

International Wine Challenge Tranche 1 2019 Supermarket Gold Medal Winners

Wine Name	Producer Name	Stockist	RRP*	Award	Category	Tasting Notes
Maynard's LBV Port, 2014	Barao De Vilar Vinhos	Aldi	£9.99	Gold	Fortified	This classic Port shows spicy floral notes with excellent intensity of dark cherry and chocolate on a sweet but harmoniously balanced palate.
Maynard's 30 Year Old Tawny Port, NV	Barao De Vilar Vinhos	Aldi	£34.99	Gold	Fortified	A gorgeous Port. Amazing nose of salted caramel and a festive rush of cinnamon. Complex and lifted elegance. On the palate, a wild fennel note matches the hints of honeyed oatmeal and beeswax polish. Absolutely delicious.
Artisan Tasmanian Chardonnay, 2016	Winemaking Tasmania	Aldi	£16.99	Gold	White	A Chardonnay with an amazing flinty reductive note, which works very well with the lovely complex flavours of apple, lemon, light smoke, and minerality. Great length – always a good sign of quality.
Champagne Delacourt Vintage Brut, 2004	Coopérative Régionale des Vins de Champagne	Marks and Spencer	£35.00	Gold	Sparkling	A delightful sparkling wine with yeasty aromas. The palate has acidity, fruit and maturity in perfect balance. A long finish to a great wine.
Marks & Spencer Very Rare Palo Cortado, NV	Emilio Lustau	Marks and Spencer	£9.00	Gold	Fortified	An elegant Palo Cortado. Honeyed dried fruits, candied orange peel, citrus with walnut and almond on the nose and palate. A long, nutty finish.
Marks and Spencer Vintage Port, 2007	Taylor's	Marks and Spencer	£27.00	Gold	Fortified	Bold, powerful and so full of potential. Juicy ripe black fruits, liquorice, spice and violets with great concentration on the palate. Lovely now but a wine that will reward the patient.
Morrisons The Best Marques de Los Rios Rioja Gran Reserva, 2012	Baron de Ley	Morrisons	£12.00	Gold	Red	A Tempranillo with good concentration of ripe damson fruit. Palate is full-bodied with spice, richness and power. Firm, grippy tannins that will soften with age. Harmonious and well balanced.

Tesco Finest Amarone, 2015	Cantina Valpantena	Tesco	£18.00	Gold	Red	Red cherry and bramble fruit, coffee bean and sweet spice. Warm ripe tannins compliment the fresh fruit characters. Excellent length.
Tesco Finest Barolo, 2014	Fratelli Martini Secondo Luigi	Tesco	£16.00	Gold	Red	A complex, classic, lifted Barolo with lots of savoury, dusty red fruits, forest floor, leather and dried rose petals. Vibrant yet structured on the palate with masses of finely grained tannins and a long, long finish. Elegant and stylish.
Waitrose Palo Cortado "Torre del Oro", NV	Emilio Lustau	Waitrose	£11.49	Gold	Fortified	A Sherry with salty and savoury notes of yeast, brioche, and roasted cashew. A rich, creamy texture with a cashew and <i>foie gras</i> finish.
Kopke Colheita Tawny Port, 1999	Waitrose & Partners	Waitrose	£32.99	Gold	Fortified	A rich, smooth Port with creme caramel, nuts and raisins on the nose. Creamy but not too sweet.

*Average price