

Mineral Chardonnays & Mid Weight Alternatives

The image of Chardonnay has rather been tarnished with the brush of rather clumsy, over oaked styles that came out of the New World in the eighties when actually it is capable of reflecting terroir, the notion that wine should taste of the place from whence it came, perhaps more than any other white grape. The humble unoaked Chardonnay from Comtesse de Marion is a delightful wine, not intrusively weighty, not with a heady scent but perfectly balanced and a great food wine matching simply cooked grilled pork and chicken and the like. Valency blends Sauvignon and Chardonnay to fantastic results, one of the very few appellations to do so. Gruner has become quite fashionable, deservedly so, with its mineral/spice balance again making it a great food partner.

			175ml	Bottle
560	Unoaked Chardonnay 2015 Comtesse de Marion	S. France		£23.00
561	2015 Chardonnay IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc	S. France		£23.50
562	Trebbiano D'Abruzzo 2015 Lume	Abruzzo, Italy		£25.00
563	Valencay 2016 Domaine Sebastian Vaillant	Loire		£32.00
564	Pinot d'Alsace 2015 Dom Michael Fonne	Alsace		£33.00
565	Gruener Veltliner Troken 2016	Austria		£40.25
566	Chablis 2015 Domaine St Marc Brocard	Burgundy	£11.00	£45.00
567	Domaine Gondard Perrin Grand Vin De Bourgogne	Burgundy		£48.00
568	Semillon Sauvignon 2010 & 2013 Jeffrey Grosset	South Australia		£51.00
569	Chablis 1er Cru Beauregard 2014	Burgundy		£56.00

Broader, Richer Chardonnays & their Alternatives

Here we have some broader fruited wine and some wines with oak influences – oak should always supplement white wines, not dominate them. The Burgundians represent their Appellations well, with a certain value from the Maconnaise and more complexity from the Cotes de Beaune. Our new Viognier is tremendous, always a tricky variety to make, here its elusive orange blossom and honeyed character has been captured in a delightful wine.

			175ml	Bottle
578	Estro Chardonnay delle Venezie 2012	Venezie, Italy		£29.00
576	2015 Chardonnay IGP Pays d'Oc, Monrouby	France		£23.50
579	Macon Chardonnay 2015 Domaine Didier Tripoz	Burgundy		£35.00
580	Pinot Blanc Terrassen 2015 Rudolf Rabi Kantal	Austria		£36.00
581	Tinpot Hut, Pinot Gris, Marlborough 2015	New Zealand		£47.50
577	2015 Lugana `Brolettino`, Cà dei Frati	Italy		£57.50
582	Pouilly Fuisse 2015 Domaine Philippe Charmond	Burgundy		£51.90
583	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc 2012 Domaine Giaglons	Rhone		£62.00
587	Viognier 2011, 2013 Eagle Nest	South Africa		£65.50
584	Voyager Estate Chardonnay 2009	Australia		£70.00
588	Meursault 2014 Sylvain Dussort	Burgundy		£95.00