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Vital statistics

We've sifted through all the results from this year's Decanter World Wine Awards to bring you an at-a-glance guide to some of the best-performing grape varieties, wine styles, regions and producers

Five of the best rosés

Commanderie de Peyrassol

Côtes de Provence, France 2012 (12.5%)

UK £10.99; Maj

International Rosé Trophy Under £15

Lawson's Dry Hills, Pinot Rosé

Marlborough, New Zealand 2012 (13%)

UK £8.95; WSO

New Zealand Rosé Trophy Under £15 (pictured)

Château Vignelaure, La Source

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, France

2012 (13%) UK £11.50; Nsn Gold

Château Léoube, Secret de Léoube

Côtes de Provence,

France 2012 (12.5%)

UK £19.99-£21; C&B, Day Gold

Domaine Montrose

Vin de Pays des Côtes-de-Thongue,

France 2012 (12.5%)

UK £6.60; J&B Silver



Three top Sauvignon Blancs

1

New Zealand

Lawson's Dry Hills, Mount Vernon Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2012 (13%)

UK £9.10; Wrt

International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy Under £15

2

South Africa

David Nieuwoudt, Ghost Corner Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas Elim 2012 (13.5%)

UK £17; Hba

International Sauvignon Blanc Trophy Over £15

3

Chile

Viña Mayu, Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley 2012 (13.5%)

UK £6.98-£7.98;

Asd, GAW

Gold

GREAT-VALUE TROPHY

Morrison's, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret, France 2011

UK £5.99; Msn (14.5%)

Rhône Red Trophy Under £15

THREE OF THE BEST FORTIFIEDS

1

Campbells, Topaque NV

Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia (17.5%)

UK £11.49 (375ml);

Con, Quf, Vgy

International Sweet Fortified Trophy Under £15



2

EOSS, Grand Cru 2012

Aegean Islands, Samos, Greece (15%)

UK £8.75-£9 (375ml);

BWL, DMy, Gen

Greek Sweet Fortified Trophy Under £15



3

Graham's, Six Grapes Reserve NV

Douro, Portugal (20%)

UK £13.59; Cmb, DaV,

Drm, PLG, VMH

Port Trophy Under £15





Regional Trophies (continued)

RED BORDEAUX VARIETALS UNDER £15 (JOINT WINNER)

Aromo, Barrel Selection, Maule Valley 2010 (14%)

Plummy and sweet: green herb, black cherry and blackcurrant aromas with mint and black pepper. Full-bodied yet elegant, with juicy herbal fruit, oak, and a savoury character.

UK £8.60-£15; GLw, Wft

INTERNATIONAL TROPHY WINNER

For full profile, see p30



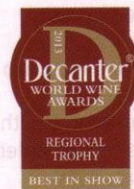
RED BORDEAUX VARIETAL UNDER £15 (JOINT WINNER)*

Vistamar, Sepia Reserva Merlot, Maipó Valley 2011 (13.5%)

Opulent blackcurrant pastille aromas, spicy and smoky. Polished palate with dark fruit, graphite, leafy, roasted pepper hints and toasty oak. Lovely vibrancy, ripe tannins and amazing depth.

UK £7.99; BGr

For full profile, see p142



RED RHONE VARIETAL UNDER £15

Viña Mayu, Syrah Reserva, Elqui Valley 2010 (14%)

Fabulously complex nose of malty dark fruit, black olives and pepper with an underlying lavender perfume. This is a super-sexy Syrah, brimming with peppery wild raspberries. Powerful. Wonderful.

UK £8.98-£9.99; Asd, GAW, Sai

For full profile, see p143



* This wine was incorrectly entered, and judged in the 'D' price category (£30-£59.99), winning the Red Bordeaux Varietal Over £15 Regional Trophy. On learning of the submitter's error, we made it a joint Regional Trophy winner in the Under £15 category with Aromo, Barrel Selection, Maule Valley 2010



Gold white

Calyptra, Gran Reserva Chardonnay, Machali, Cachapoal Valley 2009 (13.5%) C

Rich, complex leesy nose. Big, mouthfilling vanilla-tinged wine. Smoky, Old World style on the palate, crammed with a creamy texture and an elegant finish.

