



## IRELAND'S GOLD STAR AWARD WINNING WINES



2011-2012



FIFTEEN AWARD WINNING WINES  
ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

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GOLD STAR WINNER



## Sauvignon L'Abbaye 2010, Vins de Pays de Loire, France

### TASTING NOTE:

Wonderful ripe gooseberry and citrus blossom flavours leap from the glass. The mouth is full and round with a hint of asparagus and tangy lime notes. The balanced finish is complemented by unexpected mineral complexity. Bright and refreshing!

*"A light easy-drinking wine with plenty of personality. This wine is delicious and really over delivers for its price..."*

UNDER €8  
OLD WORLD WHITE



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## Castillo de Benizar Tempranillo 2010, La Mancha, Spain

### TASTING NOTE:

Intense cherry-red colour with violet tones. It has an elegant aroma of wild berry fruit. On the palate it is lively, full-tasting, with deep flavours and very well structured. Juicy and ripe, a well-made wine with lovely chocolaty hints and rich strawberry fruit.

*"A lovely Spanish wine that is interesting, yet rich and approachable, not to mention great value for money."*

UNDER €8  
OLD WORLD RED



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## **Hazy View Chenin Blanc 2011, South Africa**

### **TASTING NOTE:**

Grapey, pear drops, floral and classy. Light-bodied with a hint of sweetness but zesty. Very well-made and great value.

*"A real crowd-pleaser.  
Extremely quaffable and a  
stylish white for any occasion."*

**UNDER €8  
NEW WORLD WHITE**



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## Obikwa Shiraz 2010, Western Cape, South Africa

### TASTING NOTE:

Dark ruby and with aromas of ripe plums, berries and oak spices with a hint of cigar box. Rich and full bodied with layers of black juicy fruit on the palate with a lovely spicy finish.

*"Well made and great value.  
An easy-drinking style, the  
perfect wine to enjoy with friends."*

UNDER €8  
NEW WORLD RED



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## Marqués de Riscal Rueda 2010, Rueda, Spain

### TASTING NOTE:

As you expect from a Verdejo wine, on the nose it has aromatic intensity, with tropical fruit and hints of fennel and fresh grass. In the mouth it is both smooth and refreshing. Overall a fresh, well-balanced wine.

*"Lip-smacking and mouth-watering. A popular style which delivers plenty for the price."*

UNDER €14  
OLD WORLD WHITE



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## **San Donaci Contrada del Falco 2009, San Donaci, Italy**

### **TASTING NOTE:**

A lovely mix of spices, strawberries and subtle oak notes. It delivers rich ripe sweet fruit on the palate all wrapped in balanced acidity and smooth juicy tannins. Very good quality wine with layers of complexity, the length is never ending with delicious lingering fruit flavours.

*"This wine is a real all-rounder, complex and balanced. A perfect wine to give as a gift and fantastic value at this price. Stylish stuff!"*



**UNDER €14  
OLD WORLD RED**

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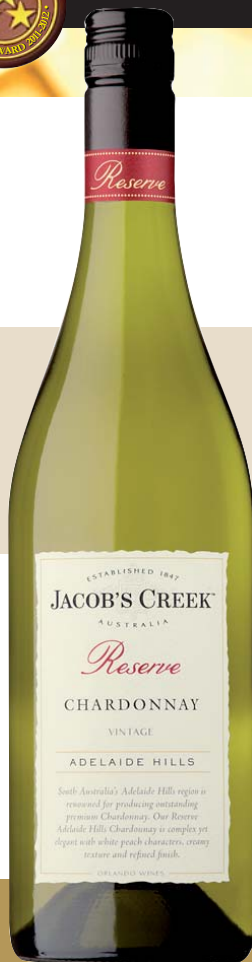


**Jacob's Creek Reserve  
Chardonnay 2009,  
Adelaide Hills, South Australia**

**TASTING NOTE:**

Creamy, citrus and hazelnut notes on the nose.  
Elegant well-made wine with integrated oak and  
a long citrus finish.

*"The aromas from this wine make  
you want to dive right in and enjoy  
the tropical journey. Beautiful,  
buttery, balanced and beguiling!"*



**UNDER €14  
NEW WORLD WHITE**



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**GOLD STAR WINNER****Secret Pinot Noir 2010,  
Casablanca, Chile****TASTING NOTE:**

Silky subtle elegance is delivered here on the palate, delivering a joyous flavoursome wine. It combines delicate red berry fruit flavours with more subtle notes of leather, coffee, spice and earthy undertones.

*"A very classy wine which is elegant yet complex and offers something a little different."*

**UNDER €14  
NEW WORLD RED**

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**J. Moreau & Fils Chablis 2010,  
Chablis, France**

**WINE OF THE YEAR 2011-2012**

**TASTING NOTE:**

A clean, mineral and aromatic nose, with flinty flavours of grapefruit and pineapple. Fresh and crisp with elegant flavours of citrus peel combined with classic Chablis minerality. Fine creamy texture, medium bodied with stony mineral notes. Fine acidity – very natural with a long clean finish. Well balanced with good concentration.

*"A juicy, elegant charmer  
capable of holding its appeal  
right through a lingering meal.  
A really delicious wine."*

**UNDER €20  
OLD WORLD WHITE**



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**GOLD STAR WINNER****Marqués de Murrieta Reserva 2005,  
Rioja, Spain****RED WINE OF THE YEAR 2011-2012****TASTING NOTE:**

Made from Tempranillo, Garnacha and Mazuelo this wine expresses ripe fruit qualities with a perfect balance of acidity and supple roundness on the palate, with just a hint of new oak.

