



## IRELAND'S GOLD STAR AWARD WINNING WINES



2013-2014



FIFTEEN AWARD WINNING WINES  
ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

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LA GRANJA 360 VERDEJO VIURA 2012  
CASTILLA Y LEÓN, SPAIN

**TASTING NOTES**

This Spanish white is characterised by its straw-yellow colour with green tones. It has a delightful lemon and lime character on the nose, with some tropical aromas also. On the palate the wine is smooth with appealing acidity, lemon zest, and a beautiful peach and pear finish.

*"This is a cracking fresh, zesty white wine. It is very pleasant and memorable and I would highly recommend it."*



Under €10  
Old World White





## PLENO TEMPRANILLO 2012 NAVARRA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTES

The attractive bright purple tinged colour leads you to a nose laden with ripe cherry and a subtle hint of spice. The palate has a wonderful roundness and a smooth texture which reveals delicious berry fruits, with a gorgeous twist of damson and spice flavours leading to a long rewarding finish to this seductive wine.

*"This wine has great complexity. It is a wine of great character at an excellent price."*

Under €10  
Old World Red



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HAZY VIEW CHENIN BLANC 2012  
WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

**TASTING NOTES**

An elegant and stylish Chenin Blanc from the country that's made it their own. Crisp and aromatic with a soft fruity palate, great as an aperitif or to accompany seafood or salads.

*"Easy drinking party wine,  
quaffable and affordable!"*



Under €10  
New World White

## VELLAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

### TASTING NOTES

One of the great virtues of Chile for winemaking is that a combination of superb climatic conditions, a can-do attitude and an internationally-facing winemaking philosophy allows for the production of fantastic value wines. The Vellas Cabernet Sauvignon is bright and lively, with a rich mouthful of exquisite fresh fruit, leading to a smooth palate and a nice juicy finish.

Delicious with BBQ's, meat dishes or pasta with meat sauces.

*"Full of character with spicy vanilla, dark fruits and lots of depth at this price! This wine really punches above its weight."*



Under €10  
New World Red



ALPHA ZETA 'C' CHARDONNAY 2012  
VENETO, ITALY

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR 2013-2014**

**TASTING NOTES**

This wine was made from 100% Chardonnay, half of which was fermented in oak giving it lovely depth and complexity. Creamy peach aromas lead to a finely-structured wine that is fresh yet has a lovely underlying richness.

*“Lovely mouth-filling fresh apple fruit. Crisp and lively. It is an exceptionally well made wine. Excellent quality at this price point!”*



Under €15  
Old World White



**VERUM ROBLE 2010**  
**CASTILLA LA MANCHA, SPAIN**

**TASTING NOTES**

Made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo and Merlot grapes, this wine spends six months ageing in French oak barrels. This blend bears the stamp of our soil and our wines. It has aromas of red pepper and black fruit. On the palate it has well-balanced acidity, juicy tannin and flavour characteristics of white pepper, leather and vanilla.



*"...a seductive nose of vanilla with soft blackberry fruits. Tasty on its own or with BBQ ribs or beef stir-fry. This is a wine of depth, flavour and gutsy style!"*

Under €15  
Old World Red



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**DONA PAULA LOS CARDOS  
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012  
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**

**TASTING NOTES**

Pale yellow colour with very intense aromas of passion fruit, grapefruit, lime, and white peach.

On the palate, this is a fresh, balanced, highly vivacious and persistent wine.

An aromatic white bursting with passion fruit and lime. A real crowd-pleaser.

*"Lively and fresh,  
a wine for short winter nights  
and long summer evenings!"*



**Under €15  
New World White**



**ESCUDO ROJO 2010**  
**MAIPO VALLEY, CHILE**

**TASTING NOTES**

Escudo Rojo encapsulates Baron Philippe de Rothschild's commitment to Chile. Powerful, elegant and complex. Beautifully mature tannins give an impression of creamy smoothness, perfectly echoed in fresh plum flavours. The finish reveals all the distinctive character of the original terroirs, striking a fine balance between freshness, elegance and lush depth.



*"...great complexity.  
Layers of ripe flavours  
and an elegant structure.  
Lots of personality."*

Under €15  
New World Red



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TRIMBACH PINOT BLANC 2010  
ALSACE, FRANCE

**TASTING NOTES**

The aromatic nose of this wine shows floral notes, spices and soft citrus fruits. The palate is dry, fruity and intensely flavoured, leading to a long, crisp finish. This Pinot Blanc is ideal for serving as an aperitif or with light meals.

*"This superb wine has a restrained apple and mineral nose. It has a fine silky texture, very pure delicate fruit balanced by needle-fine acidity and a long dry finish."*



Under €20  
Old World White



LEONE DE CASTRIS  
SALICE SALENTINO RISERVA 2009  
PUGLIA, ITALY

WINE OF THE YEAR 2013-2014

**TASTING NOTES**

A stunning wine of intense deep red colour with garnet hints. Made from Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera, it has rich fruity sensations of blackberry and black cherry with notes of basil and sweet spices. Smooth and balanced with well-integrated tannins and a long, lasting finish.

