

Table I

1. Grace Wine, Extra Brut, Yamanashi, Chubu, Japan 2011

12%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Platinum - Best Sparkling Asia over £15, 96 points

Producer contact: Yukiko Shimada, info@grace-wine.com

Decanter tasting notes: Heavenly appetising nose of fruit loaf, Danish pastry and lemon confit leading on to a superb palate of ripe citrus and racing acids balancing rich toasty, yeasty tones. Exquisite sparkling wine, with a delightful creamy texture, a persistent mousse and wonderful evolution - so vibrant for a 2011!



2. Wiston Estate, Blanc de Blancs, West Sussex, United Kingdom 2010

12%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 96 points

UK Stockist: Wiston Estate, £39.95

Producer contact: Katie Last, katie@wistonestate.co.uk

Decanter tasting notes: Bright yellow-gold and finely bubbly with a heady nose of creamy, citrus and baked pastry aromas and an intensely rich and extravagant palate of ripe and crunchy white fruit balanced by vivid cleansing acidity. The richness builds to a complex, layered finish. Highly captivating.



3. Exton Park, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Hampshire, United Kingdom 2011

11.5%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 96 points

UK Stockist: Wine Utopia, £39.95

Producer contact: Fred Langdale, fredlangdale@extonparkwines.com

Decanter tasting notes: Gloriously sophisticated nose with classic brioche and bready notes and a beautifully rich and well-developed palate of remarkably intense pure apple fruit and lifted hints of buttery apricot. Marvellous mix of tension, texture and fruit clarity, long and lingering, and with a moreish fruit-filled finish.



4. Mestres, Visol Brut Nature, Cava, Mainland Spain, Spain 2010

12%, 35% Macabeo, 45% Xarello, 20% Parellada

Medal: Platinum - Best Cava over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Grays & Feather, £18

Producer contact: Nico James, Export@mestres.es

Decanter tasting notes: Exhibiting handsome bottle-age characteristics via complex toasty, creamy aromas and smoky, buttered toast, hay and quince notes in the mouth. Full-bodied with a well-formed weight, it retains a fresh liveliness thanks to radiant acidity that drives a very long length; wonderfully harmonious, and very good.



5. Bjana, Brut Zero, Brda, Primorska, Slovenia 2010

12%, 60% Chardonnay, 40% Ribolla Gialla

Medal: Platinum - Best Slovenian Sparkling over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Miran Sirk, bjana@siol.net

Decanter tasting notes: Lovely vivid golden yellow and fine persistent bubbles. Subtle and refined nose of ripe apples and pears with some brioche like character. Intense, crisp and complex palate with classy lemon, pineapple, melon and biscuity flavours. Beautifully executed, juicy, focused with an elegant mineral, smokey touch on the everlasting finish.



6. Coates & Seely, La Perfide Rosé Brut, Hampshire, United Kingdom 2009

12%, 65% Pinot Noir, 35% Pinot Meunier

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: Coates & Seely, £45

Producer contact: Georgina Balmain, georgina.balmain@coatesandseely.com

Decanter tasting notes: Serious and complex yet so drinkable and joyful, from the enthralling onion skin colour to the abundant fine, still-rising bubbles and remarkable depth and 'chew' to the palate. Delivers an impressive, age-worthy balance of fruitiness with subtle secondary notes of baked pastry and caramel.



Table 2

7. Grace Wine, Cuvée Misawa Akeno Koshu, Yamanashi, Chubu, Japan 2015

11.5%, 100% Koshu

Medal: Gold, 95 points

Producer contact: Yukiko Shimada, info@grace-wine.com

Decanter tasting notes: The nose is inviting with delicate notes of lime, grapefruit, peach, white flowers and a smoky touch. Grassy and crisp, with some mouth-watering sea-salty touches and a subtle white asparagus character in the mid-palate, this is a gorgeous wine with personality and excellent purity, reminiscent of a sake. A superb finish.



8. Weingut Gross, Nussberg Sauvignon Blanc, Südsteiermark, Steiermark, Austria 2013

13.5%, 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Medal: Gold, 95 points

Producer contact: Michael Gross, weingut@gross.at

Decanter tasting notes: Gentle oak treatment adds structure and gives that added dimension. The nose has a fine spiciness, with honeydew melon, white flowers and white tea coming through; and the weighty palate is lifted by a beautiful acidity bringing vitality and freshness to the lingering finish.



