anatolia 2012
- Kavaklidere, Ancyra Merlot, Central Anatolia 2014
- Kavaklidere, Angora, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Kavaklidere, Egeo Syrah, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Kavaklidere, Vin-Art Kalecik Karasi-Syrah, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Kavaklidere, Yakut Oküzgözü-Boğazkere, South-East Anatolia 2013
- Kayra, Kalecik Karasi, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Kayra, Okuzgozu, Mid-Eastern Anatolia 2012
- Kúp Sarapçılık, Epic Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot-Syrah, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Kúp Sarapçılık, Thia Shiraz, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- La Organik, Antre Oküzgözü-Boğazkere, South-East Anatolia 2013
- Pamukkale, Anfora Cabernet Franc, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2012
- Pamukkale, Anfora Oküzgözü, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Pamukkale, Senfoni, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Suvla, Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Thrace-Marmara 2011
- Suvla, Sur, Thrace-Marmara 2012
- Suvla, Reserve Petit Verdot-Karasakiz, Thrace-Marmara 2012
- Turasan, Argos Vineyards Syrah, Central Anatolia 2013
- Urla Sarapçılık, Nexus, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Urla Sarapçılık, Tempus, Aegean Coast Region 2013
- Yazgan, Mahra Kalecik Karasi-Syrah, Denizli Guney, Aegean Coast Region 2014
- Yedi Bilgeler, Bias, Aegean Coast Region 2012

## Commended sweet white

- Arcadia, 333 Late Harvest Botrytis, Kirklareli, Thrace-Marmara 2013

Gold or Silver medals. We also thought some of the retail pricing was over-ambitious when matched to quality. What is also obvious, having scanned through the results afterwards, is the absence of a number of top producer names, particularly from Sicily, which only goes to emphasise a lopsided view of the region when based purely on the results.

## What should we buy from here?

The wealth of indigenous varieties in the south of Italy offers a broad spectrum of flavours. The star white is Vermentino with its grassy minerality – those from Gallura in Sardinia are usually the best, though there are fine examples too from Liguria and the coastal Maremma area of Tuscany. Carricante from Sicily makes another attractive, easy-drinking white. For the reds, the star variety for its elegance is Nerello Mascalese, mostly grown on Mount Etna. Then there are the Primitivo wines from Puglia with the Primitivo di Manduria being the best for its intensity of flavour. Sardinia's Cannonau, often rustic, is a meaty, rich wine. The lighter, easy Sicilian Frappato offers a refreshing 'Beaujolais-esque' style.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Ignore overpriced wines and those in heavy bottles, unless they come with a recommendation from a trusted source. And, as is almost always the case in Italy, there is little point in picking wines made from international varieties such as Chardonnay, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc; other countries make much better examples. And check back labels for indication of oak ageing – often the mere mention of oak tends to mean 'too much oak'.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Patience over the coming years will be necessary. The south of Italy has made huge strides over the past 10 to 15 years. The next stage in development will be the search for greater finesse and elegance, and there is certainly plenty of potential there. Wines from Etna's volcanic soils and again in Basilicata where much of the Aglianico is grown are certainly ones to watch. It is still early days for Calabria, but there are positive indications for its Magliocco Dolce and Gaglioppo grapes.

## Southern Italy won

0 International Trophies (see p19)  
2 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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**Gold white**

## Sicily

- Planeta, Eruzione 1614 Carricante 2013 (13.5%)

£18.50 Enotria

A vivacious, uplifting wine, with

glittering aromas of oyster shell, candied lemons, mint and minerals. There's wonderful concentration to the palate, with lively white peach and apricot, backed by vibrant acidity and a persistent finish.



**Gold red**

## Puglia

- Cantine due Palme, Serre Susumaniello, Salento 2013 (13.5%)

£11.95 Continental Wines

A wine that demands to be taken seriously, with a smoky, tarry, darkly fruited nose balanced by a charming floral ➤

## Southern Italy



### Regional Chair

**Jane Hunt MW** (see judges, p4)

THE MOST STRIKING features of the wines presented this year from Puglia, Calabria, Basilicata, Campania and the islands of Sicily and Sardinia were reliability and sound winemaking. It would be wonderful to be able to report increases in quality but, sadly, this was not evident. While 53% of

entries were awarded Bronze or Commended, only 7% won

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lift. There's admirable ripeness to the spiced dark cherry, backed by tones of chocolate, silky tannin and an intensely fruity finish. Susumaniello is a rarely seen grape but provides plenty of interest here.

● **Polvanera, 17 Primitivo, Gioia del Colle 2011 (16.5%)**  
Luscious, long and quite traditional in style with aromas of medicinal red cherry fruit, tar, camphor and dates. It carries its sweetness well, with creamy, leafy, raisined fruits bound in settled, complete tannins, topped by a long and complex finish.

 **Silver sparkling white**

**Campania**

- Murrina, Greco di Tufo 2013

**Sardinia**

- Santa Maria la Palma, Aragosta, Vermentino di Sardegna 2014
- Sella & Mosca, La Cala, Vermentino di Sardegna 2014
- Siddùra, Bèru, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore 2013
- Surrau, Sciala, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore 2013

**Sicily**

- Cristo di Campobello, Lalùci 2014
- Feudo Maccari, Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014

 **Silver red**

**Calabria**

- Caparra e Siciliani, Mastrogiurato 2012

**Campania**

- Borgodangelo, Taurasi 2009
- Fonzone, Campi Taurasini, Irpinia 2011
- Montevetrano, Colli di Salerno 2012
- Terredora, Aglianico 2012

**Puglia**

- Cantine San Marzano, Collezione Cinquanta NV
- Masseria Altemura, Sasseo, Salento 2013
- Mottura, Le Pitre Primitivo, Salento 2013
- Ogio, Primitivo 2013
- Polvanera, 16 Primitivo, Gioia del Colle 2011

**Sardinia**

- Dorgali, Hortos, Isola dei Nuraghi 2010
- Ledda, Ebano, Isola dei Nuraghi 2011
- Santadi, Rocca Rubia, Carignano del Sulcis Riserva 2012

**Sicily**

- Cristo di Campobello, Adènzia 2012
- Cristo di Campobello, Lu Patri 2012
- Duca di Salaparuta, Duca Enrico 2010
- Fazio, Pietra Sacra Riserva, Erice 2008
- Feudo Montoni, Vigna del Core, Perricone 2014
- Gorgi Tondi, Meridiano 2014
- Tenute Orestadi, Ludovico 2009
- Terra Costantino, DeAetna Etna 2013

 **Silver sweet white**

**Sardinia**

- Cantina Gallura, Zivula, Passito, Isola dei Nuraghi 2011

**Sicily**

- Vinisola, Arbaria, Moscato di Pantelleria 2012

 **Bronze sparkling white**

**Abruzzo**

- Sardus Pater, AD49 Metodo Classico Brut, Vermentino di Sardegna 2012

 **Bronze white**

**Basilicata**

- Vigneti del Vulture, Pipoli Greco-Fiano 2014

**Campania**

- Alois, Caulino, Falanghina 2014
- Antonio Caggiano, Béchar Fiano di Avellino 2014
- Antonio Caggiano, Devon Greco di Tufo 2014
- Bellaria, Oltre Greco di Tufo 2014
- Cantina Gadoro, Fiano, Benevento 2014
- Cenatiempo Vini d'Ischia, Forastera, Ischia 2013
- Fonzone, Sequoia, Irpinia 2013
- Nativ, Greco di Tufo 2014
- Triade, Fiano-Falanghina-Greco 2014
- Vesevo, Falanghina, Benevento 2014

**Puglia**

- San Marzano, Il Pumo Sauvignon-Malvasia, Salento 2014
- Torrevento, Matervitae Verdeca 2014

**Sardinia**

- Contini, Karmis, Tharros 2014
- Contini, Pariglia, Vermentino di Sardegna 2014
- Gallura, Canayli, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore 2014
- Rada, Stria, Vermentino di Sardegna 2013
- Santa Maria la Palma, Papiri, Vermentino di Sardegna 2014
- Siddura, Maia, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore 2013
- Siddùra, Spèra, Vermentino di Gallura 2013

**Sicily**

- Allumea, Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Baglio di Pianetto, Ginolfo 2012
- Baglio Gibellina, Orgoglio Zibibbo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Cantine Ermes, Vento di Mare Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Curatolo Arini, Zibibbo Terre Siciliane 2014
- Feudo Arancio, Grillo 2014
- Feudo Montoni, Vigna del Masso Catarratto 2014
- Morrisons, Signature Fiano, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Nicosia, Fondo Filara Etna Bianco, Etna 2014
- Planeta, Alastro 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Terre Siciliane NV
- Settesoli, Corale Chardonnay, Menfi 2014
- Tannu, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Tenute Orestadi, Molino a Vento Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014

 **Bronze rosé**

**Puglia**

- Torrevento, Primaronda, Castel del Monte 2014
- Vigneti Reale, Malvasia, Salento 2014

 **Bronze red**

**Basilicata**

- Cantine del Notaio, L'Atto 2013
- Gesualdo di Venosa, Aglianico del Vulture 2008
- Regio Cantina, Donpà, Aglianico del Vulture 2011
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Aglianico del Vulture 2011
- Vigneti del Vulture, Piano del Cerro Aglianico del Vulture 2010

**Calabria**

- Librandi, Duca Sanfelice, Classico Superiore Riserva, Cirò 2011

- San Francesco, Ronco Dei Quattroventi 2010
- Serracavallo, Terraccia, Valle del Crati 2011
- Terre Nobili di Lidia Matera, Cariglio 2013
- Terre Nobili di Lidia Matera, Ipazia 2013

**Campania**

- Alois, Campole 2013
- Alois, Cunto, Pallagrello Nero, Terre del Volturno 2012
- Alois, Settimo, Casavecchia-Pallagrello, Terre del Volturno 2012
- Amaro, Malambruno, Irpinia 2010
- Cavalier Pepe, Opera Mia, Taurasi 2009
- Galardi, Terra di lavoro 2012
- Masseria Frattasi, Kapnios Aglianico, Benevento 2011
- Nativ Eremo San Quirico, Irpinia 2011
- Sanpaolo, Aglianico, Irpinia 2012
- Terre del Principe, Piancastelli, Terre del Volturno 2011
- Vesevo, Taurasi 2009
- Vigne Chigi, Cretaccio, Terre del Volturno 2011

**Puglia**

- A Mano, Imprint Primitivo 2012
- Apollonio, Valle Cupa, Salento 2012
- Candido, Lacarta Riserva, Salice Salentino 2011
- Cantine di Falco, Falco Nero Riserva, Salice Salentino 2010
- Cantine due Palme, Pillastro Primitivo 2013
- Cantine due Palme, Il Brutto Negroamaro-Primitivo, Salento 2014
- Feudi di Guagnano, DieciAnni Negroamaro, Salento 2014
- Giordano, Rinforzato Primitivo 2012
- Marks & Spencer, Notte Rossa, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Masseria Vecchia, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Paolo Leo, Orfeo 2013
- Paolo Leo, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Romaldo Greco, Cantico, Salento 2012
- San Marzano, Anniversario 62 Riserva Primitivo di Manduria 2011
- San Marzano, Falò, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- San Marzano, Falò, Salento, Puglia 2013
- San Marzano, Falò Malvasia Nera Salento 2013
- Tenuta Viglione, Marpione Primitivo Riserva, Gioia del Colle 2010
- Tenuta Viglione, Primitivo, Gioia del Colle 2010
- Tenute Girolamo, Conte Giangirolamo 2011
- Tenute Girolamo, La Voliera Primitivo, Salento 2013
- Torrevento, Torre del Falco Nero di Troia 2013
- Torrevento Ottagono Nero di Troia, Castel del Monte Rosso Riserva 2012

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- Triade, Puglia 2013
- Vecchia Torre, Leverano Riserva Leverano 2010
- Vecchia Torre, Riserva, Salice Salentino 2010
- Vecchia Torre, Salento 2013
- Vigneti del Salento, Gold Series Vigne Vecchie Primitivo di Manduria 2012
- Vigneti del Salento, Zolla Primitivo di Manduria 2013

## Sardinia

- Antichi Poderi Jerzu, Bantu, Cannonau di Sardegna 2012
- Antichi Poderi Jerzu Chuerra Riserva, Cannonau di Sardegna 2011
- Carpante, Cagnulari, Isola dei Nuraghi 2013
- Contini, I Giganti, Valle del Tirso 2012
- Contini, Inu Riserva, Cannonau di Sardegna 2012
- Contini, Nieddera Valle del Tirso 2013
- Ledda, Mogano, Cannonau di Sardegna 2012
- Mesa, Buio, Carignano del Sulcis 2013
- Rada, Arsenale, Alghero Cagnulari 2012
- Sardus Pater, Arruga, Carignano del Sulcis Superiore 2009
- Siddura, Tiros, Colli del Limbara 2012
- Surrau, Barriu, Isola dei Nuraghi 2011

## Sicily

- Baglio Gibellina, U... Passimientino, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Baglio Gibellina, Salaparuta 2014
- Barone Montalto, Ammasso, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Caruso & Minini, Sachia Perricone, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Caruso & Minini, Terre di Giumara Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Corvo, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Cottanera, Etna 2011
- Cristo di Campobello, Lusrà 2012
- Duca di Salaparuta, Làvico, Nerello Mascalese 2011
- Ermes Marchese Montefusco Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Feudo Montoni, Vrucara, Nero d'Avola 2011
- Gorgi Tondi, Sorante 2012
- Graziella, Gurrieri Nero d'Avola, Vittoria 2013
- Nicosia, Fondo Filara Frappato 2014
- Pietradolce, Vigna Barbagalli, Etna 2012
- Planeta, Eruzione 1614, Nerello Mascalese 2012
- Rallo, Rujari 2012
- Tannu, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Tenute Nicosia, Fondo Filara, Etna 2012
- Terrazze dell'Etna Cirneco, Etna 2010
- Terre di Ginestra, Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane 2014
- Wiegner, Treterre, Etna 2010

## Bronze sweet white

### Sardinia

- Ledda, Bagliori, Moscato di Sardegna 2011

## Bronze fortified white

### Sicily

- Florio, Vecchioflorio Dolce, Marsala Superiore 2012

### Commended sparkling white

- CAMPANIA
- Cantine di Marzo, Anni Venti Greco di Tufo, Irpinia NV

### Commended white

- BASILICATA
- Taverna, San Basile Greco, Matera 2014

### CALABRIA

- Santa Venere, Greco Bianco, Cirò 2014

### CAMPANIA

- Bellaria, Falanghina Irpinia 2014
- Fonzone, Fiano di Avellino 2013
- Fonzone, Greco di Tufo 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Fiano, Sannio 2014
- Vesevo, Greco di Tufo 2014

### PUGLIA

- Paolo Leo, Varietali Malvasia Bianca, Salento 2014
- San Marzano, Estella Fiano Salento 2014
- Tenute Girolamo, La Voliera Fiano 2014
- Tor dé Falchi Santaloja Moscato Secco 2013
- Torrevento, Matervitae Fiano 2014

### SARDINIA

- Carpante, Frinas, Vermentino di Sardegna 2013
- Contini, I Giganti Quaranta Anni, Tharros 2012
- Giogantinu, Karenzia, Vermentino di Gallura Superiore 2013
- Mesa, Giunco, Vermentino di Sardegna 2014
- Morrisons, Signature, Vermentino di Sardegna 2013

### SICILY

- Al-Cantàra, Luci Luci, Etna 2013
- Alliata, Insolia, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Alliata, Taya, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Cantine Ermes, Marchese Montefusco Inzolia, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Caruso & Minini, Terre di Giumara Grecanico, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Colomba Bianca, Gazzera Chardonnay, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Colomba Bianca, Gazzera Pinot Grigio-Moscato Terre Siciliane 2014
- Corvo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Cottanera, Etnabianco, Etna 2013
- Feudo Arancio, Chardonnay 2014
- Feudo Arancio, Dalila, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Gibellina, Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Inycon, Pinot Grigio 2014
- Inycon Pinot Grigio-Grecanico, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Monte Giove Pinot Grigio-Chardonnay, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Nicosia, Marks & Spencer Etna Bianco, Etna 2014
- Paolini, Grillo 2014
- Planeta, Cometa 2013
- Rallo, Beleda 2013
- Settesoli, Inycon Chardonnay Organic, Menfi 2014
- Stemmari, Grillo 2014
- Tenute

- Orestadi, Egisto Grillo Terre Siciliane 2014
- Terra Costantino, DeAetna, Etna 2014
- Terrazze dell'Etna Ciuri, Etna 2013
- The Wine Atlas, Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Vinisola, Zefiro, Pantelleria Bianco 2013

### Commended rosé

- PUGLIA
- Paolo Leo, Primitivo 2014

### SARDINIA

- Contini, Nieddera Valle del Tirso 2014

### Commended red

- BASILICATA
- Cantina di Venosa, Aglianico del Vulture 2012
- Cantine del Notaio, Il Sigillo, Aglianico del Vulture 2010
- Paternoster, Rotondo, Aglianico del Vulture 2011
- Vigneti del Vulture, Aglianico del Vulture 2013

### CALABRIA

- Poderi Marini, Basileus 2010
- Serracavallo, Sette Chiese, Terre de Cosenza 2013
- Tenuta Iuzzolini, Principe Spinelli 2013

### CAMPANIA

- Alois, Trebulanum, Terre del Volturmo 2012
- Bellaria, Campi Taurasini 'Core, Irpinia 2012
- Borgo Giulia, Cruàra, Colli di Salerno 2010
- Marisa Cuomo, Furore Riserva, Costa d'Amalfi 2011
- Marisa Cuomo, Ravello Riserva, Costa d'Amalfi 2011
- Terredora, Fatica Contadina, Taurasi 2009
- Terredora Pago dei Fusi, Taurasi 2008
- Vigne Chigi, Casavecchia, Terre del Volturmo 2013

### PUGLIA

- A Mano, Imprint Susumaniello, Salento 2014
- Antica Masseria Jorche, Primitivo di Manduria 2011
- Apollonio, Terragnolo Negroamaro, Salento 2011
- Apollonio, Terragnolo Primitivo, Salento 2012
- Ca' Vittoria, Appassimento, Gold Release 2014
- Cantine de Falco, Artiglio, Salento 2010
- Cantine de Falco, Bocca della Verità, Salento 2012
- Cantine San Marzano, Vindoro Negroamaro, Salento 2011
- Cignomoro, 80 Vecchie Vigne, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Colli della Murgia, Ambasciatore dei Colli 2006
- Feudi di Guagnano, Cupone Riserva, Salice Salentino 2011
- Feudo di Santa Croce, Celebration LXXIV, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Giordano, Rinforzato Primitivo 2013
- Mediterranean Domains & Estates, Masseria Mazzoni Magnus Salentus, Salento 2014
- Mottura, Primitivo di Manduria 2012
- Paolo Leo, Riserva, Salice Salentino 2010
- Paradiso, Angelo Primo 2010
- Podere 29, Gelso d'Or 2012
- Sampietrana, Tacco Barocco Negroamaro, Salento 2013
- Sampietrana, Vigna delle Monache Riserva, Salice Salentino 2011
- Soloperto, Patriarca, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Surani Costarossa, Primitivo di Manduria 2013
- Thirsty Earth, Primitivo 2012
- Torrevento, Matervitae Negroamaro 2013
- Torrevento, Palastrì Primitivo 2013
- Torrevento, Sine Nomine Riserva, Salice Salentino 2011
- Varvaglione Vigne & Vini, Papale Linea Oro, Primitivo di Manduria 2012
- Vecchia Torre, Primitivo Salento 2013
- Verso, Salento 2014
- Vigneti del Salento, Silver Series Vigne Vecchie Salento 2013

### SARDINIA

- Atha Ruja, Muristellu, Isola dei Nuraghi 2010
- Contini, Barrile, Isola dei Nuraghi 2012
- Giogantinu, Eja, Cannonau di Sardegna 2011
- Giuseppe Sedilesu, Riserva, Cannonau di Sardegna 2010
- Mesa, Buio Buio, Carignano del Sulcis Riserva 2012
- Siddura, Fòla, Cannonau di Sardegna 2013
- Siddura, Bacco, Isola dei Nuraghi 2013
- Siddura, Erema, Isola dei Nuraghi 2013
- Surrau, Sincaru, Cannonau di Sardegna 2012

### SICILY

- Albapiana, Passio, Terre Siciliane 2012
- Al-Cantàra, O'Scuro O'Scuro, Etna 2012
- Alliata, Lorlando, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Asda, Extra Special Nero d'Avola-Syrah, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Baglio Gibellina, Assurdo 2012
- Baglio Gibellina, Incanto Nero d'Avola 2014
- Baglio Gibellina, Terremoto 2012
- Ca' di Ponti, Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Cellaro, Due Lune, Nero d'Avola-Nerello Mascalese, Terre Siciliane 2012
- Colomba Bianca Kore Nero d'Avola 2013
- Ermes Vento di Mare Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Feudo Arancio, Syrah 2013
- Feudo di Santa Tresa, Purato Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Francesco Minini, Corte dei Mori, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Giostra Reitano, Rasocolmo, Faro 2011
- Mandrarossa, Bonera Terre Siciliane 2014
- Mare Magnum, Manifesto Nero d'Avola Organic, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Marks & Spencer Corte Ibla Nero d'Avola 2012
- Morgante, Don Antonio Nero d'Avola 2012
- Morrisons, Signature Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Musita, Regieterre Nero d'Avola 2013
- Nicosia, Fondo Filara Classico, Cerasuolo di Vittoria 2012
- Orion, Zensa Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Planeta, Burdese 2010
- Planeta, Dorilli, Cerasuolo di Vittoria 2012
- Planeta, Santa Cecilia, Noto 2010
- Principi di Butera, Deliella Nero d'Avola 2012
- Principi di Butera, Nero d'Avola 2012
- Provinco Italia, Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Settesoli, Mandrarossa Cartagho 2012
- Stemmari, Pinot Noir, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Tenute Orestadi, Molino a Vento Nerello Mascalese Terre Siciliane 2014
- Tenute Orestadi, Molino a Vento Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Terre di Ginestra, Magnifico Syrah, Terre Siciliane 2013
- Terre di Ginestra, Nero d'Avola-Syrah, Terre Siciliane 2013
- The Wine Atlas, Frappato, Terre Siciliane 2014
- Torre Racina, Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane 2014
- Vigneti Zabù, Impari Nero d'Avola 2012
- Zabù, IL Passo Nerello Mascalese-Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane 2014

### Commended sweet white

- SICILY
- Fattoria La Vialla, Passito, Moscato di Sicilia 2013
- Fondo Antico, Baccadoro, Terre Siciliane NV

### Commended fortified white

- SICILY
- Florio, Vecchioflorio Secco, Marsala Superiore 2012 ➤

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# Spain



## Regional Co-Chair

### Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW (see judges, p4)

DESPITE SO MUCH innovation going on, notwithstanding the many new wines and the rediscovered grape varieties, Spain's major strength in 2015 lies in its classic regions and most renowned brands. Rioja and the Catalonian appellations dominate the

Spanish quality wine scene. Ribera del Duero, Bierzo and the Galician appellations are not far away in terms of quality, but cannot provide enough quantity. In most other regions, there are some excellent wines, but far too many wines were thin and confected. Spain's success rates at this competition are below those of New World competitors. This is important: Spanish wine producers must work harder to not only produce top-quality wines at every price range, but also to ensure reliable average qualities.

## What should we buy from here?

Cariñena/Carignan from Catalonian appellations: while a few years ago it was the poor relation of Garnacha, the proportion of refined complex wines made from this variety is now amazing. Rioja Gran Reserva: a unique style that is distinctive and palate-friendly. Ribera del Duero 2010: the magic vintage, offering good wines at all price points. The ever more complex gran reserva Cava and top-quality, terroir-oriented sparkling Penedès: absolutely original, often delicious. Finally, for everyday drinking, you can't go past unoaked Garnacha and Levante wines and Rioja crianza from reliable producers. In whites, Godello from Galicia and Viura from Rioja, and don't forget Pedro Ximénez from Montilla-Moriles.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Rueda is the great Spanish fiasco at the DWWA. One Silver out of more than 80 wines entered. This region has everything it needs – soil, climate, vines and people – to make great wines. The present situation is a shame. Avoid anything with the word *roble* (oak) in the label. It is an indication of oak chip flavouring rather than quality. Cheap Rioja crianzas (as opposed to good-value ones from reliable producers) and, in general, cheap oaked wines, tend to be thin and drying. There are thousands of excellent Spanish unoaked wines that give much more pleasure for the same price.

## What should we keep an eye on?

White Rioja, with its range of distinctive expressions, is likely to become the next big thing in Spain. Wines from the Canary and Balearic Islands are improving: there aren't many of them but what we've seen is of good quality with much originality. The Graciano variety is giving promising results in regions warmer than Rioja. Light Mencía reds from Ribeira Sacra are a delicious bargain. For the curious, adventurous drinker, there are few countries in the world that offer such diverse regions, each with an impressive array of original wines.



## Regional Co-Chair

### Sarah Jane Evans MW

(see judges, p4)

THIS WAS A terrific year. There was an impressive representation from Spain – 1,865 wines in all. All of them were tasted and retasted, debated and championed. We looked for typicity and excellence, but also individuality and originality. The exciting thing

about 2015 is the diversity we saw: the quality of the wines from regions beyond the famous names and the range of styles. The famous names were there: and the finest Riojas – classical and modern – were outstanding. But so too were lesser-known regions and varieties. Seek the wines out; each of our medals was given with delight and enthusiasm. Share that excitement of Spain with us.

## What should we buy from here?

Red Rioja. Both International Spanish Varietals trophies – open to any country, and to any region of Spain – have once again gone to Rioja Reserva. But don't overlook the gran reservas. These are unique wines and our top choices have years and years ahead of them. Ribera del Duero 2010 had a deservedly good year in DWWA – fine, elegant wines, and much less of the ambitious new oak. Spain's finest whites reaffirmed Galicia as the hot spot (not just for Albariño but also Godello and Treixadura) and white Rioja as an improving star. Finally the premium sparklings are outstanding.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

All too many Riojas, sadly: this powerhouse of production also produces many anonymous wines. Overextracted and overoaked reds: these are still to be found in Toro and Ribera among others. Entry-level Cava: for years we as consumers demanded cheap fizz; and in Cava (as in all else) you get what you pay for. Among the white wines, Rueda was the major disappointment. It can be a wonderfully appealing wine, but the majority had a cheap, confected character.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Plenty! A Regional Trophy for Bierzo only underlines the potential for wines made from the Mencía grape here and across neighbouring Galicia. Catalonia has every style of wine, and a basket of individual winemakers. Look out for local varieties everywhere – producers are experimenting with the traditional flavours of Spain. Merseguera was one such white variety that really caught our attention. And toast Spain's success with a glass of that premium Cava.

Spain won  
3 International  
Trophies (see p19)  
8 Regional Trophies  
(see p56)

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Gold  
sparkling white

● Codorníu, Gran Codorníu,  
Gran Reserva Pinot Noir Brut,  
Cava 2009 (12%)

POA Soho Wines

Discrete yet graceful, opening up on the palate to yeasty, toasty undertones beneath

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layers of crisp, vivid lemony fruit and honey, and a brisk, palate-cleansing finish. Full-bodied and concentrated but very much in control.

● **Gramona, Enoteca Gran Reserva, Brut Nature, Cava 2001 (12.5%)**

£160 **Berry Bros & Rudd**  
Aromas of golden toast spread with acacia, complemented by aromas of peat, praline and dried herbs. It's crisp and refined, with a fine mousse and an elegantly aged finish.



● **Allende, Aurus, Rioja 2010 (14%)**

POA **Berry Bros & Rudd**  
POA **Spec's USA**  
Discreet but intense at the same time, with graceful, elegant red berry fruit underneath a delicate layer of toasty oak. Fluid and expressive in the mouth – so floral and distinguished, with its sleek tannins and long, refined finish.

