



IRELAND'S GOLD STAR
AWARD WINNING WINES



2012-2013



FIFTEEN AWARD WINNING WINES
ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

GOLD STAR WINNER



La Plume Pinot Grigio 2011, Delle Venezie, Italy

TASTING NOTE:

Grapey, pear drops, floral and classy. Fresh, light and crisp with elegant flavours of green apples and white peaches. Fine acidity and a good length.

"An attractive all-rounder, everyday drinking white at a bargain price pleasantly fruity and refreshing."

UNDER €8
OLD WORLD WHITE



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Canti Negroamaro/Zinfandel 2011, Puglia, Italy

TASTING NOTE:

This wine exhibits ripe red cherry fruit with a touch of liquorice. Intense berry flavours on the palate with soft tannins and a lovely smooth finish.

"A distinctive wine at a cracking price which offers the full package! Try it with a plate of charcuterie."

UNDER €8
OLD WORLD RED



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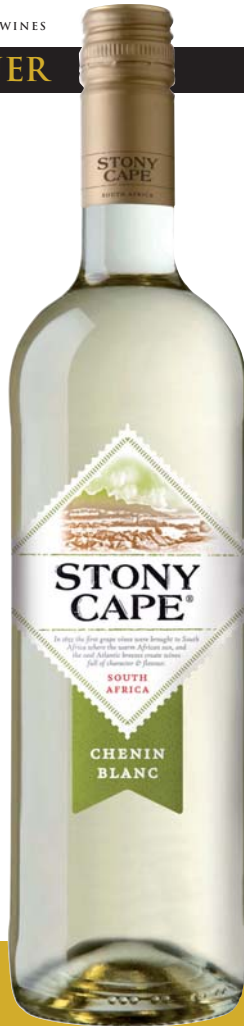


Stony Cape Chenin Blanc 2011, Western Cape, South Africa

TASTING NOTE:

This vibrant and zesty Chenin Blanc has a lovely citrus and peach nose, with an elegant and smooth palate.

*"Zesty, lively and refreshing.
A really enjoyable stylish white
that is super value for money!"*



**UNDER €8
NEW WORLD WHITE**

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Gato Negro Carmenère 2012, Central Valley, Chile

TASTING NOTE:

Made from 100% Carmenère, this deep dark almost purple in colour wine, conveys aromas of rich ripe fruits of blackcurrants and blackberries on the nose, with hints of mocha spice and vanilla on the palate. A medium-bodied wine with a velvety smooth pleasing finish.

*"An uncomplicated easy-drinking
red wine, with lashings of ripe dark
fruits, delivering a peppery punch on
the finish. Great for a BBQ or
with Bangers and Mash."*



**UNDER €8
NEW WORLD RED**

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Original B&G Sauvignon Blanc 2010, Loire Valley, France

TASTING NOTE:

This Organic wine has intense ripe grapefruit and lime flavours oozing from the glass. On the palate this wine is crisp dry and fruity with a long citrusy finish.

*"Quite a subtle wine
combining attractive gooseberry
fruit with a citrusy zing.
A refreshing quaffer."*

UNDER €10
OLD WORLD WHITE



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Evodia 2011, Calatayud, Spain

TASTING NOTE:

This stunning Grenache which is made from old vines offers glorious aromas of wild cherries and exotic spices. Layers of juicy black raspberries and cherries, laced with mocha, gentle warm spices and subtle minerality which leads to a long succulent finish.

*"This seductive, succulent, savoury
wine delivers way beyond its price.
This versatile style is extremely
moreish."*

UNDER €10
OLD WORLD RED



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**Sangoma Chenin Blanc 2012,
Coastal Region, South Africa**

TASTING NOTE:

Fresh fragrant flavours of crisp apples with a touch of tropical fruit on the nose. Crisp and refreshing experience, which lingers on the palate.

*"Really versatile wine,
a lovely aperitif or perfect
with many light dishes!"*



UNDER €10
NEW WORLD WHITE

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**Grant Burge "Benchmark"
Shiraz 2010, South Australia**

TASTING NOTE:

Seductive plums, damsons and bramble fruit flavours dominate the palate. Well-balanced with soft subtle tannins and a long finish.

*"A real crowd-pleaser that
delivers plenty of character
for the price!"*



UNDER €10
NEW WORLD RED



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**Marqués de Riscal
Sauvignon Blanc 2011,
Rueda, Spain**

TASTING NOTE:

Immediately enticing with lime, grapefruit and gooseberry flavours with a hint of minerality on the palate. A well-balanced wine displaying mouth-watering zesty lime and a fine green fruit finish.

*"A stylish, exuberant wine
with plenty of personality,
lip-smackingly good."*

**UNDER €15
OLD WORLD WHITE**



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**Coto de Imaz Reserva 2005,
Rioja, Spain**

TASTING NOTE:

A real classic, this stunning wine from Rioja invades the palate with long lasting sensations of red berry fruit, warm spices and nuances of vanilla from oak-ageing. Very well integrated, structured and balanced with a wonderful long silky finish.

*"A well-crafted elegant Rioja,
smart enough for a special dinner.
Appetisingly juicy with a silky
texture and a firm spicy finish.
Treat it to meat!"*

**UNDER €15
OLD WORLD RED**





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**Tiki Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2011,
Marlborough, New Zealand**

WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR 2012-2013

TASTING NOTE:

Subtle gooseberry and elderflower aromas, extremely fresh with crisp acidity on the palate well-balanced with kiwi, passion-fruit and lemon zest on the finish.

