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WINE

Want your barbie to be a cut above? Our expert has some refreshing ideas

Rather than the usual boring bangers and burgers, it's great to have some fresh inspiration from TV's John Torode. So, this week, I've followed suit and thought outside the wine box. Instead of so-so bargains, I've gone for bottles that are a shade more expensive, but worth every penny. Trust me, you'll taste the difference.

1. Asda Extra Special Fiano 2012, Sicily, Italy £6.98, Asda, 13% alcohol

Fiano is a southern Italian grape from Campania that has been transplanted

to Sicily, where it is flourishing, producing fabulous, full-flavoured whites. This one is brimming with herb, citrus and pear flavours. Try it with the grilled halloumi.

2. Rigal L'Instant Passion Sauvignon Blanc 2012, Côtes de Gascogne, France £8.99, but £6.99 each if you buy 2, Majestic, 11.5% alcohol

Gascony is making some really fresh, great-value sauvignons and this lively, grassy little number is a versatile barbecue wine, with lemon freshness and just a hint of sherbet.

3. Averys Pioneer Range Barossa Valley Grenache 2009, Australia £8.99, Averys (0843 224 1224, www.averys.com), 14.5% alcohol

Reds from Australia's Barossa region can often be sweet and rich, but this is more refined with cherry and raspberry fruit, a savoury twist and warm, herbal tones that would work well with the spiced lamb.

4. Marqués del Romeral Rioja

Reserva 2007, Spain £11.99, Marks & Spencer, 13.5% alcohol

This is a benchmark rioja with sweet cherry and plum fruit combining nicely with notes of cream, vanilla and spice. This would be a perfect match for the jerk chicken.

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5. Fairview The Back Road Shiraz Pinotage 2010, Coastal Region, South Africa £9.99, Laithwaite's (0845 194 7720, www.laithwaites.co.uk), 14% alcohol

With its bold, dense, seductive flavour of cherry and blackberry fruit, and a warm spicy meatiness, this South African red is perfect with John's sophisticated burgers.

6. Tagus Creek Chardonnay

Fernão Pires 2012, Portugal £6.19, Tesco, 12.5% alcohol

This is a lovely, inexpensive, textured white bursting with white peach and pear fruit. It's complex

enough to take on the Thai green curry chicken.

7. Inycon Grower's Selection Nero d'Avola Frappato 2012, Sicily, Italy £7.79, Waitrose 13% alcohol

Brilliant for the price, this highly quaffable wine has slightly peppery, vivid red fruits and amazing freshness. 🍷



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