● **Baigorri, De Garage, Rioja 2010 (14.5%)**

£32.53 **Matthew Clark**  
POA **Quality Wines of Spain USA**  
Elaborate nose of ripe currant, coffee, spice, blueberry, tobacco, toffee, pencil lead and dark olives. Vibrant, youthful and integrated, the silky palate is structured and seamless, with fine-grained tannins, elegant fruit, racy acidity and a dark bitter chocolate finish. Amazing.

● **Berberana, Carta de Oro, Rioja Reserva 2009 (13.5%)**

£9.99 **Booths, Budgens, Ocado**  
Cloves, vanilla, leather, sweet red berry fruits and farmyard hints. Deliciously made, with strawberry, sandalwood and sage flavours, wet stone minerality, ripe tannins and a mellow finish. Benchmark stuff ready for to enjoy now.

● **Bilbaínas, Viña Pomal Alto de la Caseta, Rioja 2010 (14.5%)**

£60 **Matthew Clark**  
Restrained toasty French oak aromas, blackberry jam, plus a lift of dry flowers and spice. Refined, deep and complex, with an incredible density of fruit, it's finely grained with soft but abundant tannins and a silky finish. A great terroir wine.

● **Campillo, Rioja Gran Reserva 2004 (13.5%)**

£29.99 **Forth Wines, Inverarity Morton**  
Textbook Gran Reserva, with cooked apples, bruised red fruits, game, toast and spice, intermingling in perfect harmony. Soft but with real presence, it's plump and flashy, but with perfect extraction and a long, accomplished finish.

● **Costers del Priorat, Mas Viló, Priorat 2013 (14.5%)**

£14 **Vi-Vino**  
Exotic and multi-faceted, with earthy cumin spice, sweet red fruit, dark chocolate, minerals, herbs and a satisfying baked aroma. It has a delicate chiffon texture, has great character and length, with a touch of elegant salinity. Immensely satisfying.

● **Costers del Priorat, Pissarres, Priorat 2012 (14.5%)**

£19 **Vi-Vino**  
Savoury and soulful, with aromas of shoe polish, herbs, meat and spice, with a rustic, edge of game. This terroir-oriented wine is attractively textured, with bread, graphite, fruit cake and mineral hints. Very dark, with a great future.

● **Domini de la Cartoixa, Clos Galena, Priorat 2010 (14.5%)**

£22 **Daniel Lambert**  
Ripe, thick, rich open aroma of Mediterranean herbs, spice, cedar, cigar box and compact black fruits. Muscular and multi-layered, it's both elegant and powerful, with savoury, earthy fruits. Mellow and approachable for a Priorat.

● **Espelt, Old Vines Carignan, Empordà 2013 (13.5%)**

POA **Bibendum PLB**  
POA **European Cellars USA**  
An explosive nose of raspberry, minerals and spice, with darker, more brooding notes like raw meat and earth. Crisp, juicy and with a rich mineral appeal, this needs a bit more time in bottle before it fully flowers, but still has buckets of appeal now.

● **Ferrer Bobet, Vinyes Velles, Priorat 2012 (14.5%)**

£37 **H2Vin**  
POA **Vintus USA**  
Great Priorat expression, with coffee grounds, plump black fruit and mocha plushness of new French oak. This is intense, deep and long, with a graphite-

rich minerality partnering layers of taut black plum, blueberry, cumin, ginger and a baked clay earthiness. Will improve.

● **Fusión, Lara O Pro, Ribera del Duero 2010 (14%)**

Long, savoury and with great concentration, boasting an alluring nose of bloody meat, minerals, intense dark berries, with a decoration of spice. Full in body, with polished plum fruit, racy acidity, soft tannins and a floral aroma to the finish.

● **Herminia, Vendimia Selecciónada Garnacha Rioja Crianza 2011 (15%)**

£13.95 **Wine in Cornwall**  
Intense, distinctive Garnacha fragrance, this is complex and powerful, with extended quality oak contact over very plump, ripe fruit. Lush and tightly structured but with fine tannins and elegance, this is very long and not yet fully expressed.

● **Finca Manzanos, Especial, Rioja Reserva 2007 (13.5%)**

£70 **Alliance Wine**  
Vibrant, ripe and inky with pronounced notes of raspberry, blueberry and eucalyptus. This is sleek, with a classy texture full of black fruits, baked damsons and cloves, firm tannins, beautiful balance and excellent length. Will improve.

● **Mas Doix, Salanques, Priorat 2012 (14.5%)**

£33 **OW Loeb**  
POA **European Cellars USA**  
Intense, concentrated, savoury, and mouthwatering, with perfumed wild raspberry, red cherry, spice, herbs, and a delicious mineral expression. This is a great Priorat, showing off superb wine making, with great potential ahead.

● **Muga, Selección Especial, Rioja Reserva 2010 (14%)**

£24.49 **widely available via C&D Wine**  
Very fine and expensive new oak here, with notes of toasty coconut and mocha. Yet the concentrated, warm black fruits still take centre stage, backed by leather, herbs, tobacco leaf and spice, finished by a long, textured and grippy finale.

● **Ondarre, Rivallana, Rioja Crianza 2013 (13.5%)**

£10 **Amazon, Hallgarten Druitt & Novum**  
A tempting nose of sweet red berries, burnt sugar, vanilla,

balsamic notes and autumn leaves. The integrated palate, showcases dried herbs, minerals and strawberry, with light, sandy tannins. Proper easy-drinking Rioja.

● **Regina Viarum, Expresión, Ribeira Sacra 2011 (14.5%)**

Appealing nose with oodles of charming blackberry, dark cherry, graphite and slatey mineral notes. Full-bodied palate of juicy bramble fruit, spice, garrigue hints and silky tannins; this is moreish, fresh and energetic.

● **Torres, Grans Muralles, Conca de Barberà 2010 (15%)**

£50.99 **Fells**  
Vibrant, perfumed an individual, with real scent on the nose. It opens its arms on the palate which is fabulously precise and concentrated, with lovely expression of fruit and good freshness from the Cariñena, then a big, bold finish.

● **Valduero, Ribera del Duero 2012 (14%)**

POA **Charles Mitchell, EWGA**  
An extremely ripe offering, with kirsch and blueberry coated in creamy new oak. Rich, fruity, dense, complex and long, there's an abundance of oak-influenced notes on the palate as well, but is well matched by layers of thick and lush dark fruits. A great wine.

● **Valduero, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010 (14%)**

POA **Charles Mitchell, EWGA**  
Evidence of expensive oak here with a full-throttle but perfumed nose of toast, creamy chocolate and lush dark fruits. It's polished and rich in the mouth, full in body with fine tannins and great acidity able to match the breadth and intensity of the glistening fruit.



**Silver sparkling white**

● **Codorníu, Gran Codorníu Gran Reserva Chardonnay Brut, Cava 2009**

● **Danza, Escumoso, Rías Baixas 2013**

● **Dominio de la Vega, Reserva Especial Brut, Cava 2012**

● **Finca Sabaté i Coca, Reserva Familiar de Sabaté i Coca Brut Nature, Cava 2008**

● **Mestres, Cupatge 80 Aniversari Brut, Cava 2008** ➤

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- Rovellats, Collecció Extra Brut, Cava 2009
- Sumarroca, Allier Gran Brut, Cava 2011



## Silver white

- Abadal, Picapoll, Plà de Bagés 2014
- Barón de Ley, 3 Viñas, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Barón de Ley, Camino del Monte, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Bilbaínas, Viña Pomal Tempranillo Blanco, Rioja 2013
- Bodegas Muriel, Viña Muriel Reserva, Rioja 2010
- Castell d'Encus, Ekam, Costers del Segre 2013
- Dolores Fontan Limeres, Maio5 de Lagar de Costa, Rías Baixas 2012
- Finca Allende, Martires, Rioja 2013
- Finca Allende, Rioja 2012
- La Báscula, Catalan Eagle, Terra Alta 2014
- La Tapada, Guitian Fermentado En Barrica, Valdeorras 2012
- Luis Cañas, Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja 2014
- Mar de Frades, Finca Valiñas, Rías Baixas 2012
- Martín Códax, Caixus Godello, Monterrei 2014
- Martín Códax, Organistrum, Rías Baixas 2012
- Menade, Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- Mustiguillo, Finca Calvestra, Vinos de España 2013
- Pazo de Villarei, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- San Roque, Terra do Castelo Treixadura, Ribeiro 2013
- Trossos del Priorat, Abracadabra, Priorat 2013
- Val de Vid, Rueda 2014
- Vilarvin, Valtea Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014



## Silver rosé

- Marqués de la Cruz, Garnacha, Campo de Borja 2014



## Silver red

- 4Kilos, Mallorca 2012
- Abadia Retuerta, Pago Valdebellón, Castilla y León 2011
- Abanico, Tierra Fuerte Graciano, Mérida 2013
- Aldeanueva, Tunante, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Allende, Rioja 2009
- Altanza, Raza, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Alvarez-Alfaro, Rioja Crianza 2012

- Arzuaga, Especial Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010
- Aster, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2010
- Bagordi, Garnacha, Rioja 2013
- Baigorri, Belus, Rioja 2009
- Baigorri, Garnacha, Rioja 2010
- Baigorri, Rioja Reserva 2007
- Barahonda, Casa del Canto Roble, Yecla 2012
- Barón de Ley, Camino del Monte, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Bilbaínas, Graciano, Rioja 2010
- Bilbaínas, Viña Pomal Garnacha, Rioja 2010
- Bodegas Faustino, Faustino I, Rioja Gran Reserva 2001
- Burgo Viejo, Palacio de Verano, Rioja Crianza 2012
- CVNE, Imperial, Rioja Reserva 2009
- CVNE, Imperial, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Dehesa del Carrizal, Syrah, Pago Dehesa del Carrizal 2011
- Calar, Calar del Río Mundo, Castilla 2012
- Campo Viejo Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Cándido Hernández, Balcón Canario, Tacoronte-Acentejo 2014
- Carodorum, Toro Crianza 2012
- Casa Primicia, Julian Madrid, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Castaño, GSM, Yecla 2014
- Castillo de Jumilla, Monastrell-Tempranillo, Jumilla 2014
- Cillar de Silos, Flor de Silos, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Clos Figueras, Priorat 2007
- Costers del Priorat, Clos Viló, Priorat 2011
- Costers del Priorat, Elios, Priorat 2013
- Descendientes de J Palacios, Petalos, Bierzo 2013
- Domini de la Cartoixa, Galena, Priorat 2010
- Dominio Basconcillos, Viña Magna, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Emina, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010
- Espartero, Rioja Gran Reserva 2005
- Finca Villacreces, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Franco-Españolas, Rioja Bordón, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Franco-Españolas, Rioja Bordón, Rioja Gran Reserva 2006
- Fusión, Lara O Hispania, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2009
- Gómez Cruzado, Pancrudo Rioja 2013
- Gran Calero Monastrell, Yecla 2014
- Gran Clos, Finca El Puig, Priorat 2011
- Hammeken, Montgó Tempranillo, Castilla 2012



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Darius Allyn MS

(also judged Tuscany)

ALLYN BECAME A Master Sommelier in 2005, after obtaining his advanced oenology diploma from UC Davis in 2004. With over 30 years' hospitality experience, he has created and led award-

winning wine programmes around the world including Aureole in Las Vegas, and Rockpool Bar & Grill in Sydney. He has led courses for the Court of Master Sommeliers in Asia while also marking exams for MS-level candidates. He is an experienced judge and speaker and has been an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

- Hidalgo Albert, 1270 A Vuit Fina, Priorat 2011
- Hnos Frias del Val, Experiencia, Rioja 2010
- La Locomotora, Rioja Crianza 2011
- La Rioja Alta, Alberdi, Rioja Reserva 2009
- La Rioja Alta, 904, Rioja Gran Reserva 2005
- La Rioja Alta, The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2008
- La Rioja Alta, Viña Arana, Rioja Reserva 2006
- Lan, A Mano, Rioja 2011
- Leyenda del Paramo, El Médico, Tierra de León 2012
- Marqués de Calatrava Selección Reservada Tempranillo, La Mancha 2014
- Marqués de la Concordia, Hacienda Zorita Magister, Castilla y León 2011
- Marqués de la Concordia, Hacienda Zorita, Abascal, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2009
- Marqués de la Concordia, Lagunilla, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Marqués de Riscal, Barón de Chirel, Rioja Reserva 2006
- Mas la Mola, L'Expressió del Priorat, Priorat 2013
- Matanegra, Fourteen Meses, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Máximo Abete, Guerinda Navasentero Crianza, Navarra 2011
- Mustiguillo, Finca el Terrerazo, Pago el Terrerazo 2012
- Olarra, Era Costana, Rioja Crianza 2013
- Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Ondarre, Ursa Maior, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Ontañón, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Otero, Crianza, Valles de Benavente 2009
- Pago de Cirsus, Opus 11, Navarra 2009
- Pago de los Capellanes, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Pagos del Rey, El Circulo, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Palacio de Otazu, Altar Reserva, Navarra 2007
- Peique, Selección Familiar, Bierzo 2008
- Perelada, Aires de Garbet, Empordà 2012
- Pinodocel, Cinco Meses, Jumilla 2014
- Protos, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010
- Ramón Bilbao, Mirto, Rioja 2010
- Ramón Bilbao, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Rectoral de Amandi, Mencia, Ribeira Sacra 2014
- Resalte de Peñafiel, Resalte, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2010
- Ricardo Palacios, Rolindes, Castilla y León 2012
- Rioja Vega, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Roda, I, Rioja Reserva 2007
- Sagasta, Rioja Crianza 2013
- Sangenis i Vaqué, Clos Monlleó, Priorat 2006
- Scala Dei, Prior, Priorat 2012
- Sexto Elemento, Vino de Mesa 2012
- Solluna, Priorat 2012
- Taron, Rioja Reserva 2006
- Thalassa Taller, Payoya Negra, Sierras de Málaga 2011
- The Tapas Wine Collection, Vino de Mesa 2013
- Tobia, Alma Tobia, Rioja 2009
- Torre Oria, Niche Valencia 2013
- Torremoron, Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero 2014
- Torres, Perpetual, Priorat 2012
- Torres, Purgatori, Costers del Segre 2012
- Trossos del Priorat, Lo Mon Priorat 2011 ➤

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Hacienda Zorita Abascal winery was designed following a modern "Land Art" style



The cellar holds 280 barrels



Chief Winemaker Ignacio Gutiérrez

# Hacienda Zorita Abascal Vineyard

The Hacienda Zorita Abascal winery was finally completed in 2006, following a radical modern style known as "Land Art" that was first developed in California during the 80s. Combining nature and architecture, this modern winery has become a declaration of innovation and modernity in the heart of one of the most traditional winemaking areas of Spain, the Ribera Del Duero. The Abascal vineyard is located next door to Vega Sicilia, between Quintanilla Del Onésimo and Peñafiel, a popular area known as "The Golden Mile" due to its closeness to the famous Duero River.

Producing wines from 100% Tempranillo, the 12.9 hectare single vineyard sits at 650 meters above sea level. The soil is sandy and of limestone, which together with the extreme continental weather conditions, make this an ideal location for growing high quality Tempranillo grapes.

Hand harvested in 22kg boxes from 14 year old vines, the grapes are passed through the selection table under the guidance of Chief Winemaker Ignacio

Gutiérrez, who is part of the third generation of winegrowers and winemakers from the Gutiérrez family. Just as with his father and grandfather, Ignacio's entire life has been steered in one direction – the vineyard and wine. He graduated as an Agricultural Engineer from the University of Valladolid, Spain, then an Engineer Agronomist from the University of Leon, Spain. To complete his education, he studied a Master in

Viticulture, Oenology and Wine Marketing from Torras and Asociados. Also working at the Agricultural Technological Institute of Castilla and Leon in the department of viticulture, Ignacio used his time at the institute to help increase his knowledge regarding different viticulture management techniques. After spending three years in charge of the family winery in DO Cigales, he then undertook the role of Chief Winemaker for the new Hacienda Zorita Abascal winery.

Released in late 2014 after spending 2 years in 225 litre French oak barrels, followed by further time in bottle, 2009 hailed the inaugural vintage for Hacienda Zorita Abascal Reserva. Cementing its place in-between its two sister wines, Hacienda Zorita Abascal Crianza and Hacienda Zorita Abascal Limited Production, with only 13,000 bottles produced, Hacienda Zorita Abascal Reserva 2009 has already received several accolades. Awards to date include two Gold medals: Bacchus International Wine Competition 2015 and Mundus Vini 2014, and two Silver medals: Decanter World Wine Awards 2015 and Imbibe Sommelier Wine Awards 2015.



## Hacienda Zorita Abascal Vineyard Reserva 2009

100% Tempranillo  
Deep ruby red in colour. The nose shows rich, ripe red fruits with hints of plum and underlying toasted notes. Powerful forward fruit on the palate. Well-structured with intense but soft tannins and a long, satisfying finish.  
**Alc 14%**



- Trossos del Priorat, Lo Petit de la Casa, Priorat 2011
- Vegaclara, Mario VC, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Vilano, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Virgen de la Asunción, El Corazón de la Tierra, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Ysios, Edición Limitada, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Zorzal, Graciano, Navarra 2013
- Zorzal, Señora de las Alturas, Navarra 2012
- Zugoer, Belezos, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Zugoer, Belezos, Rioja Gran Reserva 2001



### Silver sweet white

- Gorka Izagirre, Arima Late Harvest, Txacolí de Bizcaia 2011
- Rubicón, Moscatel, Lanzarote 2014



### Silver fortified red

- Finca Moncloa, Tintilla de Rota, Cádiz 2012



### Bronze sparkling white

- Arestel, Extra Brut, Cava 2012
- Canals & Munné, Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011
- Canals Nadal, Reserva Brut, Cava 2012
- Canals Nadal, Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011
- Codorníu, Gran Codorníu Gran Reserva Xarel-lo Brut, Cava 2009
- Codorníu, Jaime Codorníu Gran Reserva Brut, Cava 2009
- Codorníu, Reina Maria Cristina Blanc de Noirs Brut, Cava 2012
- Dominio de la Vega, Reserva Brut, Cava NV
- Heretat Mastinell, Cristina Gran Reserva Extra Brut, Cava 2007
- Langa, Reyes de Aragon Reserva Brut, Cava NV
- Marqués de Monistrol, Berberana Selección Especial Brut, Cava NV
- Mas Bertran, Balma Brut, Penedès 2012
- Mas Bertran, Balma Brut Nature, Penedès 2012
- Mas Macià, Brut, Cava NV
- Mas Macià Reserva Brut Nature, Cava NV
- Mestres, Coquet Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2009
- Mont Marçal, Aureum Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2009
- Pata Negra, Semi Seco, Cava NV
- Pere Ventura, Maria del Mar Gran Reserva Brut, Cava 2011
- Portaceli Brut, Cava NV
- Raimat, Chardonnay Brut, Vino de Mesa NV
- Raventós I Blanc De la Finca Brut Nature, Vino de Mesa 2011



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## Jesús Barquín

BARQUIN IS A member of the Académie Internationale du Vin and has twice won a National Gastronomy Prize in Spain for his contribution to the diffusion of Spanish food and wine culture around the world – in 2006 as wine writer, and in 2013 together with

Eduardo Ojeda as co-founders of Sherry bodega Equipo Navazos. Barquin is co-author of the award-winning books Sherry, Manzanilla & Montilla and The Finest Wines of Rioja and Northwest Spain. He lectures on criminal law at the University of Granada as his day job.

- Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Brut, Cava NV
- Sumarroca, Nuria Claverol Reserva Brut, Cava 2011
- Torelló, Special Edition Reserva Brut, Cava 2011
- Vallformosa, Clàssic Brut Nature, Cava 2012
- Vallformosa, Col-lecció Brut Nature Reserva, Cava 2012
- Vega Medien, Brut, Cava NV
- Vilarnau, Subirat Parent Brut, Cava NV
- Vilarnau, Capricis Brut Nature, Cava NV



### Bronze sparkling rosé

- Ca n'Estella, Brut Rosé, Cava 2011
- Gran Campo Viejo, Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Marks & Spencer, Heretat El Padruell Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Marqués de Monistrol, Berberana Gran Tradición Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Mas Bertran, Argila Brut Nature Rosé, Penedès 2012
- Mont Marçal, Extremarium Brut Nature Rosé Cava NV
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Vintage Brut Rosé, Cava 2013
- Spar, Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Toro Loco, Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Vallformosa, Origen Brut Rosé, Cava 2013
- Vilarnau, Reserva Brut Rosé, Cava NV
- Villa Conchi, Brut Rosé, Cava NV



### Bronze white

- Agro de Bazán, Granbazan Etiqueta Ambar, Rías Baixas 2014
- Albet i Noya, El Fanio, Penedès 2013
- Altos de Torona, Rosal Triple Varietal, Rías Baixas 2014
- Antonio Cajide Gulín, Sameirás, Ribeiro 2013
- Beade Primacia, Treixadura, Ribeiro 2014
- Berberana, Dragon Reserva

### Chardonnay-Macabeo, Catalunya 2012

- Bodega Otazu, Chardonnay, Navarra 2014
- Bodegas Bohedal, Gran Bohedal, Rioja 2013
- Bodegas Patrocinio, Zinio Viura, Rioja 2014
- Bornos, Sauvignon Blanc, Rueda 2014
- CVNE, Contino, Rioja 2012
- CVNE, Barrel Ferment, Rioja 2014
- Ca n'Estruc, Xarel-lo, Catalunya 2014
- Casal de Armán, Ribeiro 2013
- Casona Micaela, CM, Costa de Cantabria 2014
- Castell d'Encus, Taleia, Costers del Segre 2013
- Castellana, Cuatro Rayas Viñedoss Centenarios, Rueda 2014
- Castelo de Medina, Castelo Noble, Rueda 2013
- Castelo de Medina, Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- Cherubino, Moscatel Blanco, Valencia 2014
- Chivite Finca de Villatuerta Chardonnay, Navarra 2013
- Clos d'Agon Catalunya 2012
- Cunqueiro, Más de Cunqueiro, Ribeiro 2013
- De Alberto, Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- Dehesa del Carrizal, Chardonnay, Pago Dehesa del Carrizal 2013
- Dolores Fontan Limeres, Lagar de Costa, Rías Baixas 2014
- Eduardo Rodríguez y Luz Cánovas, Eduardo Peña, Ribeiro 2013
- Eladio Santalla Paradelo, Hacienda Ucediños Godello, Valdeorras 2014
- Errekalde Txakolina, Hiruzta, Txacolí de Getaria 2014
- Espelt, Lledoner Roig, Empordà 2013
- Finca Nueva, Fermentado en Barrica Rioja 2014
- Fontana, Oveja Blanca Dry Muscat Vino de Mesa 2014
- Francisco García Pérez, Adega do Moucho, Ribeiro 2013
- Godelia, Selección, Bierzo 2012

- Gómez Cruzado, Rioja 2013
- Gorka Izagirre, G22, Txacolí de Bizcaia 2012
- Gran Sello, Macabeo-Verdejo, Castilla 2014
- Heredad de Baroja, Cautivo, Rioja 2013
- Herencia Altés, Garnatxa Blanca, Terra Alta 2014
- Herencia Altés, La Serra, Terra Alta 2013
- Hijos de Alberto Gutierrez, Monasterio de Palazuelos, Rueda 2014
- Ijalba Maturana Blanca Rioja 2013
- JF Arriezu Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- José Pariente, Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica Rueda 2013
- La Tapada, Guitian Sobre Lias, Valdeorras 2013
- La Val, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2013
- Lafou, Els Amelers, Terra Alta 2013
- Leiras, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2013
- Maior de Mendoza, 3 Crianzas, Rías Baixas 2012
- Maior de Mendoza, Sobre Lías, Rías Baixas 2014
- Mar de Frades, Brut Nature, Rías Baixas NV
- Marco Abella, Olbia, Priorat 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Alaia Txacolí de Getaria 2013
- Marqués de Riscal, Finca Montico, Rueda 2013
- Martín Códax, Burgáns Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- Muga, Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja 2014
- Nairoa, Alberte, Ribeiro 2013
- Nivarius, Tempranillo Blanco-Viura, Rioja 2013
- Ontañon, Vetiver Viura, Rioja 2013
- Orballo, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- Pablo Padin, Segrel Ambar Albariño Rías Baixas 2013
- Paco & Lola, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- Paco & Lola, Prime, Rías Baixas 2013
- Pago de Cirsus, Chardonnay en Barrica, Navarra 2013
- Pagos del Rey, Castillo de Albai, Rioja 2014
- Palacio de Villachica, Abside, Rueda 2014
- Palacios Remondo, Placet Valtomelloso, Rioja 2012
- Pata Negra, Rueda 2014
- Pazo das Tapias, Alma de Blanco Godello, Monterrei 2014
- Quinta Couselo, Barbuntin, Rías Baixas 2013
- Quinta Couselo Rosal, Rías Baixas 2013
- Raimat, Castell de Raimat Chardonnay, Costers del Segre 2014
- Rectoral do Umia, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- Rectoral do Umia Abellio-Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014
- Sanz, Finca La Colina, Cien X Cien Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- Somoza, Godello Selección, Valdeorras 2013
- SonSierra, Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja 2014
- SonSierra, Selección, Rioja 2014
- Terras do Cigarrón, Godello, Monterrei 2014

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- Tierras El Guijarral, Valdebonita Altillo, Castilla y León 2014
- Torres, Fransola, Penedès 2014
- Torres, Habitat Garnacha-Xarel·lo, Catalunya 2013
- Torres, Verdeo Verdejo, Rueda 2014
- Torres, Viña Esmeralda, Catalunya 2014
- Val de Souto, Treixadura Godello Loureira, Ribeiro 2014
- Vilano, Rueda 2014
- Viñas del Vero La Miranda de SeCastilla Garnacha Blanca, Somontano 2013
- Vins del Tros, Cent X Cent, Terra Alta 2013
- Vins Padró Ipsi Chardonnay, Tarragona 2014
- Vins Padró Ipsi, Mas d'Infants, Tarragona 2014
- Vinyes d'Olivardots, Blanc de Gresa, Empordà 2012

## Bronze rosé

- Felix Solis, Viña Albali Smooth Tempranillo, Valdepeñas 2014
- Gran Feudo, Edición Sobre Lias Navarra 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Raso de la Cruz, Vino de Mesa 2014
- Marqués de Alarcon, Castilla 2014
- Ontañón, Clarete, Rioja 2014
- Otazu, Rosé Tempranillo, Navarra 2014
- Otero, Finca Valleoscuro Prieto

- Picudo-Tempranillo, Valles de Benavente 2014
- Príncipe de Viana, Edición Rosa, Navarra 2014
- Señorío de Sarriá, Viñedos No 5, Navarra 2014
- Sierra Norte, Pasión de Bobal, Utiel Requena 2014
- Viñas del Vero, Pago Las Almunietas Pinot Noir, Somontano 2014
- Waitrose, Ripe and Juicy, Campo de Borja 2014

## Bronze red

- 1898 Ramón Roqueta, Tempranillo, Catalunya 2014
- 3 Ases, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Abadal, 3.9, Plà de Bagés 2009
- Abadal, Crianza, Plà de Bagés 2011
- Akutain, Rioja Gran Reserva 2004
- Albet i Noya, Ocell de Foc, Penedès 2012
- Aldeanueva, Azabache Tempranillo, Rioja 2014
- Aldeanueva, Tunante Gran Selección, Rioja 2014
- Alto Moncayo, Veraton, Campo de Borja 2012
- Alvarez Alfaro, Selección Familiar, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Alvaro Palacios, Les Terrasses, Priorat 2013
- Añadas, Care Garnacha-Syrah Roble, Cariñena 2014

