

# IRELAND'S STAR AWARD WINNING WINES

# 2015-2016



GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE AWARD WINNING WINES FORTY FIVE WINES - ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

### GOLD STAR WINNER

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PORTUGA VINHO REGIONAL LISBOA 2014 PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTES

A light fresh blend of the classic white grapes of this region of Portugal – Arinto, Fernao Pires – with a little Sauvignon Blanc for extra freshness. This is made with free-run juice and is a great example of the exciting new wines coming out of Portugal.

"A crisp but smooth white wine with tangy citrus and apple - Chablis at a budget price"





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### GOLD STAR WINNER

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## LAB VINHO REGIONAL LISBOA 2014 PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTES

Another worthy Portuguese winner made with a mix of local and international grapes (Castelao, Tinta Roriz, Syrah and Touriga Nacional). This is packed with fruit, and far more complexity than a wine at this price has any right to!

"Berry fruit flavours with chocolate and spice character - a great value lively red wine .. "



### GOLD STAR WINNER

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IN VINO EROTICO BLANC 2014 COTEAUX DU LIBRON FRANCE

### TASTING NOTES

An emotional wine created to have sensuality and aromatic enchantment! Chardonnay provides the structure, Viognier the fragrance and Sauvignon Blanc the crisp fresh finish.

"Versatile white wine for enjoying with or without food - apricots and orange zest."

in vino



### GOLD STAR WINNER

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# EL COTO CRIANZA 2011 RIOJA SPAIN

#### **TASTING NOTES**

One of the top selling Rioja in the world this is made from low-yielding Tempranillo grapes and carefully crafted to taste both modern and traditional. Flavours of cherry, spice and vanilla jump out of the glass and are followed by cocoa and cherry pie flavours and balanced fruity freshness.

"A mellow complex wine with spice, fruit and character - one for the barbecue or the winter stew."

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### GOLD STAR WINNER

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# SUAVIA SOAVE CLASSICO D.O.C. 2014 VENETO ITALY

### TASTING NOTES

Light clean and bright with a lovely floral nose offering ripe peaches and almonds - this is a long long way from the Soave of the 1980s and shows a region and producer at the top of their game.

"Appetising and appealing with juicy crisp pear freshness -

marvellously moreish."

SUAVIA

# WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR 2015-2016



### GOLD STAR WINNER

# ONDARRE RIOJA RESERVA 2010 RIOJA SPAIN

### TASTING NOTES

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Classic Rioja – a blend of Tempranillo (75%), Garnacha (10%) and Mazuelo (15%) and aged for 16 months in American and French Oak Casks. Aromas of vanilla and spice, full flavoured and complex.

"Finely tuned mature wine for the classic Sunday roast or for sheer pleasure."

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# WINE OF THE YEAR 2015-2016



Under €20 Old World Red

### GOLD STAR WINNER

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MEERESTEIN CHENIN PINOT GRIGIO 2014 WESTERN CAPE SOUTH AFRICA

### TASTING NOTES

Made from old vines in the Western Cape this has fine tropical flavours as you might expect from Chenin Blanc but the tropical character is enlivened and enhanced further by the addition of vibrant Pinot Grigio. A modern Cape Classic!

"Wine with personality, presence and complexity - fresh peaches and cream bottled !"





### GOLD STAR WINNER

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## LINDEMAN'S CAWARRA SHIRAZ CABERNET 2014 SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA

#### **TASTING NOTES**

South Eastern Australia has long sunshine hours, low humidity and is just about perfect for grape growing. Lindemans have been at this a long time and this supremely tasty Cabernet-Shiraz blend shows exactly what you can do with a good winemaker and ripe succulent grapes

LINDEMAN'S



CAWARRA SHIRAZ CABERNET



"Perfumed red fruit and a dusting of cocoa, a soft jwicy little charmer at a great price.."



### GOLD STAR WINNER

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DANIE DE WET CHARDONNAY SUR LIE 2015 ROBERTSON SOUTH AFRICA

### TASTING NOTES

This unoaked Chardonnay is matured on its lees (spent yeast cells) and stirred regularly for an extended period to intensify its flavours and bring out the soul of this complex fruit driven wine.

"Fragrant, floral and fresh offering full-on fruity pleasure."

DANIE DE WET



### GOLD STAR WINNER

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MONTES CLASSIC SERIES COLCHAGUA MERLOT 2013 COLCHAGUA CHILE

### TASTING NOTES

The Colchagua Valley is perfect for red wine making with warm days, cool nights and moderating breezes from the ocean. Intense aromas of red fruits, plums and toasted cedar - juicy, rounded and complex with fine lingering fruits.



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"Treat this blackcurrant and plum scented wine to a meaty main course."



