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The following 4 wines are selections of white varietals recommended by Plain Dealer Wine Critic John S. Long. Long did a blind testing of 97 wines to come up with the 21 wines in this chart.



Ondine
SOUTH AFRICA
2005

The legendary ballerina Margot Fonteyn will always be associated with Ondine, the ballet created expressly for her by Sir Frederick Ashton.



Her unearthly beauty and fluid grace perfectly evoked the water spirit who lived in a fountain, in a haunted, watery world of mystery. The ballet is filled with rippling images of waterfalls, sea and streams.

CHENIN BLANC

Chenin Blanc

Ondine 2005 Chenin Blanc \$13.99

South African wine with mineral and soft tree-fruit aromas; flavor of spices, apple custard and a long pear/apple custard finish.



Riesling

Weingut Max Ferd. Richter 2005 Richter Estate Riesling \$12.99

Aroma of crisp apples with a juicy, sweet apple and pear flavor and a little fennel/licorice flavor on the finish.



The Exotics

Jaffurs 2004 Roussanne \$29.99

This opens into an aroma of soft fruits, followed by a creamy honey and floral flavor with a little grilled apricots on the finish.

Jaffurs
Wine Cellars



Mas de la Dame 2004 La Stele \$13.99

Mineral notes on the nose, followed by flavors of apricot and peach with a little fennel on the finish for the wine, made of 80 percent rolle grapes and 20 percent clairette grapes.