



Champagne



WINNER

WAITROSE BRUT SPECIAL RESERVE VINTAGE 2004 £29.99 Exceptional. Profound depths of really complex, beguiling fruit flavours with a lovely toasty edge.

RUNNERS-UP

SAINSBURY'S TASTE THE DIFFERENCE CHAMPAGNE PREMIER CRU VINTAGE 2005 £25.99 Chardonnay-dominated, a lighter style but wonderful complexity and very fresh.

BARGAIN! TESCO PREMIER CRU NV £19.99 A beautifully balanced wine with good weight, but lively and crisp. A fantastic apéritif and a great price.

BEST OF THE REST

M&S OUDINOT VINTAGE 2005 £29 100% Chardonnay, elegant, classy and mouth-filling. Wonderful with canapés.

THE CO-OPERATIVE LES PIONNIERS BRUT NV £19.99 Great value. Bright and satisfying. Use as an apéritif.

ASDA LOUIS BERNARD BRUT NV £19.97 Delightfully fresh, bright style with a zippy acidity and delicate orchard-fruit flavours.

GHI TIP

Stash bubbly in the fridge three hours before you need it. Fizzy wine takes longer to chill down than still wine

Smoked salmon

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UIG LODGE HAND SLICED SMOKED SALMON £14 for 230g Lovely, light smoked smell and soft buttery texture. Excellent flavour. *Stockist uiglodge.co.uk*

84/100

RUNNERS-UP

DONALD RUSSELL £20 for four packs of 125g Subtle flavour, delicately smoked. Quite salty and a little oily. *Stockist donaldrussell.com*

75/100

BARGAIN! ALDI LONG SLICED SMOKED SALMON £3.49 for 170g Gentle smoky aroma and a delicate flavour.

75/100

BEST OF THE REST

MARKS & SPENCER ORKNEY SCOTTISH LOCHMUIR SMOKED SALMON £8 for 300g Strong smoky flavour, soft melt-in-the-mouth texture. Slightly orangey.

73/100

TESCO FINEST SMOKED SALMON TRIO £14 for 180g Soft texture. Lovely variety of colours, textures and flavours.

68/100

ASDA EXTRA SPECIAL WHISKY SMOKED SALMON £2 for 100g A strong whisky kick that's not for everyone. Thickly sliced, quite a strong fishy flavour.

66/100

GHI TIP

Look out for budget-priced packs of smoked salmon trimmings if all you need are bite-sized pieces for canapés

