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Spring was at last in the air as 18 members of the Wine Appreciation Group descended upon 'The Kitchen' for their monthly gathering to sample six chosen wines. Jeremy was experimenting with the Virgin Wines starter pack, all the wines he chose had received an average 4-star rating amongst the Virgin Wine club members.

As is customary we started with three whites.

1. Les Trois Calices Essential Sauvignon blanc Colombard Gros Manseng Cotes de Gascogne, France, 10.9%, we paid £10.99
2. Billy Bosch Chenin Blanc 2024, South Africa Western Cape, 11%, we paid £10.99
3. Brio Pinot Grigio 2024 IGP Del'Emilia, Italy, 11.8%, we paid £10.99

Voting was 0, 14, 4 – the clear winner being the Billy Bosch



Onto the reds:

1. Ripper 2024 Shiraz, South Eastern Australia, 12.3%, we paid £11.99
2. Florel Reserve Malbec 2024, Argentina, 12.8%, we paid £12.99
3. Marques del Parral Rioja Tempranillo, Spain, 13.5%, we paid £12.99

The Voting was 5,10,3 - once again the most expensive red was the clear winner.

More about the Virgin Wine Club

On taking up the introductory offer one sets up a monthly direct debit. It defaults to £25/month which goes into an account which accrues interest. The wine is delivered within days, together with an offers pack, including a £75 off voucher to give to a friend using the code FRIEND75.

Each month several special offers are received by email (typically £50 off a case). However, it is straightforward to cancel at any time, to obtain a full refund (but the interest is lost). The direct debit is cancelled, but membership remains, and the offers are still received; enabling one to make a one-off payment to take advantage of any offer that seems attractive.

Once again, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by one and all.

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