

July 2024

After exiting the first half of the year, we enter the second half with optimism for a lovely summer (we can always hope!). The weather turned out to be rather nice as 19 thirsty members of the wine group assembled to be regaled by David and Jan with their choice of wine.

As usual we started with three whites:

1. **Freeman's Bay Gisborne Pinot Gris 2023 , 12.5%, RRP £81.19 we paid £7.99.**
2. **Der Komponist Grüner Veltliner 2023, 12.5%, RRP £8.19 we paid £7.69**
3. **Blütengarten Riesling 2023, 10.5%, RRP 4.69**

All three whites were favourably received but the first was clearly the favourite.

Voting was 9, 6, 3.



Onto the reds:

4. **Baron Amarillo Unearthed Cigales Crianza 2020, 14%, RRP £9.99**
5. **Buenas Vidas Cabernet Sauvignon 2021, 14%, RRP £6.99, we paid £6.49**
6. **Castellore Toscana Rosso 2022, 14%, RRP £9.49, we paid £7.99**

Very unusually the first two wines were not well received, in fact there were many comments among them "they would go well IN not with a Bolognese!". David dealt with the hecklers in a very humorous manner and redeemed the evening with his final choice – which was extremely well received. The theme for the night was ALDI wines.

Voting was 0, 0, 19!

Once again, a most enjoyable night.