

THE IRISH WINE SHOW

STAR AWARD WINNERS 2018–2019



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WINES

ONE DEFINITIVE GUIDE

**CLOS DE CORTEN
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
CAHUL, MOLDOVA**

TASTING NOTE

From one of Eastern Europe's most dynamic producers and a country whose wines keep getting better and better. From the hidden village of Corten in Southern Moldova where grapes are ripened by warm winds blown in from the Black Sea.

Pear drops, tropical fruits, crisp and delicious and a perfect aperitif!



Under €10
Old World White



**CAMPO NUEVO BLANCO 2017
NAVARRA, SPAIN**

TASTING NOTE

From the white grape of Rioja and grown next door in Navarra.

White flower aromas and tangy citrus flavours!



Under €10
Old World White



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**DA VERO VINO BIANCO
BIOLOGICO 2017
SICILY, ITALY**

TASTING NOTE

Organic (and Vegan friendly) from the gorgeous island of Sicily and made from the underrated Cattarato grape.

Lemon sherbet and apple drops!



Under €10
Old World White



DA VERO VINO ROSSO
BIOLOGICO 2017
SICILY, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Organic (and Vegan) Nero d'Avola from sunny Sicily – ripe aromas of black fruit and a hint of spice – fruity and punching well above its price point.

Vibrant dark plum and cherry sophistication – try with Pizza!



Under €10
Old World Red

ARPEGGIO ALICANTE
BOUSCHET-SHIRAZ 2016
SICILY, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Easy drinking fruit-driven red from Sicily.

Juicy ripe Summer fruits!



Under €10
Old World Red



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INCANTA PINOT NOIR 2017
TIMIS, ROMANIA

TASTING NOTE

Elegant European Pinot Noir at a fantastic price!

Supple and fruity, elegant and lithe!



Under €10
Old World Red



AGENDA DA VINHA
BIANCA 2017
DÃO, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

From one of Portugal's historic quality wine regions and made from a blend of local varieties in a modern ripe floral and fruity style.

Pretty and perfumed with apricot fruits, perfect for seafood!



Under €15
Old World White



LO LO ALBARIÑO 2017
RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Rias Baixas on the wild Atlantic Coast of Galicia grows thick skinned Albariño grapes scented with peaches and a tangy freshness.

Ripe apple, peach and apricot scents, balanced and zingy!



Under €15
Old World White



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MANDRAROSSA FIANO 2017
SICILY, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

The excellent Mandrarossa Co-Op is on the warm South-West coastal hills of Sicily.

Jasmine scented, silky, textured and dry!



Under €15
Old World White



RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA
2015
RIOJA, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Red fruit scented elegant
Rioja, bursting with dark
berry fruits with hints of
liquorice and spice.

*Luscious, rich and smooth –
one for the Sunday roast!*



Under €15
Old World Red

PASQUA MORAGO
APPASSITE 2015
VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

From partly dried grapes,
concentrated complex and elegant.

*Black cherry,
figs and chocolate!*



Under €15
Old World Red



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MAS DONIS NEGRE 2017
MONT SANT, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Montsant is the baby brother of Priorat
with similar elegance and complexity.

Bursting with juicy ripe fruits!



Under €15
Old World Red



RÉSERVE MONT-REDON
CÔTE DU RHÔNE BLANC
2017
RHÔNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Château Mont-Redon are a renowned Châteauneuf-du-Pape producer and this Viognier, Grenache Blanc, Roussanne blend is as fine as many a white Châteauneuf.

Baked apple, peachy and bright, try with roast pork!



Under €20
Old World White



PACO & LOLA ALBARIÑO
2016 RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Rias Baixas in Galicia is considered Spain's best white wine region.

Rose scented citrus, textured and balanced!



Under €20
Old World White



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QUINTA DE AZEVEDO
RESERVA 2017
VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTE

From the fine quality Loureira grape grown in the north of Portugal.

Fruity and ripe with a hit of spice!



Under €20
Old World White



**COTO DE IMAZ RESERVA
2014
RIOJA, SPAIN**

TASTING NOTE

Rioja is the quintessence of quality fine Spanish wine and this is a textbook example with fruit, elegance and structure. Try with Steak-Frites or Roast Lamb!

Elegant, complex and in perfect harmony!



Under €20
Old World Red

**FALAIA 2015
VERONA, ITALY**

TASTING NOTE

From the Veronese hills just above the city of Romeo and Juliet.

Fruity and smooth with ripe black fruits!



