

April 2015 – Members' favourites

	Wine	Year	Region	Retailer	Comments
	Pinot Gris	2013	Appellation Alsace Contrôlée	Waitrose	Rated 4.5 out of 5 by Waitrose. Musk with flavour of pears and a slight honey flavour. We bought it to go with Chinese /Asian food. It goes very well with food, but is also enjoyed on its own by friends who prefer white wine.
	The Signal Post	2014	South Australia Appellation	Co-op	Smaller collection of vineyards; yields kept at an optimal level to obtain as much flavour as possible. The grapes are picked in the middle of the night to retain the grapes' quality before they reach the winery. Grapes are crushed as soon as they arrive with the free run juice fermented at a cooler temperature to retain the aromatics. We travel to the winery to pick the best tanks at the end of the harvest. There is no oak as the wine has good fruit concentration and we want a wine that wasn't too serious... Source: Clem Yates
	Casillero del Diablo Reserva	2013	Central Valley, Chile	Morrison's	From Concha y Toro, one of Chile's biggest wine companies, this is a smooth, medium-bodied merlot combining plum and red berry flavours with a smoky cedar wood aroma. Ideal with pasta, risotto and lightly spiced red meat dishes.
	Alovini	2010	Aglianico del Vulture DOC; Basilicata, Italy	The Wine Society	Aglianico is one of Italy's finest red wine grapes which is well adapted to the heat of the south where it retains finesse and distinction and here has started to develop great complexity after barrel ageing. Aromas of plum & chocolate, high acidity and fine grained tannins that are starting to soften. "The Barolo of the South".
	Monbazillac	2011	Bergerac AOP (formerly AOC) <u>Vineyard</u> : Domaine du Haut-Raully.	Co-op (Leiston)	'...some of France's best sweet wines outside Sauternes' (Hugh Johnson) and a lot cheaper! (G.Burns). Not as cloying as new world alternatives. Perfect with fruit desserts, salty cheese or chilled as aperitif.
	Flaxbourne Sauvignon Blanc	2013	New Zealand	Marks & Spencer	Citrus aroma, invigorating, crisp and dry.
	Colombard Cotes de Gascogne	2013	France (South west)	Adnams	Adnams describe "extremely fresh, crisp and appetising with flavours of green apples and pears." Wonderful bouquet. Excellent with fish, pasta and drinking on a sunny summerday.
	Cono Sur Bicicleta	2013	Central Valley, Chile	Co-op	A Fresh voluptuous Pinot with rich tones of cherry, blackberries and plum together with a balanced rich palate. Good with chicken and red meats

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