

AVOCA

Wines by the glass, carafe & bottle

gl (175ml) cf (500ml) bt (750ml)

Sparkling

Prosecco: Ca Masetti, Veneto, N.V

€8 €24 €32

Excise duties on sparkling wines are almost treble those on still wines. This prosecco is "frizzante", or semi-sparkling, and so classed among the still wines. Yoo Hoo! Light and fruity with peaches & melons. (12.5%)

White

Sauvignon/Chardonnay: Cuvée Orelie, Ardèche, 11

€6 €16 €24

This wine was recently awarded the best value white wine by a prestigious Irish publication and we can't help but agree. Great balance and finesse for a wine of such humble origins. (12.5%)

Chardonnay: Surani, Vignapetrosa, Puglia, 09

€7 €20 €28

Un-oaked Chardonnay from the heel of Italy. The warm, Mediterranean days & cool nights make for a lovely, ripe, balanced wine with lots of tropical fruit. (12.5%)

Sauvignon Blanc: Tourraine, Guy Alion, 10

€8 €24 €32

Organic Sauvignon from its traditional home in the Loire valley. Full of mouthwatering citrus fruit and crunchy acidity. (12.5%)

Pinot Grigio: Ancora, Lombardy, 10

€7 €20 €28

These days a lot of Pinot Grigio can taste of not much at all. This one, however, has the lot; bright, citrusy flavours and great balance. (12%)

Viognier: Terramonti, La Perrine Vin de Pays D Oc, 09

€8 €24 €32

Lynch-Bages, Phelan-Segur, Leoville-Barton? Some of Bordeaux's greatest Chateaux were set up by the Wild Geese after their flight from Ireland in the 18th century. Continuing in the same tradition, Sligo's Ray & Eileen Monaghan set up Terramonti in the Languedoc and are now producing quality Irish wines. This is rich & ripe, as you'd expect from Viognier but it's incredibly food friendly too! (14%)

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Rosé

Cabernet/Merlot: *Nelson Estate, Paarl, 10*

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A lot of rosé can just taste like some of those alcopops the kids are so fond of these days but this is a proper wine made by Lisha Nelson's who's inaugural vintage at her father's Paarl wine farm has scooped several awards in wine competitions worldwide. Delicious red fruit with a creamy texture and fine acidity.

Red

Tempranillo: *Bodegas Campos de Enanzo, Navarra, 09*

€6

€16

€24

Tempranillo is the grape most famously used in Rioja. This wine is from a neighbouring region which is a little warmer and therefore results in grapes which are a little riper. They do, however, keep a little of the earthy, dusty character of its more illustrious neighbour. Delicious!

Cabernet Sauvignon: *Emiliana, Raphel Valley, 09*

€8

€24

€32

Made from organically grown grapes & from the first winery in Chile to become Fair Trade certified. Ripe, brambly fruit & fresh green herbs.

Merlot: *Domaine de Nizon, Vin de Pays du Gard, 07*

€6

€16

€24

Merlot almost became a victim of its own success in the 90s as its popularity led to a lot of very average wines. This, however, is blended with a little Syrah & Carignan which add a whole new dimension. Plums, blackberries & just a little spice.

Pinot Noir: *Vignerons Ardechois, Ardèche, 09*

€8

€24

€32

This is the best value Pinot we've tasted and one of the best value reds that you will find. The Ardeche (Ard Fheis?) is west of the Rhone. Deep colour, ripe cherry fruity & slightly gamey.

Syrah/Grenache: *Guigal, Côtes du Rhône, 09*

€8

€22

€32

Guigal has always been the benchmark for wines from the Rhône Valley and his 2009 Côtes du Rhône has been lauded as his finest to date.

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