

Lidl's November Wine Tour (in store October 25th)

Tasting Notes for the November Wine Tour by Richard Bampffield

For some time now, I have felt that the best value in wine and much of the excitement can be found in Eastern Europe.....and even further East! So I am particularly excited to see Lidl bringing in wines from Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova alongside some Lidl favourites from the southern hemisphere. I really hope you will be able to find time to pop in and try them for yourself.

Wines in store from Thursday, October 31st!

Sparkling

Deluxe South African Methode Cap Classique - £10.99 – Impressive, flavoursome sparkling wine from the Cape. The Cap Classique is the same as the traditional method in Champagne.

Whites

Cool Mountain Sauvignon Blanc – Good, dry, fresh Sauvignon from South Africa

Grenache blanc, South Africa – Grenache is obviously best known as a red grape but this white example has good depth of flavour and is highly versatile with or without food.

Bolgrad Duo, Ukraine - £7.99 – A well-conceived blend of Chardonnay and Ukraine's famous (!) white grape, Sukholimansky. Fresh, flavoursome, well worth a try.

Argentinian white Malbec – Not sure what will be on the label but I know I was pleasantly surprised by this when I tried it. Unusual, intriguing. May not be available in all stores.

Reds

Pinot Noir Alte Vogtei, Germany – I have been led to believe the price for this is £7.99. It's a must-buy at any price but particularly at that one! May only be available in the south, sorry.

Château Moulin de Taffard 2020 - £8.99 – Excellent red Bordeaux, now drinking really well – and which tastes like a wine worth twice the price.

Bolgrad Saperavi, Ukraine - £7.99 – I could not be happier that Lidl now have a pair of Ukrainian wines in store. This is really good, full-bodied red – do try it.

Bediani Saperavi, Georgia - £8.99 – You wait years for a Saperavi and then two come along at once.....Georgia's signature red grape which can produce wines that last for years – but his one has good depth and is ready to drink now.

Salcuta Fetească Neagră, Moldova - £8.99 – Flavourful, winter-warming red from Moldova that will suit those who do not like their reds too dry.

Happy drinking!