- Añadas, Care Xclnt Selección Especial, Cariñena 2010
- Arabarte, Autor, Rioja 2011
- Artero, Crianza, La Mancha 2012
- Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Aster, Finca el Otero, Ribera del Duero 2010
- Avelino Vegas, Fuentespina Selección, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Azpilicueta, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Azpilicueta, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Baigorri, Selección Especial, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Baigorri, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Barahonda, Alma de Casa, Yecla 2013
- Barbadillo, Gibalbin, Cádiz 2014
- Barbadillo, Navegante, Cádiz 2014
- Barceliño, Criado de Barrica, Catalunya 2013
- Barón d'Alba, Clos d'Esgarracordes Colección Pelegri Castelló 2011
- Barón de Ley, Corte Mayor, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Barón de Ley, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Berberana, D'Avalos Etiqueta Negra, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Bernard Magrez, Luz del Palacio, Jumilla 2013
- Beronia, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Beronia, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Beronia, Tempranillo, Rioja 2012
- Bilbainas, Viña Pomal, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008

- Bleda, Castillo de Jumilla, Jumilla 2014
- Bodegas Castelo de Medina, Syté, Castilla y León 2010
- Bodegas del Rosario, Niño de las Uvas, Bullas 2013
- Bodegas Pablo Menguante, Vidadillo, Cariñena 2011
- Bodegas Patrocinio, Señorío DE Uñuela, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Bodegas Patrocinio, Zinio Tempranillo-Graciano, Rioja 2013
- Bodegas Patrocinio, Zino Reserva, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Bodegas Recoletas, Vendimia Selecciónada, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Bodegas Santalba, Abando Vendimia Selecciónada, Rioja 2009
- Bodegas Tritón, Entresuelos, Castilla y León 2013
- Bodegas Zifar, Elementos, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Bogarve 1915, Lacruz, Vega Centenario, La Mancha 2012
- Bohórquez, Cardela, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Bordoy, Sa Rota Crianza, Plà i Llevant 2011
- Bordoy, Sa Rota Reserva, Plà i Llevant 2010
- Borsao, Crianza Selección, Campo de Borja 2012
- Borsao, Selección, Campo de Borja 2014
- Boutinot, Gran Tesoro Garnacha, Campo de Borja 2014
- Burgo Viejo, Finca Los Principes, Rioja Crianza 2012 ➤

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- Burgo Viejo, Rioja Crianza 2012
- CVNE, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Dehesa del Carrizal, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pago Dehesa del Carrizal 2011
- Camino de Seda, Selección Especial, Jumilla 2014
- Campillo, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Campo Viejo, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Campo Viejo Tempranillo, Rioja 2013
- Carchelo, Altico, Jumilla 2012
- Care, Joven Garnacha-Syrah, Cariñena 2014
- Carmelo Ortega, Saxa Loquuntur Tres, Rioja 2011
- Carmelo Ortega, Saxa Loquuntur Uno, Rioja 2013
- Casa Los Frailes, La Danza de la Moma, Valencia 2010
- Casa Rojo, Alexander VS The Ham Factory, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Castaño, Hécúla Monastrell, Yecla 2013
- Castaño, Monastrell, Yecla 2014
- Castell d'Encus, Acusp, Costers del Segre 2013
- Castillo de Maluenda, Elementos Tierra Syrah, Vino de Mesa 2013
- Castillo de Mendoza, Autor, Rioja 2012
- Castillo de Mendoza, Noralba, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Castillo de Monjardin, Deyo Merlot de Autor Crianza, Navarra 2011
- Castillo la Paz, Tempranillo-Syrah, Castilla 2014
- Catania, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Cercavins, Bru de Verdu 14, Costers del Segre 2010
- Cerrón, El Sentido de la Vida, Castilla 2012
- Cerrón, Rabia, Jumilla 2012
- Cerrón, Remordimiento Jumilla 2013
- Chivite, Don Pascual, Navarra 2012
- Chivite, Finca de Villatuerta, Selección Especial, Navarra 2011
- Cillar de Silos, La Viña de Amalio, Ribera del Duero 2010
- Cillar de Silos, Torresilo, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Clos d'Agon, Catalunya 2011
- Coca i Fitó, Jaspí Maragda, Montsant 2011
- Coca i Fitó, Jaspí Negre, Montsant 2012
- Condado de Oriza, 409, Ribera del Duero 2010
- Conrad, Cristina, Sierras de Málaga 2011
- Contralto, Calle Principal, Castilla 2013
- Corona de Aragon, Garnacha, Cariñena 2014
- Cortijo los Aguilares, Tadeo, Sierras de Málaga 2012
- Cosme Palacio, Vendimia Selecciónada, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Costers del Sió, Alto Siós, Costers del Segre 2011
- Coto de Rioja, Coto de Imaz, Rioja Gran Reserva 2005
- Coviñas, Embeleso Tempranillo, Utiel Requena 2014
- Crin Roja, Tempranillo, Castilla 2014
- Cruz de Alba, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Cutio, Garnacha, Cariñena 2014
- David Moreno, Vobiscum, Rioja 2011
- David Moreno, Rioja Reserva 2009
- David Moreno, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Dehesa de los Canónigos, Solideo, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2009
- Dehesa de Los Llanos, Mazacruz Cima, Vino de Mesa 2010
- Dehesa de Luna, Castilla 2013
- Dominio de Cair, Ribera del Duero 2010
- Dominio de Cair, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Dominio de Fontana, Vendimia Selecciónada Tempranillo-Graciano, Uclés 2012
- Dominio de la Vega, Paraje Tornel Bobal, Utiel Requena 2012
- Dominio de Tares, Cepas Viejas, Bierzo 2011
- Dominio del Bendito, El Titan del Bendito, Toro 2011
- Don Jacobo, Rioja Crianza 2010
- El Circo, Equilibrista, Cariñena 2014
- El Coto de Rioja, Coto de Imaz, Rioja Reserva 2010
- El Hombre Bala, Vinos de Madrid 2013
- El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Elena, Pacheco, Jumilla 2013
- Elena, Pacheco Organic, Jumilla 2013
- Embeleso, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Emilio Moro, Malleolus, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Emilio Moro, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Enate, Cabernet-Cabernet, Somontano 2011
- Enate, Crianza, Somontano 2009
- Espelt, Coma Bruna, Trè Old Vinyes, Empordà 2011
- Espelt, Terres Negres, Empordà 2013
- Familia Torres, Habitat Garnacha-Syrah, Catalunya 2013
- Felix Solis, Caliza, La Mancha 2014
- Fica La Emperatriz, Terruño, Rioja 2010
- Figuero, 4, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Finca Albret, Tempranillo, Navarra 2014
- Finca Allende, Calvario, Rioja 2010
- Finca Antigua, Petit Verdot, La Mancha 2011
- Finca Constanca, Parcela 23, Castilla 2013
- Finca de los Arandinos, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Finca El Refugio, Quorum, Castilla 2011
- Finca Manzanos, De Alto Amo, Rioja 2013
- Finca Manzanos, Los Hermanos Manzanos, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Finca Manzanos, Voché, Rioja 2012
- Finca Millara, Ribeira Sacra 2011
- Finca Moncloa, Cádiz 2012
- Finca San Blas, Bobal, Utiel Requena 2011
- Fontana, Oveja Tinta Graciano, Vino de Mesa 2014
- Frares, Marks & Spencer, Priorat 2013
- Frontaura, Toro Crianza 2008
- Fusión, Lara O, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011
- Gómez Cruzado, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Gómez de Segura, Finca Ratón, Don Antonio, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Gómez de Segura, Vendimia Selecciónada Tempranillo, Rioja 2013
- Gran Feudo, Viñas Viejas Reserva, Navarra 2010
- Gran Feudo, Edición Crianza, Navarra 2010
- Gran Sello, Clasicos Tempranillo-Garnacha Castilla 2013
- Gran Sello, Colección Privada Garnacha-Syrah-Tempranillo, Castilla 2013
- Guelbenzu, Azul, Ribera del Queiles 2012
- Hacienda Uvanis, Old Vines, Navarra 2014
- Hammeken, El Cántico, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Hammeken, Flor del Montgó Monastrell, Yecla 2013
- Hammeken, Montgó Monastrell, Alicante 2012
- Hammeken, Tosalet, Priorat 2013
- Heredad de Baroja, Cautivo, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Heredad de Baroja, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Heredad de Baroja, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Heredad Mestral, Priorat 2012
- Hermanos Frías del Vall, Selección Personal, Rioja 2011
- Herminia, Excelsus, Rioja 2012
- Ibaiondo, Arco Larraturia, Rioja Crianza 2010
- Ignacio Marin, Barón de la Joyosa, Gran Reserva, Cariñena 2008
- Ignacio Marin Ballad, Cariñena 2012
- Ijalba, Rioja Reserva 2010
- In the Mood for Wine, Chulapa Crianza, Vinos de Madrid 2010
- Iniesta, Corazón Loco, Manchuela 2014
- Inurrieta, Laderas de Inurrieta, Navarra 2012
- Joaquín Rebollo, Mencía, Valdeorras 2014
- José Estévez, Viña Cantarera Tempranillo, Castilla 2014
- Juan de Juanes, Vendimia Plata, Cabernet Franc, Valencia 2013
- Juan de Juanes, Vendimia Plata, Vall dels Alforins Petit Verdot, Valencia 2013
- La Báscula, The Charge, Tempranillo-Garnacha, Rioja 2011
- La Báscula, Turret Fields, Monastrell-Syrah, Jumilla 2013
- La Conreria, Nona Petit, Priorat 2013
- La Emperatriz, Rioja Reserva 2009
- La Horra, Corimbo I, Ribera del Duero 2010
- La Mejorada, Las Cercas, Castilla y León 2011
- Labastida, Manuel Quintano, Rioja Reserva 2005
- Lagunilla, Tempranillo, Rioja 2013
- Lan, D12, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Lar de Paula, Merus 4, Rioja 2010
- Lar de Paula, Oak Aged, Rioja 2013
- Lar de Paula, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Larraz, Caudum, Rioja 2011
- Las Cuadras Crianza, Costers del Segre 2011
- Las Ocho, Pago de Chozas Carrascal 2012
- Leda, Viñas Viejas Tempranillo, Castilla y León 2012
- Legaris, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Ljalba, Graciano, Rioja 2012
- López de Haro, Edición Limitada 30 Meses, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Los Astrales, 12, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Los Porches, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Los Porches, Rioja 2014
- Lozano, Oristan Crianza, La Mancha 2012
- Luis Cañas, Selección de la Familia, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Manuel Manzaneque, Crianza, Pago Finca Elez 2007
- Marco Abella, Clos Abella, Priorat 2010
- Marco Abella, Loidana, Priorat 2012
- Marco Abella, Mas Mallola, Priorat 2011
- Marks & Spencer, Campo Aldea Graciano, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Marks & Spencer, Raso de la Cruz, Vino de Mesa 2014
- Marks & Spencer, Tapa Roja Old Vines Monastrell, Yecla 2014
- Marqués de Cáceres, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Marqués de Carrión, Antaño, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Marqués de Carrión, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Marqués de Carrión, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Marqués de la Concordia, Hacienda de Susar, Rioja 2010
- Marqués de la Concordia, Lagunilla Family Collection, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Marqués de la Concordia, Lagunilla Optimus Rioja 2010
- Marqués de la Concordia, Rioja Santiago, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Marqués de la Concordia, Santiago Tempranillo, Rioja 2013
- Marqués de Riscal, Finca Torrea, Rioja 2010
- Marqués de Vargas, Conde de San Cristóbal Ribera del Duero 2012
- Marqués de Vargas, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Marro, Vendimia Selecciónada, Rioja 2013
- Marro, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Martínez Alesanco, Pedro Martínez Alesanco Selección, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Martínez Alesanco, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Mas d'en Blei, Blei, Priorat 2011
- Mas d'en Blei, Liber, Priorat 2011
- Mas d'en Gil, Coma Vella, Priorat 2010
- Mas Doix, Doix, Priorat 2010
- Más Que Vinos, El Señorito, Castilla 2011
- Mas Rodó, Merlot, Penedès 2011
- Mateos de la Higuera, Vega Demara Tempranillo Crianza, La Mancha 2011
- Medievo, Tuerce Botas Graciano, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Milénico, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Momo, Vendimia Selecciónada, Ribera del Duero 2011

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BREDAL IS THE founder and owner of Symposium Wines in Norway which he set up in 2009, selling wine to the Norwegian monopoly outlets and the on-trade. He originally worked in information technology, after gaining a Master's degree in information science. In 2003, after discovering an interest in wine, he moved to France to study marketing, during which time he also achieved his WSET diploma. Returning to Norway in 2004, Bredal worked for a wine importer and commenced both sommelier and MW studies, being awarded his Master of Wine qualification in 2010.

- Mont Rubí, Black, Penedès 2014
- Montebueno, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Montecillo, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Montecillo, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008
- Morrisons, Signature Old Vines Garnacha, Navarra 2012
- Muriel, Marqués de Válido, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Muriel, Viña Eguia, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Muriel, Viña Muriel Tempranillo, Rioja 2011
- Muriel, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Muriel, Rioja Gran Reserva 2007
- Muriel, Barihuelo, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Mustiguillo, Mestizaje, Pago el Terrerazo 2013
- Nava, Tempranillo, Navarra 2014
- New Vinergia 2005, La Sorda Graciano, Rioja 2010
- Nogueral, Abellars, Priorat 2010
- Ochoa, Finca Montijo, Navarra 2005
- Olarra, Añares, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Olarra, Cerro Añon, Rioja Crianza 2013
- Olarra, Cerro Añon, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Olarra, Erudito, Rioja Crianza 2013
- Olarra, Erudito, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja Reserva 2010

- Olarra, Sagasta, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Olarra, Sagasta, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Oller del Mas, Bernat Oller, Pla de Bagés 2012
- Ondarre, Mayor de Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Ondarre, Rivallana Rioja Reserva 2010
- Ortega Ezquerro, Soligamar, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Ortubia, Belarmina, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Ortubia, Parlaza, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Otazu, Señorío de Otazu, Pago de Otazu 2008
- Paco García, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Pago de Cirsus, Cuvée Especial, Navarra 2010
- Pago de Cirsus, Senda de los Olivos Vendimia Seleccionada, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Pago de Ina, Ribera del Duero 2009
- Pagos de Araiz, Crianza, Navarra 2012
- Pagos de Matanegra, Vendimia Seleccionada, Ribera del Duero 2011
- Pagos del Moncayo, Prados, Campo de Borja 2012
- Pagos del Rey, Altos de Tamaron, Ribera del Duero 2014
- Pagos del Rey, Altos de Tamaron, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Pagos del Rey, Castillo de Albai, Rioja Crianza 2012

- Pagos del Rey, Condado de Oriza, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Pagos del Rey, Condado de Oriza, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010
- Palacio, El Portico, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Palacios Remondo, La Montesa, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Palacios Remondo, Propiedad, Rioja 2012
- Pastor Diaz, Castro Real, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Pata Negra, Roble, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Pata Negra, Rioja Reserva 2011
- Peique, Ramón Valle, Bierzo 2013
- Perica, 6cepas6, Rioja 2012
- Perica, Olagosa, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Piedemonte, Piedemonte Crianza, Navarra 2010
- Piedemonte, dQuince, Navarra 2011
- Piqueras, Castillo de Almansa Reserva, Almansa 2012
- Piqueras, Valcanto Syrah, Almansa 2013
- Pirineos, Montesierra, Somontano 2014
- Pirineos, Selección Garnacha, Somontano 2013
- Quinta de Quercus, Single Vineyard, Uclés 2012
- Rafael Reverte, Cistum, Navarra 2012
- Raimat, Castell de Raimat Cabernet, Costers del Segre 2011
- Ramón Bilbao, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Ramón Bilbao, Viñedoss de Altura, Rioja 2012
- Resalte, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2009
- Resalte de Peñafiel, Lecco, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2010
- Resalte de Peñafiel, Resalte Vendimia Seleccionada, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Río Negro, Finca Río Negro, Castilla 2011
- Roda, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Rodero, Carmelo Rodero, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Rodero, Carmelo Rodero, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2011
- Rodriguez Sanzo, Damalisco, Toro Crianza 2011
- Rodriguez Sanzo, La Senoba, Rioja 2011
- Rodriguez Sanzo, Terras de Javier Rodriguez, Toro 2011
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Ribera del Duero 2014
- Sainsbury's, Taste The Difference Navarra Sierra de Andia, Navarra 2013
- Salceda, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Samaniego, Solar, Rioja Crianza 2011
- San Antonio Abad, Albardiales-Tempranillo, La Mancha 2014
- Santalba, Viña Hermosa, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Scala Dei, La Conreria Priorat 2013
- Scala Dei, Garnatxa, Priorat 2014
- Señorío de Villarrica, Delicia de Baco, Rioja 2012
- Señorío de Villarrica, Marvellous Tempranillo, Rioja 2012
- Severino Sanz, Herencia de Llanomin Gómez, Ribera del Duero 2010

- Sierra de Guara, Idrias Abiego, Vino de Mesa 2012
- Sierra de Guara, Idrias Sevil, Somontano 2008
- Solà Clàssic, 1777, Priorat 2013
- Solà Clàssic, Solà 2 Clàssic, Priorat 2013
- Solà Clàssic, Priorat 2012
- Solagüen, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Spar, Hand Selected, Valencia 2014
- Taron, Centenarias, Rioja 2011
- Tarsus, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2011
- Terra d'Art, Ahillas, Vino de Mesa 2013
- Terra Remota, Clos Adrien, Empordà 2011
- Tierras El Guijarral, Rudeles Cerro El Cuberillo, Ribera del Duero 2009
- Tobía, Oscar Tobia, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Torre de Oña, Rioja Reserva 2010
- Torres, Altos Ibéricos, Rioja Crianza 2012
- Torres, Celeste, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Torres, Mas la Plana, Penedès 2010
- Torres, Salmos, Priorat 2012
- Trossos del Priorat, Pam de Nas, Priorat 2010
- Trus, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Ugalde, Bianai, Rioja Crianza 2011
- Valdemar, Conde Valdemar, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Valdemar, Valdemacuco Roble, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Valdesil, Valderroa Mencia, Valdeorras 2013
- Valoria, Reserva Rioja Reserva 2010
- Valpiedra, Rioja Reserva 2009
- Valtravieso, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012
- Vega Escal, Priorat 2011
- Vega Real, Quinta del Rio Roble, Ribera del Duero 2014
- Vega Tolosa, Bobal Icon, Manchuela 2013
- Vegaclara, Diez Almendros, Ribera del Duero 2013
- Verum, Roble, Castilla 2012
- Vilano, Black Edition, Ribera del Duero 2012
- Vilano, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2011
- Viñas del Vero, La Miranda de Secastilla, Somontano 2013
- Vinis Catalonia, Fort Priorat, Cop de Ma, Priorat 2013
- Vins del Tros, Morenillo Àmfora, Vino de Mesa 2013
- Vinyes Domènech, Bancal del Bosc, Montsant 2013
- Waitrose, Vega Ariana, Rioja 2012
- Ysios, Rioja Reserva 2008
- Zorzal, Corral de los Altos, Navarra 2013

**Bronze sweet white**  
● Cheste Agraria, Velada, Valencia NV

**Bronze sweet rosé**  
● Mont-Rubi, Advent Samso, Penedès 2010 ➤

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### Commended sparkling white

● Alma Atlántica, Alba Extra Seco, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Alta Alella, AA Privat Llaietà Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011 ● Amorany, Gran Cuvée Brut, Cava NV ● Balmoral, Edoné Gran Cuvée Extra Brut, Vino de Mesa 2010 ● Berberana, Clos Monistrol Extra Brut, Cava 2012 ● Canals & Munné, Dionysus Brut Nature, Cava 2012 ● Canals & Munné, Insuperable Brut, Cava 2012 ● Castell d'Age, Aurélie Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2010 ● Castellroig, Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2010 ● Codorníu, Anna de Codorníu Blanc de Blancs Reserva Brut, Cava NV ● Codorníu, Barcelona Brut, Cava NV ● Dominio de la Vega, Artemayor Brut Nature Cava NV ● Eidosela, Burbujas del Atlantico Brut Nature, Rías Baixas NV ● Giró Ribot, Avant Reserva Brut, Cava 2010 ● Gramona, III Llustros Brut Nature, Cava 2007 ● Gran Barón, Brut, Cava 2013 ● Gran Campo Viejo, Reserva Brut, Cava NV ● Heretat Mastinell, Carpe Diem Reserva Especial Brut Nature, Cava 2007 ● Jaume Serra, Chardonnay Brut, Cava NV ● Jaume Serra, Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011 ● Jaume Serra, Chardonnay Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011 ● Llopart, Imperial Gran Reserva Brut, Cava 2011 ● Marks & Spencer, Prestige Brut, Cava NV ● Marks & Spencer, Prestige Medium Dry Cava NV ● Marqués de la Concordia, MM Selección Especial Brut, Cava 2013 ● Marqués de la Concordia, MM Reserva de la Familia Brut Nature, Cava 2010 ● Marqués de Monistrol, Berberana Selección Especial Semi-Seco, Cava NV ● Mas Bertran, Argila Brut Nature, Penedès 2010 ● Maset del Lleó, Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2010 ● Mestres, Cupatge Barcelona Brut, Cava 2011 ● Mont Marçal, Gran Cuvée Reserva Brut, Cava NV ● Mont Marçal, Reserva Brut, Cava NV ● Morrisons, Signature Vintage Brut, Cava 2012 ● Osborne, Abadía de Montserrat Brut Reserva, Cava NV ● Palau, Brut, Cava NV ● Pata Negra, Brut, Cava NV ● Pere Ventura, Cupatge d'Honor Brut, Cava 2011 ● Roger Goulart, Brut Nature, Cava 2010 ● Roger Goulart, Gran Cuvée, Gran Reserva Extra Brut Cava 2008 ● Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Brut, Cava 2013 ● Señorío de Rubiós, Brut Nature, Rías Baixas NV ● Spanish Story, Brut, Cava NV ● Sumarroca, Brut Reserva, Cava 2012 ● The Co-operative, Brut, Cava NV ● Torelló, 225 Gran Reserva Brut Nature, Cava 2011 ● Toro Loco, Brut, Cava NV ● Torre Oria, Brut, Cava NV ● Torre Oria, Brut Nature, Cava NV ● Vallformosa, Collecció Brut Reserva, Cava 2011 ● Vallformosa, Origen Brut Nature, Cava 2012 ● Villa Conchi, Brut Reserva, Cava NV ● Villa Conchi, Brut Selección, Cava NV ● Villa Conchi, Imperial Extra Brut, Cava 2010 ● Vinergia, Camps d'Estels Brut Nature, Cava NV

### Commended sparkling rosé

● Canals & Munné, Pinot Noir Rosé Brut, Cava 2012 ● Codorníu, Anna Brut Rosé, Cava NV ● Giro Ribot, Unplugged Reserva Brut Rosé, Cava 2012 ● Gran Barón, Brut Rosé, Cava 2013 ● Llopart, Reserva Brut Rosé, Cava 2013 ● Marqués de la Concordia, MM Reserva de la Familia Brut Rosé, Cava 2011 ● Mont Marçal, Gran Cuvée Brut Rosé, Cava NV ● Morrisons, Signature Brut Rosé, Cava 2012 ● Pata Negra, Brut

Rosé, Cava NV ● Pere Ventura, Tresor Brut Rosé, Cava NV ● Sumarroca, Pinot Noir Brut Rosé, Cava 2012 ● Torelló, Pàl·lid Rosado Reserva, Cava 2012 ● Vallformosa, Clàssic Brut Rosé, Cava NV ● Vallformosa, Collecció Pinot Noir Brut Rosé, Cava 2012 ● Vega Medien, Brut Rosé, Cava NV

### Commended white

● A Pazos de Lusco, Lusco Albariño, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Ailalá, Treixadura, Ribeiro 2013 ● Albalí, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Alberto Gutierrez, Guti, Rueda 2014 ● Almirante, Pionero Maccarato, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Almirante, Pionero Mundi, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Almirante, Vanidade, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Altavins, Il·lervània, Terra Alta 2014 ● Altos de Torona, Albanta, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Amaren, Barrel Fermented, Rioja 2011 ● Antonete, Macabeo, La Mancha 2014 ● Artero, Macabeo-Verdejo, La Mancha 2014 ● Aura, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Azumbre, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Baigorri, Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja 2014 ● Berberana, Del Sur Viura-Sauvignon, Castilla 2014 ● Bioca, Selección, Valdeorras 2014 ● Blei, Clos Martina, Priorat 2012 ● Bodegas Shaya, Rueda 2013 ● Bodegas Shaya, Arindo, Rueda 2014 ● Bogarve, Lacruz Vega Sauvignon Blanc, La Mancha 2014 ● Bordoy, Sa Rota, Plà i Llevant 2014 ● Bornos, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Campante, 3ura, Ribeiro 2013 ● Can Bas, La Creu, Penedès 2013 ● Can Bas, La Romana, Penedès 2013 ● Casa del Valle, Acantus Sauvignon Blanc, Castilla 2014 ● Castellana, Cuatro Rayas Sauvignon, Rueda 2014 ● Castellana, Cuatro Rayas Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Castillo de Monjardín, Barrica Selección Chardonnay, Navarra 2013 ● Castillo de Monjardín, El Cerezo Unoaked Chardonnay, Navarra 2014 ● Cellers Unió, Clos de Pinell Garnacha Blanca, Terra Alta 2014 ● César del Río, Yursun, Rioja 2014 ● Contralto, Calle Principal Edición Limitada Sauvignon Blanc, Castilla 2014 ● Davide, Dúo, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Diez Siglos, Calamar Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Diez Siglos, La Báscula, Heights of the Charge, Rueda 2013 ● Dominio de Fontana Sauvignon Blanc-Verdejo, Uclés 2014 ● Edetària, Via Edetana, Terra Alta 2013 ● El Jardín de Ana, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Enate, Chardonnay 234, Somontano

2014 ● Espartero, Rioja 2014 ● Felix Solis, Albalí Airén, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Felix Solis, Albalí, Castillo de Menara Verdejo, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Felix Solis, Ayrum Verdejo, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Finca Albret, Chardonnay, Navarra 2014 ● Fos, Rioja 2014 ● Galegas, D Pedro de Soutomaior, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Gorka Izagirre, Txacolí de Bizcaia 2014 ● Gran Alanís, Treixadura & Godello, Ribeiro 2014 ● Hammeken, Flor del Montgó Verdejo, Castilla y León 2014 ● Hnos Frias del Val, Viña El Flako, Rioja 2012 ● Inurrieta, Orchidea, Navarra 2014 ● Joan Sardà, Chardonnay, Penedès 2014 ● José Pariente, Especial, Rueda 2013 ● La Soterraña, Eresma Sauvignon Blanc, Rueda 2014 ● La Tapada, Guitian, Valdeorras 2013 ● La Val, Finca Arantei, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Lagar de Cervera, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Langa, Pi3.1415, Vino de Mesa 2013 ● Laxas, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Loli Casado, Jaun de Alzate, Joven, Rioja 2014 ● Maior de Mendoza, Fulget, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Manuel Rojo, Ribeiro 2013 ● Mar de Frades, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Mara Martín, Godello, Monterrei 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Nékorá, Rueda 2014 ● Marks & Spencer, Xarel-Lo, Penedès 2014 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Federico Paternina Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Hacienda Zorita, Vega de la Reina Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Marqués de Vargas, Pazo San Mauro, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Martín Códax, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Más Buscados Macabeo Sobre Lías, Castilla 2013 ● Mas Rodó, Montonega, Penedès 2013 ● Menade, V3, Rueda 2012 ● Miquel Jané, Sauvignon Blanc, Penedès 2014 ● Mont Rubi, HMR White, Penedès 2014 ● Mustiguillo, Mestizaje, Vinos de España 2014 ● Nuviana, Chardonnay, Valle del Cinca 2014 ● Pago de Cirsus, Chardonnay, Navarra 2014 ● Pago Traslages, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Pagos del Rey, Blume Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Páramo de Valdecuevas, Flor Innata Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Pazo de Señoráns, The Society's Exhibition, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Pazo de Vieite, Viña Farnadas, Ribeiro 2013 ● Pazo de Villarej, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Perica, Olagosa Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja 2014 ● Protos, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Quinta

