

Matching spice & wine divides opinions. Should it be a fruit forward red with subtle tannins or an aromatic white with a little residual sugar? Both in my opinion would be great choices. However, rather than select only my "perfect" matches I have created a list with something for everyone. From my Portuguese favourites to old world classics to some interesting & dynamic wines from the New World! The exploration is part of the fun - enjoy.

WHITE

(G) = By the glass 175ml or 250ml

1. Les Vignes de L`Eglise, IGP Pays d`Oc, Vermentino, Eastern Languedoc France 12.5% (G)

Aromas of peach, mango, pineapple and pear intermingle and follow through onto the palate which is balanced and long. 175ml - £4.65, 250ml £6.40, 70cl £18.50

2. Azulejo Light White, Vinho Regional de Lisboa Portugal BERLINER WINE TROPHY 2012 GOLD MEDAL 9.5%

This is an extremely fresh and aromatic wine, overcoming its tropical and citrus character. It is light-bodied, low in alcohol with crispy fresh lemony and citric notes. The wine has a natural refreshing spritz. £18.50

3. Chateau De La Mirande Picpoul de Pinet, Eastern Languedoc, France Yellow plums and greengage

Fresh aromas of peaches, apricots & citrus fruit. On the palate it is crisp with good acidity. £19

4. Mirabello Pinot Grigio Delle Lombardia, Italy 12% (G)

A fresh, dry white with gentle floral and citrus aromas. Crisp and delicate on the palate with lightly honeyed fruit balanced by lemony acidity and a fresh, dry finish. £5.00, £6.50, £19

5. Fairtrade Chenin Blanc Liberty Fairtrade, Western Cape. South-Africa 13%

Fresh and dry, with crisp, apple fruit offset by ripe, tropical flavours. Clean and dry on the finish £20

6. Casa Santos Lima Alvarinho, Alentejo, Portugal 2012 "Perfect match with spicy dishes" (G)

A wonderful summer white that is full of tropical flavours and involving aromas. This off dry Alentejo wine has richness, acidity and body that makes it a great match for dishes with a little spice £5.50, £7.50, £21

Tesch Riesling Nahe Germany 12%

Dry Riesling rich in guava lemon & ripe fruits and bracing freshness £22

7. Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc Tinpot Hut, Marlborough, New Zealand 12.5%

Pale lemon in colour with intense, lifted aromas reminiscent of passion fruit, blackcurrant, lemongrass and fresh thyme. A pleasingly rich and powerful Sauvignon Blanc with well-balanced acidity and a long lingering finish. £6.50, £8.50, £25

8. Paul Cluver Gewurztraminer, Elgin, South Africa DECANter WINNER BEST DRY AROMATIC 2013 12%

Elegant balance, with refreshing residual sugar and acidity makes this an ideal match to Indian cuisine £26

14. Domaine Laroche Chablis `St Martin` Burgundy, France 12.5%

Ripe fruit flavours are balanced by zesty acidity with a lingering, fruity finish from a renowned producer. £34

ROSE

17. Domaine de L'Olibet, South of France 12.5%

Made with Cinsault grape which produces a salmon pink rose with floral aromas & a soft, smooth, zesty palate. £4.75, £6.75, £18

SPARKLING

19. Prosecco Spumante Special Cuvee, Casa Vinicola Zonin NV, DOC, Italy 11%

Made from Glera grapes. Bright straw colour and typical fruit characters of apples and melon Bot £23.00 Mini £6.75

20. Champagne, Gremillet, France 12%

Champagne Gremillet is a small, but beautifully formed family-owned Champagne house. Due to its southern latitude the grapes achieve a greater ripeness which leads to a richer fruit, and classic 'baked-biscuit' flavours mixed with characteristic toasty yeast overtones. £45.00

REDS

(G) = By the glass

21. Domaines Paul Mas Claude Val Herault, Languedoc, France 13% (G)

With ripe dark fruit and lifted raspberry notes, but also good structure, it strikes a nice balance between Old and New World Styles 175ml £5.00, 250ml £6.50, 70cl £19

22. Azulejo, Casa Santos Lima, Tejo, Portugal 13% (G)

A well structured, medium bodied wine that has complexity and an aromatic nose with rich berry flavours in the mouth. A wonderful blend made with the Portuguese version of Tempranillo and Pinot Noir 1£4.65, £6.40, £19

26. The Woltrap, South-Africa 14.5% (G)

From the renowned "Chocolate Block" producer this a spicy aromatic red blend of Syrah, Mouvedre & Viognier. Ripe blackberries and spicy pepper flavours from the Syrah driving this blend are met with a soft and supple palate. £5.50, £6.95, £19.50

28. Casa Silva Reserva Carmenere Colchagua Chile 14.5%

From Vina Casa Silva, voted best winery in Chile 2013, comes this beautifully crafted red from the Colchagua Valley, perfectly suited to growing top quality Carmenere grapes. The aroma reveals a subtle alluring fragranced rich smooth dark berry compote, while the palate is lifted and "crunchy" fresh, yet wonderfully full soft and supple. Silky tannins and exceptional balance. Truly a "complete" wine and perfect partner for spicy cuisine. £22

34. Roda Dos Coelhos, Alentejano, Portugal 14%

A gorgeous wine showing the true potential of Alentejo using a blend of Portuguese grapes along with Syrah & Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of mature forest fruits are followed on the palate with red & black berries & some vanilla & subtle spice notes. £22

35. Donna Paula, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 14

Beautiful, intense red color with violet hues. Sweet aromas of blackberries and plums. Velvety texture and a sweet, long aftertaste £23

36. Sagrado, Quinto do Sagrado, Douro, Portugal 13.5% -

A Douro Valley classic. Bags of ripe fruits and spices on the nose with a smooth, evolving but rich finish on the palate. This wine is made with 100 year old vines that were previously used in Port production £24

37. Rioja Vega Reserva, Spain 13.5%

A well structured example (without the common over extracted fruit and careless oak use) combining harmonious classic pronounced blackberry and ripe cherry fruit with hints of vanilla and tobacco paired with a soft warm alluring texture, smooth tannins and long length. Recently awarded 92 Parker points! £29

30. Bourgogne Pinot Noir `Les Ursulines` Jean-Claude Boisset, Burgundy, France 12.5%

The fruit for this wine are all from Cote du Nuits - Intense red colour with ruby tinges. Nice opened nose with juicy red fruits and a touch of spice. The palate is very complex with elegant tannins and very good length. £33

38 Domaine Chante Cigale Chateauneuf-Du-Pape, France 15%

Deep ruby in colour with a wonderful nose of spice and dark fruits this is a real winter warmer. The palate is rich and ripe with layers of fruit and spice supported by fine tannins. £38

Vintage subject to change
Prices includes 20% VAT
Prices are subject to a 12.5% optional service charge