

Wines of the Year 2022: the top whites



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These are, simply, the best wines we tasted in 2022 – nominated by the Decanter team and a panel of our experts worldwide, then tasted blind by three eminent judges.

To select the wines, Decanter World Wine Awards Regional Chairs, key contributors and staff nominated the three wines that most impressed them in 2022.

These had to be under the categories of **Classic** (a premium, textbook wine style), **Offbeat** (unusual grape, region, winemaking method, or unearthed gem) and **Value** (under £25).

Pure Quality

Neither the category nor price was revealed to the judges, so all the wines were assessed purely on quality. While they appreciated this, Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW and Vincenzo Arnese said it gave the tasting an added challenge. 'With a blind tasting of 125 wines of the same grape, country or style, you create a mental map of references and it makes it easier to rank your scores from higher to lower. Here the challenge was the diversity, so we had to assess them based on sheer complexity and pleasure.'

Le Clos du Gravillas, A Fleur de Peau Muscat, Languedoc-Roussillon, France 2020



Producer	Le Clos du Gravillas
Brand	A Fleur de Peau Muscat
Vintage	2020
Wine Type	Still
Colour	Orange
Country	France
Region	Languedoc-Roussillon
Sweetness	Dry
Closure	Cork
Alcohol	14.00%
Body	Medium
Grapes	100% Muscat

PANEL TASTING

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Tasted by: Vincenzo Arnese, Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW, Amanda Barnes
(at Decanter Tasting Suite, London, 01 Dec 2022)
Drinking Window: 2023 - 2035

Bright straw colour, with intense and pure Muscat aromas, elegant fresh grape aromas and nice quince and fresh pear. A Vin de France that's balanced and fresh, with a great personality – probably one of the greatest dry Muscat wines in the world. Nominated by Natalie Earl