



WINE LIST

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*F*INER WINES BY THE GLASS

The Coravin system now provides us with the ability to serve some of our more select wines by the glass, from some of the most esteemed regions and producers in the world. We hope you enjoy them!

WHITE	125ml
420. 2017 Condrieu Aux Ruses DOMAINE LAFOY – COTE ROTIE	11.00
314. 2016 Cartology ALHEIT VINEYARDS - WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA	9.50
416. 2014 The Fuder Chadonnay MALBOROUGH - NEW ZEALAND	10.50
320. 2016 Terre Alte LIVIO FELLUGA - FRUILI-VENEZIA GIULIA, ITALY	11.25
609. 2014 Puligny-Montrachet DOMAINE ETIENNE SAUZET - COTE DE BEAUNE	11.25
605. 2014 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc Cuveé Marine DOMAINE ANNE GROS – VOSNE ROMANEE	9.20
RED	
1412 2009 Château Potensac, MEDOC	8.50
1407 2012 Petit Verdot, SNOWDEN VINEYARDS - NAPA VALLEY	11.50
1327 2010 Brunello di Montalcino FATTORIA LA GERLA - TUSCANY	12.50
1319 2013 Vinyes Velles, FERRER BOBET - PRIORAT, SPAIN	10.00
1124 2012 Barbaresco 'Bordini' ELVIO COGNO - PIEDMONT	9.00
1259 2011 Volnay 'Clos de la Cave', JEAN-MARC BOULEY - COTE DE BEAUNE	Drunk!
1314 2010 Mauro, CASTILLA Y LEON - SPAIN	12.50

QUICK & EASY

BY THE GLASS, CARAFE, BOTTLE

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINES - <i>take a look at the champagne page</i>		175 ML	BOTTLE		
101.	Michel Guilleminot brut - CHAMPAGNE	10.00	39.00		
112.	Louis Bouillot Perle D'aurore rosé - BURGUNDY	9.50	37.00		
111.	Prosecco Ita - ITALY	9.00	29.00		
WHITES		125ML	175ML	500ML (CARAFE)	BOTTLE
DRY, FRESH, ZIPPY					
201.	Picpoul de Pinet - LANGUEDOC	3.85	5.40	15.00	19.50
207.	Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie, SEB CHEREAU - LOIRE	5.00	6.85	19.50	25.00
209.	Vinho Verde, CASA AGRICOLA DE COMPOSTELA - PORTUGAL	4.50	5.80	16.25	21.25
DRY, FRESH MINERAL					
216.	Gavi di Gavi, GIUSTINIANA - PIEDMONT, ITALY	5.25	7.50	20.90	27.75
205.	Sauvignon Blanc, HOLY SNAIL - LOIRE	4.35	6.20	17.30	22.75
219.	Viognier, LA PARADOU - LUBERON	4.40	6.30	17.50	23.00
RICH & FULL BODIED DRY WHITES - NON CHARDONNAY					
329.	Godello Maga, Karma do Sil - RIBEIRA SACRA, SPAIN	5.15	7.40	20.50	27.25
AROMATIC - DRY & FRUITY					
312.	Regaleali Bianco, Tasca d'Almerita - SICILY	5.05	7.00	19.00	26.00
306.	Sauvignon Blanc, GREYWACKE - NEW ZEALAND	6.15	8.75	24.50	31.25
AROMATIC - RICH DRY					
301.	Chenin Blanc, CAVE DE SAUMUR - LOIRE	4.75	6.60	18.25	24.00
CHARDONNAY FULLER BODIED					
406.	Chardonnay, 3 Lions PLANTAGENET - WEST AUSTRALIA	4.80	6.75	18.75	24.75
CHARDONNAY LIGHTER BODIED					
516.	Macon Villages, DOMAINE TERRES SECRETES - BURGUNDY	5.25	7.50	20.90	27.75
502.	Chablis, DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET - CHABLIS	7.20	10.00	28.75	38.75
REDS					
LIGHTER EASY DRINKING REDS					
801.	Carignan/Merlot, Mon Roc - LANGUEDOC	3.85	5.40	15.00	19.50
802.	Grenache, LE PARADOU - LUBERON, FRANCE	4.35	6.20	17.30	22.75
1132.	Pinot Noir, 'Kumeu River', HAWKES BAY - NEW ZEALAND	6.10	8.70	24.35	31.00
816.	Ribeo, ROCCAPESTA - MORELLINO DI SCANSANO, TUSCANY	5.20	7.50	21.25	28.25
EASY DRINKING REDS ~ MEDIUM WEIGHT					
813.	Merlot, MONTES CLASSIC - CHILE	3.90	5.65	15.55	20.25
820.	Rioja, Sancho Garcés Reserva, URUÑUELA - RIOJA	5.20	7.50	21.25	28.25
921.	Alfrocheiro, TERRAS D'ALTER - ALTO ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL	5.25	7.50	20.90	27.75
905.	Château Malbat - BORDEAUX	4.75	6.60	18.25	24.00
825.	Fleurie - BEAUJOLAIS	7.00	9.85	27.70	37.25
FULLER SUCCULENT BODIED REDS					
902.	Shiraz/Cabernet, WILDCARD - SOUTH AUSTRALIA	3.95	5.65	15.20	19.75
901.	Malbec/Corvina, MASI - ARGENTINA	5.50	7.80	21.70	29.50
913.	Cinsaut Grenache Mourvèdre, ROAN RANGER - SOUTH AFRICA	4.85	6.95	19.30	25.50
ROSES					
701.	Rose de Provence, SELECTION ANGELVIN - PROVENCE	5.50	7.80	21.70	29.50
702.	Chiarretto Rosé, CA'DEI FRATI - VENETO	6.10	8.60	24.00	30.25

