

I'm a Celebrity, Get Some Wine in Here

1. Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial Non Vintage Champagne

ABV 12.5% A blend of the classic Champagne grapes Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.

Founded in Épernay in 1743, Jean-Rémy Moët made the house of Moët et Chandon the most famous in Europe.. The house's rich history includes the friendship link between Napoleon Bonaparte and the grandson of the founder, dating from their time at military academy Napoléon was a frequent visitor to Épernay, and the "Imperial" in the name of this Champagne refers to him. Its famous cellars run underground for 17 miles at Épernay. This Champagne matured for 3 years is a World bestseller. Brut Impérial is Moët et Chandon's benchmark Champagne, created from more than 100 different wines, of which 20% to 30% are reserve wines (held back from older vintages) specially selected to enhance their mature character, complexity and consistency..

Tasting Notes: Lively and generous, Brut Imperial distinguishes itself by a bright fruitiness, a seductive palate and an elegant maturity, that continually seduce and delight. The colour is an elegant golden straw yellow with green highlights. Its aromas are radiant, revealing bright white-fleshed fruits (apple, pear, white peach), citrus fruits (lemon), floral nuances (lime blossom) and elegant blond notes (brioche and fresh nuts). The palate is seductive, richly flavourful and smooth combining generosity and elegance, fullness and finesse, followed by a delicately fresh crispiness (fruit with seeds), to reveal the magical balance of champagne. **Tesco £43 (Clubcard £36)**

2. Montaudon Champagne AOP brut

Region: Reims, France. Montaudon Champagne House established 1891

- ABV: 12%
- Tasting note: Delicate aromas of citrus fruit, white peach and elderflower: fresh, dry and appetising: slight sweetness that lingers on the finish
- Pair with: Aperitif or savoury canapés
- 75% black grapes (pinot noir and meunier) 25% chardonnay
- At least 15 months maturation in cellars

£14.99 Lidl

Montaudon Champagne Brut has officially beaten prominent champagne house Moët & Chandon in a recent blind taste test. In a bid to prove its affordable tipples stand up against high-end heavyweights, Lidl went head-to-head with the luxury label, with six in ten participants agreeing the supermarket's own-brand fizz 'tasted better' than Moët & Chandon Imperial Brut. The bottle of Lidl bubbly has also been described as having "real depth and complexity for the price" by trade magazine Decanter, while Good Housekeeping Institute has named it "best budget champagne". The bottle of Lidl bubbly has also been described as having "real depth and complexity for the price" by trade magazine Decanter, while Good Housekeeping Institute has named it "best budget champagne".

3. Gary Barlow Organic Sauvignon Blanc

Crisp and zingy with intense gooseberry and green pepper flavours, tightly structured with a long finish and perfectly balanced acidity. Grapes are night harvested to protect the delicate Sauvignon Blanc flavours. On arrival at the cellar the grapes get pressed in a reductive style, minimum oxygen exposure. The essence is to protect the delicate flavours of the Sauvignon Blanc that nature has so graciously provided us with.

100% Sauvignon Western Cape 2023 11% ABV

Asda £8

4. Graham Norton Sauvignon Blanc

Southern Hemisphere sauvignon blanc once again meets Norton hemisphere brilliance to create this, Graham Norton's own South African sauvignon blanc. Graham and Invivo have searched the diverse Winelands of South Africa's Western Cape to sample, blend and perfect this sauvignon blanc" I'm delighted with this year's new sauvignon blanc blend, it's elegant and delicious, cheers!"

100% Sauvignon

Western Cape

2023

11% ABV

Asda £6.75

5. Cali by Snoop, Red Wine

Full and dense with strong black & blue fruit notes, complemented by bright red slightly candied fruit, and toasted oak.

Defiant by nature, bold in character and always uncompromising. This is a full-bodied red with a slightly sweet finish

ABV: 12.5 per cent **Origin:** California **Grapes:** Petite Syrah, Zinfandel, Merlot

‘With notes of ripe black fruit, smoky oak and vanilla and hazelnuts, this is a full-bodied red. Using strong black and blue fruit produced from the petite sirah grape variety, as well as red fruit from the zinfandel, this is a dense wine with a slightly sweet finish. Fruity on the nose, with a hint of wood ageing – even when tasting it immediately after pouring, it was very smooth. The colour of the wine is a dark plum, with a slightly lighter meniscus around the edge. The taste improved even more upon being left to breathe for a little, and after we aerated the wine to bring out the notes a little more. It was easy to drink on its own, although, we also tried it with steak, before swapping to pairing it with chicken, given its fruity flavour.’ (Independent review.)

Sainsburys £10

6. Gordon Ramsay Intenso Rosso

Vibrant notes of fresh redcurrant and blackberry. Great depth and intensity on the palate with a soft and velvety finish. Enjoy this Intenso Rosso with a grilled steak or a rich tomato ragu. Led by taste, not tradition; multi-Michelin starred chef, Gordon Ramsay and renowned Italian winemaker Alberto Antonini worked together to create a contemporary range of unique blends from Italy's best wine growing regions.

Grapes: Merlot, Sangiovese, Montepulciano 14% ABV

Tesco £8.50