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Roussillon whites  
Douro reds

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we've tasted in the last 12 months

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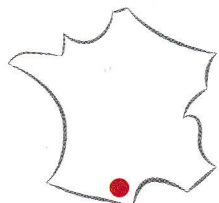




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## This month's tastings

### 86 EDITORS' PICKS

Decanter's editorial team share highlights and discoveries from their recent tastings

### 88 ROUSSILLON WHITES

**84 wines tasted** Judges were happy to find fresh, elegant wines from France's hot and

rugged far southwest country, awarding 32 wines Highly recommended or more

### 96 DOURO REDS

**70 wines tasted** Touriga Nacional was the star variety of the region, shining through in blends, with four Outstanding wines

### 105 WEEKDAY WINES

25 everyday picks at £20 or less: including Romanian white and great-value LBV Port

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Seven to impress at £20-£50: from a NV Champagne to an Aussie Cab favourite

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# ROUSSILLON WHITES

Explore the personality and warmth of France's far southwest in these fascinating dry white styles, which showed good, consistent scoring

REPORT ROSEMARY GEORGE MW

If you have never drunk any white wine from Roussillon, you are in for a complete surprise. Who would have thought that this sun-soaked, arid terrain could produce such elegant white wines, with lively acidity? My fellow judge, Justin Howard-Sneyd MW, summed it up when he said: 'One of the major takeaways from the Master of Wine trip to the Roussillon in 2019 was the sheer quality of the white wines.' And I agree.

However, white wine of any quality is a relatively recent development in the region. The early appellations, created in 1977, virtually ignored it. Now, there is Côtes du Roussillon Blanc, but no Côtes du Roussillon Villages white; red Collioure was recognised in 1971 but white Collioure had to wait until 2003. Consequently, many of the successful white wines are IGP Côtes Catalanes, which covers virtually the whole Pyrénées-Orientales department, with the exception of the four villages of the appellations of Banyuls and Collioure, for which IGP Côte Vermeille is the denomination.

In terms of quality, there is really no difference between Côtes du Roussillon AP and Côtes Catalanes IGP. The former must always be a blend of at least two if not three varieties, whereas Côtes Catalanes allows for single varietals, including some that are less traditional to Roussillon, such as Chardonnay. Personally, I do not feel that Chardonnay has a place in Roussillon, and the few Chardonnays in this tasting did not charm. Even the occasional Vin de France is no reflection of adverse quality, but a considered choice for an

original wine. Collioure benefits from the maritime influence and is produced on steep terraced slopes, where the term 'heroic viticulture' is not out of place.

There was so much in this tasting to enjoy. We did find only one Outstanding wine, but all else, with one exception, was wholeheartedly Highly recommended or Recommended, with several wines that almost made Outstanding. Daphne Teremetz enthused: 'Some delicious wines, and a great diversity of styles, from the more lean, mineral examples to peachy, generous and opulent wines. Almost all were well balanced, with freshening acidity.'

Howard-Sneyd was equally complimentary. 'At their best, Roussillon whites can be surprisingly elegant, with intriguing hints of herbs and a stony minerality, and vibrant acids that lift and freshen what can otherwise be quite hefty wines.'

Howard-Sneyd observed that Grenache Gris particularly is capable of a delicacy of pear and fennel, giving wines of real poise. And even humble Macabeu develops delicious citrus peel and hayloft notes in Roussillon's stony soils. These are the two grape varieties that really encapsulate the flavours of Roussillon. And the one Outstanding wine (right) was just that – a blend of Macabeu and Grenache Gris with a drop of Grenache Blanc. Thomas Teibert, who set up Domaine de l'Horizon, has vineyards in the village of Calce and owes much of his winemaking expertise to the guidance of Gérard Gauby, who has done more than any other wine-grower to establish the reputation of Roussillon.