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CHAMPAGNES

Most venues look at Champagne as they would selling wine, forgetting it's a luxury addition to their evening and making it unaffordable - The Crown has never done this, as we have always tried to encourage people to have a great time in our relaxed surroundings. This list will hopefully be a way for you to just simply say 'well why not!!' For as Lily Bollinger, House of Bollinger, was once quoted:

*"I drink Champagne when I'm happy and when I'm sad.
Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone.
When I have company I consider it obligatory.
I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am.
Otherwise, I never touch it - unless I'm thirsty."*

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| 101. | Michel Guilleminot brut
<i>Michel Guilleminot's brut enjoys an enviable reputation for sheer value for money and consistency. The perfect aperitif.</i> | 39.00 |
| 108. | Michel Guilleminot brut
<i>Makes sense if you are 6 (persons not age!) or more – in fact often when served by magnum it is of better quality as the wine has more room to develop.</i> | EN MAGNUM 78.00 |
| 105. | Bollinger Brut
<i>Mellow and complex, this classic champagne shows an extraordinary depth of flavour.</i> | 55.00 |
| 104. | Billecart Salmon Brut
<i>From this highly acclaimed House, a delightful champagne with a charming, fruity nose with a hint of roasted nuts.</i> | 62.00 |
| 110. | Louis Roederer Brut Premier
<i>From the maker of Cristal, a deliciously rich Champagne, with an overt fruitiness and nutty, yeasty notes. A rewarding finish is a hallmark of the house style.</i> | 62.00 |
| 103. | Pol Roger
<i>A personal favourite of Sir Winston Churchill, who had a pint-bottle every afternoon for lunch and another one every evening as a night cap! Sounds like a good day to us!</i> | 67.00 |
| 106. | Krug Grande cuvée
<i>Possibly the finest non-vintage champagne of them all. An explosion of flavours in the glass.</i> | 180.00 |
| 102. | Michel Guilleminot Rosé
<i>Extended skin contact gives this wine its vibrant deep salmon pink colour, and with it a wonderful summer berry aroma.</i> | 46.00 |
| 107. | Billecart Salmon Rosé
<i>One of my favourites! A blend of all three Champagne grapes to produce a perfectly balanced and refined Champagne.</i> | 80.00 |
| 109. | Michel Guilleminot brut -
<i>Makes sense if you are the only one drinking!</i> | HALVES 23.00 |

SPARKLING WINES

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| 111. | Prosecco Ita, Vino Spumante - ITALY
<i>A Prosecco, crisp with flavours of fresh apple. The Brits have quite literally taken this low alcohol sparkler to their hearts in abundance.</i> | 29.00 |
| 112. | Louis Bouillot Perle D'aurore rosé - BURGUNDY
<i>Made using the traditional method, this salmon pink rosé is soft and creamy-textured with delicate bubbles.</i> | 37.00 |

