

We now turn the focus of our spotlight to Sauvignon Blanc, possibly the wine world's most distinctive variety. Pure Sauvignon has a flavour that is quite unique and this may well explain why it is our most popular variety. It is also crisp and refreshing, which makes it perfect for the summer months.

Gooseberry may be the most common fruit in the tasting notes, but there is much more to Sauvignon than this. Wines from Marlborough in New Zealand have great intensity and freshness whilst those from Sauvignon's home in the Loire Valley have lower acidity and a distinctive minerality. South African examples lie somewhere in between and Chile is developing a style of its own with more tropical fruit character. There is a great range to choose from and we are giving free delivery on any order of 12 bottles or more that contains at least six bottles of these wines.



AUSTRALIA



AU0908W Tamar Ridge 'Devils Corner' Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Tasmania 13% £9.99

Tasmania's climate is perfect for Sauvignon and this impressive wine is reminiscent of top quality Marlborough Sauvignons. Intense, grassy, asparagus and currant leaf aromas. Attractive, fresh, leafy flavours with fine citrus acidity, a touch of minerality and a deliciously long finish. Limited stock. To 2012.

CHILE

CL1198W RAFA Valdevista Sauvignon Blanc 2008 13% £5.75

With this specially labelled version of Valdevista rosé a donation is made from every sale to support the work of the RAF Association. Lively gooseberry, grass and lemon flavours and a refreshing citrus twist on the finish. Good varietal definition and freshness. To 2012

CL1039W Villarrica Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Maule Valley 13% £6.25

Light straw colour and intense aromas of gooseberry, lime and passionfruit. Crisp and refreshing on the palate with bold, tropical fruit flavours, herbal notes and a lingering, lemony finish. Fresh and flavoursome with nicely integrated acidity. Enjoy to 2012

CL1318W Dona Auristela Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Lontue Valley 13% £7.99

Special reserve wine from Galan Vineyards, part fermented in French oak barriques to give complexity and roundness. Typical varietal character of passionfruit and gooseberry with additional notes of vanilla, hazelnut and pear. Rich, mouth-filling and long finish. To 2012

CL1127W Fournier 'Centauri' Sauvignon Blanc 2007 Leyda Valley 13% £10.49

From the Leyda valley, now recognised as Chile's best region for Sauvignon. 'The nose has appealing floral fragrances, light, fresh, the lime underpinned by minerals. The palate feels light at first but fleshes out in the middle, the mix of grapefruit, pineapple and tropical fruit giving lots of complexity. Long and fresh on the finish, racy lime underpinned by smoky minerals.' Derek Smedley MW Enjoy to 2012 Limited Stock



SOUTH AFRICA

ZA0768W Hazendal Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Stellenbosch 13.5% £8.99

From one of the oldest and most beautiful wine farms in Stellenbosch. Winemaker Ronell Wiid crafts an excellent range including this Sauvignon from 20 year old bush vines. This vibrant wine has aromas of gooseberry and lime with leafy notes. Pure flavoursome with plenty of gooseberry, greengage and tropical fruit. Nicely integrated acidity and long, tangy finish. Bold, food friendly wine. Enjoy through to 2012

FRANCE

FR2877W Jean Balmont Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Vin de Pays de Loire 12.5% £5.49

Great value Loire Sauvignon with glass-filling aromas of nettles, cut grass, gooseberry and grapefruit notes. Fresh, vibrant with integrated acidity, some complexity and a deliciously long, leafy finish. To 2011

FR2037W Maison Mayol Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Vin de Pays d'Oc 13% £5.99

Made by Stephane Vedeau from Sauvignon vines grown in the Languedoc hills. The cool conditions are apparent in the vibrant peach and white-currant aromas. Fresh and lively in the mouth with gooseberry and stone fruit flavours and lingering citrus finish enhanced by mineral notes. Light, juicy and deceptively flavoursome. To 2011

FR2107W Marquis de Goulaine 'Le Champs des Vignes' 2007, Pouilly Fumé 12.5% £11.99

Pale straw colour with aromas of gooseberry, grass, lemon and guava. Refreshing herbaceous flavours with flinty notes and a long, slightly leafy finish with fresh acidity. An elegant and attractive wine showing classic Pouilly Fumé minerality. Limited stock. To 2012



FR3168W Marquis de Goulaine 'Les Lorys' 2007 Sancerre 12.5% £12.99

Lovely Sancerre aromas with intense gooseberry, flint and lemon aromas with cut grass and floral notes. Fresh and vibrant to taste with leafy, herbaceous notes and a background of nectarine and tangy lemon. Long refreshing finish with aromatic lift. To 2011

NEW ZEALAND

NZ0348W Century Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Marlborough 12.5% £7.99

Bright pale straw colour. Intense aromas of freshly cut grass, gooseberry and a touch of asparagus. Crisp and flavoursome on the palate with refreshing acidity and a lingering citrus-infused finish. Gold medal winner at the International Wine Challenge. Drink to 2012

NZ0159W Tinpot Hut Sauv Blanc 2009 Marlborough 13.5% £9.99

Star winemaker Fiona Turner has won a host of awards for this wine. Named after an old mustering hut in the remote hills of the Awatere Valley. Fresh and aromatic with distinctive flavours of crushed herbs and gooseberry and notes of currant leaf and cut grass. A long, refreshing finish rounds off this impressive wine. Enjoy to 2013

NZ0038W Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Marlborough 13% £10.49

Family owned operation renowned worldwide for intense flavoursome wines. Lively aromas of gooseberry and currant leaf. Fresh, mouth-filling flavours of gooseberry and asparagus with notes of nettles and cut grass. To 2012 Limited stock