Concha y Toro, Marques de Casa Concha Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2012 (13%)

Guava, mandarin zest and blossoms weave together seamlessly. Creamy, textured mouthfeel, with lingering fresh fruit ending with a clean bite.

UK £12.99; InV, VLL

Secano, Palco Vineyard Block 3 Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2012 (13%)

Brilliant mineral sparkle in the nose. Assertively crisp Granny Smiths on the lips with a solid but invigorating palate and seams of flint nudging through.

Viña Mayu, Sauvignon Blanc, Elqui Valley 2012 (13.5%)

Attractive aromas of passion fruit, peach and pineapple with savoury grassy notes in the background. Refreshing and zingy with a great finish.

UK £6.98-£7.98; Asd, GAW



Gold red

Cono Sur, Single Vineyard Block 25, La Palma, Syrah, San Antonio 2011 (14%)

Meaty on the nose with sweet

liquorice and toasty undertones.

The palate gives you a massive hit of blackberry and strawberry flavours, while the peppery spice gives this wine structure and purpose.

UK £11.99; CyT

Leyda, Reserva Syrah, Leyda Valley, San Antonio 2011 (13.5%)

Meaty, Marmite spice with jammy undercurrents and toast notes. Fresh pepper combined with soft, fine tannins. A superb example!

UK £9.95-£9.99; EnW, Maj Quintay, Q Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2011 (14.5%)

Very black fruit laced with bitter tar and sweet liquorice aromas. Massive meaty flavours layered with juicy blackberry and intense pepper and spice.

UK £12.99; Oca. US \$17.99; USRGW

Torreón De Paredes, Reserva Privada Cabernet Sauvignon, Rengo, Cachapoal Valley 2009 (14.5%) C

Impressive jammy fruit on the nose and palate. Very ripe, slightly confected sweet oak and velvety tannins. Great concentration and purity showing some development.

Viña Casa Silva, Doña Dominga Carmenere, Colchagua Valley 2012 (13%) A

Fabulous earthy red fruits, dried herbs and chocolate nose. Great texture, juicy ripe palate, silky tannins and gorgeous fresh finish.

Viña Dos Andes, Veranda Pinot Noir, Bío Bío Valley 2012 (14%) B

Lovely nose of crushed red and dark fruit characters layered with some intense smoky notes. Black cherry and spice flavours revolve round the palate like a complex wine whirlwind.

US \$16.99; USTOT

SINGLE-VARIETAL RED UNDER £15

Viña Mayu, Malbec, Elqui Valley 2012 (14.5%)

Stunning rose petal, violet, loganberry and white pepper aromas. Bright and savoury palate with succulent blackberries and an appetising spiced game finish. Lush but not jammy, with exquisite purity. Delicious.

UK £8.99; GAW

INTERNATIONAL TROPHY WINNER

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note. Fresh, fruit-driven wine with abundance of cherry flavours.

Loma Larga, Syrah, Casablanca Valley 2008 (14%) **C**

Combination of ripe blackberry with herbal and savoury notes and a sweet, spicy touch.

Los Boidos, Sensaciones Cabernet Sauvignon, Cachapoal Andes, Cachapoal Valley 2012 (14.5%) **C**

Ripe, juicy dark fruits and intense tobacco, spice and herbaceous notes. Pronounced oak and dry tannins.

US \$14.99; USEVI

Los Vascos, Le Dix de Los Vascos, Colchagua Valley 2010 (14%)

Deep, intense blackcurrant fruit and liquorice notes. Bold structure, very ripe fruit with pronounced tannins.

UK £29.99; Lai, LSn, Nee, SLP, WLW. US \$64.99; USCLV

Luis Felipe Edwards, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Colchagua Valley 2012 (14%) **B**

Notes of cassis, blackberries and violets. Graceful, nicely structured palate with a sweet, juicy finish.

Luis Felipe Edwards, Family Selection Gran Reserva Merlot, Colchagua Valley 2012 (14%) **B**

Smoky bacon aromas with a complex palate of green herbaceous notes and subtle tannins.