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WHITE WINES

DRY · FRESH · MINERAL

201.	2018 Picpoul de Pinet, Baron de Badassière, LANGUEDOC <i>A dry easy drinking fresh wine with fruity notes.</i>	19.50
209.	2018 Espigueiro Vinho Verde, CASA AGRICOLA DE COMPOSTELA - PORTUGAL <i>Bright and perky Vinho Verde. A bright crisp and wonderfully crunchy, sparky white for drinks or a great accompaniment to a seafood platter. Citrus, apple and a touch of wild herb, this is an easy going and super refreshing.</i>	21.75
205.	2018 Sauvignon Blanc `Holy Snail`, DOMAINE JOEL DELAUNAY- LOIRE <i>Pale yellow in colour with green tints. An expressive nose, marrying grapefruit, gooseberry, pear, fresh lime and a subtle touch of tropical fruit. These bright fruits continue onto the palate, which is round, fleshy and framed by a delicate touch of sweetness. A soft and perfumed Sauvignon Blanc.</i>	22.75
207.	2018 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Sur Lie, DOMAINE DE LA MORTAINE - LOIRE <i>Fantastic with all types of seafood – exceptional balance.</i>	25.00
208.	2017 Bourgogne Aligoté, PERRAUD - BURGUNDY <i>A lovely well-made Aligote, delicate on the nose, elegant on the palate.</i>	24.75
217.	2018 Soave Classico, PIEROPAN - VENETO, ITALY <i>The Pieropan family has been producing wines in Soave since the 1890s. Indeed, they were the first producer to bottle a wine with the name Soave on the label in the early 1930s. This is a fresh and expressive Soave, with classic aromas of white flowers, almond blossoms and a touch of citrus. Rounded, ripe fruit is perfectly balanced by a fresh, clean acidity. Long and fragrant. Outstanding wine to accompany asparagus, but fabulous with other vegetarian options as well!</i>	26.25
216.	2018 Gavi di Gavi, GIUSTINIANA - PIEDMONT, ITALY <i>A great example of just how good Gavi can be if made by the right winemaker. 100% Cortese fermented in stainless steel, delicious with all seafoods and salads - delicate floral aromas, juicy acidity and citrus overtones on the palate. Excellent example of what Gavi should be!</i>	27.75
210.	2016 Pinot Blanc, TRIMBACH - ALSACE <i>Plenty of lovely lemony fruit – Summer in a glass by another highly regarded producer.</i>	29.25
223.	2018 Sancerre, FRANCOIS MILLET - LOIRE <i>Delicious fresh fruit and bright, floral aromas. This is pristine sauvignon at its very best - ripe and pronounced with flavours of crisp, green apple and citrus fruit. Perhaps a shade more poised and elegant than the 2015, with subtle mineral notes and hints of newly-cut grass enhancing the racy, verdant fruit. Finishes with a touch of richness and a lively, mountain-stream freshness.</i>	36.50
218.	2018 Pouilly-Fumé, DOMAINE DES FINES CAILLOTES, ALAIN PABIOT - LOIRE <i>Grass, currants, citrus fruits all with a vibrant acidity and a fruity finish.</i>	36.00
219.	2018 Viognier, LE PARADOU, LUBERON - FRANCE <i>An exotic nose of white flowers, white fruit (peach and nectarine). In the mouth, it is very fresh and balanced, with citrus aromas (lemon and grapefruit), white fruit and a great minerality.</i>	23.00
202.	2017 Viognier de Rosine, DOMAINE STEPHANE & MICHEL OGIER - IGP COLLINES RHODANIENNES, RHONE <i>Vines planted in 2000. Next to his Syrah. Broad, glucose sort of nose. Racy and satin textured gentle concentration.</i>	44.00