Couselo, Turonia, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Raimat, Castell de Raimat Albariño, Costers del Segre 2014 ● Ramón do Casar, Treixadura, Ribeiro 2013 ● Reina de Castilla, El Bufón Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Rubicón, Malvasia, Lanzarote 2014 ● Santa Marta, Viñaredo, Valdeorras 2014 ● Señorío de Rubiós, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2013 ● Señorío de Rubiós, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2012 ● Sierra de Guara, Idrias Chardonnay, Vinos de España 2014 ● Sierra Norte, Fuenteseca, Utiel Requena 2014 ● Spanish Story, Verdejo, Rueda 2014 ● Spar, Hand Selected Dry White Wine, Valencia 2014 ● Storks' Tower, Sauvignon-Verdejo, Castilla y León 2014 ● Sumarroca, Temps de Flors, Penedès 2014 ● Terra Verum, Airén de Pie Franco, Castilla 2014 ● Terras Gauda, Abadía de San Campio, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Torres, Gran Viña Sol Chardonnay, Penedès 2014 ● Torres, Milmanda, Conca de Barberà 2013 ● Torres, Pazo das Bruxas Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Valdecuevas, Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica, Rueda 2013 ● Vallobera, Rioja 2014 ● Veiga da Princesa, Albariño, Rías Baixas 2014 ● Verum, Sauvignon-Gewürztraminer, Castilla 2014 ● Vidal del Saz, Selección La Mancha 2014 ● Viñas del Vero, Chardonnay, Somontano 2014 ● Waitrose Libra Verdejo, Rueda 2013

### Commended rosé

● Berberana Del Sur Tempranillo, Castilla 2014 ● Ca n'Estella, Clot dels Oms, Penedès 2014 ● Castillo Monjardín, De Lágrima, Navarra 2014 ● César del Río, Yursun, Rioja 2014 ● Cherubino, Moscatel Rosato, Valencia 2014 ● Contralto, Calle Principal Tempranillo-Merlot Rosé, Castilla 2014 ● Corona de Aragon, Garnacha-Cabernet Sauvignon, Cariñena 2014 ● El Circo, Puyaso Garnacha, Cariñena 2014 ● Enate, Somontano 2014 ● Espartero, Rioja 2014 ● Iniesta, Corazón Loco, Manchuela 2014 ● Martín Códax, Pizarras de Otero, Bierzo 2014 ● Muga, Rioja 2014 ● Nava, Navarra 2014 ● Otazu, Rosado Merlot, Navarra 2014 ● Ramón Bilbao, Rioja 2014 ● Rioja Vega, Tempranillo, Rioja 2014 ● Spar, Hand Selected, Valencia 2014 ● Storks' Tower, Tempranillo-Shiraz, Castilla y León 2014 ● Terraplén, Garnacha, Navarra 2014 ● Toro Loco, Utiel Requena 2014 ● Vinos Guerra, Armas de Guerra, Bierzo 2014

### Commended red

● 1898 Ramón Roqueta, Reserva Tempranillo-Cabernet, Catalunya 2011 ● 3 Ases, Roble, Ribera del Duero 2013 ● Albalí, Castillo de Menara Tempranillo, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Albet i Noya, La Milana, Penedès 2012 ● Altanza, Capitoso, Rioja 2013 ● Altanza, Le Altanza, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Alto Ebro, El Rastro, Vino de Mesa NV ● Alto Moncayo, Aquilon, Campo de Borja 2012 ● Altos de Corral, Single Estate, Rioja Reserva 2005 ● Altos de la Guardia, Tempranillo, Rioja 2012 ● Altos de la Guardia, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Altos de Rioja, Altos R Pigeage, Rioja 2010 ● Alvaro Palacios, Alvaro del Priorat, Priorat 2014 ● Amalia, Garnacha, Cariñena 2014 ● Amaren, Rioja Reserva 2008 ● Anciano, Crianza, Valdepeñas 2011 ● Antidoto Siete Pasos, El Importante, Rioja 2012 ● Arabarte, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Arabarte, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Aradon,



### BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

## Dilek Caner MW

(also judged Bordeaux, Champagne and Southern & Eastern Mediterranean)

CANER MW IS the director of Tasting World/Dallas Wine Center, an organisation that has been educating the wine trade and consumers since

2005. Prior to this, she taught at the Institute of Culinary Education and the American Sommelier Association among other organisations. Earlier in her career, she worked at *Wine & Spirits* magazine and was a sommelier at restaurants Bruno Jamais and Alain Ducasse. Caner holds a PhD in economics from New York University.



Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Aragonesas, Caliente Rojo Tempranillo-Merlot, Campo de Borja 2014 ● Artero, Tempranillo, La Mancha 2014 ● Artiga Fustel, Monasterio de Santa Cruz, Vino de Mesa 2014 ● Arzuaga, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010 ● Asda, Extra Special El Mesón, Rioja Gran Reserva 2005 ● Bal d'Isábena, Reis, Somontano 2013 ● Balmoral, Maravides, Castilla 2012 ● Balmoral, Maravides Syrah, Vino de Mesa 2013 ● Barón de Ley, Club Privado, Rioja 2013 ● Barón de Ley, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Barthomeus, Negre, Penedès 2013 ● Berberana, Selección Oro Colección Privada, Castilla 2012 ● Berberana, Viña Alarde, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Bernard Magrez, Herència del Padri, Priorat 2011 ● Bilbainas, Viña Pomal Centenario, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Bodegas Conrad, León Sabio, Sierras de Málaga 2009 ● Bodegas del Rosario, Lorca Selección, Bullas 2013 ● Bodegas Ignacio Marin, El Gordo Garnacha, Cariñena 2012 ● Bodegas Pablo Menguante, Garnacha, Cariñena 2014 ● Bodegas Palacio, Glorioso, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Bodegas Piqueras, Castillo de Almansa Crianza, Almansa 2013 ● Bogarve, Lacruz Vega Syrah, La Mancha 2013 ● Bogarve, Lacruz Vega Tempranillo, La Mancha 2012 ● Bohórquez, Ribera del Duero 2007 ● Burgo Viejo, Finca Los Principes El Valle, Rioja 2014 ● Burgo Viejo, Palacio de Invierno, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Burgo Viejo, Palacio de Verano, Rioja 2014 ● Burgo Viejo, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● CVNE, Viña Real, Rioja Gran Reserva 2007 ● Ca n'Estella, Gran Clot dels Oms, Penedès 2011 ● Dehesa del Carrizal, MV, Pago Dehesa del Carrizal 2011 ● Campo Viejo, Dominio, Rioja 2011 ● Campo Viejo, Garnacha, Rioja 2013 ● Campo Viejo, Winemaker's Art, Rioja 2011 ● Cándido Hernández, Callius Crianza, Valle de Güimar 2012 ● Carchelo, Jumilla 2013 ● Care, Tempranillo-Merlot Crianza, Cariñena 2012 ● Casa Carmela, Monastrell, Yecla 2014 ● Casa de la Ermita, Jumilla 2014 ● Casa del Valle, Acantus, Castilla 2013 ● Casa del Valle, Antina, Vino de Mesa 2014 ● Casa del Valle, Orquestal Reserva, La Mancha 2010 ● Casa del Valle, Syrah, Castilla 2012 ● Casa Los Pinos, Ca'ls Pins, Valencia 2013 ● Castillo de Alcoy, Reserva, Valencia 2011 ● Castillo de Calatrava Crianza Tempranillo, La Mancha 2010 ● Castillo de la Peña, Syrah-Monastrell, Jumilla 2014 ● Castillo de Maluenda, Punto y Seguido, Calatayud 2011 ● Castillo del Rey, Gran Reserva, Valdepeñas 2008 ● Castillo del Rey, Tempranillo, Vino de Mesa 2014 ● Castillo la Paz, Viñas Viejas Tempranillo, Castilla 2014 ● Castillo Labastida, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Celler de l'Era, Mim, Montsant 2010 ● Cellers Baronia del Montsant, Flor d'Englora Roure, Montsant 2012 ● Cellers Unio, Señorío De Convey, Priorat 2012 ● Chirico, Gran Reserva, Catalunya 2009 ● Chivite, Finca de Villatuerta Syrah, Navarra 2011 ● Cillar de Silos, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Clos del Pinell Garnacha Crianza, Terra Alta 2011 ● Clunia, Syrah, Castilla y León 2012 ● Clunia, Tempranillo, Castilla y León 2012 ● Coca i Fitó, Tocat de l'Ala, Empordà 2013 ● Conde Valdemar, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Conrad, Soleón, Sierras de Málaga 2010 ● Cortijo Trifillas, En Clave, Jumilla 2013 ● Cortijo Trifillas, En Clave de DO Crianza,



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Carmel Kilcline MW *(also judged Australia)*

KILCLINE IS THE innovation and wine development director for Percy Fox, a division of Diageo Wines Europe. A biotechnology graduate, she began her wine career working for a major UK retailer in its technical department. Over the years she has been involved in wine education with both the WSET and other wine organisations. In 2005, Kilcline became a Master of Wine, and she currently works at the interface of brand marketing, sales and wine production.

Jumilla 2013 ● Coviñas Marqués de Plata Superior, Utiel Requena 2014 ● Covinca, Viña Oria Tempranillo, Cariñena 2014 ● Cyan, Toro Crianza 2011 ● De Bardos, Epica Roble, Ribera del Duero 2013 ● Descalzos Viejos, Rufina, Sierras de Málaga 2009 ● Diosares, Ares, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Domeco de Jarauta, Lar de Sotomayor, Vendimia Selecciónada, Rioja 2012 ● Domeco de Jarauta, Sancho Barón, Rioja 2013 ● Domeco de Jarauta, Solar de Castro, Rioja 2013 ● Dominio de Fontana, Tempranillo-Cabernet Crianza, Uclés 2012 ● Dominio de Fontana, Tempranillo- Syrah, Uclés 2013 ● Dominio de Punctum, El Paular Graciano-Cabernet, La Mancha 2012 ● Dominio del Bendito, Las Sabias, Toro Crianza 2011 ● Don Jacobo, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Duron, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● El Cayado, Mencia, Bierzo 2014 ● El Circo, Director, Garnacha-Cariñena, Cariñena 2012 ● El Circo Acróbata Garnacha, Cariñena 2014 ● El Coto, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Elegido, Reserva, Terra Alta 2010 ● Emilio Moro, Finca Resalso, Ribera del Duero 2014 ● Espartero, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Esteban Martín, Reserva, Cariñena 2010 ● Faustino, Faustino VII, Rioja 2012 ● Faustino, Rivero Ulecia, Cabernet Sauvignon, Castilla 2014 ● Felix Solis, Albali Selección Privada Gran Reserva, Valdepeñas 2009 ● Felix Solis, Ayrum Gran Reserva, Valdepeñas 2009 ● Felix Solis, Ayrum Tempranillo, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Felix Solis, Los Molinos Gran Reserva, Valdepeñas 2009 ● Felix Solis, Señorío de Chical, Valdepeñas 2014 ● Felix Solis, Viña San Juan, La Mancha 2014 ● Figuero,

12, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Finca Amalia, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Finca Bancales, Care, Cariñena 2011 ● Finca del Marquésado, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008 ● Finca La Estacada, Hello World Cabernet Franc, Castilla 2014 ● Finca Muñoz, Barrel Aged Tempranillo, Castilla 2011 ● Finca Museum, Vinea Crianza, Cigales 2011 ● Finca Nueva, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Finca Nueva Rioja Crianza 2010 ● Finca Sobreño, Toro Crianza 2012 ● Fontana, Oveja Tinta Malbec, Vino de Mesa 2014 ● Franco-Españolas, Rioja Bordón RB Selección Histórica, Rioja 2012 ● Frutos Villar, Muruve, Toro Crianza 2011 ● Fuerte, Tempranillo Crianza, La Mancha 2011 ● Gabarda, Uno, Cariñena 2014 ● Garapiteros, Alquez, Calatayud 2012 ● Godelia, Mencia, Bierzo 2011 ● Gómez Cruzado, Honorable, Rioja 2010 ● Gómez Cruzado, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Gómez de Segura, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Gormaz, 12 Linajes, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2010 ● Gormaz, 12 Linajes Ribera del Duero 2013 ● Gormaz, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012 ● Gran Clos, Priorat 2007 ● Gran Colina, Rioja Gran Reserva 2007 ● Grandes Vinos y Viñedos, 3C Premium Selection, Cariñena 2013 ● Grupo Yllera, Boada Pepe Yllera, Ribera del Duero 2013 ● Grupo Yllera, Vendimia Selecciónada Castilla y León 2010 ● Hammeken, Flor del Montgó Tempranillo, Castilla 2013 ● Heredad de Baroja, Cautivo, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Heredad de Baroja, Gran Baroja, Rioja Gran Reserva 2002 ● Hermanos Hernáiz, Salagón, Rioja Reserva 2006 ● Herminia, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Ibaiondo, Prodecimis, Rioja Reserva 2008 ● Isidro Milagro, Torre de Rejas Reserva, La Mancha

2009 ● Izadi, Selección, Rioja 2011 ● J Barceló, Vinyes Josep, Priorat 2010 ● Javier San Pedro Ortega, Viuda Negra, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Jean Leon, Vinya Palau Merlot, Penedès 2011 ● Joan Sarda, Reserva, Penedès 2009 ● Joaquin Fernandez, Finca Los Frutales, Sierras de Málaga 2013 ● Juan de Juanes, Bronce Garnacha-Tempranillo-Syrah, Valencia 2014 ● Juan de Juanes, Vendimia Oro, Valencia 2012 ● La Báscula, Catalan Eagle Garnacha-Cariñena-Syrah, Terra Alta 2013 ● La Conreria d'Scala Dei, Lugiter, Priorat 2010 ● La Horra, Corimbo, Ribera del Duero 2011 ● La Mejorada, Las Norias, Castilla y León 2009 ● La Rinconada, Barcolobo, Castilla y León 2011 ● La Senoba, Rioja 2012 ● La Zorra, Tempranillo-Rufete, Sierra de Salamanca 2013 ● Labastida, Castillo Labastida Oak Aged, Rioja 2013 ● Labastida, R&G, Rioja 2010 ● Lagunilla, Rioja Gran Reserva 2007 ● Lan, Lanciano, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Langa, Pi3.1415, Vino de Mesa 2012 ● Lar de Paula, Tempranillo, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Las Cuadras, Costers del Segre 2013 ● Latúe, Catanga, Castilla y León 2014 ● Leyenda del Paramo, El Músico, Tierra de León 2011 ● Loli Casado, Jaun de Alzate, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Loli Casado, Jaun de Alzate Vendimia Selecciónada, Rioja 2013 ● Loli Casado, Polus, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Long Wines, Chispas Shiraz, Cariñena 2014 ● López de Haro, Rioja Gran Reserva 2008 ● Los Astrales, Christina, Ribera del Duero 2012 ● Los Balancines, Matanegra Crianza, Ribera del Guadiana 2012 ● Los Hermanos Manzanos, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Luis Cañas, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Luzon, Altos de Luzon Jumilla 2010 ● Mano a Mano, Castilla 2013 ● Marco Real, Colección Privada Crianza, Navarra 2011 ● Marco Real, Crianza, Navarra 2011 ● Marco Real, Pequeñas Producciones Syrah, Navarra 2012 ● Marks & Spencer, Santa Maria del Camí, Binissalem-Mallorca 2013 ● Marqués de Alarcon Tempranillo-Syrah, Castilla 2014 ● Marqués de Cáceres, Excellens Especial, Rioja Crianza 2011 ● Marqués de Carrión, Antaño, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Federico Paternina, Rioja Reserva 2009 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Federico Paternina, Rioja Gran Reserva 2006 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Hacienda Zorita Abascal Vineyard, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Marqués de la Concordia, HZ Abascal Vineyard, Ribera del Duero 2011 ● Marqués de la Concordia, Lagunilla, The Family Collection, Rioja Gran Reserva 2007 ● Marqués de Riscal, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Marqués del Atrio, El Pinsapo, Rioja 2014 ● Martínez Alesanco, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Mas Bertran, Nutt Grenache, Montsant 2013 ● Mas Rodó, Cabernet, Penedès 2010 ● Maset del Lleó, Syrah Crianza, Catalunya 2012 ● Masroig, Pinyeres, Montsant 2012 ● Mateos de la Higuera, Vega Demara Tempranillo Roble, La Mancha 2013 ● Matsu, El Pícaro, Toro 2014 ● Miguel Domecq, Alhocen Syrah-Merlot, Cádiz 2011 ● Miguel Domecq, Entrechuelos Premium, Cádiz 2011 ● Mont Rubí, Duro, Penedès 2009 ● Mureda, Merlot Organic, Castilla 2014 ● Muriel, Barón de Barbón, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Muriel, Barón de Barbón Tempranillo, Rioja 2013 ● Muriel, Tesco Finest Viña Mara, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Naparralde, ➤

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Upain, Navarra 2008 ● Navarro López, Old Vines Gran Reserva Tempranillo, Valdepeñas 2009 ● New Vinergia 2005, La Sorda, Rioja 2012 ● Nubori, Campo Burgo, Rioja Crianza 2010 ● Ochoa, Tempranillo Crianza, Navarra 2011 ● Olarra, 2 Año, Rioja 2013 ● Olarra, Añares, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olarra, Añares, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Olarra, Cerro Añon, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Clasico, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Erudito, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Olarra, Laztana, Rioja 2014 ● Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja 2014 ● Olarra, Otoñal, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olarra, Rivallana, Rioja Reserva 2011 ● Olarra, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Olimpia 1917, Navarra 2010 ● Oller del Mas, Arnau Oller, Pla de Bagés 2011 ● Ondarre, Hand Selected for Spar La Catedral, Rioja 2014 ● Ondarre, Mayor de Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Ondarre, Ursa Maior, Rioja Crianza 2013 ● Ondarre, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Ontañon, Teón, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2012 ● Ortubia, Parlaza, Rioja Crianza 2010 ● Otazu, Premium, Navarra 2011 ● Otto Bestué, Joven Merlot, Somontano 2014 ● Paco Garcia, Seis, Rioja 2014 ● Pago Casa Gran, Casa Benasal, Valencia 2010 ● Pago de Cirsus, Vendimia Seleccionada, Navarra 2012 ● Pago de Larrainzar, Angel de Larrainzar, Navarra 2014 ● Pago de Larrainzar, Raso, Navarra 2010 ● Pago de Larrainzar, Reserva Especial, Navarra 2009 ● Pagos del Rey, Arnegui, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pagos del Rey, Caño, Alta Expresion, Toro 2012 ● Palacio, Glorioso, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Palacio Hijos de Antonio Barceló, El Portico, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Palarea, Castilla 2012 ● Pata Negra, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pata Negra, Ribera del Duero Reserva 2009 ● Pata Negra, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Patrocinio, Señorío da Uñuela Tempranillo, Rioja 2014 ● Patrocinio, Zinio Selección de Suelos, Rioja 2011 ● Peique, Viñedos Viejos, Bierzo 2010 ● Perelada, 5 Fincas, Reserva, Empordà 2011 ● Perelada, Finca Malaveña, Empordà 2011 ● Perfecto Martinez, 1808 Temperamento Natural, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Pino Doncel, Cinco Meses, Jumilla 2014 ● Piqueras 100 Años, Almansa 2011 ● Pirineos Alquezar, Somontano 2010 ● Pléyades, Shiraz, Cariñena 2014 ● Primicia, Carravacas, Rioja 2014 ● Primicia, Carravacas de Primicia, Rioja Reserva 2010 ● Proelio, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Protos, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2011 ● Raimat, Anima de Raimat, Costers del Segre 2012 ● Raimat, Castell de Raimat Tempranillo, Costers del Segre 2012 ● Ramirez de la Piscina, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Ramón Bilbao, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Real Compañía de Vinos, Vendimia Seleccionada Tempranillo, Castilla 2010 ● Regalía de Ollauri, Terán, Versum, Rioja 2012 ● Ribas del Cúa Joven, Bierzo 2014 ● Rioja Vega, Edición Limitada, Rioja Crianza 2012 ● Rioja Vega, Rioja Gran Reserva 2009 ● Roda, Sela, Rioja 2012 ● Rodriguez Sanzo, Damalisco, Toro Crianza 2012 ● Rodriguez Sanzo, Damalisco Selección De Familia, Toro 2011 ● Ruiz de Viñaspre, Delirio, Rioja 2007 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Gran Reserva, Cariñena 2008 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection, Reciente, Rioja NV ● San Alejandro, Baltasar Gracian Crianza, Calatayud 2012 ● San Alejandro, Baltasar Gracian Garnacha Old Vines, Calatayud 2013 ●

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#### Commended sweet white

● Cheste Agraria, Calafia Moscatel, Valencia 2014 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Moscatel, Valencia NV

#### Commended fortified white

● Torres, Floralis Moscatel Oro, Vino de Mesa NV

## Switzerland



### Regional Co-Chair

**Paolo Basso** (see judges, p4)

SWITZERLAND'S INCREASED DWWA presence this year (305 entries compared with 126 last year) is evidence of the producers' will to confront themselves with the international scene. The new generation of wine growers and oenologists is open to changes and

new experiences and focused on improving quality. The Swiss vineyard is a patchwork of cultures and traditions where diversity mirrors the great richness on offer. In Switzerland, a broad variety of wines can be found, many – such as those recommended here – of international quality. From the famous Chasselas, which is versatile in food matching, or the excitement presented by Heida/Païen, or even the Bordeaux-style blends of the Tessin region in the south, Swiss wines offer a range of exceptional aromas, flavours and textures.

### What should we buy from here?

Chasselas, from the French-speaking part of Switzerland, is a perfect wine as an aperitif that will take you through a meal of freshwater fish or sushi, and finally with a cheese course. You should always have some in your cellar. Increasingly sought after are the local Valais variety of Heida/Païen and Completer from Graubünden in the eastern part of Switzerland. These are great choices to match refined cuisine based on seafood or Italian pastas and risottos. And don't miss Shiraz blends with local grapes like Cornalin, Humagne and Diolinoir, plus fine varietal Merlots from Tessin/Ticino.

### What should we leave on the shelf?

Traditional wines that have some residual sugar content: they are not dry and not sweet and not successful as either style. What makes it more difficult is that this sweetness isn't reflected on the label.

### What should we keep an eye on?

It's a cliché, but all regions and wine styles in Switzerland are worth following. The current cycle of improvement is continuing year by year and quality is increasing noticeably. The efforts of the most dynamic and committed producers have been rewarded, too, with a Trophy and five Golds this year. But to truly appreciate the diversity and beauty of the Swiss vineyard, take a trip and enjoy the wine in situ!

Switzerland won  
0 International  
Trophies (see p19)  
1 Regional Trophy  
(see p56)

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards



● **Adrian & Diego Mathier, Petite Arvin de Mollignon, Valais 2013 (13.5%)**

POA Alpine Wines

Limpid, fruity, mineral and fine, with an aromatic nose of spice, flowers and yeasty lees notes.

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The palate is sculpted and fresh, with juicy citrus and apple fruit allied with layers of more exotic lychee and mango, underscored by a compact seam of minerals.

● **Didier Joris, Amigne, Vétroz, Valais 2014 (15%)**

POA Alpine Wines

Mineral and flinty, lifted by delicious notes of lemon and mandarin which are spiky but fully ripe. There's a floral aspect to the weighty palate which has a fine mineral spine, integrated oak to enhance the full fruit, and a really, long-lasting finish.

● **Provins, Maîtres de Chais, Heida, Valais 2013 (14%)**

POA Alpine Wines

Aromas of citrus, toast, stone fruit, white flower blossom, herbs, honey, dried pineapple and just a hint of late-harvest aromas. A luxurious, richer style, this displays a lot of class, with tangy lemon acidity and really fantastic length.



**Gold red**

● **Provins, Clos Corbassières, Valais 2011 (15%)**

POA Alpine Wines

Meaty and powerful, but stylish too, with a charming nose of jasmine, vanilla, red currant, strawberry jam, liquorice, leather and tobacco. There's exquisite concentration and length to the palate, with the dark fruit augmented by black olive, varnish and chocolate.



**Gold sweet white**

● **Provins, Tourbillon, Valais 2011 (12%)**

POA Alpine Wines

Complex and effusive nose of lemon marmalade, peach, honeysuckle, apricot and spice. Very sweet – nectar-like even – yet refreshing too, with finely balanced acidity and unctuous, honey-coated fruit draped in cinnamon. Delicious stuff.



