

FOUR-PAGE SPECIAL

100 THE BEST VALUE

SUMMER REDS & ROSÉ WINES

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Specially selected by the Daily Mail's wine expert Matthew Jukes

I'm delighted to have been asked once again to compile my top 200 best-value wines for this special pull-out Summer Collection. This is a huge but immensely rewarding task that involves me tasting thousands of wines, and my final 200 are wines from great vineyards made with serious skill and which offer stunning value too. Most of the bottles are brand new releases and I urge you to keep these pull-outs because many of these wines will be subject to seasonal deals. This week it's the turn of the 100 finest rosés, reds, sweet and fortified wines, and next week you'll find my list of 100 sparklers and whites. There are flavours for every palate and I hope you find a host of wines you adore. But act fast – wines featured in my weekly column often sell out by midday on Saturday!



FRUITY REDS

2016 Domaine de Brignac, IGP Hérault, France

(£5.75, Marks & Spencer) The finest inexpensive red wine of the season, this is a sterling effort bearing in mind that the wine itself probably cost less than 50p and the rest is shipping, duty, VAT etc. How M&S found such a lip-smacking wine at this price is beyond me.



2016 Puglia Rosso, Italy

(£7, M&S) This southern Italian red is another winner from the supermarket with the finest wine list. It offers a haunting scent and depth of flavour, and all for seven quid. Amazing.



AMAZING VALUE RED

2016 The Society's Beaujolais-Villages, France

(£7.50, thewinesociety.com) Ooh, this is a cheeky little Bojo and it's so bright and refreshing that it's almost white-wine-like. The raspberry and rhubarb nose is followed by a lithe blackberry palate and the finish is uplifting and joyous.



2016 Incanta, Pinot Noir, Romania

(£7.99, reduced to £6.49 in a mix six deal, Majestic) Romanian wines rarely grab me and pinot noir is the trickiest red grape of all, so imagine my surprise when I tasted this little cracker. It's a happy-go-lucky wine with a core of real talent and ingenuity.



2016 Bardolino, Recchia, Veneto, Italy

(£7.99, Waitrose) Bardolino is one of the lightest of all Italian reds and I'd like to see more of it in the UK because it's the 'Beaujolais of Italy' and we love this style of wine. It's usually inexpensive and bursting with bold red fruit, and this is a jolly example and a great all-rounder with all food.



2016 Saumur, Les Niviers, Loire, France

(£8.99, Waitrose) I loved the 2015 of this wine and the vintage changes soon to this excellent 2016. The cabernet franc grape is untroubled by oak barrels so it can concentrate on delivering Ribena-like fruit notes. A superb summer red that's good to chill down, too.



2016 Costa Fresca, Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley, Chile

(£9, M&S) Made by the superb Casa Marín winery, this has a wonderfully pure and enticing nose. Everything hangs off the scent – and the smooth palate and bright finish are equally exciting. Avoid lesser wines and focus on this beauty.



2016 Domaine Begude, Pinot Noir, Haute Vallée de l'Aude, France

(£10.99, waitrosecellar.com, riverford.co.uk) Made by English couple James and Catherine Kinglake, this is a classic example of a pinot from Limoux which kicks red Burgundy into touch at the same money.



2016 Fleurie, Beaujolais, France

(£11.50, reduced to £9.50 from 23 May until 26 June, M&S) An aromatic wine made from the Gamay grape, with deft lines and a long finish. You could drink this equally well with main course fish or chicken, such is its poise and élan.



MATCH WITH FISH OR CHICKEN

2016 Beaujolais-Villages, Chapelle aux Loups, Louis Jadot, Burgundy, France

(£11.99, Waitrose) This wine is moving to the expressive 2016 vintage right now. The 2015 packed a punch but this one has tender fruit and acidity on the finish.



GREAT NEW VINTAGE

2016 Fleurie, Bouchard Père et Fils, Burgundy, France

(£12.49, Waitrose) The new vintage of this Fleurie was blended by Nick Room, who is one of Waitrose's wine buyers, and he has certainly nailed it. The fruit is generous and aromatic and there is an extra depth of flavour on the palate.



