



IRELAND'S GOLD STAR AWARD WINNING WINES



2014-2015



FIFTEEN AWARD WINNING WINES
ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

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MUREDA BLANCO ECOLÓGICO 2013
VINO DE LA TIERRA DE CASTILLA
SPAIN

TASTING NOTES

A Certified Organic wine made from Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Verdejo grapes. Pale gold colour with greenish hues and a fresh fruity aroma with notes of pear, apricot, citrus and grapefruit. Balanced, fresh and aromatic on the palate with a long finish.

"Lovely peachy fresh fruit aromas, fine acidity and length. A definite crowd pleaser."



Under €10
Old World White



UMBRELE MERLOT 2013
RECAS
ROMANIA

TASTING NOTES

A Merlot with attitude, this is soft and velvety with supple red berry, black cherry and damson fruit flavours. Just a hint of spice and subtle vanilla aromas - all beautifully blended to produce a great value wine.

"A fruity, spicy wine with lots going on, concentrated and with a long satisfying finish, great for the price!."

Under €10
Old World Red



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DEAKIN ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2012
MURRAY DARLING
S.E. AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant pale straw in colour. Fresh pear, citrus and cantaloupe melon notes with a subtle hint of oak character on the nose. The palate is rich and smooth with ripe white peach, nectarine and melon flavours and a clean finish.

"Assertive melon and tropical fruits with a touch of white pepper on the finish. This is full-bodied, very tasty and unbelievably good value."



Under €10
New World White



DEAKIN ESTATE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012
MURRAY DARLING
S.E. AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTES

Medium-deep red colour. Fresh aromas of blackberries, blackcurrants and cherry with a hint of spicy oak on the nose. Classically styled with dark berry fruit, spice and hints of dark chocolate. Well structured with great texture and length of flavour.

"Spice and dark fruit with soft tannins and a smooth finish. This is a big soft hug in a glass of wine!"

Under €10
New World Red



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CANTINA DI MONTEFORTE SOAVE
CLASSICO 'TERRE DI MONTEFORTE' 2013
VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTES

Light, clean and bright, with a lovely floral nose offering notes of ripe peach and almond. The wine shows excellent depth on the palate and a lovely balance between ripe aromatic fruit and fresh zingy acidity.

"Lime zest and tropical fruit with a tingling zesty tangy acidity. Wonderful to see what this region and producer can do at the top of their game."



Under €15
Old World White



DUCA DEL SALENTO
SALICE SALENTINO RISERVA 2010
PUGLIA, ITALY

TASTING NOTES

From one of the oldest wineries in the Salento peninsula in Puglia and made from the local grapes Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera. Ripe, spicy scent of mature red fruit with a rich, fruit-driven, powerful palate packed with ripe black fruit.

*"Wow! Absolutely delicious!
Aromas of liquorice and
stewed prunes with supple
generous and lingering
spicy fruit flavours."*

**WINE OF THE YEAR
2014-2015**

Under €15
Old World Red



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**BOLAND CELLAR
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014
SOUTH AFRICA**

TASTING NOTES

Produced in a cool coastal region just north of Cape Town this has an elegant light green tint with whiffs of kiwi and passion-fruit on the nose. Ripe guava and tropical fruit flavours add richness and depth of flavour in the mouth, while extended lees contact results in a fresh and elegant wine.

"Classic Sauvignon Blanc, flavours green apple skins, lemon zest and gooseberries. The very definition of Sauvignon Blanc."



Under €15
New World White



CALIA "SELECTED"
MALBEC 2012
ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTES

From a "selected" parcel of high altitude vineyards in San Juan this classic Malbec shows ripe plum and damson fruit with hints of vanilla and spice. The palate is rich with delicious blackberry and plum flavours and well-integrated oak.

"Subtle, elegant and stylish, in perfect harmony. This will please everyone"

Under €15
New World Red



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LOUIS JADOT "COUVENT DES JACOBINS"
BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY 2013,
FRANCE

TASTING NOTES

Blended from Côte d'Or, Chalonnais and Mâcon vineyards. Packed with fruit including peaches, pear and grapefruit, with white flower aromas and a touch of vanilla. Elegant, structured, pleasant and harmonious.

*"Aromatic and complex
with body and structure
classy and restrained,
sheer finesse in a bottle."*

WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR
2014-2015



Under €20
Old World White





VILLA ANTINORI ROSSO IGT 2010,
TUSCANY, ITALY

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red in colour with intense aromas of cherries, mint and particularly chocolate. On the palate the wine is ample in body, supple, and with velvety soft tannins and a long and savoury finish.

*"Rich and chocolatey,
a delicious, inviting
wine to share with
friends."*

Under €20
Old World Red



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TOHU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2013
MARLBOROUGH
NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTES

From New Zealand's first Maori-owned vineyard, this is bright and fresh on the nose with lifted aromas of passion fruit, citrus and lemongrass. A concentrated palate with guava, nettles, passion fruit, herbal notes and wet stone minerality with a vibrant zesty finish.

