

# THE IRISH WINE SHOW

STAR AWARD WINNERS 2019-2020



**45 Wines** *One Definitive Guide*

## CHANTAREL SAUVIGNON NV PAYS D'OC, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

From a cooler part of the Languedoc in South Eastern France this receives extra maceration on the skins to preserve aromas and texture.

*Fruit-forward, lively bright pear drop and crisp citrus fruits. Fantastic value for under €10!*



Under €10  
Old World White

## PLENO VIURA 2018 NAVARRA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

A blend of Viura grape and Chardonnay from the ancient kingdom of Navarra.

*Tropical fruits and a crisp finish at a great price!*



Under €10  
Old World White



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## CAMPO NUEVO BLANCO 2018 NAVARRA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

Navarra makes some of Spain's best value whites – taste this and you'll agree.

*Melon and pear aromas with bristling freshness!*



Under €10  
Old World White



LA GRANJA TEMPRANILLO/  
GARNACHA 2018  
CARIÑENA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

From the small Aragón wine region of Cariñena near Zaragoza this winery's excellent fruit driven wines have featured in our awards a couple of times before.

*Blueberry and concentrated plum fruits, supple and lingering. A steal at under €10!*



Under €10  
Old World Red



ESTANCIA DEL SILENCIO  
ORGANIC 2017  
JUMILLA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Jumilla is a small high quality region in Eastern Spain making concentrated tasty wines.

*Really great value with red berry and dark cherry fruits!*



Under €10  
Old World Red



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CAMPO NUEVO TEMPRANILLO  
2018, NAVARRA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Campo Nuevo's second award this year, with a cherry and plum flavoured Tempranillo.

*Juicy summer berries in a glass!*



Under €10  
Old World Red



## ALPHA ZETA 'C' CHARDONNAY 2018, VENETO, ITALY

### TASTING NOTE

From grapes grown in the cool foothills of the Dolomites in Northern Italy and made by a New Zealand Winemaker focused on flavour and ripeness.

*Concentrated Chardonnay with tropical fruits and fine-boned mineral freshness. A wine of real distinction!*



Under €15  
Old World White



## OHH POITOU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, LOIRE, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

The Loire is the ancient home of Sauvignon Blanc, easily Ireland's most popular white grape.

*Elderflower and lime essence,  
finely tuned with broad appeal!*



Under €15  
Old World White



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## PEGÕES COLHEITA SELECCIONADA BLANCO 2018, SETÚBAL, PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTE

From Setúbal near Lisbon and made with local grapes including the excellent Arinto.

*Ripe peaches, full flavoured  
and dry. It's a cracker!*



Under €15  
Old World White

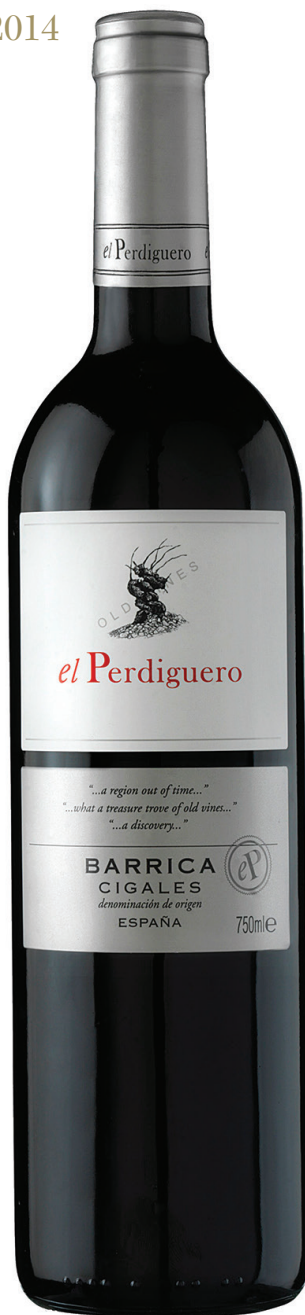


## EL PERDIGUERO 'BARRICA' 2014 CIGALES, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

Classic Barrel-Aged  
Tempranillo from the  
Cigales region beside  
Ribera del Duero.

