

THE IRISH WINE SHOW



STAR AWARD WINNERS 2026-2027



55 Winners *One Definitive Guide*

The best in show!



**WINE OF THE YEAR
2026-2027**



Sensational!

**WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR
2026-2027**

Ireland's Star Award Winning Wines 2026-2027

The Irish Wine Show 'Star Awards' is an initiative of the National Off-Licence Association (NOffLA) since 2001, representing 315 independent off-licences throughout the country. With more than 600 wines to select from in a typical off-licence, the specialist knowledge and assistance of staff in these outlets is of particular importance to consumers.

The 'Star Award' Collection has been selected by a panel of qualified experts and their endorsement means that you have a specialist recommendation and an expert reassurance to enjoy excellent quality and value when you select one of these award winners.

There are 55 wines to choose from which represent all styles and price points - Something for every occasion!

Available at NOffLA Member Outlets nationwide.



**ATLANTIQUE
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024
WEST COAST, FRANCE
12% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Wonderfully floral, perfumed nose. Easy-drinking style of Sauvignon, with hints of peach and citrus and a remarkably long, minerally finish.

Totally over-delivers!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €12
Old World White



Under €12
Old World White

PORTA 6 2025
LISBOA, PORTUGAL
12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Made from a blend of native and popular varieties, this is an easy-drinking, rounded style to suit all palates. Delicate citrus and passionfruit notes.

A lovely crowd-pleaser!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €12
Old World White

BLANCO LASECA 2025
RUEDA, SPAIN
13% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Fresh floral aromas reveal a charming wine, with a surprisingly long finish - peach, Golden Delicious apple, and a subtle crispness.

A nice alternative to Sauvignon Blanc!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €12
Old World White

BENDICÒ GRILLO 2025 SICILY, ITALY

12.5% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Enjoy the texture and mouthfeel of this lovely Italian, as well as its lime, lemon, pink grapefruit, stone fruit and lingering wet stone flavours.

*Stands out for its
mouthfeel and finish!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World White



Under €15
Old World White

**BIENBEBIDO COME PULPO
Y BEBE VINO 2025
SPAIN 11% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Grapefruit, pear and subtle floral notes, with ripe stone fruits, finishing crisp and scintillatingly fresh. Unusually, the grapes are from vineyards in Rioja.

Scintillating and ripe!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World White

**EL COTO VERDEJO 2025
RIOJA, SPAIN
11.5% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Better known for its red wine, El Coto's Verdejo is really fresh and stimulating. Tropical fruit, ripe peach, fresh sappy fennel, cut with zesty lime.

*Verdejo variety
at its best!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World White

**CANTINA DI MONTEFORTE,
SOAVE CLASSICO
SUPERIORE, 'VIGNETO
MONTEGRANDE' 2024
VENETO, ITALY**

13.5% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Almond blossom aromas, typical of a high quality Soave and slightly waxy mouthfeel. Deep colour, peach and toasted almond flavours, cut with lemon.

Very different, one to try!



GOLD STAR | WINNER

Under €20

Old World White



Under €20

Old World White

**NOVELLUM CHARDONNAY
2025 ROUSSILLON, FRANCE**
12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Lovely depth of flavour and soft, rounded mouthfeel. Plump with white peach, mango, melon, with subtle hints of toasted brioche and sweet spice.

Soft and rounded!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €20
Old World White

**MATSU 'LA MOZA' 2025
BLANCO TORO, SPAIN**
12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

An interesting blend of varieties adds breadth. Peach, pear, a touch of honey, biscuity crackers, lifted with herbs and citrus. Wonderful length.

Complex and long!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €20
Old World White

**CONDE VALDEMAR
TEMPRANILLO
BLANCO DOCa 2025
RIOJA, SPAIN
12.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Layers of peach, citrus, orange, mango and salty crackers adding a savoury note. Unoaked, yet complex, rich and rounded, thanks to ageing on yeast.

Stunning white Rioja!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World White



*White Wine
of the Year*
2026-2027



Under €30
Old World White

**DOMAINES DES DEUX
VALLEÉS ANJOU BLANC
CLOS DE LA CASSE 2024
LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE
12.5% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Scintillating lemon and apple, yellow plums, and a superb long finish with hints of saltiness, minerality. Subtle oak adds texture and softness to this premium Chenin.

*Premium Chenin;
a must-try!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World White

**GRAND ARDÈCHE
CHARDONNAY IGP,
LOUIS LATOUR 2024
ARDÈCHE, FRANCE 13.5% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Rich layered wine, from a famous Burgundy producer. Creamy, broad mouthfeel and flavours of nougat, vanilla, toasted brioche, ripe lemon.

