

WINES OF THE USA 12 June 2026

SHANNON RIDGE ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC

Stats:

Price	£16.00
Alcohol	13.5%
Stockist	Waitrose
Grape	Sauvignon Blanc
Country	USA

Notes:

Organic white wine. Grapes grown in the hills overlooking Clear Lake in the Lake County Thirty-Five miles North East of Napa famous vineyards. Wine offers a distinctive mountain fruit flavour with both intensity and elegance.

Described as:

Appearance: Light

Aromas (Nose): Mango Passion Fruit and Citrus complemented with flavours of guava and green apple.

Palate: (Taste): Light and fruity, elegant, with notes of cherry and raspberry but with a hint of warm spice on a long finish.

Food Match: Seafoods

DARK HORSE CHARDONNAY

Price	£9.95
Alcohol	12.5%
Stockist	Waitrose
Grape	100% Chardonnay
Country	USA

Notes:

The 2021 Dark Horse Chardonnay is a full-bodied, silky white wine from California. This Chardonnay opens with aromas of ripe peach, mango, pineapple, and honeysuckle. Bright notes of white nectarine, lemon curd, guava, and honey play on the palate before finishing with notes of toasty vanilla oak. A tiny sniff and swirl reveal Dark Horse Chardonnay's floral fragrances and green fruit notes. As the wine flows into the mouth, one might notice stone and exotic fruit flavours, like peach and banana, at the start, before moving onto mouth-watering sensations of cheese and butter.

Described as:

Appearance: Musty

Aromas (Nose): Fruity

Palate (Taste): Medium bodied, fresh acidity and warm toasted oak.

Food Match: Creamy avocado, halloumi, or a creamy curry

ZOCHER GRUNER VETLINER**Stats:**

Price	£18.00 (£12.50 mix six)
Alcohol	14%
Stockist	Majestic
Grape	Gruner Veltliner
Country	USA

Notes:

Made with grapes from a single vineyard in Edna Valley, Central Coast California where the cool ocean breezes give the fruit plenty of time to ripen and develop complex flavours. Its's full of lively lemon, lime and ripe melon flavours with hints of candied ginger and a characteristic kick of white pepper.

Described as:

Appearance: Vibrant Yellow Green

Aromas (Nose): Lemon, Lime, and ripe melon with hints of ginger

Palate (taste): Fruity with a hint of ginger

Food Match: Seafood and Spicy foods

RED WINES OF THE USA**ERATH PINOT NOIR 2022**

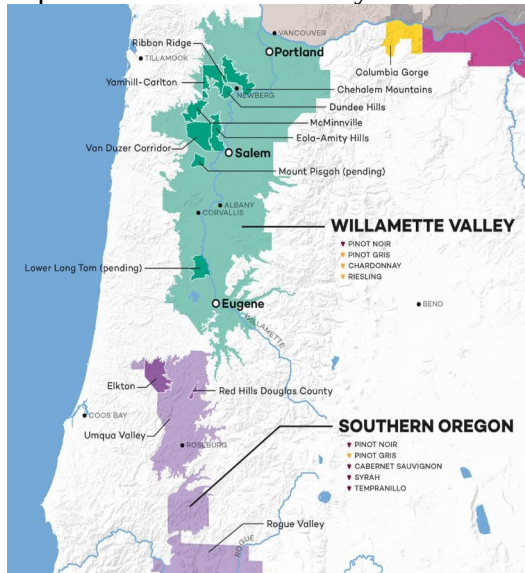
Stats:

Price	£24.95
Alcohol	13.5%
Stockist	Majestic
Grape	100% Pinot Noir
Country	USA

Notes:

The wine is from the Dundee Hills area of the Willamette Valley in Oregon which has a reputation as one of the premier wine growing areas in the valley. Particularly suitable for growing the pinot noir grape. Pacific breezes blow in from the coast bringing humidity to Willamette Valley making summers cooler and cloudier but mild winters.

The Hills enjoy this cool climate with plentiful rainfall, good drainage, and good light exposure. The Erath winery was founded by Dick Erath in 1968.



