

Lidl New World Wine Tour 25th January 2024

Speaking as one who is somewhat envious of friends currently in South America and South Africa and is also enjoying the tennis in Australia, I feel that one way I can try to match them is by drinking southern hemisphere wines. Fortunately, that is exactly what Lidl have chosen to feature in their new Wine Tour which hits the stores this Thursday, the 25th! Below are the ones that I have my eye on.....

Whites

Chardonnay Gran Reserva, Chile - £7.99 – Pretty tasty Chardonnay offering a lovely balance between the fruit and oak.

Origen Roussanne Reserva, South Africa - £7.99 – An unusual grape, more at home in the Rhone than South Africa – here producing a good, relatively full-bodied dry white

Daschbosch Chenin Blanc Old Vine, South Africa - £11.99 – More pricey but easy to see why. Beautiful Chenin with a delicate and finely judged dash of oak. Really worth a try.

Deluxe Chenin Blanc Marsanne Roussanne, South Africa - £6.99 – I am a big fan of Cape white blends – interesting, tasty and good value.

Carmen Premier Fumé Blanc - £7.49 – Cool, herb-scented Sauvignon from one of Chile's top producers. Low in alcohol so lower in calories!

Reds

Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise Shiraz – £9.99 – Excellent blackberry + spice Aussie Shiraz from one of the top regions for the grape, McLaren Vale.

Wirra Wirra Church Block - £11.99 – Fantastic price for one of Australia's best-known reds. Church Block is a Bordeaux blend – and a classy one.

The Second Fleet Shiraz - £8.99 – A little lighter than the Wirra Wirra Shiraz, but none the worse for that – still an excellent, very easy-drinking red.

Andean Vineyards Malbec - £5.99 – On the lighter side for an Argentinian Malbec but still flavoursome and very good value.

Chilean Syrah - £6.49 – Attractive, refreshing Chilean red, will suit those who don't want their reds too dry.

The Second Fleet Cabernet/Merlot/Petit Verdot - £7.99 – textbook red from Coonawarra, the Australian wine region that specialises in grapes of Bordeaux origin.

Happy drinking!

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