## THE JUDGES



**Rosemary George MW** is a wine writer based in London and the south of France. Author of more than a dozen books on wine, her latest is *The Wines of Roussillon* (£35 Infinite Ideas, April 2021). She publishes her own blog focusing on the Languedoc: [rosemary-george-mw.com](http://rosemary-george-mw.com)



**Justin Howard-Sneyd MW** is the DWWA Regional Chair for Languedoc-Roussillon. A former wine buyer in UK multiple retail, he is a wine trade consultant via his company The Hive Wine Consulting, and also produces his own wines in Roussillon at the 4ha Domaine of the Bee



**Daphne Teremetz** is a wine buyer at UK grocer Waitrose, responsible for managing and sourcing wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Rhône and Alsace, and previously regional France, too. Born in northern France, she is based in London and is a DWWA judge for French categories

## THE SCORES 84 wines tasted

Exceptional 0 Outstanding 1 Highly recommended 31 Recommended 51  
Commended 1 Fair 0 Poor 0

**Entry criteria:** producers and UK agents were invited to submit their latest-release still white wines from the APs Côtes du Roussillon and Collioure or IGP areas Côtes Catalanes and Côte Vermeille



# Outstanding 95-97pts



## Domaine de l'Horizon, Blanc, Côtes Catalanes, 2020

Rosemary George MW 95

Justin Howard-Sneyd MW 95

Daphne Teremetz 96

£50 swig

From a blend of typically 70% Macabeu, 27% Grenache Gris and 3% Grenache Blanc, from vines aged 60-100-years-old. Thomas Teibert established the domaine in 2006, and all grapes are grown biodynamically in Calce, overlooking the Mediterranean near Perpignan. A long, gentle pressing precedes fermentation with ambient yeasts in barrels ranging from 500L to casks of 2,000L. The wine then ages for 12 months on lees before being bottled.

Rosemary George MW Quite

fragrant with notes of fennel.

Rounded, a touch of aniseed,

herbal and fresh finish. Solid,

a slight bitter note. Intriguing.

**Justin Howard-Sneyd MW** Sour

milk nose with some hay and

camomile. Fabulous richness

and complexity, with savoury

cheese-rind, hay byre and rural

notes. Truly delicious.

**Daphne Teremetz** Enticing nose

with yeast extract, camomile,

ripe lemon zest and cider

vinegar lift. Umami yeasty notes

on the palate, lemon curd

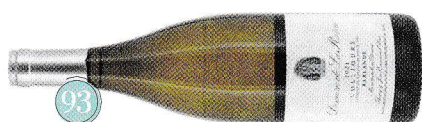
flavours and steely minerality.

Delicious. **Drink** 2023-2030

**Alcohol** 13.5%



# Highly recommended 90-94pts

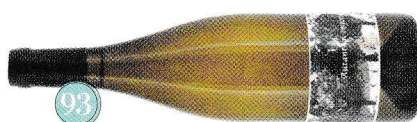


## Domaine de la Rectorie, Barlande, Collioure 2021

RG 91 JH 95 DT 94

rectorie.com

Rounded, lightly toasted nose with red apple notes. Ripe, delicate palate, with red apple skin, exotic pear and quince, plus lavender and rosemary. An impactful, textured finish. **Drink** 2023-2028 **Alc** 13.5%



## Mas Baux, Autant en emporte le blanc, Côtes Catalanes 2019

RG 93 JH 93 DT 92

mas-baux.com

Lightly herbal reductive notes with lemon on the nose. Lovely textured palate, fresh fruit and white blossom. Balanced acidity and fruit concentration. Butterscotch dominates the finish. **Drink** 2023-2026 **Alc** 13.5%

## ROUSSILLON: THE FACTS

**White APs** Côtes du Roussillon Blanc;

Collioure. **White IGPs** Côtes

Catalanes; Côte Vermeille; Pays d'Oc

(allowed but none in this tasting)

**Grapes** Grenache Blanc & Gris,

Macabeo, Tourbat, Roussanne,

Marsanne, Vermentino, Viognier,

Carignan Blanc. **For AP:** a minimum of

two varieties must be used. **For IGP:**

also Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc,

Muscat d'Alexandrie, Muscat Blanc à

Petits Grains, plus resistant varieties

white Muscaris, Soreli, Cabernet Blanc

**Vintages** Problems with mildew in

2020, but otherwise all three vintages

in this tasting enjoyed hot, even very

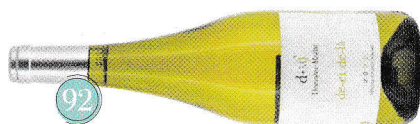
hot, dry summers that produced good

quality but in small quantities

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Justin Howard-Sneyd MW

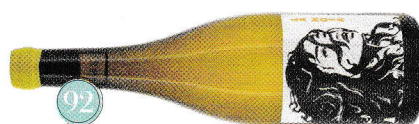




**Domaine Modat, de-ci de-là, Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

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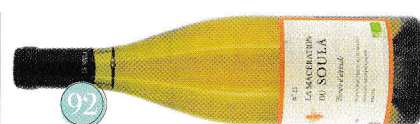
£25.95 (2019) The Modest Merchant  
Charming aromatic nose with a Turkish delight finish. A characterful wine with good fruit and texture on palate. Balanced bright acidity and richness, and a lovely lemony zing. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13%**



