

40 under £40: best of California

California is increasingly a source of both quality and affordability. Here, Oz Clarke offers his mantras to heed when seeking out great value wines, then rates the best with Ronan Sayburn MS



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12 Marimar Estate, Albarino, Russian River Valley, Sonoma 2015 92

£30.99 Define Food & Wine, Liquorice

● Cabotte, D&D London, Midsummer House

A bright and spirited Albarino that has a significant amount of zest to the palate, yet with a certain softness finishing on a light brush of herbs. **Drink** 2017 **Alc** 13.5%

38 Marimar Estate, La Masia Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, Sonoma 2013 89

£35.49 Hailsham Cellars, Mill Hill Wine, Penistone Court Wine Cellars

● Cabotte, D&D London

A creamy example of Russian River Valley Chardonnay that has a full, ripe palate and a rounded texture. **Drink** 2017-2019 **Alc** 14%