

The Wines NEWTS 31 May 2013

Scandolera Conegliano Valdobbiadene

Valdobbiadene is a town in the province of Treviso, Veneto, Italy, a picturesque wine growing area. Just below the Alpine areas of Veneto, it provides a climate for cool varieties of grape, especially Prosecco. In the website 'www.cellartracker.com', a reviewer wrote "one of the best proseccos I've tasted. Fine mousseaux, dry, green apple, a bit brioche... excellent as an aperitif with foie gras toast."

Franschhoek Cellar 2012 (with Bûche de Chèvre)

Typical Sauvignon Blanc crispness is complimented by tropical notes due to the sunny ripeness found in them. Pineapple and fig flavours are prominent, the fruit flavours being propped up by a bracing freshness. Enjoy this zesty wine any time of the day and with grilled fish, oysters, sushi and fresh salads.

Stella Blanco 2011 (with Red Leicester)

The famous dry Muscats grown in the Pegoes region, a jurassic seabed that makes up the sun-baked plains east of Lisbon, are renowned for their scented bouquet and fruity flavour. This wine is an aromatic medley suggesting rich and juicy summer-ripe fruit, yet is refreshingly zesty, crisp and dry. Great with Oriental and spicy cuisine. Serve really cold.

Le Colline dei Filari 2012 (with Morbière)

A crisp and characterful version of this Italian classic. This light, slightly spicy white is gently perfumed, showing flavours of fresh peach and lemon with a delicate, dry and nutty finish. Made from Pinot Grigio grapes, ideal served with fish, egg and poultry. Serve at 8-10°C.

Bordeaux Reserve 2011 Jean Degaves (with Cornish Yarg)

This is a typical Bordeaux wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. It has a complex nose of red fruit, raspberry, blackberry with notes of blackcurrant and spicy tones, white pepper and cinnamon. The palate is soft, round tannins with a silky texture and a slightly liquorice.

Rioja Royal 2011, Logrono (with Comté)

Made from Tempranillo, Garnacha and Mazuelo grapes. Soft and round with a hint of vanilla oak. Personally selected and chosen by El Sabio and available here at Just Add Grapes.

Côtes du Rhône 2011 Armand Dartois (with Tête de Moine)

An harmonious fruity and spicy red wine with smooth tannins, made from Grenache and Syrah grapes. The exceptional climate of the Rhône Valley, the reactivity of the wine producers and the quality of the grapes are reflected in a vintage that combines fruit and finesse.

Rib Shack Red 2011 (with Epoisses)

Dark deep red colour. Big fruity fragrance full of ripe dark berries, coffee and hints of the typical South African smokiness. The wine is full-bodied and powerful with lots of flavour of blackberry, dark plum, chocolate and freshly brewed espresso.

Otima 10 year old Tawny Port (with Stilton)

Otima is an award-winning 10 Year-Old Tawny Port. The wine shows all the classic Tawny Port characteristics of paler colour, bright notes of sweet fruit and a certain freshness on the finish. This is a port with depth and persistence on the finish.

Rich Tawny colour, with an excellent nose of nuts and hints of mature fruit. On the palate light and delicate, beautifully rounded, with hints of dried fruits, and a long elegant finish.