



Pieropan Soave 2008

Italy (\$35)

Pieropan's Soave features in this year's Top 20 for two reasons. For a start, this yardstick unoaked soave made from 90 per cent garganega and 10 per cent trebbiano di soave from the Veneto region in north-east Italy is as good a version as I can remember, with its subtle aromas of apple blossom, almond and white flowers and a palate that is gently textured and refreshing. Equally important, the Pieropan family deserves kudos for being prepared to give up its Classico denomination in order to seal the wine in screwcap, ensuring both its freshness and consistency now and over the next two to three years.