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Two very nice affordable wines, from Portugal and Italy



It's always good to stumble across wines that over-deliver for their price point. Here are two that I tried today and was impressed by.

About

This is the blog of wine journalist Jamie Goode, online since 2001. Feel free to nose around; your comments are welcomed.



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Tenuta Rovaglia Lugana 2011 Italy

From the shores of Lake Garda, this is a really fresh white, made from the Trebbiano (aka Ugni Blanc) grape variety. Crisp, tight and steely with lovely citrus/grapefruit zestiness and an almost spicy finish. Fresh, bracing and delicious with good acidity. 88/100 (£6.98 Asda)



Marques de Borba Tinto 2011 Alentejo, Portugal

From Joao Portugal Ramos, this is a blend of Alicante, Aragonez and Touriga Nacional with Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. It's sweet, ripe and lush with good concentration, great definition and nice freshness. Sleek, smooth and pure but also vivid and vital, with a bit of grip on the finish. So drinkable. 89/100 (£9.60 Tanners)

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Bruce
August 24th, 2012 at 12:00 am

Hang on! Why is this 1 off 90/100 huh?



Andrew
August 24th, 2012 at 7:08 am

Hi Jamie, the Zenato version of this can be good too, When looking the variety up, I did find references suggesting Trebbiano from Garda is in fact Verdicchio. Reckon this may explain why it tastes a lot better than most other Trebbiani.
- Cheers Andrew



Nick Oakley
August 24th, 2012 at 7:40 am

And it's a gold medal winner in Brussels. Disclosure – I am the UK agent.
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