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RUSTENBERG WILD FERM SB*

£15.00

vol 13.5% white

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Rustenberg has a wine-growing history dating back to 1682. Today, the estate is managed by Simon Barlow with his son, Murray, who heads up the winemaking. Murray's wines are some of Stellenbosch's finest, and he has rightfully won not just a cult following, but heaps of critical praise. In fact, he is the only winemaker to win Young Winemaker of the Year twice at South Africa's biggest wine awards event, Diners Club. The grapes for this Sauvignon are plucked from mountainous south-west facing vines, so they get maximum sun exposure. And thanks to six months of barrel-ageing, the resulting wine is rich, rounded and full of flavour. The 2022 vintage was awarded 93 Points by James Suckling – what's more, it was his highest ranked South African wine in his 'Top 100 Best Value Wines of 2022' list at number 30. It has refreshing notes of elderflower, citrus, white peach and tropical fruit. Delicious with tempura prawns.

PINOT NOIR NAUDIN

£11.50

vol 13% Red

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Doudet-Naudin was founded in 1849 and is one of the oldest maisons in Burgundy. Just like their most-expensive bottles, this is made by their fantastic winemaker and owner, Christophe Rochet. But this time it's from grapes grown all across France. It's your chance to taste his expertise at a lower price. Expect a light, velvety Pinot Noir with flavours of red and black fruits. It has a snappy acidity that's great with roast chicken.

ROYAL TOKAJI DRY TOKAJI

£13.00

vol 13% ~~Red~~ white

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The sweet style of Tokaji is a famous centuries-old wine from Hungary's Tokaj-Hegyalja region. Today, the region's reputation for dry wines is flourishing. If you're new to sampling these wines, Royal Tokaji is where to look for the gold standard. It was co-founded by wine writer Hugh Johnson and is one of the most admired wineries in Hungary. This is made from 100% Furmint – the region's signature grape. If you love crisp, dry wines like Chablis and Loire Sauvignon Blanc, you're in for a real treat. Discover aromas of apple, pear, honey and blossom, combined with flavours of rich apricot and peach. The refreshing acidity will stand up to a rich dish like pork belly with a honey glaze.

409 RIBERA DEL DUERO

£13.00

vol 14%



Red

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Pagos del Rey was founded in 2002, with the goal of crafting quality wines in Spain's most prestigious winemaking regions. This rich Ribera de Duero proves that they've succeeded. It's made with both old- and young-vine Tempranillo grapes, which are fermented separately to preserve their individual characters. The young-vine grapes give bright fruit and floral aromas, while the old-vine parcel provides firm tannins and riper fruit notes. The wine is then aged in oak for 409 days, hence its name, followed by several months in bottle. All that attention to detail has paid off – this 2020 vintage was awarded an excellent 92 points from top critic James Suckling. Discover juicy dark-fruit flavours balanced by complex notes of toasted spices, dark chocolate, walnut and tobacco. Its supple tannins and long, savoury finish make it an excellent match for red meats, like roast lamb or peppery beef – or you could choose to cellar it for up to five years.

P LEHMANN THE BAROSSAN SHIRAZ

£18.50

vol - 14.5% Red

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With rolling hills, hot, dry summers and some of the world's oldest vines, Barossa is arguably the finest spot in the New World for full-bodied, juicy reds. And if you're looking for a wine that embodies all of this, you'd struggle to find better than this. Peter Lehmann Wines, one of the biggest names in Australian winemaking, spanned the length and breadth of this region to capture all of its best elements in this bottle. It's rich and bold with intense dark raspberry, plum, mocha and liquorice. Drink this alongside a beef stroganoff.

In 2022, this wine won an IWC award for the 2019 vintage.

ZOCKER GRUNER VELTLINER

£17.50

vol 14%

white

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Every year, we ask our store managers to choose their favourite bottle of wine from a delicious pool of contenders. This was their winner for 2022, and once you've tried it you'll certainly see why. Grüner Veltliner isn't a grape that's often seen in California, so growing it there was something of a risk for the Zocker winery. But they stayed true to their name – which means 'gambler' in German – and the result is this innovative, aromatic white. It's made with grapes from a single vineyard in Edna Valley, where cool ocean breezes give the fruit plenty of time to ripen and develop complex flavours. It's full of lively lemon, lime and ripe melon notes, with hints of candied ginger and a characteristic kick of white pepper. Its refreshing, steely minerality makes it a great choice for rich and creamy goat's cheese dishes.