

Croxley u3a Wine Appreciation: December 2023

La Gioiosa Asolo Prosecco

11% Waitrose £8.99 (usually £13.99)

A very popular start to the evening

Pinot Gris Urmeer Löss = 2 votes

Sold in Germany under the rather less 'romantic' German name Grauburgunder (=German for the Pinot Gris grape) Urmeer Löss

12.5% Waitrose £9.49

Cultivated in the Rheinhessen area which benefits from rich limestone soils deposited 20 mill years ago providing plenty of nutrients and ample water to the vines leading to a full-bodied fruity wine with elegant mineral notes including pear and spices.

Sauvignon Blanc Kalkstein = 7 votes

12.5% Waitrose £8.99 (usually £10.99)

From the Palatinate region, Kalkstein = limestone, so conditions the same as for the Pinot Gris lending mineral notes as for the Pinot Gris. A refreshing, crisp and lively dry white wine with hints of mango, grapefruit, passion fruit, citrus, and peppers.

Grey Slate Dr Loosen Riesling Private Reserve = 9 votes

10.5% Waitrose £9.99

Dr Ernst Loosen owns the world-renowned Dr Loosen estate, winemaking for over 200 years. 'Grey Slate' because the vineyards have grey slate soils and terraces. A classic Mosel Riesling, clean and crisp, quite acidic, fairly dry and medium-bodied. Vibrant stone fruit (apple, peach) and citrus (lemon, lime) aromas.

Chateau Liversan Cru Bourgeois Haut- Medoc = 3 votes

13% Waitrose £10 (usually £15.99)

Classified as a Cru Bourgeois -a mark of quality but not necessarily the highest. Dark berry aromas with hint of prune and cedar. The terroir includes top quality gravels on a limestone subsoil providing exceptional character.

Georges Duboeuf Fleurie = 12 votes

13.5% Waitrose £12.99 (usually £14.99)

A Beaujolais using the Gamay grape, this 'Fleurie' (floral) wine has fruity and floral aromas including iris, violets, rose, red berries and wild peaches.

La Perrière à l'Origine Pinot Noir = 3 votes

13%. Waitrose £10.99

A Pinot Noir from the Loire valley with black cherry, blackcurrent, and blackberry notes with silky tannins.