**Julien Montagné, La Noia, Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 92 JH 94 DT 89

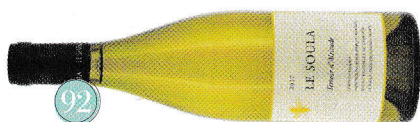
+33 (0)6 88 74 44 20  
Delicate notes of white blossom and peach, and some delicacy of crystalline fruit expression. Very good mouthfeel – pure pear and peach. Satisfying texture and nicely balanced. A medium finish with barley sugar notes. **Drink 2023-2027 Alc 13%**



**Le Soula, La Macération du Soula No21, Vin de France 2021**

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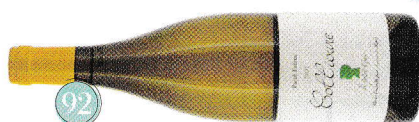
£33 The Grape and Grain Warehouse  
Golden with an amber tint, this has an enticing orchard nose, and complex, tightly knitted steeliness. Nicely textured autumn flavours of apple skin and quince, and a fresh tannic grip. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 12.5%**



**Le Soula, Terroir d'Altitude, Côtes Catalanes 2017**

RG 92 JH 94 DT 91

£33 Uncorked  
Glorious golden honey and burnished old gold with hay and ripe apples. The layered palate is mineral and lean with delicate lees influence and a creamy texture. An exciting wine. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13.5%**



**Parcé Frères, Le Petit Gus, Collioure 2021**

RG 91 JH 92 DT 92

parce-freres.com  
Very pale. Fruit-focused, with a fresh pear nose. Delicate cotton candy and pear palate with tangy phenolics and bright greengage. Quite tight knit. A long, slightly smoky finish. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 14%**



**Abbé Rous, Cornet & Cie, Collioure 2021**

RG 90 JH 93 DT 91

£18.40 (2019) Tanners  
Pale and elegant. A tight core of fruit salad with a twist of oyster-shell and lemon, and a little kiwi too. The palate is silky, fresh and stony, with linear acidity and underlying weight and texture. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 13%**



**Dom Brial, Dom Ici Macabeu, Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 95 JH 90 DT 89

£9.25-£9.99 Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine  
Aromas of tropical fruit with a touch of green fig and curry leaf. A characterful and expressive palate with peach and some salty notes. Good acidity and a saline, refreshing finish. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 12.5%**



**Domaine Boudau, Pure Souche Malvoisie, Vin de France 2021**

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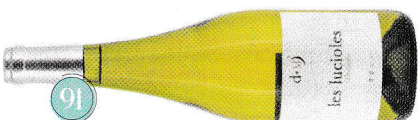
domaineboudau.fr  
Delicate, slightly herbal nose. A complex, pine-scented palate, delightfully rich and smooth, with discreet honey, ripe quince and pear notes, and a dry finish. Very subtle oak. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13.5%**



**Domaine La Tour Vieille, Les Canadells, Collioure 2021**

RG 90 JH 92 DT 90

£18.95 Yapp Bros  
Lightly golden. A firm, nutty nose with poached pear and ginger. Pure and vibrant, a little saline, with star fruit and white peach on the palate. A lean and tangy finish. Delicious. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 14.5%**



**Domaine Modat, Les Lucioles, Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 90 JH 93 DT 90

£31.45 (2019) The Modest Merchant  
Ripe lemon and yellow melon on the nose, with lovely butter and fudge notes. A lightly floral palate with lemon and savoury grilled peach. A complex finish with malty, leesy notes. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



**Domaine Piquemal, La Coume de l'Esprit, Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 92 JH 91 DT 90

domaine-piquemal.com  
Fruit-focused, with white flowers and quince on the nose. Camomile with a little tangy bitterness on the palate. Good balancing acidity, lovely phenolic brightness on the finish. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13.5%**

