



Autumn uncorked

From bubbly to boxes, *Will Lyons* selects this month's best wine buys



SPARKLING

1 NV CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE BRUT, FRANCE
Sainsbury's, £14

If you're looking for budget fizz, this crémant is just the thing. With a pale onion-skin hue, it's light and delicate with plenty of floral and citrus flavour.

2 2016 SCHRAMSBERG BRUT ROSÉ, USA
Butler's Wine Cellar, £46

On the northeastern edge of the Napa Valley, Schramsberg produces sparkling wines of the finest quality. Predominantly pinot noir with some chardonnay, this is rich and well structured, with finely tuned acidity.

WHITE

3 2018 MÂCON-LUGNY LOUIS LATOUR, FRANCE

Majestic, £15 (£11 in a mix of six)

A crisp, reliable white burgundy that has proved hugely popular for Majestic and is an excellent buy in a mixed case. It has toasty citrus, hints of oak and vitality on the finish.

4 2018 EXTRA ORDINARY WHITE, FRANCE

Berry Bros & Rudd, £16
Produced from a single vineyard in the Graves area of Bordeaux, this is a complex, assured blend of sémillon and sauvignon blanc, full of zesty flavour. A lot of wine for the money.

5 2017 CHÂTEAU DE CHAMILLY BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ, FRANCE

The Daily Drinker, £15

Aligoté is an unsung Burgundy grape yet finding traction with oenophiles. Perfect as an aperitif, this snappy white brims with refreshing lime and apple and has well-balanced acidity.

6 2018 IKIGALL GALLINA DE PIEL, SPAIN

The Old Bridge Wine Shop, £15

Produced by David Seijas, former sommelier at El Bulli, this is a superb xarello-dominant blend from Penedes. Lively, fresh and fruity, it delivers a whistle-clean dry finish.

ROSÉ

7 MUGA RIOJA ROSADO, SPAIN

Waitrose, £8

Reduced from £10 until October 14, this pale-salmon rosé is well worth snapping up. It has a delicate character with a little citrus and silky indications of tropical fruit and apricot. Perfect with a spot of tapas.

RED

8 2018 TESCO FINEST PUEMO CARMENERE, CHILE

Tesco, £9

I haven't always been a huge fan of Chile's signature carmenere grape, but this classic example from the

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WILL LYONS'S
SUNDAY TIMES
WINE CLUB
CASE

2019 Collezione di Paolo Chianti, Italy
£11.50

Paolo Masi has worked with *The Sunday Times* Wine Club for many years — indeed, the club bought from his father, Renzo. This well-rounded chianti is vivid purple in hue, delivering ripe floral aromas and inviting sweet cherry. Perfect with rustic autumnal meat dishes.



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Cachapalo Valley produced by Concha y Toro is dense, moreish and richly flavoured with dark fruit.

9 2017 CHÂTEAU DE CARAGUILHES, FRANCE

Waitrose, £11

A comforting combination of grenache, syrah, mourvèdre and carignan from Corbières in the Languedoc, this punchy red has an abundance of rustic red fruit and will pair well with autumnal stews.

10 2017 PENFOLDS KOONUNGA HILL SHIRAZ CABERNET, AUSTRALIA

Asda, £9

Koonunga Hill always punches well above its price point. Produced from fruit grown in several regions, it is rich and smooth, with well-integrated oak and a sleek ribbon of blackberry.

11 2018 JEAN GADOIN SANCERRE ROUGE, FRANCE

Aldi, £12

Sancerre is celebrated for its white wines, but the area also produces reds to covet. This medium-weight pinot noir is great value, with silky-soft tannins, plenty of strawberry and raspberry and a lingering finish.

12 2018 CHÂTEAU DES MORIERS FLEURIE, FRANCE

The Bib Wine Co, £36 (2.25 litres)

Boxed wine has proved enormously popular during the coronavirus crisis. A newcomer to Bib's range, this is a top-class fleurie generously layered with dark fruit, enhanced by subtle touches of oak and a hint of spice