



Château La Mascaronne, Rosé, Provence, France 2017 91

£29.95 (150cl) **Berry Bros & Rudd**
A lovely magnum of organic rosé that will flow seamlessly from festive smoked salmon blinis to shellfish or vegetarian starters. A blend of Grenache and Cinsault, it shows crunchy redcurrant fruit, hints of thyme and a lick of sea spray with a taut acid backbone. **Alc** 13.5%



Château Lalande d'Auvion, Médoc Cru Bourgeois, Bordeaux, France 2015 93

£10 **Waitrose**
Waitrose's M Marquis de Terme 2014 and Deyrem Valentin 2015 are lovely clarets for £29.99, but you can't top this for £10 (£15.99 after 12 December). Excellent grip of dusty tannins supports spicy bramble fruit that is starting to show savoury development. **Alc** 13.5%



Cullen, Mangan East Block, Margaret River, Western Australia 2014 93

£33.99 **Liberty Wines**
A biodynamic red proudly showing what the 'other' Bordeaux grapes can do. Here, 72% of Petit Verdot joins 28% Malbec, offering a seductive, vital red full of boysenberry, violets and spice, plus grippy, chocolatey tannins from 17 months in French oak. **Alc** 14%



Heinrich, Blaufränkisch, Leithaberg, Austria 2015 93

£31.99 **Liberty Wines**
Full-frontal, vibrant aromas of dark cherries, plums, florals, undergrowth and exotic spices leap from the glass and follow on the long, plush palate. Fruit comes from old vineyards farmed biodynamically; matured for 20 months in used 500-litre oak barrels. **Alc** 13%



Luigi Bosca, Single Vineyard Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2016 93

£10 **Waitrose**
From a low-yielding vineyard at 960m in Vistalba, this super Malbec has a beautiful balance of ripe blue fruits, moderate alcohol and vanilla-edged oak from a year in barrel, leading to a long, cherry liqueur finish. After 12 December, it reverts to the usual £17.99. **Alc** 13.5%



Clau de Nell, Grolleau, Anjou, Val de Loire, France 2015 92

£33.99 **Liberty Wines**
The late Anne-Claude Leflaive bought this struggling biodynamic domaine in 2008. From 2ha of old vines, Grolleau – normally used in bland rosés – is taken to another level: bright acidity lifts crunchy pomegranate fruit, with spice and texture from 18 months in old Leflaive barrels. **Alc** 12%



Closerie des Alisiers, Vieilles Vignes, Marsannay, Burgundy, France 2015 92

£26 **Yapp Bros**
Son of Jean-Marc Brocard in Chablis, Stéphane began his own négociant down south and this is his own label. Classic undergrowth and wild cherry notes from 45-year-old vines. Firm oak from 15 months' ageing (20% new barrels) but it remains fresh. **Alc** 13%



Ocean Eight, Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria, Australia 2016 92

£26-£33 **Available via UK agent Hallgarten & Novum**
This 'second' wine to the single-vineyard Aylward Reserve, from vines more than 20 years old, has a more vibrant, lifted red-fruit profile than a brooding black fruit one, with gentle oak spice from 12 months in French oak puncheons. **Alc** 13.5%



Donnafugata, Sul Vulcano, Etna, Sicily, Italy 2016 94

£29.99 **Liberty Wines**

It's not just the artwork of the 'goddess mountain' of Etna that makes the first release of this pretty, floral red stand out – it's the sheer drinkability! Distinctly mineral, with an almost saline tang from the volcanic terroir, it has notes of wild raspberry and strawberry, sappy tannins and subtle spice from 14 months in used French oak. Refreshing with impeccable balance and very moreish – a delicious discovery. **Alc** 13.5% ➤