9. Chapel Down, Kit's Coty Estate Chardonnay, Kent, United Kingdom 2013

12.5%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Platinum - Best UK White over £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: Chapel Down Winery, £19.99

Producer contact: Rebecca Hirst, rebecca@chapeldown.com

Decanter tasting notes: Big, open and inviting nose, and full, ripe, creamy textured palate, long and substantial, with juicy fruit, smart oak, and enjoyable savoury, spice and mineral sophistication. Cleansing acidity provides lift and lushness, and there's a satisfying chew to the lingering finish. Top-notch Chardonnay from anywhere let alone England!



10. Marconi Vini, Istinto, Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore, Le Marche, Italy 2015

14.5%, 100% Verdicchio Bianco

Medal: Gold, 95 points

Producer contact: Maurizio Marconi, info@marconivini.it

Decanter tasting notes: A spring-like, herbal, gooseberry, sage and almond bouquet leads to a full-flavoured, effusive palate that is awash with intense ripe stone fruits. The salty finish does not disappoint. In toto, a supremely enchanting youthful sparkling gastronomic wine par excellence, with admirable drive, complexity and stamina. Ben fatto!



11. Jakončič, Carolina Rebula, Brda, Primorska, Slovenia 2013

12.5%, 100% Rebula

Medal: Platinum - Best Slovenian White over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Late Vintage Ltd, £40

Producer contact: Aljoša Jakončič, matjaz@jakoncic.eu

Decanter tasting notes: Harmonious bouquet of soft lemon, lime, green apple and grapefruit blossom. Seriously dry with a steely mineral backbone complemented by a creamy texture. Multidimensional, with delicate fruity overtones of peach, citrus, sweet spice and flavours reminiscent of hay meadow adding some complexity. Still young with a long finish and a huge potential.



12. Weingut Dr. H. Thanisch Erben Müller-Burggraef, Berncasteler Doctor Riesling, Mosel, Germany 2014

7.5%, 100% Riesling

Medal: Platinum - Best German Sweet over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Marina Dunlop, london@newgenerationwines.com

Decanter tasting notes: Resplendently powerful nose of limes, honeycomb and peach fruit. Rich and beautifully constructed with a magnificently pure palate with racy acid and high quality fruit. The exotic fruit flavours (and the sweetness) are balanced to perfection by the acidity. As good as it gets!



Table 3

13. Vignobles Sourice, Manoir de la Hersandière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, Loire, France 2015

12%, 100% Melon de Bourgogne

Medal: Gold, 96 points

UK Stockist: Tesco, Wine by the Case, £9

Producer contact: Kit Ellen, kit@freerunwines.com

Decanter tasting notes: A delicately understated nose of thyme, sage and green apple skin includes some lime aromas, before leading into a palate of real citrus character. There are harmonious notes of white apple and white peach with a lovely sappy acidity and a persistent mineral saline finish.



14. Domaine du Cinquau, Ambitions, Jurançon Sec, Southwest France, France 2014

15%, 60% Petit Manseng, 40% Petit Courbu

Medal: Platinum - Best White Southwest France over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Germain Laborde, g.laborde@cinquau.fr

Decanter tasting notes: Charming, fascinating and plush, with layers of honey, beeswax, soft ripe apricot and sweet vanilla aromas all beautifully highlighted with hints of exotic spice. Intense and complex palate offers rich, sweet, ripe fruit, creamy fruit salad, sumptuous tropical fruit, super bright acidity and beguiling length.



15. Kuentz-Bas, Riesling, Grand Cru Geisberg, Alsace, France 2013

13%, 100% Riesling

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: The Wine Society, £28

Producer contact: Samuel Tottoli, info@kuentz-bas.fr

Decanter tasting notes: Vibrant and aromatic bouquet with notes of fresh flowers and citrus. Juicy, elegant in the mouth with a great texture and purity, and with an exotic fruit character supported by lashings of mineral notes. With a long length, this is a great expression of its terroir.



16. Jean-Marc Boillot, Mâcon-Villages, Burgundy, France 2014

13%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Platinum - Best White Mâconnais & Chalonnais over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Domaine Direct

Producer contact: Lydie Alzingre, pommardiere@wanadoo.fr

Decanter tasting notes: Magnificent aromas of toast and vanilla compliment the rich lime zesty fruit and minerality. Delicious fruit concentration underpinned by a round, fleshy and complex palate. This is all topped off perfectly with a zesty and mineral finish. This precise and harmonious wine is tasting superbly.



17. Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils, les Clos, Chablis Grand Cru, Burgundy, France 2014

12.8%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: Thorman Hunt, £37

Producer contact: Fabien Moreau, contact@domainechristianmoreau.com

Decanter tasting notes: Attractive but understated nose that is classically mineral and citric. The palate has serious cut and drive. At this stage the weight is yet to come, but the attractive, tart lemon fruit and stony characters on the palate promise more in the future.



18. Domaine de Nalys, Eicelènci, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France 2014

13.5%, 56% Grenache Blanc, 36% Roussanne, 6% Clairette

Medal: Platinum - Best White Rhône over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Isabelle Ogier, contact@domainedenalys.com

Decanter tasting notes: An attractive bouquet of ginger, white fruits, cream and anise with good lift and depth. The palate is rounded with tree fruits, nuts and apricot supported by juicy acidity and light flinty astringency while the finish gives more apricot and a little honey.



Table 4

19. Calyptra, Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Cachapoal, Chile 2013

14.5%, 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Medal: Platinum - Best Chilean Sauvignon Blanc over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Leonardo Valenzuela, lvalenzuela@calyptra.cl

Decanter tasting notes: Subtle and complex nose with citrus, white flowers and oak nuances evocative of a Chardonnay. Very elegant, with some citrus peel and ripe melon character, a deliciously fresh minerality and a slight, charming bitterness enveloping the palate. A different style and exceptional Chilean Sauvignon Blanc.



20. Marisco Vineyards, The King's Favour Sauvignon Blanc, Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand 2015

12.5%, 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Medal: Platinum - Best New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Majestic Wine Warehouses, £13.99

Producer contact: Matthew Mitchell, matt@marisco.co.nz

Decanter tasting notes: A beauty with an expressive bouquet of dried herbs, Granny Smith apples, gooseberries and tomato stalk. The palate is concentrated and has a lot of fresh citrus notes. There's an attractive, flinty mineral edge as well. Lovely weight and texture add to the complexity of this stunning wine.



21. Te Pa Family Vineyards, Chardonnay, Marlborough, New Zealand 2015

13%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 96 points

UK Stockist: Broadland Wines, £14.99

Producer contact: Sam Bennett, sam@tepawines.com

Decanter tasting notes: A well-knit, fleshy and complex modern Chardonnay with lots of flint and gun smoke and underlying citrus and stone fruit aromas. It has considerable intensity and length with lovely pristine acidity and lashings of peachy fruit (white and yellow) and brioche flavour that keep the wine fresh and bright.



22. Nautilus, Chardonnay, Marlborough, New Zealand 2014

13.5%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: Hailsham Cellars, £21.99

Producer contact: Paul Fleming, pfleming@negociants.com

Decanter tasting notes: A fresh, elegant, subtle and restrained wine from start to finish. Grapefruit pitch, citrus, pineapple, pear, peach and bran biscuit are woven together by well-handled nutty oak. It carries the alcohol well and has all the breathtaking length and balance needed for top-drawer Chardonnay. Will prosper with time in bottle.



23. KWV, Cathedral Cellar Chardonnay, Western Cape, South Africa 2015

14.1%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Gold, 95 points

Producer contact: Marike van Niekerk, vniekerkma@kwv.co.za

Decanter tasting notes: Smoky marmalade and lime citrus aromas with a hint of rose petal, bergamot and clove spices. The palate is lively with lime and peach highlights, fresh acidity and creamy, buttery oak. The finish has a silky texture with a hint of sweetness and fine length.



24. Bodega Catena Zapata, Adrianna Vineyard White Bones, Mendoza, Argentina 2013

13%, 100% Chardonnay

Medal: Platinum - Best Argentinian Chardonnay over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Bibendum PLB Limited, £58.99

Producer contact: Lucia Garcia, mfuente@catenazapata.com

Decanter tasting notes: A fantastic wine with layers of complexity and a beautiful nose with intense fruits, including some strawberry and raspberry, as well as delicate notes of camomile. The palate is enchanting with an intense purity and minerality, and delicious quince, green apple and candied lime flavours. This is a magnificent wine, round, without being oaky.



Table 5

25. Pure Provence, Côtes de Provence, Provence, France 2015

13.5%, 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Rolle

Medal: Platinum Best in Show - Best Rosé under £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: Wine Rack, £8.99

Producer contact: Kit Ellen, kit@freerunwines.com

Decanter tasting notes: Ah! Suddenly a grain and a softness and a cream in here. Classy, pure aromas. Concentrated, rich, vivid, sumptuous and deep flavours. A lovely subtle mouthful of high quality rose fruit. Wonderful volume and poise in the mouth, with a great tide of almond richness carrying the soft cherry fruit.



