



Forget red or white, the must have drink is orange wine

by Helen McGinn

USUALLY picking a bottle of wine starts with a straightforward red or white. But to be in vogue with your vino it's time you changed colour. Enter orange wine.

Orange wines have been increasingly popping up in trendy wine bars and restaurants in recent years. This summer, more orange wines than ever are hitting the shelves and there are some great bargains to be found.

It's not wine made from oranges. Like all other wine, it's made from fermented grapes, specifically white grape varieties with light-coloured skins. What makes them different from white wine is the way they're made. The juice of the grapes is fermented with the skins, sometimes referred to as skin contact wines, and in some cases left to macerate for longer, which gives the wine its amber colour.

The best ones manage to combine the freshness of a white wine with depth and texture you might find in a red. Ready to give orange wine a go? Our drinks expert HELEN MCGINN shares her pick of the bunch...

GREAT VALUE VINO

Gros Manseng Vin Orange, £7, Asda
A REAL gem in the Asda range, and great value. Made in France, the grape is Gros Manseng and sits at the lighter end of the orange wine spectrum.

It's delightfully fresh with subtle floral aromas and a touch of nuttiness behind the mostly mango fruit flavours. Serve lightly chilled with nibbles. 4/5

FULL OF FLAVOUR

Tbilvino Qvevris Orange Wine, £10.50, M&S
FROM Georgia, the original home of orange wine, the label hints at the traditional clay pots, known as Qvevri (pronounced kev-ree), used to make and store the wine. The grape is Rkatsiteli, one of the local varieties used to make orange wine in Georgia, producing wines with lots of flavour and texture. This

one's bone dry with plenty of quince fruit. Brilliant with spicy chicken dishes. 5/5

BEYOND THE PALE

Winzer Krems Orange Gruner Veltliner, £11.99, Majestic
MADE from Austria's star white grape, this is a lovely take on the orange wine style. Pale in colour, it's got the trademark flavours of stone fruit and spice so typical of Gruner. But there's more texture and a touch of ginger. Fabulous with curries, however hot. 3/5

FRESH FRENCH WINE

Gerard Bertrand Organic Orange Gold, £19, Ocado

A BLEND of six white grapes including Chardonnay, Marsanne and Viognier, this is made by one of the most innovative producers in the Languedoc region in southern France. It's Bertrand's first foray into orange wine. Fresh with nectarine flavours, serve chilled with a plate of charcuterie. 3/5

BAGS OF CHARACTER

Macerao Naranjo Orange Wine, £7.99, Waitrose
FROM southern Chile's Itata Valley, this delightfully floral wine is made from the Muscat grape grown on old bush vines by Luis Felipe Edwards, a family-owned producer. Fermented with wild yeasts, it's got bags of character with citrus fruit flavours, honey and orange blossom. Serve with Asian-inspired dishes. 3/5

BRITISH BLEND

Litmus Orange Wine, £17.99, theenglishvine.co.uk
THIS was one of the first orange wines to be cultivated in the UK, made by the winemaking team at Denbies in Surrey. The grape is Bacchus, and the resulting wine is textured, nutty and herbal with fennel and white pepper notes. Serve with hard cheese — delicious! 4/5

Looking to add some Mediterranean flair to your wardrobe? Then embrace the latest Tik Tok trend 'Tomato Girl' — summer's hottest look



Vanessa Kirby



Emily Ratajkowski



Lady Amelia Windsor



Emma Weymouth



Jennifer Lopez



Sydney Sweeney



Kate Moss

LOOKING for a way to juice up your summer wardrobe? Then may I direct you to the latest look sweeping the style scene: tomato girl.

With more than 3.7 million views on TikTok, 'tomato girl' style is

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shaping up to be one of the most popular trends of the season. And it's not just the young fashionistas of social media who are wearing it;

celebrities including Jennifer Lopez, Kate Moss and model Emily Ratajkowski are turning tomato, too.

So what on Earth is it? As the name implies, the tomato girl aesthetic involves wearing plenty of hot red — however, that's just the start. Taking inspiration from the Mediterranean, this look is all about channelling La Dolce Vita

in sun-drenched colours, romantic ruffles, vintage prints and easy-breezy fabrics.

Think Gwyneth Paltrow's Marge in The Talented Mr Ripley meets The White Lotus' Jennifer Coolidge. Puff sleeves, linen dresses, basket bags, espadrilles — if you can imagine wearing it on the back of a Vespa zipping along the Amalfi Coast, you're on the

right track. Escapism dressing at its finest, the emergence of tomato girl couldn't be better timed.

With the great British summer currently a washout, what better way to evoke sunshine vibes than throwing on something bright and playful? I'll be embracing the trend to cheer up my imminent Cornish caravan trip. Let's hope the village shop sells Aperol. If you

are jetting away this summer, though, consider tomato girl the ultimate holiday wardrobe.

Colourful cotton dresses can be worn with a basket for market shopping, then dressed up with gold jewellery for Aperitivo hour. A linen shirt makes a chic cover-up around the pool and can be paired with shorts when sightseeing. Take your cue from actress

Sydney Sweeney, star of Euphoria and The Handmaid's Tale, and add a silk headscarf and oversized sunglasses.

For those with summer weddings in the diary, make like the Marchioness of Bath, Emma Weymouth, and reach for a splashy floral-print gown (hers was Dolce and Gabbana; try Reformation for something cheaper). Or go full vamp in a tomato-red dress à la Mission Impossible actress Vanessa Kirby, finishing the look with retro cat's-eyes shades.

Looking just to dip a toe into the trend? Try Cosmetic à la Cartes's lipstick in Pachino red. Named after the tomatoes, the long-lasting formula can withstand slurps of spaghetti pomodoro — what could be more tomato girl?

THE FIRST LOOK

Our edit of what hits stores TODAY

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Dress, £95, jovonnalondon.com

Earrings, £260, theyssos.com

Skirt, £27.99, hm.com

Shirt, £295, sigridmaria.com

Shoes, £82, cayumas.com

Hair clip, £16, emijay.com

Bag, £55, monsoon.co.uk

Earrings, £97, patspats.com

Dress, £49.99, zara.com

Bag, £36, mamatich.fr

Shoes, £35, monki.com

Bracelet, £20, thecorium.co.uk

Waistcoat, £49.99, mango.com

Bag, £129, bambiandrose.com

Bag, £56, brunnaco.com