

Decanter

WEEKEND WINES

Get through the working week, and it's time to crack open something a little bit more special. As a companion selection to our 25 wines under £20, the *Decanter* team has selected seven standout bottles that are sure to impress, all available in the UK and priced between £20 and £50

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Berry Bros & Rudd, English Sparkling Blanc de Blancs by Hambledon, Hampshire, England 2017

£36 Berry Bros & Rudd
Aromas of freshly baked bread, candied peel, roasted nuts and stone fruit, with hints of meadow grass. Chalk soils lend a mineral core to the crisp and rounded palate, with brisk citrus and a nip of salinity. **JS Alc 12%**



Leo Steen, Saini Chenin Blanc, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County, California, USA 2021

£26 Stannary Wine
Danish former sommelier Leo Hansen loves Chenin, so his winery name is apt (Steen is both a family name and the South African word for the grape). From old vines, this is a delicious example: apple, pear, white blossom and hints of samphire. **TG Alc 13%**



Troupis, Hoof & Lur Moschofilero, Mantinia, Peloponnese, Greece 2022

£20-£22 Bancroft, Epinoia, ND John, NY Wines
Great aromatic lift in this high-altitude organic wine. 11 days of skin contact gives an orange-pink hue, which manifests in pink grapefruit juiciness, herbal bergamot acidity and Turkish delight richness. **TG Alc 12.5%**



Château d'Estoublon, Roseblood Rosé Méditerranée, Provence, Southeast France 2022

£20.99 Majestic
Priced at a similar level to Whispering Angel but with more going on and real depth of flavour: tart red berries, floral notes of peonies, firm peach and apricot with a mineral streak. Serious rosé but so delicious. **AW Alc 12.5%**



Akitu, A1 Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand 2019

£42.99 Hay Wines
Seductive and intriguing, aromatic depth and layered complexity. Elegant acidity and fine tannins support plush red fruit and broody florality. Graphite, smoke, dried thyme and all-spice uncoil slowly, wet leaves and tobacco box adding earthy weight. **IS Alc 13.5%**



Frontonio, Psicodélico, Valdejalón, Aragón, Spain 2019

£38.15-£42.95 Bancroft, Drinkmonger, Q Wines
From mountainous old bush vines, this is a pale, ethereal field blend of Cribatinaja, Provechón and Robal with the more familiar Garnacha and Macabeo. Strawberries, rose and wild herbs, and a lick of wet stones. Serious yet deliciously fun. **TG Alc 12.5%**



Jean-Baptiste Souillard, Roussanne, Vin de France 2020

£24.46 Uncharted Wines
Seductive and open aromas of yellow plum and nectarine. Lush and exuberant palate with creamy lemon curd and macadamia nut complexity, finishing dry and poised. Highly enjoyable now, but its concentration will see it through at least five more years. Fermented with indigenous yeasts and minimal sulphur use. Working with small parcels in the northern Rhône, Jean-Baptiste is one to watch. **NE Alc 12%**