*Concentrated ripe  
plum fruits with  
cedar and vanilla  
complexity. Classy,  
stylish and very  
well made!*



Under €15  
Old World Red

## BOTTER ORGANIC PRIMITIVO 2018 PUGLIA, ITALY

### TASTING NOTE

From a warm and temperate Puglia in the heel of Italy and made with organic Primitivo grapes - concentrated and full of fruit.

*Enticing aromas of vanilla  
and rich berry fruits, ultra  
smooth and generous!*



Under €15  
Old World Red



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## SOBREIRO DE PEGÕES 'PREMIUM' 2018, SETÚBAL, PORTUGAL

### TASTING NOTE

From the Sétubal Peninsula in Western Portugal and made with Castelão, Tempranillo and Cabernet.

*Baked dark fruit flavours  
and oaky complexity!*



Under €15  
Old World Red



**DOMAINE LAFAGE 'CADIRETA'  
2018, ROUSSILLON  
FRANCE**

**TASTING NOTE**

From the Côtes-Catalanes Hills in Roussillon in Southern France this is a pure Chardonnay but fermented on the lees of fragrant Viogner to add a luscious stone-fruit character.

*Ripe and round with exotic fruit nuances and a stony mineral edge. A truly fine wine!*

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR  
2019-2020**



Under €20  
Old World White



ALPHA ZETA “TERRAPIENO”  
PINOT GRIGIO 2018  
VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From the famed single estate vineyard east of Verona. This zesty, satisfying wine will please the most discerning of wine drinkers.

*Floral aromas and lively pear fruits!*



Under €20  
Old World White



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

MARTÍN CÓDAX ALBARIÑO  
2018, RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Rias Baixas on the Atlantic Coast of Galicia is famed for its thick skinned peachy tangy Albariño.

*Textured and ripe with a dry finish. Tasty!*



Under €20  
Old World White





DOMAINE DE LA BORIE  
BLANCHE MINERVOIS  
LA LIVINIÈRE 2015  
MINERVOIS, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

From the excellent  
Sub-Appellation of  
Minervois-La Livinière  
in the Languedoc.

*Spicy, warm, soft dark  
fruits. Our best in show.  
A really stunning wine!*

**WINE OF THE YEAR  
2019-2020**



Under €20  
Old World Red



## GUIGAL CÔTES DU RHÔNE RED 2015, RHÔNE, FRANCE

### TASTING NOTE

From a legendary Rhône producer in one of France's classic wine regions.

*Savoury mature fruits. Sleek,  
suave and stylish!*



Under €20  
Old World Red



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## BORDÓN RIOJA RESERVA 2012 RIOJA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

Rioja is Spain's most classical and enduringly popular wine region.

*Autumn berries, elegant and  
layered!*



Under €20  
Old World Red



GATO NEGRO SAUVIGNON  
BLANC 2018  
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

We know that Sauvignon Blanc grows so well in the cooler vineyards of Chile but it is always a surprise to find such concentrated flavours at this price.

*Mouthwatering and brisk with bright lemony fruits. A popular style which delivers excellence for the price!*



Under €10  
New World White



## ANTARES SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018, CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

### TASTING NOTE

Sauvignon Blanc just loves Chile's cool climate.

*Citrusy and fresh and perfect for any occasion. Yum!*



Under €10  
New World White



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## KELLY'S PATCH CHARDONNAY 2017, SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA

### TASTING NOTE

A modern dry Chardonnay at a great price from the Goulburn Valley in Victoria.