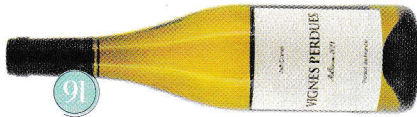


**Gardiès, Clos des Vignes, Côtes du Roussillon 2019**

RG 89 JH 92 DT 91

£27.95 Jeroboams  
A shy nose with lemon and honey notes. Succulent ripe fruit with heather honey on the palate. Bold, confidently oaked; good weight and concentration, lovely length. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13.5%**





**Jeff Carrel, Vignes Perdues,  
Vin de France 2021**

RG 90 JH 92 DT 91

jeffcarrel.com

Broad, waxy nose with lovely peach and marzipan notes; quite delicate. Nicely rounded, textured palate with balanced bright acidity. Very subtle and creamy. A long complex finish with some honey and steely minerality. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 14%**



**Bruno Duchêne, La Luna Blanc,  
Côte Vermeille 2021**

RG 92 JH 87 DT 90

£27-£32 Les Caves de Pyrene, Middle Lane Market, Natty Boy Wines, Shrine to the Vine, Sip Wines, St Eia Sour notes and slightly oxidative on the nose. Apple skin on the palate, with orange pith notes. Bone-dry, with some chalky grainy grip. Lively, fresh and characterful. **Drink 2023-2028 Alc 13%**



**Cave l'Etoile, Les Toiles Fauves,  
Collioure 2021**

RG 90 JH 91 DT 88

banyuls-etoile.com

Very pale. A little musty on the nose. A delicate, elegant wine with a clean palate; ripe leesy fruit, dried pear and red apple. Nicely textured and rounded, and a slightly bitter finish. **Drink 2023-2027 Alc 13%**



**Château Cap de Fousté, Emotions,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2020**

RG 90 JH 90 DT 90

chateau-cap-de-fouste.com

Aromatic and enticing herbal nose, with pear and papaya fruit. A pleasant palate with gentle oak influence; creamy, buttery notes with camomile and verben. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13.5%**

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and a great diversity  
of styles, from the  
more lean, mineral  
examples to peachy,  
generous and opulent'*

— Daphne Teremetz



**Domaine Boucabeille, Les Orris,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 89 JH 90 DT 91

domaineboucabeille.com

Gentle, fragrant marzipan nose. A creamy-textured, lightly rounded palate with balancing, tangy acidity and gentle peach juice, leading to a nutty, slightly bitter finish. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 13.5%**

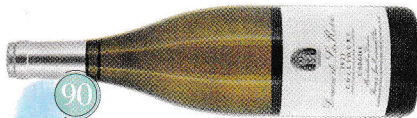


**Domaine de l'Edre, L'Edre,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 88 JH 92 DT 91

edre.fr

Honeycomb and dried flowers on the nose. A lightly rounded and rich, waxy palate, with predominant butter and pineapple juice flavours. Silky textured and a slightly bitter finish. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 15%**

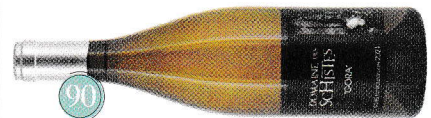


**Domaine de la Rectorie, L'Argile,  
Collioure 2021**

RG 89 JH 92 DT 89

£23 The Wine Society

Glowing beaten-gold colour. Fresh yoghurt and pear on the nose. A creamy, leesy palate with a ripe and rounded texture and a candied pear finish. Medium length. **Drink 2023-2025 Alc 14%**



**Domaine des Schistes, Gora,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 90 JH 90 DT 89

POA L'Art du Vin

Herbal and delicate, with white blossom and peach on the nose. Gentle almond and camomile freshness, with tangy bitterness and firm acidity. A rounded, textured mouthfeel. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 13.5%**



**Domaine du Clos des Fées,  
Vieilles Vignes Grenache Blanc,  
Côtes Catalanes 2019**

RG 91 JH 91 DT 89

£26.95 Yapp Bros

Fragrant and fresh, with ripe lemon and sherbet aromas. White blossom and poached pear, and a pleasing salty finish. Poised and well balanced. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 14.5%**



