

HARPERS CHOICE

Harpers' Choice: our selection of the best in drinks this week

Something to Celebris

What is it? A prestige cuvée, the Celebris Rosé 2003 Extra Brut is 68% Chardonnay and 32% Pinot Noir Grand Cru with a dosage of just 5g/l.

Why we like it: A hot vintage that few have dared to declare, this has all flavours as you'd expect, leaving a long aftertaste, with notes of citrus, sweet liquorice and vanilla.

The basics: Packaged in the new Celebris livery, it is expected to retail at around £120 per bottle.

How to get it: Contact exclusive UK distributor Nick Kinley Vintners on 020 7328 7300 or visit www.nickkinleyvintners.co.uk.



Highland games

What is it? A 40-year-old single malt from Orkney-based Highland Park.

Why we like it? Featuring a spicy and aromatic bouquet, this has a beautiful balance of sweet toffee notes, orange zest and aromatic heather peat, plus a surprisingly sweet finish.

The basics: In a decanter-style bottle and packaged in a solid oak box with a hand-made leather-bound 28-page booklet, it's firmly at the luxury end of the market. RRP is £899.

How to get it: At selected retail outlets and www.highlandpark.co.uk



Beastie boys

What is it? A range of everyday wines comprising Cabernet/Merlot, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah, and carrying the distinctive Timorous Beasties design.

Why we like it? The labels add real interest to this range of good quality and good value, reliable wines.

The basics: Cabernet/Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc RRP: £5.99. Syrah, Chardonnay: RRP £6.99.

How to get it: Visit www.inverarity121.com.



Club Gascony

What is it? Domaine Du Tariquet L'Aperitif from Gascony

Why we like it? The classic Armagnac producer is spreading its wings, here with a pre-dinner wine that has freshness and good acidity, plus an intense smell of ripe fruits, cherry stalks, and white flowers.

The basics: RRP: £9.99

How to get it: Call France Domains on 0207 935 1551.

