

## The May 2025 Lidl Wine Tour (notes by Richard Bampfield)

It sounds as if a particularly exciting selection of new wines is hitting the Wine Tour crates at Lidl later this week – Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to be precise. So it would be remiss of me not to whet your palates in advance.....

### White

**Tokaji Amethyst Furmint** - £8.99 – A firm Lidl favourite and a wine that reminds us how satisfying Hungarian dry Furmint can be. Just off-dry and super refreshing.

**Assyrtiko and Moschofilero** – both £6.99 – Dry whites from two of Greece's most charismatic white grapes, with the latter being a little more perfumed. Well worth trying, especially at this price.

### Rosé

**Müller Rosé Loss & Schotter** - £6.99 – Perfect spring rosé, a supremely appetising Austrian rosé which will appeal to those who like drier styles.

**Sem Reservas rosé** - £6.99 – The Portuguese of course know a thing or two about rosé – this is rounded, fruity and very easy-drinking.

### Orange

**Orange Sunset** - £7.99 – If you have not yet tried an orange wine, this is a friendly introduction from the south of France. Grapey, flavoursome, not too dry.....and with that grip on the finish that naturally comes with the extra skin contact. Personally I adore this – a great match with coarse pâté.

### Red

**Schieber Trilogia Kadarka** – £6.99 – Relatively light Hungarian red with delightful, crunchy fruit – most refreshing, best enjoyed just lightly chilled.

**Caldora Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** - £7.99 – Not dissimilar to the wine above, still juicy and satisfying, but with a little more weight.

**Cuvée de Menhir Languedoc** - £7.99 – This always makes me smile because of the Asterix connection. Not quite a magic potion but still pretty tasty.....

**Signature Famille Beynaguet Cabardès** - £8.49 – southern French red with typically ripe fruit – complex and now fully mature.

I am conscious that the above list is a little short on whites. Two French wines that currently stand out from the core range are the **Chevalier de Fauvert**

**Chardonnay** (tasty, refreshing and ridiculously cheap at £4.85) and the **Ventoux Blanc** (has more body and character, lovely wine, £6.99)

Happy Drinking!