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On a hot and sultry evening it was a pleasure for 15 members of the wine group to assemble in the air-conditioned establishment that goes by the name of 'The Kitchen'; where upon we sampled six different wines, supplied by our host for the evening, Jeremy.

The chosen wines were all recommended in the May 2025 issue of Decanter Magazine, selected to give a wide range of prices to fit within the budget when factoring in promotion of the 25% for 6 or more bottles.

Jeremy started with three whites:

1. Tesco, Finest Valle de Leyda, Chardonnay Leyda Valley, San Antonio, Chile, 2022, 13.5%. RRP £9 we paid £6.75
2. Tesco Finest Chablis Premier Cru. Appellation Chablis Premier Cru Contrôlée, 12.5%, RRP £24 we paid £18
3. Tesco, Finest Viñas del Rey Albariño, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain 2024, 12.5%, RRP £12 we paid £9

Voting was close, 3, 7, 5 in favour of the Premier Cru. However everyone thought it was too expensive!



And continued with the reds:

1. Tesco, Finest Viña del Cura, Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2020, 14%, RRP £15 we paid £12
2. Tesco, Finest Wrattenbully Cabernet Sauvignon, Wrattenbully, South Australia, 2023, 14.5%, RRP £11 we paid £8.25
3. Penfolds, Max's Shiraz Cabernet, South Australia, 2021, 14.5%, RRP £22 we paid £17

Surprisingly the Penfold didn't score too well with the final votes being 4, 10, 1 in favour of the Cabernet.

The evening passed very quickly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

A detailed write up has been supplied by Jeremy and can be found on the Wine Group page.