

Award Winning Wines

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The **IWC (International Wine Challenge)** and **Decanter** carry out the most reputable worldwide annual awards for wine – if a wine has been given a seal of approval during one of these awards ceremonies, you're pretty much guaranteed a great bottle. *All bought from Majestic: "2023 saw Majestic's range scoop an array of medals and awards. The top performing categories included France, New Zealand, South Africa, and notably, their exclusive collection of 'Definition' wines."*

Colour	Wine	Award 2023	Would buy it again?	ABV	Price	Price (Mix Six)
1. White	Cave de Lugny 'Les Pierres Blanches' Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022	Decanter Bronze	92 % of 77	13.00%	£14.99	£11.99
2. White	Definition White Burgundy 2021/22	Decanter Bronze	92% of 63	13.00%	£14.99	£12.99
3. White	Domaine de Saint Ferréol Viognier 2022/23, Languedoc	Decanter Silver	99% of 122	13.50%	£16.99	£14.99
4. Red	Château Recougne Bordeaux Supérieur 2020	Decanter Bronze	89% of 216	14.5%	£12.99	£ 9.99
5. Red	Mayu Carménère Appassimento 2019/20, Chi	IWC COMMENDED Winner	87% of 175	14.5%	£13.99	£10.99
6. Red	Viñalba 'Reserve' Malbec-Touriga Nacional 2021/22, Mendoza	Decanter Gold	90% of 119	14.5%	£13.99	£11.99

1. Cave de Lugny 'Les Pierres Blanches' Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022 Price per bottle: £14.99 (£11.99 in Mix Six)



AWARD Decanter Bronze 2023

• TYPE	White
• COUNTRY	France
• REGION	Burgundy (Bourgogne) Cave de Lugny is situated in the heart of the Mâconnais, and is the biggest producer of the region.
• GRAPE	Chardonnay
• CHARACTERISTICS	Vanilla, Butter, Lemon, Peach – fresh and refined notes of citrus and apple with a long, refreshing finish.
• STYLE	Ripe and rounded. This is a stylish, fresh wine from one of Burgundy's most reliable and reputable cooperatives. They consistently make wines to remind you that Burgundy isn't all Grand Crus and expensive bottles, and this is no exception.
• ABV	13.00%
• APPELLATION	Macon
• VINTAGE	2022
• UNITS	9.8
• CLOSURE	Natural cork
• PRICE:	£14.99 a bottle (in Mix Six £11.99 per bottle)
• Would buy it again?	92 % of 77

2. Definition White Burgundy 2021/22 Price per bottle:£14.99 (£12.99 in Mix Six)



AWARD Decanter Bronze 2023

TYPE	White
COUNTRY	France
REGION	Burgundy
GRAPE	Chardonnay
CHARACTERISTICS	Vanilla, Cream, Lemon, Peach
STYLE	Ripe & Rounded
ABV	13.00%
APPELLATION	Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise
VINTAGE	2022
UNITS	9.8
CLOSURE	Screwcap
PRICE	£14.99 a bottle (£12.99 in Mix Six)
Would buy it again?	92% of 63

Bourgogne Blanc is the gold standard for gently oaked Chardonnay. If you uncork a 'white Burgundy' (Bourgogne Blanc), you're likely drinking a wine that's not from a designated area within the region. It's the gold-standard for gently oaked Chardonnay the world over. Expect lots of citrus, ripe apple and stone-fruit flavours. It's zingy yet creamy from being aged in barrels for eight months. Perfect when matched with a buttery roast chicken.

In 2022, this wine won an IWC award for the 2020 vintage.

3. Domaine de Saint Ferréol Viognier 2022/23, Languedoc, France Price per bottle: £16.99 a bottle (£14.99 Mix Six)



AWARD Decanter Silver Award 2023

TYPE	White
COUNTRY	France
REGION	Languedoc-Roussillon
GRAPE	Viognier
CHARACTERISTICS	Pineapple, Apricot, Lychee, Mango
STYLE	Aromatic & Floral
ABV	13.50%
APPELLATION	Pays D'Oc
VINTAGE	2023
UNITS	10.1
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
PRICE	£16.99 (£14.99 Mix Six)
Would buy it again?	99% of 122

A double for top-quality Condrieu without the eye-watering price tag, this Languedoc Viognier is a plush flavour-bomb. Decadent. Aromatic. Moreish.

