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Wines in the Press Winter 2026

Mixed Six

INTRODUCTION

These last few months have seen a glut of Tanners wines mentioned in the press for which we're always very thankful! In this latest mixed case of Wines in the Press - Shropshire Star, The Times and Wine Spectator ticked the boxes for local, national and international print quotes respectively, while online, you'll also find mention of us at MoneyWeek.com, JoannaSimon.com and ScottishField.co.uk. To browse a full list of wines with journalist quotes from Tanners, please visit www.tanners-wines.co.uk/collections/wines-in-the-press.

REDS

1. La Cabane Reserve Grenache/Syrah, Pays d'Oc 2024 13.5%

Bin No: FR00424

"This was the wine that set the theme for this year's Christmas collection. I tasted it with James Tanner himself at a recent tasting and stopped in my tracks when the summer pudding fragrance and silky-smooth red fruit flavours washed over my palate. I went straight back for another sip and it was even more delicious. Every year, I dream of finding the perfect party red, and I must admit some years I struggle.

But this perfectly poised, juicy and rewarding wine made from the time-honoured, southern Rhône recipe of grenache and syrah is the only wine in town for me! I hope Tanners has a mountain of stock, because they will need it."

Matthew Jukes, MoneyWeek.com, 'Six of the best Christmas wines to buy this festive season', 5th December 2025.

"Also from the Midi's LGI co-op but this time a combo of grapes grown in and around St Chinian. With lashings of bramble spice and well-made, bold yet easy-quaffing fruit, this is the red to have waiting in your festive wine racks when friends and family drop by unexpectedly."

Jane MacQuitty, The Times 'The best places to buy your Christmas wine – our critics guide', 19th December 2025.

2. Tanners Super Claret Haut Médoc, France 2019, 12.5%

Bin No: CR00519

"Made by Château Cissac, this savoury medium-bodied claret has earthy and forest floor notes with a long, refreshing finish."

Will Lyons, The Times 'Christmas wines for every occasion and every budget', 3rd December 2025

"Tanners have cleverly shipped a mature vintage of the second wine of Château Cissac, Reflets de Cissac, to put under their own label. At six years old, the tannins are soothingly mellow and velvety, but this is a bone-dry, classic, Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated style with currant-leafy fruit and acidity, gravelly graphite and soft oak that opens up given time and space in the glass or decanter. Roast lamb or beef would be spot on with it. Turkey and the multiple traditional trimmings would be an assault course."

Joanna Simon, JoannaSimon.com 'The Festive Red Wine Guide 2025, 26th November 2025

3. Aldonia 100, Rioja, Spain 2021, 14.5%

Bin No: SR09821

“Made entirely from old-vine Garnacha, Aldonia 100 captures Rioja’s red-fruit charm with a floral lift and a supple palate. It’s bright and modern, with raspberry, cherry and a whisper of spice from brief barrel ageing. This bottle sits at the crossroad between classic and contemporary Rioja. A lighter, juicier Garnacha that still has a regional identity. Pair with lamb chops, grilled vegetables or charcuterie.”

James Robertson, ScottishField.co.uk, 11th December 2025

4. Tanners Australian Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2022, 14.5% 

Bin No: AR12722

“Elegantly spicy Shiraz with plenty of red and black berry fruit, but with sumptuous, rounded tannins and a vibrant freshness. Full-bodied and excellent value from Tanners own label range.”

Sharon Walters, [Shropshire Star](http://ShropshireStar.co.uk) ‘Drinks Cupboard Here are some of the best wines to sip and savour from Down Under’, 10th January 2026

WHITES

5. La Cabane Reserve Marsanne/Viognier, Pays d’Oc, France 2024, 12%

Bin No: FW00924

“The smartly labelled Cabane is the perfect festive house wine, as happy being served solo as it is accompanying big food. Made by the LGI co-op in Carcassonne in southern France, this canny white blend delivers refreshing, yet bold, nutty, apricot and peach pizzazz.”

Jane MacQuitty, [The Times](http://TheTimes.co.uk) ‘The best places to buy your Christmas wine – our critics guide’, 19th December 2026

6. Wente Morning Fog Chardonnay Central Coast, California, USA 2023, 13.5%

Bin No: UW01223

“Founded in 1883, Wente Family Vineyards proclaims itself America’s longest continuously operated family-owned winery. It also has a deep history with Chardonnay, going back to 1912, when second-generation Ernest Wente propagated the Wente clone, which became one of the most sought-after Chardonnay clones in California. Now in its fourth and fifth generations as winemakers, the family has been focusing on well-priced wines that overdeliver on quality. The Morning Fog bottling is a Goldilocks Chardonnay, with half the wine fermented in neutral American oak barrels and half in stainless steel tanks, striking a balance between freshness, complexity and creaminess. “How can we give this the body and mouthfeel of Chardonnay, but keep it light?” asks fifth-generation Aly Wente. Grapes from Arroyo Seco add some tropical notes, while a touch of Gewürztraminer adds aromatics.” 90 points.

MaryAnn Worobiec, [Wine Spectator](http://WineSpectator.com) '#5 in the Wine Spectator's latest 'Top 10 Wine Values of the Year', February 2026 edition

SYMBOLS:  vegetarian  vegan  organic  biodynamic

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