"Gorgeous tropical fruit aromas give way to a rich creamy palate with delightful acidity well worth the money!"



Under €20
New World White





GNARLY HEAD ZINFANDEL 2011
LODI,
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

Made from 35-80 year-old vines – some of the oldest in California. Fruit from these unruly branches is intense and powerful and these brash old vines produce exceptional, full-flavoured grapes. This intrepid Old Vine Zinfandel has a gnarly core of rich, dark raspberry and black cherry flavours with layers of spice and chocolate balanced by complex French and American oak toast.

*"A rich creamy texture,
packed with dense
fruit and smoke
flavours perfect for
grilled meat"*

Under €20
New World Red



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JACOBS CREEK
MOSCATO ROSÉ 2012
AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTES

Light and refreshing on the palate with red summer berry flavours, the wine is vibrant with sherbet like flavours. The delicate "frizzante" style is balanced with lively soft fruit sweetness. Ideal as an aperatif and with spicy seafood.

"Delicious ripe strawberry fruit, serve nicely chilled, preferably outside, whatever the weather!"



Under €15
Rosé Collection

LA MARCA PROSECCO
SPUMANTE NV,
VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTES

Fine persistent bubbles, aromas of citrus, honey and white floral notes which give way to fresh flavours of ripe citrus, green apple and touches of grapefruit with good minerality. Great on its own or with fragrant and spicy dishes.

*"A super well-crafted
sparkler with great
bubbles and fruit
for enjoying on
every occasion"*



Under €25
Sparkling Wine



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HATTINGLEY VALLEY
CLASSIC CUVÉE 2011
HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

TASTING NOTES

Established in 2008 this 11 hectare vineyard is south-facing and planted with the classic grapes of Champagne – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Aromas of red berries and brioche with a zesty, crisp palate balanced by lively acidity and a fine mousse.

"Bracing and complex with a lemon, biscuit flavour, beautifully textured and elegant This is how you make fine sparkling wine..."



Under €60
Sparkling Wine

SILVER STAR WINNERS

Category	Price	IRELAND'S SILVER STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2014-2015	Vintage
Old World White	Under €10	Dreamfish Sauvignon Blanc	2013
Old World White	Under €15	Sentidiño Albariño	2013
Old World White	Under €20	Leonildo Pieropan, Soave Classico	2013
New World White	Under €10	Hazy View Chenin Blanc	2014
New World White	Under €15	Fairhall Cliffs Sauvignon Blanc	2014
New World White	Under €20	Saint Clair Premium Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	2013
Rosé	Under €15	El Coto Rosado	2013
Old World Red	Under €10	Dreambird Pinot Noir	2013
Old World Red	Under €15	El Coto Rioja Tinto Crianza	2010
Old World Red	Under €20	Marques de Murrieta Rioja Reserva	2008
New World Red	Under €10	Callia, Osaado Shiraz	2014
New World Red	Under €15	Montes Classic Series, Colchagua Merlot	2012
New World Red	Under €20	Callia Magna Shiraz	2012
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	La Marca Prosecco Frizzante	NV
Champagne	Under €60	Piper Heidsieck NV	NV



BRONZE STAR WINNERS

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Category	Price	IRELAND'S BRONZE STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2014-2015	Vintage
Old World White	Under €10	Umbrele Sauvignon Blanc	2013
Old World White	Under €15	Domaine Uby Sauvignon Blanc	2013
Old World White	Under €20	Villa Antinori Bianco	2013
New World White	Under €10	Deakin Estate Sauvignon Blanc	2012
New World White	Under €15	Dona Paula Estate Chardonnay, Gualtallary	2011
New World White	Under €20	Tiki Estates Sauvignon Blanc	2013
Rosé	Under €15	Rosé d'Anjou "La Clotière"	2013
Old World Red	Under €10	Mureda Tinto Ecologico	2013
Old World Red	Under €15	La Chasse Red	2012
Old World Red	Under €20	Vigneti del Salento, `I Muri` Negroamaro	2012
New World Red	Under €10	Deakin Estate Shiraz	2012
New World Red	Under €15	Carmen Reserva Carmenere, Colchagua Valley	2012
New World Red	Under €20	Willunga 100, McLaren Vale Grenache	2011
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Freixenet Cordon Negro	NV
Champagne	Under €60	Louis Roederer Brut Premier	NV



THE “GOLD STAR AWARD”
2014-2015 COLLECTION
IS AN ECLECTIC
SELECTION OF WINES
SPECIALLY CHOSEN BY
TRAINED WINE TASTERS
USING BLIND TASTING
TECHNIQUES





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