2016 Pure South, Pinot Noir, Tasmania, Australia

(£15, M&S) M&S is a specialist in buying wines from super-hero wineries. This thrilling pinot noir comes from Josef Chromy's amazing outfit in Tasmania, and shows off the aromatic splendour of this grape perfectly.



MIDDLE-WEIGHT

2016 Majestic Loves, Spanish Red

(£6.99, reduced to £5.99 in a mix six deal, Majestic) An ideal candidate for summer barbecues, this wine with its wicked label has a tiddly price and a mass of briary, juicy fruit.



2016 Jean Claude Mas, Origines, Crès Ricards, Languedoc, France

(£6.99, Aldi) I'm a little confused because this tastes like it should cost £15. It's a merlot and cabernet-dominant wine with spice from carignan and syrah.



2016 Ventoux, Rémy Ferbras, Southern Rhône, France

(£7.79, reduced to £6.79 until 6 June, Waitrose) Ventoux in the southern Rhône is home to some mighty, brooding reds. This version is on the smoother, more honed end of the spectrum and I really like its polish.



RICH AND BOLD REDS OVER THE PAGE

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2015 Torres, Sangre de Toro, Catalunya, Spain

(£7.99, Co-op) Every wine that this massive company produces is made with heart and soul. Sangre de Toro is not only the 'blood of the bull' but the pulse that keeps the Spanish wine industry ticking over. Spicy and ripe, this wine satiates the palate.



2015 Château d'Auzanet, Bordeaux, France

(£7.99, Co-op) Made from biodynamically grown merlot, malbec and cabernet sauvignon and weighing in at a fighting price, I wouldn't have given this wine a hope, but I got hooked. A fantastic claret.



BRILLIANT BUDGET CLARET

2015 Gran Passo, Classico, Casa Santos Lima, Lisboa, Portugal

(£7.99, Waitrose) With a great label and a superb flavour, this captures the Portuguese wine industry in one bottle. It has fruit, sunshine, spice, earth, swagger and humour, all packaged beautifully and sold at a fair price.



2015 Irvine, Signature Selection Merlot, Wrattobully, South Australia

(£7.99, Waitrose) Merlot expert Jim Irvine proudly puts his name to this amazing wine. Jim championed this grape and so it's nice to enjoy a perfect example of his craft. The price is baffling though – it's worth so much more!



2016 Domaine Mas Barrau, Cabernet Franc, Pays du Gard, France

(£8, Booths) You must stop at nothing to track down this wine. Made from cabernet franc, the aroma is wonderful and there is so much richness on the palate I couldn't believe it. This is staggeringly inexpensive for the flavour involved.



2015 Maree d'ione, Organic Nero di Troia, Puglia, Italy

(£8.49, reduced to £6.79 until 6 June, Waitrose) The new vintage of Maree d'ione is imminent. It's ideally suited to barbecued food with its wonderful smoky tone, berry and spice flavours.



GREAT CHOICE FOR A BBQ

2015 Craft 3, Cabernet Sauvignon, Itata, Chile

(£10, M&S) This is not a massive cabernet, but it shows dense cassis fruit on the palate. It's great with steak as the tannins cut through the juiciness of the meat.



DRINK IT WITH STEAK

2015 Pas des Roches, Côtes-du-Rhône, France

(£10.15, reduced to £9 each by the case, Haynes, Hanson & Clark tel 020 7584 7927) This is a modern Côtes-du-Rhône with silky fruit and a determined air. The nose is joyous with swirling red and black fruit and the finish melts away in true harmony.



2015 Château La Rocaille, Graves, Bordeaux, France

(£10.75, reduced to £9.50 each by the case, Haynes, Hanson & Clark tel 020 7584 7927) This is the finest red Bordeaux of the year so far, with amazing flavour. It shows how skilled independent merchants like HH&C are in tracking down great wines.



2011 Château de Pitray, Bordeaux, France

(£11.99, reduced to £9.49 each in a mix six deal, Majestic) 2011 was not a great year in Bordeaux, but great wineries always make good wine whatever the weather and Pitray is one such château. Showing some nice leather and pencil shaving notes, this is a classic claret.



2015 Valdesil, Mencia, Valderroa, Valdeorras, Spain

(£11.99, reduced to £9.59 until 6 June, Waitrose) I adore the mencia grape and this is a brilliant version. With ebullient fruit and hedgerow detail, this is a bold, fruit-soaked wine but it's not too heavy and you're rewarded with a long, soothing finish – pure heaven.



