

Great White Wines that are sure to Impress/Inspire

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In every field of study and with every profession, a person wants to be inspired. It seems that through this inspiration you can find a renewed sense of excitement that can often foster original thoughts and ideas to help you gain an edge. The wine industry is no exception.

When we (as buyers) taste wines and study them there can be a sense of complacency with all of the knowledge that

we are amassing. With so many different styles, approaches, and history, the wine world can be overwhelming. However, most times all that is needed are those little points of inspiration, those wines that impress and break through the monotony. For me, these wines are usually white wines.

Recently, I tried through a couple of wines that really showed me why I love white wine and what they have to offer to the unsuspecting consumer. Some of these wines are known while others may surprise you.

So, what better place to get a little inspiration than during this time of festivities and party planning? Try some of these wines at your next holiday gathering as they are sure to impress your guests and inspire you to think outside the box.

*To note, with this article I decided to write the description of the wines in a more "background history" style versus the straightforward flavor descriptions. Enjoy and share the info.

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (Marlborough, New Zealand) - \$17.99

Sauvignon Blanc is said to grow better in Marlborough than anywhere else in the world. As a wine country, New Zealand has benefited from international praise for the wines that are produced from this grape. However, all of accolades can be attributed to pioneers and champions of Sauvignon Blanc like Cloudy Bay. Now considered one of the most sold premium Sauvignon Blancs available, the Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc is regarded as the quality benchmark for all others within the region.



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Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (Stellenbosch, South Africa) - \$18.15

This wine has almost single – handedly placed South Africa on the world wine map. As the most award winning wine in South African history, Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc has contributed to South Africa what Cloudy Bay has for New Zealand. Made in the cool climate of Stellenbosch, this wine has created an international appeal causing great admiration as to the quality of wine that is produced in South Africa.

De Wetshof Chardonnay Bateleur 2007 (Robertson, South Africa) - \$55.39 (available at Smith Street)

Dannie De Wet has long been considered the father of South African Chardonnay. In fact, in search for the best Chardonnay vines, De Wet was able to smuggle vines in through chocolate boxes from France to Germany to South Africa. This winery's planting of Chardonnay was the first in South Africa. Today, De Wet has transformed South Africa's wine culture through his dedication to making the world's finest Chardonnay.

Molly Dooker Verdelho "The Violinist" 2009 (South East, Australia) - \$14.99

With a pedigree of outstanding success in winemaking from Australia, Sarah and Sparky Marquis formed their latest project Molly Dooker with one intention – creating something that people would love and enjoy. As a husband and wife winemaking team, the Marquis have garnered such attention as Australian Winemakers of the Year along with a slew of other highly touted merits. Their 2009 Verdelho "The Violinist" is a perfect example of the Maquis' method of delivering wines that are full of flavor, international appeal, and still retain the sense of amazing quality and prestige. ♡

