

## **Wines Not Available In The Supermarket (Rosey and Diane 03/09/24)**

*(All wines purchased from F.L. Dickins Wine Merchants, Rickmansworth)*

### **WHITE WINES**

1.     Name:           Running Duck (Vintage 2023)  
       Grape         Chenin Blanc and Sauvignon Blanc  
       Country:      South Africa (Western Cape)  
       ABV:          12.5%  
       Price:         £9.39  
       Tasting Notes: A fresh, clean and balanced blend with guava and melon notes. The Chenin Blanc produces the guava fruit character on the nose and the Sauvignon Blanc the body, length and slight grassiness on the palate.  
       Good with:    Creamy risottos, vegetable curries and salads.  
       Producer:     Stellar Organics  
       Stellar is one of South Africa's largest organic wine producers and is the leading ethical wine brand in the UK. They are the world's top producers of no added sulphur wines. The vineyards are patrolled as organically as possible assisted by Indian runner ducks, which act as natural pest removers.
  
2.     Name:           The Great Wave (Vintage 2018)  
       Grape:         Sauvignon Blanc  
       Country:      New Zealand (Marlborough)  
       ABV:          12.5%  
       Price         £9.99  
       Tasting Notes: A refreshing Sauvignon Blanc bursting with zesty citrus, gooseberry and passion fruit flavours and perfumed with sweet herbaceous notes. Wonderfully crisp and refreshing, with a delicate minerality and a long lingering finish.  
       Good with:    Pasta, fish and sushi.  
       Producer:     Art of Wine
  
3.     Name:           Le Chant Des Vignes Pouilly-Fumé (Vintage 2022)  
       Grape:         Sauvignon Blanc  
       Country:      France  
       ABV:          13%  
       Price:         £19.99  
       Tasting Notes: A complex nose of grapefruit and gunflint, with a fresh tropical fruit palate. This wine has exceptional length.  
       Good with:    Grilled and roasted red meats. Perfect as an aperitif.  
       Producer:     Joseph Mellot  
       The grapes are grown on predominantly siliceous soils. All vineyard processes are carried out in an environmental manner, adapted to each terroir. Following on from cold static settling, the fermentation takes place at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks.
  
4.     Name:           Hornets (Vintage 2020)  
       Grape:         Sauvignon Blanc  
       Country:      New Zealand  
       ABV:          13%  
       Price         £12.99  
       Tasting Notes: This is a delightfully aromatic wine with lifted notes of cool climate stone fruits, blackcurrant bud and gooseberries filling the glass. There is an abundance of fruit weight on the palate, which is structured and well balanced, with refreshing mineral acidity.  
       Good with:    Asian style seafood dishes, Thai food, grilled fish and salads.  
       Producer:     Clark Estate  
       The Upper Awatere is known for its rugged soils, unforgiving climate and stunning Sauvignon Blanc flavours. Strong winds, scorching daytime temperatures and cool, clear nights contribute to the development of the amazing flavours found in these grapes. (A passionate Watford fan for over 60 years, Peter Clark dedicates this Sauvignon Blanc to his fellow supporters and everyone at Vicarage Road).

## RED WINES

5. Name: Pico a Pico (Vintage 2022)

Grape: Merlot Carmère

Country: Chile

ABV: 13%

Price: £8.79

Tasting Notes: Full bodied with spicy red fruit.

Good with: Red meats, pasta dishes and strong cheeses.

Producer: Vinos Lautaro

Located in Chile's Curico Valley, the Sagrada Familia Company was established in 1997 when sixteen small-scale grape producers formed a cooperative boutique winery, incorporating a total of 180 hectares of vineyards. Now a Fairtrade enterprise, the association has grown over the years while remaining committed to producing high-quality wines as well as promoting the social and economic development of the community.

6. Name: Smiling Donkey (Vintage 2022)

Grape: Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca

Country: Portugal (Douro)

ABV: 13.5%

Price: £10.49

Tasting Notes: Red fruit aromas with hints of spice. Medium bodied with ripe soft tannins and a persistent finish. It is ruby in colour, elegant on the palate and a persistent finish.

Good with: Red meat and game dishes, stews and cheese.

Producer: Van Zeller Wine Collection

In 1815, German trader Dietrich Matthias Feuerheerd founded the company by the same name in Oporto. Today, the wines are crafted by head winemaker Álvaro van Zeller who focuses on creating the finest expressions of wines from the Douro region.

7. Name: Weemala (Vintage 2014)

Grape: Shiraz 97% Viognier 3%

Country: Australia (NSW)

ABV: 13.5%

Price: £14.49

Tasting Notes: Aromas of mulberry, dark chocolate, all spice, fresh earth, white pepper and fennel with a floral lift, while the rich medium bodied palate has flavours of blackberries, plums, liquorice and spice with a long finish.

Good with: Lamb and slow cooked beef casserole.

Producer: Logan

Weemala is both an aboriginal word for 'good view' and the name of our vineyard in the Central Ranges of NSW. Fermentation was in a combination of small open fermenters, which were hand plunged twice per day and large rotary fermenters, spun twice per day. 75% of the wine was matured in French and Hungarian barrels for ten months. The remaining 25% was matured in stainless steel to retain bright fruit character. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.