

1. Waimea Estates Sauvignon Blanc 2021/22, Nelson

Thought New Zealand Sauvignon stopped at Marlborough? Think again. Nelson has warm days, sea breeze-cooled days and plenty of sunshine hours. Some claim that it's the country's sunniest spot. It's where you'll find Sauvignon Blanc with some of the ripest tropical-fruit flavours. And that's why Waimea Estates has a history of winning awards all over the globe. It's tropical, vibrant and crisp. Expect passionfruit, lime and pea pod and a long, elegant finish. Its crisp finish and complex flavours mean it'll make a fantastic match for sea bass

2. Peter & Ulrich Griebeler Dry Riesling 2021/22, Mosel

Peter & Ulrich Griebeler are a small, family-run producer based in Germany's Mosel region. They specialise in dry styles of Riesling, the country's signature white grape – and this elegant bottling is an excellent example of their expertise. It's a blend of grapes from different villages, aged on its lees to give it a subtly rounded texture. You'll find it fresh and floral with notes of lime, apricot and herbs. Its crisp acidity and long finish pair beautifully with light salads or seafood dishes.

3. Domäne Wachau 'Weingärten Weissenkirchen' Grüner Veltliner Federspiel, Wachau 2021/22

The Wachau region of Austria comprises of a 33 kilometer long gorge overlooking the Danube river. Produced from vines grown around the Weissenkirchen parish including the hamlets of Joching and Wösendorf. Grüner Veltliner is an aromatic variety primarily from Austria. The colour of fresh straw, an alluring nose of gooseberries with a hint of green apple and flowers. Well balanced acidity and citrus fruits leading to a spicy, lively wine of minerality and elegance. Drinkable at any time over the next six years. An excellent accompaniment for prosciutto, seared scallops or bisques.

4. Santa Rita 'Medalla Real' Carménère 2019/21, Colchagua Valley

Carménère may be Chile's flagship red grape. But did you know that its history stretches back to Bordeaux? When the tiny phylloxera bugs ravaged Europe in the nineteenth century, Bordeaux's Carménère vines were a casualty. It had been a key component of some of the greatest claret at the time – but the vine was only saved by cuttings which had been taken to Chile. So it's no wonder that Santa Rita use Carménère to make this fantastically structured Gran Reserva, which is styled like a classic Bordeaux. It's a plush, velvety-smooth wine, packed with intense flavours of blueberry, plum and cassis. The firm tannins make it ideal with red meat.

5. Viñalba 'Reserve' Malbec 2020/21, Mendoza

When Hervé J Fabre came to the Uco Valley in the early nineties, Malbec was still a blending grape. But he found vineyards where the grape flourished and became the first person to make single-variety Malbecs in Argentina. This plush style is the benchmark for Mendoza Malbec. It's rich and chocolatey with plenty of ripe black fruits. Malbec is steak's best friend, so try it with a sirloin.

6. Kanonkop 'Kadette' Pinotage 2019/20, Stellenbosch

Kanonkop was named Outstanding Producer of the Past 50 Years at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in 2019. The family-owned estate is considered to many as the equivalent of a South African First Growth. And when you taste what they've done with the country's star grape, Pinotage, you'll know why. Made in a soft, fruit-forward style, it spends 12 months in French oak barrels to give a silky-smooth texture. This is a complex Pinotage wine, with notes of raspberry, strawberry, red cherry and chocolate. Try it with a hearty beef burger.