

Château L'Avocat - Graves Blanc takes the « top marks » in Decanter July 2008 tasting!

UNSUNG HEROES

He loves his claret, but when it comes to refreshing, good-value whites, **STEVEN SPURRIER** can't get past Bordeaux's other great style. Here, he recommends his top 20 from £5–£15, and considers the best-value region

'These were easy to taste partly because of the crisp, fresh style and partly because the quality was uniformly high'

Richard Bampfield MW

THE WHITE STUFF: SPURRIER'S TOP 20 FROM £5–£15

Château l'Avocat, Graves 2005

(17pts/20) ★★★★★

'Lemon yellow. Attractive white flower nose. Good expression of harmonious Graves fruit; a lovely wine and still young. 2008–10.'

£12.87; J&B



Château l'Avocat, Graves 2006

(17/20) ★★★★★

'Very pale yellow. White flowers and minerals on the nose. Nice lift of florality on the palate; an elegant Graves from a good origin. 2008–10.'

£12.50; J&B

'The Graves were a revelation, where the unoaked wines had depth to match the freshness and the oaked wines had sufficient natural flavour to carry the oak effortlessly'

Richard Bampfield MW

