



Errazuriz, Wild Ferment Chardonnay, Aconcagua Costa, Chile 2011 17 (90)

£15.99 Ellie's Cellar, Hailsham Cellars, Kingsgate Wines, Majestic, Whalley Wine Shop, Wimbledon Wine Cellar, Winedirect, The Wine Reserve 🍷
From vines a stone's throw from the Pacific, this delivers a kick of immediate pleasure. Pineapple, pear, honey, nutty and mealy aromas lead to a spine of acidity on the palate to counter ripe apple and tropical fruit. Alc 13.5%



Kleine Zalze, Chenin Blanc Vineyard Selection, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2013 17 (90)

£10.99 widely available via UK agent Hatch Mansfield
Fermented in steel and French oak, this Chenin Blanc is honeyed, plump and decorated with spicy white fruit, and a hint of florality. It's quite a full-tilt wine, so perhaps not to everyone's taste, but retains freshness despite the alcohol. Alc 14%



Nitida, Coronata Integration, Durbanville, South Africa 2012 17 (90)

£14.50 Stone Vine & Sun
A delicious mix of 60% Sauvignon Blanc and 40% Semillon, aged for eight months in used French oak. The nose has lift and a pronounced grassy note underpinned by the Semillon influence. As you may expect from the barrel ageing, there's impressive weight and texture to the palate, with crisp apple flavours. Alc 13%



Robert Oatley, Signature Chardonnay, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012 16.5 (88)

£12.72-£14.99 Addison Wines, Tesco Wine by the Case, TJ Wines 🍷
Bob Oatley is a veteran in the wine industry Down Under. However, winemaking duties here fall to the hugely respected Larry Cherubino. This wine is light on its feet, with soft aromas of blossom, and crisp citrus and apple flavours. Alc 12.5%



Tesco, Finest* Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, France 2012 16.5 (88)

£7.99 Tesco 🍷
A real refresher, and a top example of how this Mediterranean-influenced region can provide great enjoyment at a keen price. The breezy nose is dominated by ripe melon but with a dash of pepper to spice things up. To taste it's as it should be: tangy, brisk with juicy fruit and a curve of citrus peel. Alc 12.5%



Villa Maria, Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, Clifford Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand 2013 16.5 (88)

£14.99 widely available via UK agent Hatch Mansfield
Today a titan, Villa Maria began in 1961, when George Fistonich (now Sir George) leased 2ha of his father's land. Fruit for this bottling comes from Awatere, and it's textbook fare, with grassy roundness and texture, mango, pineapple and grapefruit. Alc 13%



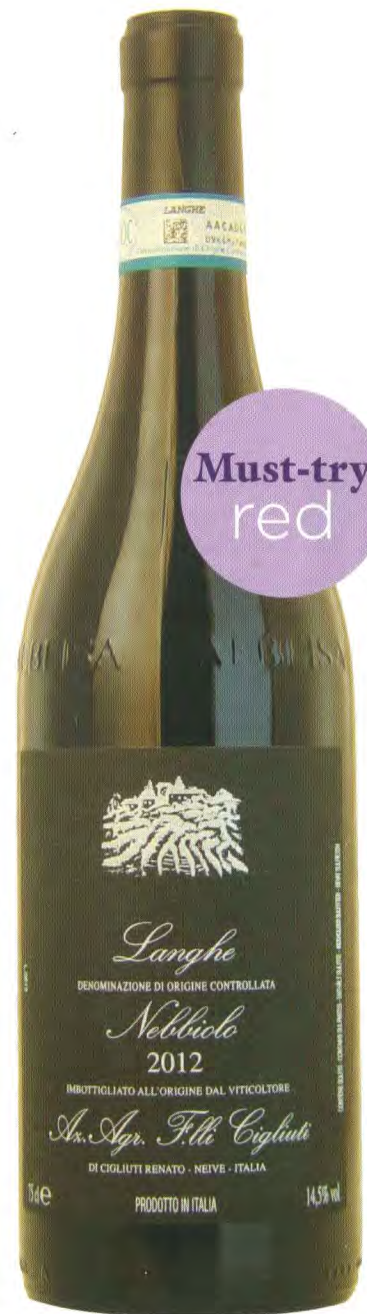
AA Badenhorst, Secateurs Red Blend, Swartland, South Africa 2012 18 (93)

£10.50-£11.55 Harvey Nichols, Oxford Wine Co, St Andrews Wine Co, Stone Vine & Sun, Swig
This estate has swiftly forged a reputation thanks to some stellar wines. The blend here is Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Cinsault and Grenache; the result a bright, red berry and cherry-infused wine, with a herbal edge. Alc 13%



Tenuta di Somaro, Puglia, Italy 2011 17.75 (92)

£9.99 Laithwaite's Wine
A darling of a wine that showcases Puglia's ability to turn out fabulously enjoyable wines at a great price. The fragrant, rich, inviting nose is all about bramble fruits, while in the mouth there is plenty of dark, sweetly spiced fruit, with good structure and a juicy, glossy finish. Alc 13%



Cigliuti, Nebbiolo, Langhe, Italy 2012 18 (93)

£17.95 Lea & Sandeman
A bright and breezy, but svelte Nebbiolo, with a beautiful nose that shows some leaf and spice lurking behind the precise red fruits. Those red fruits form the core of the palate, which has grip as one would expect, but also wonderful balance and drive. Alc 14.5%

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F.Ili Cigliuti 2012 Langhe Nebbiolo

Neive, Piedmont

Italy

Drinking window: 2014 - 2022

If there is one of Cigliuti's entry-level wines that is worth an extra bit of effort to find, it is the 2012 Langhe Nebbiolo. A drop-dead gorgeous wine, the 2012 emerges from the glass with sweet red cherries, flowers, mint and spices. The Langhe Nebbiolo is made from parcel in the Erte vineyard and is aged five months in steel and five months in cask. It is essentially Barbaresco with a little less barrel and bottle age than mandated by law. Sweet floral and spice notes add brightness on the finish.

— Antonio Galloni, October 2013

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Release price

Not Available

Grape Variety

100% Nebbiolo

Importer

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