

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group
“Shopping for wine with Bruce”

TASTING NOTES

417. Pfaff Tete a Tete, Pinot Grigio Riesling, Alsace France 2015, 13.0% Lidl

A rare combination of grape varieties, from an area renowned for its white wines. Riesling for freshness and Pinot Grigio for body. **Aroma:** Pure expressive aromas of white peach. **Taste:** Delicious on own or with canapes or pate. **Experts:**-91 points

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:3.08/5(5 is highest) Price: £6.99

418. Fantinel ‘Borgo Tesis’ Pinot Grigio, Friuli Italy, 2014, 12.5% Slurp

Textbook Pinot Grigio, from the home of this grape variety, and viticulture here goes back for centuries. The combination of soil, climate and situation make for excellent wines. **Aroma:** Bright clean apple and citrus notes. **Taste:** Hint of honey, very elegant and zesty wine.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 2.35/5(5 is highest) Price:£8.95

419. Marlborough Pinot Noir, Marlborough New Zealand, 2014, 13.5% Aldi

At the northern end of the south island, Marlborough wine region has similar climate and soils to Burgundy; ideal for Pinot Noir. **Aroma:**- Ripe cherries, raspberries and damson fruits. **Taste:**- Fresh, complex and an enduring finish. **Experts:**- IWSC Bronze

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:2.86/5(5 is highest) Price: £6.99

420. McManis Pinot Noir, California USA 2014, 13.5% Slurp

California is known for its lighter reds. Light purple colour with a lustrous hue. **Aroma:**- Fresh cherry, strawberry and raspberry flavours making a round silky wine. **Taste:**-Clean fruit oak; add some vanilla, together with a supple finish.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 3.35/5 (5 is highest) Price: £10.95

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421. Les Grandes Terres, Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône Valley France, 2015, 13.5% Aldi

The Rhone Valley's most famous red, containing the classic blend of grape varieties: Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. This is a go to wine style for a lot of people, usually in a French supermarket. **Aroma**:- rich fruit loganberry, raspberry, liquorice and mocha tones. **Taste**: Full bodied, lush and rich fruit.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 2.96/5 (5 is highest) Price:£9.99

422. The Stump Jump GSM, d'Arenberg, McLaren Vale, South Australia, 2012, 14.0% Slurp

Here is the Australian answer to Chateauneuf Du Pape, OK so they use Shiraz not Syrah, I can overlook that. Grenache is the hero, with its lovely rhubarb, blueberry and white pepper notes. The Shiraz brings darker fruits, plums, fennel and tannin structure which fill out the mid palate. Finally, the splash of Mourvedre adds exotic dried herb, lavender, iodine and cured meat notes. **Aroma**:- Ripe plum and spicy raisins. **Taste**:- Complex and a lingering finish.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:2.92 /5 (5 is highest) Price:£10.95

423. Valle Del Rapel Shiraz, Chile, 2014, 14.0%

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Not dissimilar in style to traditional Australian Shiraz this is big and bold. This may put everyone off so let's see. **Aroma**:-Richly scented. **Taste**:- Sweetly oaked good fruit.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 3.45 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £6.99

424. Dandelion Vineyards 'Lion's Tooth' McLaren Vale Shiraz, Australia, 2014, 14.0%

Whole bunches of hand harvested Shiraz fermented on stalks in open fermenters on Riesling skins, for eleven days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing. **Aroma**:- Summer fruits, berries and a little lime marmalade. **Taste**:-Intense red berries, soft tanins.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 4.13 /5(5 is highest) Price: £10.95