**Silver white**

● **Benoît Dorsaz, Petite Arvine de Fully Quintessence, Valais 2012**

- **Cave des Amandiers, Les Seyes Petite Arvine, Valais 2012**
- **Charles Bonvin, Valais 2013**

● **Château Constellation, Ballerine, Valais 2014**

● **Château Constellation, Heida, Valais 2014**

● **Château Maison Blanche, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2005**

● **Clos du Châtelard, Extasis, Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2013**

● **Domaine de Crochet, Chardonnay Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2011**

● **Domaine des Bonnettes, Savagnin Blanc, Geneva 2013**

● **Domaine Les Faunes, Scheurebe, Geneva 2013**

● **Flaction, Torpâ, Vin de Table 2012**

● **Gregor Kuonen, Johannisberg, Valais 2014**

● **Jean-Pierre Pellegrin, Kerner-Riesling-Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013**

● **Maître de Chais Provins, Petite Arvine, Valais 2013**

● **Marc-Henri Duboux, Calamin, Lavaux, Vaud 2013**

● **Philippe Varone, Petite Arvine, Valais 2014**

● **Pinget Dézaley Renard, Lavaux, Vaud 2013**

● **Provins, Défi Blanc, Les Titans, Valais 2013**

● **Provins, Petite Arvine, Les Titans, Valais 2012**

● **Renaissance, Clavoz Petite Arvine, Valais 2013**

● **Renaissance, Heida, Valais 2013**

● **Rouvinez, La Trémaille, Valais 2012**

● **Thierry Constantin, Le Païen/ Der Heida Réserve, Valais 2013**

● **Vins des Chevaliers, Valais 2014**

● **Von Tschärner, Jensinser Completer, Sprechergut, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2008**

● **Wittwer, 3x3, Valais 2013**

● **Yvorne, Optimum Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012**



**Silver red**

● **Adrian & Diego Mathier, Folissimo, Valais 2010**

● **Alain Paley, Réserve d'Epicure Gamaret, Lavaux, Vaud 2011**

● **Anne-Carole & Conrad Caloz, Pinot Noir La Mourzière, Sierre, Valais 2013**

● **Blaise Duboux, Le Treillant, Dézaley, Vaud 2013**

● **Bolle, Barrique Pinot Noir, Vaud 2012**

● **Brivio, Platinum, Ticino 2011**

● **Brivio, Riflessi D'Epoca, Ticino 2012**

● **Cave des Amandiers, Syrah, Valais 2012**

● **Domaine du Montet, Côte**

**Rousse, Grand Cru Bex, Chablais, Vaud 2011**

● **Domaine du Petit Château, Colline 1789, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013**

● **Ferrari, Castanar Riserva, Ticino 2011**

● **Gregor Kuonen, Sélection J François Kuonen, Valais 2013**

● **Jean-René Germanier, Champmarais Cornalin, Valais 2010**

● **Kopp von der Crone Visini, Scala, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2012**

● **Le Vidomne, Modus Vivendi Syrah, Valais 2010**

● **Les Fils de Charles Favre, Collection F Merlot, Valais 2010**

● **Moncucchetto, Riserva Merlot, Ticino 2012**

● **Monticello, Incanto, Ticino 2013**

● **Norbert & Serge Diserens, Les Moines Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2012**

● **Philippe Bovet, Atlantique Gamay, Vaud 2012**

● **Philippe Bovet, Léman, Vaud 2010**

● **Philippe Bovet, Merlot, Vaud 2010**

● **Provins, Maître de Chais, Rouge d'Enfer, Valais 2011**

● **Provins, Maître de Chais, Rouge d'Enfer Réserve, Valais 2008**

● **Tamborini, Comano Merlot, Ticino 2012**

● **Tamborini, SanZeno Costamagna Riserva, Ticino 2012**

● **Tenuta San Giorgio, Crescendo, Ticino 2013**

● **Trapletti, Nabumba, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2009**

● **Valentin Schiess, Jeninser, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2012**

● **Varone, Clos Combe d'Uvrier, Valais 2010**

● **Wittwer, Les Corbassières Cornalin, Valais 2011**

● **Wittwer, Les Corbassières Pinot Noir Valais 2012**



**Silver sweet white**

● **Provins, Grains de Malice, Valais 2011**



**Bronze sparkling white**

● **Philippe Bovet, Brut, Vin de Table NV**



**Bronze white**

● **Adrian Mathier, Les Pyramides Heida, Valais 2013**

● **Albert Mathier & Fils, Johannisberg, Valais 2014**

● **Albert Mathier & Fils, Pirouette, Valais 2014**

● **Badoux, Aigle Les Murailles, Chablais, Vaud 2013**

● **Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Chasselas Barrique, Yvorne, Chablais, Vaud 2013**

● **Benoît Dorsaz, Petite Arvine de Fully Les Perches, Valais 2013**

● **Blaise Duboux, Haut de Pierre, Dézaley, Vaud 2013**

● **Bonvin, Petite Arvine, Valais 2014**

● **Cave du Rhodan, Marsanne, Valais 2014**

● **Cave St-Pierre, Réserve des Administrateurs Heida, Valais 2013**

● **Château Constellation, Petite Arvine, Valais 2014**

● **Château de Châtagneréaz, 1er Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2013**

● **Château de Châtagneréaz 1er Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2011**

● **Vins des Chevaliers, Chevalier d'Or, Valais 2013**

● **Clos du Châtelard, Le Clos, Villeneuve Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2013**

● **Deladoey, L'Ovaille, Yvorne 1er Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2013**

● **Deladoey, L'Ovaille, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012**

● **Domaine Delaharpe, En Delaharpe Grand Cru, La Côte, Vaud 2013**

● **Domaine du Chapitre, Valais 2012**

● **Domaine Jean-Christophe Piccard L'Anthropocène, Daley Grand Cru, Lavaux, Vaud 2012**

● **Domaine La Colombe, Petit Clos, La Côte, Vaud 2013**

● **Etat de Neuchâtel, La Perrière Barrique Chardonnay, Auvonnier, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2012**

● **Flaction, Marsanne, Valais 2012**

● **Flaction, Petite Arvine, Valais 2013**

● **Gregor Kuonen, Lafnetscha La Traditionnelle, Valais 2013**

● **Histoire d'Enfer, Petite Arvine, Réserve, Valais 2012**

● **Histoire d'Enfer, Réserve Païen, Sierre, Valais 2012**

● **J&M Dizerens, Collection Z Chardonnay, Lavaux, Vaud 2013**

● **Jean-René Germanier, Amigne Balavaud, Vétroz Grand Cru, Valais 2013**

● **Jean-René Germanier, Clos de la Couta Heida, Valais 2013**

● **Kursner, Mi-Coteau Grand Cru, Féchy, Vaud 2014**

● **La Cave de Genève, L'Aiglette Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013**

● **La Colombe, Grise Réserve, Vaud 2013**

● **Les Balisiers, Chardonnay, Geneva 2012**

● **Les Petit Château, Les Traditions Chasselas, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2014**

● **Marc-Henri Duboux, Epresses, Lavaux, Vaud 2013**

● **Philippe Bovet, Chardonnay, Vaud 2012**

● **Philippe Bovet, Les Perruets Chasselas, Vaud 2012**

● **Provins, Petite Arvine de Fully, Valais 2013**

● **Rahm, Art Pinot Gris, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013**

● **Renaissance, Fendant Clos d'Anzier, Valais 2013** ➤

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- Renaissance, Petite Arvine, Valais 2013
- Reynald Parmelin, Grand Cru Johanniter, La Côte, Vaud 2013
- Reynald Parmelin, Grand Cru Sauvignon Gris, La Côte, Vaud 2014
- Robert Gilliard, Roussanne Les Tonneliers, Valais 2012
- Serge Diserens, Les Moines Grand Cru, Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2013
- St Jodern Kellerei, Fendant, Wallis, Valais 2013
- Steiner, Bielersee Chardonnay Réserve, Bienne, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2012
- Von Tscherner, Maienfelder, Brisig Pinot Blanc-Chardonnay, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2013
- Wehrli, Sauvignon Kuttigen, Aargau, Eastern Cantons 2014
- Wittwer, Les Corbassières Fendant, Valais 2013
- Wittwer, Tsaoura Chardonnay, Valais 2013



### Bronze red

- Adrian Mathier, Nouveau Sequenen, L'Ambassadeur, Valais 2012
- Albert Mathier & Fils, Vinum Lignum Salconio, Valais 2013
- Anne-Carole & Conrad Caloz, Cornalin, Valais 2013
- Azienda Mondo, Ronco dei Ciliegi, Ticino 2011
- Badoux, Aigle Les Murailles Rouge, Chablais, Vaud 2013
- Cantine Latini, Ceppi Vecchi, Ticino 2011
- Cave des Amandiers, Cornalin, Valais 2012
- Cave des Amandiers, Cornalin Combe d'Enfer, Valais 2012
- Cave du Rhodan, Mustique, Valais 2014
- Charles Bonvin, Valais 2013
- Château Constellation, Cornalin, Valais 2014
- Château Constellation, Syrah, Valais 2014
- Château Le Rosey, Garanoir Barrique, La Côte, Vaud 2011
- Chiodi Ascona, Rompidée Merlot, Ticino 2012
- Clos de la George, Syrah, Grand Cru Yvorne, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Clos du Châtelard, Anthologie Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Clos du Châtelard, Hypérion, Grand Cru Villeneuve, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Daniel Huber, Montagna Magica, Ticino 2012
- Denis Mercier, Cornalin, Valais 2012
- Denis Mercier, Syrah, Valais 2012
- Domaine de Crochet, Cuvée Charles Auguste, Grand Cru Mont-sur-Rolle, La Côte, Vaud 2011
- Domaine de l'Ouille, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Domaine de l'Ouille, Yvorne Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2011
- Domaine des Chantailles, Concerto Grand Cru Tartegnin, La Côte, Vaud 2012
- Domaine du Petit Château,

- Grand Vin, Vully, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2011
- Domaine Grisoni, Cuvée St-Louis, Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013
- Domaine Rouvinez, Coeur de Domaine, Valais 2013
- Etat de Neuchâtel, Les Clos Pinot Noir, Auvèrner, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2012
- Ferrari, Castanar Riserva, Ticino 2009
- Flaction, Lo Grafion, Vin de Table 2012
- Flaction, Merlot, Valais 2012
- Gialdi, Sassi Grossi, Ticino 2012
- Gialdi, Trentasei, Ticino 2010
- Gregor Kuonen, Grandmaître Cabernet Franc, Valais 2013
- Histoire d'Enfer, Cornalin, Sierre, Valais 2012
- Histoire d'Enfer, L'Enfer de la Patience Syrah, Sierre, Valais 2012
- Jean-René Germanier, Cayas, Syrah, Valais 2012
- Jolimont, Dolce Vita, Vin de Table 2013
- Kopp von der Crone Visini, Balin, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2012
- Kursner, Absolu, Vaud 2013
- La Cave de Genève, Infini, Geneva 2012
- La Cave de Genève, Les Vins de Philippe Chevrier, Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Geneva 2012
- L'Azienda Mondo, Questo, Ticino 2012
- Le Vidomne, Modus Vivendi, Valais 2010
- Les Fils de Charles Favre, Cornalin Collection F, Valais 2011
- Les Fils de Charles Favre, Hurlevent Cuvée Prestige, Valais 2011
- Louis-Philippe Burgat, Charlotte Pinot, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013
- Monti, Il Canto Della Terra, Ticino 2012
- Monti, Malcantone, Ticino 2012
- Monti, Rovere Merlot, Ticino 2012
- Monticello, Racconti Riserva, Ticino 2012

- Pellegrin, Cabernet Franc & Sauvignon, Geneva 2011
- Philippe Bovet, Gamaret, La Côte, Vaud 2012
- Philippe Bovet, Malbec, Vaud 2011
- Philippe Varone, Clos du Châteauneuf, Valais 2011
- Provins, Les Titans, Merlot, Valais 2012
- Rahm, Sélection Pierre, Cuvée Excellence, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2011
- Renaissance, Cornalin, Valais 2013
- Renaissance, Humagne, Leytron, Valais 2013
- Robert Gilliard, Tonneliers Diolinoir Valais 2013
- Ronco di Persico, Merlot de Monteggio, Ticino 2013
- Serge Diserens, Terra Solis, Cabernet-Merlot, Valais 2011
- St-Pierre, Syrah, Valais 2013
- Tamborini, Calstelrotto Riserva, Ticino 2012
- Tamborini, San Domenico, Ticino 2013
- Tenuta Luigina, Rosso del Principe Merlot, Ticino 2013
- Tenuta Montalbano, Centenario, Mendrisio, Ticino 2013
- Tenuta San Rocco, Porza, Ticino 2012
- Trapletti, Tera Creda, Ticino 2012
- Valentin Schiess, Quintus, Vin de Table 2013
- Valsangiacomo, Gransegreto Forte Airolo Riserva, Ticino 2012
- Varone, Pinot Noir Barrique, Valais 2013
- Varone, Stricto Sensu, Vin de Table 2010
- Vins des Chevaliers, Valais 2012
- Vins des Chevaliers, Pinot Noir Réserve, Valais 2013
- Wehrli, Merlot Malbec Erlinsbach, Solothurn, Eastern Cantons 2012
- Wittwer, 3x3, Valais 2012
- Yannick Fournier, Promesses d'Automne d'Ardon, Valais 2011



### Bronze sweet white

- Adrian & Diego Mathier, Vin Liqueux Gemma, Valais 2012
- Benoît Dorsaz, Grain de Folie, Valais 2011
- Cave des Amandiers, Le Tsenevi, Valais 2011
- Domaine Rouvinez, Grains Nobles, Valais 2005
- Jean-René Germanier, Mitis, Amigne de Vétroz, Valais 2012
- La Cave de Genève, Intuition Vin Doux, Geneva 2013
- La Cave de Genève, Intuition Vin Doux, Geneva 2014
- La Cave de Genève, La Muse, Geneva 2013
- La Cave de Genève, La Muse, Geneva 2012



### Bronze sweet red

- Philippe Bovet, Divin Pinot Noir Passerillé, Vaud 2012,

### Commended white

- Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Viognier, Chablais, Vaud 2013
- Bernard Bosseau, Domaine de la Planta, Azimut Premier Cru de Dardagny, Geneva 2011
- Bolle, Aigle Collection, Chandra Kurt, Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Cédric Flaction, Humagne Blanc, Valais 2012
- Clos du Châtelard, Chardonnay Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Domaine de la Devinière, Sauvignon Blanc, Geneva 2013
- Domaine de Ravoire, Blanc, Valais 2013
- Ferrari, Chardonnay, Ticino 2012
- Histoire d'Enfer, Humagne Blanche Réserve, Sierre, Valais 2012
- Histoire d'Enfer, Réserve Vieille Vignes Chardonnay, Valais 2012
- Jean-René Germanier, Arvine Réserve, Valais 2011
- La Colombe, Amédée, Vaud 2012
- Le Vidomne, Petite Arvine, Chamoson, Valais 2014
- Rahm, Art, Pinot Blanc, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013
- Rahm, Composition, Troisblanc, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013
- Reynald Parmelin, Premier Grand Cru Collection Agéonor, La Côte, Vaud 2013
- St Jodern Kellerei, Heida Veritas, Wallis, Valais 2012
- Yvorne, Optimum Grand Cru, Chablais, Vaud 2013

### Commended rosé

- Rahm, Réserve du Patron, Federweiss, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013

### Commended red

- Albert Mathier & Fils, Rhoneblut Vinum Lignum, Valais 2013
- Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Malbec-Cabernet Franc, Lavaux, Vaud 2012
- Badoux, Lettres de Noblesse Merlot, Chablais, Vaud 2012
- Cave de Jolimont, Edelweiss Pinot Noir, Valais NV
- Cave du Rhodan, Cornalin, Valais 2014
- Cave du Vidôme, Baton Rouge, Valais 2009
- Cave St-Pierre, Cornalin, Valais 2013
- Château Constellation, Réserve, Valais 2012
- Château Le Rosey, Pinot Noir, La Côte, Vaud 2012
- Château Valeyres, Gamay Confidentiel, Côtes-de-l'Orbe, Vaud 2013
- Domaine de Chambleau, L'Esprit Pinot Noir Cuvée Charlotte, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2013
- Domaine de Montmollin, Extra Muros,



### BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

## Adam Pawlowski MS

PAWLOWSKI IS HEAD sommelier at country-house hotel Northcote in Lancashire and its Michelin-starred restaurant. After earning a masters degree in his native Poland, Pawlowski

moved to the UK where he developed a passion for food and wine. Following further studies, he joined the Northcote team in 2009 as assistant sommelier. In 2014 he was a semi-finalist at the UK Sommelier of the Year competition and was named Poland's Best Sommelier. Last year he also became a Master Sommelier, winning the award for the candidate with highest overall marks.



Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2011 ● Domaine Delaharpe, Cuvée des Druides Grand Cru Vinzel, La Côte, Vaud 2011 ● Domaine du Montet, La Lieue, Merlot Vieilles Vignes, Grand Cru Bex, Chablais, Vaud 2012 ● Gérald Besse, Syrah Les Serpentes, Valais 2012 ● Gregor Kuonen, Pinot Noir Grand Réserve, Valais 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, Humagne, l'Enfer de la Roche, Valais 2012 ● Histoire d'Enfer, L'Enfer du Calcaire, Pinot Noir, Salquenen, Valais 2012 ● Il Cavaliere, Riserva, Ticino 2010 ● Klausener, Rosso di Sera, Della Svizzera Italiana, Ticino 2011 ● Les Trois Terres, Mégnanoir, Côtes-de-l'Orbe, Vaud 2012 ● Magistral, Pinot Noir, Hallau, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Provins, Défi Noir, Les Titans, Valais 2012 ● Provins, Domaine Evêché, Valais 2012 ● Provins, Maître de Chais Syrah, Valais 2011 ● Rahm, Composition DiaNoir, Züricher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Composition Dorenoir, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, K100 Pinot Noir Barrique, Jenins, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Rahm, Réserve du Patron 1895 Pinot Noir Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Réserve du

Patron Assemblage, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Schaffhuuser Art, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Schaffhuuser Art, 1895 Pinot Noir, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Rahm, Sélection Pierre, Cabernet-Gamaret Barrique, Schaffhausen, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Strasser, Blauer Zwegigelt vom Rheinfeld, Züricher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Strasser, Pinot Noir Chlosterberg, Spatlese von Rheinfeld, Züricher Unterland, Eastern Cantons 2013 ● Tenuta Montalbano, Riserva, Ticino 2011 ● Tenuta San Giorgio, Arco Tondo, Ticino 2012 ● Tenuta Trapletti, Culdrée, Ticino 2012 ● Umbricht, Enora Pinot Noir, Aargau, Eastern Cantons 2012 ● Von Tschärner, Churer Blauburgunder Gian-Battista, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2010

#### Commended sweet white

● Domaine de l'Etat de Neuchâtel, Passerillé, VDP Romand, Neuchâtel & Three Lakes 2009

#### Commended fortified red

● Philippe Bovet, Colino, Vin de Table 2009

## What should we leave on the shelf?

While 2010 is a wonder vintage for Brunello, 2009 is more problematic. The heat created moreish but much simpler tannins than in 2010. Don't expect these wines to age indefinitely. Basic Chianti should offer good-value everyday drinking but becomes a trial if Sangiovese's delightful red fruits get blurred by aggressive tannins from winemakers needlessly try getting too much colour into the wines. Most Morellino di Scansano vineyards belong to big houses from Chianti Classico, Montalcino and San Gimignano. They claim they do not treat Morellino as an afterthought – so why does this Sangiovese-based wine so obviously lack a clear identity?

## What should we keep an eye on?

On this evidence Bolgheri imperiously proved it is the best place in Tuscany – and perhaps the whole of Italy – for premium and super-premium French-influenced blends. The mass of vines planted in the mid- to late-1990s boom have reached maturity. Hence the best wines show inherent old-vine richness, complexity and sinew. Bolgheri's winemakers are extracting finer grape tannins and using new oak with greater sensitivity – less overall, and tighter barrel selections when blending to avoid green or burned oak notes. The resulting wines show voluptuous smoothness, intense flavours of mint, cherry and garrigue, and undoubted class.

## Tuscany



### Regional Co-Chair

### Monty Waldin (see judges, p4)

THIS WAS THE strongest line-up of Tuscan wines – red, white and even rosé – I can remember: seven Trophies and 12 Golds! Tuscan growers seem to be helping their vines cope with global warming and a string of bakingly hot recent vintages by getting more flavour and freshness into their wines,

especially reds, all the way from everyday Chianti, via the more serious Chianti Classicos right up to the super-premium Brunello di Montalcinos, Maremmas, Cortonas and Bolgheri Rossos. The best showed ripeness rather than over-ripeness, perfectly judged oak and terrific, mouthwatering ripe and savoury flavours. The cooler, wetter 2014 vintage produced a really strong showing of Vermentino and Vernaccia di San Gimignano dry whites, too.

### What should we buy from here?

The 2010 vintage-of-the-century in Montalcino has produced Brunellos oozing class, elegance and simply incredible perfumes. Chianti Classico beat its more heavily oak-aged Chianti Classico Riserva counterpart for brightness of fruit, drinkability and value for money. At the everyday end of the price scale, Sangiovese showed what a great grape it is for savoury Rosato Toscano pinks. The trend for Tuscan producers to season Sangiovese reds with native grapes like Malvasia Nera, Colorino, Canaiolo Nero and Cilieggiolo has led to subtler flavours and fresher, more savoury textures than would be the case if the wines were simply beefed up with over-ripe French imports like Merlot.

### 2015 Decanter Gold white

#### ● Il Colombaio di Santachiara, Campo della Pieve, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2013 (13%)

This is a lovely effort, the slightly reductive edge adding to the appeal and bringing further complexity to complement the almond, pear, lemon yoghurt and tropical fruit palate. It's zingy, textured, balanced, creamy and ticks every box.

### 2015 Decanter Gold red

#### ● Abbadia Ardenga, Brunello di Montalcino 2010 (14.5%)

POA Anthony Byrne  
Glossy and modern, with lovely perfume and ripe yet fresh cherry fruit bolstered by notes of expensive oak and liquorice. Savoury and understated, this is full of well-harnessed power, with fine tannins propping up the sour cherry flavours. Ethereal, pure and delicious.

#### ● Campo alla Sughera, Toscana 2009 (14.5%)

£67.30 Mondial  
\$145 Curious Cork Imports USA  
Concentrated and complex with ripe plum, cherry fruit, sticky berries and a shadier touch of forest floor. The sweet,

### Tuscany won

#### 1 International Trophy (see p19)

#### 6 Regional Trophies (see p56)

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ripe blackberry and cherry palate is wrapped in silky tannins, complemented by herbs and chocolate. This speaks of old vines; there's no stress in this beauty.

#### ● Cennatoio, Etrusco, Sangiovese Toscano 2012 (14%)

POA Siema Wines USA  
A hugely gratifying Sangiovese, with an elegant nose of red fruits, fresh mint, tobacco leaves, tar, leather, graphite and spicy oak. Dark, forest fruit compote graces the front palate which has an old-vine richness and sweetness to it, with a veneer of vanilla and a liquorice tang at the end.

#### ● Ceralti, Sonoro, Bolgheri Superiore 2012 (15%)

£41 Sardinia Wines  
Rich and ripe with a core of chocolatey black fruit lined with fine, polished oak nuances and mouthwatering cassis fruit. ➤



Fulsome, intense and elegant, with a classy palate of wonderful density, perfectly judged oak and a fantastically long finish.

● **Dei, Bossona Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2009 (14%)**

£29.95 **Lea & Sandeman**  
\$46 **Michael Skurnik USA**

A smoky oak nose, on top of dark chocolate, then savoury cherry, red berry fruit and a highlight of seasoned cedar. It's gorgeously silky and smooth, with confidently sweet fruits matched by the bright acidity. The flavours carry through to a harmonious, chestnut finish.

● **Dei, Sancta Catharina, Toscana 2010 (14.5%)**

£27.95 **Lea & Sandeman**  
\$42 **Michael Skurnik USA**

A wonderfully come-hither nose of dainty red cherry, flowers, juniper, cassis compote, orange, spice and mint. Very ripe but elegant, the fruit is primary yet luscious, bolstered by a composed tannic structure, breezy acidity and a long, layered finish.

● **Monteverro, Terra di Monteverro, Toscana 2011 (14.5%)**

£40 **Bancroft, Decorum Vintners, Handford**

\$60 **Opici Wine Co USA**  
Fantastically constructed but not over-extracted, this opens up beautifully with time in the glass. When it does, it shows lovely sweet black and red fruits complemented by vanilla, mint, black pepper and sage, with a coolness and elegance that leaves you wanting more.

● **Monteverro, Toscana 2011 (15%)**

£90 **Decorum Vintners, Handford**  
\$150 **Opici Wine Co USA**

A really generous glass of red, with crushed red fruits on the nose, supported by toasty new oak and a bell pepper note. Engaging and inviting on the palate, with black fruits making their presence felt, this is lingering and comforting, with lovely earthy notes at the end.

● **Nittardi, Nectar Dei, Maremma Toscana 2011 (14%)**

£32 **Cockburn & Campbell**

The Cabernet Sauvignon component strong and to the fore, with its cassis fruit

partnered by black cherry, cocoa, chalk and crunchy red fruit. Granular tannins form the foundations of the textured palate, supporting the fruit in a firm but balanced fashion.

● **Tenute Silvio Nardi, Brunello di Montalcino 2010 (14.5%)**

£32.99 **Champagnes & Châteaux POA Kobrand USA**

A deliciously fragrant nose of ripe berry fruit, meat and light game notes, with an underbelly of smoke and stewed fruits. Admirable fruit intensity on a palate flavoured with raspberry, cherry balsamic notes and herbs, lined with savoury, earthy tones and lingering acidity.



**Gold**  
**sweet white**

● **Tenuta San Vito, Malmantico, Vin Santo del Chianti 2007 (15%)**

What a fabulous nose, with a profusion of salted caramel, chocolate and fudge. This is big and amazingly concentrated, driven by superb acidity that injects life into the savoury and sweet chestnut-kissed fruit. An incredible sticky of real stature.



**Silver**  
**white**

● **Campo alla Sughera, Achenio, Bolgheri 2013**

● **Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara, L'Albereta, Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva 2012**

● **Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara, Selvabianca, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014**

● **La Fralluca, Bauci, Toscana 2013**

● **Tenuta Poggio Rosso, Veive, Toscana 2014**

● **Val delle Rose, Vermentino, Maremma Toscana 2014**



**Silver**  
**rosé**

● **Podere 414, Flower Power, Toscana 2014**

● **Usiglian del Vescovo, Il Sangiosé, Toscana 2014**

● **Val di Toro, Anna's Secret, Maremma Toscana 2014**



**Silver**  
**red**

● **Agrilandia, Sorpasso, Toscana 2011**

● **Avignonesi, Grandi Annate, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2011**

● **Barbi, Vigna del Fiore, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **Bargagli, Provveditore, Morellino di Scansano 2013**

● **Bibbiano, Montornello, Chianti Classico Riserva 2012**

● **Bibbiano, Chianti Classico 2013**

● **Bibi Graetz, Colore, Toscana 2009**

● **Bibi Graetz, Soffocone, Toscana 2012**

● **Bibi Graetz, Testamatta, Toscana 2011**

● **Bonacchi, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **Bottega, Il Vino dei Poeti, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **Caccia al Piano 1868, Levia Gravia, Bolgheri Superiore 2011**

● **Caccia al Piano 1868, Ruit Hora, Bolgheri 2012**

● **Cafaggio, Chianti Classico 2012**

● **Campo alla Sughera, Arnione, Bolgheri Superiore 2011**

● **Cantina di Montalcino, Brunello, Toscana 2013**

● **Cantina di Montalcino, Poggio del Sasso, Sangiovese Toscana 2013**

● **Casa Lucii, Senarum, Chianti Colli Senesi 2012**

● **Casa Sola, Montarsiccio, Toscana 2009**

● **Castello d'Albola, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Castello di Bossi, Corbaia, Toscana 2010**

● **Castello di Bossi, Girolamo, Toscana 2010**

● **Castello di Meleto, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011**

● **Castello di Querceto, Chianti Classico 2013**

● **Castello Romitorio, Filo di Seta, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **Castello Sonnino, Cantinino, Toscana 2009**

● **Castello Vicchiomaggio, Ripa delle More, Toscana 2012**

● **Cennatoio, Mammolo, Toscana 2010**

● **Ceralti, Alfeo, Bolgheri Superiore 2012**

● **Cesani, Luenzo, Toscana 2010**

● **Cigliano, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Cinciano, Chianti Classico 2013**

● **Col d'Orcia, Olmaia, Sant'Antimo 2012**

● **Col d'Orcia, Brunello di Montalcino 2001**

● **Coli, Coli, Chianti Classico 2013**

● **Coli, Pratale, Chianti Classico 2013**

● **Coli, Pratale, Toscana 2012**

● **ColleMassari, Grattamacco, Bolgheri Superiore 2011**

● **ColleMassari, Riserva, Montecucco 2012**

● **Conti di San Bonifacio, Docet, Toscana 2012**

● **Conti di San Bonifacio, Sustinet, Toscana 2012**

● **Fattoria di Magliano, Poggio Bestiale, Maremma Toscana 2011**

● **Fattoria La Vialla, Casal Duro, Toscana 2011**

● **Fattoria La Vialla, Casal Duro, Toscana 2010**

● **Fèlsina, Fontalloro, Toscana 2011**

● **Fontalpino, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Gagliole, Colli della Toscana Centrale 2011**

● **Godiolo, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2008**

● **Il Borro, Pian di Nova, Toscana 2012**

● **Il Borro, Toscana 2011**

● **Il Moro, Moro di Sangiovanni, Toscana 2010**

● **Il Ponte, T-Lex, Capalbio 2013**

● **La Fralluca, Pitis, Toscana 2011**

● **La Querce, Toscana 2011**

● **La Regola, Toscana 2011**

● **La Togata, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **La Togata dei Togati, Brunello di Montalcino 2010**

● **La Torre, Albireo, Toscana 2012**

● **La Torre, I Lastricheti, Toscana 2013**

● **Le Novelire, Re Stigio, Toscana 2013**

● **Le Regge Chianti Classico 2011**

● **Lornano, Le Bandite, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Mangiacane, Anniversary, Chianti Classico 2011**

● **MonteMaggio, Chianti Classico 2010**

● **Montemajone, Chianti Classico 2011**

● **Monteverro, Tinata, Toscana 2011**

● **Morrison, Signature, Chianti Classico 2011**

● **Nittardi, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Orma, Toscana 2011**

● **Pakravan-Papi, Gabbriccio, Maremma Toscana 2010**

● **Paolo Salvini, Borromeo, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Paolo Salvini, Curva del Vescovo, Chianti Classico 2011**

