

World Wine



Japanese icon

Grace Cuvée Misawa Blanc 2008
Region Japan Rating **95/100**

Deep yellow colour, bright, with a slight brassy tint. Funky, oaky and smoky sulfide bouquet, complex and lees-influenced: a matchstick character. Quite multifaceted. The palate is rich and full, soft and rounded, loaded with flavour and lush, rewarding buttery and nougat flavours, some fruit sweetness in the middle palate and most satisfying depth of flavour and length of finish. A totally surprising wine. Drink: 2012-2014. Price: \$127.50. Rating: 94/100.

Huon Hooke, HuonHooke.com
RRP \$127.50

\$99.99 across any 12
\$109.99 per bottle



1. Bodegas LAN Rioja 2006
Region Spain Rating **93/100**

\$16.99 across any 12
\$18.99 per bottle

This eminently drinkable tempranillo from Spain is one of those reds that emerges with breathing, losing some fusty characters to reveal cherry, spice, leather and mineral earth aromas of appealing rustic charm. The palate is medium bodied with good texture and structure, and a succulence that keeps you coming back for more. 4 stars.

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age, Epicure - Uncorked, November 2010
RRP \$27.50

2. Dr Loosen Dry Riesling 2011
Region Germany Rating **94/100**

\$21.99 across any 12
\$23.99 per bottle

Intense fruit aromas of ripe, juicy citrus and stone fruit, with hints of spring blossoms and pear. Big ripe flavours of lemon/lime, apricot and yellow peach are balanced by fine acidity and a beautiful talcy mineral texture. Despite the richly intense fruit flavours, the wine finishes clean, dry and mouth-watering. Very smart.

RRP \$26.00

4. Jed Malbec 2011
Region Argentina Rating **92/100**

\$15.99 across any 12
\$18.99 per bottle

Argentina and malbec, it seems, is a match made in heaven. And so to Jed - this wine is an absolute belter. Lively red and dark-fruited aromas, with violets and a savoury herbal and smoky oak edge. Juicy plum, cherry, and raspberry flavours with a dash of dried herb, tobacco and a good whack of ripe grippy tannin. Ready to drink now with a big juicy steak.

RRP \$23.00

5. Hand Picked Carmenere 2008
Region Chile Rating **89/100**

\$15.99 across any 12
\$17.99 per bottle

Give this some air and it comes up trumps. Raisins/sultans, meat, smoke, earth and gamey, chewy cherries. Emphasis on the chewiness and on the smokiness, in both cases as a positive. not the cleanest wine in the world - partly why it's good. Alcohol: 13.5%. Closure: screwcap. Drink: now-2014+. Price: \$20. Rating: 89/100.

RRP \$20.00