2016 Vaglio, Malbec, Vista Flores, Uco Valley, Argentina

(£12, M&S) Instead of producing the classic Argentinian malbec, winemaker José Lovaglio Balbo has instead cunningly crafted an aromatic treat with a velvety chassis and a long, soothing finish – what a talent he is.



2016 Jean Claude Mas, Estate Malbec, Languedoc, France

(£6.99, Aldi) Taking a grape that's famous in Argentina but rarely flies solo in France, M. Mas has skilfully smoothed out the tannins and added 10% cabernet franc to heighten the aromatics. The results are compelling.



2014 Running With Bulls, Tempranillo, South Australia

(£7.99, Co-op) What is the Rioja grape tempranillo doing Down Under? It's sunbathing in a similar climate to northern Spain's to produce a juicy, bold wine untroubled by oak or earthiness.



2016 Berton Wines, The Black Shiraz, Australia

(£7.99, Co-op) This is an imposing and massively impressive wine. It looks good and tastes divine without troubling the wallet too much. Value is one of the main tenets at Bob's winery and he never lets his fans down. If you like big reds, you'll love this.



2015 Ventoux, Les Traverses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Southern Rhône, France

(£8.25, thewinesociety.com) In contrast to the other Ventoux in this collection, this is a red of refinement and breeding, from a world-famous producer. It features plush fruit and spices that are fresh and challenging.



2016 Beefsteak Club, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

(£8.79, Waitrose; £9.99, reduced to £7.99 in a mix six deal, Majestic) Wines do not always live up to their labels' food-matching claims, but this certainly does – with rich, powerful fruit and a lot of bravado on the finish, it goes perfectly with steak.



2016 Las Maletas, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

(£8.99, reduced to £6.99 each and then £7.49 from 24 May until 5 June, in a mix six deal, Majestic) It's hard to believe that such a flavour-packed wine can have such a tiny price or contain so little alcohol – a mere 12.5%.



PACKED FULL OF FLAVOUR

2014 Jim Barry, The Lodge Hill Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia

(£9.99, Co-op) Coming from my top Australian winery of the year, this is a standard-bearer for Antipodean wines, boasting exceptional power, class and value. If you haven't yet had the pleasure, then a genuine treat awaits.



2015 The Cubist, Garnacha, Calatayud, Spain

(£9.99, Waitrose) Parading all the leather and spice typical of garnacha and amazing density of fruit, this wine loves chargrilled food and hearty meat dishes.



CRAMMED WITH FRUIT

2015 Journey's End, Kental Lodge Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, Stellenbosch, South Africa

(£10, M&S) Taking over from the equally good 2014 vintage very soon, this beauty has lovely herbal, gamey notes on the nose and a long, velvety finish. Decant it to harness all its power.



2014 Beronia, Crianza, Rioja, Spain

(£10.99, ocado.com; £11.49, Waitrose) This wine continues a brilliant run of vintages and apparently Waitrose has the 2012, 2013 and 2014 on its shelves so you can take your pick. The newly released 2014 is clearly the most youthful of the trio so you really must decant it.



2014 Yalumba, Bush Vine Grenache, South Australia

(£10.99, reduced to £9.99 until 23 May, Co-op) Grenache might not be as famous a grape as cabernet or shiraz, but it's scored highly in many of my write-ups, particularly in old-vine versions like this one – the aroma alone will send you into raptures.



2015 Côtes-du-Rhône, Belleruche, M. Chapoutier, France

(£11.99, reduced to £10.49 each until 23 May then £7.99 from 24 May until 5 June, in a mix six deal, Majestic) I advise you to hire a van and load up because this is a wondrously dark, spicy red at a price it would be a tragedy to miss out on.



2014 Rustenberg, John X Merriman, Stellenbosch, South Africa

(£14.99, Waitrose) From one of the most famous wineries in the Cape, this merlot-dominant blend ages wonderfully. Though it will keep improving over the next ten years, it's so well balanced that it's already worth cracking open now.



