

April 2026

At last the sun shone as 20 members of the Wine Appreciation Group descended upon 'The Kitchen' for their monthly wine tasting.

John and Michele were this month's hosts and they started off by declaring their theme for the evening – 'Marks & Spencer has made its biggest wine launch in recent years with a range titled 'Classics''. In addition they made clever use of technology by using a soundbox so we could listen to Fred Sirieix extolling the virtues of three of their wines of choice.

As is customary we started with three whites.

1. Riesling 2025, Germany, 12%, RRP £10
2. Albarino 2024, Spain, 13%, RRP £14
3. Gavi 2024, Italy, 11.5%, RRP £10

The Riesling was a great way to start and it was very well received.

Voting was 15, 3, 2



Onto the reds:

1. Valpolicella Ripasso 2023, Italy, 13.5%, RRP £12
2. Claret 2024, France, 12.5%, RRP £10
3. Beaujolais 2024, France, 12.5%, RRP £12

All three reds were much enjoyed.

Voting was 5, 5, 7 (one liked all 3!).

At the time of writing Marks & Spencer were offering a 10% discount on four or more bottles.

Another very enjoyable evening with fine wine and good company.

Detailed write ups can be found on the Wine Group page.