

The wine critic's best bottles for under £6.50 *Jane MacQuitty*

White



2025 Viña Sol Original, Spain
11 per cent, Co-op, £6.50, down from £9.15
 The Torres family's popular gentle, leafy, easy-swigging white wine is summer in a glass.



2025 Pierre Jaurant Côtes de Gascogne, France
11 per cent, Aldi, £5.19
 Made exclusively from the floral colombarid grape, this has a faint passionfruit scent.



Isla Negra Seashore Sauvignon Blanc-Pedro Jimenez, Chile
10.5 per cent, Tesco, £5.25, down from £6.25
 Surprisingly refreshing, crisp, citrusy Chilean sauvignon.

Fizz



Sorso Prosecco, Italy
11 per cent, Morrisons, £6.50
 Prosecco's not my shout, but if it's yours, try this budget-beating, light, sparkly pop with masses of soft, floral, apple fruit.



Bella Cucina Asti Spumante, Italy
7 per cent, Tesco, £4.70
 This grapey, musky, faintly elderflower-scented moscato is a whizz splashed over summer berries.



2025 Tilimuqui Fairtrade Sparkling Zero, Argentina
0 per cent, Co-op, £5
 Make a sober Hugo spritz with this lemony zero fizz, elderflower cordial, a lime wedge and fresh mint.

Red



Estevez Chilean Merlot, Chile
11 per cent, Aldi, £4.69
 Easy-drinking merlot topped up with tintorera and syrah, making a good, gamey, rustic, mocha-scented mouthful.



Anciano No3 Rioja, Spain
13 per cent, Morrisons, £5.95
 A modern, stainless steel-fermented rioja with barbecue-friendly, earthy, savoury, sandalwood-scented style.



Pierre Jaurant Malbec, France
12.5 per cent, Aldi, £4.89
 Forget Argentinian malbec and tuck into this hearty red from France with lashings of bold, oaky spice.