2013 Clos de los Siete by Michel Rolland, Argentina

(£15.75, selected Waitrose, £16, Sainsbury's) A regular fixture in my Weekend magazine column, this is one of my favourite heavyweight Argentinian reds. It's made by globetrotting Bordeaux wine genius Michel Rolland and is massive in every respect.



2014 Crozes-Hermitage, Petite Ruche, M. Chapoutier, Northern Rhône, France

(£15.99, Waitrose) Grab a bottle or two of this 2014 vintage now because it's about to be superseded by the equally impressive but more youthful 2015. Spicy and majestic, it's a genuinely great wine.



2014 Luigi Bosca, Selección de Vistalba Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

(£17.99, reduced to £13.99 until 6 June, Waitrose) I was just finishing my write-up for this wine when I was informed it was subject to a deal – so now you have even more reason not to miss this epic creation with huge fruit and a heady finish.



2014 La Reserve d'Angludet, Margaux, Bordeaux, France

(£20.95, fromvineyardsdirect.com) The 2014 vintage was a classic for the famous Château Angludet, and La Reserve is my most covetable red wine of this collection. If you're tempted to splash out, it will amaze you with its class.



ROSÉ

2016 Fortius, Rosado, Navarra, Spain

(£4.99, Lidl) With the fashion heading towards paler rosés, Fortius bucks the trend. It's a cranberry colour and packed with flavour. Put your sunglasses on and dive in.



SUNSHINE IN A GLASS

2015 Negroamaro, Puglia, Italy (£8.50, M&S) This is a wine which so many of my readers have thanked me for introducing them to. Why? Because for a decent price you can taste the wonder of southern Italy without the rustic tones so many other wines from this part of the world parade. There is so much fruit and succulence.



2015 Honoro Vera, Garnacha, Calatayud, Spain (£8.60, Booths; £7.99 Co-op) Made from fragrant garnacha, with a purple hue and a plum and cherry theme, this is an amazingly rewarding wine. I'd advise decanting it because there is a lot more depth of fruit here than you could imagine on first taste.



2015 Climbing, Shiraz, Orange, New South Wales, Australia (£8.99, Waitrose) Orange is one of Australia's most high-altitude regions and so the wines from here are slimmer and lower in alcohol than many. This new vintage is a delicious wine with smooth, peppery, black fruit and a neat, crisp finish.



2016 Côtes-du-Rhône, Saint-François, Gabriel Meffre, Southern Rhône, France (£9.49, Waitrose) You must decant this because it is youthful and full of vigour. The purple ink colour and wild herb nose signal superb class but the fruit is more gentle and sensual than you'd imagine after exposure to air.



2016 Fairview, Barrel-Aged Pinotage, Paarl, South Africa (£9.49, Waitrose) This is a great wine, made by Charles Back and his team at Fairview. With coffee and dark chocolate notes over a deep plummy core of fruit, this stunning pinotage is perfectly suited to barbecued burgers, steaks and sausages.



2015 Errázuriz, Estate Series Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Valley, Chile (£9.99, reduced to £7.49 each until 23 May, then £8.49 until 31 July, in a mix six deal, Majestic) This is a richer pinot than most Chileans and so it sits in my medium-weight section. Plum and cherry abound.



2014 Chianti Classico, Villa Cafaggio, Tuscany, Italy (£13.49, Waitrose) This is the new vintage of Cafaggio's statesmanlike Chianti and it looks superb. Oozing class and history, it's a style of wine which commands respect. Usually you have to wait years for this type of wine to soften, but this one is already ravishing.



2015 Gaul, Spätburgunder, Trocken, Pfalz, Germany (£14.50, Oddbins) Ultra-modern and cutting edge, I think this wine is the sort that will bring German reds to our attention. Made from pinot noir, it's juicy with a great perfume and a balanced finish.



A PUNCHY GERMAN PINOT

2015 Yabby Lake, Red Claw Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, Australia (£18.50, M&S) One of the top-value pinots of Australia – and no stranger to my own 100 Best Australian Wines report – this is a near perfect incarnation of the grape, made by top winemaker Tom Carson. Treat yourself.



RICH AND BOLD

2016 Exquisite Collection, Shiraz, South Australia (£5.79, Aldi) Coming all the way from Australia for under six quid, this boasts ripe, bold, clean, spicy fruit. It's a jolly decent effort and so deserves its place on this list.