Under €20
Old World Red



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**BORDON SPECIAL RB 2013
RIOJA, SPAIN**

TASTING NOTE

An expressive complex Rioja bursting with fruits.

Fig, raisins and ripe dark fruits!



Under €20
Old World Red



SANTA CAROLINA
CELLAR SELECTION
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2018
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Nobody makes such consistently good value high quality Sauvignon Blanc as Chile and this is a classic example from cooler parts of the Central Valley.

Classic refreshing citrusy Sauvignon!



Under €10
New World White



TERRA ANDINA FREE SPIRITED
BY NATURE CHARDONNAY 2017
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE

TASTING NOTE

Classic dry Chardonnay from Chile packed with generous notes of pear, peach and lemon zest.

Tropical fruits with a creamy dry finish!



Under €10
New World White



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THE LANDINGS COLOMBARD
CHARDONNAY 2017
SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTE

Crisp floral Colombard and textured ripe Chardonnay grapes in perfect harmony.

Peaches and melons with a blast of citrus freshness!



Under €10
New World White



**KELLY'S PATCH SHIRAZ
2017
SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA**

TASTING NOTE

Australian Shiraz deserves its legendary status and this exuberant example at a great price shows exactly why. A perfect mid-week pleasure!

Blackberry and dark cherry loveliness!



Under €10
New World Red

**DOÑA PAULA LOS CARDOS
MALBEC 2017
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**

TASTING NOTE

Warm days and cool nights in Mendoza made this complex fruity wine.

Supple juicy red plum fruits!



Under €10
New World Red



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**MONTGRAS CABERNET/
CARMENERE ESPECIAL 2016
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE**

TASTING NOTE

Classic ripe Chilean Red wine with heart and soul!

Supple full-flavoured and juicy!



Under €10
New World Red



CALLIA ALTA PINOT GRIGIO 2018, SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

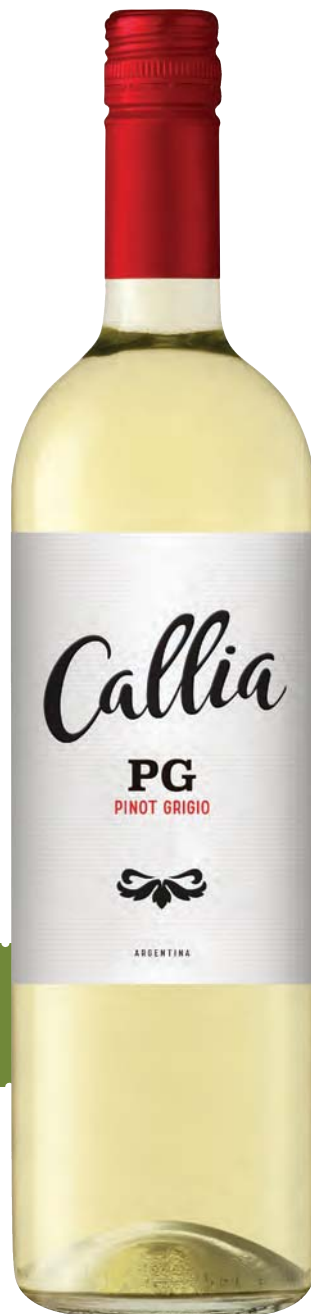
From the cool temperate climate of the San Juan region north of Mendoza. This is cool fermented to preserve its floral aromas, ripe fruit flavours and freshness. This is no ordinary Pinot Grigio but one with style, elegance and substance.

Lemon Verbena scented sophistication, try with chicken fajitas or chow mein!

WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR 2018-2019



Under €15
New World White



THE CLOUD FACTORY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

New Zealand's most renowned grape variety from its most renowned wine region – this oozes class with ripe tropical fruits and brisk acidity.

A guava, spice and citrus wonder!



Under €15
New World White



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FRANSCHHOEK CELLARS UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2017 FRANSCHHOEK, SOUTH AFRICA

TASTING NOTE

From the gourmet capital of South Africa a balanced elegant Chardonnay.

Pure fruit intensity!



Under €15
New World White



DOÑA PAULA ESTATE
BLACK EDITION 2016
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

A harmonious blend of Malbec and Cabernet with a touch of Petit Verdot for structure, a full-flavoured and fruit-driven wine.

Mature, complex Autumn berry fruits – try with rich lasagne or pasta dishes!



Under €15
New World Red

DOÑA PAULA 1100
RED BLEND 2016
UCO VALLEY, ARGENTINA

TASTING NOTE

Malbec, Syrah and Cabernet in perfect harmony.

