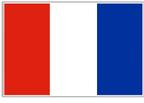


Rugby World Cup Themed Wine Tasting
Tuesday 10th September 2019

Country	Description	Tasting Notes / Scores
<p>Japan</p> 	<p>Château Mercian Koshu Gris de Gris, Fuefuki District 2017 - Koshu grapes are grown in the Fuefuki district, one of the 13 cities located in Yamanashi Prefecture. Harvest takes place from late September to early October. Faint reddish orange hue. Sweet and gentle aromas of apricot, apple compote, Darjeeling, old Rose with subtle vanilla notes are derived from 8 months in oak barrels. The complex palate from the skins and seeds of the Koshu grape come from gentle skin contact, this creates a three-dimensional feeling in the mouth.</p>	£17.99
<p>Italy</p> 	<p>Vite Bianca I.G.T. Veneto 2017- Single variety Chardonnay using grapes from the vineyards of Campo di Pietra, Piave river basin, to the south east of Treviso, Italy. Hand-picked into crates, harvesting takes place in two periods. The portion harvested early gives a fresh bouquet, while the component left to mature longer gives structure and a creamy aroma. Fruity bouquet reminiscent of banana, with overtones of acacia honey and bread crusts, and a hint of vanilla.</p>	£16.99
<p>Australia</p> 	<p>Berton Vineyards Eden Valley Chardonnay 2017 - Eden Valley Chardonnay is a wonderful example of how superb Chardonnay can be when made in the right way with the right winemaker. This Chardonnay is a rich, complex wine with generous aromas of white peach, beautifully balanced by spicy oak with toasty undertones of vanilla and mocha. A rich and toasty palate showing pineapple, peach with hints of cinnamon and grapefruit which lingers to create a lovely wine with a long and persistent finish.</p>	£13.99
<p>England</p> 	<p>Sharpham Dart Valley Reserve 2018 - Outstanding wine from Sharpham's South Devon vineyard. Free-run and pressed juice is used in this wine, with partial ageing in American oak. Some residual grape sugar is retained in the wine and part is also matured in oak. Fresh elderflower and meadow aromas are abundant on the nose with hints of peach and apple fruit. The palate is off dry with gorgeous ripe stone fruit flavours and pleasingly, gentle well-balanced acidity. The finish is clean, long and incredibly more-ish.</p>	£15.99
<p>France</p> 	<p>Chateau Maine Vieil Fronsac 2015 - Fronsac is a great value alternative to Saint-Emilion, but equally good in its own right. 85% of the wine is matured in concrete vats and 15% in barrels for at least three years. A great vintage of this wine - powerful, concentrated and already well-knit but still youthful. Packed with intense black mulberry flavoured fruit and firm but smooth tannins, the ripe fruit makes this very drinkable now and it will continue to develop more complexity over the next 5 years.</p>	£13.49
<p>New Zealand</p> 	<p>Catalina Sounds Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2017 - Rich, firm, bright and savoury in that classically herby Marlborough style. 100% Marlborough with 78% from the Southern Valleys and 22% from Ward. An appealing mix of red and dark berry fruits, spice and underlying savoury and earthy interest. Elegant, with lovely raspberry and cherry flavours. Bright, wild strawberry fruit with a gently persistent acidity make for a refreshing, aromatic Pinot.</p>	£15.99
<p>Argentina</p> 	<p>Cadus Tupungato Appellation Malbec 2016 - The vineyard for this wine sits in Gualtallary in the Tupugnato Appellation and helps create a hugely expressive Malbec. The combination of altitude (1300m) and rocky soils provide a platform for Malbec to excel. Intense purple in colour, the wine displays great depth of black fruits, fresh herbal notes and spice. The palate is elegant with lovely weight, bright black fruits and fresh acidity. The finish is long and has silky tannins.</p>	£15.99
<p>USA</p> 	<p>Cline Old Vine Zinfandel 2017 - Classic Californian Zinfandel. Oak ageing provides just the right amount of toasty vanilla character whilst the overtly ripe and luscious Zinfandel fruit envelops any tannin making this beauty big and bold. Showing a wide array of ripe almost sweet berry fruit including black cherry and strawberry. The ripe palate shows more berry fruit, as well as spice notes such as Chinese five spice, star anise and clove. The finish has gentle supple tannins.</p>	£10.99