2016 Workshop Wine Co Bench Blend Shiraz, Australia (£6, reduced to £4.75 until 30 May, Morrisons) With a very perfumed nose and a pumped-up turbo-charged palate, this is an unusual wine at an unmissable price.



2016 Jean Claude Mas, Classic Grenache Noir, Languedoc, France (£6.29, Aldi) This utterly amazing wine is one of a handful in this collection by Monsieur Mas. He has a very subtle touch and here he's conjured a long, soothing, berry-soaked and highly rewarding red.



2015 Artan, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Limestone Coast, South Australia (£8.99, reduced to £7.99 until 23 May, Co-op) Fruity yet with bags of spice this, like many wines from this less bakingly hot corner of Oz, seems more European than Antipodean in demeanour.



2014 Montes, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley, Chile (£8.99, Co-op) Year after year I marvel at the value offered by this superb cabernet from a top winery because it stubbornly remains well under a tenner. I should probably stop saying this as I'd hate for the price to rise!



2015 Tupungato, Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina (£9.50, M&S) Malbec and cabernet are very happy bedfellows because they have very complementary flavours. Here these two mighty grape varieties have been seamlessly combined – with silky-smooth results.



2013 La Garnacha Olvidada de Aragón, Calatayud, Spain (£9.90, The Sampler tel 020 7225 5091) This phenomenal creation is made from vines planted in 1941, and with its power and freshness it's a prime example of why old vines are so prized in certain parts of the world. History in a glass.



2015 Atkins Farm, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia (£9.99, reduced to £7.49 until 6 June, Waitrose) I wouldn't flinch to recommend this wine at a tenner or even £15 – so at this price it's a must-have. If you love juicy black fruit then grab a bottle or two.



2014 Robert Oatley, Signature Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia (£9.99, Co-op) Margaret River is one of the best climates in the world to grow cabernet, and it really shows here, with a superb depth of blackcurrant fruit for less than a tenner.



2015 Wirra Wirra, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia (£13, M&S) If you spot Wirra's Church Block, buy it, because it is one of Australia's greatest value reds – but this time I'm bringing you not a blend but a straight shiraz, and it's a marvel. Bold and intense, this is a thoroughly indulgent wine.



2014 Robert Oatley, Signature Series Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia (£13.50, Oddbins; £13.19, Wine Rack) A second Oatley wine and this time it's a shiraz – with fruit from one of Australia's finest shiraz regions, McLaren Vale. Massive, brooding and heart-warming, it's a stunning brew.



2015 Crozes-Hermitage, Les Launes, Delas, Rhône, France (£13.99, Co-op) This is from some of the most famous syrah vineyards in the world and tastes spectacular, with the variety's trademark cracked pepper notes overlaying a core of blackberry fruit and a wonderfully long finish.



2015 Hacienda del Carmen, Arlanza, Spain (£14, Oddbins) Hailing from a region of northern Spain between Rioja and Ribera del Duero, this is a spine-tinglingly great wine made from the tempranillo grape. It will taste even better in a year or so, but I don't have the patience to wait so I'll be drinking it very soon!



2013 Masi, Campofiorin, Veneto, Italy (£14.99, reduced to £12.99 in a mix six deal, Majestic) A muscular wine containing partially dried grapes for extra power, this loves the richest meaty dishes imaginable.



A BIG, POWERFUL ITALIAN

2013 Skillogee, Shiraz, Clare Valley, South Australia (£14.99, Co-op) This is made by the Palmer family, which never puts a foot wrong with its wines. A regular in my 100 Best Australian Wines Report, it's a powerful chocolate and plum-soaked wine with enormous charm.



2016 Exquisite Collection Côtes de Provence Rosé, France (£5.99, Aldi) One word has more weight than any other in the world of rosé – 'Provence'. Sadly, not all wines from this region are up to standard and most start around the £10 mark. Trust Aldi to find a cheapie that actually delivers.



2016 Taste The Difference Bordeaux Rosé, France (£7, Sainsbury's) Bone-dry, lean, raspy and taut on the finish, this is a lovely, crisp wine. It's more 'white' than 'red' in shape and this should lead you to pairing it with spicy dishes or seafood.