26. Château Canadel, Bandol, Provence, France 2015

13.5%, 60% Mourvedre, 35% Cinsault, 5% Grenache

Medal: Platinum Best in Show - Best Rosé over £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: A&B Vintners, £15.46

Producer contact: Benoist Vianney, chateaucanadel@gmail.com

Decanter tasting notes: Pale orange-pink. A touch meaty here, thanks to the Mourvedre. A good, clean nose with fresh summer fruits and Provençal herbs. Lively, graceful and dappled. On the palate, a much subtler wine than the aromas suggested. Choice, fleshy, textured and rich. Super stuff.



27. Domaine du Penlois, Morgon, Beaujolais, France 2014

13%, 100% Gamay

Medal: Platinum - Best Red Beaujolais over £15, 97 points

Producer contact: Besson Maxence, domaine@penlois.fr

Decanter tasting notes: A very distinguished, feminine wine that stands out for its freshness and - above all - its energy. Enticing, floral and mineral on the nose, with wonderfully moreish spice-infused dark fruit on the palate - with all its elements in perfect harmony; well made and classy.



28. Delas Frères, Domaine des Grands Chemins, Crozes-Hermitage, Rhône, France 2013

13%, 100% Syrah

Medal: Gold, 95 points

Producer contact: Simon Zuckerman, simon.zuckerman@berkman.co.uk

Decanter tasting notes: A dark and strangely opulent nose of mocha, cassis and ecclesiastic spice, the palate holds a handsome savoury content with liquorice and blackberry skins. The tannins are firm and assertive on the mid palate and continue to a long and solid finish.



29. Vignobles Des Quatre Vents, Clos des Quatre Vents, Margaux, Bordeaux, France 2014

13.5%, 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot

Medal: Platinum - Best Bordeaux Left Bank over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Cavanihac Hugo, contact@clos4vents.net

Decanter tasting notes: lots of intense fruit on both the nose and palate, perfume and vanilla aromas. The palate is very elegant, complex and structured, with lovely sweet jammy fruit concentration, velvety tannins, and a generous charming finish.



30. Marguerite De Massaut, Paragon, Cahors, Southwest France, France 2013

13%, 100% Malbec

Medal: Gold, 98 points

Producer contact: Cedric Blanc, cblanc@lagrezette.fr

Decanter tasting notes: Earthy, fresh, and exciting with inviting ripe, leathery plum, intense black fruit and smouldering, smoky oak. Incredibly dense, with a palate full of sound ripe fruit, beautifully intertwined tannins and mineral fresh acidity. Fabulous depth and fruit extraction, rich and perfectly integrated.



Table 6

31. Heinrich, Blaufränkisch, Leithaberg, Burgenland, Austria 2013

13%, 100% Blaufränkisch

Medal: Platinum - Best Austrian Red over £15, 96 points
Producer contact: Heike Heinrich, weingut@heinrich.at

Decanter tasting notes: A credit to the grape and to the place, this refreshing wine is drinking seriously now, but also shows excellent ageing potential. It is defined by a crisp acid structure, vibrant red and black fruit characters enhanced with peppery spice, and very fine (though not fully integrated) tannins.



32. Pio Cesare, Il Bricco, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy 2011

14.5%, 100% Nebbiolo

Medal: Gold, 95 points
UK Stockist: Whitebridge Wines, £69
Producer contact: Kate Lofthouse, kate.lofthouse@mmdltd.co.uk

Decanter tasting notes: Delicate and restrained nose, filled with gorgeous ripe fruit, seductive tar, heady herb and spicy, earthy aromas. Coffee and burnt chocolate line the elegant, dry palate, which is both complex and fine, while all framed with beautifully extracted tannins and crisp acidity.



33. Réva, Ravera, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy 2012

14.5%, 100% Nebbiolo

Medal: Gold, 96 points
UK Stockist: Mille Gusti, £51
Producer contact: Gian Luca Colombo, gianluca@vinoreva.it

Decanter tasting notes: Restrained, elegant and refined Autumnal fruit compote, savoury leather, subtle spice and fragrant cedar wood aromas. Cherry and berry prevail on the palate, layered with cream, balsamic, smoky tobacco and toasted coffee notes all braced with a fine, bright acidity and textured tannins.