● **Petra, Toscana 2011**

● **Petrolo, Torriane, Toscana 2012**

● **Piccini, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011**

● **Piccini, Chianti Classico 2011**

● **Podere Albiano, Tribolo, Orcia 2010**

● **Podere Forte, GuardiaVigna, Toscana 2011**

● **Podere Forte, Petrucci, Orcia 2011**

● **Podere Sapaio, Bolgheri Superiore 2010**

● **Poderi Firenze, Sottacasa**

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- Sangiovese, Montecucco 2010
- Poderi Firenze, Sottocasa Riserva, Montecucco 2008
- Poggio al Sole, Chianti Classico 2012
- Poggio del Moro, Riserva, Chianti Colli Senesi 2012
- Poggio del Moro, Toscana 2012
- Poggiotondo, Vigne delle Conchiglie, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Pometti, 106 Centosei, Orcia 2011
- Renieri, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Rocca di Montegrossi, Vigneto San Marcellino, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2010
- Rocca di Montemassi, Sassabruna, Monteregio di Massa Marittima 2012
- Romitorio, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Rubbia al Colle, Le Pulledre, Toscana 2011
- Rubbia al Colle, Vigna Usilio, Val di Cornia 2010
- Ruffino, Modus, Toscana 2012
- Ruffino, Ducale Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Sapaio, Volpolo, Bolgheri 2012
- Sator, Sileno Cilieggiolo, Toscana 2013
- Silvio Nardi, Poggio Doria, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Tamburini, Somnio, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Tenuta Buon Tempo, Alta, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Tenuta Buon Tempo, Rosso di Montalcino 2012
- Tenuta Buon Tempo, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Tenuta Degli Dei, Cavalli, Toscana 2011
- Tenuta di Canneto, Podere Capannelle, Toscana 2012
- Tenuta di Canneto, Podere Le Vizzate, Toscana 2012
- Tenuta di Ceppaiano, Violetta, Toscana 2010
- Tenuta di Sesta, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Tenuta di Vignole, Chianti Classico 2012
- Tenuta Maria Teresa, Urlo di Lupo, Toscana 2013
- Tenuta Monterosola, Corpo Notte, Toscana 2011
- Tenuta San Vito, Colle dei Mandorli Merlot, Toscana 2011
- Tenuta Sette Ponti, Oreno, Toscana 2011
- Tenute Perini, Trombaia, Toscana 2010
- Uggiano, Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2013
- Vecchia Cantina, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2010
- Villa Trasqua, Trasgaia, Toscana 2010



## Silver sweet white

- Capezzana, Riserva, Carmignano Vin Santo 2008
- Col d'Orcia, Pascena, Moscadello di Montalcino 2011
- Santa Cristina, Vin Santo, Valdichiana 2009



## Bronze white

- Abbazia Monte Oliveto, La Gentilezza, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2013
- Cantina di Montalcino, Poggio del Sasso Vermentino, Toscana 2014
- Casa Lucii, Mareterra, Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva 2012
- Casa Lucii, Vigna Cellori, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014
- Castello Montauto, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014
- Cecchi, Bonizio, Toscana 2013
- Falchini, Vigna a Solatio, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014
- Fattoria La Violla, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014
- Fertuna, Droppello, Toscana 2013
- I Lecci, Fontetinta, Toscana 2013
- Il Ponte, T-Lex, Ansonica Costa dell'Argentario 2014
- La Corsa, Dueluglio, Toscana 2013
- Marks & Spencer, Toscana 2013
- Montauto, Enos I, Maremma Toscana 2013
- Poggio delle Faine, Toscana 2013
- Querceto di Castellina, Livia, Toscana 2013
- Tenuta San Jacopo, Quarto di Luna, Toscana 2013
- Teruzzi & Puthod, Rondolino, Vernaccia di San Gimignano 2014



## Bronze rosé

- Carobbio, Rosato, Toscana 2013
- Fattoria La Violla, RosaRosa, Toscana 2014
- La Salceta, Osato, Val d'Arno di Sopra 2014



## Bronze red

- Abbadia Ardenga, Vigna Piaggia, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Agrisole, Colorino, Toscana 2012
- Argentiera, Villa Donoratico, Bolgheri 2012
- Argentiera, Bolgheri Superiore 2011
- Artimino, Carmignano Rosso Riserva 2010
- Avignonesi, Desiderio Merlot, Toscana 2012
- Avignonesi, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2012
- Barbi, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Barone Ricasoli, Brolio, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Bellini, Le Lodole, Toscana 2011
- Bellini, Riserva Chianti Ruffina 2012
- Bibbiano, Vigna del Capannino, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Larry Stone MS

(also judged Bordeaux, Languedoc-Roussillon and Rhône)

STONE IS WINE director of Quintessa Estate and Flowers Vineyards in Napa for Huneus Vintners, which he joined in 2012. He became the first American sommelier to win the

Grand Prix de Sopexa more than 20 years ago, soon after becoming a Master Sommelier. His career as a sommelier and restaurateur has included opening the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago, working as general manager and sommelier of Charlie Trotter's restaurant, and then relocating to San Francisco to open Rubicon Restaurant. Stone also started to make his own wines under the Sirita label. In 2001, he became a board member of Niebaum-Coppola Estate Winery, and then its general manager in 2006. He helped create Evening Land Vineyards, and in 2010 became its president, making wines in Oregon, California and Burgundy. He is the dean of wine studies for the International Culinary Center in New York and also is a past Trustee of the James Beard Foundation.

- Bindi Sergardi, La Ghirlanda, Chianti Classico 2012
- Bonacchi, Badesco, Toscana 2011
- Brancaia, Chianti Classico Riserva 2012
- Bulichella, Coldipietrerosse, Suvereto 2012
- Bulichella, Hide Syrah, Toscana 2012
- Burdizzo, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Caiarossa, Toscana 2011
- Camigliano, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Camperchi, Sangiovese, Toscana 2006
- Canalicchio di Sopra, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Collezione Speciale, Chianti 2013
- Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Leonardo, Toscana 2013
- Carillon, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Carobbio, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Casa Raia, Bevilo, Toscana 2013
- Casa Sola, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2010
- Casteani, Marujo Syrah, Maremma Toscana 2011
- Casteani, Sessanta, Monteregio di Massa Marittima 2011
- Castellani Campomaggio, Chianti Classico Riserva 2010
- Castelli del Grevepesa, Castello di Bibbione, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Castelli del Grevepesa, Clemente VII, Chianti Classico 2012
- Castelli del Grevepesa, Clemente VII, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Castelli del Grevepesa, Lamole, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011

- Castelli del Grevepesa, Panzano, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Castello d'Albola, Il Solatio, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Castello d'Albola, Le Ellere, Chianti Classico 2012
- Castello d'Albola, Chianti Classico 2011
- Castello del Terriccio, Tassinai, Toscana 2011
- Castello della Paneretta, Terrine, Toscana 2008
- Castello di Meleto, Rainero, Toscana 2010
- Castello di Meleto, San Siro, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009
- Castello di Meleto, Vigna Casi, Chianti Classico Riserva 2012
- Castello di Radda, Chianti Classico 2011
- Castello di Volpaia, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Cecchi, La Mora, Morellino di Scansano 2014
- Cecchi, Riserva di Famiglia, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Cennatoio, O'Leandro, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Col di Lamo, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Col d'Orcia, Nearco, Sant'Antimo 2012
- Col d'Orcia, Spezieri, Toscana 2014
- ColleMassari, Poggio Lombrone Sangiovese Riserva, Montecucco 2011
- Conte Ferdinando Guicciardini, La Historia di Italia, Toscana 2011
- Dievole, Chianti Classico 2013
- Falchini, Titolo Colombaia, Chianti Colli Senesi 2012 ➤

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- Fattoria di Cinciano, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Fattoria di Magliano, Perenzo, Maremma Toscana 2011
- Fattoria Dianella, Chianti Riserva 2012
- Fattoria La Vialla, Casa Conforto, Chianti Riserva 2012
- Fattoria La Vialla, Casa Conforto, Chianti Riserva 2010
- Fattoria Poggiopiano, The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition, Chianti Classico 2012
- Fattoria Torre a Cona, Badia a Corte Riserva, Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2011
- Fèlsina, Berardenga, Chianti Classico 2012
- Fèlsina, Rancia, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Fertuna, Lodai, Maremma Toscana 2009
- Fertuna, Messiio, Maremma Toscana 2009
- Fertuna, Pactio, Maremma Toscana 2012
- Fontalpino, Chianti Classico 2012
- Gentili, Le Favorite, Toscana 2013
- Gentili, Le Favorite, Toscana 2012
- Giordano, Toscana 2011
- I Balzini, Black Label, Colli della Toscana Centrale 2012
- I Lecci, Fontetinta, Morellino di Scansano 2013
- Il Colombaio, San Cirino Riserva, Chianti Colli Senesi 2011
- Il Palazzo, Chianti 2013
- Il Poggione, Leopoldo Franceschi, Rosso di Montalcino 2013
- Il Poggione, Rosso di Montalcino 2013
- La Corsa, Aghiloro, Maremma Toscana 2011
- La Corsa, Petit Verdot, Toscana 2013
- La Querce, La Torretta, Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2012
- La Regola, Beloro, Toscana 2008
- La Salceta, Ruschieto Sangiovese, Val d'Arno di Sopra 2012
- La Togata, Rosso di Montalcino 2013
- La Torre, Macchione, Rosso Toscana 2012
- Le Bertille, Rosso di Montepulciano 2012
- Le Fonti a San Giorgio, Chianti Montespertoli 2011
- Le Miccine, Carduus, Toscana 2011
- Le Novelire, Re Ludio, Bolgheri 2013
- Lidl, Chianti 2013
- Lornano, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Mannucci Droandi, Chianti Colli Aretini 2012
- Marcampo, Giusto alle Balze, Toscana 2012
- Montechiari, Cabernet, Toscana 2010
- Montechiari, Merlot, Toscana 2010
- Montemaggio, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009
- Montemercurio, Damo, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2009

- Montignana, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009
- Moro, Moro di Sangiovesani, Toscana 2011
- Palazzo Vecchio, Maestro, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2012
- Petrolo, Galatrona, Toscana 2012
- Piccini, Villa al Cortile Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Piccini, Chianti 2014
- Pieve Santo Stefano, Lippo, Toscana 2012
- Pieve Santo Stefano, Ludovico Sardini, Colline Lucchesi 2011
- Pieve Santo Stefano, Villa Sardini, Colline Lucchesi 2012
- Podere 414, Morellino di Scansano 2013
- Podere Forte, Petruccino, Orcia 2012
- Podere Il Sapito, Il Brigante, Toscana 2011
- Poderi di Ghiaccioforte, Estatatura, Maremma Toscana 2010
- Poggialvento, Arcere, Orcia 2011
- Poggio del Moro Rasea, Sangiovese Toscano 2012
- Poggio il Castellare, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Querceto di Castellina, Sei, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Redi, Briareo, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2009
- Renieri, Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2009
- Rocca delle Macie, Riserva di Fizzano, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Rocca delle Macie, Sergio Zingarelli, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Rocca di Castagnoli, Stielle, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Rocca di Castagnoli, Chianti Classico 2013
- Rocca di Montemassi, Toscana 2012
- Rubbia al Colle, Olpaio, Suvereto 2010
- Rubbia al Colle, Rabuccolo, Toscana 2011
- Ruffino, Riserva Ducale Oro, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2010
- San Felice, Chianti Classico 2012
- San Quintino, La Fagiana, Toscana 2013
- San Quintino, Chianti 2013
- Sator, Montescudaio 2013
- Selvole, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Selvole, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Setriolo, Chianti Classico Riserva 2010
- Sorbaiano, Rosso delle Miniere, Montescudaio 2008
- Tenuta di Capezzana, Villa di Capezzana, Carmignano Rosso 2011
- Tenuta di Sesta, Poggio d'Arna, Toscana 2013
- Tenuta di Sesta, Rosso di Montalcino 2013
- Tenuta Il Palazzo, Moro, Toscana 2011
- Tenuta la Macchia, Scutum, Toscana 2013

- Tenuta la Novella, Casa di Colombo, Chianti Classico 2009
- Tenuta Montecchiesi, Klanis Syrah, Cortona 2011
- Tenuta Monteti, Caburnio, Toscana 2011
- Tenuta Monteti, Monteti, Toscana 2010
- Tenuta Moraia, Pietracupa, Bolgheri 2012
- Tenuta San Vincenti, Chianti Classico 2012
- Tenuta Sette Ponti, Crognolo, Toscana 2012
- Tolaini, Picconero, Toscana 2010
- Trambusti, Sentimento, Toscana 2011
- Trambusti, Brunello di Montalcino 2009
- Uggiano, Chianti Riserva 2009
- Usiglian del Vescovo, Il Barbiglione, Toscana 2011
- Usiglian del Vescovo, Il Grullaio, Toscana 2013
- Uzzano di Lari Anna, Castello di Uzzano, Chianti Classico 2012
- Val d'Orcia Terre Senesi, Bucaccio, Orcia 2011
- Valdipiatta, D'Alfiero, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2010
- Valentini, Monteregio di Massa Marittima 2013
- Valiano, 6.38, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2010
- Valiano, Poggio Teo Chianti Classico 2010
- Valiano, Chianti Classico 2011
- Vecchia Cantina, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2012
- Vignaioli Morellino Scansano, Roggiano, Morellino di Scansano Riserva 2012
- Vignaioli Morellino Scansano, Roggiano, Morellino di Scansano 2014
- Vignamaggio, Castello di Monna Lisa, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- Vignavecchia, Vigneto Odoardo Beccari, Chianti Classico Riserva 2010
- Villa Pinciana, Terraria, Maremma Toscana 2011
- Villa Pinciana, Tilaria, Toscana 2012
- Villa Trasqua, Nerento, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2009

 **Bronze**  
**sweet white**

- Falchini, Podere Casale I Riserva, Vin Santo del Chianti 2009
- Sangervasio, Recinaio, Vin Santo, Colli dell'Etruria Centrale 2004

 **Bronze**  
**sweet red**

- Fattoria La Vialla, Occhio di Pernice, Vin Santo del Chianti 2009

**Commended sparkling white**

- Fattoria La Vialla, Le Chiassaie Brut, Vino da Tavola 2014

**Commended white**

- Fattoria Il Casalone, Leopoldino, Toscana 2014
- Fattoria La Vialla, Barriccato, Toscana 2013
- Fattoria La Vialla, Valdichiana 2014
- Montechiari,

- Oro Chardonnay, Toscana 2013
- Rocca di Montemassi, Calasole, Maremma Toscana 2014
- Tenuta Poggio Rosso, Phylika, Toscana 2014

**Commended red**

- Abbazia Ardenga, Rosso di Montalcino 2013
- Alberese, Alborese, Morellino di Scansano 2012
- Artimino, Carmignano Rosso 2011
- Artimino, Carmignano Rosso Riserva 2009
- Asda, Extra Special, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Baccio, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Bicocchi, Sor' Emilio, Monteregio di Massa Marittima 2012
- Bonacchi, Chianti Classico 2013
- Buccia Nera, Sassocupo, Chianti Superiore 2013
- Caiarossa, Aria di Caiarossa, Toscana 2011
- Cantina di Montalcino, Brunito, Toscana 2013
- Cantina di Montalcino, Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Da Vinci Chianti Riserva 2011
- Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Leonardo, Chianti 2013
- Carobbio, Chianti Classico 2012
- Castel di Pugna, Chianti Superiore 2011
- Castellani, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Castello di Bossi, Berardo, Chianti Classico Riserva 2010
- Castello di Querceto, Chianti Classico Riserva 2012
- Castello di Radda, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Castello Monterinaldi, Chianti Classico 2012
- Castello Monterinaldi, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- Cigliano, Chianti Classico 2012
- Colline di Sopra, Larà, Toscana 2013
- Conti Borghini Baldovinetti, Etichetta Nera, Chianti Superiore 2013
- Cortebella, Chianti Riserva 2012
- Fattoria di Magliano, Heba, Morellino di Scansano 2013
- Fattoria La Vialla, Casa Conforto, Chianti Riserva 2011
- Fattoria La Vialla, Casa Conforto, Chianti Riserva 2008
- Fattoria La Vialla, L'Abbandonato, Montecucco 2012
- Fattoria La Vialla, Torbolone, Toscana 2013
- Fattoria le Pupille, Elisabetta Geppetti-Saffredi, Maremma Toscana 2012
- Fattoria Varramista Sterpato, Toscana 2012
- Fibbiano, Ceppatella, Toscana 2011
- Ficomontanino Fico Puro, Toscana 2011
- I Balzini, White Label, Colli della Toscana Centrale 2012
- I Vicini, Laudario Syrah, Cortona 2011
- Il Ponte, Balto, Toscana 2011
- La Casetta, Chianti Riserva 2012
- La Castellina, Squarcialupi, Chianti Classico Riserva 2010
- La Cipriana, San Martino, Bolgheri Superiore 2011
- La Fattoria di Magliano, Sinarra, Maremma Toscana 2012
- La Fralluca, Cipariso, Suvereto 2011
- La Novella, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009
- Fattoria La Vialla, Leccio Moro, Montecucco 2013
- Le Bertille, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2010
- Mannucci Droandi, Ceppetto, Chianti Classico 2011
- Marchesi Gondi Villa Bossi, Chianti Rufina 2010
- Migliarina & Montozzi, Villa Migliarina, Chianti Superiore 2013
- Montecchio, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009
- Monterosola, Crescendo, Toscana 2011
- Monterosola, Indomito, Toscana 2011
- Montornello al Poggio, Chianti Classico 2010
- Morrisons, Chianti Chianti 2014
- Oliviero Toscani OT3, Toscana 2010
- Palazzo Vecchio, Dogana, Rosso di Montepulciano 2013
- Pepi Lignana, Il Casalone, Poggio Colombi Cabernet Sauvignon, Maremma Toscana 2013
- Piccini, Black Label, Chianti 2013
- Piccini, Collezione Oro, Chianti Riserva 2012
- Piccini, Tesco Finest, Bolgheri 2011
- Pinino, Brunello di Montalcino

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2010 ● Podere Brizio, Brunello di Montalcino 2010 ● Poggio delle Faine, Toscana 2009 ● Poggio Stella, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2012 ● Poliziano, Asinone, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2011 ● Provinco Italia, San Lenone, Toscana 2014 ● Rocca delle Macie, Famiglia Zingarelli, Chianti Classico Riserva 2012 ● Rubbia al Colle, Barriccocio, Toscana 2011 ● Ruffino, Lodola Nuova, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2011 ● Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection, Chianti Riserva 2011 ● San Felice Il Grigio, Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011 ● San Quintino, Quinto, Toscana 2012 ● Spar, Hand Selected, Chianti 2014 ● Tamburini, Il Massiccio, Toscana 2010 ● Tamburini, Il Moraccio, Toscana 2009 ● Tenuta di Capraia, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011 ● Tenuta di

Vignole, Campiccia Vignole, Chianti Classico Riserva 2011 ● Tenuta Montecchiesi, Selverello Syrah, Cortona 2013 ● Tenuta San Jacopo, Poggio ai Grilli, Chianti 2012 ● Tenuta San Vito, Madiere, Toscana 2011 ● The Co-operative, Chianti 2014 ● Tolaini, Al Passo, Toscana 2010 ● Tolaini Valdisanti, Toscana 2010 ● Uggiano, Prestige, Chianti 2014 ● Uggiano, Prestige, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009 ● Usiglian del Vescovo, Chianti Superiore 2012 ● Valiano, Chianti Classico Riserva 2009 ● Vignamaggio, Gherardino, Chianti Classico 2012 ● Villa Trasqua, Evoluto, Chianti Classico 2011

#### Commended sweet white

● Fattoria La Vialla, Riserva Vin Santo del Chianti 2010

## United Kingdom



#### Regional Co-Chair

### Stephen Skelton MW

(see judges, p4)

THE ENGLISH AND Welsh wine industry goes from strength to strength. Not only in size – the planted area of vines has doubled in seven years, and with it the amount of wine being produced and the number of individual producers – but also in

quality. Over the past decade or so, the UK entries to the DWWA have risen from a mere handful to today's total of almost 150, with the medal tally soaring likewise. This year's competition saw a record year of six Golds and a Regional Trophy, all of them for superb sparkling wines, and a further 35 Silvers, seven for still wines. And both *Decanter* readers and UK wine producers should know that winning a Gold or Trophy at the DWWA isn't an easy matter. Our panel included judges who had previously been on the DWWA Champagne panel, who consistently said how good – and what good value – the English sparkling wines were in comparison.

#### What should we buy from here?

Sparkling, sparkling, sparkling! With our Trophy and four of the six Golds (and eight of the Silvers) going to 100% blancs de blancs, it is becoming clear that when the vintage is a good one and producers pick their grapes with ripe acidity, Chardonnay-based wines do really well. English fruit is often high in acidity – think Cox's Orange Pippin and Bramley apples, raspberries, blackcurrants, gooseberries, and even rhubarb – and when tempered with a little sweetness can taste delicious. So it is with our winners here.

#### What should we leave on the shelf?

Sadly 2013 was not a good year for still wines – the harvest was too late and ripeness levels too low – so unless you really like thin, austere wines, avoid them. Of the 41 wines from 2013 entered, there were only two Silvers awarded. Try before you buy has to be the advice.

#### What should we keep an eye on?

Sparkling wines from the 2012 vintage are starting to appear and although it was a small vintage, those producers that had a crop, had a good one. For still wines, 2014 was one of the most successful of recent years and the best wines are very good. Look out for those from the top producers, especially from the Bacchus grape variety.

#### Gold sparkling white

##### ● Chapel Down, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Kent 2009 (12.5%)

£25.41 Amazon, Harvey Nichols Intriguing, baked apple nose along with vanilla, toast, sweet spices, butter biscuit, pear, pineapple and yellow plum. Delicious, lengthy and creamy, this is linear and sherbety, with beautifully managed acidity, real depth and profundity.

##### ● Digby, Reserve Brut, West Sussex 2009 (12%)

£39.99 Selfridges An accomplished sparkler, quite vinous with concentration, complexity and power. Notes of Granny Smith apples, pear and plum fruits are carried along by a huge but integrated seam of acidity, leading to a long, harmonious, elegant finish.

##### ● Gusbourne, Blanc de Blancs Late Disgorged Brut, Kent 2007 (11.6%)

£59.99 Fortnum & Mason, Gusbourne, Lea & Sandeman, Selfridges, Wright Wine Co Seductive and tertiary, with an open nose of honeycomb, golden syrup, coffee, caramel, chocolate and struck match. Full yet focused, the palate has a hint of baked peaches and a light, elegant mouthfeel. This is a really impressive glassful.

##### ● Hoffmann & Rathbone, Blanc de Blancs Brut, West Sussex 2010 (12%)

£39 Butler's Wine Cellar, Richard Kihl, Spirited Wines Great depth and complexity, it has a lovely layered nose of red apple, mango, citrus and warm, buttered bread. The palate is deep and flavoursome, with savoury pastry, precise lemon, kumquat, and a yeasty finale.

##### ● Hush Heath, Balfour 1503 Classic Cuvée Brut, Kent NV (11.5%)

£19.98 Majestic Broad, powerful, toasty and ripe autolytic fruit with notes of

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won

0 International Trophies (see p19)

1 Regional Trophy (see p56)

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baked apples and light camomile hints. There's a marshmallow lightness to the palate, with gentle pastry notes, excellent, elegant balance and serious length.

##### ● Ridgeview, Blanc de Blancs Brut, East Sussex 2011 (12%)

£29.95 Berry Bros & Rudd, Butler's Wine Cellar, Ridgeview, Virgin Wines POA Grand Cru Selections USA Fragrant and balanced, with a ripe, leesy, bready nose, toasted nuts, apple skin and honey. Vibrant and energetic, with developing flavours and a light creaminess, this is rich and yeasty. An excellent example of bottle-aged blanc de blancs.

#### Silver sparkling white

##### ● Black Dog Hill, Classic Cuvée Brut, East Sussex 2011

##### ● Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap Blanc de Blancs Brut, East Sussex 2010

##### ● Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap Blanc de Blancs Brut, East Sussex 2008

##### ● Camel Valley, Annie's Anniversary Brut, Cornwall 2013

##### ● Castle Brook, Classic Cuvée Brut, Herefordshire NV

##### ● Cottonworth, Classic Cuvée Brut, Hampshire NV

##### ● Court Garden, Blanc de Blancs Extra Dry, East Sussex 2010

##### ● Court Garden, Blanc de Blancs Brut, East Sussex 2010

##### ● Court Garden, Classic Cuvée Brut, East Sussex 2011

##### ● English Oak, Engelmann Brut, Dorset 2010

##### ● English Oak, San Gabriel Blancs de Blanc Brut, Dorset 2009 ➤

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- Exton Park, Brut, Hampshire NV
- Gusbourne, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Kent 2010
- Gusbourne, Brut Reserve, Kent 2010
- Hambledon, Classic Cuvée Brut, Hampshire NV
- Henners Reserve Brut, East Sussex 2010
- Langham, Classic Cuvée Brut, Dorset 2011
- Redfold, Ambriel Blanc de Noirs Brut, West Sussex NV
- Redfold, Ambriel Reserve Demi-Sec, West Sussex NV
- Upperton Vineyards, Alia Chardonnay Brut, West Sussex 2011
- Upperton Vineyards, Aurora Brut, West Sussex 2010
- Wiston Estate, Blanc de Blancs Brut, West Sussex 2010
- Wiston Estate, Brut, West Sussex NV

 **Silver sparkling rosé**

- Exton Park, Brut Rosé, Hampshire NV
- Hoffmann & Rathbone, Réserve Brut Rosé, West Sussex 2011
- Hush Heath, Balfour Brut Rosé, Kent 2011
- Ridgeview, Rose de Noir, East Sussex 2010

 **Silver white**

- Albourne Estate, Estate Selection, West Sussex 2014
- Camel Valley, Darnibole Bacchus, Cornwall 2014
- Chapel Down, Chardonnay, Kent 2011
- Chapel Down, Kit's Coty Estate Chardonnay, Kent 2012
- Halfpenny Green, Long Acre Schönburger, Staffordshire 2014
- Kingscote, Fat Fumé 2013
- Lyme Bay Winery, Shoreline, Devon 2014

 **Silver sweet white**

- Denbies, Noble Harvest 2014

 **Bronze sparkling white**

- Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap Classic Cuvée Brut, East Sussex 2010
- Breaky Bottom, Cuvée Réserve Brut, East Sussex 2009
- Camel Valley, Brut, Cornwall 2013
- Camel Valley, Pinot Noir Brut, Cornwall 2011
- Chapel Down, Three Graces Brut, Kent 2009
- Chapel Down, Vintage Reserve Brut, Kent NV

- Court Garden, Ditchling Reserve Brut, East Sussex 2010
- Dalwood Brut, Devon 2013
- Davenport, Limney Estate Brut, East Sussex 2010
- Exton Park, Blanc de Noir Brut, Hampshire NV
- Furleigh, Classic Cuvée Brut, Dorset 2011
- Greyfriars, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Surrey 2011
- Hambledon, Première Cuvée Brut, Hampshire NV
- Hart of Gold, Brut, East Sussex 2010
- Hattingley Valley, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Hampshire 2010
- Hattingley Valley, Classic Cuvée Brut, Hampshire 2010
- Henners, Brut East Sussex 2010
- High Clandon, The Succession Cuvée Brut, Surrey 2009
- Jenkyn Place, Blanc de Noir Brut, Hampshire 2010
- Jenkyn Place, Brut, Hampshire 2010
- Nutbourne Vineyards, Nutty Brut, West Sussex 2011
- Redfold Ambriel Classic Cuvée Brut, West Sussex NV
- Ridgeview, South Ridge Brut, East Sussex 2012
- Smith & Evans, Higher Plot Pinot-Chardonnay Extra Brut, Somerset 2010
- Squerryes Brut, Kent 2010
- Wiston Estate, Cuvée Brut, West Sussex 2010
- Woodchurch, Classic Cuvée Brut, Kent 2012

 **Bronze sparkling rosé**

- Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap Brut Rosé, East Sussex 2011
- Camel Valley, Pinot Noir Rosé Brut, Cornwall 2013
- Chapel Down, Brut Rosé, Kent NV
- Court Garden, Brut Rosé, East Sussex 2011
- English Oak, Chinkapin Brut Rosé, Dorset 2010
- Gusbourne, Brut Rosé, Kent 2011
- Hush Heath, Balfour 1503 Dry Rosé, Kent NV
- Hush Heath, Balfour Brut Rosé, Kent 2010
- Knightor, Brut Rosé, Cornwall NV
- Redfold, Ambriel Brut Rosé, West Sussex NV
- Upperton Vineyards, Erubesco Brut Rosé, West Sussex 2010

 **Bronze white**

- Albourne Estate, White Pinot Noir, West Sussex 2014
- Bolney Estate, Fox Hole Vineyard Pinot Gris, West Sussex 2014
- Bolney Estate, Lychgate, West Sussex 2014
- Camel Valley, Bacchus Dry, Cornwall 2013
- Chapel Down, Bacchus, Kent 2013
- Chapel Down Kit's Coty Estate Chardonnay, Kent 2013
- Denbies, Bacchus-Sauvignon Blanc, Surrey 2013

- Denbies, Juniper Hill, Surrey 2014
- Denbies, Ranmore Hill Vineyard Select, Surrey 2013
- Denbies, Vineyard Select Bacchus, Surrey 2013
- English Wine Project, Bacchus-Sauvignon Blanc, Warwickshire 2013
- English Wine Project, Madeleine Angevine 2013
- Kingscote Bacchus-Chardonnay 2013
- Kingscote, The Bacchus 2013
- Knightor, Portscatho Bacchus, Cornwall 2014
- Litmus, Element 20 2012
- Litmus, White Pinot 2012
- Lyme Bay, Bacchus, Devon 2014
- Nutbourne Vineyards, Sussex Reserve, West Sussex 2013
- Oatley, Jane's, Somerset 2013
- Quoins Organic Vineyard, Orion, Wiltshire 2013
- Stopham Estate, Pinot Blanc, West Sussex 2013
- Three Choirs, Willow Brook 2013

 **Bronze rosé**

- Bolney Estate, West Sussex 2014
- Court Garden, Ditchling Rosé, East Sussex 2013
- Denbies, Marks & Spencer Pinot Noir, Surrey 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Sixteen Ridges, Pinot Noir Early 2013

**Commended sparkling white**

- Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap Seyval

- Blanc Brut, East Sussex NV
- Chapel Down, Blanc de Noirs Brut, Kent 2009
- Danebury, Cossack But, Hampshire 2009
- English Wine Project, Renishaw Hall Seyval Blanc Brut, Derbyshire 2013
- English Wine Project, Welcombe Hills Chardonnay Brut, Warwickshire 2013
- Halfpenny Green Brut, Staffordshire 2013

**Commended sparkling rosé**

- English Wine Project, Renishaw Hall Seyval Blanc-Rondo Brut Rosé, Derbyshire 2013
- Halfpenny Green, Brut Rosé, Staffordshire 2013

**Commended white**

- Blackdown Ridge, English Bacchus, West Sussex 2013
- Camel Valley, Atlantic Dry, Cornwall 2014
- Danebury, Madeleine Angevine 2013
- Danebury, Reserve 2013
- Oatley, Leonora's, Somerset 2013
- Trevibban Mill, Black Ewe, Cornwall 2014
- Trevibban Mill, Constantine, Cornwall 2014
- Trevibban Mill, Harlyn, Cornwall 2014
- Trevibban Mill Merope, Cornwall 2014

**Commended rosé**

- Aldwick, Mary's Rose, Somerset 2013
- Camel Valley, Pinot Noir, Cornwall 2014
- Eastcott, Two Moors, Devon 2014
- Trevibban Mill, Rock, Cornwall 2014

**Commended red**

- Trevibban Mill, Black Ewe, Cornwall 2014

**Wales**

**Commended sparkling white**

- Ancre Hill, Blanc de Noir Brut, Monmouthshire 2010

**USA & Mexico**



**Regional Co-Chair**

**Jon Bonné** (see judges, p4)

THIS WAS A year for both the classics and the cutting edge, in terms of American wine. Some old and familiar names from California and the Northwest – including Trinchero (Gold), Cakebread, Robert Mondavi, and L'Ecole No 41 (Sillers) all came away with medals. And yet our sole

Trophy went to a relative unknown, Jamie Kutch, who works on a little-trod corner of the Sonoma Coast to produce exceptional Pinot Noir.

