

£5 bottle of fizz in world's top 10 wines



By RUKI SAYID, Consumer Editor
THIS corker has popped the myth that you can't get much fizz for a fiver.

The £4.99 sparkling rosé Griffith Park beat off some of the world's finest plonk to bag a place in the connoisseurs' top 10 fizzies.

The wine tantalised the tastebuds of 60 international judges in a blind test as they sipped 408 entries from 24 nations – with many costing six times more than the bargain basement sparkler.

The other top 10 bubbly had an average price of £25 – with one French number costing £31 a bottle.

A spokesman for the prestigious Effervescents du Monde contest in Dijon, France, described Griffith Park as “a real discovery”.

Islay Kennedy, whose company Vickery Wines imports the wine from Australia for Morrisons, said: “This is a great win against some of the top champagnes in the world.”

Suzie Cornwell, Morrisons' senior wine buyer, said: “This is a great achievement.”

And Martin Isark of supermarketbrandguide.co.uk added: “Supermarket shoppers know that rosé wines deliver quality and great value for money.”

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LOVELY BUBBLY

- 1 Champagne Couleurs Doyard Premier Cru Blanc (France) £20.99
- 2 Champagne Pierre Moncuit Cuvee Millesime Grand Cru (France) £19
- 3 Champagne Baron Fuente Grand Millesime Brut 2000 (France) £17.99
- 4 Champagne Philippe Fourrier Cuvee Prestige Brut (France) £31
- 5 Cremant de Bourgogne Veuve Ambal Grande Cuvee (France) £15.95
- 6 Franciacorta DOCG Soul Saten, Contadi Castaldi (Italy) £20
- 7 Griffith Park Sparkling Rose (Australia) £4.99
- 8 Theale Vineyard Blanc Founder's Reserve Brut 2003 (UK) £22.99
- 9 Trapiche Extra Brut (Argentina) £10
- 10 Cremant d'Alsace Arthur Metz Brut Millesime Rose (France) £6