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A dry, citrusy French and a velvety Spanish red

Calvet is one of the biggest French wine brands, most commonly associated with the Bordeaux area.

But Touraine is the name given to white wines made with Sauvignon Blanc grapes around the city of Tours in the Loire region and this is a lovely example.

There's a lot more delicacy than in most southern hemisphere Sauvignon Blancs but the dry, citrus and steely mineral flavours are still there.

Good value and just 12.5% alcohol.

Tagus Ridge Reserve 2008, £8.59, Morrisons

An old favourite is this Portuguese red made from Cabernet Sauvignon and native Touriga Nacional grapes grown alongside the Tagus river which runs from Spain across central Portugal and meets the sea near Lisbon.

The hot weather helps make a rich, velvety wine that's powerful (14%) and full of berry flavours but still easy to drink and of a quality that would be much dearer if it came from many other countries.

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