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Robin FitzGerald's guide to the best bargain wines

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Wine of the Week

Mont Gras Reserva Carmenere 2012, Chile (£3 off to £6.99 at selected Co-ops until June 25). Rich, full bodied (14% alcohol), nicely oaked carmenere with lots of lasting, ripe blackcurrant and blackberry flavours with touches of herbs and black pepper. Succulent steak will love it too.

Whites, Reds & Rose

De Bertoli Family Selection Pinot Grigio and Shiraz 2012/11, Australia (both down to £5.99 at Waitrose until July 16). Light, aromatic pinot with appealing pear, citrus, floral and almond notes.

Plus very approachable, rich, brambly, spicy, yet rounded shiraz.
Houghton Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon and Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2012, Australia (both down to £7.49 at Morrisons until July 14). Two classy, flavoursome, easy drinking Aussies. Fresh, lively, citrusy, herby sauvignon blend with welcome hints of gooseberry fruit. Then a spicy, juicy cabernet/shiraz with enticing concentrated blackcurrant and plum flavours to enjoy.

Roc St Vincent Sauvignon Blanc 2011, France (half price, £5.99 at Sainsbury's until July 3). Refreshing, refined Bordeaux version, but packed with lively grapefruit, citrus flavours.

Kumala Zenith Rose 2012, South Africa (one third off to £4.99 at Sainsbury's). Combines pleasing ripe redcurrant, red berry and melon flavours with refreshing finish.

Lindeman's Private Estate Chardonnay 2012, Australia (one third off to £4.99 at selected Co-ops until June 25). Clean, crisp and fresh, yet very tropical, including appealing apricot and melon flavours.

Stonehaven Sauvignon Blanc 2012, South Africa (down to £6.49 at selected Co-ops). Zesty, fruity kiwi sauvignon with both citrus and tropical notes emerging, with lime and grapefruit leading the way.

Tagus Creek Chardonnay/Fernao Pires and Shiraz/Trincadeira 2011, Portugal (both down to £4.99 at Tesco until July 16). Two tasty, award winning blends. Creamy, peachy white with clean, mineral finish. Then a big, juicy, spicy red (13.5% alcohol), providing tempting plum, raspberry aromas and flavours. This is another great steak wine.