**Domaine Lafage, Centenaire,  
Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 91 JH 91 DT 88

£15.50 Bibendum Wine, Noble Green

Light white blossom on the relatively simple nose. Lovely white peach flavours with gentle creamy oak, and good mouthfeel and weight. A nice lift of acidity on the finish. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 13%**



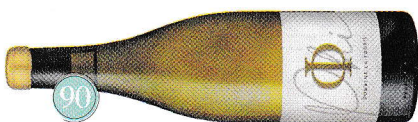
**Domaine Lauriga, La Figuera,  
Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 91 JH 88 DT 90

lauriga.com

Pronounced grapey notes on the nose. Concentrated peach and Muscat grape with floral notes on the palate, with aromatic lemon and lime jelly. Quite a long finish. **Drink 2023-2026 Alc 14%**



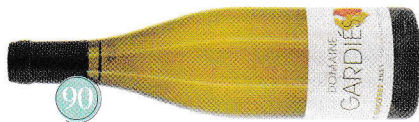


**Domaine La Toupie, Phi Blanc,  
Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 88 JH 91 DT 90

[domainelatoupie.com](http://domainelatoupie.com)

Lightly oaky nose with quince paste and candied pear. A dry palate with chalky minerality and texture. Very intense and penetrating style – saline and lees-influenced. **Drink** 2023-2027 **Alc** 14.5%



**Gardiès, Les Glacières,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 90 JH 91 DT 89

£20.25 [Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine](http://Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine)

Fragrant, ethereal nose with camomile and lemon pith. Nicely rounded silky texture on the palate, with lush, ripe pears and white blossom. Fresh, balanced acidity and good weight. **Drink** 2023-2025 **Alc** 13%

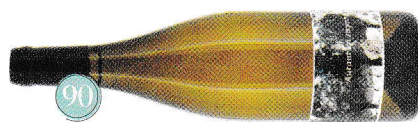


**Le Clos d'Elpis, Elpis Blanc,  
Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 90 JH 92 DT 88

[lecllosedelpis.com](http://lecllosedelpis.com)

Very pale, with a shy, delicate nose. Tense, grippy, bright and characterful on the palate, with white blossom and subtle fruit. Good acidity on the finish. Interesting, could work with food. **Drink** 2023-2026 **Alc** 14.5%

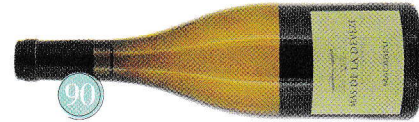


**Mas Baux, Autant en emporte  
le blanc, Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 89 JH 88 DT 93

[mas-baux.com](http://mas-baux.com)

Pronounced nose of ripe golden pear and quince jam. Concentrated, explosive palate with quince and greengage. Vinous and delicious. **Drink** 2023-2027 **Alc** 13.5%

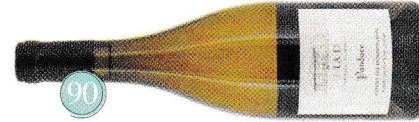


**Mas de la Devèze, Macabeu,  
Côtes Catalanes 2021**

RG 92 JH 88 DT 89

[masdeladeveze.fr](http://masdeladeveze.fr)

A leafy, almost minty nose. Lean, focused palate with complex leesy yeastiness and cantaloupe melon on the finish. Vibrant and interesting. **Drink** 2023-2026 **Alc** 12.5%



**Mas de la Devèze, Pandore,  
Côtes du Roussillon 2021**

RG 90 JH 90 DT 91

[masdeladeveze.fr](http://masdeladeveze.fr)

Fragrant almond and pear on the nose, and understated fruit on the palate. Refreshing saline brightness, with gentle supporting oak. A long finish. **Drink** 2023-2025 **Alc** 13%

