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AWARD WINNING WINES

BRONZE

CRAMELE RECAS, LEGENDARY SAUVIGNON BLANC FETEASCA REGALÁ 2015 TIMISOARA, ROMANIA

TASTING NOTE

A refreshing crisp blend of Sauvignon Blanc and the Romanian grape variety Feteasca Regalá which adds an aromatic, tropical fruit tinged character to the green apple, lime and gooseberry flavours found in Sauvignon Blanc.

Floral and fresh with a delightful combination of peach, apricot and apple...







Under €10 Old World White

SILVER STAR | WINNER

STELLA BLANCO DRY MUSCAT 2016 PENINSÚLA DE SETUBAL, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

Floral and fragrant with green apple and citrus flavours.

Bursting with freshness!



Under €10 Old World White

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

CASA SANTOS LIMA PORTUGA WHITE 2016 LISBOA, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

A blend of classic Lisboa grapes combined with Sauvignon Blanc aromatic and ripely fruited.

Light, lively and lovely!



Under €10 Old World White







CASA SANTOS LIMA AZULEJO TINTO 2015 LISBOA, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

The Lisboa region of Central Portugal is a wonderland of inexpensive ripe rich reds and fragrant fresh whites. This wine is packed with ripe red berry fruits, full-flavoured and textured with a warming spicy edge.

Dark cherry truits with a wild flower nose!







SILVER STAR | WINNER

PASQUA "VILLA BORGHETTI" LAPASSO 2015 PUGLIA, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Dark cherries and brightly fruited with pleasing floral nose.





Under €10 Old World Red

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

VIÑAS DE MIEDES GARNACHA 2016 CALATAYUD, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Spicy classic Garnacha with herb-tinged red and black fruits.

A warming juicy winter red!



Under €10 Old World Red



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MARQUIS DE GOULAINE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 LOIRE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

A pleasing fresh Sauvignon Blanc from its native region of the Loire Valley made on the wine-geese estate of the Marquis de Goulaine who is descended from the Galway-O'Briens. A gooseberry, apple and elderflower bouquet of flavours with zingy acidity and a textured freshness.

Fragrant, flavourful, crisp and delicous!





Under €15 Old World White



SILVER STAR | WINNER

PFAFFENHEIM SYLVANER 2016 ALSACE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Vibrant and fresh tasting with green and citrus fruits and a floral complexity.

Flinty bright and elegant!



Under €15 Old World White

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

LES FRERES LAFFITTE, LE PETIT GASCOÛN BLANC 2016 CÔTES DE GASCOGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Peachy and lemony with bright apple fruits and a pleasing seaside tang.

Salty crisp and fresh!



Under €15 Old World White





PASQUA LAPACCIO PRIMITIVO SALENTO IGT 2016 APULIA, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From one of the most famous wine families in Italy. The Primitivo grapes grow beautifully here in the unspoiled landscape of Puglia in the 'spur and heel' of Italy, ripening easily and matching the rustic but delicious pasta, cheese and meat dishes. Cherry plum and chocolate tinged aromas with toasted dark fruit flavours and a hint of spice.

Bright juicy fruits - supple and seductive!







SILVER STAR | WINNER

CASA SANTOS LIMA COLOSSAL RESERVA 2015 LISBOA, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

A spicy toasty and full-fruited red with a rich opulent finish.

Toasty toned caramel

baked fruits!



Under €15 Old World Red



BRONZE STAR I WINNER

INYCON ORGANIC SHIRAZ 2016 SICILY, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Bright sweet berry fruits with vanilla, spice, and raspberry confiture flavours.

No messin'

- straight to the fruit!



Under €15 Old World Red



SAN MARZANO ESTELLA FIANO (SALENTO) 2016 IGP, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From the Salento peninsula in the heel of Italy where the warm days and cool nights bring out the best in the floral crisp Fiano grape. Italy has so many native grape varieties to explore and Fiano is one of the best - this wine has opulent and complex sweet apple fruit aromas with lovely texture and balance and a flinty kick on the finish.

Peaches and Creamy fruits with a zingy fresh finish!







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SEPP MOSER GRUNER VELTLINER VON DEN TERRASEN 2016 KREMSTAL, AUSTRIA

TASTING NOTE

Stone fruit aromas, apple and peach, with a tangy finish.

Mineral and Peachy!



