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Liquid News

WHAT can be better than snuggling into your favourite comfy chair with a glass of good wine? Well, how about the warm glow that comes not only from the drink in your hand but the knowledge that your enjoyment is actually reaping dividends for a worthwhile cause.

Over the past two years, one of Portugal's leading wine producers, Falua, has raised – with your help – some £50,000 towards the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal, via its range of Tagus Creek wines.

Now, in a year when we have lost the last surviving British soldiers of World War I; in a year when we have all shuddered at the rising death toll in Afghanistan, Falua is hoping to top that ... and some.

This year, it has joined forces with supermarkets Waitrose and Morrison's to do more than just a bit for the Appeal.

For every bottle of Falua's Tagus Creek wines sold in Waitrose between November 4 and November 11 and in Morrison's from November 2 to November 15, the stores will hand over £1 to the serviceman's charity. And until Christmas, Falua will continue to donate 5p from every bottle of Tagus Creek that is sold.

Falua's winery takes in grapes grown in the regions around Lisbon which are watered by the Tagus river. Included in this bounty of lusciousness are some classic local varieties such as the Touriga Nacional, a red wine grape that some experts say is the country's best.

So look out for some rather tasty wines in the wines in RBL promotion. Among them are the spicy red Tagus Creek shiraz/trincadeira 2008 (Morrison's, £5.59, abv 13.5%); a peachy chardonnay/fernao pires 2008 (Morrison's, £5.59, abv 12.5%); a velvety cabernet sauvignon/aragones 2008 (Waitrose, £5.99, abv 13.5%) and a strawberryish shiraz/touriga nacional rosé (Waitrose, £5.99, abv 13%).

You'll spot them easily by the red poppy on the neck label. OK, they're a bit difficult to pin on your jacket, but hey, you can always buy a buttonhole too, you know!

Log on to www.falua.com and www.britishlegion.org.uk

♦ **What I have enjoyed this week:** A couple of great half-price offers (yes, you can tell Christmas is coming) including a rather tart and tasty Linoti Pinot Grigio from Italy's Veneto region (Tesco, £3.99, abv 11.5%). Served icy cold, it was a refreshing reminder of summer sunshine.

Don't forget: Drink responsibly.

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