Lovely rich layers!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World White

**PERDIDO CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2024
NAVARRA, SPAIN
14% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Hints of cedar and spice. Ripe red and dark fruit flavours are very concentrated, thanks to Spanish sunshine combined with skilled winemaking.

Punches well above its price!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €12
Old World Red



Under €12
Old World Red

**ATLANTIQUE CABERNET
SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2024
WEST COAST, FRANCE**

12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

From a broad swathe of vineyards surrounding Bordeaux. Deliciously rounded and fruity. Ripe bramble and cherry flavours, with a pleasant supple grip.

Supple & fruity!



SILVER STAR | WINNER

Under €12
Old World Red

**PAPARUDA PINOT NOIR
2025 ROMANIA**

12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

This Romanian Pinot Noir has a loyal following. Smooth, with hints of sweet spice on the nose. Lots of black cherry and raspberry flavours.

*Popular Pinot
at a great price!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER

Under €12
Old World Red

**PODERI DAL NESPOLI
SANGIOVESE ROMAGNA
DOC ORGANIC 2023
ROMAGNA, ITALY
13.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Vibrant and characterful. Smooth, with dark cherry, hints of vanilla and woody herbs like sage, rosemary.

A 'stand out' wine, and that's not just the label!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World Red



Under €15
Old World Red

**PRINCIPE DE VIANA - LA
PARRA SOÑADA SYRAH 2024
NAVARRA, SPAIN**

13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Made from old vines, giving a good concentration of mixed fruit flavours, particularly cherry and strawberry. Nice hint of toastiness.

*Solid Syrah,
super price!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World Red

**BENDICÒ NERO
D'AVOLA 2024
SICILY, ITALY**

13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Aromatic and inviting aromas - very floral, with red plum, strawberry, blackberry and a hint of spice. Velvety, elegant, and concentrated.

*Velvety feel
at a value price!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Old World Red

CUNE RESERVA 2020
RIOJA, SPAIN
 14% VOL

TASTING NOTE

A favourite Rioja, well-loved for its complexity and velvety feel. Bramble and dried fruits, toasted oak, sweet spice and lingering smoothness.

Benchmark Rioja!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
 Under €20
 Old World Red



Under €20
 Old World Red

BOOGIE WOOGIE 2025 LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

11% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Unusual blend of red and white Grenache grapes, a 'dance-off' of strawberry and raspberry flavours. Light and lovely. May be served cool.

Light and lovely red!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €20
Old World Red

DOGAJOLO ROSSO 2023 TUSCANY, ITALY

13% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Superb red from a famous Tuscan winemaker. Red rose aromas, flavours of black cherry, hints of coffee and vanilla. Supple and smooth.

Classy red from a famous producer!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €20
Old World Red

**BODEGAS LUIS CANAS,
RIOJA RESERVA 2019
RIOJA ALAVESA, SPAIN
14.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

From the premium Rioja Alavesa region, giving concentration and structure. Intense dark fruit, toasty oak, balsamic, fresh tobacco and earthiness.

*A rare 'excellent' vintage;
don't miss out!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World Red



Under €30
Old World Red

**PETRA HEBO 2025
TUSCANY, ITALY**
13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE
A French-influenced
Tuscan wine. Black
cherries, violets, hints of
cedar and toasty oak, with
pleasant vibrancy and grip.

*Terrific value
for Tuscany!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World Red

**WEINGUT PFLÜGER PINOT
NOIR BUNTSANDSTEIN 2024
PFALZ, GERMANY**
12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE
Medium-bodied, vibrant,
with dried and fresh red
cherries, earthiness, subtle
spice and toast.

*Delicious earthy
German Pinot Noir!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Old World Red

**SANTA CAROLINA
CELLAR SELECTION
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2026
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE
12% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Ripe pineapple, lime and tangerine flavours, complemented with fresh green notes of gooseberry and asparagus.

*Lively & Fresh!
Great Value!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World White



Under €12
New World White

**LAS MORAS PINOT GRIGIO
2024 SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA
12% VOL**



TASTING NOTE
Pinot Grigio with a New World twist, fresh and lively, gorgeous tangy green apple and pear, softened by apricot and citrus flavours.

Small price, big flavour!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World White

**FINCA LAS MORAS
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2025
SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA
13% VOL**



TASTING NOTE
Tangy, crisp white, with flavours of lemon and lime, mango and pineapple. A lively, refreshing style.

Refreshing value!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World White

**WILD GARDEN
CHENIN BLANC 2025
SWARTZLAND,
SOUTH AFRICA
11.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Tropical bouquet. Generous texture adds a classy mouthfeel and helps convey flavours of ripe fruits, such as apple, lemon, mango and pineapple.

