



## 101 GREAT WINES UNDER €12 MARY DOWEY

This small book is one of the most rewarding projects I have worked on in thirteen years of wine writing. Why? Simply because it has been so exciting to find a vast array of cracking wines on sale in Ireland at less than €12.



### 2007 Alpha Zeta 'P' Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

Pinot Grigio is so often wishy-washy that it's a pleasure to come across one with enough personality to stand out from the crowd. This is super-smooth and flavoursome, leaving a refreshing trail of lemon behind as it slips down.

#### Plus point: SCREWCAP

**Food matches:** Aperitif; mixed antipasti; light fish dishes; seafood, lemon or vegetable risottos; pasta in a lemon/cream sauce



### 2007 La Croix Gratiot Picpoul de Pinet

Who says the South of France can't produce tongue-tingling whites? The little-known grape Picpoul delivers terrific, lemony vigour - but rarely with as much smooth charm, harmony and intensity of flavour as here.

**Food matches:** Aperitif; salads; sardines; mackerel; fish and chips; omelettes



### 2006 Poggio del Sasso Sangiovese di Toscana

So aromatic is this silky, earthy, cherry-and-chocolate-rich wine that you imagine a mouthful or two may be totally overwhelming. Not so. Although flavour-packed and meaty, it is refreshingly juicy. Perfectly balanced, in other words - and alluring.

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**Among 10 Best Wines for a Posh Dinner**

**Food matches:** Beef; lamb; pork; duck; robust vegetarian dishes; garlic, herbs and/or a tomato sauce will help the match

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