*"A juicy lively charmer,
with pure citrus and passion-fruit
notes and plenty of verve!"*



**UNDER €15
NEW WORLD WHITE**



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**Cousiño-Macul Antiguas Reservas,
Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010,
Maipo Valley, Chile**

WINE OF THE YEAR 2012-2013

TASTING NOTE:

This wonderful wine is made from a limited selection of the best Cabernet Sauvignon of Cousiño-Macul's vineyard. It has intense ripe cherries and cassis aromas, sprinkled with liquorice and black pepper on the finish. The tannins are soft, round and well integrated with the ripe fruit delivering a pleasurable long finish.

*"An impressive elegant and refined
wine, with great depth of flavour
and character that over-delivers
for the price. Seriously classy stuff!"*



**UNDER €15
NEW WORLD RED**



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Olvena Rosado 2011, Somontano, Spain

TASTING NOTE:

This rosé presents an attractive freshness and delicacy. Gentle strawberry and herb notes linger pleasantly.

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



**UNDER €15
ROSÉ COLLECTION**



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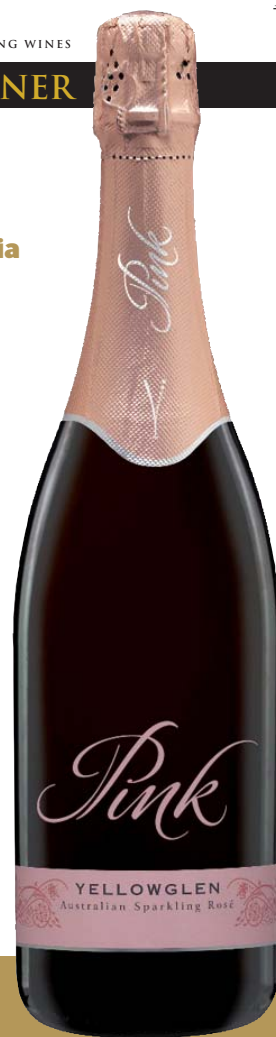
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Pink by Yellowglen NV, Australia

TASTING NOTE:

A lively, refreshing sparkling wine with a distinctive light pink colour. It has delicious subtle strawberry characteristics with a lovely delicate mouth-feel.

*"This sparkler looks elegant
and so it turns out to be,
with delicate strawberry notes
and a lively finish.
A perfect pink party drink."*



**UNDER €25
SPARKLING WINE**



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Gosset Brut Excellence NV, Ay, France

TASTING NOTE:

Intense and crisp, this is a beautiful balanced and food-friendly Champagne. A fragrant open bouquet leads to a deep layered core of apple, pear and citrus fruit. It has gorgeous complexity and a long expressive finish.

"Lovers of Champagne will appreciate this exquisite full-flavoured well-balanced beauty, go on treat yourself!"

UNDER €60
CHAMPAGNE



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SILVER STAR WINNERS

Category	Price	IRELAND'S SILVER STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2012-2013	Vintage
Old World White	Under €8	Gorgorito Verdejo Rueda	2011
Old World White	Under €10	Haut Poitou	2011
Old World White	Under €15	Domaine Lafage 'Centenaire'	2011
New World White	Under €8	GatoNegro Sauvignon Blanc	2012
New World White	Under €10	Foundstone Unoaked Chardonnay	2011
New World White	Under €15	Santa Rita Medalla Real Chardonnay	2010
Rosé	Under €15	Alpha Zeta "R" Rosato	2011
Old World Red	Under €8	Maximo Tempranillo	2010
Old World Red	Under €10	Promessa Organic Syrah/ Merlot	2009
Old World Red	Under €15	Torres Ibéricos	2009
New World Red	Under €8	Chucaro Carmenère	2011
New World Red	Under €10	Calbuco Cabernet/Merlot	2011
New World Red	Under €15	Graham Beck Pinotage	2010
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Codorniu Raventos NV	NV
Champagne	Under €60	GH Mumm Cordon Rouge	NV



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BRONZE STAR WINNERS

Category	Price	IRELAND'S BRONZE STAR AWARD WINNING WINES 2012-2013	Vintage
Old World White	Under €8	Antina Sauvignon Blanc	2011
Old World White	Under €10	Pasqua Passimento Blanco Veneto IGT	2011
Old World White	Under €15	Michel Lynch White	2011
New World White	Under €8	Rosemount Signature Chardonnay	2011
New World White	Under €10	Sutter Home Pinot Grigio	2011
New World White	Under €15	Carmen Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc	2011
Rosé	Under €15	Château de Sours Bordeaux Rosé	2011
Old World Red	Under €8	Barocco Rosso Salento	2011
Old World Red	Under €10	Richemont Bordeaux Rouge	2010
Old World Red	Under €15	Contrada Del Falco Rosso	2010
New World Red	Under €8	Cono Sur Bicicleta Cabernet Sauvignon	2011
New World Red	Under €10	Callia Alta Malbec	2011
New World Red	Under €15	Willunga 100 McLaren Vale Cabernet Shiraz	2010
Sparkling Wine	Under €25	Cono Sur Sparkling Rosé	NV
Champagne	Under €60	Champagne Laurent-Perrier Brut	NV

THE “GOLD STAR AWARD” 2012-2013 COLLECTION

IS AN ECLECTIC
SELECTION OF WINES
SPECIALLY CHOSEN BY
TRAINED WINE TASTERS
USING BLIND TASTING
TECHNIQUES