*Citrus and pineapple fruits, textured, crisp and excellent value!*



Under €10  
New World White

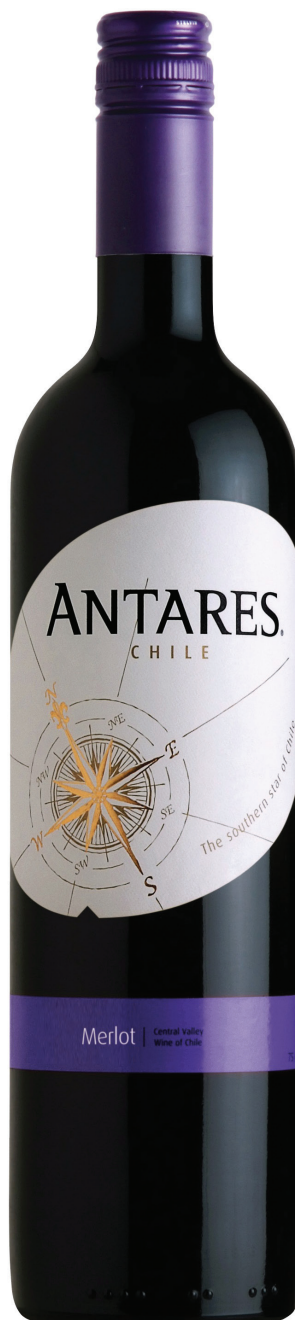


## ANTARES MERLOT 2018 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

### TASTING NOTE

Soft plummy concentrated fruits are what we expect from Merlot and here it is in abundance.

*Soft juicy berry flavours with a touch of spice. Great value!*



Under €10  
New World Red

MONTGRAS CABERNET/  
MERLOT 2018  
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Classic fruity Chilean wine from a family owned winery.

*Soft plums and blackberries.  
Sure to please everyone!*



Under €10  
New World Red



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GATO NEGRO MERLOT 2018  
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Soft fruity Merlot loves Chile's temperate Mediterranean climate.

*Soft plummy blackberry  
fruits, all for under €10!*



Under €10  
New World Red



SNARE POINT SAUVIGNON  
BLANC 2018  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

New Zealand's most  
renowned grape from its  
most renowned wine region  
- nobody makes concentrated  
ripe Sauvignon Blanc like it!

*Crisp but fragrant,  
with charming  
elderflower and  
exotic fruit flavours.  
A real crowd pleaser!*



Under €15  
New World White



MONTES CLASSIC SERIES  
CHARDONNAY 2018  
VALLE CENTRAL, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Chile's Central Valley has ideal growing conditions for fruity dry Chardonnay.

*Papaya and grapefruit, dry and fresh. A great value Chardonnay!*



Under €15  
New World White

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SANTA RITA 120 EARLY  
HARVEST SAUVIGNON BLANC  
2018, CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Picked early to ensure vibrancy and bright fruits.

*Zesty, spicy and mouth-filling at a great price!*



Under €15  
New World White

McGUIGAN BLACK LABEL  
RESERVE SHIRAZ 2015  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTE

Think of Aussie reds and you are usually thinking of big bold Shiraz wines but in this example you will also find charm and elegance in abundance.

*Violet scented, ripe  
blackcurrant fruits.  
Really well worth the  
money!*



Under €15  
New World Red



## DOÑA PAULA CHAMAL 2018 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

A rare co-fermentation of Chardonnay and Malbec combining freshness and depth.

*Velvety soft dark fruits.  
Stylish for any occasion!*



Under €15  
New World Red

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## CALLIA ALTA 'M' MALBEC 2019 SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

Malbec and Argentina were made for each other.

*Cherries and red plums and really delivers for its price!*



Under €15  
New World Red

KIM CRAWFORD PINOT GRIS  
2017, MARLBOROUGH  
NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Marlborough is famous for Sauvignon but can also produce fine elegant Pinot Gris. This is cool fermented to help retain the maximum of complex aromas and textures.

*Ripe guava and melon aromas, full-flavoured and lithe on the palate. Well made and great value!*



Under €20  
New World White



## GARZÓN ALBARIÑO RESERVA 2018, MALDONADO, URUGUAY

### TASTING NOTE

From an Atlantic facing vineyard on granite soils - Albariño's favourite growing conditions.

*Textured and ripe, focused and fresh. Stylish stuff!*



Under €20  
New World White



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## CARMEN GRAN RESERVA CHARDONNAY 2016 CASABLANCA, CHILE

### TASTING NOTE

From cool-climate Casablanca Valley, source of Chile's best white wine.

