

## TOP WINES

## BEST WITH STARTER

**LAURENZ V, CHARMING GRUNER VELTLINER 2005, AUSTRIA**

This, without a shadow of a doubt, was the star match of the tasting. On its own, the wine showed reasonable Grüner characteristics, but no great depth. With the food, however, it came alive, blossoming into a wine of peppery freshness.

**On its own:** 32 points – 6th=

**With the food:** 41 points – 1st

£10.98 @ *Bibendum*

## BEST WITH MAIN COURSE

**DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE, VIOGNIER 2005, VDP DE LA PRINCIPAUTE D'ORANGE, FRANCE**

This was a wine of some class – very floral and quite tight; a lot less blowsy than many of this varietal. It's richness and sweetness matched brilliantly with the seabass, which was enough to take it to top spot.

**On its own:** 33.5 points – 6th=

**With the food:** 36 points – 1st

£9.49 @ *Enotria*

## BEST WINE ON ITS OWN

**PLANETA CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA DOCG 2005, SICILY, ITALY**

A really, really high class wine, this. Tons of expressive, zesty cherry fruit with aromatic peony perfume and a palate that was both tangy and silky in equal measure. No taster gave it less than 8/10, which is about as unanimous as it gets. Such a good wine it would have many uses.

**On its own:** 43.5 points – 1st

**With the food:** 28.5 points – 5th

£7.30 @ *Enotria*

## BEST VALUE WINE

**CONDESA EYLO VERDEJO 2006, RUEDA, SPAIN**

This reasonable Rueda outscored many wines twice its price and put in a good performance with the food as well. Fresh, ripe and creamy, it didn't have any great depth, but was a fun, fresh wine that would work as a summer by-the-glass glugger or with salads and fresh seafood.

**On its own:** 36.5 points – 3rd

**With the food:** 33 points – 3rd

£4.99 @ *Berkmann*



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