## Recommended 86-89pts

Wine	Score	RG	JH	DT	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Château de Jau, Cuvée J Blanc, Côtes du Roussillon 2021	89	89	91	86	Simple nose with tart yellow apple and a hint of star fruit. Some acidity, and lively lemon bitters on the finish.	13%	2023-2025	£15	Ellis Wines
Château de l'Ou, L'Ove, Côtes Catalanes 2019	89	90	90	86	Leesy notes, with marzipan and green almonds. Nuanced flavours with some firm acidity.	13.5%	2023-2025	£28.49	Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine
Château St-Roch, Le Vieux Figuier Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	89	88	90	89	Light nose and palate, with leafy, herbal, fennel notes. Fruity palate with taut lemon and soft acidity.	13%	2023-2025	£16	Bibendum Wine
Domaine Augustin, Adéodat, Collioure 2021	89	89	90	88	Light, delicate nose. Nicely textured palate with yellow apple. Tight, focused fruit and good mouthfeel.	14.5%	2023-2025	£29	The Wine Society
Domaine Boudau, Henri Boudau Blanc, C du Roussillon 2021	89	88	88	90	Firm dry nose, with herbal notes. Ripe lemon and lemon peel on the palate, and a rich, cooked apple finish.	13%	2023-2026	N/A UK	<a href="http://domaineboudau.fr">domaineboudau.fr</a>
Domaine de l'Edre, Carrément Blanc, C du Roussillon 2021	89	90	89	88	Delicate fragrant honey and lemon nose, white blossom on the palate. Complex, ripe, well balanced.	14.5%	2023-2025	N/A UK	<a href="http://edre.fr">edre.fr</a>
Dom de la Préceptorie, Terres Nouvelles, C du Roussillon 2021	89	89	88	91	Lightly nutty nose and a full palate with toasted almond, candied pear and oak. A tangy, sapid finish.	14%	2023-2026	£21	The Wine Society
Dom des Schistes, Essencial Blanc, C du Roussillon 2021	89	89	89	89	Poached pear and butter toffee nose. The palate is delicate textured, lightly herbal, fresh and fragrant.	13.5%	2023-2024	£14.99-£15.40	Cambridge Wine Merchants, L'Art du Vin
Gardiès, Clos des Vignes, C du Roussillon 2021	89	88	88	90	Enticing marzipan and dried fruit nose, good mouthfeel and a creamy, smooth palate. A lightly bitter finish.	13.5%	2023-2024	£27.49	Hallgarten Wines, Strictly Wine
Le Clos de Féès, Les Sorcières, C du Roussillon 2021	89	91	87	89	Fragrant white blossom and pear, with salty notes. Elegant fruit, good acidity and a fresh, sappy finish.	13.5%	2023-2026	£16.95	Yapp Bros
Mas Cremat, Les Balmettes, C Catalanes 2021	89	88	88	90	Primary fruit aromas of pear, ginger and nectarine. Fresh acidity on the silky palate, with some salty notes.	13%	2023-2025	£12.50	Stone Vine & Sun
Serre Romani, Né Sous la Bonne Etoile Blanc, C du Roussillon 2019	89	86	92	84	Rounded oak on the nose and vanilla butterscotch on palate. Classic and complex, with intense fruit flavours.	14%	2023-2027	N/A UK	<a href="http://serre-romani.fr">serre-romani.fr</a>



