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

⊕ denotes supermarket and high-street wines



Cono Sur, Sparkling Rosé, Bío Bío Valley, Chile NV 17 (90)

£8.97 Asda Wine Shop ⊕

This pretty pink sparkling from one of the big players in Chile is unbelievably good value. From a cool-climate area, it has inviting aromas of strawberry and rose. Tangy and refreshing, this fizz will make a great tippie at any time of the year. Sleek packaging too. **Alcohol 12.4%**



Blind Spot, Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2014 17.5 (91)

£7.95 The Wine Society

Blind Spot is essentially an own-label range from The Wine Society, with venerated winemaker Mac Forbes being its man on the ground to source these great value wines. Zesty, bright, vivid and laden with aromatic citrus fruit, there's not much else you could wish for at this price. **Alc 11%**



Kracher, Pinot Gris, Burgenland, Austria 2013 17.5 (91)

£16.50 Top Selection

A producer more renowned for outstanding sweet wines, but Kracher's dry bottlings are equally delicious. Slightly richer and more textured than your average Pinot Gris, it has floral and fresh apple aromas with a nice lift on the palate, citrusy notes and mineral depth. A versatile food wine. **Alc 13%**



Domaine de la Rochette, Sauvignon, Touraine-Chenonceaux, Loire, France 2013 17.25 (90+)

£15.50 swig

Named after the famed château, Chenonceaux is a recent addition to the Touraine appellation and now has its own status. This is a serious wine dominated by ripe grapefruit notes and tangy acidity. Elegant and restrained with a textured finish. Will make a great food wine. **Alc 12.5%**



Domaine Gonon, Maçon La Roche-Vineuse, Burgundy, France 2013 17.25 (90+)

£8.95 The Wine Society

This domaine is situated at the southern end of the Mâconnais where Jean-François Gonon succeeded his father in the mid-1990s. Kept away from oak throughout the winemaking process, this is breezy and dynamic, with wonderfully pure, textured apple fruit. **Alc 13%**



Poppy, Chardonnay, Santa Lucia Highlands, California, USA 2013 17.25 (90+)

£14.99 Museum Wines, Noel Young, The Wine Treasury

This must be the best-value Chardonnay from Santa Lucia Highlands. Fresh and elegant with a bounty of melon and peach fruit and lemon intensity. It could have a longer finish but it's lush and creamy with great complexity for the price. **Alc 13.5%**



Must-try
white

Lopez de Heredia, Viña Gravonia Blanco, Rioja Crianza, Spain 2001 17.75 (93)

£19.45 Berry Bros & Rudd, The Drink Shop, Upton Wines, Woodwinters

Layered and complex with notes of herbs and quince, this wine is full of personality. The nuttiness on the palate is balanced by fresh acidity and complemented by jasmine. It's made in an oxidative style, but don't be put off – it's a profound white that's perfect for jamon. **Alc 12.5%**

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