

## Croxley Green U3A – Wine Appreciation group

### August 2023 – Taste of America

All wines bought from: Waitrose Cellar online – waitrosecellar.com

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>Barefoot Pinot Grigio NV</b>
Colour	❖ White
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Pinot grigio, Moscatel, Gewürztraminer
Year	❖ --
Region	❖ California, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 12%
Style	❖ Dry
Characteristics	❖ Californian take on the classic Italian white. ❖ Fresh and crisp in style, with delicate citrus and pear fruit aromas. This zingy white displays fine lemon and lime citrus, pear and melon fruit flavours. Pure and unoaked in style.
Closure	❖ Screw cap
Price	❖ <b>On offer £6.99</b> (Was £7.89)

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>Barefoot Sauvignon Blanc NV</b>
Colour	❖ White
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Sauvignon Blanc, Alberino, Colombard
Year	❖ --
Region	❖ California, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 13%
Style	❖ Dry
Characteristics	❖ Zesty Sauvignon - bright, crisp & refreshing ❖ This vibrant Californian white is bursting with fruit flavours, such as honeydew melon, nectarine, abundant peach and a zesty zing of lime. Perfect with salads, grilled prawns and light cheeses such as feta.
Closure	❖ Screw cap
Price	❖ <b>£7.89</b>

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>Frei Brothers Sonoma Chardonnay</b>
Colour	❖ White
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Chardonnay
Year	❖ 2020
Region	❖ California, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 14%
Style	❖ Dry
Characteristics	❖ From one of Sonoma's most renowned regions ❖ "Smooth and silky, this is an expressive Chardonnay, reflecting the character of the Russian River Valley. With a nod to Burgundian style, there are fresh aromas of apple and citrus, underpinned by buttery, toasty richness and a fresh finish."
Closure	❖ Natural cork
Price	❖ <b>On offer £13.99</b> (Was £17.99)

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>Apothic Red Winemaker's Blend</b>
Colour	❖ Red
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Zinfandel, Syrah, Merlot
Year	❖ 2020
Region	❖ California, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 13.5%
Style	❖ Medium to Full Bodied
Characteristics	❖ A sumptuous blend of California's top grape varieties ❖ Apothic is inspired by the 'Apotheca'; a mysterious place where wine was blended and stored in 13th century Europe. It's a rich, ripe and bold red wine, but extremely smooth, so wonderful with hearty foods. ❖ <i>In response to a reviewer a Waitrose Cellar specialist commented : ...</i> "If you're looking to pair this with food it's delicious with both barbecue and Mexican cuisine." <i></i>
Closure	❖ Screw Cap
Price	❖ <b>£9.99</b>

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>667 Noble Vines Pinot Noir</b>
Colour	❖ Red
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Pinot Noir
Year	❖ 2020
Region	❖ California, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 14.5%
Style	❖ Light to medium bodied
Characteristics	❖ Juicy plum and cherry, bittersweet cocoa and delicate toasty oak make this perfect with roast lamb. ❖ Vine selection 667 is one of the "Dijon clones" that have recently come to California from the Cote d'Or in Burgundy, France. This vine stock forms tight compact clusters that generate deeper color and more layers of tannin than other Pinot Noirs pre... ❖ <a href="#">More&gt;</a> (there was no more!)
Closure	❖ Screw top
Price	❖ <b>On offer – £11.99 NB Offer ends 1 Aug 2023 (Was £16.99)</b>

<b>Name of wine</b>	<b>Chateau Ste Michelle Merlot</b>
Colour	❖ Red
Dominant grape(s)	❖ Merlot (Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot)
Year	❖ 2018
Region	❖ Washington State, USA
Alcohol Vol	❖ 13.7%
Style	❖ Full Bodied
Characteristics	❖ From the Columbia Valley on the USA's west coast. ❖ There's plenty of rich dark-red fruit flavours, notes of cherry and spice, and the splash of Syrah gives this, predominately Merlot wine, a touch of jamminess. It's great for midweek suppers of fresh pasta, grilled salmon, beef and lamb.
Closure	❖ Twin top (an agglomerate cork with a disk of good-quality natural cork adhered to both ends. A reasonably priced, reliable alternative to natural cork.)
Price	❖ <b>Was on offer £10.99 (ended 4 July) Before the offer it was £13.99</b>