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The World's Most Admired Wine Brands 2018

'1)TORRES

The family-owned Spanish and Chilean wine producer retains the coveted number one spot on the chart with no shortage of academy members prepared to eulogise over their reasons for giving Torres the nod again. 'Torres is leading in every aspect of the business,' said one 'from viticulture and winemaking to branding, including its commitment to the environment.'



YALUMBA

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'4) YALUMBA

If anyone was in doubt about Australia's ability to continue to excite in the increasingly diverse international wine market, Yalumba's rise up this year's most admired chart should put them right. The producer has had a storming 12 months, surging up from position number 16 last year to give the country two of the top five places on the list this year.'

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'10) E GUIGAL

It was Parker's endorsement of Guigal's top Syrah wines- La Mouline, La Turquie and La Landonne- in the 1980's that really got the Guigal juggernaut rolling. The American market especially fell for its opulently-styled wines, summed up in Jancis Robinson's Oxford Companion to Wine, as 'dark, dramatic, mouth fillingly rich and oaky.'

Drinks International, April 1st 2018



Living

Pour Yourself A Glass

‘Warwick Estate First Lady Cabernet Sauvignon 2015,
Western Cape, South Africa.

Aptly named, if you needed an excuse to reacquaint
your(self or) your mum with South African wines, then
this deeply fruited red should be in the line-up. The wine
offers a generous bouquet, with cedar wood and
liquorice taking centre stage. Soft and fruity with plenty
of blackberry, dark cherry and toasty oak, it also earns
brownie points for being keenly priced.’

Wiltshire Living, April 1st 2018





THE SUNDAY TIMES

After all that chocolate, you deserve a proper sweet treat

‘2016 Seifried Sweet Agnes Riesling.

Consider a glass of this excellent Riesling instead of pudding.

Produced around Nelson, at the Southern tip of South Island, it has sweet tropical flavour- think nectarine and apricot. But there is also a thread of citrus acidity that gives it a zing.’

The Sunday Times, Will Lyons, April 1st 2018



Daily Mail

Wine List

'1- Soave Classico, Capitel Tenda, Tedeschi, Veneto, Italy.

Soave is such an underrated style of wine, and it's rare to see truly top-flight versions in the UK. This is an elite example and I'm enraptured by its flavours. It also goes with every single one of this week's spring recipes.'

Daily Mail, Matthew Jukes, April 7th 2018



Daily Mail

Wine List

'2016 Kendall- Jackson, Vitner's Reserve Chardonnay, California.

With each passing year, this Californian Chardonnay increases in complexity, intensity and grace. You'll love the sheer class and length of finish on this impressive wine, which is an absolute stunner with the Tandoori Whole Chicken.'



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'2016 Passito di Pantelleria Pellegrino, Sicily, Italy. This mandarin and honey-kissed sweetie is a world-class match for chocolate puddings. Available to buy from Monday, it's made with Unesco World Heritage status, farmed in the same way for 2,500 years.'

Daily Mail, Matthew Jukes, April 14th 2018



Daily Mail

Behind the label...

'2016 Valpolicella Classico, Lucchine, Tedeschi, Veneto, Italy. Valpolicella is the Veneto region's most famous red, typically made from three grapes: rondinella, corvina and molinara. With its rich, black-cherry fruit notes, this is a truly luxurious wine.'

Daily Mail, April 14th 2018



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The grass is always greener: Brands championing sustainability

‘Torres, Spain.

Inspired by watching Al Gore’s documentary An Inconvenient Truth in 2007, winemaker Miguel A Torres invested €10m (£89m) in its Torres & Earth programme to reduce CO2 emissions. Sustainability projects include using a biomass furnace to recycle vine prunings and grape marc; and using lightweight glass bottles.’

Imbibe, Julie Sheppard, April 17th 2018



Daily Mail

Wine List

'2- 2014 Wente Vineyards, Riva Ranch Pinot Noir, Monterey, California.

I rarely write about Californian pinot noir because it's so expensive, but this one is a stormer. For the price of an indifferent Champagne, you can drink a silky-smooth, plum-and-cherry-scented wine that will work wonders with the Slow-Roast Garam Masala Duck Legs.'

