

Pickering Mixed Case

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July's Pickering Mixed Case is perfectly suited to summer drinking. A special treat this month comes in the form of a proper Prosecco – don't relegate this fizz to Aperol spritz, it deserves to be savoured solo, coming from the Trevisiol family's finest plots. We've chosen two vibrant whites, a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from the talented team at Dog Point, and a richer, more textured Chenin Blanc from the Cape. As for the reds, two lighter styles – a superb Pinot Noir from the Loire and an Austrian Blaufränkisch – are joined by a bold yet deliciously fresh Malbec that is perfect for a barbecue.

2017 PROSECCO VALDOBBIADENE SUPERIORE, RIVE DI OGLIANO, TREVISIOL



The Trevisiol family was among the first to make Prosecco. Today Luigi and his son Paolo continue to make sparkling wine from 25 hectares of prime Valdobbiadene vineyards close to the Alto Adige border. Paolo capitalises on the region's altitude, which at 300 metres extends the growing seasons, meaning the grapes have more time on the vine, ripening to perfection.

This finely crafted wine is Extra Dry in style, but it sees a slow fermentation and three months' ageing which give the wine more complex flavours. The nose is finely tuned with notes of green apple, flowers and perfume. The palate is robust and complex with peach, nectarine and a hint of fresh hazelnuts. Drink now to 2022.

Food matches	Always a beautiful apéritif, but it's fantastic with sushi and sashimi
Price	£21.50 per bottle
How to serve	Serve chilled at 8 to 10°C
Region	Veneto, Italy
Grape variety	Glera
Product code	V7575B
Style	Dry, light-bodied white wine
Terroir	Soils of glacier origins, which are a mixture of clay, sandstone and marl
Buyer	Matt Smith

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

CRÉMANT OR MOSCATO D'ASTI

2017 TIERHOEK, CHENIN BLANC



Tierhoek is one of the oldest Sandveld farms in the Piekenierskloof, where leopards abound. This rugged, mountainous ward is situated on the border with the Cederberg Mountains and the Swartland. Since its inception, Tierhoek has adopted organic and sustainable practices to produce high-quality wines that express this exceptional *terroir*.

This Chenin Blanc has a glorious depth of flavour and rich mouth-feel, with aromas of orchard fruit, greengage and honeysuckle on the nose. Stony, savoury notes underpin the honeyed fruit on the palate, while fresh acidity brings added vibrancy. Drink now to 2022.

Food matches	Frittata and soft cheeses
Price	£17.00 per bottle
How to serve	Serve chilled
Region	Piekenierskloof, South Africa
Grape variety	Chenin Blanc
Product code	V9353B
Style	Dry medium-bodied white wine
Terroir	Weathered sandstone
Buyer	Katherine Dart MW

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like: VOUVRAY

2017 DOG POINT, SAUVIGNON BLANC



Dog Point combines the considerable winegrowing experience of Ivan Sutherland and James Healy, the former chief viticulturist and head winemaker at New Zealand's iconic Cloudy Bay. Grapes are all hand-picked. A non-interventionist, natural, hands-off technique characterises all their wines and all viticulture is now organic.

This is intensely aromatic on the nose with notes of gooseberry and fresh grass complemented by an intriguing struck-match note. The palate is riper with peach, apricot and fig dominating, well-balanced by white grapefruit and refreshing acidity. A mineral backbone persists even on the long finish. Drink now to 2020.

Food matches	Grilled asparagus, ceviche or fish tacos
Price	£17.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve chilled
Region	Marlborough, New Zealand
Grape variety	Sauvignon Blanc
Product code	V0171B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied white wine
Terroir	Free-draining silty clay loams in the Wairau Valley
Buyer	Catriona Felstead MW

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like: BACCHUS, GRÜNER VELTLINER OR SOUTH AFRICAN SAUVIGNON BLANC

2018 BODEGAS CUARTO DOMINIO, LOTE 44, MALBEC, UCO VALLEY



This is a joint project between two fourth-generation members of renowned Argentine wine families, both of whom have been growing vines and making wine for over 100 years. Javier Catena, winemaker, is the famous Nicolás Catena's nephew, and viticulturalist Andres Blanchard's great-grandfather first planted vines in Argentina in 1911.

Bodega Cuarto Dominio's signature style is the freshness of its Malbecs. The Lote 44 is no exception. Lush and ripe, it is nonetheless very well-balanced, with a juicy character that makes the wine extremely enjoyable. The rich, dark fruit is complemented by a savoury element which adds interest on the finish. Drink now to 2021.

Food matches	Beef burritos, bolognese or veggie chilli
Price	£11.50 per bottle
How to serve	Serve at room temperature; no need to decant
Region	Mendoza, Argentina
Grape variety	Malbec
Product code	V7468B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Sand, limestone and clay
Buyer	Catriona Felstead MW

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like: CHILEAN CARMÉNÈRE, CALIFORNIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON OR CAHORS MALBEC

2018 REUILLY ROUGE, LES PIERRES PLATES, DENIS JAMAIN



Denis Jamain is something of a standard-bearer for Reuilly and is responsible for the majority of exports from the appellation. Half of his 21-hectare *domaine* is now organic as he converts the estate gradually parcel by parcel while battling esca, frost and mildew on a regular basis. Alongside Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris, he has five hectares of Pinot Noir.

Taking its name from the flat pebbles that decorate the vineyard, this superb Pinot Noir is pale in colour with a gorgeous floral perfume, charming red-berry flavours and gentle, silky tannins. It is more than a match for most Bourgogne Rouges, let alone reds from neighbouring Sancerre. Drink now to 2022.

Food matches	Stuffed tomatoes
Price	£15.95 per bottle
How to serve	Drink lightly chilled
Region	Loire, France
Grape variety	Pinot Noir
Product code	V9330B
Style	Dry, light-bodied red wine
Terroir	Clay with Kimmeridgian limestone subsoil
Buyer	Adam Bruntlett

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like: CRU BEAUJOLAIS

2017 BLAUFRÄNKISCH, UWE SCHIEFER



The Südburgenland is Austria's smallest wine region, located on the border of Hungary. In the 1990s, Uwe Schiefer started piecing together his estate. While others were put off by the steep, slate hillsides of Eisenberg, he saw potential – believing that Blaufränkisch would excel here. Today, their wines have a cult following amongst many of the world's top sommeliers.

This is spicy and brooding on the nose, with aromas of rich black cherry, dried herbs and violet. On the palate, incredibly fine tannins and bright acidity mingle with juicy fruit and earthier notes of black olive and aniseed. This is a true food wine and offers a superb introduction to Uwe's wines. Drink now to 2023.

Food matches	Pasta, prosciutto and salami
Price	£17.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve chilled at 14 to 16°C
Region	Südburgenland, Austria
Grape variety	Blaufränkisch
Product code	V7930B
Style	Dry medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Iron bearing clay, slate, quartz and opal
Buyer	Katherine Dart MW

Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like: ZWEIGELT