*Elegant and complex –
Audrey Hepburn wine!*



Under €15
New World Red



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WAKEFIELD ESTATE
SHIRAZ 2016
CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTE

A luscious and darkly fruited Shiraz.

Intensely ripe and spicy!



Under €15
New World Red



PEAR TREE
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017
MARLBOROUGH,
NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Classic Marlborough
Sauvignon with tropical
fruit aromas mixed with
ripe gooseberry –
blended and fresh.

*Lemongrass scented,
zingy and delicious!*



Under €20
New World White

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

TASTING NOTE

Wairau is a sub-region of New Zealand's
famed Marlborough wine region.

Zippy and zesty!



Under €20
New World White



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SILENI STRAITS
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

TASTING NOTE

Intensely aromatic Sauvignon Blanc
from a famed producer.

Passion fruit with a citrus edge!



Under €20
New World White



**KAIKEN "TERROIR SERIES"
VISTAFLORES MALBEC/
BONARDA/PETIT VERDOT 2017
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**

TASTING NOTE

This is a wow of a wine and our Red Wine of the Year! Silky fruity Malbec married with some Petit Verdot for structure and Bonarda for depth – fruity, complex and elegant. Here is what happens when a skilled winemaker makes careful use of grapes, oak barrels and time!

Cherries and woodsmoke, poised and elegant – when did you last have a barbecue?

**WINE OF THE YEAR
2018-2019**



Under €20
New World Red



**SANTA RITA MEDALLA REAL
GOLD MEDAL
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014
MAIPO VALLEY, CHILE**

TASTING NOTE

Blueberries, blackberries and complex Maipo Valley dark fruit flavours.

Elegant crunchy dark fruits.



Under €20
New World Red



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**SILENI PLATEAU
PINOT NOIR 2016
HAWKE'S BAY, NEW ZEALAND**

TASTING NOTE

New Zealand Pinot Noir at its fruity sophisticated best.

Classy and complex!



Under €20
New World Red



**DOÑA PAULA
ROSÉ OF MALBEC 2018
LUJAN DE CUYO,
ARGENTINA**

TASTING NOTE

From lightly pressed Malbec grapes grown in the upper Mendoza Valley. Bursting with fine red fruits and crisp acidity.

Red currant fruits and a bone-dry fresh finish – have you tried Rosé with spicy food?



Under €15
Rosé Collection

**COTO MAYOR ROSADO
2017 RIOJA, SPAIN**

TASTING NOTE

Rioja doesn't just make fine rich red wines it can also do fine delicate Rosé.

Cherry pie fruits and refreshing crispness!



Under €15
Rosé Collection



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**CHIVITE GRAN FEUDO ROSADO
2017, NAVARRA, SPAIN**

TASTING NOTE

Cherry and strawberry fruits married with elegant Old World style and sophistication.

Strawberry fruits with a citrus kick!



Under €15
Rosé Collection



VILLA CONCHI, CAVA BRUT
SELECCIÓN NV
CAVA D.O., SPAIN

TASTING NOTE

Bottle conditioned elegant Spanish fizz – watch for those almond and brioche scents and energised delicate fruits.

Creamy ripe-fruited right-on fizz – time for a celebration!



Under €25
Sparkling Wine

PARTICOLARE BRUT ROSÉ
SPUMANTE NV
TUSCANY, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Ripe cherry and candied fruit scented fizz.

Rose petal fruity fizz!



Under €25
Sparkling Wine



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ASTORIA CORDERIE
PROSECCO EXTRA DRY NV
VENETO, ITALY

TASTING NOTE

Lively tiny bubbles, dry green apple scented fruits.

Fruity fun fizz!



Under €25
Sparkling Wine



POMMERY BRUT ROYAL
CHAMPAGNE NV
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Pommery Champagne (founded 1858) needs little introduction – a blend of Pinot Noir, Meunier and Chardonnay – elegance and sophistication personified.

Tiny lively bubbles, baked apple and brioche scented complexity, need we say more?



Under €60
Sparkling/Champagne



DEVAUX, CUVÉE D
AGED 5 YEARS NV
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

TASTING NOTE

Ripe intensely flavoured elegant Champagne.

Baking bread aromas, green apple freshness!



Under €60
Sparkling/Champagne



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

BERNARD MASSARD CUVÉE
DE L'ECUSSON BRUT NV
LUXEMBOURG

TASTING NOTE

Refined citrus and pear scented fizz aged for two years.

Brioche and butter tinged fizz!



Under €60
Sparkling/Champagne





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