# PANEL TASTING

Wine	Score	RG	JH	DT	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Thunevin-Calvet, L'Amourette, C Catalanes 2020	89	88	91	88	Ripe lemon pith and some fennel on the nose. A rounded, textured palate with some floral notes.	14%	2023-2026	£19.50	Bottle Apostle
Cazes, Le Canon du Maréchal Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	88	86	90	87	Pronounced Muscat notes on the nose and peachy fruit on the palate. Grapey, floral and beautifully balanced.	13.5%	2023-2025	£14.95	The Great Wine Co
Cazes, Les Clos de Paulilles, Collioure 2020	88	88	88	88	Elegant fresh pear and white blossom nose. Palate is lean and steely, textured but with soft acidity.	13.5%	2023-2025	£22.50	NY Wines
Château de Jau, Jaujou 1er Blanc, C Catalanes 2020	88	86	90	88	Bright, luminous and expressive, with oak on the nose and palate, and rounded buttery notes.	14%	2023-2026	N/A UK	chateaudejau.com
Château Lauriga, Soleil Blanc, C du Roussillon 2021	88	85	87	92	Aromas of guava and vanilla, and a powerful, leesy, oaky palate. A bold wine with a sapid finish.	14.5%	2023-2025	£13.99	Soho Wine Supply
Ch Nadal Hainaut, 3 Sources Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	88	90	87	88	Vibrant and characterful nose with salty notes. There's fresh acidity and peach on the steely palate.	13%	2023-2026	N/A UK	chateanadalhainaut.fr
Domaine Augustin, Blanc de Noirs, Côte Vermeille 2021	88	89	89	87	Fragrant, cidery aromas. Fresh and juicy on the palate with some acidity and light fruit. An interesting wine.	13.5%	2023-2025	N/A UK	domaineaugustin.com
Domaine Gauby, Calcinaires Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	88	85	90	89	Lightly honeyed nose and pear skin on the palate. Delicate wine with nice acidity and a saline finish.	13%	2023-2025	£27.99	Liberty Wines
Domaine Madeloc, Tremadoc, Collioure 2021	88	85	90	88	Light toasty notes on the nose, some creamy richness, yoghurt and ginger on the palate. A fairly concise finish.	14.5%	2023-2026	£18.49-£19.50	Hallgarten Wines, Noble Green, Strictly Wine
Gardiés, Mas Las Cabes Blanc, C du Roussillon 2020	88	89	88	87	A juicy lemony palate with fresh fruit and some acidity. Warming, rich and ripe; nicely textured.	13%	2023-2026	£14.95	Jeroboams
Jeff Carrel, Vieille Mule, C Catalanes 2021	88	89	87	89	Delicate peach nose with lemon-rind brightness. A rounded palate with fresh stony acidity.	13.5%	2023-2026	N/A UK	jeffcarrel.com
Julien Montagné, Le Sabina, Côtes du Roussillon 2021	88	88	89	87	Very pale with a light nose. Fresh and stony palate with marzipan, bitter almond and lemon peel. Tight.	13%	2023-2025	N/A UK	+33 (0)6 88 74 44 20
M Chapoutier, Bila-Haut, C du Roussillon 2021	88	88	87	90	A light lemony nose with a slightly herbal note. The palate is firm and lightly juicy, with some acidity.	13%	2023-2025	£9.99-£14.99	D'Arcy, Laithwaites, Penistone Wines, Roberts & Speight
M Chapoutier, Bila-Haut Occ Lapidem, C du Roussillon 2018	88	88	90	86	Light camomile and lemon nose. Ripe, well-flavoured and exotic on the palate, with lean tangy acidity.	13.5%	2023-2028	£15.96-£16.99	Frazier's, Noble Grape, Wadebridge Wines, Wine Direct
Mas Cristine, Blanc, C du Roussillon 2018	88	90	88	86	Fragrant nose and a rounded ripe palate, with cooked pineapple sweetness and acid texture.	14%	2023	£18-£22.50	Amathus Drinks, Hedonism
Mas Llossanes, Pur Chasan, C Catalanes 2021	88	85	88	90	Lightly rounded nose, and a creamy, toffee palate with almondy bitterness, soft acidity and a silky texture.	13.5%	2023-2025	N/A UK	masllossanes.fr
Mas Mudigliza, CaudaLouis, C Catalanes 2019	88	89	88	88	High-toned nose with sweet oak. Steely and tangy palate; herbal with some acidity and a refreshing finish.	14.5%	2023-2025	£21.50	Champagnes & Châteaux
Res Fortes, Blanc, C du Roussillon 2019	88	90	89	85	Delicate, fragrant nose. Creamy yellow fruit with fresh acidity and some floral notes. Well balanced.	13.5%	2023-2025	£14.50-£16	Beer Shop HQ, Res Fortes, Thorne Wines, Vino Gusto
Tramontane, Macabeu, C Catalanes 2021	88	92	87	86	Lemony nose with fruit salad notes. A firm fresh palate with good acidity and stony mineral notes. Refreshing.	13%	2023-2026	£12.50	Amathus Drinks
Abbé Rous, Chardonnay, C Catalanes 2021	87	88	86	87	Rounded, lightly buttery nose. Simple yellow apple on the palate with greengage skin on the finish.	13%	2023-2025	£13.60	Tanners
Domaine Brial, Les Petits Pins, C du Roussillon 2021	87	89	86	85	Delicate nose of light fruit; tight, complex and almondy flavours with light acidity.	14%	2023-2025	£13.29 (2020)	Strictly Wine
Domaine de l'Horizon, L'Esprit Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	87	92	85	85	Volatile lift adds to the complexity of the nose, nicely textured, intriguing acidity, fresh and harmonious.	13%	2023-2026	£32	Swig
Dom de la Préceptorie, Coume Marie Blanc, C du Roussillon 2021	87	89	87	84	Lightly herbal nose, nuttiness and apple skin, ripe papaya on the palate, fresh acidity.	14%	2023-2024	£14.50	The Wine Society
Domaine Fontanel, Amae, C Catalanes 2021	87	86	88	88	Delicate nose with some pear and lemon zest. Apricot freshness on the palate, with pleasing grip.	13.5%	2023-2025	£17.95	Stone Vine & Sun
Domaine Lafage, La Colline aux Fossiles, VdF 2020	87	85	87	90	Discreet nose of pear and green apple. The palate is simple and sweet, bright and juicy.	13%	2023-2025	£12	Marks & Spencer, Ocado
Dom Laurent Batlle, Equinoxe Blanc de Noir, C Catalanes 2021	87	89	88	84	Green bean notes on the nose. Expressive ripe fruit flavours and a lightly rounded, fresh finish.	13.5%	2023-2027	N/A UK	+33 (0)6 95 46 23 67
Domaine Piquemal, Les Terres Grillées Blanc, C du Rouss 2020	87	89	87	86	Beeswax and lemon on the nose. A rich, ripe style, with marzipan and apricot jam, and a nice mouthfeel.	14%	2023-2025	N/A UK	domaine-piquemal.com



