

# THE IRISH WINE SHOW

## STAR AWARD WINNERS 2022-2023



**48 Winners** *One Definitive Guide*



**WINE OF THE YEAR**  
**2022-2023**

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR**  
**2022-2023**

# Ireland's Star Award Winning Wines 2022-2023

The Irish Wine Show 'Star Awards' is an initiative of the National Off-Licence Association (NOffLA) since 2001, representing 315 independent off-licences throughout the country. With more than 600 wines to select from in a typical off-licence, the specialist knowledge and assistance of staff in these outlets is of particular importance to consumers.

The 'Star Award' Collection has been selected by a panel of qualified experts and their endorsement means that you have a specialist recommendation and an expert reassurance to enjoy excellent quality and value when you select one of these award winners.

**There are forty-eight wines to choose from which represent all styles and price points – Something for every occasion!**

**Available at NOffLA Member Outlets nationwide.**



## GIOVINELLO PINOT GRIGIO 2021, DÉL-PANNÓNIA, HUNGARY

### TASTING NOTE

Fresh and floral, this is a pleasant aperitif-style white for easy drinking. Light notes of ripe pear, peach and a touch of elderflower.

*A refreshing lively  
style of wine.  
Great value!*



Under €12  
Old World White

## HANS BAER PINOT BLANC 2020 RHEINHESSEN, GERMANY

### TASTING NOTE

A fresh and easy drinking style of white. Inviting aromas of rose and white flowers. Delicious stone fruit and a crisp dry finish.

*Zesty vibrant style!*



Under €12  
Old World White



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## QUINTA DA ALORNA 'LUTRA' BLANCO 2021, TEJO, PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTE

Very nice aromatics! A touch of elderflower and peach with a richer weight of flavour than one might expect at this price point.

*Budget friendly beauty!*



Under €12  
Old World White



## RIOJA VEGA SEMI CRIANZA 2020 RIOJA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

Hints of spice and mocha  
on the nose, forest fruit  
and a hint of smokiness.  
A lovely blend of fruit  
and tannin.

*Moreish!*



Under €12  
Old World Red

## MONT TAUCH LA BÊTE NOIRE FITOU AOP 2020 FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

Dark berry aromas with a hint of mocha. Lovely balance between fruit, tannin, chocolate and black cherry. All topped off with a sprinkle of spice.

*Blockbuster red!*



Under €12  
Old World Red



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## CHÂTEAU BERNACHON AOP 2020 BORDEAUX, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

A lovely perfumed nose of peony roses. Nice concentration of dark fruit on the palate.

*Subtle and elegant - nice!*



Under €12  
Old World Red





## CANTINA DI CUSTOZA, CUSTOZA BIANCO 2021 VENETO, ITALY

### TASTING NOTE

Elegant yet complex,  
showing some nice  
minerality topped with a  
touch of almond.  
Subtle and understated.

*A classy white,  
great all-round  
style!*



Under €15  
Old World White





ADEGA DE PEGÕES BLANCO  
COLHEITA SELECCIONADA 2021  
SETUBAL, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

A rich and full bodied white, with generous flavours of toast, brioche, ripe peach and cloves.

*A wine of real distinction  
- great value!*



Under €15  
Old World White

BRONZE STAR | WINNER

THIERRY DELAUNAY SAUVIGNON  
DE TOURAINE 2021  
LOIRE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

A classic Loire Sauvignon, plenty of ripe green apple on the nose with hints of minerality. Great length and a lovely long finish.

*Perfect for any occasion!*



Under €15  
Old World White

## RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA DOC 2018 RIOJA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

A wonderful nose, sweet red berry fruit, cigar box spice, wood and tons of fruit.

*A real find with  
huge potential -  
Hello gorgeous!*

**WINE OF THE YEAR  
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Under €15  
Old World Red

## CHÂTEAU DES HAUT PERICHONS AOP 2019 BORDEAUX, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

Perfumed floral aromas with hints of fruit, cedarwood and spice. Has great potential.

*Complex and intriguing!*



Under €15  
Old World Red



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## MAREE D'IONE NERO DI TROIA 2020, PUGLIA, ITALY

### TASTING NOTE

Lots of new wood with spicy aromas and red cherry fruit on the nose. A tasty palate of plums and vanilla spice.

*Superb value at this price!*



Under €15  
Old World Red



## LOLO ALBARIÑO DO 2021 RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

A really elegant white  
with a complex palate of  
apricot, nectarine and  
apple. Beautiful balance,  
harmony and length.

*A beautifully  
balanced wine.  
Superb value!*

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR  
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Under €20  
Old World White



## ENTREFLORES ALBARIÑO DO 2021 RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

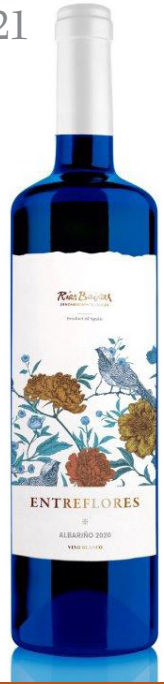
### TASTING NOTE

A very refreshing and uplifting style of wine. Lovely crisp green apple and lean stone fruit on the palate.

