

# Weekday wines

Looking to try something different or adventurous, but don't want to make an expensive mistake? The *Decanter* team has done the hard work for you, picking out 25 exciting and accessible wines available in the UK priced at £20 or less

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## Domaine de Montbourgeau, Brut, Crémant du Jura, Jura, France 91

£14.95 The Wine Society  
The austere green apple, lemon and ozone-like minerality of this 100% Chardonnay offer a great alternative to entry-level Champagne. Digestive biscuit notes add depth and interest, refreshed by mouthwatering acidity and a fine mousse. *TG* Alcohol 12%



## La Battistina, Metodo Classico, Gavi, Piedmont, Italy 2017 89

£17.99 Majestic  
This offers real interest. It's a sparkling Gavi (the grape is Cortese), made by the traditional method. Mellow apple fruit, citrus and a yeasty, biscuity note, with good length. Makes you wonder why sparkling Gavi isn't more widely available. *AW* Alc 12%



## London Cru, Baker Street Bacchus, England 2019 93

£16 Roberson  
Proof of what can be achieved with English Bacchus. Fresh, Sauvignon-like nose, with lime, gooseberry, herbal and grassy notes. Judicious oak adds a delightful creaminess, well balanced by fresh acidity, plus notes of citrus interwoven with passion fruit, pineapple and subtle elderflower. *JS* Alc 11.5%



## Barta, Egy Kis Furmint, Tokaj, Hungary 2019 92

£14.95 Corney & Barrow  
A delightful introduction to dry Furmint, this will appeal to Sauvignon Blanc lovers in need of adventure. It's very pale in colour, and made in a linear, restrained style. Fragrant, mineral and textured: salted lemons and sun-kissed rocks. Would be perfect with monkfish risotto. *AW* Alc 13%



## Granbazán, Etiqueta Ambar Albariño, Val do Salnés, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain 2018 92

£17.50 ND John  
A classic Albariño, vibrant with intense aromatics of ripe citrus, peach and tropical fruit, edged with fresh herbs. Creamy lees texture balances laser-sharp acidity, with grapefruit and flinty mineral notes. Crisp, deliciously drinkable, long, mouthwatering. *JS* Alc 13.5%



## BlankBottle, Moment of Silence, Wellington, South Africa 2019 91

£18.95 Swig  
Mostly fermented in old French oak, this Chenin, Grenache and Viognier blend ages on the lees for one year, giving pineapple, sweet spices, marmalade and honey aromas. Pineapple, dried apricot and citrus peel flavours are followed by honey-roasted nuts on the long finish. Delicious and moreish. *SW* Alc 13%



## Anselmi, San Vincenzo, Veneto, Italy 2019 91

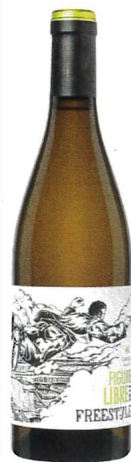
£15.50 The Great Wine Co  
From hillside vineyards on the volcanic slopes of Soave and Monteforte d'Alpone, this blend of Garganega, Chardonnay and Sauvignon is gorgeously mouthwatering. Honeydew melon, peach and green apple, hints of straw and leesy creaminess are followed by a slightly mineral finish. Very fresh, wonderfully smooth: try it with slow-cooked pork shoulder and apple sauce for a real treat. Great value too. *JB* Alc 12.5% ➤





**Louis Latour, Les Deux Moulins, St-Véran, Burgundy, France 2018** 91

£18.99 North & South Wines  
Expect the same flavours of spice, honeysuckle and softly nutty tones that you'd find in a generic Mâconnais, but with more complexity. Mâcon had a large harvest in 2018, but the best wines are beautifully balanced, as here. Great quality-price ratio. *AW* Alc 13.5%



**Domaine Gayda, Figure Libre Freestyle, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France 2018** 90

£14.99 Majestic  
This blend of Grenache Blanc, Macabeu, Marsanne and Roussanne is fermented and aged in oak and concrete egg. Inviting aromas of peach skin, apricot, honeysuckle and citrus zest lead to a juicy palate with a hit of lemon pith, then tangerine rind and wet stone. *GH* Alc 13%



**Podere La Pace, Prima Viola, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy 2018** 90

£14.50 Boyer Wines  
This blend of Chardonnay and Viognier from the Tuscan coast offers summery scents of hay, peach, orange zest and blossom. Its slightly weighty texture gives substance to breezy flavours of summer meadow, sweet stone fruits and cutting lime juice, accompanied by zesty acidity and barrel spices. *JB* Alc 13%



**Veramonte, Organic Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile 2018** 89

£11.49 Ocado  
A fresh, fruity white from organic vineyards in Chile's Casablanca Valley. Lots of varietal typicity, with vibrant gooseberry and lime aromas. More gooseberries and ripe citrus on the palate with zingy acidity. Plenty for Sauvignon lovers to enjoy! *JS* Alc 13.5%



**Babylonstoren, Mourvedre Rosé, Simonsberg, Paarl, South Africa 2020** 90

£14.95-£15.99 Cellar Door Wines, Novel Wines  
You can't get fresher than drinking a rosé in the year it was made! This reliable Mourvedre is laden with spicy redcurrant and floral raspberry fruit, lifted by brisk acidity through to a creamy strawberry yoghurt finish. *TG* Alc 13%



**Tesco, Roseline Prestige Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France 2019** 89

£14.10 Tesco  
New in Tesco's range this summer, this blend of Grenache and Cinsault with a little Syrah is the supermarket's priciest rosé after Miraval. Like its packaging, this is elegant, but with a good weight. Attractive coral colour, lots of citrus fruit, and a decent length. *AW* Alc 13%



**Château Pineraie, L'Authentique, Cahors, Southwest France 2016** 93

£11.99 Roberts & Speight  
This characterful and complex wine displays flavours of ripe, juicy blackcurrant and black cherry with spicy vanilla oak and a floral, potpourri element. Sumptuous and rustic but rich and silky at the same time, it's an absolute bargain at this price. *GH* Alc 13%



**Le Pupille, Morellino di Scansano, Tuscany, Italy 2018** 92

£16.50 Armit  
A vibrant and joyous unoaked Sangiovese (with 15% Alicante and Ciliegliolo). Perfumed red cherry and sweet berries on a medium-weight palate. Fine structure from sappy fruit tannins, balsamic complexity. Juicy and quaffable – a perfect pairing for herb-crusted pork cutlets. *TG* Alc 13.5%



HIGH STREET choice

**Morrison's, The Best, Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Sur Lie, Loire, France 2019** 91

£8 Morrison's  
'Sur lie' means that this wine was kept on its lees until the March following the vintage, which gives it a touch of honey and a more weighty texture. Candied pear, green apple and white flowers on the nose are followed by crisp lemon and apple peel flavours, plus a grassy, white pepper undertone and cleansing finish. *SW* Alc 12%