



A selection from the 100 AWEsome wines list, as chosen by the professional members of
Association of Wine Educators

Bookham Wine Club Monday 11th August 2025

Presented by Chair of Association of Wine Educators Abbie Bennington DipWSET

1) Waitrose No1 Cava Castillo Perelada, Spain Waitrose

Cava is a much-underrated sparkling wine category in the UK. This offering under Waitrose's own No1 label, in partnership with producer Castillo Perelada, offers exceptional flavour. An intensity of citrus and toasted nuts. A refreshing palate with a long finish, making it a perfect aperitivo or pairing with most white meats and fish.

Abbie Bennington

2) Domaine Louis Moreau Chablis 2022, Chablis, France Waitrose Cellar

Classic wine from a reliable Chablis producer. Textbook Chablis with lemons, grapefruit and a chalky texture. Acidity is tight, the body lean, but a hint of stone fruit on the mouth reflects the vintage.

Michelle Cherutti-Kowal MW

3) Waitrose No 1 Douro Branco 2023, Douro, Portugal Waitrose Cellar

A fabulous Douro white from the talented team at Quinta de La Rosa - equally famous for their still wines as they are for their elegant Ports. A blend of Viosinho, Rabigato, Arinto and Albarino selected from higher plots for extra freshness, this is intense, balanced and very long. Cool stone fruit flavours carry the palate with a gently creamy mouthfeel all pulled along with ripe acidity. Lip-smacking and lovely. Enjoy with white meat, fishcakes or as an aperitif. *Pippa Hayward*

4) Tavel Cuvée Prima Donna Rosé, Domaine Maby 2023, Rhône, France The Wine Society

I am on a one-woman crusade to get more people drinking this unique, deep-coloured style of rosé from the southern Rhône. Tavel is an appellation dedicated purely to rosé and is one of the wine world's classics. This is a bright ruby-pink colour and fully dry, with a winning combination of juicy, intense berry fruits and a wisp of savouriness - then a little white pepper spice on the finish. Drink it chilled with barbecues in the summer, but it's a wonderful winter rosé too. I always have some on hand at Christmas for Boxing Day cold meats and salads.

Heather Dougherty

5) Stellenrust Old Bush Vine Cinsault, Stellenbosch, South Africa Waitrose Cellar

Stellenrust is well-known for stupendous Chenin Blanc, but they also champion other venerable varieties. This is from very old vineyards in Stellenbosch and treated oh so gently by cellar master Tertius Boshoff to reveal fresh strawberry, sun-ripened cherry and juicy plums with undertones of exotic spice, hints of oak and a long savoury goodbye. Perfect for pasta dishes and creamy chicken salad.

Winifred Bowman

6) Waitrose Loved and Found Piediroso 2023, Campania, Italy Waitrose

A lesser known, but trending, ancient grape from Italy's historic wine region of Campania. Dark, plummy, cherry fruit and dried herbs. Full and smooth with soft tannins but with that essential Italian food matching acidity and grip. The perfect match for pizza and pasta.

Nina Cerullo