

MY TOP THREE

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The Oxford Wine Company
www.oxfordwine.co.uk

Name: Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Chenevottes, Jean Noel Gagnard 2009

Price: £36.99

Agent: Justerini & Brooks
A white Burgundy which delivers without having to remortgage your house. This screamed "Drink me" the minute the cork was out.



Name: Terra D'Alter Alfrocheiro, Alentejo 2012

Price: £9.99

Agent: Delibo Wines
A great mood changer, fresh with lots of complexity. An antidote to a hard day, and a bit of a hybrid, too: a Portuguese wine made by an Aussie in a clean New World style.



Name: Domaine de Tariquet, Les Premières Grives, Côtes de Gascogne 2011

Price: £11.99

Agent: Domaines de Tariquet
A must, either as an aperitif, with foie gras early in a meal or full-flavoured harder cheeses after. The touch of sweetness with the spicy charm of the Gros Manseng always does it for me.



IN THE DIARY

TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2014

French Wine Discoveries London
9.30am-7pm Tobacco Dock, London
www.wine4trade.com

The fair will kick off with a debate of 'The Real French Paradox'. Asking if the fame of some regions hinders representation of France's wider wine offering, this session will provide a taste of French diversity ahead of the main business of the day – tasting at this 120-producer-strong event.

Joining chair Andrew Catchpole on the panel will be James Franklin of Corney & Barrow, Ana Sapungui of Oddbins, Julia Jenkins of Flagship Wines and Doug Wregg of Caves de Pyrène.