*Toasty vanilla cantaloupe aromas, textured and complex!*



Under €20  
New World White



## GARZÓN TANNAT RESERVA 2017 MALDONADO, URUGUAY

### TASTING NOTE

Tannat is only grown in quantity in two places - Gascony and Uruguay - and it is in the latter that it is at its most approachable.

*Plum and prune aromas, textured, dense and fruity. A delicious wine, punching well above its price point!*



Under €20  
New World Red

DOÑA PAULA ESTATE  
MALBEC 2018  
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

From Doña Paula's best vineyards at altitude in Altamira & Gualtallary.

*A ripe and fruity blockbuster,  
with broad appeal!*



Under €20  
New World Red



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MONTES LIMITED SELECTION  
PINOT NOIR 2017  
CASABLANCA, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

From Cool Climate Casablanca  
packed with charm and elegance.

*Raspberries, cherries and  
a hint of spice!*



Under €20  
New World Red





SANTA RITA LIMITED  
RELEASE ROSÉ 2019  
VALLE CENTRAL, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

This prettily hued rosé is 85% Cabernet Sauvignon plus 15% Syrah and made from hand picked grapes that received a gentle pressing to preserve the primary fruit flavours.

*Ripe summer fruits jump from the glass and linger on the palate. A definite crowd pleaser and perfect whatever the weather!*



Under €15  
Rosé Collection



## EL COTO ROSADO 2018 RIOJA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

A Tempranillo-Garnacha many-layered Rosé from a renowned Rioja producer.

*Floral and crisp with textured raspberry fruits!*



Under €15  
Rosé Collection



## BRONZE STAR | WINNER

## DOÑA PAULA ROSÉ OF MALBEC 2018, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

### TASTING NOTE

Grown at altitude, picked early for freshness and crisp acidity.

*Red berries and violets, lively and fruity and great value!*



Under €15  
Rosé Collection



## CUNE CAVA BRUT NV RIOJA, SPAIN

### TASTING NOTE

Other sparkling wines are more famous, but full-flavoured quality Cava offers the same pleasures – fruity ripe fizz but at a great price!

*Creamy jingling  
bubbles crescendo  
onto the palate –  
Exhilarating!  
A super well  
crafted sparkler!*



Under €25  
Sparkling Wine



SANTA MARGHERITA PROSECCO  
SUPERIORE DI VALDOBBIADENE  
DOCG BRUT NV  
VALDOBBIADENE, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From the hills around the two famed  
DOCG Prosecco villages – Conegliano  
and Valdobbiadene.

*Creamy vibrant peach-scented  
fizz!*



Under €25  
Sparkling Wine



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

CECILIA BERETTA PROSECCO  
SUPERIORE VALDOBBIADENE  
DOCG BRUT 2018, VALDOBBIADENE,  
ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From the gorgeous Prosecco town of Valdobbiadene  
– a classic and exuberant style.

*Ripe pear fruits – elegant and  
effervescent!*



Under €25  
Sparkling Wine



LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT  
PREMIER NV  
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Louis Roederer  
Champagne has been run  
by the same family since  
1776 and make some of  
the world's most coveted  
Champagnes including  
Cristal.

*Elegance, harmony,  
brioche-scented  
buttery fruits and  
beautiful bubbles.  
Perfect for when you  
feel like indulging  
yourself!*



Under €60  
Champagne



PIPER-HEIDSIECK  
CUVÉE BRUT NV  
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Founded in 1785, consistently reliable  
for a mere 234 years!

*Baked bread aromas,  
textured red apple freshness.  
Truly elegant!*



Under €60  
Champagne



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

CHAMPAGNE GOSSET  
EXTRA-BRUT NV  
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Founded in 1584 Gosset are one of Champagne's  
oldest houses, consistently excellent.

*Tiny persistent bubbles,  
concentrated pear fruits. Classy!*



Under €60  
Champagne





## THE IRISH WINE SHOW STAR AWARD WINNERS 2019-2020

An eclectic selection of wines specially chosen  
by trained wine tasters using blind tasting techniques.  
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