AROMATIC - DRY FRUITINESS

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| 302. | 2017 Riesling Mitchell - CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA
<i>Crisp acidity and a long lingering fruit finish. Classic Riesling 'petrol' nose.</i> | 23.25 |
| 301. | 2018 Saumur Blanc, CAVE DE SAUMUR - LOIRE
<i>A cornerstone Saumur - Quaffable, consistent Chenin blanc - lovely, zesty, un-oaked Chenin Blanc with bags of ripe fruit and a clean, dry finish. A refreshing, fruity, bon marché crowd-pleaser that we're sure will become a firm favourite.</i> | 24.00 |
| 312. | 2018 Regaleali Bianco, TASCA D'ALMERITA - SICILY
<i>A deliciously refreshing wine; attractive floral nose, hints of sage and blueberry, palate very appealing richness of melon and pineapple, but with a balanced acidity – great value!</i> | 26.00 |
| 328. | 2017 Riesling, HOSPICES DE COLMAR - ALSACE
<i>These old vines are set in 4.5 hectares of soft clay soil. Its wonderfully fresh and vibrant. Amongst the typical petrol nose, it hints white peach, blossom and citrus fruits. Beautifully balanced.</i> | 27.75 |
| 306. | 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, GREYWACKE - MARLBOROUGH, NZ
<i>A modern classic from the maker who originally made and created Cloudy bay – Kevin Judd. Sets the benchmark for new world sauvignons – extraordinary pristine purity and minerality within Kevin's wines.</i> | 31.25 |
| 310. | 2016 Julius Riesling, HENSCHKE, - EDEN VALLEY, AUSTRALIA
<i>Green gold in colour. Floral and perfumed with rose petals, lime lemon zest, and excellent length.</i> | 44.50 |
| 314. | 2016 Cartology, ALHEIT VINEYARDS - WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA
<i>Alheit Vineyards were created in 2010, bringing together parcels of land from around the Cape. Primarily to show that the Cape's vinous heritage is worth celebrating and protecting, and that old vineyards and "ordinary grapes" provided are a wonderful opportunity of portraying what is possible. The Cartology cuveé is composed of rare and extraordinary parcels of mature dryland bushvines. The varieties used are - Chenin blanc and Semillon, and have been planted in the Cape for centuries. The Chenin comes from Skurfberg, Perdeberg, Bottelary, False Bay and Botrivier. The Semillon comes from the old La Colline block in Franschhoek. 2015 was an extremely good vintage for white wine in the Cape. Intensely flavoured; ripe pear, honey and limey citrus come to mind. There are herbal/floral notes too - spearmint and lime leaf. The natural acid is a treat.</i> | 50.00 |

AROMATIC - OFF DRY TO MEDIUM DRY RICHNESS

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| 311. | 2018 Gewürztraminer réserve, CAVE DE HUNAWIHR - ALSACE
<i>Pale gold colour, Turkish delight that jumps up your nose and Lychees again dominant with a touch of sweetish rose water and seriously overripe exotic fruit. Good acidity leaving you just wanting more.</i> | 26.25 |
| 313. | 2017 Pinot Gris Signature, RENE MURE - ALSACE
<i>Richly dry, with enticing flavours of spiced pear, clean citrusy balance and a good positive finish - cracking</i> | 27.95 |
| 330. | 2016 Pinot Gris, GREYWACKE - MARLBOROUGH, NZ
<i>A luxurious concoction of pears, red apples and quince make for a rich aromatic profile with hints of honeysuckle and cardamom spice, intriguing array of flavors' in a supple, concentrated just off-dry style.</i> | 33.50 |