Affordable classy wine!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
New World White



Under €15
New World White

**SIMONSIG CHENIN BLANC
STELLENBOSCH, 2025
SOUTH AFRICA**

13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Bursting with fleshy ripe apricot and peach, passionfruit and aromatic gooseberry, finishing fresh and lively.

*Never tried Chenin?
This will convert you!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €15
New World White

**NAU MAI SAUVIGNON
BLANC 2025
MARLBOROUGH,
NEW ZEALAND 12.5% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Aromatic, simply oozing with fresh Spring-like leafy and grassy notes, complemented by intense Granny Smith apple and gooseberry fruits.

*Mouthwatering
and fresh!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €15
New World White

**PETER LEHMANN HILL &
VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2023**
EDEN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA
12.5% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Savour layers of ripe nectarine,
fresh fig, lemon curd, cashew
nuttness, biscuit and toast, a hint
of wet stone, finishing citrusy.

*Expert blending creates a
complex, layered Chardonnay!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €20
New World White



Under €20
New World White

**AWATERE, SINGLE VINEYARD,
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2025
MARLBOROUGH,
NEW ZEALAND 13% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Cooler-climate Marlborough, more 'green' than tropical. Gooseberry, lime, apple, asparagus, capsicum, fresh-cut grass and flint, and a hint of tropical fruit.

Very much a step up from the ordinary!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €20
New World White

**PISANO CISPLATINO
ALBARIÑO, 2024
CANELONES, URUGUAY
14% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

A perfect show-off wine for a dinner party! Flavours of apricot, peaches and ripe pear, cut with the freshness of pink grapefruit.

Impressive Uruguayan Albariño!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €20
New World White

**PETER LEHMANN MASTERS
WIGAN RIESLING 2018
EDEN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA
11% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Richly flavoured and very long. Lime curd, apple, washed stones, honey and honeysuckle. Delightful crispness balances out its rich texture.

Aged Riesling – a rare treat!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World White



Under €30
New World White

**TOHU ALBARINO 2025
NELSON, NEW ZEALAND**
13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Aromas of pear and apple. Crisp freshness of lime juice, aromatic kaffir lime leaves, apricot, and hints of beeswax and wet stone.

*Delicious New
World Albariño!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World White

**TRINITY HILL HAWKES
BAY CHARDONNAY 2024**
HAWKES BAY,
NEW ZEALAND 12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Textured, rounded mouthfeel. Fleshy white peach, fresh fig, ripe lemon, hints of roasted hazelnut and dried apple, gunflint, biscuit.

*A great example of
unique terroir and
premium winemaking!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World White

**SANTA CAROLINA CELLAR
SELECTION CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2025
CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE
12.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Smooth, medium-bodied,
crowd-friendly style of Cabernet.
Plenty of cassis, cherry, and plum
flavours and a hint of mocha.

Smooth Cabernet!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World Red



Under €12
New World Red

**BARRAMUNDI SHIRAZ 2024
MURRAY DARLING,
AUSTRALIA**

14% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Plenty of body, with rich, ripe flavours of black cherry, plum and blackberry, with a warm, peppery finish. Enjoy with spicy dishes.

*Spicy Shiraz,
super price!*



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World Red

**FINCA LAS MORAS
MALBEC 2024
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA**

12.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Autumn blackberries, black plums and cherries, with subtle spice and vanilla and soft, rounded tannins, making this oh-so-easy to drink.

*A great 'go-to' wine
for all occasions!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €12
New World Red

BEYOND SHADOWS NV
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA
 14% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Amazing nose of leather, earth and Autumn hedgerow. Smooth, with complex layers of earth, dark fruits, soft sweet spice and vanilla.

*Our judges wrote
 'absolutely delicious'!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
 Under €15
 New World Red



Under €15
 New World Red

CALLIA MALBEC 2024
SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA
13% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Distinguished by its silky and vibrant mouthfeel, this is a great food wine. Ripe blackberry and black cherry flavours, hint of violets and vanilla.

Really lovely, a great food wine!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €15
New World Red

FINCA LAS MORAS
RESERVA MALBEC 2023
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA
13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Red cherries, herbs, subtle pepper and sweet spices, hints of chocolate and vanilla. Nicely firm, to suit rich savoury dishes.

A cut above ordinary Malbecs!



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €15
New World Red

**ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS
'COLONIA LAS LIEBRES'
BONARDA CLASICA 2025
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA
13.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Layered, complex and interesting.
Blackberry, plums, nutmeg,
cinnamon, with savoury leather,
encased in a deliciously velvety
setting.

