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Wines in the Press Spring 2025

Mixed Six

INTRODUCTION

We were spoilt for choice when choosing which recently press-reviewed wines should feature in this season's case and we're sure you'll discover the line-up is as delicious as it sounds!

This delightful Mixed Six will see you amply through spring and features just a few highlights from recent months. For more, please visit: www.tanners-wines.co.uk/pressmentions

WHITES

1. Wente 'Morning Fog' Chardonnay, San Francisco Bay 2022, 13.5%

Bin No: UW01222

From this long established family firm comes a wine with enticing aromas of tropical and citrus fruits that draw you in. The palate is full with more tropical fruit and hints of toffee and vanilla, whilst the finish is long and refreshing.

"This finds a remarkable balance between juicy lemon and pineapple flavors and notes of spice and toast, which show a touch of vanilla paste. The harmony between these elements really sings on the fresh, vibrant finish. Drink now."

90 Points and 40th Place

MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator*, Top 100 for 2024, 31st December 2024

2. Carvalho Martins Golpe Douro Branco 2023, Portugal, 13%

Bin No: PW06223

A lovely, attractive floral nose with citrus fruit and a touch of pepper spice. Nice weight, juicy on the palate with a refreshing zesty finish, which shows a lovely mineral character.

"Carvalho Martins Golpe Douro Branco 2023, is a classy white that tastes of greengage, ripe pear and white peach with a glittering, saline edge, ideal for fish and seafood."

Victoria Moore, *The Daily Telegraph*, The Christmas wines to order now – and the best festive offers, 13th December 2024

3. Château Argadens Blanc, Bordeaux 2023, 12%

Bin No: CW03323

Situated in the Entre-deux-Mers, this property is owned by the Sichel family. Lovely weight and texture with a touch of oak and citrus grapefruit character.

"The wines made from *sémillon* in its ancestral homeland, Bordeaux, are, like almost everything made in this corner of southwest France, blends with other varieties – *sauvignon blanc* and sometimes a dollop of *muscadelle*. The recipe is nicely worked in *Château Argadens Bordeaux Blanc 2023*, with *sauvignon blanc* taking the lead and bringing zip and grapefruit tang, while the *sémillon* adds texture and weight in a dry white that absolutely sings with rich, creamy dishes involving fish or with gratin-type vegetable dishes."

David Williams, *The Guardian*, 6th October 2024

REDS

4. Journey's End Cabernet Franc 2021, South Africa, 14%

Bin No: KR06521

A soft, easy and elegant Cabernet Franc with excellent floral aromas and delicious, soft and forward red fruits on the palate.

"A superb new world example with vibrant red cherry, olive, a little spice and an enjoyable hint of oak."

Will Lyons, *The Times*, 25th September 2024

5. Tanners Douro Red 2020, Douro, Portugal, 13.5%

Bin No: PR00521

Lovely juicy black fruit character with herbs and peppery hints on the palate. Plenty of depth, complete and easy. A fine example of what the Douro can do.

"Bouncy red cherry and plum fruit with a dusting of tobacco, sweet spice, cocoa and minerals. An easy-going but grown-up blend of classic Douro grape varieties, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz, made by Duorum, which is committed to a commendable sustainable rural development policy."

Joanna Simon, JoannaSimon.com, *The Festive Red Wine Guide 2024*, 21st November 2024

"What a deliciously gooey, juicy, runny, sweet/salty, decadent, downright tasty dish! It seems more American to me than British with its barbecue sauce and melted cheese, and I immediately thought of washing it down with a big, butch Zinfandel or something quite different but still Californian, such as a fine, elegant, bitter cherry Pinot Noir. But the ones in mind were too pricy. The tart, treacly notes of the barbecue sauce are hard to match – anything with firm tannins ain't going to work and anything too light will get lost.

Step forward, then, this cracker of a wine from Portugal's Douro Valley, a longstanding and incredibly well-priced favourite of mine. A blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz – those classic port grapes – it's full of concentrated, rich, ripe, juicy dark fruit with restrained tannins and just a suggestion of spice. It's all about mouthwatering succulence and simple pleasure – just like this Hunter's Chicken."

Jonathan Ray's recommendation for Olivia Potts' Hunter's Chicken recipe in *Spectator Life*, *The Take Away*.

6. Samartzis M Merlot & Mouhtaro 2022, Central Greece, Greece, 13.5%

Bin No: ER03522

A full and rich wine with black cherries on the nose and palate as well as vanilla, chocolate and spice flavours. An almost Pinot Noir-like character is evidenced by soft tannins and a positive, refreshing finish.

"A fascinating red from vineyards lying at 400m in the Valley of the Muses about 90 minutes northwest of Athens. Although the blend is weighted to Merlot (70%), the local Mouhtaro makes itself felt in the deliciously different flavour – red cherry and pomegranate with tomato, tomato-leaf, a hint of black pepper and gentle, fine-sand tannins."

Joanna Simon, JoannaSimon.com, *The Festive Red Wine Guide 2024*, 21st November 2024


"Lovely, luminous Greek blend that's already delicious in a cranberry sort of way."

Jancis Robinson, *Financial Times*, *The Best Red Wines for Christmas 2024*, 14th December 2024

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