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Chill out with Chardonnay

BANK holiday Monday is the ideal time to sit back and relax – and there's no better way to do it than chilling out with a glass of cold Chardonnay.

When it comes to white wine I'm inclined to keep it classic, specifically an unoaked or lightly oaked Chardonnay.

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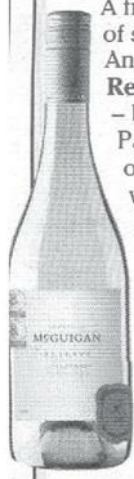
Fernão Pires 2012 (around £5 from most supermarkets) comes from the Tejo region of Portugal, and the addition of the native Portuguese variety Fernão Pires adds aromatic and slightly tropical notes. Chardonnay offers the roundness while Fernão Pires offers perfume in this ready-to-drink wine. It has bright, crisp lemon and green-apple acidity with flavours of apricot and peach. It's easy drinking and can be enjoyed on its own or with fish or poultry.



A fresh and lovely taste of summer.

Another great effort is **McGuigan Reserve Chardonnay (Sainsbury's – buy any 2 for £12 until May 19).**

Passion and dedication to creating outstanding, consistent quality wines has been at the forefront of McGuigan Wines for generations. This Chardonnay is an elegant wine, with aromas of ripe apple and white peach that are complemented by a touch of subtle oak, delivering a creamy



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subtle oak, delivering a creamy texture and a long lingering finish. A great wine for the money.

In Australia, the Mornington Peninsula

area offers some big hitters in the world of wine, and **Lidl's Cimarosa 2012** is amazing value at just £3.99. It's a really nice, fresh aromatic wine with the slightest hint of pineapple. It has a good balance between ripe, rich flavours and fresh, crispness. For the price tag, it would be hard to complain about this wine.



Wine of the Week

Voted the Best Champagne (up to £20) at the Quality Drink Awards, **Tesco Finest Premier Cru Champagne Brut NV, France (£19.99, Tesco)** is a blend of chardonnay and pinot noir and with its lemon and brioche nose, fine bubbles with golden highlights and citrus accents on the long finish, it's the leader of the Champagne party.

