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spice and lifted herbs mingling with mocha and liquorice on the finish. Beautifully complex and more to come.

95 Valduero, Una Cepa Premium, Ribera del Duero 2011 (14%)

£220 Charles Mitchell Wines
Huge palate, full of fruit liqueur, oatmeal cookies, dried herbs and sweet spices. Flavours go on and on. Balanced and memorable. Still youthful too. Much promise here.

95 Vega Vella, Graciano, Rioja 2019 (14.5%)

Ripe fruit and fresh bakery aromas. Real finesse to a structured palate: pretty, piquant, fresh black fruit neatly wrapped in light and precise oak. Beguiling and gastronomic.

95 Vegin de Murua, Gran Reserva, Rioja 2012 (14%)

Harmonious and complete with a bright, energetic red-fruit quality. Powerful structure but it doesn't dominate the whole enterprise. Pleasant drinking, no jagged edges.

GOLD Sweet white

96 Finca San Blas, Vino Dulce, Utiel-Requena, Valencia 2016 (10.5%)

Rich aromas of caramel and oranges, barley sugar, mango and dried pineapple. This is lusciously sweet with passion fruit, caramelised mango and peach flavours. Unctuous.

95 Pasiego, Julieta, Utiel-Requena, Valencia 2017 (14.5%)

Sweet aromas of caramelised orange and dried flowers, and a palate that brings a fabulous light petrol note along with kumquat and caramelised marmalade peel. Superb!

95 Valduero, Tierra Alta en 2 Maderas, Ribera del Duero 2018 (14%)

£30 EWGA
Wet stone, flint and raspberry jam nose. Palate has lovely fruit concentration, with layers of

GOLD Sparkling white

96 Liesch, Malanser Chardonnay, Graubünden, Eastern Cantons 2018 (14%)

Intriguing aromas of nuts, butter, ripe yellow apple and honeyed plums with some herbal notes of rosemary. Mellow acidity follows, with poise and a spicy finish.

95 Vinotrop, Jet Le Fumé Sauvignon Blanc, Thurgau, Eastern Cantons 2019 (13%)

Aromatic nose displaying scents of elderflower and herbaceous notes, as well as some subtle tropical fruit aromas. This is dry, zesty and cool on the palate with a smooth, tasty finish.

GOLD Red

96 Fernand Cina, La Maitresse, Valais 2018 (14%)

Elegant and complex aromas of strawberry, pomegranate and plum. Showing outstanding, generous, fine-drawn dark fruit flavours with classy tannins and a svelte finish.

95 Gregor Kuonen Caveau de Salquenen, Grandmaitre Humagne Rouge, Valais 2019 (13.8%)

Elevated cedar, woodsmoke and plummy perfumes. A dash of dark chocolate mingles with vivid blackberries on the palate. Mellow, but finishes tangy.

95 Gialdi, Sassi Grossi, Ticino 2018 (13.7%)

£68-£70 Alpine Wines, Hedonism
Quite complex nose with black cherry and plum notes over perfumed oak spice undertones and hints of tobacco. Generous on the palate with firm tannins.

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1 Best in show (see p26)
1 Platinum (see p58)
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95 Provins, Les Domaines Clos Corbassières, Valais 2017 (14%)

Sappy nose with ripe dark cherry, plum and roasted bell pepper. This is pure savouriness. Dry, fresh, full and complex on the palate, displaying a wealth of concentration.

GOLD Sweet white

96 Gregor Kuonen Caveau de Salquenen, Blanc de Glace, Valais 2019 (13%)
Lifted nose of honey, peach, ripe apricots, grapefruit and fruitcake. Sweet and rich with lively acidity. Quite complex palate with an elegant and lengthy finish.

96 Les Celliers de Vétroz, Rhapsodie, Valais 2012 (13.5%)

An elegant, mature nose of delicate dried flowers and sweet herbs, bitter orange marmalade and ginger notes. A super-viscous and oily wine, with fantastic concentration and persistence. ▶