



**Luigi Baudana, Dragon, Langhe, Piedmont, Italy 2013** 17 (90)

£14.99 Liberty Wines

A blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Nascetta, this has real character and charm. It never sees oak and the result is a graceful wine with a plethora of floral characters underpinned by notes of lemon and lime. **Alc** 13%



**Robert & Benjamin Dananchet, Mâcon Villages, Burgundy, France 2013** 17 (90)

£13.95 Caviste

Racy and direct, this is a blend of grapes from several vineyards and gives you more punch and character than many a Mâcon-Villages. It's pure and tight, with hugely enjoyable weight of fruit, a nice kick of acidity and some oxidative notes which give a touch more complexity. **Alc** 13%



**Sébastien Vaillant, Valençay, Loire, France 2014** 17 (90)

£11.99 Liberty Wines

A classic Valençay blend of Sauvignon Blanc (80%) and Chardonnay (20%), with the unoaked latter bringing to the table a touch of breadth and depth. Vibrant and perky, this has an abundance of green apple and citrus notes, showing fine balance and a poised finish. **Alc** 12.5%



**Ad Hoc, Straw Man Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon, Margaret River, Western Australia 2012** 16.75 (89)

£15.50 D Byrne, Square Wine Co, The Wine Cellar, Woods Wines, Woodbridge Wine Co

The very busy Larry Cherubino steers the ship here and this deft blend of 75% Sauvignon and 25% Semillon allows the personalities of both grapes to shine while still bolstering each other. **Alc** 13.5%



**Silver Ghost, Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile 2014** 16.75 (89)

£4.99 Majestic

A very solid Sauvignon from Chile which, unlike many examples at this price, doesn't veer into cloying sweetness. You shouldn't expect too much complexity at this level either, but what you will get is pure, tangy gooseberry, green apple and citrus fruit, plus an enlivening finish. **Alc** 13%



**Moulin des Chênes, Lirac, Rhône, France 2012** 17.75 (92)

£12.99 Liberty Wines

Lirac shares many of the geological and climatic qualities of its more illustrious neighbour across the river, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, although the Mistral wind blows a little less fiercely here. This is an attractively juicy and approachable wine, with vital red cherry fruit that slips down easily, with just a pinch of spice. **Alc** 14%



**Altos Las Hormigas, Malbec Clásico, Mendoza, Argentina 2013** 17.5 (91)

£12.99 Liberty Wines

Founded in the 1990s by a pair of Tuscans, Alto Las Hormigas has focused on Malbec from the off and is now considered one of its finest purveyors in Argentina. The unoaked Clásico is fermented with wild yeasts, giving a complex, refreshing wine with an array of dark berry fruits. **Alc** 14%



**Radford Dale, Black Rock, Swartland, South Africa 2011** 17.5 (91)

£16 Oddbins

Some outstanding wines are coming out of Swartland, the current darling of the Cape, and this Rhone blend from dry-farmed bush-trained vines is no exception. Notes of dark fruit, spice and liquorice are supported by silky tannins and lively acidity. It's fresh and elegant with a spicy finish. **Alc** 13.5%



**Craggy Range, Sauvignon Blanc, Te Muna Road Vineyard, Martinborough, New Zealand 2013** 17.5 (91)

£11.95-£15 The New Zealand Cellar, The Wine Society, Winedirect

The grapes for this superior Kiwi Sauvignon are grown on limestone soil and fermented in stainless steel and French barriques. It's fresh and herbal, with a pretty, green pea pod facet and punchy citrus fruit that gets the mouth watering. **Alc** 13% ➤

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