

# Decanter

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## Chablis vintage preview

### ⑥ **TOP VALUE** **Domaine des Malandes, Grand Cru Vaudésir** 94

Amandine Marchive and Richard Rottiers source this impressive white from two parcels on the cooler north-facing side of the cru. Using only 50% of less-intrusive 500-litre barrels, this defies the vintage conditions, showing aromas of white flowers and lemongrass, pithy, chiselled acidity and a tangy, lime finish. The Grand Cru Les Clos also scored 94 and the 1er Cru Vau de Vey 93. **Drink** 2020-2028 **Alc** 13%



## South Africa

# THE 30 BEST CAPE WINES UNDER £20

South Africa has its fair share of supermarket bargains, as well as premium wines that rub shoulders with the world's best. But it is quality in that middle ground, between £10 and £20, that is often hard to find. **Greg Sherwood MW** was happy to take on the challenge...

### ⑦ **Jordan, Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Stellenbosch** 2018 94

£13.99-£18.99 Christopher Piper, H2Vin, Stainton Wines, Terra Wines, The Old Bridge Wine Shop, The Oxford Wine Co, Whitebridge Wines

A Stellenbosch star performer. Walks the perfect tightrope in balancing rich, leesy biscuit notes with sweet white peach, grapefruit and lemon cordial concentration with a kiss of vanilla oak spice. A wine that has a level of complexity it has no right to at this price. **Drink** 2019-2024 **Alc** 13%



# California Cabernet 2015

197 wines from a great  
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## Panel tasting

### RECOMMENDED (Continued) 86-89pts

Wine	Score	DA	SB	TK	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Grgich Hills Estate, Napa Valley	87	88	87	86	Sweet juicy cherry notes, with hints of herbal notes and capsicum. Dried fruit and an attractive creaminess on the palate.	14.6%	2020-2029	£80-£90	Bottle Apostle, Field & Fawcett, The General Wine Co, The Horsham Cellar, The Wine Reserve