GREAT WITH SPICY FOOD

2016 Moulin de Gassac, Guilhem Rosé, Hérault, France (£8.95, fromvineyardsdirect.com) This is stunning and it comes from a pioneering estate – Mas de Dumas Gassac. The label may look uninspiring but it's a thrilling wine with a wild strawberry scent and it offers superb value for money.



2016 Le Versant, Grenache Rosé, Foncalieu, Pays d'Oc, France (£8.99, hennings wine.co.uk) I think this is one of the most underrated rosés in the UK and it's no surprise that the keen palates at Hennings spotted it. The alluring hue and knockout flavour mean you should order it by the case!



2016 Reserve du Boulas, Côtes-du-Rhône Rosé, France (£9, M&S) Boulas is a structured rosé which looks a little lighter than it really is. There is a richness which elevates it from mere aperitif duties to the main course. I really like this wine, even though the old-fashioned label might stop it jumping off the shelves.



2016 Les Pins Couchés Rosé, Jean-Luc Colombo, Rhône, France (£10, reduced to £9 from 14 June to 1 August, Oddbins) This is a well-priced wine for one that comes from a celebrated winemaker like Jean-Luc Colombo. With pink grapefruit notes on the nose and a succulent, silky palate it's a cultured, chic wine.



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2016 Vaglio Rosé, Uco Valley, Argentina

(£10, M&S) I love this wine, which is made by my friend Susana Balbo's son José. What a talent he has turned out to be. Made from malbec, pinot noir, cabernet sauvignon, syrah and tarrantés, it's one of the most intriguing, delicious rosés that's appeared this year.



2016 Berne, Grande Recolte Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France

(£10, Tesco, Morrisons) The square bottle makes this wine tower above the competition, literally and also figuratively from a design point of view. The wine inside is terrific, with lithe cherry and raspberry notes undercut with herbal tones and a touch of sea spray.



2016 Mas de Cadenet, Rosé, Sainte Victoire, Côtes de Provence, France

(£11.95, Halifax Wine Company tel 01422 256333, excellar.co.uk) Every time a new vintage comes out from this estate it raises the bar. The perfume on the nose and the effortless balance on the palate make it magical.



2016 Mirabeau, Pure Rosé, Provence, France

(£12.95, Booths; £12.99, Waitrose) Pure is a favourite of Weekend and 2016 is the best vintage to date. The aroma is captivating and the cherry tones are soothing and classy on the palate. This is a wine to serve to your most sophisticated friends.



2016 Whispering Angel, Caves d'Esclans, Côtes de Provence, France

(£16.95, fromvineyardsdirect.com) A world-class creation at an amazing price. This will fill you with an immense sense of well-being.



SWEET

NV Asti, Le Monferrine, Italy

(£5.50, Morrisons) While this frothy, sweet moscato is the court jester of the wine world it is also downright delicious and it certainly lifts the mood.



2013 Tesco Finest Dessert Semillon, Riverina, Australia

(£6, half bottle, Tesco) Made by De Bortoli, the team behind Australia's most revered sweet wine Noble One, this is stupendous. Honeyed, indulgent, lusty and rich – it's the finest value sweet wine on the shelves today.



2016 Brown Brothers, Orange Muscat & Flora, Victoria, Australia

(£7.49, half bottle, reduced to £5.99 until 6 June, Waitrose) The orange note here is sensational, which means this is an epic wine with any chocolate puddings you can think of.



BEST FOR CHOCOLATE PUDS

NV Torres, Floralís Moscatel Oro, Penedès, Spain

(£8, 50cl bottle, Morrisons; £7.99, Waitrose) With its arty bottle and lovely full flavour this is a classic sweetie. It has rich, wild honey and burnt citrus notes and enough weight to cope with fruit pies and crumbles. There is so much flavour you could drink it instead of pudding!



2013 DB, Reserve Botrytis Semillon, Riverina, New South Wales, Australia

(£9.99, half bottle, reduced to £7.99 each in a mix six deal, Majestic) This is yet another cuvée from the Aussie firm De Bortoli, whose skill with this style of wine puts international wineries, who often charge double or triple, to shame.



