

four of the best

My top four wines tasted during May 2007. A very tough choice (as always) with some great tastings during the month and a visit to the winemakers of Slovenia.

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Simčič (Slovenia) Teodor Reserve 2003

I gave this wine a bit of a rave review and score of 91 when tasted in H&H Bancroft's tasting from february of this year, but little did I know then that in May I'd be invited to spend a fascinating few days visiting several of Slovenia's most innovative estates, including the estate of Marjan Simčič. The quality throughout the portfolio is outstanding, but this beautiful wine blew me away again, so it deserves wine of the month on this second tasting opportunity. It has a fine, waxy density and green fig richness, with complex notes of leaf tea, green tea and chamomile. Lots of honey that persists onto the palate gives real richness and a buttery, fudgy quality to clean, pure, limpidly bright fruit and acidity. Minerality is expressive here too, with a slightly smoky quality into the finish. Superb stuff. £15.50, H&H Bancroft.

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awarded to

SIMCIC TEODOR RESERVE 2003

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