

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Popular green skinned grape variety producing crisp, dry, aromatic wines.

Grape is indigenous to South West France.

Usually consumed young to preserve its vibrant freshness.

A wine served well chilled.

Goes very well with goats cheese, seafood and green vegetables. Also recommended with Thai and Vietnamese dishes.

DIFFERENCES TO CONSIDER

When grown in **cool climates** produces sharp, lean and herbaceous profiles.

Expect aromas of freshly cut grass, gooseberry, lime and flinty minerality.

When grown in **warm climates**, a riper, richer and more bountiful profile develops.

Expect dominant tropical notes of passion fruit, peach, guava and grapefruit.

CHAMPTELOUP (FRANCE)

SAUVIGNON BLANC TOURAIN

Grown in some of the best Touraine vineyards on tufous soil, producing wine with a dry, mineral character. Selected from the vats for the best citrus fruit flavour to produce a wine full of flavour and length.

SAINT CLAIR (NEW ZEALAND)

SAUVIGNON BLANC MARLBOROUGH

WAIRAU VALLEY

Grown in deep free draining soils with a maritime climate.

Wine has intense flavour of tropical passionfruit and grapefruit with herbaceous capsicum notes.

Generous and full with fresh clean finish. Also a subtle salty hint.

PICOS y RIOS (CHILE)

SAUVIGNON BLANC VALLE CENTRAL

A blend of wine from two vineyards, the main one in the Colchagua Valley close to the coolness of the Andes giving the wine acidity and a fresh floral character. The rest is from the San Antonio Valley with granite soils adding an aromatic and mineral complexity.

Cabernet Sauvignon

We learnt previously that Cabernet Sauvignon is the world's most popular full-bodied red wine grape. Known for its bold flavours of dark fruit, high tannins, and excellent aging potential, it originated in 17th-century France (a cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc) and is now grown globally. Many Cabernet Sauvignons are often blended with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Cabernet Franc is a light- to medium-bodied red wine grape primarily known for its vibrant red fruit flavours, spicy/herbal notes, and crisp acidity. Most famously originating in France, it is historically celebrated in the Bordeaux and Loire Valley regions, and is also the genetic parent of Cabernet Sauvignon. However, the 3 red wines chosen are not blended and are true Cabernet Sauvignon.

Where do you think the wines come from:-

Kleine Zalze South Africa 2024

Rooted firmly on a hillside where wine has been made for centuries on a small scale since 1695. This estate is known for producing award winning wines of outstanding quality. This wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in French oak.

A classic wine with rich **flavours**-blackcurrants, dark red cherries and plums complemented by hints of cedar, tobacco leaf, and supported by hints of subtle spice on the palate. The palate is smooth yet structured, with polished tannins, balanced acidity, and a long, satisfying finish with notes of blackberry and cocoa.

Kleine Zalze is an award-winning winery situated in the heart of the Cape Winelands, just two miles from Stellenbosch. In 1996, when Kobus Basson and his family purchased the property, the modern Kleine Zalze was born.

Pairs wonderfully with red meats as well as vegan dishes such as roasted beet salad or baked ratatouille. Perfect for casual dinners, weekend grilling, or special meals alongside grilled ribeye, roast lamb, rich stews, mature cheeses, or hearty pasta dishes.

Alcohol content 13% Cost £8.50 from Morrisons

The Green Road Chile 2023 Curico Valley.

This 95-hectare estate, with stony land and good drainage, has particularly good conditions for growing red varieties, such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. This Cabernet Sauvignon reflects careful vineyard attention and gentle cellar work that celebrate flavour and experience. The winemaking lets bright red and black fruit shine. Established in 1979 this family-owned estate produces organic wines, brandy, and premium pisco (high proofed grape brandy) used in cocktails. The estate is highly focused on organic viticulture, fair trade practices, and regenerative agriculture. Notably, they state that wine is bottled at destination, with a carbon footprint saving of 40%. They are bottled at Greencroft in the UK, a winery specializing in taking bulk-shipped wine and the bottling it in market. A contemporary wine label that champions approachable, sustainably minded wines. It aims to bring ripe, expressive fruit and easy charm to everyday moments.

The vines are grown in an area that is influenced by both the sea and the mountains, with a wonderful Mediterranean climate that has four clearly-defined seasons. Its sub-humid Mediterranean climate allows for good cultivation of the traditional vinestocks.

Smell-Sappy, leafy green notes on the nose which shows bright blackcurrant and cranberry notes.

Flavour In the mouth this has a green edge to the berry and blackcurrant fruit with some stony, mineral notes vanilla spice and soft tannins. Chalky and quite lean it has drinkability.

An approachable red featuring silky fine tannins and a hint of tingling spiciness.

Pairs -this is the ideal match for a juicy steak. **Alcohol content** 13.5% **Cost** £10.00

Shannon Ridge 2022 California

High Elevation Collection. Sustainably Farmed Ovis Cycle. "Ovis" (Latin for sheep) wines are a premium, small-lot collection. The wines get their name from "Project Ovis," a massive regenerative organic farming system where a flock of sheep roams the vineyards to naturally manage canopy growth, reduce the need for fungicides, and fertilize the soil. At elevations peaking 2,300 feet, the organically farmed vineyards produce distinctive mountain fruit where cooler nights and rugged sites give grapes extra concentration and lift. Volcanic soils, intense sun exposure, and temperature variations result in complex, balanced, full-bodied wines. Overlooking lake and mountain these organically farmed vineyards offer distinctive mountain fruit with both intensity and elegance. This Cabernet Sauvignon was picked at the peak of ripeness with a deep crimson colour and **aromas** of dark chocolate layered over plum, cranberry and cassis. **Flavours** of blackberry and spice with a hint of tobacco integrate with the toasted oak culminating in a rich smooth finish.

Produced by the Shannon Family of Wines in Lake County, California by Mount Konocti.

Pairs- especially well with grilled or roasted red meats **Alcohol content** 13.5% **Cost** £16.00 from **Waitrose**