



## AROMATIC

### **2016 Berton Vineyard, Winemakers Reserve Vermentino, SEA | 12% | £12**

*www.discoverwine.uk.com, www.campbellsofleyburn.co.uk*

Bob Berton tucks a few percentage points of Fiano, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon into this wine and I think that each one of these grapes sacrifices its own fame in order to heighten the pleasure of the leading variety Vermentino. They join together to coach and primp this fascinating white wine into catwalk condition. The nose is spot on with faint rhubarb and peach stone notes, while the palate maintains its focus and propels itself confidently across the palate. The finish, helped on one suspects by the SB & S, is raw and palate scouring and this balances the exuberance of the Vermentino fruit. Great blending, great fruit and a great price – this is adult fun in a glass.

### **2016 The Black Shiraz**

(£8, 14.5%, *www.coop.co.uk*) is a head-banging red with a tiddly price and what is exceptional about this wine is that the fruit is so clearly in perfect condition that it shows no blemishes or flaws whatsoever – this is unheard of in a wine of this price.

### **2016 Metal Label White Viognier**

(£11, 13%, *www.cellardoorwines.co.uk, www.thesmokingjacketshop.co.uk*) is another head-scratcher. Not a lush style, but a tangy, nervous Viognier with classic perfume and a bright finish, this is a rare example of a wine made from this grape which I could demolish a bottle of in no time at all.

Finally,

**2015 Reserve Botrytis Semillon** (£12, half bottle, 10% *www.hailshamcellars.com*) is exactly what it says on the label, except with more restraint and breeding that is usually found at this price. **Bob you are a hero!**

<http://www.hdnwines.co.uk/news-and-events/news/matthew-jukes-100-best-201718>