*A lovely treat!*



Under €20  
Old World White



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## CASAL DE VENTUZELA ALVARINHO 2021 VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTE

A very appealing elegant wine with nicely defined orchard fruits.

*Superb length of flavour!*



Under €20  
Old World White



## VALE D. MARIA DOURO SUPERIOR 2020 DOURO, PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTE

Clean pure fruit driven  
style on the nose.  
Big powerful spicy wine,  
oozes class.

*A classic from  
the Douro -  
not a shy one!*



Under €20  
Old World Red

PASQUA DESIRE, LUSH & ZIN  
PRIMITIVO DOC 2020  
PUGLIA, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Lots of smoke, chocolate and spice on the nose. The palate abounds with mountains of dark fruit.

*Fruity number!*



Under €20  
Old World Red



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

LES DEUX COLS Ô FONT 2020  
RHONE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

A delicious combo of smoke, chocolate and spices on the nose. Intensely fruity with a long finish.

*Ripe, rich delight!*



Under €20  
Old World Red





**CORAL REEF CHARDONNAY  
SEMILLON 2021  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**TASTING NOTE**

This wine is golden in colour with a touch of sweet ripe fruit balanced by a zippy acidity. Clean, lightly perfumed ripe apple and quince notes.

*Delicious and  
something out of  
the ordinary!*



Under €12  
New World White

BAILE DEL SOL SAUVIGNON  
BLANC 2021  
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of ripe stone fruit, follow on to give a rich palate of peach and apricot.

*A real crowd pleaser!*



Under €12  
New World White



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

MEERESTEIN CHENIN PINOT  
GRIGIO 2020  
WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Beguiling peaches and cream on the nose followed by hints of toffee-apple. A ripe and flavoursome finish.

*Great value!*



Under €12  
New World White



**CORAL REEF SHIRAZ  
CABERNET 2019  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**TASTING NOTE**

Hints of spice and  
cherry on the nose, with  
lashings of blackcurrant  
and cherry on the palate.

*Spicy finish gives  
this wine an edge –  
Yum!*



Under €12  
New World Red

MEERESTEIN SHIRAZ  
MOURVEDRE 2020  
WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Lots of smoke and spice on the nose.  
Light and vibrant with lots of cherry  
fruit and soft tannin.

*Ripe and pleasing with  
lashings of fruit!*



Under €12  
New World Red



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

DIAGUITA MALBEC 2020  
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Nice aromas of coffee and chocolate  
follow on to a palate rich in dark fruit.

*Great midweek quaffer!*



Under €12  
New World Red



## NUEVO MUNDO ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021 MAIPO VALLEY, CHILE

### TASTING NOTE

A crisp and cool white.  
Think lemon zest and  
Granny Smith apple,  
topped with a layer of  
creamy butterscotch.  
Fresh, complex and  
stylish with a well  
integrated acidity.

*A show-stopper!  
Great value for  
money!*



Under €15  
New World White

TERRA MATER, VINEYARD  
RESERVE, SAUVIGNON BLANC  
2021 MAIPO VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Very chiselled, linear and uber refreshing. Lime and lemons abound on the palate.

*Mouth watering and moreish...*



Under €15  
New World White



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

ALAMOS CHARDONNAY 2021  
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

A wonderfully creamy and broad style. Yummy slivers of clove, nectarine, fresh fig and butter.

*A creamy delight!*



Under €15  
New World White



## PORTILLO MALBEC 2020 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

Cloves, spice and honey  
on the nose, follows on to  
a palate of soft fruits.

*A cracking wine -  
classic malbec!*



Under €15  
New World Red



## TURNO DE NOCHE MALBEC 2021 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

A lovely wine with plenty of dark brambly fruit on the palate, full of power and spice with a lovely long finish.

*Great value at this price!*



Under €15  
New World Red



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## MASI TUPUNGATO 'PASO DOBLE' 2020, TUPUNGATO, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

Blackberry and mint on the nose. Lots of concentrated fruit on the palate with a long cherry finish.

*Really delivers at this price!*



Under €15  
New World Red



SALENTEIN  
'BARREL SELECTION'  
CHARDONNAY 2021  
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Fantastic wine which is guaranteed to please all tastes. Pink grapefruit, stony minerality and a hint of cake. Gorgeous balance, beautifully composed, with remarkable length of flavour.

*A fantastically  
classy little wine!*



Under €20  
New World White

GOATS DO ROAM,  
'GOATS DO ROAM' WHITE 2021  
COASTAL REGION, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

A broad and textured white with plenty of ripe citrus and stone fruits and a little spice. A good long finish.

