

THE WINETASTERS

BRAZILIAN WINE TASTING - 13th JANUARY 2023

Presented by Nicholas Corfe from [Go Brazil Wines](#)

1. PIZZATO 'VERTIGO' NATURE (TRAD. METHOD) 2016 12% Abv. £23.99

A rarely seen, *un-disgorged* Trad. Method sparkler, 90% Chardonnay & 10% Pinot Noir, now with some 84 months on lees! Light cloudy-yellow colour, totally unfiltered, with zero dosage. Residual sugar +/- 1.6g/ltr. Nose shows delicate notes of white flowers, dried fruit, cashew nut and some toastiness. Full-bodied, rounded and creamy on palate, with well balanced acidity.



2. CAMPOS de CIMA TRÊS BOCAS BRANCO 2021 12.5% Abv. £15.99

From the furthest corner of SW Brazil, a sophisticated & elegantly presented white blend comprising two Portuguese grapes, Arinto & Alvarinho, with a dash of Viognier. Dry, light and refreshing, melon & lemon aromas are mostly to the fore, with maybe also a slight floral scent. Acidity is high; the light-medium palate shows both citrus and nectarine/apricot flavours, while finish is long and clean. Enjoy on its own or pair with seafood or fish dishes.



3. DON GUERINO 'VINTAGE' TORRONTÉS 2021 12.5% Abv. £15.99

Produced from this distinctive Argentine grape variety (hybrid here is Torrontés Riojano). Wine is pale, bright and with a pronounced fresh, floral nose – with the scent of jasmine, honeysuckle or perhaps lychee to the fore. Unoaked, light-medium bodied; palate is lively with notes of passion fruit & citrus, also maybe a touch of honey. Highish level of acidity makes wine very refreshing; finish is long, with a residual tang of lemon & lime. Serve with white fish, chicken or ham dishes.



4. PIZZATO LEGNO GRAN RESERVA CHARDONNAY 2020 13% Abv. £23.99

100% Chardonnay harvested from single bloc at 500m in the Serra Gaúcha. Juice is barrel-fermented then aged in French oak for 9-10 months. Golden straw colour; shows a complex nose, with nutty cashew & vanilla oak, overlaid with ripe tropical (pineapple?) fruit. Restrained, creamy, well balanced palate also shows butter/vanilla/honey & hint of minerality. Fresh acidity; good ageing potential.



5. DON GUERINO 'VINTAGE' MALBEC 2020 13.5% Abv. £15.99

100% Malbec, aged in both American & French oak for approx. 6 months, then rested another 6 months in bottle prior to release. Vibrant and youthful fruit on nose with strong varietal violet and mulberry notes, and hint of tobacco. Restrained plummy fruit on super smooth palate; also delicate caramel and vanilla flavours, from very well integrated oak. Medium bodied, dry, with decent acidity; nearly 3 years old but potential for 1-2 more.



6. DON GUERINO 'ORIGINE 1880' TEROLDEGO 2019 13.5% Abv. £16.99

From a grape variety of NE Italy origin. Aged in both French and American oak for approx. 6 months, then rests a further 6 months in bottle before release. Bright, deep purple-red in colour. Concentration of still youthful dark fruits on nose, overlaid with lighter raspberry or redcurrant notes. More ripe fruity aromas on a medium-bodied palate, which shows a moreish black cherry & licorice core with hints of smokiness & vanilla off well integrated oak. Highish acidity and touch of sour cherry on a long finish.



7. PIZZATO RESERVA ALICANTE BOUSCHET 2019 13.5% Abv. £17.99

V. unusual 'teinturier' grape variety, originally grown in SW France & NE Spain, now found mainly in Portugal. This still young example is from the Serra Gaúcha and benefits from approx. 10 months ageing in both new and used French oak barriques. Deep, highly saturated purple in colour. Concentration of ripe, dark berry fruit and oak on nose. Palate is dry with bold tannins & more black fruits, preceding a long, rich finish. Best enjoyed with roast beef, venison, casseroles or spicy foods.



8. GUASPARI VALE da PEDRA TINTO 2020 14% Abv. £26.99

A 100% varietal Syrah produced by the Guaspari winery, whose average altitude is approx. 1100m. Unusually, climatic conditions demand a winter harvest, when temperatures are low and the weather is generally very dry. Aged for 11 months in French (3rd use) oak, it shows typical varietal notes of cloves and spice on the nose, along with a heady floral perfume of rosemary and herbs. Savoury/smoky and very rich, palate is wonderfully concentrated and finish exceptionally long. Try with roast lamb.



9. DON GUERINO EL GAUCHO TANNAT 2020 14% Abv. £15.99

From a single bloc of Tannat planted in 2001, this is an unfiltered single varietal which references southern Brazil's 'gaucho' heritage and love of red meat! Unusually, locally produced yeasts were used in the fermentation process, with wine undergoing post-fermentation maceration. Barrel ageing for 9 months followed, in both French and American oak. The result is a red with real structure and finesse, still young but with approachable tannins & concentration of dark fruits. Smooth enough to drink on its own or serve with beef, roasts, lightly spiced/peppered dishes, or well flavoured cheeses.



10. PIZZATO GRAN RESERVA CONCENTUS 2016 13.5% Abv. £28.99

Mature, powerful, elegant blend of Merlot (70%), Tannat (16%) & Cab Sauv (14%), with added complexity from both American & French barrel ageing. Dark berry fruit nose gives way to a rich concentrated palate, showing plums, mocha & spices. Tannins initially firm but open up to show balance and suppleness. Touch of vanilla and caramel on a long fresh finish. Already well-aged but will develop further. Partner with steaks, roasts & strong cheeses. 5600 bottles only. Ideally decant!