### GOLD STAR WINNER

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PENFOLD'S KOONUNGA HILL AUTUMN RIFSLING 2014 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### TASTING NOTES

A sublime dry Riesling produced from the high Eden Valley in the Barossa Ranges and bottled Koonunga Hill first came to fame. Floral, steely and fresh with lovely green-apple acidity and lingering tart fruits.

"Elegant and balanced, ripe and vibrant particularly suitable for Asian food."



Penfolds KOONUNGA HILL UTUMN RIESLIN

WINE MADE IN AUSTRALIA

### GOLD STAR WINNER

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D'ARENBERG D'ARRYS ORIGINAL SHIRAZ GRENACHE 2012 MC LAREN VALE AUSTRALIA

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Chester Osbourne is one of the great personalities of the wine world but never underestimate just how good a winemaker he is – D'Arrys Original is a true New World Icon wine. A blend of Shiraz and Grenache with complex sweet and savoury flavours – plums, liquorice, nutmeg and a hint of cedar.

"Fine concentrated fruit flavours with elegance and class. Spice and plums and oodles of rich black fruit .. '







### GOLD STAR WINNER

### 14 CHIVITE GRAN FEUDO ROSÉ 2014 NAVARRA SPAIN

### TASTING NOTES

From the Navarra region to the east of Rioja and produced from fine old Garnacha vines. Intense strawberry and red fruit aromas, lively acidity and beautifully textured fruit flavours.

"No Wimpish Rosé this! - Packed with fragrance and fruit - a good match with spicy food or with friends."





### GOLD STAR WINNER

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# LA MARCA PROSECCO SPUMANTE NV TREVISO ITALY

### TASTING NOTES

There is a reason we drink so much Prosecco in Ireland and this wine encapsulates it perfectly. Fine persistent bubbles, aromas of citrus, honey and white floral notes which give way to fresh flavours of ripe citrus, green apple and grapefruit. Great on its own or with fragrant and spicy dishes.

"Prosecco as it's meant to be - citrus, honey and white floral aromas, elegant and fragrant punchy fizz."





# GOLD STAR WINNER

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PIPER HEIDSIECK NV CHAMPAGNE FRANCE

### TASTING NOTES

Packed with exuberant charm Piper-Heidsieck NV positively bursts with citrus and orange juiciness on a wave of grilled toast and marzipan and finishes with crisp toasted almond flavours and light citrus. There is a reason Champagne is the world's favourite sparkling wine.

"A lovely stylish treat with all you expect from Champagne - elegant, reviving, sophisticated and complex, but mostly just delicions."







Under €15 Old World

White

Ireland's Silver Star Award Winning Wines

### SILVER STAR WINNERS

Portuga Leve 2014 Lisboa, Portugal **Crisp, peachy easy-going white** 

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Under €10 17 Old World White

Les Fumées Blanches Sauvignon Blanc 2014,

Languedoc, France Textured, bright and fruity

Donnafugata "SurSur" Grillo 2014

Sicily, Italy Smooth, fruity style and a dry finish



Under €20 Old World White

Under €10 New World White BODEGAS Bodegas Centenarias Sauvignon Blanc 2014, Central Valley, Chile Ripe pears, lemony verve and subtlety

Montes Classic Series Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Casablanca, Chile Dry and fresh with tropical hints



Under €15 New World White





Ireland's Silver Star Award Winning Wines

SILVER STAR WINNERS

Bodegas Centenarias Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Central Valley, Chile Peppery and frwity, lingering complexity



Under €10 19 New World Red

Katnook Founders Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Coonawarra, Australia Spicy ripe blackberry frwits, big and jwicy



Under €20 New World Red

Under €25 Sparkling Wine



McGuigan Frizzante NV SE Australia Soft lemon and apple frwit flavours

Champagne Gosset Brut Excellence NV

Champagne, France Fruity and elegant, rich and appealing









Ireland's Bronze Star Award Winning Wines

### BRONZE STAR WINNERS

TOHU Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Marlborough, New Zealand Passion Fruit aromas, Dry and Lively



Under €20 21 New World White

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El Coto Rosado 2014 Rioja, Spain Redcurrants, raspberries and a dry finish

Umbrele Merlot 2014 Recas, Romania Floral cherry fruits, silky and classy



Under €10 Old World Red

Under €15 Old World Red



La Masseria Primitivo 2014 Puglia, Italy Intense and ripe with good balance

Chateau Bonnin Pichon 2010 Lussac Saint-Emilion, France Classic Bordeaux – vanilla and spicy black fruits



Under €20 Old World Red

#### Ireland's Bronze Star Award Winning Wines

# BRONZE STAR WINNERS





Laurent Perrier Brut NV Champagne, France Soft, complex fruit driven Champagne



Under €60

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