Luis Felipe Edwards, LFE900 Malbec, Colchagua Valley 2011 (14.5%) **C**

Upfront baked dark fruit aromas with a hint of toasted nuts. Rich and poised meaty palate.

Luis Felipe Edwards, LFE900 Single Vineyard, Colchagua Valley 2010 (14.5%) **C**

Black cherry, mulberry and coffee bean characters combine with a lightly charred oak finish.

Maquis, Malbec, Colchagua Valley 2010 (12.5%) **B**

Dark, smoky blackberry aromas. Juicy cherry with hints of bramble and earth. Great with food. **US \$19.99; USGLV Marchigüe, Tricyclo Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah, Marchigüe, Colchagua Valley 2011** (13.5%) **B**

Matetic, Corralillo Pinot Noir, San Antonio 2011 (14%)

Dark chocolate and vegetal nose. Earthy palate with firm tannins, oak and cherry undertones. **UK £14; Arm Matetic, Corralillo Syrah, San Antonio 2011** (14%)

Liquorice and charcoal aromas. Ripe berry and cherry flavours with bitter chocolate on the finish. **UK £14; Arm Matetic, EQ Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2011** (14%)

Very ripe flavours of black cherry. Slightly earthy, with good acidity and balance. **UK £20; Arm. US \$40; USQU Maycas Del Limari, Reserva Especial Syrah, Limari Valley 2010** (14.5%) **B**

Morello cherry and pleasing dark chocolate aromas with gamey, oaky notes. Lingering spicy black fruit.

Miguel Torres Chile, Cordillera Carignan, Maule Valley 2009 (14%) **B**

Earthy, smoky notes with subtle rum and raisin flavours and fine tannins.

Miguel Torres Chile, Santa Digna Carmenere, Central Valley 2011 (14%) **B**

Meaty aromas. Sweet, ripe red and herbal black fruits. Quality tannins.

Millaman, Limited Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó Valley 2011 (14%)

Glossy dark fruit aromas and flavours with dried flowers, liquorice, leather and raspberry liqueur. **UK £12.50; Lan**

Misiones de Rengo, Gran Reserva Cuvée Carmenere, Rapel 2011 (14.5%) **B**

Bright red fruit and sweet spice nose which carries through to a lingering, creamy finish.

Morandé, Gran Reserva Carmenere, Maipo Valley 2009 (14.5%) **B**

An iconic style of wine with intense raisined aromas. Overripe jammy fruit notes with pronounced oak.

Morandé, Pionero Carmenere, Maipo Valley 2011 (14%) **A**

Peppery, vegetal notes with blueberry aromas and hints of spice. A rich fruit palate full of soft tannins. **Morandé, Reserva Carmenere, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2010** (14%) **B**

Lovely ripeness on the nose with plenty of bold fruit and lifted spice. Hints of tomato leaf and pear flavours.

Nativa, Terra Syrah Carmenere, Central Valley 2010 (14.5%) **B**

Mint and cassis aromas. Complex palate of roasted coffee, sweet fruit and oak notes. **US \$11; USPBIN O Fournier, Alfa Centauri, Maule Valley 2008** (14.5%)

Old-school style with a touch of leather. Smooth, not shy on tannins. Spice from the oak. **UK £27.96; Bna, JLI, Wdi. US \$45; USCV**

Ochagavia, Gran Reserva, Maipo Valley 2010 (14%) **B**

Rich, blackcurrant aromas. Energetic flavour profile of black fruits with compact spice. Lovely young tannins.

Odjell Vineyards, Capitulo Flying Fish Carignan-Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec, Central Valley 2010 (13.6%) **B**

Floral aromas with earthy characters. The palate is very savoury with hints of sweetness and bright acidity.

Odjell Vineyards, Orzada Syrah, Maule Valley 2009 (13.4%)

Elegantly crafted wine with cassis, blueberry and violet aromas; a succulent fruit and mint palate.

UK £14.99; ALL

Oveja Negra, Single Vineyard Carignan, Maule Valley 2010 (14%)

Elegant, sweet vanilla and jam nose. Ripe, juicy black fruits layered with rich, dense liquorice notes.