A complex, stand-out red!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €20
New World Red



Under €20
New World Red

OSADO MALBEC 2023
MENDOZA, ARGENTINA
 13.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

Impressive aromas of violets and fresh tobacco leaf. A rich Malbec, balanced by Uco valley freshness. Dark plums, sweet spice and a smooth finish.

Rich & assertive!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
 Under €20
 New World Red

KAIKEN TERROIR SERIES,
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON/
 MALBEC/PETIT VERDOT**
2023 MENDOZA, ARGENTINA
 14.5% VOL



TASTING NOTE

High altitude vineyards give freshness. Very ripe black and red berries, hints of thyme, violets, and subtle oak, finishing with impressive body, grip and length.

*'New World meets
 Bordeaux' in style!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
 Under €20
 New World Red

**BARON PHILIPPE DE
ROTHSCHILD ESCUDO ROJO
GRAN RESERVA PINOT NOIR
2023 CASABLANCA VALLEY,
CHILE 13% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Glorious leather and barnyard aromas, with a savoury palate of truffle, undergrowth, dried red cherries and subtle spice. Silky, light tannin.

*Amazing red, and not just
for Pinot-philes!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World Red



*Wine of
the Year*
2026-2027



Under €30
New World Red

**DANDELION VINEYARDS,
'PRIDE OF THE FLEURIEU'
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2023 SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
AUSTRALIA 13.5% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Rich, full-bodied, deeply-coloured red. Dark ripe blueberry, blackberry and cassis fruits, subtle mint and spice, slight meatiness, finishing velvety.

Power, in a velvet glove!



SILVER STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World Red

**DONA PAULA EL ALTO
SINGLE VINEYARD DOC 2024
LUJAN DE CUYO,
ARGENTINA 14% VOL**



TASTING NOTE

Distinctive minerally / floral nose. Concentrated dark fruits, mocha coffee, minty, hints of tobacco. Quite firm, with a refreshing core.

*A concentrated
'powerhouse' of flavour!*



BRONZE STAR | WINNER
Under €30
New World Red

**ASTROS,
'LA BELLE VIE ROSÉ' 2025
PROVENCE, FRANCE**
13% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Classic, bone-dry, pale Provencal Rosé, with a superb flavour array. Rose petal, raspberry, chalky minerality, cut with tangy citrus.

*Keenly-priced
Provence Rosé!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €20
Rosé



Under €20
Rosé

**MARQUIS DE GOULAINÉ
CRÉMANT DE LOIRE BRUT NV
LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE**

11.5% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Marquis de Goulainé is well known in Ireland. This Crémant has lively bubbles, classic brioche and fresh-baked pastry aromas, followed by lemon and lime zestiness and green apple.

*Classic brioche flavours,
fine lively bubbles!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER

**Under €30
Sparkling**



**Under €30
Sparkling**

**ALFRED GRATIEN BRUT NV
CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE**

12.5% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Oak fermentation and lengthy ageing add depth. Elegant, feminine style. Dry, crisp, delicate nuttiness, light sourdough toast, with fine exuberant bubbles.

*Elegant, mature
Champagne!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER

Under €80
Champagne



Under €80
Champagne

**TOMÁS CUSINÉ 'PELL
DE LLOP', MACABEU
SKIN CONTACT 2024
CATALONIA, SPAIN
12.5% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Lovely grippy mouthfeel. Orange blossom, herbal, nutty almond character, with a slight toasty and earthy presence, balanced by pleasant freshness.

Judges' favourite!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €30
Orange Wine



Under €30
Orange Wine

**CHAVIN ZÉRO
CABERNET MERLOT
VIN DE FRANCE 2025
0% VOL**

TASTING NOTE

Dark plums, with pleasantly tart cherry fruit. Dry mouthfeel, with nice tangy freshness.

*From one of the leading
non-alcoholic producers!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Non-alcoholic Red



Under €15
Non-alcoholic
Red

**SANTA RITA 120 ZERO
SAUVIGNON BLANC NV
CURICO, CHILE**

0.4% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Pear and lemon aromas. The palate is fresh, combining green apple, lime and lemon with passionfruit, ending with a crisp and tangy finish.

Fruit-filled, and no alcohol!



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Non-alcoholic White



Under €15
Non-alcoholic
White

**CHAVIN ZÉRO SPARKLING
BLANC DE BLANCS
VIN DE FRANCE 2025**
0% VOL

TASTING NOTE

Lovely brioche aromas. Refreshing and dry in taste, with tangy lemon flavour and a pleasant lemon sherbet zestiness on the finish.

*Lively bubbles,
racy fresh flavours!*



GOLD STAR | WINNER
Under €15
Non-alcoholic Sparkling



Under €15
Non-alcoholic
Sparkling





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