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# Ray Jordan's TOP Whites & Sparkling's

# **Under-\$15** whites



#### Deep Woods Ivory semillon sauvignon blanc 2015 (\$14.95)

This blend is consistently super value for money, displaying loads of pleasing tropical fruit and an extravagant herbaceousness for balance. A squeeze of lemon adds some zip and it all comes together beautifully as a precise current drink, 90/100

# \$15-\$20 whites



## Millbrook sauvignon blanc 2015 (\$20.75)

No mistaking this is sauvignon blanc. You get all those distinctive characters of gooseberry and passionfruit plus a decent hit of lime from the first sniff. Into the palate, the flavours release with plenty of intensity supported by a crisp, zippy acidity. Ideal in the short term. **91/100** 

# \$20-\$25 whites



## Castle Rock Estate Porongurup riesling 2015 (\$25)

Opens on the nose with an incredible wave of lime fruit characters. The palate is intensely fruit driven, with a soft delicate acid in support. It's slightly spicy, with a lip-smacking crispness that sustains a long finish. Never misses. Bone-dry finish. 94/100



## Ashbrook Estate sauvignon blanc 2015 (\$24)

This is a lovely light and bright young savvy ideal for current drinking. Loads of gooseberry and tropical citrus, with distinct herbaceousness. Delicious, sweet fruit held with a concise precision. Drink it over the summer. **91/100** 

# \$25-\$40 whites



#### Grosset Alea riesling 2015 (\$33.85)

Comes from the Alea vineyards of Jeff Grosset. Typically beautiful expression of this variety, with a spicy minerality and light citrus combination. Fine and delicate palate but one of real persistence and intensity. **95/100** 



#### Pierro LTC 2015 (\$32)

Tasted soon after bottling and yet it was tasting absolutely superb. It's semillon and sauvignon blanc with a "light touch of chardonnay", hence the LTC. Now here's the thing. It drinks beautifully when young, with that vibrant fruit, but it ages easily for 10 years. This is superb. **95/100** 



#### Moss Wood Ribbon Vale sauvignon blanc semillon 2014 (\$32)

Opens with a lovely lemony essence aroma working with a little nutty vanillin character. The palate is deep and rich, with stacks of persistent, lively fruit intensity. Carries to a precise, long finish. A wine that is good drinking now but will keep for a number of years. 93/100



#### Domaine A Stoney Vineyard sauvignon blanc 2013 (\$30.32)

The only wine submitted sealed under cork. It's a superb wine from Tasmania. Savoury and slightly smoky characters on the nose and a palate that is loaded with such gorgeous flavours. There is power here and there is finesse. A different take on sauvignon blanc and one to be applauded. **93/100** 

## **Under-\$20** sparkling wines



#### Crittenden Estate Geppetto NV Brut (\$18.35)

This is a pretty smart sparkling wine in this price category.

Complex, tight mealy characters, with a little fresh, toasty, roasted character and some nice, fresh, clean citrus tanginess. 90/100



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