Described as:

Appearance: Rich cranberry

Aromas (Nose): A nose full of red berries, raspberries, strawberries, and gentle spices.

Palate: (Taste): Light and fruity, elegant, with notes of cherry and raspberry but with a hint of warm spice on a long finish.

Food Match: Roast chicken

LAMOREAUX LANDING T23 CABERNET FRANC 2022

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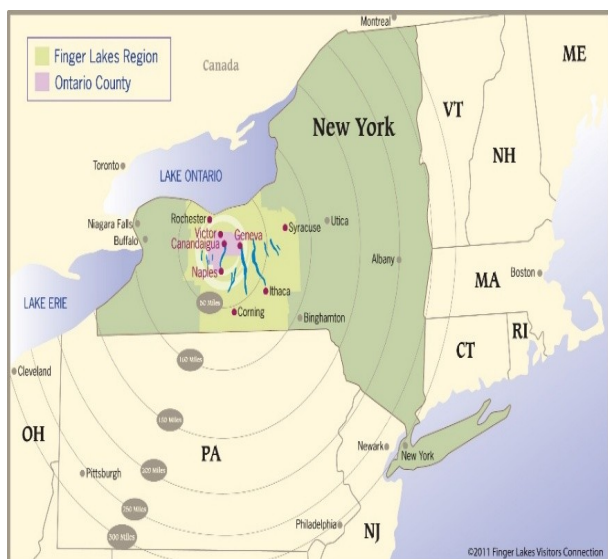
Price	£22.05
Alcohol	12.5%
Stockist	Latitude Wine Merchants
Grape	100% Cabernet Franc
Country	USA

Notes:

The Finger Lakes region of New York State is just a short hop from the southern shores of Lake Ontario and about a 5-hour drive from Manhattan. It is an established region for winemaking and still growing but has weathered its fair share of growing pains to get to this point.

As many Finger Lakes producers will tell you, cultivating wine grapes here is not easy. Producers battle extreme freezes in the winter, humidity in the summer, and, increasingly, drought, torrential rainstorms, and the odd frost. But the location close to the lakes has been crucial in tempering the winter harshness and storing the summer warmth, helping with successful wine production.

Lamoreaux Landing T23 Cabernet Franc is produced on the eastern hillsides of the beautiful Seneca Lake and is produced by a fourth-generation family producer. .



As well as Cabernet Franc it is a particularly good area for cultivation of Riesling, a grape variety that can cope with colder temperatures.

Described as:

Appearance: Ruby red.

Aromas (Nose): Aromas of fresh herbs and strawberries following thought to sun ripened raspberries.

Palate (Taste): Red currant and blueberry fruit with a long persistent finish.

Food Match: A wide range of foods – grilled meats, vegetables and cheese. The producer recommends it particularly for barbeques or cheese fondue.

THE BIG TOP ZINFANDEL 2021

Stats:

Price	£12.50
Alcohol	13.5%
Stockist	Caviste, Newlyn Farm
Grape	100% Zinfandel
Country	USA



Notes:

Zinfandel is probably the most synonymous red wine that you can associate with California wine production. The grape is not native to the US but was introduced in the 1820's from the Primitivo vine from Puglia. And it is this rich heritage and adaptation that has made it such a success story and such a popular wine across the world.

For this Big Top selection, the grapes are grown in Lodi which sits between San Francisco Bay and Sierra Nevada Mountains in central California, 85 miles east of San Francisco. Lodi is not so well known as Napa or Sonoma, but it is known for producing rich Zinfandels full of berry and spice.

It is noted for having cool moist winters and warm dry summers with breezes from the Sacramento San-Joaquin River delta ensuring that grapes keep their acidity.

40% of California's Zinfandel premium winemakers are based in Lodi.

Described as:

Appearance:

Aromas (Nose): Vanilla, cracked black pepper and damson fruit.

Palate (Taste): Round and fleshy packed full of robust red fruits alongside oaky undertones.

Food Match: Barbeque and roasts. Rich ragu pasta dishes.

Best wine of the night: Big Top Zinfandel