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HARPERS' CHOICE

1. LEEUWIN ESTATE'S PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY 2017

Who distributes it: Domaine Direct
RRP: £35

Why we like it: A long and wet winter and record rainfall in summer didn't dampen the outcome of this impressive Chardonnay from Leeuwin Estate in Margaret River. Tim Lovett, Leeuwin's senior winemaker, chose a fruit-driven profile for the Prelude Vineyards label, and the result is a great tasting, high-quality wine that would sit well on an on-trade list.

2. HATTINGLEY VALLEY ROSÉ 2015

Who distributes it: Erotica & Coe
RRP: £36

Why we like it: Autumn is now upon us, but Emma Rice, head

winemaker at Hattingley Valley Wines, brings back memories of summer with this new rosé from the 2015 vintage. Hattingley continues to lead the Hampshire pack as one of England's best producers, and this distinguished fizz is no different. Old white Burgundy barrels help to soften the wine's natural acidity and add to its creamy texture. Fruit lies at the heart of this blend, however, with Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and a hint of Pinot Noir Précoce resulting in a red-berry blast of taste and aroma.

3. CALMEL & JOSEPH SAINT CHINIAN 2016

Who distributes it: Daniel Lambert Wines
RRP: £19.99

Why we like it: White Grenache, Roussanne, Vermentino and Viognier brings southern France instantly to mind with this floral yet

smoky blend. There's a lot going on here, from a deceptively pale colour to a surprising minerality and a touch of oak that adds an appealing smokiness to the overall aromatic profile. Made in Saint-Chinian at the heart of Hérault, this wine is a great example of the diversity that this often under-sold part of France has to offer.

4. CHAMPAGNE GOSSET GRAND MILLESIME 2012

Who distributes it: Louis Latour Agencies
RRP: £65

Why we like it: The latest vintage Champagne from Gosset to be launched in the UK impresses with a fresh, expressive nose which develops into white-fleshed fruit and hints of aniseed and fennel. When not served as an aperitif, fish with citrus sauce is its natural pairing partner. Would also pair well with Asian dishes and as a sushi accompaniment. Best served chilled at 8°C.

5. ROEBUCK ESTATES CLASSIC CUVÉE 2014

Who distributes it: Available via the estate and at www.roebuckestates.co.uk
RRP: £35

Why we like it: Another entry from Emma Rice, this cuvée brings the classic Champagne grapes together with style and pizzazz. Hattingley's head winemaker worked in partnership with Roebuck for this 2014 fizz, resulting in a toasty richness and hint of honey that will improve with age. The buck theme carrying over to the label is a nice touch.

6. BOBBY'S SCHIEDAM DRY GIN

Who distributes it: Spirit Cartel
RRP: £37.99/70cl

Why we like it: A fascinating Anglo-Indonesian history comes together in this gin and juniper pair from long-established distillers Herman Jansen. Crafted in Holland, Bobby's Schiedam Dry Gin features eight botanicals, with clove, cubeb pepper, cinnamon and lemongrass lending a distinctive 'Eastern' element. Spiry on the nose, the gin bursts with citrus and herbs with a bite of pepper that would make it ideal for a G&J served with a clove-studded orange slice. One for those interested in their gin and juniper history.

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