

1. NYETIMBER KING'S CORONATION LIMITED-EDITION CLASSIC CUVÉE MULTI-VINTAGE

Who makes it: Nyetimber
Who distributes it: Liberty Wines
RRP: £39.50

Why we like it: Nyetimber King's Coronation Limited-Edition Cuvée dresses up the estate's flagship blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier with inspiration taken from royal garments and uniforms. Inside the bottle, the fizz says 'celebration', too. Its pale-gold hue and fine bubbles are the result of extensive ageing in Nyetimber's cellar – usually more than three years. Distinctive toasty and spicy aromas give way to honey, almond, baked-apple pastries on the palate, leaning into the brand's trademark elegance and intensity.

2. KINSBROOK CHOUGH AU VIN KITH RONDO 2022

Who makes it: Kinsbrook Vineyard
Who distributes it: Kinsbrook online store
RRP: £23

Why we like it: Boasting an anonymous quote of English red wine naysaying, this latest release from the East Sussex winery turns the tables with a cherry-bright, fresh Rondo, courtesy of carbonic maceration. Flagged as a "mischievous younger sister" to the estate's Kin label, Kith is the first

red wine for owners Joe Beckett and Rebecca Dancer. Others are on the way, with the pair set to feature more experimental and natural wines in the range.

3. IMMORTELLE RIVESALTES GRENAT 2021

Who makes it: Vineyard Productions
Who distributes it: Vineyard Productions
RRP: £21.95

Why we like it: From the rugged landscape of the Agly Valley comes the newest line-up of Immortelle – the partnership from Domaine Bousquet and Liam Steevenson MW. Together with oenologist Pierrick Harang, a number of new vintages have been released, alongside a brand new wine, Immortelle Rivesaltes Ambré, which is fortified five days into the fermentation process. For Rivesaltes, the final product offers a touch of sweetness from the unfermented grape juice, with deep red fruit aromas giving way to an interesting hint of spice.

4. LUCE BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2018

Who makes it: Tenuta Luce
Who distributes it: MMD UK
RRP: £138

Why we like it: Created as an homage to Montalcino's longstanding winemaking



traditions, Luce Brunello is back with its 2018 edition. The latest release has power and structure aplenty, with grapes taken from Tenuta Luce's Madonnino vineyard, where aspect and soil composition have been identified as being ideally suited to Sangiovese. Grapes were harvested in early October and fermented for 10 days in concrete vats. Afterwards, they received four weeks of maceration and 24 months in barrel, delivering a sophisticated wine.

5. TIO PEPE EN RAMA

Who makes it: González Byass
Who distributes it: González Byass UK
RRP: £16.99

Why we like it: Tio Pepe En Rama is back with the 2023 release. This year, expressive aromas of the yeasty flor – nuts, apple, fresh herbs and chalk – are to the fore, giving way to a smooth, creamy intensity on the palate. Made without clarification or filtration, 'en rama' has become a classic addition since its release more than 10 years ago. Today, the

category remains super-fresh and super-charged with flavour.

6. BARGYLUS RED 2015

Who makes it: Domaine de Bargylus
Who distributes it: Swig
RRP: £39

Why we like it: Despite difficulties in both Syria and Lebanon in recent years, winemaker Karim Saadé continues to show what hard work and determination can achieve. Bargylus' current vintage 2015 red via Swig is a dynamic wine, smooth but powerful, with a touch of violet and notes of cachou on the nose, adding interest. The B-Qa de Marsyas Red 2018 (Corney & Barrow, RRP £17.25) also impresses, with minerality underpinning exceptional fruit. The Bargylus White 2016 (Swig, £33.50) is also powerful, with maturity and freshness which lends itself to food.

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