NV Curatolo, Arini, Sweet Marsala, Sicily, Italy

(£11.79, Waitrose) Please do not cook with this – it's too delicious. Take your lead from the stunning label and serve it for your most gastronomic of friends after dinner with coffee and choccies. The flavour is heady, with figs, dried fruit, orange zest and wild honey.



FORTIFIED

NV Manzanilla, Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain

(£8, M&S) Dry sherry is the perfect aperitif – bargain-priced, you only need a small, chilled glass and it goes with every canapé ever invented. What more do you want?



NV Very Rare Dry Palo Cortado, Jerez, Spain

(£9, half bottle, M&S) This is a nutty, darker and more demanding style of dry sherry that has the most amazing aroma. While you'll probably already have to be a sherry fan to appreciate it, I reckon even a newcomer will be won over after a glass or two.



NV Waitrose, Solera Jerezana Dry Oloroso, Lustau, Jerez, Spain

(£9.99, reduced to £8.99 until 6 June, Waitrose) Another richer, fuller style of dry sherry, with figgy notes and a long finish. Drink it with salami, chorizo and other charcuterie; it'll go down well with olives, too.



NV Henriques & Henriques, 3 Year Old Full Rich Madeira, Portugal

(£10.79, 50cl bottle, Waitrose) Madeira has a dwindling number of fans, but it's so delicious and unique it's a crime to miss out. Not too sweet, with sublime ginger cake and raisin notes on the nose, this is a thrilling after-dinner tippie.



NV La Gitana, Manzanilla, Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain

(£10.99, reduced to £9.49 until 6 June, Waitrose; £8, 50cl, Sainsbury's) My favourite aperitif manzanilla sherry, this is bone dry and really perks up your palate.



THE PERFECT APERITIF

NV Solear, Manzanilla, Barbadillo, Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain

(£10.99, Waitrose) Another heroic manzanilla, this has a bit more weight and depth on the palate than the La Gitana. Serve it chilled in white wine glasses and pop in an ice cube (but don't tell anyone I said this!).



NV Campbell's, Rutherglen Muscat, Victoria, Australia

(£12.99, half bottle, Waitrose) Made from aged, sweet muscat grapes that have been gently fortified with a neutral spirit, the results are stunning. When I pour this on my tasting roadshows around the country people cannot believe the flavour.



NV Pasada Pastrana, Manzanilla, Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Spain

(£12.99, selected Waitrose) The big brother of La Gitana (above right), this comes from a single vineyard and is aged for longer than its sibling. A manzanilla to delight the palate, it is an absolute snip at this price.



NV Fonseca, Extra Dry White Port, Douro, Portugal

(£13, M&S) Delicious in a long drink with a sprig of mint, a slice of orange and a splash of tonic. It beats Pimm's (a tad sweet) and G&T (a bit too strong) at summer parties.



BETTER THAN A G&T!

NV Fonseca, Reserve Ruby Port, Douro, Portugal

(£13.99, Waitrose) This is the best, heartiest, ruby port on the shelves. It is a fresh, young, fruity style that I particularly like in the summer because it chills well. Served fridge cold, not ice cold, it's a lovely way to finish a balmy summer barbecue.



NV De Bortoli, Show Liqueur Muscat, New South Wales, Australia

(£14, 50cl bottle, Tesco) Made by a legendary producer, this is dark and hugely sweet with coffee and chocolate notes overlaying the prune core. It's a thrilling drink for after-dinner sipping – but you must have a sweet tooth to appreciate it.



2011 Taylor's, Late Bottled Vintage Port, Douro Valley, Portugal

(£15, Tesco) You get a tremendous amount of class and power in this port and, as the name suggests, the 'vintage' feel is clear to see and taste. Black in colour, full on the palate and immense on the finish, it really is exceptionally good.



NV 10 Year Old Tawny Port, Douro, Portugal

(£17, M&S) Tawny ports are exploding in popularity because they're so smooth and easy to drink. The tawny colour is down to the fact they're aged in oak barrels rather than bottles – which also mellows the port. This is my favourite tawny of the season.



2004 Graham's, Quinta dos Malvedos, Vintage Port, Portugal

(£27, Sainsbury's) The prince of ports from the king of producers, this 13-year-old comes from the finest vineyards in Graham's portfolio and is nothing short of phenomenal. Be sure to decant it for maximum effect.



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