UK £12.99; HaL

Oveja Negra, The Lost Barrel, Maule Valley 2010 (14%)

Cherry fruit and cassis nose; light farmyard flavours offer a savoury depth. **UK £17 HaL**

Palo Alto, Winemaker's Selection, Maule Valley 2010 (14.5%) **B**

Seductive sweet oak mixed with blueberries, spiced bitter chocolate and black olive notes.

Pérez Cruz, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2011 (14%) **B**

Aromas of black olive, plum and subtle spice notes. The palate is oaky with concentrated cassis fruit.

Pérez Cruz, Carmenere Limited Edition, Maipo Valley 2011 (14%) **B**

Delicate plum, green pepper and blackcurrant leaf nose; earthy and creamy red cherry flavours.

Pérez Cruz, Ckaski Petit Verdot, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2010 (14%) **C**

Complex spice nose, like ras-el-hanout. Fleshy cherry flavours with a seriously full body.

Pérez Cruz, Liguai, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2010 (14.5%) **C**

Bright juicy fruit aromas and flavours layered with black pepper, soy, eucalyptus and Mediterranean herbs.

Pérez Cruz, Pircas de Liguai Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2010 (14.5%) **C**

Bold, forward New World fruit with lots of cassis. Unsubtle, but still really enjoyable.

Pérez Cruz, Single Vineyard La Higuera Block, Maipo Andes, Maipo Valley 2011 (13.5%) **C**

Quite serious with earth and coffee overtones and a cassis backbone. Creamy texture.

Polkura, Syrah, Marchigüe, Colchagua Valley 2010 (14.5%)

Northern Rhône-esque, ripe fruit with savoury characters. Black olive, berry and dark chocolate palate. **UK £15; DWi. US \$23; USSWSA, USWmi**

Puertas, Icon Wine, Curicó Valley 2010 (14%) **E**

Lifted fruit aromas with black olive and chorizo savouriness, youthful tannins and spicy oak.

Quintay, Clava Carmenere, Rapel 2011 (14.5%) **B**

Subtle smoky, blueberry aromas. Savoury, earthy flavours layered with tight tannins. **US \$10.99; USRGW**

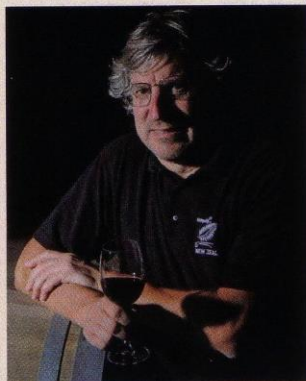
Quintay, Clava Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley 2011 (14%) **B**

Elegant spice and berry aromas layered with a malt character and concentrated cherry flavours.

US \$9.99; USRGW

**REGIONAL TROPHY:
RED RHONE VARIETAL UNDER £15
Viña Mayu, Syrah
Reserva, Elqui Valley
2010**

THIS IS A Chilean wine with an Italian accent and a French designer suit. The Olivier family, originally from northern Italy, are local landowners who teamed up with flying winemaker Giorgio Flessati (pictured right) and diversified from fruit and pisco production into wine in the late 1990s. It was an inspired move: their Syrahs in particular were stunning from the start; their peppery, floral, meaty tones reminiscent of northern Rhône. Mayu was established in 2005 as a sister winery to Falernia, making wines in a similarly extrovert, elegant fashion.



A good deal of work has been done since those early days in terms of defining the best Syrah plots and vineyards within the valley. Some of the best and most thrilling Syrah fruit in this winery comes from the Quebrada de Talca site, at the entrance to the valley proper, 18km from the coast. The local conditions mean mornings are often foggy, maturation slow, and flavours both complex and invigorating. A small amount of fruit

from warmer sites further up the valley gives the blend extra succulence, spice and breadth.

This Trophy was the most hotly contested of this year's DWWA: a total of six wines were battling it out for this Regional gong (and exactly half of them from Falernia/Mayu). Not just that, but this is the fourth year in a row that a Syrah from this outfit has won a Regional Trophy. Kudos to them. **PR**