Under €20 Old World White



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

MARTIN CODAX ALBARIÑO 2016 RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Light pear and apricot aromas with touches of passionfruit and a refreshing dried apple finish.

Fruity ripe and crisp!



Under €20 Old World White



BODEGAS VALDEMAR, CONDE VALDEMAR RESERVA 2010 RIOJA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

From Rioja Alavesa - everyone's favourite Spanish wine region with its storied wine making traditions and beautiful landscape. Ripe opulent wine dripping with ripe black cherry flavours and lingering complex fruit and spice notes.

Deliciously smooth and elegant - a joy to drink!

RED WINE OF THE YEAR 2017-2018







RIOJA

Conde Valdemar

RESERVA

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IZADI RESERVA RIOJA 2013 RIOJA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Plush and polished with dark crushed berries and a pleasing smooth finish.

Mellow rich and spicy!





Under €20 Old World Red

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

GUIGAL COTES DU RHONE RED 2013 RHONE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Ripe fruity red with soft tannins and a core of rich savoury fruits.

Old world elegance will out!



Under €20 Old World Red



TIERRA ANTICA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Chile's Central Valley has lots of cooler vineyards perfect for growing Sauvignon Blanc. This is a typical example and is packed with apple and pear aromas and ripe citrus flavours with a pleasing crisp finish.

Apple pie with a squeeze of lemon!





Under €10 New World White



SILVER STAR | WINNER 15

SANTA CAROLINA CELLAR SELECTION CHARDONNAY 2016 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Tropical pear and apple, balanced and fresh with a pleasing spicy kick.

Exotic tropical and tangy!



Under €10 New World White

BRONZE STAR | WINNER

MEERESTEIN CHENIN/PINOT GRIGIO 2016 WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Citrus and spice aromas with a lemon-lime characterful palate.

Lemony Fresh!



Under €10 New World White





SADDLE CREEK SHIRAZ CABERNET 2015 SEA, AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTE

It took typical Aussie bravado to mix the two great grapes of France and come up with a brand new style of wine - blackcurranty warm Shiraz is mixed here with cool plummy Cabernet giving bright warming fruits and offering both power and elegance.

Fragrance, spice and lip-smacking berry fruit flavours!





Under €10 New World Red



SILVER STAR | WINNER 17

SANTA CAROLINA CELLAR SELECTION CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Blackberry and raspberry fruits with touches of smoke and spice.

Soft, supple and perfect for mid-week!



Under €10 New World Red



BRONZE STAR I WINNER

MONTGRAS CABERNET / MERLOT 2016 CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Rich red and bramble fruits with cedar and a touch of spice.

Robust and easy-drinking!



Under €10 New World Red



CHATEAU LOS BOLDOS TRADITION RESERVÉ CHARDONNAY 2017 CACHAPOAL, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

From the Cachapoal Valley in Central Chile this complex and full flavoured Reserve Chardonnay is made solely from grapes sourced on the Los Bordos Estate and is made in a modern dry style. Mouthfilling and ripe with gooseberry and tropical fruit flavours and a peachy fresh finish.

Balanced and charming with peachy-stoney deliciousness!







Under €15 New World White

SILVER STAR | WINNER 19

BELLINGHAM CITRUS GROVE CHENIN BLANC 2015 COASTAL REGION, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Perfumed and zingy with honeyed lime and tangerine and a green apple freshness.

Honeyed and ripe with punchy citrus!



Under €15 New World White



BRONZE STAR I WINNER

FAIRFIELDS MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Tropical pineapple and peach flavours with a tangy yet soft dry finish.

A very refreshing

fruit forward wine!



Under €15 New World White



ANDEAN VINEYARDS RESERVE MALBEC 2015 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Malbec grows nowhere better than in the rolling foothills of the Andes Mountains. The warm days ripen and enrich the grapes and the cool nights keep them fresh, packing them with extra complexity and depth of flavour. Ripe bright fruits and a sweet complex silky-rich finish.

Fruity and warming - a genuine crowd-pleaser!







SILVER STAR | WINNER 21

CALLIA BLEND MALBEC & MALBEC 2016 SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Soft plums and dark fruit flavours with a solid spicy kick on the finish.

Perky and plummy!



Under €15 New World Red

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

CARMEN PREMIER RESERVA PINOT NOIR 2014 CASABLANCA VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Mocha and mint aromas mixed with dark currant fruits, smooth and velvety.

