

WHITE

SANCERRE 2022

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc
Country: France
Region: Loire
Closure : Natural Cork
Alcohol : 13%

Style - richly textured with ripe gooseberry aromas, bracing acid and flinty smoke flavours. ity
Drink as an aperitif, fish, goats cheese

£10.75 in French supermarket

£16 for similar in UK (M&S, Waitrose)

Knowing that Paul's choices were likely to be French I thought this particular white would be a good one to 'compare and contrast.

La Toledano Gavi di Gavi

Gian Battista Cambiaso planted the very first Cortese vines in Gavi 400 years ago. The dry white wine he produced was the first recorded in the region, and his Castello La Toledano is one of the very few Genoese noble houses still standing today. Bordering the coastal region of Liguria, their Cortese grapes are cooled by sea breezes and develop mouth-watering flavours. Gavi is often called the 'Chablis of Italy', and we can see why. Crisp. Fresh. Citrusy. It's deliciously refreshing and aromatic, with hints of white peach and honey. Unsurprisingly, given where it's from, Gavi is fantastic with pesto and vegetable dishes.

GRAPE	Cortese
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
COUNTRY	Italy
UNITS	9.8
CHARACTERISTICS	Lime, Citrus Fruit, Floral, Green Apple, Lemon
PER BOTTLE / CASE / EACH	per bottle
TYPE	White
ABV	ABV 13.00%
REGION	Piedmont
STYLE	Aromatic & Floral
VINTAGE	2021
APPELLATION	Gavi Gavi/Gavi di Gavi was explained to me as being a bit like Chablis and Petit Chablis

£11.99 (mix six bottle discount)

RED

DOMAINE FILLATREAU 2018 VEILLE VIGNES

Grape: Cabernet Franc
Country: France
Region: Saumur-Champigny, Loire
Closure : Natural Cork
Alcohol : 14.5%

Made from vines aged between 60 & 100 years on clay & limestone soils.

Style: Raspberry and cherry flavours.

Will Lyons - Sunday Times - "A lovely example brimming with crunchy dark fruit including blackcurrant delivering a rich finish. Decant and savour with roast lamb and cheese."

£22 (Yapp Brothers)

£13.68 from French supermarket. Waitrose were selling a similar but cheaper wine this year from the same village for £12.99 - Saumur-Champigny Croix de Chaintres

Pasqua 'PassioneSentimento' Passimento Rosso 2020/21, Veneto

It's fantastically plush and full of flavour - all thanks to the 'appassimento' style of winemaking. This means the grapes are picked at the peak of their ripeness and left to dry in special crates until they've lost 30% of their volume. It concentrates all the sugars and flavours in the grapes, making the texture seriously lush and velvety. Great intensity at more reasonable price (I am told). Think stewed plum, blackberry and juicy cherry flavour, with notes of violet and heady sweet spice. It's fantastic with meat ragu piled over pasta.

GRAPE	Merlot
SECONDARY GRAPE VARIETIES	Croatina, Corvina
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
COUNTRY	Italy
UNITS	10.5
CHARACTERISTICS	Vanilla, Black Fruit, Sweet Spice
PER BOTTLE / CASE / EACH	per bottle
TYPE	Red
ABV	ABV 14.00%
REGION	Veneto
STYLE	Rich & Juicy
VINTAGE	2021

£9.99 (mix six bottle discount)

SWEET WHITE

COTEAUX DE L'AUBANCE 2022

Grape: Chenin Blanc
Country: France
Region: Loire
Closure : Natural Cork

Alcohol 13.5%

Style: Pretty notes of candied fruits and white flowers, and also offers a very nice richness on the palate..

Drink as an aperitif - in summer months with strawberries, melon or peaches - desserts/pastries
Good with or with Foie Gras - more prosaically, with chicken.

£8 in French supermarket

In UK similar available on line

Royal Tokaji Late Harvest 2017/18 50cl

This wine's sweetness is achieved by allowing the grapes extended ripening time on the vine, increasing their sugar content. Expect rich notes of ripe peach, exotic fruit and blossom. It has the perfect balance of honeyed sweetness and fresh acidity, making a great pairing for sweet fruit tarts, baklava, or ripe blue cheese. (Although my personal introduction to Tokaji was as an aperitif with pate).

GRAPE	Furmint
SECONDARY GRAPE VARIETIES	Muscat, Harslevelu
CLOSURE	Natural Cork
COUNTRY	Hungary
UNITS	6.0
CHARACTERISTICS	Rose, Honeysuckle, Lychee
PER BOTTLE / CASE / EACH	per bottle
TYPE	White
ABV	ABV 12.00%
REGION	Hungary
VINTAGE	2018

£13.99 (mix six bottle discount).