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Jonquères d'Oriola, Ch Corneilla, Cavalcade, C du Roussillon 2021	87	89	87	85	Fresh, lightly floral aromas. Yoghurt and biscuit on the palate, leading to a fresh and concise finish.	13%	2023-2025	£10.95	The Wine Society
Le Roc des Anges, Llum Vieilles Vignes, C Catalanes 2021	87	90	87	84	Full, rounded nose with herbal notes. Rounded and textured with satisfying weight and understated fruit.	12.5%	2023-2027	£24.75-£28.99	Les Caves de Pyrene, Sip Wines, Vinvm
Mas Amiel, Altaïr, C du Roussillon 2021	87	89	86	86	Lemon sherbet on the nose and palate, with some white blossom and fresh herbal notes. Light finish.	13%	2023-2026	£23.33	Bancroft, Millésima
Château Cap de Fouste, Taquin Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	86	85	87	86	Peach and apricot on nose and palate. Lovely boiled sweet notes hovering between cassis and lime cordial.	13%	2023-2024	N/A UK	chateau-cap-de-fouste.com
Château de l'Ou, Infiniment de l'Ou, C Catalanes 2020	86	85	88	85	Lightly buttery on the palate with oatmeal and toasted nuts. Honeyed orange barley sugars on the finish.	14.5%	2023-2025	£30.25	Hallgarten Wines
Château Nadal Hainaut, Alexandrie, C Catalanes 2021	86	85	85	88	A pronounced Muscat nose and a very lean, saline palate. Peach bonbon sweets on the finish.	13%	2023-2025	N/A UK	chateanadalthainaut.fr
Château St-Roch, Corbarol, C du Roussillon 2021	86	89	85	85	Elegant, fragrant palate with ripe lemon notes. Lightly salty with fresh acidity.	13%	2023-2026	N/A UK	domaine-lafage.com
Domaine Brial, L'Etreinte, C du Roussillon 2021	86	87	84	86	Delicate nose, with honey and yeast notes and dried flowers. A rounded and savoury, lean palate.	13%	2023-2026	N/A UK	dom-brial.com
Jonquères d'Oriola, Col de Mollo, Alt 231 Mètres, Collioure 2021	86	85	87	85	Pear juice aromas and a simple, light palate, with notes of bruised pear on the finish.	14%	2023	N/A UK	jonqueresdoriola.fr
Terra Nobilis, Belle Surprise, C Catalanes 2021	86	88	85	86	Pronounced Muscat notes on the nose. A juicy, grapey palate with firm acidity and a silky fine texture.	12.5%	2023-2025	N/A UK	+33 (0)6 67 10 61 70
Terres Fidèles, Félicité Blanc, C Catalanes 2021	86	85	89	85	Rounded, fragrant nose with some almond. Delicate pear flavours and a high degree of freshness.	12.5%	2023-2024	£9.99	Widely available via UK agent Alliance Wine
Thunevin-Calvet, Constance, C Catalanes 2020	86	85	89	84	Honey and lemon meringue pie aromas. Creamy richness and impressive weight, firm fruit with acidity.	13.5%	2023-2025	£15.25	New Generation Wines

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