

## Six for summer sipping

There's so much more to white wine than chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and, yes, pinot grigio. You may have a chance for more encounters with so-called alternative whites this summer, because experts believe wine drinkers are looking for something different. One of these six whites may just be your must-have pour.

### 2008 Charles Smith Kung Fu Girl Riesling

A vibrant riesling from Washington's Columbia Valley with notes of watermelon and lime, a sweet-tart nose and lots of mouthwatering acidity. Perfect for Thai curries, stir-fries, grilled whitefish.

\$\$\$ \$12

### 2007 Condes de Albarei Albarino

This is a big, mouth-filling Spanish white with a buttery floral nose and touches of pear on the palate. Serve with grilled shrimp, paella, orange-marinated pork tenderloin.

\$\$\$ \$15

### 2007 Helfrich

### Gewurztraminer

From Alsace in France, a voluptuous wine warmed with hints of clove and cinnamon. The nose offers touches of violets, honey and washed stone. Serve with buffalo wings, grilled teriyaki salmon, roast duck.

\$\$\$ \$12

### 2008 Bonny Doon Ca' del Solo Muscat

This wine from California's Monterey County has the spicy, grapey aroma characteristic of this grape variety. The flavor is quite dry but with just a touch of sweetness for added depth. Serve with grilled chicken and mango salsa, adobo-rubbed pork chops, grilled bacon-wrapped shrimp.

\$\$ \$18

### 2008 Marques de Cáceres Rioja

A Spanish white so lively and tart it leaves a tingle on the tongue. Made from viura (also known as macabeo) grapes, the wine has a fragrant aroma suggestive of apples. The flavor offers up touches of grapefruit. Serve with shrimp salad sandwiches, tapas, fried chicken.

\$\$ \$10

### 2007 Donnafugata Anthilia

A 50-50 blend of ansonica and catarratto from Sicily, this wine has a buttery texture. The flavor offers notes of butterscotch and honey. Serve with fried calamari, lobster salad, shrimp and pineapple skewers.

\$\$ \$15

*You want that wine. But your store may not choose to carry it. What to do if your search for these wines runs dry? Ask your wine retailer for a wine similar in flavor, style and price to your chosen bottle.*





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Kung Fu Girl Riesling from Charles Smith winery placed first in a tasting of white wines for summer.