



Moldova

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This small independent landlocked country is to be found between Romania and the Ukraine. There are four main wine producing areas, the north (the smallest), the Central or Codru, the Southern and the South-Eastern.

Château Vartely

Vartely produces white wines from the Central region (sub-region Jora-de Sus) and reds from the south (sub-region Bugeac).

White Wines

Fetească Albă 2011**89 2012-14**

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

There is an attractive mix of lime and slightly richer grapefruit on the nose quite floral. The palate starts fresh with a hint of sweet tropical fruit in the middle but finishes with a grapefruit lime crispness

Sauvignon Blanc 2011**87 2012-14**

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

The tropical fruit mix on the nose is quite sweet and this gives a rich start to the palate. There is some underlying citrus that refreshes and brings out the flavours on the back palate and finish.

Traminer 2010**88 2012-15**

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

The nose is light fresh very perfumed and spicy. Richer sweeter flavours fill out the mid palate a hint of peach with the freshness on the back palate bringing out the exotic spicy perfume.

Rosé Wines

Rosé 2011**85 2012-13****Malbec Shiraz**

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

Both nose and palate are quite sweet with lots of fleshy strawberry. There is some mid freshness but the overall feel is of richness just lacking some freshness and complexity.

Red Wines

Merlot 2008

85 2012-14

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

The nose has a leafy herbal character backed by red plum. The sweetness on the mid palate tends to be overtaken by tannic firmness and this leaves the finish a bit short and dry.

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

85 2012-14

Tasted at the LWTF May 2012

Cassis and black cherry feature on the nose with behind a minty herbal character. The mid palate is quite fresh black fruited with structured firm tannins but the peppermint herbal character tends to over dominate the fruit on the finish.