

Assuming we are not all confined to home, Lidl have a new Wine Tour hitting the shelves on Thursday this week. Some lovely wines and here are a few of (MW) Richard Bampfield's favourites:

Dry Whites

- **Vermentino Toscana Sassi del Mare** - £7.99 - Unusual dry white from Tuscany and perhaps not a grape you have heard of, but delicious and well worth a try.
- **Gruner Veltliner Reserve** - £6.99 - Great price for Austria's most drinkable dry white.
- **Tokaji Dry Dereszla** - £7.99 - Beautiful dry white from a region in north-east Hungary better known for its sweet wines. Like biting into a ripe pear, but finishing dry and refreshing.
- **Riesling Trocken Rheingau** - £6.49 - This will be a pleasing, dry, appetising surprise for those who think all German wine is sweet.

Fruity Whites

- **Riesling Scheurebe Halbtrocken** - £5.99 - Just the sort of wine that Germany excels at: fruity, NOT sweet, crisp, light and wonderfully moreish. A wine for drinking, not tasting.....
- **Piesporter Goldtropfchen Riesling Auslese** - £6.99 - This one is sweeter but still nowhere near sweet enough to be a dessert wine. Perfect chilled with savoury canapés or pâté.

Rosé

- **Domaine Coudougnon Rosé** - £5.99 - Pale, light, dry and versatile.
- **Spätburgunder Rosé Feinherb** - £5.99 - The previous one will appeal to those who like their rosé bone-dry and this is the one for those looking for a fruitier version. So easy to drink.....

Reds

- **Alte Vogtei Zu Ravensburg Spätburgunder** - £8.99 - much easier to drink than to say and a lovely example of modern German red from the Pinot Noir grape.
- **Terre Siciliane Appassite** - £7.99 - Nicely balanced, smooth red from Sicily and based on the Syrah grape - not too dry, perfect for barbecues.
- **Saint Chinian Les Moulines Reserve** - £7.99 - Satisfying, southern French red
- **Domaine Couquihado Côtes du Rhône** - £6.49 - As ever, the Rhône is the best source of good value red wine in France. Spot on.
- **Bolyki Egri Bikaver**, Hungary - At the time of writing I don't know the price of this, but it is worth buying both for the quality and the entertaining back label.....