

		 GUINEA PIGS' CHOICE				 GUINEA PIGS' CHOICE
PRICE	€13.99	€16.99	€15.99	€9.79	€16.99	€14.95
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Italy	Australia	New Zealand	Chile	France	Argentina
GRAPES	Garanega & Sauvignon Blanc	Sauvignon Blanc	Sauvignon Blanc	Merlot & Carmenère	Pinot Noir	Malbec
ABV%	12.5%	13%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	13.5%

COMMITTEE'S VERDICT

HOW MANY LIKED IT?	5/5	4/5	4/5	5/5	1/5	5/5
DESCRIBE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE	“ Young looking; pale gold; straw colour; very clear and slightly green	Young, light-coloured; very pale; light white colour; almost clear with very slight green tinge	Very pale, tinge of green; light; very clear; quite pronounced legs	Ruby red, young; pomegranate colour, quite prominent legs	Very light colour, looks light to medium-bodied; clear; tinge of brown on rim around thin red colour; like watermelon red or watered down blood	Deep plummy red, young; dark; looks full-bodied
DESCRIBE WHAT IT SMELLS LIKE	Fruity, melon; watery; flowery citrus; a little sweet; mineral, musty, alcoholic, distinctive;	Fruity; light bouquet, melon; sharp; woody, sweet smell; floral, dandelions; summer's day picnic in a meadow	Flowers; elderflower, blossom; very distinctive; slightly acidic, soapy smell; watery fruit, melon	Stewed soft fruits, woody; bark; raspberry, redcurrant, strawberry, red berries; very slight glue smell; quite light	Delicate fragrance; ripe, fruity smell; cocoa, cherries, fermenting smell; autumnal, soggy leaves, mushroomy	Winter dinners, a little Christmassy; spicy nutmeg, blackcurrant; strong, fruity; berries, floral
DESCRIBE WHAT IT TASTES LIKE	Subtle; quite dry; watery; light-bodied, gooseberry; more citrus than smells; tart; syrupy at start but quite a clean finish	Light-bodied, tantalising; thin; light, acidic; crisp, dry, watery, sharp; slightly fizzy, sharp but refreshing, very drinkable	Full-bodied, richer, lemon sorbet and apple; long; flinty, very dry; sharp, sour apple drops	Light-bodied, light tannins, easy drinking; berry-like, reminds me of Ribena; blackcurrants, dry, fruity, good length; easy drinking	Light-bodied; vinegary; light tannins; little depth; lacks flavour; dry, acidic, slight rotten apple taste; slightly musty; more like a white wine	Delicious! peppery, short finish; tannic; winter berries; musky; intense but well-rounded, dry, gets you at the back of the throat, high tannins
AVERAGE MARK OUT OF 20?	14	13	16	12	10	15
HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY FOR IT?	€19-€14	€5.99-€12	€12-€17	€6.99-€10	€5-€12	€12-€16
HOW MANY WOULD BUY IT AGAIN?	4/5 - a good bet for a dinner party to serve with a particular course	4/5 - for a summer party or a hot summer's day picnic wine	4/5 - as a gift or to drink on a special occasion, with or without food	4/5 - for easy, everyday drinking or to pick up on special offer as a standby wine	1/5 - maybe for the end of the night. Although one taster thought it a good option for white wine drinkers	5/5 - for a special dinner party but doesn't need food, could drink on its own
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ABV% MIGHT BE	12.5%	11%	13%	12.5%	12%	12.5%-14.5%
ANY GUESSES ON ORIGIN OR GRAPE VARIETY?	Spain? Old world? Sauvignon Blanc?	Muscadet? Spain? Australia? South Africa?	Old world? France? Chablis? Or a blend of grapes?	Syrah? Italy? South America?	Blend of grapes? USA? Italy?	Merlot? France? Italy? Spain? Argentina?
WHAT FOOD WOULD YOU SERVE IT WITH?	A starter of melon and ham, white fish, shellfish (mussels, prawns) or even cured salmon, but nothing too strong tasting	Salads, terrines or nutty, sweet cheeses such as Knockdrinna Meadow	Main course such as Irish organic pork with apples or white fish; strawberry-based dessert	Midweek lunch or supper; pizza, pasta; lasagne; duck; steak	Tapas, curry or spiced dish thanks to the light tannins	Main course of roast red meat, venison maybe or other game; rare steak or beef wellington; rabbit; blue cheese”
SUPPLIERS	Redmond's of Ranelagh; Fine Wines, Limerick; WineOnline.ie and selected independent off-licences (Findlaters)	Fallon & Byrne, Dublin; The Malt House, Trim; www.thewineshop.ie (Liberty Wines)	Londis, Johnsons Bridge; La Touche Wines 4U, Greystones; EuroSpar, Dalkey; and the Corkscrew, Chatham St, Dublin 2 (Febvre)	Marks & Spencer	Molloy's Liquor Stores, Dublin; O'Brien's Wines nationwide; Redmond's of Ranelagh; and good independent off-licences nationwide (Findlaters)	Fresh Supermarket, Smithfield; The Corkscrew, Chatham Street and selected independents (Febvre Wines)