

U3A Wine January 2015 - Good Value Wines from local Suppliers

	Name	Year	Quality or Location	Grapes	%Alc	Supplier	Comments
1	Special Reserve Prosecco. N.V		Prosecco DOC	Prosecco	11%.	The Co-operative	Recently winning Which Magazine 'Best Value Award' this is a good value Prosecco with fresh, crisp green apple, sweet pear, lemon, fennel and almond flavours.
2	Exquisite Collection Private Bin	2014	Marlborough, N.Z	Sauvignon Blanc	12.5%.	Aldi	Probably from the award winning Rosendale Winery, this has complex, persistent, intensely perfumed aromas of melon, guava, grapefruit and gooseberry; classic N.Z. Sauvignon
3	Jim Barry Lodge Hill Dry Riesling	2013	Clare Valley, Australia	Riesling	12.4%	The Co-operative	Earlier vintage (2012) a Decanter Magazine top 50 wine. From a single vineyard planted nearly 40 years ago. Rich aromas of citrus fruit, nectarine & Kumquat. Crisp acidity on the palate supporting flavours of peach and mandarin orange.
4	Turckheim Baron D'Alsace	2013	Alsace A.C	Pinot Gris	13%	Morrisons	Pleasant perfumed nose with fine floral aromas mixed with a little honey and spice. Full and rich on the palate with a smoky honeysuckle perfume and smooth dry(ish) finish.
5	Muenzenrieder Trocken	2009	Qualitatswein Austria	Blaufrankisch	13%	Adnams	From Austria's second most planted red grape comes this fresh, fruity style with peppery notes. Full bodied and well-structured, it is drinking nicely now but would benefit from another few years careful ageing.
6	Exquisite Collection Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore	2011	Valpolicella DOC	Corvina/ Rondinella/ Molinara	14.5%	Aldi	Intense modern style of Valpolicella Ripasso with rich cherry fruit and Victoria plum flavours, a velvety texture and a hint of bitter almonds.
7	Jean Leon 3055	2012	Penedes D.O.	Merlot/ Petit Verdot	14.5%	Emerson Fine Wines	Ripe red fruit aromas over a smooth toasted and spiced background. On the palate, it displays spiced notes and powerful red fruits with a long elegant finish.
8	Wirra Wirra Church Block	2011	McLaren Vale, Australia	Cabernet Sauvignon/ Shiraz/Merlot	14.5%	The Co-operative	Highly recommended by the wine press, this is quintessential Aussie blend. Matured in both old & new oak barrels lending grippy tannins and toasty notes to a chocolatey, spicy berry fruit. Good acidity keeps things fresh to the finish.