34. Fattoria Carpineta Fontalpino, Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy 2013

13.5%, 100% Sangiovese

Medal: Gold, 95 points
Producer contact: Gioia Cresti, filippogioia@interfree.it

Decanter tasting notes: Fantastic winemaking. We start with a complex plum, dark cherry and dried red berry nose with a touch of Xmas cake, and move to a highly structured palate with the cleanest of fruit, ripe, fine tannins and good acidity. Long and pleasing finish.



35. Tenute Silvio Nardi, Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy 2011

14.5%, 100% Sangiovese

Medal: Gold, 96 points
UK Stockist: Champagnes & Châteaux, £35
Producer contact: Michela Fiorucci, m.fiorucci@tenutenardi.com

Decanter tasting notes: Wonderful youthful freshness and drive here. Cool, crunchy berry fruit, fresh thyme, and spice and leather aromas, and what a big impression on the palate. It is clean and classy with a touch of astringency, very fine tannins, and a long, complex finish.



36. Tenuta Cavalier Pepe, La Loggia Del Cavaliere Riserva, Taurasi, Campania, Italy 2009

14.5%, 100% Aglianico

Medal: Platinum - Best Red Southern Italy over £15, 95 points
Producer contact: Milena Pepe, info@tenutacavalierpepe.it

Decanter tasting notes: A captivating nose with Mediterranean brush, incense and showing signs of development. Ripe and full of damson spice, chocolate, oak with vanilla, coffee and clove on the palate. A full and dense wine with very soft tannins. Elegant.



37. Veralda, Istrian, Istria, Coastal, Croatia 2015

14%, 100% Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso

Medal: Platinum Best in Show - Best Red Single-Varietal over £15, 95 points
Producer contact: Luciano Visintin, info@veralda.hr

Decanter tasting notes: Deep and bright with ripe red and black fruit aromas, and a huge, spicy tannic structure, it also boasts an ingenious, extremely harmonious core. The palate is long, intense and chewy with sloe, elderberry, black and red currant flavours, and the finish fresh and ripe.



Table 7

38. Pêra-Grave, Reserva, Évora, Alentejo, Portugal 2013

14.5%, 50% Syrah, 25% Touriga Nacional, 25% Alicante Bouschet

Medal: Platinum - Best Red Southern Portugal over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Vinterest, £17.99

Producer contact: João Grave, peragrave@sapo.pt

Decanter tasting notes: A beautiful spicy nose of pepper, cedar and cloves, the palate is rich and velvety in texture, with black fruit and more spice, on a rich elegant, ever so satisfying finish.



39. La Horra, Corimbo I, Ribera del Duero, Mainland Spain, Spain 2010

14.5%, 100% Tempranillo

Medal: Platinum Best in Show - Best Red Spanish Varietals over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Edencroft Fine Wines, £45

Producer contact: Rebecca Herbert, rebecca@mentzendorff.co.uk

Decanter tasting notes: Fresh and fruity with an expressive nose of caramelised citrus, red fruits and aromatic herbs. The palate is very rich and intense with vanilla, cloves, pepper and tobacco leaf mingling with strawberry, cranberry and orange zest. The finish is fresh and elegant with a substantial lingering length.



40. Cederberg, Shiraz, Cederberg, South Africa 2014

14.5%, 100% Shiraz

Medal: Platinum - Best South African Red Rhône Varietals over £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: Bancroft, £16.99

Producer contact: Janine Steyn, janine@cederbergwine.com

Decanter tasting notes: Alluring and intoxicating, with smoky vanilla, plummy spice and slick, sweet oak aromas. Harmonious and beautifully textured on the palate, layered with plush, plump blueberry and peppery, dense plum and framed with silky smooth supporting oak and a beautiful, elegant, refreshing acidity.



41. Delaire Graff, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2012

14.5%, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Medal: Platinum - Best South African Red Bordeaux Varietals over £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: Armit Wines, £30

Producer contact: Katherine Harris, wine@delaire.co.za

Decanter tasting notes: A beautiful bouquet of sweet earthy, tannery leather with blackcurrants, violets and herb garden - thyme, rosemary and sage. Plenty of class and pedigree evident here - great velvety structure, sweet sleek cassis fruit. The finish is quite feminine with really good length and layers of fruit and soft spice.



42. Yalumba, The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia, Australia 2012

14.5%, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: Averys of Bristol, £35.99

Producer contact: Paul Fleming, pfleming@negociants.com

Decanter tasting notes: Pure and poised, focused and precise, the nose is a joy, with savoury espresso, steely graphite, inky cassis and cedar wood aromas. Fruit filled and fresh, the palate is underpinned with a heady, menthol and eucalyptus thread and laced with a tantalising freshness.



