



Wines of the week by David Williams



Montirius Le Clos, Vacqueyras, Rhône Valley, France 2009 (£15.45, Berry Bros & Rudd, bbr.com)

Not for the faint-hearted this one. Produced using biodynamic farming techniques it has 15% alcohol so it needs some suitably hearty food. Red meat, either in a stew or roasted, would fit the bill. Its flavour personality may also divide opinion: there's meaty savouriness and peppery spice as well as fragrant black fruit in a red wine full of character and charm.

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