Would that Pinot had a more solid showing. It is, hands down, the most dynamic variety being made on the West Coast right now and, with solid vintages like 2012 and 2013 now appearing, I'd have expected a more exciting lineup, especially from Oregon. Nevertheless, the wines on these pages that did well are splendid examples.

Washington State revealed itself once again as a solid and reliable destination for a wide range of wines. It is providing

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solid competition for California, which did well enough but also (and this is becoming a familiar theme) seems unaware of how high its prices are compared to the rest of the world.

## What should we buy from here?

If you haven't yet discovered the Pinot Noirs from the small producers of the Sonoma Coast, now's the time. The quality among the best takes a serious run for the affections of the Burgundy lover. And while Napa Cabernet and Merlot is not a place to find value, the best examples, especially from the 2012 vintage, are classically styled, ripe and beautiful. They're worth putting in your cellar. Washington's diversity of talents continues to expand – from Cabernet and Syrah to Riesling (and some exceptional Malbec). It remains a great spot for affordable bottles. And Virginia, which we've been paying close attention to for years, is showing its stripes, outperforming much of its West Coast competition.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Chardonnay. Once again, our panel found lot of winemaking and a surprisingly little amount of quality to show for it. The only example that rose above a bronze medal was in sparkling form. And it's worth taking some care in shopping for Pinot Noir, not just from California but Oregon as well. The grape doesn't always handle popularity well, and as Oregon has been on a growth spurt, it faces the same concerns that have befallen popular corners like the Russian River Valley. In most cases, inexpensive Pinot Noir isn't worth the money.

## What should we keep an eye on?

Value-priced wines from Mexico. The more expensive entries were a tough bunch, but several affordable bottles found favour – including, once again, Casa Madero's Chenin Blanc, which edged out a well-earned Silver for its pure, delightful drinkability. Can we get our first Mexican Gold in 2016?



## BEHIND THE SCORESHEET

### Ronan Sayburn MS

(also judged Sherry, Spain and UK)

SAYBURN HAS BEEN involved in the wine trade for nearly 20 years. He worked for the Gordon Ramsay group as executive head sommelier for eight years, mainly in the Michelin three-star Royal Hospital Road restaurant, and created wine lists and trained wine service teams for other restaurants in the group in the UK, Dubai, Tokyo and New York. Previously director of wines and spirits for the Hotel du Vin group, Sayburn is a past winner of the UK Sommelier of the Year competition and is currently director of the RS Wine Academy. He is an examiner for the Court of Master Sommeliers and has also worked as a sommelier at Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons, Pied à Terre and The Greenhouse, and at wine merchant OW Loeb.



## Gold red

● **Frog's Leap, Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, California 2012 (13.4%)**

£34.95-£55 **Amazon, Berry Bros & Rudd, Hedonism**

Sweet and minty with aromas of cassis, cherry, charcoal, tobacco, herbs, lilac, roasted chili and damp earth. Classic Napa generosity but not overdone, with succulent berry fruit and a thirst-quenching quality to the mineral-driven finish. A paragon of drinkability and understated elegance.

● **Gordon, Syrah, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2013 (13.7%)**

£19.02 **Amathus**

Salty, cured bresaola and green olive give some real definition to a nose of raspberry, dark

## USA and Central America won

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berries and black pepper. Silky-smooth palate with succulent plum, blueberry, minerals and a mouthwatering finish that pulls you back for another sip. Excellent stuff.

● **Trinchero, Chicken Ranch Merlot, Rutherford, California 2011 (14.2%)**

Sultry and forward, but also showing tangy red fruit and a perfume of lilac, vanilla and spice, with lingering oak.

Impressive and intense but nuanced – not sacrificing any Napa muscle in offering a more subtle side. Brilliantly done, with earthy, leafy, rich red fruit.



## Silver sparkling white

● **Trump, Blanc de Blanc Brut, Monticello, Virginia 2009**



## Silver red

- **Adelsheim, Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012**
- **Balboa, Malbec, Walla Walla Valley, Washington State 2012**
- **Cakebread Cellars, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012**
- **Cambria, Julia's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, California 2011**
- **DeLoach, Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, California 2012**
- **Kendall Jackson, Grand**

## Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County, California 2012

- **L'Ecole No 41, Ferguson Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley, Washington State 2012**
- **Robert Mondavi, Reserve To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet, Oakville, California 2011**
- **Sunset Hills, Reserve Cabernet Franc, Virginia 2012**
- **Veramar, Cabernet Franc, Virginia 2013**



## Bronze sparkling white

- **Trump, Reserve Brut, Monticello, Virginia 2008**



## Bronze white

- **Beringer, Private Reserve Chardonnay Napa Valley, California 2013**
- **Bogle, Viognier, Clarksburg, California 2013**
- **Chateau Ste Michelle & Dr Loosen, Eroica Riesling, Washington State 2013** ➤

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- J Lohr, Arroyo Vista Chardonnay, Arroyo Seco, California 2013
- Paul Hobbs, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, California 2013
- Trefethen, Chardonnay, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, California 2013
- Trefethen, Dry Riesling, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, California 2013

 **Bronze rosé**

- Ousterhout, 800 Vines Vineyard, Green Valley of Russian River, California 2013

 **Bronze red**

- Bioletti's Block, Petite Sirah, California 2013
- Bonterra, Zinfandel, Mendocino County, California 2012
- Cakebread Cellars, Dancing Bear Ranch Cabernet-Merlot, Howell Mountain, California 2012
- Cakebread Cellars, Two Creeks Vineyards Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley, California 2013
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2012
- Chronic Cellars, Purple Paradise, Paso Robles, California 2013
- Col Solare, Red Mountain, Washington State 2011
- Columbia Crest, H3 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2012
- Eberle, Côtes-du-Rhône, Paso Robles, California 2012
- Edmeades, Zinfandel, Mendocino, California 2012
- Elk Cove, Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012
- Folie à Deux, Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, California 2012
- Gallica, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2011
- Geyser Peak, Walking Tree Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, California 2012
- Hall, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Hedges Red Mountain, Red Mountain, Washington State 2012
- J Lohr, Falcon's Perch Pinot Noir, Monterey County, California 2013
- J Lohr, Seven Oaks Cabernet, Paso Robles, California 2012
- La Crema, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California 2013
- L'Ecole No 41, Apogee Pepper Bridge, Walla Walla Valley, Washington State 2012
- Lemelson, Thea's Selection Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012
- Matt Parish, Pinot Noir, Santa Rita Hills, California 2013
- Paul Hobbs, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Paul Hobbs, CrossBarn Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Robert Mondavi, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2011

- Sage Hill, Syrah-Cabernet Special Blend, Malibu-Newton Canyon, California 2013
- Sera Fina, Primitivo, Amador County, California 2012
- Spring Mountain Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, SLV Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa County, California 2011
- Stag's Leap Winery, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2012
- The Wine Society, The Society's Exhibition Merlot, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Treana, Paso Robles, California 2012
- Trefethen, Dragon's Tooth, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Veramar, Merlot, Virginia 2013
- WillaKenzie, Emery Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012
- WillaKenzie, Pierre Leon Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012

**Commended sparkling rosé**

- Trump, Sparkling Brut Rosé, Monticello, Virginia 2009

**Commended white**

- Beringer, Chardonnay, Napa Valley, California 2013
- Cannonball, Chardonnay, Sonoma County, California 2013
- Chateau St Jean, Robert Young Vineyard Chardonnay, Alexander Valley, California 2012
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Chardonnay, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2013
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Dry Riesling, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2013
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Riesling, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2013
- Eberle, Viognier, Paso Robles, California 2013
- Kendall Jackson, Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay, California 2013
- Marimar Estate, La Masía Don Miguel Vineyard, Russian River Valley, California 2013
- Robert Mondavi, Fumé Blanc, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Rodney Strong, Chalk Hill Chardonnay, Chalk Hill, California 2013
- Veramar, Chardonnay, Virginia 2013

**Commended rosé**

- Broadland, Spring Creek White Zinfandel, California 2014

**Commended red**

- A to Z, Pinot Noir, Oregon 2013
- Black Stallion, Limited Release Syrah, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Bogle, Old Vine Zinfandel, California 2012
- Bogle, Phantom, Clarksburg, California 2011
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Indian Wells Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2012
- Chateau Ste Michelle, Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington State 2012
- Etude, Grace Benoist Ranch Pinot Noir, Los Carneros, California 2012
- Gallica, Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, California 2012
- Heavyweight, Old Vine Zinfandel, California 2012
- J Lohr, Los Osos Merlot, Paso Robles, California 2012
- Joel Gott, Cabernet Sauvignon 815, California 2013
- L'Ecole No 41, Seven Hills Perigee, Walla Walla Valley, Washington State 2012
- Lemelson, Six Vineyards Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012

- Napa Cellars, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2013
- Napa Cellars, Merlot, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Paul Hobbs, CrossBarn Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California 2013
- Paul Hobbs, Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, California 2013
- Ravenswood, Zinfandel, Lodi, California 2013
- Regio, Old Vine Old Clone Zinfandel, Lodi, California 2012
- Renwood, Premier Old Vine Zinfandel, Amador County, California 2011
- Renwood, Fiddletown, California 2011
- Rodney Strong, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, California 2012
- Rodney Strong, Symmetry Meritage, Alexander Valley, California 2012
- Sage Hill, Syrah, California 2010
- Schug, Pinot Noir, Los Carneros, California 2013
- Scotto Cellars, 50 Harvests Meritage, Napa Valley, California 2012
- Sokol Blosser, Evolution, 3rd Edition NV
- Sokol Blosser, Pinot Noir, Dundee Hills, Oregon 2012
- Spring Mountain Vineyard, Elivette, Spring Mountain District, California 2012
- Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Cask 23 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2010
- Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Fay Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California 2011
- Sunset Hills, Estate Club Select Tannat, Virginia 2012
- Sunset Hills, Mosaic, Virginia 2012
- Trefethen, Pinot Noir, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, California 2012
- Trinchero, Meritage, Napa Valley, California 2011
- Trump, New World Reserve, Monticello, Virginia 2012
- WillaKenzie, Aliette Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2012

**Commended sweet white**

- Loosen Bros, Dr L Riesling Ice Wine, Horse Heaven Hills, Washington State 2013

**Mexico**

 **Silver white**

- Casa Madero, Chenin Blanc, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2014

 **Bronze white**

- Casa Madero, Chardonnay, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2014

 **Bronze red**

- Casa Madero, Casa Grande Shiraz, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2011
- Casa Madero, Malbec, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2013
- Vega-Manchón, Torre de Tierra, Guanajuato 2012
- Vinicola Regional de Ensenada, Ancón San Vicente, Valle de San Vicente, Baja California 2012

**Commended white**

- San Lorenzo, Casa Grande Chardonnay, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2013

**Commended red**

- Casa Madero, Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2013
- Casa Madero, Casa Grande Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2011
- Casa Madero, Shiraz, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2013
- Reserva, Scielo Reserva RS1 Merlot, Valle de Parras, Coahuila 2013
- San Juanito, Malbec, Valle de Bernal, Valle Querétaro 2013
- Vega-Manchón, Cuna de Tierra Nebbiolo, Guanajuato 2013



**BEHIND THE SCORESHEET**

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# Veneto



**Regional Co-Chair**  
**Richard Baudains**  
*(see judges, p4)*

THE TWO TROPHIES and one Gold this year prove that when Venetian wines are good, they are very, very good. But this was perhaps not the most significant statistic to emerge from the number-crunching. Considerably fewer Silver medals were awarded this year than last, but at the same time there were more Commended wines. The impression is that the wines of the Veneto repositioned its mid-range this year. The everyday drinking wines geared up a notch but the categories which should have impressed the most often failed to hit the high notes. Was this was the momentary effect of a run of difficult vintages, or does it represent a trend? Only time will tell.

## What should we buy from here?

The top performers by a clear margin were Amarone and Valpolicella Ripasso, two wines which exist in symbiosis, the latter being matured on the pomace of the former, and which come stylistically closer with the passing of every vintage. The top-scoring Amarones came from the more immediate 2010, 2011 and 2012 vintages, underlying the trend towards softer, fruit-driven wines. Outside these star denominations, the recommendation would be to cherry pick among Valdobbiadene Conegliano Prosecco Superiores. They are less expressive from the cool wet 2014 vintage but still a cut above the basic DOC Proseccos from the plains. For everyday drinking, stock up on the excellent value Bardolino Chiaretto, whether in still or bubbly brut versions.

## What should we leave on the shelf?

Away from the triumphs of Amarone and Ripasso, the other Valpolicella denominations were disappointing. Basic Valpolicella and Valpolicella Superiore are suffering an identity crisis and in the cool temperate zones of the Veneto, Cabernet and Merlot need perfect ripening conditions (not always guaranteed). The current vintages underline the inconsistency of international red varieties in the region. The Veneto IGT label under which many non-native varieties and blends appear is a mish-mash, and has never acquired the kudos (or achieved the quality) to justify a 'SuperVeneto' tag.

## What should we keep an eye on?

This year's entries were characterised by solid rather than inspired performances, but there were flashes of individuality from lesser-known regions with strong local identities. Lessini Durello is an example: classic bottle-fermented (and ageworthy) fizz from the Durello grape that, until recently, was on the verge of extinction. Another is the recently created DOCG Raboso Malanotte, this year's outsider Trophy. Light drying of the grapes and sensitive wood ageing in this case transform the usually mouth-puckeringly astringent Raboso into a red with depth, texture and unsuspected fragrance.



## Gold red

● **Fasoli Gino, Alteo, Amarone della Valpolicella 2008 (17.5%)**  
£56 **Vintage Roots**  
Engaging, enveloping and stylish, with intense aromas of dried plums, raisins, chocolate and nuts. The massive, velvety palate has concentration and weight allied to some freshness and a bite of leafy tannins on the finish. Very composed, together and with a big future.



## Silver sparkling white

- **Borgo Molino, Motivo Brut, Prosecco 2014**
- **Bottega, Gold Brut, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **Conca d'Oro, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Fongaro, Riserva Pas Dosé, Lessini Durello 2007**
- **La Farra, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Loredan Gasparini, Brut Nature, Vigna Monti, Prosecco Asolo Superiore 2012**
- **Masottina, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**



## Silver white

- **Le Morette, Riserva, Lugana 2011**
- **Morrison, Signature, Soave Classico 2014**



## Silver red

- **Bixio Poderi, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2011**
- **Buglioni, L'Amarone, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**
- **Cantina di Soave, Botticato, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Cantina di Soave, Cadis, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012**
- **Cantina di Soave, Rocca Sveva, Amarone della Valpolicella 2009**
- **Cesari, Bosan, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2011**
- **Fabiano, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**
- **Farina, Montefante, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva 2010**
- **Fattori, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010**
- **Gerardo Cesari, Bosan,**

## Veneto won

**0** International Trophies *(see p19)*  
**2** Regional Trophies *(see p56)*

Read all about these Gold medal-winning wines that went on to win our top awards

- Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva 2006**
- **Guerrieri Rizzardi, Villa Rizzardi, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009**
  - **Le Bignele, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**
  - **Mizzon di Perusi Nicola, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009**
  - **Mizzon di Perusi Nicola, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2008**
  - **Montecariano, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009**
  - **Palazzo Maffei, Conte di Valle, Amarone della Valpolicella 2009**
  - **Pietro Zardini, Austero, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2011**
  - **Provolo, Campotorbian, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2011**
  - **Rubinelli Vajol, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012**
  - **Santa Sofia, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009**
  - **Scriani, Carpané Corvina, Verona 2012**
  - **Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Selezione Antonio Castagnedi, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**
  - **Tenuta Valleselle, Rovertondo, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
  - **Tenute Ugolini, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2011**
  - **Tinazzi, Monterè, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
  - **Villa Monteleone, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009**
  - **Zenato, Cressaso, Verona 2008**
  - **Zenato, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**



## Silver sweet white

- **Fattori, Motto Piane, Recioto di Soave 2011**



## Bronze sparkling white

- **47 Anno Domini, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Andreola, Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Astoria, Extra Dry, Prosecco** ➤

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di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014

- Bacio della Luna, Brut, Prosecco Treviso NV
- Bisol, Crede Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Bisol, Private Non Dosato, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2012
- Bisol, Vigneti del Fol, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013
- Bortolin Angelo, Brut Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Bortolin Angelo, Extra Dry Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Bortolomiol, Bandarossa Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Cà d'Or, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Lessini Durello 2013
- Case Bianche, Tenuta Col Sandago, Undici Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013
- Case Bianche, Vigna del Cuc Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Colbertaldo, Valbello Extra Dry, Prosecco Asolo Superiore NV
- Colvendrà, Colme' Extra Dry Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Contarini, Millesimato Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Enoitalia, Edizione 789 di Mondelli Brut Prosecco NV
- Garbara, Extra Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2014
- Garbara, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Jeio, Desiderio Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2013
- Le Bertole di Bortolin, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013
- Mabis, Diamond Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- Maccari, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Maschio, Cadoro Brut, Prosecco Treviso NV
- Masottina, Le Rive di Ogliano Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Morrisons, Signature, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Salatin, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013
- San Nicola, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV
- Sanfeletto, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV
- Schenk Italia, Inizio Extra Dry Prosecco NV
- Soligo, Cuvée Solicum Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV

- Soligo, Extra Dry, Prosecco Treviso NV
- Soligo, Rive di Soligo Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Tenuta degli Ultimi, Sanguefreddo Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV
- Tenuta S Anna, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- Terre di San Venanzio Fortunato, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- The Co-operative, Special Cuvée Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- Val d'Oca, Rive di Colbertaldo Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Valdo, Oro Puro Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV
- Vallate, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV
- Vigne Matte, Extra Dry-Cuveé, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Zardetto, Tre Venti Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014
- Zonin, Prestige 1821 Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV

 **Bronze sparkling rosé**

- Guerrieri Rizzardi, Fior di Rosa Charetto Extra Dry Rosé, Bardolino 2014
- La Cà, Charetto Brut, Bardolino NV
- Perlezza, Brut Rosé NV
- San Leo, Nerello Mascalese-Garganega Brut Rosé NV
- Zeni, Charetto Brut Rosé, Bardolino NV

 **Bronze white**

- Alpha Zeta, Terrapieno Pinot Grigio, Veneto 2014
- Borga Manzoni, Bianco, Piave 2014
- Caferro, Pinot Grigio, Veneto 2014
- Cantina di Monteforte, Terre di Monteforte, Soave Classico 2014
- Cantina di Soave, Duca del Frassino, Soave Classico 2014
- Cavazza, Bocara Classico, Gambellara 2014
- Giovanni Ederle, Donna Francesca, Verona 2012
- Italo Cescon, Pinot Grigio, Veneto 2014
- La Bellussera, Manzoni Bianco, Veneto 2013
- Latium Morini, Campo Le Calle, Soave 2013
- Le Carlone di Piccinin Daniele, Lison Classico 2013
- Masottina, Incrocio Manzoni, Colli Trevigniani 2014
- Montetondo, Foscari Slavinus, Soave Superiore Classico 2012
- Ottella, Le Creete, Lugana 2014
- S Cristina, Massoni, Lugana 2014
- Stajnbach, Chardonnay, Delle Venezie 2012
- Tenuta Grimani, Farinaldo, Soave 2013

- Tenuta S Anna, Goccia Pinot Grigio, Venezia 2013
- Zenato, Sergio Zenato Riserva, Lugana 2012

 **Bronze rosé**

- Castelnuovo del Garda, Cà Vegar Charetto Classico, Bardolino 2014
- Zeni Vigne Alte, Charetto Classico, Bardolino 2014

 **Bronze red**

- 47 Anno Domini, Raboso, Piave 2010
- Alpha Zeta, A, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012
- Benazzoli, Bardolino 2014
- Bennati Cerasum, Amarone della Valpolicella Riserva 2008
- Bertani, Original Vintage Edition, Verona 2012
- Borgo Stajnbach, Refosco-Cabernet, Delle Venezie 2011
- Buglioni, Il Bugiardo, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2012
- Cà di Rajo, Notti di Luna Piena, Piave 2009
- Cà Piadera, Cabernet Franc, Marca Trevigiana 2013
- Cantina di Monteforte, Re Teodorico, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011
- Cantina di Negrar, Vigneti di Jago, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2008
- Cantina di Negrar, Vigneti di Torbe, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2013
- Cantina di Negrar, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012
- Cantina di Soave, Rocca Alata, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013
- Cantina di Soave, Rocca Alata, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012
- Cantina di Verona, Pagus Bisano, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013
- Cantina Flli Zeni, Barriques, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2009
- Case Paolin, San Carlo, Montello e Colli Asolani 2011
- Castello di Roncade, Villa Giustinian, Veneto 2010
- Cecilia Beretta, Terre di Cariano, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva 2009
- Cottini, Palazzo Maffei, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013
- Cottini, Villa Annaberta Private Collection, Amarone della Valpolicella 2009
- Domus Vini, Terre dei Dogi Cabernet, Delle Venezie NV
- Farina, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012
- Fattoria Monte Fasolo, San Gaetano, Colli Euganei 2011
- Fidora, Monte Tabor, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010
- Gerardo Cesari, Il Bosco, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2008
- Gerardo Cesari, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2011
- Giusti, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012
- La Collina dei Ciliegi, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013

- La Collina dei Ciliegi, Valpolicella Superiore 2012
- La Collina dei Ciliegi, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012
- Latium Morini, Campo Leòn, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010
- Latium Morini, Campo Prognài, Valpolicella Superiore 2011
- Le Rughe, Rosso della Canonica Vecia, Veneto 2013
- Loredan Gasparini, Capo di Stato, Montello e Colli Asolani 2009
- Mabis, Corvina-Cabernet Sauvignon, Veneto 2013
- Mabis, Neropasso, Veneto 2013
- Marco Sambin, Marcus, Delle Venezie 2011
- Masi, Campofiorin, Verona 2011
- Masi, Costasera, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva 2009
- Masi, Montepiazzo, Valpolicella Classico Superiore 2011
- Masottina, Montesco, Colli di Conegliano 2009
- Massimago, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011
- Millefiori, Leggero Appassimento, Veneto 2012
- Monte Tondo, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011
- Monte Zovo, Amarone della Valpolicella Riserva 2009
- Monteci, Costa delle Corone, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2007
- Monteci, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010
- Montesor, Monplaisir, Verona 2014
- Ornella Molon, Raboso Piave 2009
- Ornella Molon, Rosso di Villa, Piave 2009
- Passori, Veneto 2014
- Pietro Zardini, Rosignol, Veneto 2010
- Podere Poiano, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013
- Podere Poiano, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012
- Prà, Morandina, Valpolicella 2014
- Provolo, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010
- Roncolato, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012
- San Rustico Gaso, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2008
- Santa Sofia, Antichello, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010
- Santa Sofia, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012
- Sartori, Cà Nova Classico, Bardolino 2013
- Sartori, Montegradella, Valpolicella Classico Superiore 2012
- Sartori, RV, Verona 2013
- Sartori, Valpolicella Ripasso 2012
- Savoia, Vigneti dei Coali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2007
- Scriani, Rosso de l'Aura, Valpolicella Classico Superiore 2013
- Scriani, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2012
- Soprasasso, Valpolicella Ripasso 2012

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- **Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Campo dei Gigli, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010**
- **Tenute SalvaTerra, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2008**
- **Tinazzi, Cà de' Rocchi, La Bastia, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012**
- **Trabucchi d'Illasi, Terra del Cereolo Valpolicella Superiore 2007**
- **Trabucchi d'Illasi, Amarone della Valpolicella 2007**
- **Ugolini, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2012**
- **Valpantena, Premium Apasio, Verona 2012**
- **Valpantena, Sainsbury's Taste The Difference, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**
- **Valpantena, Torre del Falasco, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Valpantena, Torre del Falasco, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**
- **Valpantena, Torre del Falasco, Amarone della Valpolicella 2010**
- **Valpantena, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012**
- **Villa Angarano, Quare di Angarano Cabernet, Veneto 2007**
- **Villa Canestrari, 1888, Amarone della Valpolicella Riserva 2007**
- **Villa Canestrari, i Lasi, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012**
- **Villa Mattielli, San Giacomo, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Villa Mattielli, Amarone della Valpolicella 2012**
- **Vincini, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**
- **Zenato, Sergio Zenato, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva 2008**
- **Zenato, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2011**
- **Zonin, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Zonin, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**