43. Bodega Garzon, Tannat, Uruguay 2014

14%, 100% Tannat

Medal: Gold, 95 points

UK Stockist: Bacchus Wine, £8

Producer contact: Teresa Cedenilla, teresac@blendswineestates.com

Decanter tasting notes: Pleasantly fresh on the nose. The palate is generous and expressive with a plethora of ripe, juicy black fruits and a clean, pure mineral expression. Tannins are medium plus but really approachable and well balanced by a beautiful fruit. A perfect execution.



44. Bodega Catena Zapata, Nicasia Vineyard Malbec, La Consulta, San Carlos, Mendoza, Argentina 2011

14%, 95% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc

Medal: Gold, 96 points

UK Stockist: Bibendum PLB Limited, £39.99

Producer contact: Lucia Garcia, mfuente@catenazapata.com

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Table 8

45. Cave de Gan Jurançon, Domaine Lasserre, Jurançon, Southwest France, France 2014

12%, 50% Gros Manseng, 50% Petit Manseng

Medal: Platinum Best in Show -Best Sweet under £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Co-operative stores, £6.99 (37.5 cl bottle)

Producer contact: Ruhlmann François, export@cavedejurancon.com

Decanter tasting notes: Exciting, intricate aromas of wonderfully subtle tropical fruit, smoky tea, quince, yellow apple and sweet mango. Lush, full, yet fresh palate brings us lifted tropical fruit. rich prune, zingy lime and delicious honeyed fruit, lines with a refined mineral structure and solid length.



46. Vinisola, Arbaria, Moscato Passito di Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy 2013

14%, 100% Zibibbo

Medal: Platinum - Best Sweet Southern Italy over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Francesco Rizzo, info@vinisola.it

Decanter tasting notes: Amber-yellow in colour. A delicious nose with honey and caramel, raisin, fresh fig and date. The moderate acidity is fresh enough to balance the residual sugar. Intense and velvety, with layers of complexity and a long, lingering finish.



47. Heilongjiang Luyuan Winery, Château Fenhe Ice Wine, China 2013

12%, 100% Vidal

Medal: Platinum - Best Sweet Asia over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Xueying Li, 734018674@qq.com

Decanter tasting notes: Powerful, expressive nose of mango chutney, thick-cut Seville orange marmalade and a touch of dried mushrooms. Sweet, lusciously textured with an excellent concentration and layers of delicious flavours: dry apricot, raisins, confit peach and lemon curd, balanced by a remarkable fresh acidity, culminating into a long persistent fine finish



48. Finca San Blas, Vino Dulce, Utiel Requena, Mainland Spain, Spain 2013

10.5%, 50% Merseguera, 50% Chardonnay

Medal: Platinum Best in Show -Best Sweet over £15, 95 points

Producer contact: Antonio Zahonero, info@fincasanblas.com

Decanter tasting notes: Beautifully honeyed and ripe Sauternes-like nose of peach, grape seed, pineapple, passion fruit, saffron, marzipan and tangy marmalade notes. The brilliant jab of wonderfully fresh acidity on the palate cuts through the honey and spice, butterscotch, mango and toffee and leads to a great length.



49. Morris Wines, Cellar One Classic Liqueur Topaque, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia NV

17.19%, 100% Muscadelle

Medal: Platinum - Best Australian Fortified over £15, 95 points

UK Stockist: Australian Wines Online, £20

Producer contact: Teena Robinson, Teena.Robinson@pernod-ricard.com

Decanter tasting notes: Seductive, alluring and polished with gorgeous honeyed aromas of sweet caramel, molasses and plump apricot all skilfully laced with subtle spice. Warm, rich and enticing on the palate, with sublime concentration of fruit, beautiful complexity, shimmering freshness and a supple, generous finish.



50. Bodegas Robles, PX Selección de Robles, Montilla-Moriles, Mainland Spain, Spain NV

15%, 100% Pedro Ximenez

Medal: Platinum - Best Spanish Fortified over £15, 96 points

UK Stockist: Vinceremos, £145

Producer contact: Francisco Robles, tecnico@bodegasrobles.com

Decanter tasting notes: Slight green rim to the black core. Amazingly complex nose with very old oak, ginger, cumin, dry flowers, walnut, black olives and a bass undertone of high quality cigar tobacco. It retains its lime freshness, freshly brewed coffee notes and has an impressively long finish