Wine has been produced at Domaine de Saint Ferréol since 1146. In 1998, the property was bought by Jorje and Ania Maslakiewicz, who have a much-deserved reputation for making some of the very best Viognier in the Languedoc. Their wines are reminiscent of Condrieu but come without the usual price tag. This wine is partially fermented and matured in French oak on its lees, giving it a lush complexity. It has flavours of peach, apricot, honeysuckle and spice. Enjoy with turkey, pork, fish or spicy Asian dishes.

4. Château Recougne Bordeaux Supérieur 2020

Price per bottle: £12.99 (£9.99 in Mix Six)



AWARD Decanter Bronze 2023

TYPE	Red
COUNTRY	France
REGION	Bordeaux
GRAPE	Merlot
SECONDARY GRAPE VARIETIES	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carménère
CHARACTERISTICS	Smoke, Blackberry, Red Plum
STYLE	Savoury and full bodied
ABV	14.5%
APPELLATION	Bordeaux Supérieur
VINTAGE	2020
UNITS	10.9
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
PRICE	£12.99 (£9.99 in Mix Six)
Would buy it again?	89% of 216

This claret is steeped in history. The château was favoured by Henry IV – and uses old Bordeaux variety Carménère in the blend. Ripe, fresh and full of black fruit. Legend has it that during a stay at Château Recougne in the 16th century, Henri IV was so impressed by the quality of the wine he declared the château's land 'terra recognita' – recognised land and the wax seal on the label is a symbol of the coveted designation. The old Bordeaux variety Carménère is used in the blend – and the end result is fit for a king.

Expect food-friendly notes of cherry, cedar wood and earthiness, with fine-grain tannins. Enjoy with roast lamb.

5. Mayu Carménère Appassimento 2019/20, Chile Price per bottle: £13.99 (£10.99 in Mix Six)



AWARD IWC Commended Winner 2023

TYPE	Red
COUNTRY	Chile
REGION	North
GRAPE	Carménère
CHARACTERISTICS	Vanilla, Black Plum, Blackberry, Green Bell Pepper, Spice, Sweet Spice, Black pepper, fig
STYLE	Rich and juicy
ABV	14.50%
APPELLATION	Elqui Valley
VINTAGE	2020
UNITS	10.9
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
PRICE	£13.99 (£10.99 in Mix Six)
Would buy it again?	87% of 175

Elqui Valley is Chile's most extreme wine region – nearly 5000 feet above sea level, it has 300 days of summer and such clear skies that it's famous for observatories. It's a tough place to make wine – so it's no surprise that there are only a few commercial wineries here. Winemaker Giorgio Flessati's Italian roots have heavily influenced the way they make wine. In fact, this is the first appassimento Carménère in the world, made by leaving the grapes to dry until the flavours are much more pronounced. It's incredibly rich, with plenty of black-fruit flavours and subtle sweetness from the dried grapes. Great with tagine.

6. Viñalba 'Reserve' Malbec-Touriga Nacional 2021/22, Mendoza

Price per bottle: £13.99 (£11.99 in Mix Six)



AWARD: Decanter GOLD 2023

TYPE	Red
COUNTRY	Argentina
REGION	Mendoza
GRAPE	Malbec
SECONDARY GRAPE VARIETIES	Touriga Nacional
CHARACTERISTICS	Violet, Black Fruit, Red Fruit, Ripe Fruit, Vanilla
STYLE	Soft and fruity
ABV	14.50%
APPELLATION	N/A
VINTAGE	2022
UNITS	10.9
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
PRICE	£13.99 (£11.99 in Mix Six)
Would buy it again?	90% of 119

The delicious secret behind this Malbec blend is Touriga Nacional. In this, it adds a colossal burst of red-fruit flavour.

Viñalba's winemaker, Hervé J Fabre, is renowned for producing award-winning wines – some of which are made from innovative blends beyond Argentina's signature grape, Malbec. This is a collaboration between Hervé and his friend – another award-winning winemaker, Rui Reguinga.

The Portuguese grape, Touriga Nacional, brings bold red-fruit flavours and floral hints to the blend.

This is a powerful yet elegant wine with rich, complex flavours of blackcurrant and plum.

Plenty of fruit and polished tannins make this a great match for grilled octopus.