

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group
“Christmas Best”

TASTING NOTES

409. Villa Maria, Riesling, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2015 12.5%

A pure and delicate bouquet of ripe citrus-lime and spring blossom aromas. The palate is beautifully balanced with intense flavours, lovely juicy length and a zest lime finish. **Available from: Waitrose**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.15/5(5 is highest) Price: £10.50

410. Chafor, Bacchus, England, 2014 11%

Crisp, elegant and refined, this wine reflects the true varietal character of this quintessentially English grape with a balance of elderflower, inviting minerality and zesty tropical undertones. **Available from: Waitrose**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.79/5(5 is highest) Price:£ 14.99

411. Venturina, Gavi, Italy, 2015 12%

Straw yellow in colour, this is an elegant and delicate white wine. Its fragrant and eloquent aromas reveal a lively, complex bouquet of floral notes and ripe fruit. The palate is dry and gracefully balanced, with just the right acidity. **Available from: Waitrose**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 2.97/5(5 is highest) Price: £ 10.00

412. Riverina GI, Semillon, Australia. 2011 10.5%

An elegant dessert wine with honeyed aromas and citrus, peach and apricot characters. Serve lightly chilled with desserts, blue cheese and rich pates. Delicious served over vanilla ice cream. **Available from: Tesco**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.21/5(5 is highest) Price: £6.00

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413. Kanonkop Kadette, South Africa, 2014 14%

A blend of Pinotage (44%), Cabernet Sauvignon (37%), Merlot (13%) and Cabernet Franc (6%). A dry red wine with concentrated berry, cherry and plum flavours with soft, silky tannins and a hint of spice on the finish. **Available from: Sainsbury's**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 2.76/5(5 is highest) Price: £ 10.00

414. Penny's Hill Cracking Black Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia, 2014 14.5%

Black fruits and spices ooze in layers for breathtaking persistence and satisfying length in this fruit driven wine. **Available from: SH Jones**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 2.91/5(5 is highest) Price: £ 13.96

415. El Meson Rioja Gran Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2008 13.5%

Baron de Ley produce the grapes for this complex, velvety wine. Full of black fruits and toasted caramel flavours, this is perfect partnered with red meats, game, or mushrooms. **Available from: Asda**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.68/5(5 is highest) Price: £ 10.98

416. Domaine Poudroux, Maury, Grenache Noir, France 15.5%

A decadently sweet, rich wine with flavours of prunes and figs and a long spicy, plummy finish. Superb with chocolate desserts or on its own. **Available from: Waitrose**

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 4.12 /5(5 is highest) Price: £ 10.99

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