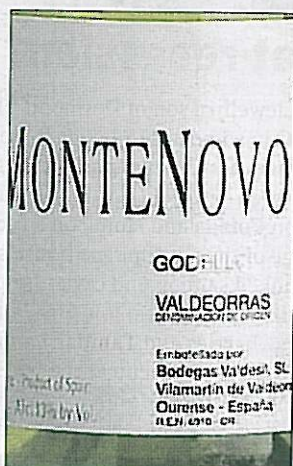


Montenovo, Bodegas Val de Sil 2008, Valdeorras, 13%, €16. I featured a more expensive wine from Val de Sil earlier this year, but I was very taken with this at a recent tasting. For a Valdeorras, it is a reasonably-priced, sprightly fresh young wine with delicious pineapple fruits and a lip-smacking finish.

Just the sort of thing to drink before dinner, or with salads and seafood. **Stockists:** Lilliput, Arbour Hill; Listons, Camden St; Ennis Butchers, South Circular Rd; Wicklow Wine Co; Sweeneys, Glasnevin; Lilac Wines, Fairview; Red Island, Skerries; The Wine Boutique, Ringsend; Fallon & Byrne, Exchequer St; Power & Smullen, Lucan.

Albariño, Rías Baixas, Bagao do Miño 2008, 12.5%, €16.99. This is a very stylish wine, classic Albariño with its rich peachy fruit and lovely lemon zest, finishing quite dry. Eat, as the locals do, with any kind of cold or warm seafood. **Stockist:** Enowine, Monkstown & FSC.



TWO UNDER €12



Luna Blanca Verdejo Rueda 2007, 12.5%, €11.49. Very attractive soft peach fruits that have taken on a spicy touch, and a good dry finish. I can see this going very nicely with most white fish; Claudia Roden's Moroccan fish cakes worked perfectly for me. **Stockist:** Oddbins



Face to Face Verdejo, Rueda, 2008, 12.5%, €9.99. Silly name, but ignoring that the wine is pretty good. At this level you are looking for purity of flavour rather than any great complexity, and this certainly delivers; Light fresh and easy, with pleasing soft pear fruits, and plenty of zip to keep the interest going. **Stockists:** Hole in the Wall, Dublin 7; The Grapevine, Dublin 9; Coasters, Limerick; Matsons, Bandon; The Wine Boutique, Ringsend

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