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It's cold outside, so treat yourself to a bottle of flavour-packed red

Autumn is with us, and it's the time of year when my thoughts turn to autumnal red wines that are rich and warm with lots of flavour. Sometimes it's great to open a big, rich wine, but I'm still looking for balance and subtlety, even with more flavour. Check these out...

Matsu El Picaro 2018 Toro, Spain
£9.99 (or £7.99 if you buy six),
Majestic, 14.5% alcohol
With eye-catching labels showing
winemaker portraits, these Toro

wines from Matsu are distinctive. Made from the Tinto de Toro (a name for Tempranillo), this shows sweet blackberry fruit with floral cherry hints. Lush and luxurious.

Aldi Vinsobres 2018 Rhône, France

£7.99, Aldi, 14.5% alcohol
This is a lovely wine, dominated by Grenache with some Syrah and Mourvèdre. It has cherry, plum and liquorice flavours with a smooth texture and some spice and herb complexity.

Camel & Joseph Les Terroirs Minervois 2018, France

£13.99, daniellambertwines.co.uk
(01656 661010), 15% alcohol
A blend of Syrah, Carignan and Grenache Noir from a special part of the Languedoc, this is a rich, ripe, fruit-driven wine full of warmth.

Kilikanoon Grenache/Shiraz/Mataro 2017, South Australia

£10.99, Waitrose, 14.5% alcohol
This is a bright, fruity wine, but it also has depth. There are hints of mint and herbs supporting the

sweet berry and cherry fruits, finishing spicy and warm.

Sentada Vinho Tinto 2017 Lisboa, Portugal

£9, Oddbins, 13% alcohol
A blend of grape varieties from vineyards near the Portuguese capital, this fresh but full-flavoured red shows lovely ripe blackberry and blackcurrant fruit with nice freshness and purity. It's fruity and appealing, with real drinkability.

Ramón Bilbao Viñedos de Altura 2016 Rioja Crianza, Spain

£15.50, greatwesternwine.co.uk
(01225 322810), 14% alcohol
A blend of equal parts Tempranillo from Rioja Alta and Garnacha from Rioja Baja, this is a really fresh yet intense wine showing some attractive spicy oak that integrates beautifully with vivid, floral, ripe cherry, plum and blackberry fruit. It's rich and autumnal with a warming finish, but it stays fresh all the way.

Bodacious 2017 Tejo, Portugal

£8, Asda, 13.5% alcohol
Portugal's Tejo region, near to Lisbon, makes great-value red and white wines. This is a generously fruited red with sweet, lush black fruits with a fresh citrus edge and hints of spice and tar. There's a sweet, fruity finish. 🍷



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