

Top tippable

Sip and slurp your way through our drinks selection this month

WINE WISDOM

No nonsense guide to... Pinot Grigio

A very popular, very drinkable white wine, and because the Pinot Grigio grape has a pinky grey colour it can be made into rosé wine too. From Italy the wine is light and fresh, from Alsace (where it's called Pinot Gris) the wine is spicier and from warmer climates such as Australia and Argentina the wines are fuller flavoured.

What does it smell like? Fresh ripe pears and citrus.

What does it taste like? Light, dry and refreshing with hints of citrus and melon.

What food does it go with? Light Italian dishes including pizza and pasta with creamy sauces, fish, Thai food, chicken and pork.

Great value

Monte Cappella Pinot Grigio (Hungary) £4.34
from Morrisons



Hint of pink

La Gioiosa Blush Pinot Grigio (Italy) £5.69
from Tesco



Special treat

The Co-op Marlborough Pinot Grigio (New Zealand) £7.99



Soft Fruity Autumn Red

Packed with blackberry and ripe cherry flavours with hints of vanilla and spice this is a perfect soft red to enjoy our with Venison Burger on page 13. Redwood Creek Merlot is widely available and costs £6.99.



Hubble Bubble

This Belvoir Fruit Farm's Witches Brew cordial is the perfect drink for a Halloween bash. Made from blood orange and mandarin juice it's 100% natural with no preservatives or additives. For a kids party top up with sparkling water and decorate with jelly snakes, for adults top up with sparkling wine and a dash of Grand Marnier. Witches Brew cordial costs £4.30 for 50cl and is available from delis and farm shops and online at www.belvoirfruitfarms.co.uk



Cider with...

Cider is great alternative to wine with many foods here's a few of our favourite combos

Belgars Dry Pear Cider (7.5% vol) £1.79 for 75cl from ASDA, Co-op, Tesco and Budgens - with an intense pear taste and smell this is ideal with smoked bacon and cheesy pasta bakes.



ASDA Extra Special Vintage Cider (7% vol) £1.10 for 500ml - the dry with a hint of caramel flavour is perfect with traditional roast pork, crispy crackling and apple sauce.



Churchwards

Cranberry & Apple Cider (4% vol) £1.54 for 568ml from Sainsburys, Tesco, ASDA and Ocado - lipsmackingly fruity this is perfect with a pie to cut through the richness of the pastry. Serve with a chicken pie, good quality pork pie or sausage roll.

10 Second Cocktail

Yes, that's all it takes to make a deliciously fruity drink with funk'n's new bramble cocktail mixer. Made with zingy Sicilian lemons, wild blackberries, sugar and water all you need to add is a measure of gin (or your favourite spirit), ice and a slice. Each pouch makes 1 large or 2 small cocktails and costs 79p from Sainsburys, Waitrose, Majestic Wine and www.funkin.co.uk



Low Alcohol Fizz

Low alcohol wines don't have a very good reputation but this is surprisingly good. Light and fruity with a hint of sweetness it's a very drinkable wine for any occasion. Savio Sparkling White Zinfandel rosé has just 5.5% alcohol and costs £4.99 from Tesco.