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## Six spectacular summer wines including an outing for the rare Vermentino grape.

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More spectacular summer wines including an outing for the rare Vermentino grape.

**2012 Paul Cluver, Gewurztraminer, Elgin, South Africa (£11.99, Waitrose).** I love the aromatic white wines from this elite Cape winery. Unlike many sweaty, pungent, hefty Gewurz this wine is like an Alpine breeze rushing through an orchard bursting with ripe peaches. The nose is sublime and the palate is juicy but also refreshingly crisp. This is a stunning wine.

**2013 Pure Malbec, Trapiche, Uco Valley, Argentina (£8.99, Co-op).** This is a wicked little wine with masses of char-grilled cherry and plum fruit and a dense, black hue. There is so much oomph and intensity on the go and I love its bravery and drive. Fire up the barbecue.

**2013 Berton Vineyards, Metal Label The Vermentino, South Eastern Australia (from £8.99, [www.strictlywine.co.uk](#), [www.wineman.co.uk](#), [www.greatwinesdirect.co.uk](#)).** The incredible wine is one of my 100 Best Australian Wines of the year (see this website for the full list). Vermentino is a rare grape which hails from Sardinia and it clearly thrives in Australia because this perfumed, tangy white is an awesome creation.

**2012 Route du Van, Dolcetto / Shiraz, Victoria, Australia (from £12.49, Cross Stobs Bottle Shop tel. 0141 881 7194, Direct Wine Shipments tel. 028 9050 8000, The Halifax Wine Co. tel. 01422 256333, Prohibition Wines tel. 020 8444 4804, Bowland Forest Vintners tel. 01200 448688).** This is another of the 100 Best Australian Wines – it's an incredible blend of the Italian grape Dolcetto and good old Aussie Shiraz. The result is a spicy, bright, red cherry-scented beauty with a sleek texture and a feisty finish.

**2012 Heartland, Spice Trader Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon, Langhorne Creek, South Australia (£11.95, Great Western Wine tel. 01225 322810 & [www.greatwesternwine.co.uk](#)).** This is another of my 100 Best Australian Wines and it also won two trophies in Adelaide at my The Great Australian Red competition last year. It is a phenomenal wine in every respect. You must buy it if you are remotely serious about top Aussie red wine.

**ind the Label' – 2013 La Grille, Gamay Rosé, Saint-Pourçain, Loire, France (£7.29, rose).** Gamay is the fantastic red grape responsible for lip-smacking, strawberry-scented Beaujolais but its reputation is rather unfairly tarred by downmarket Beaujolais Nouveau. It's also grown in the Loire Valley where the cooler climate can, in the right hands, make superb rosé – La Grille is a cherry-fresh beauty.

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