

Weekday wines

Looking to try something different or adventurous but don't want to make an expensive mistake? *Decanter's* tastings director, Christelle Guibert has done the hard work for you by picking out 25 exciting wines at very reasonable prices, and all UK-available

📍 denotes supermarket and high-street wines



Domaine de Montbourneau, Brut, Crémant du Jura, France NV 17.75 (92)

£12.50 The Wine Society
100% Chardonnay. It says Brut on the label but is essentially Brut Nature as no dosage was added. Very individual in style with great depth of flavour – there's a layer of minerals which complement the white fruit, and a lovely, nutty finish. A brilliant buy. **Alc** 12%



Axel Pauly, Tres Naris, Riesling Trocken, Mosel, Germany 2012 17.5 (91)

£15 Askewine, Cornelius Beer & Wine, Dalling & Co, Drinkmonger, Highbury Vintners, The Wine Reserve, The Wine Chambers, Wine Gallery
Tres Naris, which means 'three noses' (lay the bottle on its side and all will become clear), is crisp, fresh yet rich, and gloriously quaffable, with flowery lime fruit and just a hint of sweetness. **Alc** 11.5%



Domaine du Salvard, Cheverny, France 2014 17.5 (91)

£7.95 The Wine Society
A fine alternative to Touraine Sauvignon Blanc, even though there's actually 15% Chardonnay in the blend. Regardless, the herbaceous, green pea hallmark of Sauvignon shines through, and the palate is attractively tense, polished off by a very dry, crisp lime finish. **Alc** 12%



Domaine Montesquiou, l'Estela, Jurançon Sec, France 2013 17.5 (91)

£11.50 Wine Story
Jurançon's fame is undeniably founded on its stickies, which means the dry wines of the region often slip under the radar. This blend of 50% Gros Manseng, 40% Courbu and 10% Petit Manseng has bags of character, is fresh yet full-bodied with a core of ripe yellow apples and runny honey on the textured finish. **Alc** 13.5%



Hugel & Fils, Muscat Tradition, Alsace, France 2012 17.5 (91)

£16.99 Fells
The Hugels have lived in Alsace for more than 500 years and are one of the titans of the region (see p56). This crisp example manages to avoid being too sickly as can be the case with some Muscats. Instead it's floral, harmonious and delicate, with grapey, summery flavours and a vibrant nature. **Alc** 12.5%



Lease Fitch, Sauvignon Blanc, California, USA 2013 17.5 (91)

£11.95 Roberson
For many, Californian Sauvignon Blanc rarely gets the heart racing, especially in those who prefer linear, taut Old World examples. But there's lots to like here: defined lime and apple aromas and a soft fruit palate which avoids being too sweet thanks to vibrant acidity which keeps things ticking along. **Alc** 13.5%



Birichino, Malvasia Bianca, Monterey, California, USA 2012 18 (93)

£17 Ann et Vin, Harvey Nichols, Reserve, Vinoteca
Born from 25-year-old vines grown on poor granite soil, this fun-filled wine is supremely exotic with apples, spice and floral notes. The extended skin contact shines through on the textured palate, which boasts inviting flavours of elderflower and lime plus crisp acidity. **Alc** 13%

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