

**New Eastwood U3A
Wine Appreciation
Wine tasting – 16th March 2026
“N” Wines**



Tonights “N” wines are restricted to a comparison between 2 sauvignon blancs for white wines and 2 Nero D’Avolas for the red wines.

No 1 – 19 Crimes sauvignon blanc - Australia - 11% Tesco £9.50, £7.50 with Clubcard.

Wine Notes:

Light-bodied with a fresh, crisp finish, Aromas of passionfruit and guava

Based on Real Historic Events - Circa the 1800s

Each declared by his majesty to be punishable on conviction by transportation.

A liquid ode to our past, 19 Crimes is inspired by those who, beginning in 1788, were transported to Australia for a life of hard labour. Many did not survive the journey. For the sea-beaten people who made it ashore, a new world awaited.

As pioneers in a harsh frontier colony, they forged fresh pathways and built new lives from their chequered pasts, brick by brick.

This wine honours the history they wrote and the culture they built.

Look	Nose	Taste
Clear and pale	Pleasant and fruity could get the passionfruit but not the guava	Well balanced - mildly zingy and fruity but not sweet.
Score 8+ Agreed a good wine for a summer evening especially as an aperitif		

No 2 –Ned Skyscraper Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand 13% Majestic £15 (£13.50 mix 6) 2024

Wine Notes:

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc is all about fresh, zingy flavours. And the chief winemaker of The Ned, Brent Marris, makes sure his wines have exactly that.

By owning all his own vineyards and harvest equipment, he is able to decide the very best moment to pick – when grapes are optimally ripe and fresh.

Take one sniff of your glass and you’ll know he’s got it spot on. Lively aromas of grapefruit, apple and stone fruits are balanced by a wet-stone minerality, crisp acidity and a long finish. Try it with a grilled chicken salad. In 2022, this wine won an IWC award for the 2021 vintage.

Look	Nose	Taste
Clear and pale	Grapefruit	Crisp and zingy with a longer finish.
Score 8+ but all agreed this wine needs to be taken with food		

No 3 – Tesco Finest Nero D’Avola - Sicily - 13% Tesco £8.50, £7.50 with club card
Wine Notes:

Nero d'Avola red wine Denominazione di origine controllata. Wine of Italy. Pairs with grilled lamb, pasta alla Norma and parmigiana. From the sun drenched vineyards of Western Sicily, where the coastal proximity imparts a vibrant freshness and elegance to the wine. The wine is bursting with flavours of plum and cherries, with hints of savoury spiced notes, and a juicy rich finish.

Sicily's signature grape bursting with berry flavours. From respected producer COLOMBA BIANCA. 2024

Look	Nose	Taste
Nice colour to this wine slightly deeper than a burgundy	Plums	Pleasant initial impact of plums but quite a thin finish
Score 7.5		

No 4 – The Society’s Sicilian Reserve Red - 2022 13.5% Wine Society £8.75

Wine Notes:

Produced from carefully selected New D’Avola grapes from both the Ragusa and Agreento regions of Sicily, where the Mediterranean climate, tempered by a cooling coastal breeze, produces full bodied red wines. Aged in Oak Barrels with a further 12 months maturation in bottle before release, this is a deep coloured wine, with rich red and black fruit on the nose and palate. Smooth generous and mellow but with good structure, this gives plenty of flavour for your money and would be a good match for grilled meats, burgers or mediterranean vegetables.

Look	Nose	Taste
Slightly darker than the last but good colour	Blackberry	Blackberry and other red fruits a more complex finish but initial sips left dryness in the mouth
Score 7		