**Bronze sweet white**

- **47 Anno Domini, Pinot Grigio Passito, Veneto NV**
- **Cantina Colli Euganei, Fior d'Arancio, Colli Euganei 2013**
- **Cavazza, Capitel Classico, Recioto di Gambellara 2011**
- **Giusti, Passito Bianco del Veneto 2011**

**Commended sparkling white**

- **Allini, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Asda, Extra Special Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Barollo, Riserva Alfredo Barollo Brut 2010**
- **Biancavigna, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013**
- **Biancavigna, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013**
- **Bisol, Bel Star Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Bisol, InVilla Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Bisol, Jeio Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Bortolin, Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2014**
- **Bortolomiol, B Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Botter, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Cà del Sole, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Cà delle Rose, Pinot-Chardonnay Brut NV**
- **Cà di Rajo, Cuvée del Fondatore Brut,**

- Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Cà Piadera, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Canevel, La Vi Extra Dry, Prosecco 2014**
- **Carpenè Malvolti, 1868 Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2013**
- **Carpenè Malvolti, 1868 Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Cirotto, Asolo Extra Dry, Prosecco Asolo Superiore 2014**
- **Collalto, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Corte Carista, Extra Dry Prosecco NV**
- **Corvezzo, Terre di Marca Bio Extra Dry, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **Duca di Dolle, Brut, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2013**
- **Fillipo Sansovino, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Fiol, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Giol, Brut, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **La Farra, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **La Gioiosa, Et Amorosa Brut, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **La Marca, Cuvée Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene NV**
- **Le Contesse, Organic Brut, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **Le Contesse Cuvée Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Le Manzane 20.10 Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2013**
- **Le Rughe, Rivaj Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Lidl, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Mabis, Maurizio B Martino Extra Dry Prosecco 2014**
- **Marks & Spencer, Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Maschio, Brut, Prosecco Treviso NV**
- **Masottina, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Montelliana, Asolo Extra Dry, Prosecco Asolo Superiore 2014**
- **Oroperla, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Perlage, Col Di Manza Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene 2014**
- **Perlezza, Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Plaza Centro, Brut, Prosecco Treviso NV**
- **Prapian, Col de l'Utia, v1.0 Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Rivalta, Conuiuio Nero Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Rivalta, Solitario Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Ruggeri & C, Gial'Oro Extra Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze NV**
- **Sacchetto, Fili Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Extra Dry, Prosecco NV**
- **San Leo, Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Sanfeletto, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Soligo, Col de Mez Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Tenuta 2Castelli, Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Tenuta degli Ultimi, Biancariva Brut, Rive di Collalto, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Teresa Rizzi, Brut, Prosecco NV**
- **Val d'Oca, Argento Extra Dry, Prosecco Treviso 2014**
- **Valdell'ovo, Anno Zero Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Valdo, Oro Puro Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore NV**
- **Vigna Roda, Dolce, Fior d'Arancio Colli Euganei 2014**
- **Villa degli Olmi, Extra Dry, Prosecco**

- NV**
- **Villa Sandi, Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Zardetto, Dry, Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze 2014**
- **Zardetto, Extra Dry, Prosecco Treviso NV**
- **Zardetto, Molin Extra Dry, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Zardetto, Refosso Brut, Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore 2014**
- **Zonin, 1821 Brut, Prosecco NV**

**Commended sparkling rosé**

- **Calitalia, Secco Rosé NV**
- **Le Tende, Volutta Chiaretto Brut Rosé, Bardolino 2014**
- **Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection Rosé Frizzante, Veneto NV**
- **Wine2b, Il Rosé Extra Dry NV**

**Commended white**

- **47 Anno Domini, Sottovoce Sauvignon, Marca Trevigiana 2014**
- **Bertani, Original Vintage Edition, Soave 2013**
- **Bertani, Sereole, Soave 2014**
- **Biscardo, Uvam, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Bixio, Bassanella, Soave Classico 2013**
- **Borgo Stajnbach, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2013**
- **Bosco dei Cirmioli, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Cà Rugate, Monte Fiorentina Soave Classico 2014**
- **Canaletto, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Cantina di Soave, Re Midas, Soave 2014**
- **Cantina di Soave, Villa Rasina, Soave Classico 2014**
- **Case Paolin, Costa Degli Angeli, Manzoni Bianco, Delle Venezie 2013**
- **Conviviale Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Corte Adami, Vigna della Corte, Soave 2013**
- **Cottini La Sogara, Soave 2014**
- **Dal Cero, Tenuta di Corte Giacobbe, Soave 2014**
- **Fattori, Danieli, Soave 2013**
- **Giusti, Longheri Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **ILauri, Tavo Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **La Gondola, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Mabis, Mavum Pinot Grigio-Pinot Nero, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Marcato, Pigno, Soave Classico 2013**
- **Minini, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Morrison, Soave 2014**
- **Pasqua, Passione Sentimento, Verona 2014**
- **Ponte, Gio' Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Postumia Vini, Sauvignon, Lison Pramaggiore 2014**
- **Provinco Italia, Pinot Grigio, Veneto 2014**
- **Sartori, Marani, Verona 2013**
- **Spar, Hand Selected, Soave 2014**
- **Spar, Hand Selected Garganega-Pinot Grigio, Veneto NV**
- **Spar, Hand Selected Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Tinazzi, Cà de' Rocchi, Istà, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Valerio Zenato, Le Morette, Mandolara, Lugana 2014**
- **Vignale, Pinot Grigio, Venezia 2014**
- **Waitrose, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie 2014**

**Commended rosé**

- **Benazzoli, Chiaretto, Bardolino 2014**
- **Corte Fornello, Chiaretto, Bardolino 2014**
- **Corte Gardoni, Chiaretto, Bardolino 2014**
- **Costadoro, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Delibori, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Mabis, Uvam Blush, Veneto 2014**
- **Marchesini Marcello, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Raval, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Valetti, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Villabella, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**
- **Zeni, Chiaretto Classico, Bardolino 2014**

**Commended red**

- **Aldrighetti, Le Bignele, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2012**

- **Alpha Zeta, R, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Bertani, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2007**
- **Borga, Cabernet Franc, Venezia 2013**
- **Brunetti di Amerosa, Delle Venezie 2014**
- **Cà di Rajo, Marinò, Marca Trevigiana 2012**
- **Cà Rugate, Campo Lavei, Valpolicella Superiore 2013**
- **Campagnola, Giuseppe Campagnola, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2013**
- **Campagnola, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2011**
- **Cantina di Negrar, La Tirela, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012**
- **Cantina di Negrar, Valpolicella Classico 2013**
- **Cantina di Soave, Botticato, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Cantina di Soave, Cadis, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Cantina di Soave, Rocca Alata, Veneto 2014**
- **Cantina di Verona, Terre di Verona, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Cantine di Ora, Amicone, Veneto 2012**
- **Cesari Mara, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Chieto, Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Veneto 2011**
- **Collalto, Vinciguerra, Colli di Conegliano 2008**
- **Colle di Bugano, La Grenade, Colli Berici 2013**
- **Corte Adami, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2012**
- **Cottini, La Sogara, Bardolino 2014**
- **Cottini, Taler Media, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Ettore Righetti, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2013**
- **Farina, Montecorna, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2013**
- **Guerrieri Rizzardi, Clos Roareti, Verona 2011**
- **I Saltari, Amarone della Valpolicella 2009**
- **Inama, Carmenere Più, Veneto 2012**
- **La Collina dei Ciliegi, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011**
- **La Presa, Napoleone, Verona 2010**
- **Mabis, Diamond Corvina-Cabernet Sauvignon, Veneto 2013**
- **Mare Magnum, Campo Alto, Valpolicella Ripasso 2012**
- **Masi, Brolo Campofiorin Oro, Verona 2010**
- **Morrison, Signature V, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Pasqua, Passione e Sentimento, Veneto 2013**
- **Prà, Morandina, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Provolo, Tuja, Veneto 2013**
- **Roncolato, San Rocco, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Sainsbury's, Winemakers' Selection, Valpolicella 2014**
- **San Rustico, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**
- **Sansonina, Merlot, Verona 2012**
- **Sartori, L'Appassione, Delle Venezie 2013**
- **Savian, Refosco, Lison Pramaggiore 2013**
- **Scriani, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2010**
- **Tenute SalvaTerra, Lazzarone, Delle Venezie 2010**
- **Tenute SalvaTerra, Valpolicella Classico 2013**
- **Tenute SalvaTerra, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2012**
- **Tinazzi, Aureum Acinum, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2012**
- **Tinazzi, Cà de' Rocchi, Dugal Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Veneto 2013**
- **Tinazzi, Selezione di Famiglia, Valpolicella Ripasso 2013**
- **Villa Minelli, Merlot 2012**
- **Villabella, Valpolicella Classico Superiore Ripasso 2013**
- **Zeni, Costalago, Verona 2013**
- **Zeni, Marogne, Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore 2013**
- **Zonin, Velluto, Veneto 2013**

**Commended sweet white**

- **Cà Rugate, La Perlara, Recioto di Soave 2011**

**Commended sweet red**

- **Cantina di Negrar, Dominiti Veneti, Recioto della Valpolicella 2013**

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# UK shopper's guide



## International Trophy

Off-Dry over £15

● Paul Ginglinger, Gewürztraminer, Grand Cru Pfersigberg, Alsace, France 2013 £17

Rosé under £15

● Château Salettes, Bandol, Provence, France 2014 £13.95

## Regional Trophy

White Northern Portugal over £15

● Soalheiro, Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2014 £14.95

White Regional France over £15

● Château Salettes, Bandol, Provence, France 2014 £13.95

Chilean Red Single-Varietal over £15

● Concha y Toro, Terrunyo Block 27 Carmenere Lot No1, Peumo, Cachapoal, Chile 2013 £22

## Gold

● Paul Ginglinger, Riesling, Grand Cru Pfersigberg, Alsace, France 2013 £16

● Frog's Leap, Estate-Grown Cabernet, Rutherford, California, USA 2012 £29

● Henriques & Henriques, 15 Year Old Bual, Madeira, Portugal NV £25

● Hidalgo La-Gitana, Pastrana, Manzanilla Pasada, Sherry, Spain £10.50

● Osborne, Capuchino 30 years Old VORS Palo Cortado, Sherry, Spain £20

## Silver

● Lawson's Dry Hills, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £9.50

● Pazo de Villarei, Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain 2014 £8.95

● Quinta de Soalheiro, Alvarinho Reserva, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2013 £23

● Château du Galoupet, Côtes de Provence, France 2014 £10.50

● Château la Commanderie, St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux, France 2012 £12.95

● Hamilton Russell, Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, Walker Bay, South Africa 2013 £27

● Hay Shed Hill, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 £14.50

● Heumann, Kékfrankos Reserve, Villány, Dél-Pannónia, Hungary 2011 £13.95

● La Rioja Alta, The Society's Exhibition, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2008 £13.95



## International Trophy

Chardonnay under £15

● Marks & Spencer, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France 2014 £10

Off-Dry under £15

● Paul Cluver, Marks & Spencer, Ferricrete Riesling, Elgin, South Africa 2014 £13

## Gold

● Marks & Spencer, Cuvée Resac, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet, France 2014 £8.50

● Marks & Spencer, The Gum Vineyard Shiraz, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 2013 £14

## Silver

● Graham Beck, Marks & Spencer, Rhona Brut, Western Cape, South Africa 2009 £13

● Domaine de Villargeau, Sauvignon Blanc, Coteaux du Giennois, Loire, France 2013 £10

● Halfpenny Green, Long Acre Schönburger, Staffordshire, UK 2014 £12.50

● Marks & Spencer, Chablis, Burgundy, France 2012 £12

● Marks & Spencer, Chardonnay, Tasmania, Australia 2014 £14

● Saint Clair, Marks & Spencer, James Sinclair, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £16

● Louis Tête, Marks & Spencer, Brouilly, Beaujolais, France 2013 £11

● Marks & Spencer, Latour de France, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages, France 2013 £9

● Paul Cluver, Marks & Spencer, Pinot Noir, Elgin, South Africa 2014 £12

● Snake & Herring, Calypso, Cabernet Franc-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia 2013 £20

● Lustau, Marks & Spencer, Very Rare Oloroso, Sherry, Spain £8

● Williams & Humbert, Marks & Spencer, Extra Dry & Light Manzanilla, Sherry, Spain £7.50

● Marks & Spencer, 20 Year Old Tawny, Port, Portugal NV £33

● Marks & Spencer, Finest Reserve, Port, Portugal NV £12

● Marks & Spencer, Special Reserve Decanter, Port, Portugal NV £16

● Royal Palace, Marks & Spencer Colheita, Port, Portugal 2001 £25



Majesticwine

## International Trophy

Red Single-Varietal under £15

● Viñalba, Parrilla Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2013 £7.99

## Regional Trophy

New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc over £15

● Saint Clair, Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau Valley, Marlborough New Zealand 2014 £23.99

## Gold

● Heidsieck & Co, Monopole Gold Top Brut, Champagne, France 2007 £30

● Muga, Selección Especial, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2010 £24.49

## Silver

● Lindauer, Rosé, New Zealand NV £14.99

● Black Cottage, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £12.99

● Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Viognier-Grenache Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £8.99

● Casal de Ventozela, Loureiro, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2014 £7.49

● Château du Cléray, Haute Culture, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie, Loire, France 2014 £9.99

● Hardy's, HRB Chardonnay, Australia 2013 £25

● Martín Códax, Caixus Godello, Monterrei, Spain 2014 £9.99

● Beyerskloof, Pinotage Reserve, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2013 £16.99

● Descendientes de J Palacios, Petalos, Bierzo, Spain 2013 £13.87

● Errazuriz, Estate Series Carménère, Aconcagua Valley, Chile 2014 £10.49

● Gérard Bertrand, Ch Laville Bertrou, Minervois La Livinière, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2013 £14.99

● Jackson Estate, Vintage Widow Pinot Noir, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand 2012 £19.99

● Marqués de la Concordia, Lagunilla, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2009 £10.49

● Natale Verga, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2011 £25

● Château de Fesles, Bonnezeaux, Loire, France 2011 £19.99

● Viniberia, Pedro's Almacenista Selection, Sherry, Spain £15

● Taylor's, Quinta de Vargellas, Single Quinta Vintage Port, Portugal 2001 £27.50

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## Sainsbury's

### International Trophy

Sweet Fortified under £15

- Williams and Humbert, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Aged 12 Years PX, Sherry, Spain £8

### Gold

- Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Shiraz, Swartland, South Africa 2014 £7.99
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2011 £16
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Valley, Chile 2013 £8
- Hidalgo La Gitana, Pastrana, Manzanilla Pasada, Sherry, Spain £12.99

### Silver

- Duval-Leroy, Sainsbury's Blanc de Blancs Brut, Champagne, France NV £20
- Marcus Huber, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Grüner Veltliner, Niederösterreich, Austria 2014 £8
- Marisco, Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference River Block Sauvignon, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £10
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, IGP d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France, 2014 £8
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Côtes de Provence, France 2014 £8
- Citrusdal, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference, Leap Point, Fairtrade Pinotage, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £8
- Errazuriz, Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Merlot, Curicó, Chile 2013 £8
- Sainsbury's, SO Organic Fairtrade Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £6
- Sainsbury's, Taste the Difference, Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2013 £8

## TESCO

### Regional Trophy

Red Northern Portugal under £15

- Falua, F'oz, Dão, Portugal 2013 £7.99

### Gold

- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia, 2007 £14
- Tesco, Finest Malbec, Swartland, South Africa 2014 £6.99

### Silver

- Chanoine Frères, Tesco Finest Brut, Champagne, France 2009 £29.99
- Union Champagne, Tesco Finest Grand Cru Brut, Champagne, France 2007 £24.99
- Fournier Père & Fils, Tesco Finest, Sancerre, Loire, France 2014 £11.99
- Tesco Finest Pinotage, Swartland, South Africa 2013 £6.99
- Howard Park, Tesco Finest Cobblestone Shiraz, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 £17.99

### Bronze

- Grandissime, Tesco Finest, IGP Côtes de Gascogne, Southwest France 2014 £6.99
- Union des Viticulteurs de Chablis, Tesco Finest, Chablis 1er Cru, Burgundy, France 2011 £13.99
- Villa Maria, Tesco Finest North Row Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £14.99
- Fournier Père & Fils, Tesco Finest, Sancerre, Loire, France 2014 £9.99
- Cono Sur, Tesco Finest Las Lomas Estate Shiraz, Colchagua, Chile 2013 £8.99
- Tesco, Finest Teroldego, Vigneti delle Dolomiti, Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, Italy 2013 £7.99

## Waitrose

### Gold

- Taittinger, Folies de la Marquetterie Brut, Champagne, France NV £45.99
- Craggy Range, Single Vineyard Avery Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £12.99
- Boekenhoutskloof, Porcupine Ridge Syrah, Swartland, South Africa 2014 £7.99
- Hardy's, Eileen Hardy Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2012 £39.99
- Muga, Selección Especial, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2010 £23.29
- Seifried, Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling, Nelson, New Zealand 2014 £13.99
- Williams & Humbert, Dos Cortados Solera Especial 20 Años, Sherry, Spain £15.99

### Silver

- Chapel Down, Chardonnay, Kent, UK 2011 £12.99
- Heinrich Hartl III, Rotgipfler, Thermenregion, Niederösterreich, Austria 2013 £17.99
- Spier, Creative Block Two, Coastal Region, South Africa 2014 £14.99
- Yalumba, Viognier, Eden Valley, South Australia 2013 £12.99
- Araldica, Corsini, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy 2011 £11.99
- Cafaggio, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy 2012 £14.99
- Colomé, Auténtico Malbec, Calchaquies, Salta, Argentina 2013 £17.49
- De Bortoli, Family Reserve Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2013 £7.49
- Domaine Paul Blanck, Pinot Noir, Alsace, France 2013 £14.99
- Scala Dei, Prior, Priorat, Spain 2012 £19.99

## MORRISONS

### Gold

- Morrisons, Signature Pinotage, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £6.99
- Morrisons, Signature Oloroso, Sherry, Spain £5.99

### Silver

- Morrisons, Signature, Chablis 1er Cru, Burgundy, France 2013 £14.99
- Morrisons, Signature Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, Chile 2014 £6.49
- Morrisons, Signature, Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy 2014 £5.99
- Morrisons, Merlot, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £4.49
- Morrisons, Signature, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy 2011 £6.49
- Morrisons, Special Reserve, Port, Portugal NV £8.49

### Bronze

- Morrisons, Signature, Veneto, Prosecco, Italy NV £7.49
- Morrisons, Crisp & Refreshing Pinot Grigio, South Eastern Australia 2014 £3.99
- Morrisons, Signature, Douro, Portugal 2014 £7.99
- Morrisons, Signature Grüner, Niederösterreich, Austria 2014 £6.99
- Morrisons, Signature Pinot Grigio, Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, Trentino, Italy 2014 £5.99
- Morrisons, Signature, Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2012 £5.95
- Morrisons, Signature, Beaujolais-Villages, France 2013 £6.49
- Morrisons, Signature, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2010 £12.99
- Morrisons, Signature, Douro, Portugal 2013 £7.99
- Morrisons, Signature Old Vines Garnacha, Navarra, Spain 2012 £5.99

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**Regional Trophy**

South African Sweet under £15

- Paul Cluver, Noble Late Harvest Riesling, Elgin, South Africa 2013 £13

**Gold**

- Paul Cluver, Gewurztraminer, Elgin, South Africa 2014 £12.49

**Silver**

- Laurent-Perrier, Brut, Champagne, France NV £37.99
- Laurent-Perrier, Brut Rosé, Champagne, France NV £57.99
- Boschendal, 1685 Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region, South Africa 2013 £9.99
- CVNE, Imperial, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2009 £19.49
- Douglas Green, Cabernet Sauvignon, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £7.99
- La Rioja Alta, 904, Rioja Gran Reserva, Spain 2005 £35.99
- Hidalgo, La Gitana, Manzanilla, Sherry, Spain £10.49
- Lustau, San Emilio Pedro Ximénez, Sherry, Spain £9.38
- Cockburn's, Special Reserve, Port, Portugal NV £11.75

**Oddbins**

**Gold**

- Château Coussin, César à Sumeire, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire, France 2014 £25
- Gemma, Colarej, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2011 £35

**Silver**

- Besserat de Bellefon, Cuvée des Moines Blanc de Blancs Brut, Champagne, France NV £42
- Gusbourne, Brut Reserve, Kent, UK 2010 £29
- Henriot, Rosé Brut, Champagne, France NV £46
- Pewsey Vale, Riesling, Eden Valley, South Australia 2014 £13
- Famille Sumeire, Château Coussin, Côtes de Provence Ste-Victoire, France 2014 £13
- Mayu, Carmenere-Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley, Chile 2013 £9
- Mayu, Sangiovese Reserva, Elqui Valley, Chile 2013 £9
- Pérez Cruz, Cot Limited Edition, Maipó Valley, Chile 2013 £15
- González Byass, Dos Palmas, Sherry, Spain £19
- Sandeman, Founders Reserve, Port, Portugal NV £13

**Bronze**

- Jansz, Premium Rosé, Tasmania, Australia NV £16
- Martín Códax, Burgáns Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain 2014 £11.50
- Tannu, Terre Siciliane, Sicily, Italy 2014 £8.50
- Viña Leyda, Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2014 £7.99
- Famille Sumeire, Cabaret, Côtes de Provence, France 2014 £9.50
- Gemma, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy 2012 £16
- Manz, Pomar do Espírito Santo Reserva, Cheleiros, Lisboa, Portugal 2012 £20
- Tannu, Terre Siciliane, Sicily, Italy 2013 £8.50
- Willunga 100, The Hundred Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia 2013 £12

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**Regional Trophy**

Red Northwest Spain over £15

- Descendientes de J Palacios, Villa de Corullón, Bierzo, Spain 2012 £37

**Gold**

- Seifried, Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling, Nelson, New Zealand 2014 £14.99

**Silver**

- Albastrele, Pinot Grigio, Stefan Voda, Moldova 2014 £7.99
- Groote Kaap, Viognier, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £8.99
- Burgo Viejo, Palacio de Verano, Rioja Crianza, Spain 2012 £9.99
- Fabre Montmayour, Gran Reservado Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2013 £14.99
- Gran Calero, Monastrell, Yecla, Spain 2014 £7.99

**The co-operative**

**Gold**

- The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible Malbec, Bío-Bío Valley, Chile 2013 £6.99
- Domaine Les Grandes Costes, Coteaux du Languedoc Pic-St-Loup, France 2012 £14.99

**Silver**

- Leyda, The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2014 £6.99
- Yalumba, Old Bush Vine Grenache, Barossa, South Australia 2014 £10.99
- Château Roumieu, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France 2012 £12.99

**Bronze**

- The Co-operative, Les Pionniers Brut, Champagne, France NV £16.99
- The Co-operative, Les Pionniers Brut, Champagne, France 2006 £16.99
- The Co-operative, Special Cuvée, Prosecco, Veneto, Italy NV £9.99
- The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Coteaux du Languedoc Picpoul-de-Pinet, France 2013 £6.99
- The Siren, Chenin-Chardonnay-Viognier, Western Cape, South Africa 2014 £5.99
- Yealands, Peter Yealands Sauvignon, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £9.99
- Arniston Bay, The Coast Fairtrade Red, Western Cape, South Africa NV £6.75
- Boland, Paarl Mountains Cabernet Sauvignon, Paarl, South Africa 2014 £6.99
- Muriel, Marqués de Válido, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2010 £8.99
- Skillogalee, Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia 2012 £16.99
- Stellenbosch Drive, Shiraz, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2014 £6.99
- The Co-operative, Truly Irresistible, Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont, Italy 2012 £6.99
- Trapiche, Pure Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2014 £8.99

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## Gold

- Asda, Extra Special Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2014 £5

## Silver

- Asda, Winemakers Choice Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile 2014 £4

## Commended

- Asda, Extra Special Brut, Prosecco, Veneto, Italy NV £8.50
- Asda, Extra Special Pinot Grigio, Trentino, Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol, Italy 2014 £7.98
- Asda, Extra Special Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region, South Africa 2014 £7
- Asda, Extra Special Viognier, IGP d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2014 £5
- The Wine Atlas, Grillo, Terre Siciliane, Sicily, Italy 2014 £6
- Asda, Extra Special, Chianti Riserva, Tuscany, Italy 2011 £7.98
- Asda, Extra Special, Douro, Portugal 2013 £5
- Asda, Extra Special El Mesón, Rioja Gran Reserva, Spain 2005 £7.98
- Asda, Extra Special Nero d'Avola-Syrah, Terre Siciliane, Sicily, Italy 2013 £7.50
- Asda, Extra Special Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia 2013 £7.98
- Asda, Extra Special Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia 2014 £6
- Asda, Extra Special, Côtes du Rhône Villages, France 2014 £6.75
- Luis Felipe Edwards, Winemakers Choice Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley, Chile 2014 £4
- The Wine Atlas, Frappato, Terre Siciliane, Sicily, Italy 2014 £6
- The Wine Atlas, Tempranillo, Cigales, Spain 2012 £5.97



## Silver

- Laurent-Perrier, Brut, Champagne, France NV £37.99
- Laurent-Perrier, Brut Rosé, Champagne, France NV £47.99
- Bodegas Faustino, Faustino I, Rioja Gran Reserva, Spain 2001 £14.99
- CVNE, Imperial, Rioja Reserva, Spain 2009 £19.99
- Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Valley, Chile 2013 £7.99
- Oyster Bay, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand 2013 £9.99
- Hidalgo, La Gitana Manzanilla, Sherry, Spain £10.99
- Cockburn's, Special Reserve Port, Portugal £11.49
- Graham's, 10 Year Old Tawny Port, Portugal NV £19.99
- Graham's, 20 Year Old Tawny Port, Portugal NV £34.99
- Taylor's, 20 Year Old Tawny Port, Portugal NV £34.99



## Silver

- Aldi, Lot 04 Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile 2014 £9.99

## Bronze

- Philippe Michel, Chardonnay Brut, Crémant du Jura, France 2012 £7.29
- Aldi, Lot 02 Chardonnay, Pipers River, Tasmania, Australia 2013 £9.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Chardonnay, Limoux, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2014 £5.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 £6.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Sauvignon Blanc-Viognier, IGP d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2014 £5.99
- Aldi, Lot 01 Malbec-Cabernet, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina 2013 £9.99
- Aldi, Lot 03 Pézenas, Coteaux du Languedoc Pézenas, France 2013 £9.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Cabernet, IGP d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2014 £5.99
- Caversham, Premium Cream, Sherry, Spain £5.25

## Commended

- Freeman's Bay, Winemaker's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc Brut, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014 £9.99
- Veuve Monsigny, No 3 Brut, Champagne, France NV £11.99
- Veuve Monsigny, No 3 Rosé Brut, Champagne, France NV £15.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection, Picpoul-de-Pinet, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2014 £5.99
- Aldi, The Exquisite Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, Limestone Coast, South Australia 2013 £6.49



## Bronze

- Lidl, Comte de Senneval Brut, Champagne, France NV £11.99
- Lidl, Chablis, Burgundy, France 2013 £8.99
- Lidl, Chianti, Tuscany, Italy 2013 £4.79
- Lidl, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2010 £9.99

## Commended

- Allini, Prosecco, Veneto, Italy NV £5.29



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**Albion Wine**, London ([www.albionwineshippers.co.uk](http://www.albionwineshippers.co.uk))  
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**Amathus**, London ([www.amathusdrinks.com](http://www.amathusdrinks.com))  
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**Anglia Wine Merchants**, Cambs ([www.angliawines.co.uk](http://www.angliawines.co.uk))  
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**Asda Wine Shop** ([www.direct.asda.com](http://www.direct.asda.com))  
**Astrum**, Surrey ([www.astrumwinecellars.com](http://www.astrumwinecellars.com))  
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**Austrian Wines Direct** ([www.austrian-wines-direct.co.uk](http://www.austrian-wines-direct.co.uk))  
**Averys**, Bristol ([www.averys.com](http://www.averys.com))  
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