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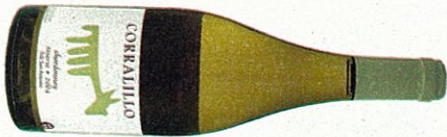
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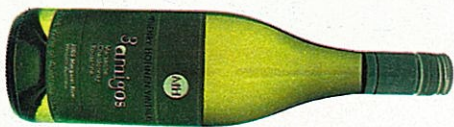
### WHITES



**2004 Corralillo Chardonnay Reserve, San Antonio, Chile, MARKS & SPENCER, £9.99.** Every groaning Christmas table needs one: a big, bold, buttery, oak-aged chardonnay capable of taking on turkey and all the trimmings. Step forward this fat, toasty Corralillo, whose burnt nutty style and terrific fruit made from grapes grown according to organic principles, delivers the power and 14.2 per cent alcohol needed for the Michaelmas feast.

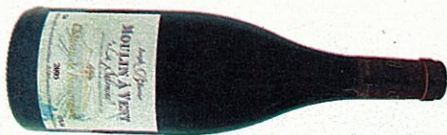


**2006 Maverick Trial Hill, Eden Valley Riesling, Australia, LEA & SANDEMAN, £12 for Times readers until Friday; SELFRIDGES, £12.99 until December 25.** Discerning drinkers might dismiss Maverick as yet another Barossa boutique winery, but that would be foolish, as this stunning Eden Valley biodynamic, old-vine riesling effortlessly demonstrates, bursting as it is with wonderful, intense, steely, floral, zesty, lime-peel, aniseed and kerosene-spiked fruit.



**2005 3 Amigos, McHenry Hohnen Vintners, Margaret River, Western Australia, WINE SOCIETY, £10.50; S. H. JONES (01295 251177), £9.79.** David Hohnen, ex-Cape Mentelle and Cloudy Bay, was quick to lick this winery into shape. This is only the second vintage the team behind McHenry H has produced of this canny blend. Principally marsanne topped up with chardonnay and roussanne – the 3 amigos – its refined, ripe, smoky, fragrant fruit is a marvel.

### REDS



**2005 Moulin à Vent, La Salomine, Château de Beauregard, Joseph Burrier, France, HAYNES, HANSON & CLARK (020-7584 7927), £11.70 a bottle, £10.41 by the mixed case.** There comes a time in the festive whirl when one more bold, beefy red becomes too much. In which case, hide away with a delicate, elegant fruity red, like this beautiful beaujolais, made from hand-harvested, low-yielding gamay vines, and full of tender, spicy, game and truffle-perfumed fruit.



**2003 Santenay, Côte d'Or, Louis Latour, France, MAJESTIC, £9.99.** Way down south in the Côte de Beaune, Santenay is renowned for its chunky reds, and Louis Latour is one of the oldest and most well known of the Beaune négociants, more famous for its white wines than its lengthily oak-aged reds, which have a distinctive full-bodied style of their own. See for yourself with this tasty, fat, beefy, chocolatey, plummy red – a whiz with game casseroles and the like.



**STAR WHITE: 2005 Ladoix, Bois de Gréçons, Domaine Chevalier Père et Fils, France, MAJESTIC, £12.99 or buy two for £11.99 each until December 6.** Majestic's Christmas gift to the nation has been to slash the price of this sensational white burgundy from a top vintage – a previous winner in the under £20 section. At this price, this ripe, sweet, creamy, hazelnut-scented wine, with lots of superb steely, nutty, lemony fruit on the finish, is a steal. >>