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Another good turnout at our first meeting of 2023, with 18 people attending and we had the pleasure of the Dubuis's presenting as a double act.

Quite a different theme this month with all of the wines being purchased from LIDL.

Giles being the white connoisseur introduced us to three different varieties. The first, a Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand ('Cimarosa') with high in acidity and good with seafood. The second, a Hungarian Veltliner ('Gedeon Birtok Zold Veltelini') comprised of a grape that no one had heard of. Ironically, the third wine, a chardonnay-based Chablis from France, which was double the price of the first two, was by far the least favourite. Prices were £6.99, £6.99, £13.99.



On to the reds, that Irene presented. We started with a Malbec from Chile ('Malbec Reserva Privada') with intensive aromas of dark fruits. This was followed by a pinotage based wine ('Pinotage 202') from South Africa, where this particular grape is mostly grown. The final red was a merlot-based St Emilion Grand Cru from France. This was the most popular but only just outclassed the Pinotage 202; which was surprising given the difference in price - £4.99, £4.25, £14.99.