

Top 25 fizz, demi-sec, sweet & fortified

1 Bodegas Rey, Fernando de Castilla, Antique Palo Cortado, Jerez, Spain NV
£30-£35/500ml D Byrne

& Co, Drinkmonger, Hangingditch, Harrods, Hawkshead, Highbury Vintners, Solent Cellar, Slurp, Woodwinters

Deep in aromatic intensity and equally powerful in the mouth. Great combination of raisins, orange blossom and beeswax, with a very distinct nuttiness. Dry and pure on the palate with the driving energy of hazelnuts, mocha, liquorice and considerable zestiness. This is really terrific! **Drink** 2017-2022 **Alc** 20%

2 Szepsy, Szamorodni Tokaji, Tokaj, Hungary 2012
£44/500ml Hedonism,

Huntsworth Wine, Selfridges, Top Selection

A beautiful botrytised wine with hints of mushroom on the nose combined with orange zest, quince and marmalade. This translates through to the palate where golden peach and candied fruit are added. It is wonderfully balanced with lower alcohol and high acidity to match the high sugar levels. So fresh and alive, and most importantly, very drinkable. **Drink** 2017-2027 **Alc** 11.5%

3 Golan Heights Winery, Yarden Heightswine Gewurztraminer, Galilee, Israel 2012
N/A UK www.golanwines.co.il

This Gerwurztraminer is aromatic with classic rose petal and lychee intensity. The sweetness is balanced wonderfully by fresh and lively acidity. On the palate there are crystallised lemon and orange characters with a touch of tropical fruit, quince jelly and elderflower. Harmonious and pretty, this is a glorious sweet wine to be savoured. **Drink** 2017-2025 **Alc** 12%

4 Domaine des Chênes, Rivesaltes Ambré, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2006
£17.83 OW Loeb

Sun-dried raisin notes and a brilliant richness – such a glorious balance between high sugar and acidity levels. The walnut and vanilla flavours from the oak are intense and complex, followed by a lovely lift of acidity. There is an enjoyable oxidative character resembling a sweeter Sherry style making this individual and hugely interesting. **Drink** 2017-2022 **Alc** 17%

