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Our expert picks crisp, bright wines to serve with seasonal salads

This week's recipes are all about freshness. Wines can be "fresh" too, though what we're really talking about is the crispness that comes from acidity (which you get by picking grapes early, or growing them in a cooler climate). Add to this some bright and fruity characters, and you have the perfect wine to enjoy with salad.

1. Altitude by Duorum 2011, Douro, Portugal £12.99, www.laithwaites.co.uk (0333 014 8198), 13.5% alcohol
Hailing from the Douro Valley in

Portugal, this is a deliciously floral, sweetly fruited red. Sleek, fresh and ripe, it's great with the lemon, lamb and pepper kebabs.

2. Tyrrell's Old Winery Verdelho 2013, Hunter Valley, Australia £8.95, www.thewinesociety.com (01438 741177), 12% alcohol
Verdelho isn't a well-known grape, but it's a star in the warm Hunter Valley of Australia, where it makes super-fresh, crisp wines like this. With its hints of green apple and lemon, it's an ideal partner to the garlic prawns and bruschetta recipe.

3. Klein Riesling Trocken 2012, Pfalz, Germany £12.49, www.nakedwines.com (01603 281869), 11.5% alcohol
Here's a seriously appealing dry German riesling with focused, fresh citrus fruit, plus a bit of honey and melon richness. Stylish, fresh and balanced, it's an excellent match

for the couscous salad.

4. Paparuda Pinot Grigio 2013, Romania £6.80, www.tanners-wines.co.uk (01743 234455), 12% alcohol
This Romanian pinot grigio is

amazingly vivid and youthful, with bright, aromatic, pure lemon and pear fruit to the fore. It's a versatile, all-purpose dry white wine.

5. Interlude Pinot Noir 2013, Australia £6.49, *The Co-operative*, 13% alcohol
Red wine with salad? James Bond would have me pegged as a spy and (even worse) a philistine, but pinot is not like other reds. Being fragrant and relatively light, it goes remarkably well with tuna. This affordable example has supple cherry fruit with some sweet spice and herb notes. Try it – but not stirred or shaken.

6. Waitrose Ripe and Juicy Spanish Rosé 2013, Campo de Borja, Spain £4.99, *Waitrose*, 13% alcohol
Vivid, rounded and fresh, this bargain-priced rosé has lovely cherry and pear fruit. It would be great with the salmon en croute.

7. Tesco Finest Nero d'Avola Rosé 2013, Sicily, Italy £7.99, *Tesco*, 12.5% alcohol

Red/pink in colour, this is lively, sweetly fruited but dry, with appealing flavours of cherries and strawberries. It's a versatile food wine. ☺



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