*Made with 100% Fairtrade grapes!*



Under €20  
New World White



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CEDERBERG, CHENIN BLANC 2021  
WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Lime and nectarine abound with a well balanced acidity. Super length.

*A real treat!*



Under €20  
New World White



**d'ARENBERG THE HIGH  
TRELLIS CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON 2018  
McLAREN VALE, AUSTRALIA**

**TASTING NOTE**

Big powerful, jammy fruit  
with lots of spice. Still  
relatively young but with  
enormous potential.

*Darkly fruited  
crowd pleaser!*



Under €20  
New World Red

## FINCA FLICHMAN CABALLERO DE LA CEPA, MALBEC RESERVE 2020, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

A fresh and perfumed style of Malbec from Tupungato. Hints of chocolate and spice with plenty of dark brambly fruit.

*A warming juicy red!*



Under €20  
New World Red



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## SALENTEIN 'BARREL SELECTION' MALBEC 2020 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

Intense and inviting nose of minty herbaceous notes. Good structure with fruit and acidity well balanced.

*Well made wine - stylish stuff!*



Under €20  
New World Red



**DOMAINE LA COLOMBETTE  
GRENACHE ROSÉ 2021  
PAYS D'HÉRAULT, FRANCE**

**TASTING NOTE**

A lovely floral nose invites you into this glass. Plenty of punchy red fruit follows through to a nice clean finish.

*A yummy  
Provencal Rosé!*



Under €15  
Rosé

## CRAMELE RECAS SOLARA ROSÉ 2021, TIMISOARA, ROMANIA

### TASTING NOTE

A delicious rosé from an interesting and often under represented region. Lots of pure tinned strawberry, tangerine and a floral finish.

*The ultimate wine for  
sipping on sunny afternoons!*



Under €15  
Rosé



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## LES FUMÉES BLANCHES GRIS DE SAUVIGNON 2021 VIN DE FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

A fresh and fruit forward style. Lovely summer pudding on the nose with a pleasant cherry twist on the finish.

*Great value!*



Under €15  
Rosé





**VILLA CONCHI  
CAVA BRUT NV  
CATALONIA, SPAIN**

**TASTING NOTE**

A very good Cava.  
Exquisitely fine and  
persistent bubbles.  
Delightful pear and ripe  
red apple notes with a  
surprisingly long finish.

*Delightfully  
refreshing fizz!*



Under €25  
Sparkling

# KAIKEN, MÉTODO TRADICIONAL BRUT NV MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

## TASTING NOTE

Exuberant “look at me” bubbles. Lively and zesty with a nose of pear, apple and a hint of almond, good rounded finish.

*Superb value for money!*



Under €25  
Sparkling



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# MARQUÉS DE CÁCERES CAVA NV CAVA DO, SPAIN

## TASTING NOTE

Beautifully creamy mouthfeel as a result of the very fine bubbles. Elegant flavours of ripe pears and a lovely long finish.

*Delicious!*



Under €25  
Sparkling



CHAMPAGNE JEAN PERNET  
RÉSERVE BRUT CHARDONNAY  
GRAND CRU NV  
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

An elegant beauty. On the palate a veritable fruit salad of mango, pineapple, kumquat and ripe nectarine, topped off with a generous dose of brioche. The bubbles are superbly fine and effervescent.

*Wonderful!*



Under €60  
Sparkling/Champagne

## FERRARI BRUT FORMULA 1 NV TRENTO DOC, ITALY

### TASTING NOTE

Understated yet exquisite, it has layers of toasted nuts, dried fruits, marzipan and buttery brioche.

*Fantastic!*



Under €60  
Sparkling/Champagne



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## GUSTAVE LORENTZ CRÉMANT D'ALSACE BRUT NV ALSACE, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

Light, refined and elegant style. Subtlety and delicacy are the hallmarks here.

*A superb crowd pleaser!*



Under €60  
Sparkling/Champagne



FABER SAUVIGNON BLANC NV  
RHEINHESSEN, GERMANY  
ALCOHOL FREE

TASTING NOTE

Pale but deceptively  
flavoursome! Scintillating  
perfume of spring  
blossom and grapes.  
Lovely weight of flavour  
and finish.

*Delicious!*



Under €15  
Non-Alcoholic

FABER SPARKLING ROSÉ NV  
RHEINHESSEN, GERMANY  
ALCOHOL FREE

TASTING NOTE

Cranberry, rhubarb and strawberry notes, with quite a creamy backdrop.

*Lovely fine fizz!*



Under €15  
Non-Alcoholic



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

YBY SPARKLING NV  
MOSEL, GERMANY  
ALCOHOL FREE

TASTING NOTE

Plenty of ripe stewed apple and pineapple.  
A well rounded and rich palate.

*Attractive glass of fizz!*



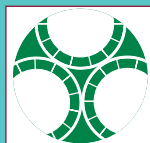
Under €15  
Non-Alcoholic





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