

Decanter

Top seasonal buys

78 Villa Wolf, Pinot Noir, Pfalz, Germany 2017 87

£12-£13.99 Alexander Wines, Borders Wines, Borough Wines, Caviste, Ex-Cellar, Jeroboams, JN Wine, Noble Green, Portland Wines, Pull the Cork, Quaff, The Wine Reserve
Tinned strawberries and woodsmoke characterise this Pfalz Pinot from the Loosen stable. It shows a bit of age but retains firmish tannin and a fresh line on the palate. Decent value. Drink 2020-2021 Alc 12.5% **D**



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1 Dönnhoff, Oberhäuser Leistenberg Riesling Kabinett, Nahe, Germany 2016 94

£17.17-£19.75 Exel, Justerini & Brooks
Is there a more perfect summer wine than this? Its thrilling combination of ethereal grace with steely tension is hard to better – a ballet dancer of a wine, underpinned by vivid green-apple acidity suffused with fleshy succulence typical of great Kabinett wines. Dönnhoff's emphasis on purity and precision shines through, as does the Leistenberg vineyard's minerality and elegance. Drink 2020-2030 Alcohol 9%



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South Africa

David Finlayson, Stellenbosch 2018 94

N/A UK www.edgebaston.co.za

David Finlayson's father Walter helped develop such well-known properties as Blaauwklippen, Glen Carlou and Hartenberg, while uncle Peter played a leading role in the establishment of Bouchard Finlayson. This wine consists of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc, grapes sourced from various vineyards around Stellenbosch. The nose shows red and black fruit, some floral perfume and dried herbs, while the palate is medium-bodied with nice drinkability. Drink 2020-2026 Alc 14.1%



Tokara, Reserve Collection, Stellenbosch 2017 93

£29.50 (2016) Frontier Fine Wines

Acquired by businessman and banker GT Ferreira in 1994, Tokara is one of South Africa's most successful wineries. In this 2017 vintage, Miles Mossop was still in post to handle vinification, while his replacement Stuart Botha (of Eagles' Nest until 2018) would have seen the wine into bottle. The result is a very stylish affair: full-bodied but beautifully balanced. Drink 2020-2027 Alc 14.9%