*"This excellent wine really over-delivers. It has lovely purity and juiciness and a very elegant style."*

Under €20  
Old World Red



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ERRAZURIZ MAX RESERVA  
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012  
ACONCAGUA VALLEY, CHILE

**TASTING NOTES**

This Sauvignon Blanc presents tremendous aromatic intensity and features lime and grapefruit character along with herbaceous notes, all framed by a veil of minerality that is characteristic of the vineyard terroir. The palate has body and softness with refreshing acidity and a fresh, juicy sensation on the long finish.

*"Layers of pure ripe melon  
and peach fruit flavours.  
A great wine with  
or without food."*



Under €20  
New World White

HEARTLAND SHIRAZ 2010  
LANGHORNE CREEK, AUSTRALIA

**TASTING NOTES**

2010 was a warmer than average vintage that climaxed in perfect ripening conditions. This wine was matured for fourteen months in new and old oak.

The nose presents aromas of dark ripe plum and blackberry followed by liquorice, vanilla and a touch of spice. Full-bodied, the palate is filled with ripe succulent fruit with flavours of ripe blackberry, plum and liquorice, followed by a spicy back palate showing excellent length.



*"This wine oozes flavour and complexity. Ripe berry teamed with smoky, leathery flavours. There is lots happening in this full-bodied gem."*

Under €20  
New World Red



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EL COTO ROSADO 2012  
RIOJA, SPAIN

**TASTING NOTES**

This delightful rosé is a traditional blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha from Rioja Alavesa. It has tangy red cherry aromas with piquant herbal notes and ripe juicy flavours. Cleansing acidity balances the fruit and contributes to a long clean finish.

*"This is a seriously stylish rosé with a touch of class!"*



Under €15  
Rosé Collection

CAVE DE LUGNY CRÉMANT DE  
BOURGOGNE BLANC DE BLANCS NV  
BURGUNDY, FRANCE

**TASTING NOTES**

An elegant sparkler that is light and refreshing with persistent bubbles, it has hints of hazelnuts, butter and almonds. Made from 100% Chardonnay from vineyards around the famous village of Lugny. It is given the same care and attention as Champagne, resulting in a fine, subtle and well-balanced wine.

Go on - celebrate!



*"Bubbles with style  
at a very attractive price.  
Fantastic!"*

Under €25  
Sparkling Wine



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LAURENT-PERRIER BRUT NV  
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

**TASTING NOTES**

The colour is a pale golden hue, with fine and persistent bubbles. The nose is fresh and delicate, showing good complexity with hints of citrus and white fruit. Well-defined, subtly rounded with expressive flavours. The fruit progressively emerges to reveal a finely balanced Champagne displaying great length on the finish. Its perfect balance, crispness of flavours and finesse make it the ideal companion for fish, poultry and white meat.

*"A very well-balanced,  
elegant Champagne with  
texture, ripeness and  
creamy brioche character."*



Under €60  
Champagne





## SILVER STAR WINNERS

Category	Price	IRELAND'S SILVER STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2013-2014	Vintage
Old World White	Under €10	Canti Pinot Grigio/Chardonnay	2011
Old World White	Under €15	Torres Vina Esmeralda	2012
Old World White	Under €20	La Chablisienne 'La Sereine' Chablis	2010
New World White	Under €10	Saddle Creek Semillon Chardonnay	2012
New World White	Under €15	Fairhall Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc	2012
New World White	Under €20	Beringer Founder's Estate Sauvignon Blanc	2011
Rosé	Under €15	Torres Vina Sol Rosé	2012
Old World Red	Under €10	La Granja 360 Garnacha Syrah	2012
Old World Red	Under €15	El Coto Crianza	2009
Old World Red	Under €20	Cesari "Mara" Ripasso	2010
New World Red	Under €10	Mc Williams "Sunstone" Shiraz	2012
New World Red	Under €15	Callia Reservado Malbec	2011
New World Red	Under €20	Penfolds Konunga Hill Shiraz/ Cabernet	2011
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Vignal Prosecco	NV
Champagne	Under €60	Piper Heidsieck	NV



## BRONZE STAR WINNERS

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Category	Price	IRELAND'S BRONZE STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2013-2014	Vintage
Old World White	Under €10	Solandia Grillo	2012
Old World White	Under €15	Verum Gewurztraminer/Sauvignon Blanc	2012
Old World White	Under €20	Michel Redde "Petit Fumé" Pouilly Fumé	2012
New World White	Under €10	Mc Williams "Sunstone" Chardonnay	2012
New World White	Under €15	Secret Sauvignon Blanc	2012
New World White	Under €20	Tinpot Hut Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	2012
Rosé	Under €15	Passeport Rosé d'Anjou	2012
Old World Red	Under €10	Alex & Mitch Negroamaro	2012
Old World Red	Under €15	Vila Real Reserva	2010
Old World Red	Under €20	Vinea Crianza	2009
New World Red	Under €10	Eaglehawk Cabernet Sauvignon	2012
New World Red	Under €15	Lindeman's Bin 50 Shiraz	2012
New World Red	Under €20	Santa Rita Medalla Real, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon	2009
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc	2011
Champagne	Under €60	Louis Roederer Brut Premier	NV



THE “GOLD STAR AWARD”  
2013-2014 COLLECTION  
IS AN ECLECTIC  
SELECTION OF WINES  
SPECIALLY CHOSEN BY  
TRAINED WINE TASTERS  
USING BLIND TASTING  
TECHNIQUES