Spicy and intriguing!









JORDAN BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY 2015 STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

Stellenbosch is arguably the world's most beautiful wine region and its bold and graceful Chardonnays are always impressive. Rich lemony aromas, intense and lush on the palate with butterscotch and brioche flavours, opulent and lingering finish.

Toasty yet zingy, lush yet lemony – luxury and harmony!

WINE OF THE YEAR 2017-2018





Under €20 New World White



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LAWSON'S DRY HILLS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Baked Bramley apple fruits with a fleshy fruitiness and zesty lemon finish.





Under €20 New World White

BRONZE STAR | WINNER

VILLA MARIA RESERVE WAIRAU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 WAIRAU VALLEY, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Lemon and lime aromas with apple blossom and tropical fruit flavours.

Exotic and delicious!



Under €20 New World White



LAWSON'S DRY HILLS

DE MARTINO GALLARDÍA CINSAULT 2016 ITATA VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Cinsault is a minor player in much of Southern France's best wines but here it gets the chance to shine on its own. From old vines in the cool climate Itata Valley at the Southern end of Chile's wine country this is a remarkably complex and exciting wine with fragrant elegant red fruits, a textured taut palate, subtlety, grace and finesse.

Lovely to see Cinsault take its deserved place in the sun!









SILVER STAR | WINNER 25

SANTA RITA MEDALLA REAL, GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012 MAIPO VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Sweet herbal-tinged fruits with big hit of blackberry and plums.

A ripe rich delight!



Under €20 New World Red

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

PYROS BARREL SELECTED MALBEC 2014 PEDERNAL VALLEY, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Ripe berry fruits with a pleasing eucalyptus tinged freshness.

A darkly fruited crowd-pleaser!



Under €20 New World Red





CASTAÑO MONASTRELL ROSADO 2016 YECLA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

From the small but perfectly formed Yecla region in Eastern Spain in the province of Murcia where the Monastrell grape thrives giving rich concentrated Reds and fragrant Rosé like in this cherry and strawberry fruit filled version. Cherry and strawberry fruits mingle with crisp acidity to please and refresh.

Strawberry and cherry pie with a pleasing fresh zing!







SILVER STAR | WINNER 27

CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE LA FORÊT ROSÉ 2016 FRONTON, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Soft strawberry fruits with touches of tangerine and a dry finish.

Lively and inviting!



Under €15 Rosé Collection

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

BIJOU ROSÉ 2016 CABRIERES, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Richly fruited soft juicy Rosé packed with ripe red fruits.

Ripe strawberry fruits!



Under €15 Rosé Collection



CECILIA B. SPUMANTE ROSÉ NV VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

The Italians do light sparkling deliciousness better than anyone and this delightful fizz from the home of Prosecco in North East Italy is a zippy fresh sparkling rosé with pear and red fruits, soft and beguiling, a fizzy fruity little marvel.

A tingly fruity fizz that will make you smile!





Cecilia B

SILVER STAR | WINNER 29

INNOCENT BYSTANDER MOSCATO 2017 VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTE

A fragrant cherry-raspberry ripe delight perfect for summer strawberries!

Bold, Brazen and Bursting with Fruit!





Under €25 Sparkling Wine

BRONZE STAR I WINNER

CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE BLANC DE BLANCS NV BURGUNDY, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Toasty ripe apples with almonds, pastry and developed fruit flavours.

Citrus and toasty fizzy freshness!



Under €25 Sparkling Wine



CHAMPAGNE DEUTZ BRUT CLASSIC NV CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

The Champagne house of Deutz was founded in 1838 and have long had a reputation for elegant and sophisticated fizz. This has tiny persistant bubbles, complex, apple-confit and toasted brioche flavours and a lovely mouth-filling freshness.

Luscious and complex and brimming over with elegance and élan!







SILVER STAR | WINNER 31

CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER BRUT RÉSERVE NV CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Rich, intense yeasty influenced rich Champagne with zingy citrus touches.

Intense and complex!







BRONZE STAR I WINNER

CHAMPAGNE GOSSET BRUT EXCELLENCE NV CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

A complex yeasty wine with brioche and sweet apple fruits.

Zingy, uibrant complex fizz!



Under €60 Champagne





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