A super smooth red, lusciously juicy with rich cherry and plum flavours.

*"Distinctive and hedonistic.  
Well-made, elegant wine with  
plenty of character.  
A truly fine wine."*

**UNDER €20  
OLD WORLD RED**

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**Wolf Blass President's Selection  
Chardonnay 2010,  
South Australia**

**TASTING NOTE:**

Soft tropical fruit flavours and notes of honey, nuts and vanilla giving added complexity. On the palate this wine is soft and round with lovely weight balancing the rich fruit character.

*"Classy, stylish wine,  
very well-made  
yet easy drinking."*

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**Wakefield Jaraman Cabernet  
Sauvignon 2005,  
Clare Valley/Coonawarra, Australia**

**TASTING NOTE:**

Incredibly intense fruit characters of cherry, cassis, fresh mint and hints of aniseed fill the mouth, followed by subtle secondary characters of cinnamon, spice and cedar from French oak maturation. The palate is generous in texture and flavour - beginning with sweet fruit and then ending in soft, fine-grained tannins.

*"A full bodied, delicious wine.  
Alluring, sleek, suave and stylish  
which glides over the palate."*



**UNDER €20  
NEW WORLD RED**

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**Rosemount Diamond Cellars  
Rosé 2009, South Eastern  
Australia**

**TASTING NOTE:**

Plenty of character and good concentration of flavour. Refreshing cherry fruit in abundance with a hint of spice means it would be a good choice with or without food.

*"A ripper of a Rosé  
that will brighten up any  
Irish Summer or Winter!"*

UNDER €15  
ROSÉ COLLECTION



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**GOLD STAR WINNER****Campo Viejo Cava NV, Spain****TASTING NOTE:**

Gentle aromas of apples and honey lead into a refreshing, citrus palate. Medium dry with a delicate mousse - well made with fine acidity giving the wine delightful persistence.

*"A good full-on refreshing  
sparkler. Finely tuned  
with broad appeal."*

**UNDER €25  
SPARKLING WINE**



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## **Veuve Clicquot NV, Reims, France**

### **TASTING NOTE:**

An impressive champagne with elegant floral and fruity biscuit aromas. Lively mousse, honeyed with finely balanced citrus acidity. Very harmonious with excellent length.

*"A really fine Champagne,  
deliciously superior and perfect when  
you feel like indulging yourself."*

**UNDER €60  
CHAMPAGNE**





IRELAND'S SILVER STAR AWARD WINNING WINES

## SILVER STAR WINNERS



Category	Price	IRELAND'S SILVER STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2011-2012	Vintage
Old World White	Under €8	Longue-Dog Blanc	2009
Old World White	Under €14	Pico Macario Estrosa Monferrato Bianco	2010
Old World White	Under €20	Valminor Albarino	2010
New World White	Under €8	False Bay Sauvignon Blanc	2010
New World White	Under €14	Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc	2010
New World White	Under €20	Brancott Estate Letter Series B Sauvignon Blanc	2010
Rosé	Under €15	Torres de Casta	2010
Old World Red	Under €8	Barocco Rosso Salento	2010
Old World Red	Under €14	Antinori Santa Cristina	2010
Old World Red	Under €20	Torres Celeste	2008
New World Red	Under €8	Antares Merlot	2010
New World Red	Under €14	Wakefield Estate Shiraz	2009
New World Red	Under €20	St Hallett Faith Shiraz	2007
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Codorniu Pinot Noir NV	NV
Champagne	Under €60	Champagne Gosset Grande Reserve	NV

## BRONZE STAR WINNERS



Category	Price	IRELAND'S BRONZE STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2011-2012	Vintage
Old World White	Under €8	Pasqua Pinot Grigio "Le Collezioni"	2010
Old World White	Under €14	Masi Masianco	2010
Old World White	Under €20	Drouhin Vaudon Chablis, Reserve de Vaudon	2009
New World White	Under €8	Obikwa Sauvignon Blanc	2011
New World White	Under €14	Santa Rita Reserva Sauvignon Blanc	2010
New World White	Under €20	Hunters Sauvignon Blanc	2010
Rosé	Under €15	Chateau Bellevue la Foret Rosé	2010
Old World Red	Under €8	Chat en Oeuf Rouge	2009
Old World Red	Under €14	Pico Macario Cantamerli Monferrato Rosso	2009
Old World Red	Under €20	Pico Macario Tre Roveri Barbera D'Asti	2009
New World Red	Under €8	False Bay Shiraz	2010
New World Red	Under €14	Dona Paula Estate Malbec	2009
New World Red	Under €20	Penfolds Koonunga Hill Bin 76 Shiraz/Cabernet	2009
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Proseco Spumanti DOCG Conegliano-Valdobbiadene	NV
Champagne	Under €60	G. H. Mumm Cordon Rouge	NV

THE “GOLD STAR AWARD”  
2011-2012 COLLECTION  
IS AN ECLECTIC  
SELECTION OF WINES  
SPECIALLY CHOSEN BY  
TRAINED WINE TASTERS  
USING BLIND TASTING  
TECHNIQUES





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