Daily Mail, Matthew Jukes, April 21st 2018



Western Mail

Straight Off the Vine

‘The Torres Verdeo 2015 is an impressive little number showing deep orchard fruits and some fresh grassy notes on the nose. A smidge of herbal interest comes through on the palate alongside the rich pear fruit and then the zesty acidity jollies things along towards a juicy, refreshing finish. Would be awesome with a plate of seafood.’

Western Mail, Neil Cammies, April 21st 2018



Western Mail

Off the vine

‘The Went Riverbank Riesling 2014 is grown along the banks of the Arroyo Seco in Monterey, California. Touches of polish and white cotton combine with soft Floral Tropical fruit. In the mouth , an off-dry entry makes way for some firm lime fruit citrus notes that eventually move aside for the weightier stone fruits to make their presence felt. The wine displays a lovely balance across the taste buds, with zippy acidity and linear tones. A package in this absolutely cracking Californian Riesling.’

Western Mail, Neil Cammies, April 21st 2018





Bring out the sunshine wines

'One of my favourite summery whites is on good form as ever. Torres Viña Esmeralda 2017 Spain is made from aromatic muscatel and gewürztraminer, grown in the cool of the mountains near Barcelona. All you need with a cold glass of it is a plate of garlicky, lemony hot prawns and fresh tomato salad.'

Good Food, Victoria Moore, April 26th 2018



Rossendale FreePress

Wine

‘Solear does however maintain a delicacy and freshness compared to Fino from Jerez which makes it perfect for sipping in the sun.

The bready aromas are pungent and there is a hint of the iodine notes more prevalent in Barbadillo pasada Manzanilla, called pastora, which is matured even longer.’

Rossendale Free Press, Andy Cronshaw, April 27th 2018



Western Mail

Straight off the vine

‘The Santa Digna Reserve Chardonnay 2016 from Miguel Torres in Chile, is an unoaked example that still manages to pack a punch across the nose without any barrel age- exotic aromas on the bouquet from stone fruits and mango carry a creamy texture. In the mouth, the fruit gathers momentum as it develops in the glass and then through the mid-palate a dash of lemon citrus acidity breaks through. The creaminess shows up on the finish in this well-made drop.’

Western Mail, Neil Cammies, April 28th 2018

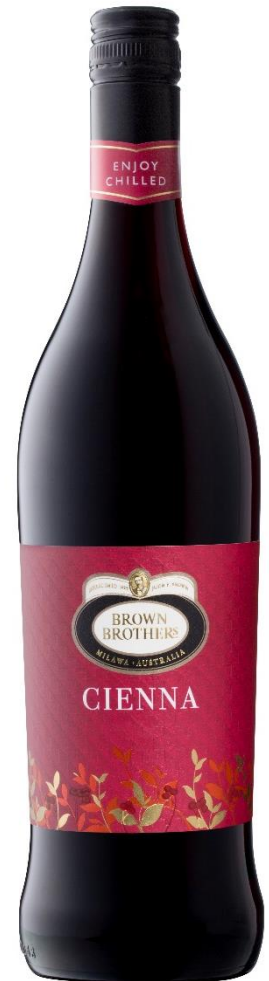


Muddy Stilettos

When wellbeing meets wine

‘As for reds, it’s harder to find decent lower alcohol ones – 12 percent ABV is probably the lowest you’ll find that taste OK. One exception is Brown Brothers Cienna 2016, which is only 6.5 percent ABV and has a slightly spritzy taste.’

Muddy Stilettos, Kerry Potter, April 28th 2018





Philippe Guigal: Legend of the Rhône Ranger

‘The Guigal estate, located in Ampuis, in the northern Rhône Valley, is one of the world's greatest wine firms.’

‘Known best for Côte-Rôtie – the company produces almost one-third of the total production of the appellation – their reputation took a dramatic upswing with the release of three single-vineyard Côte-Rôtie wines, beginning in 1978 with La Landonne, and then a few years later with La Mouline and La Turquie. These three wines are among the most sought after and critically praised in the world.’

Wine- Searcher, Tom Hyland, April 30th 2018