RICH & FULL BODIED DRY WHITES – NON CHARDONNAY

316. 2018 Luberon, Famille Perrin - COTES DU LUBERON 22.55
Bright pale yellow with hints of yellow fruit, hazelnuts and vine peaches.
329. 2017 Godello Maga, Karma do sil - RIBEIRA SACRA, SPAIN 27.25
*In the right hands, the Godello grape of Galicia can yield wines of Puligny-Montrachet-like purity and structure. Antonio Lombardia is a brilliant. Everything here is hand-picked, carefully destemmed and then fermented at cool temperatures to get the purest expression of Godello from his prime fruit. Spends time on the lees in tank to intensify the flavour and add texture – simple yet intelligent, careful winemaking. **Vegan Wine***
303. 2016 Ribeiro Blanco 'V' Finca Viñoa - RIBEIRO, SPAIN 28.50
The Galician region of Ribeiro is not as well known in the UK as neighbouring Rías Baixas, but its dashing mineral whites are equally good at matching the abundant local seafood. Made principally from treixadura coming from a blend of grapes indigenous to Ribeiro, it is long and creamy on the palate with captivating aromas. Pairs superbly with seafood.
321. 2016 Lias Albariño, Bodegas Martin Códax - RIAS BAIXAS, GALICIA, SPAIN 30.35
A modern and dynamic co-operative, situated in the Salnés Valley, to the north of Rías Baixas, in the north-western region of Galicia. It was founded in 1986 by 50 families and has since grown to over 550 members.
305. 2017 Extramundi, Bodegas Pazo Tizón - RIBEIRO, SPAIN 30.25
Another offering from the fashionable region of Galicia, Extramundi refers to the area's otherworldly nature. This absolute winner is a fascinating blend of Treixadura, Albariño, Godello and Loureira, with a beautiful saline mouthfeel mixed with some apricot and peachy fruit characters. It is a stylish and sophisticated wine to enjoy with food.
317. 2016 Res Forts Blanc, Cotes-du-Roussillon - COTE DU RHONE, FRANCE 30.00
A fresh balanced white from the Rhone. Expect rich tropical fruit and steely notes, perfect summer drinking with light fish and roasted white meats. Its a cracker!
319. 2017 Gran Autocton Blanc, Autòcton Celler - CATALUNYA, SPAIN 31.50
Autòcton Celler (autòcton means local, indigenous). Selection of the oldest vineyards of local varieties like Sumoll, Xarel lo, Xarel lo Vermell, Malvasia de Sitges, Subirat Parent, Macabeu... fermented in tank or big barrels or amphores. The old vine fruit is aged in older French oak to add a light toasty veneer and creaminess to the concentration of ripe stone fruit flavours yet with no loss of the fresh acidity that gives both wines an appealing dry, almost mineral, finish.
322. 2018 "Le G" de Château Guiraud - SAUTERNES, BORDEAUX 33.50
A brilliant dry white Bordeaux from Château Guiraud in Sauternes. On the palate the wine is crisp and immediate, with crunchy Granny Smith apples, lemongrass, a touch of spice and a creamy, palate coating intensity. So vibrant and scintillating, the wine is wonderfully tensile with a core of tightly wound freshness. Great complexity at this price.
318. 2013 Marsanne, Qupé Winery - SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA DRUNK!
Leave this in the glass for a good 5 minutes, it takes a while to unwind, but then it hits its stride with hay, lemon pith, apricot and ripe pear flavours.
315. 2011 Sémillon, VAT 1 Tyrell's Wines - HUNTER VALLEY, AUSTRALIA DRUNK!
Here the Semillon grape produces a wine that is naturally quite low alcohol and will develop many characteristics typical of oak ageing. It does so despite never coming into contact with the wood at all. Tyrrel's Vat 1 is one of the most famous expressions of Hunter Valley Semillon. Several years after the vintage, it is starting to show some nutty characteristics, but primary citrus fruit remains on the nose and palate suggesting that this wine is starting to drink at its best and will only become more typical over the next decade or so.
320. 2016 Terre Alte, Livio Felluga - FRUILI-VENEZIA GIULIA, ITALY 66.00
Created in 1981, Terre Alte is a balanced blend of Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon grapes, estate-grown at Rosazzo in the historic Terre Alte vineyard. Intense fruit and flower aromas and outstanding structure. This exudes elegance and mineral intensity, a very Burgundian style! A full bodied, structured and layered wine which has a refreshing minerality followed by a persistent, complex finish.
420. 2017 Condrieu, DOMAINE LAFOY – COTE ROTIE 65.00
The nose is refined, has a neat air of pear, mandarin, flowers – it's a good, precise opening. The palate starts softly, flavoured with pear, vanilla and banana.

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CHARDONNAYS - NON BURGUNDY LIGHTER BODIED

409. 2018 Domaine du Cl ray - LOIRE 26.00
Western end of of the Loire, this Chardonnay has more than a hint of Chablis about it, with pure, pristine green-apple and citrus fruit flavours, and a familiar hint of minerality. Very good partner with seafood and shellfish.
405. 2016 Dog Point Vineyard - MARLBOROUGH, NZ 36.25
A lovely structured and elegant wine. The vineyard takes a 'low tech' approach which is key to the quality of this wine.
412. 2015 Solea, Roagna - LANGHE PIEDMONT, ITALY 79.50
75 to 80% Chardonnay, 20 to 25% Nebbiolo. We have listed a few of the Roagna Family's red wines - namely his stunning Barbaresco, which had many of our customers falling over themselves, so a great treat to come across the white. A belief in keeping things natural no herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers in the vineyards, and a cover crop of grass forces the vine roots deeper to search for nutrients.
408. 2013 Bell Hill - CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND DRUNK!
Minerally and peachy. Lovely stoney fruit that has several layers of complexity. Exceptional.

MEDIUM TO FULLER BODIED

406. 2017 '3' Lions, Plantagenet - ALBANY, WEST AUSTRALIA 24.75
A delicate and pure fruited style of Chardonnay, bursting with stone fruit and lemon blossom aromas. Lively flavours of grapefruit and lemon meringue are balanced by a subtle richness, while nervy cool climate acidity brings great persistence and just a hint of minerality. Plantagenet the winery is now self-sufficient, with 126 hectares of vineyard in Great Southern. All their wines are now made from estate fruit, so it makes sense that they should introduce a new label, with a link to the name Plantagenet.
404. 2017 Wild Boy - SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA 40.00
In 1989 and 1990 Au Bon Climat was on Robert Parker's short list of Best Wineries in the World, and in 1991 was selected by Oz Clark as one of fifty world-wide creators of Modern Classic Wines. The winery has cultivated an international reputation for its wines, and recognised worldwide for classically styled wines. Pale straw with a green hue. The nose has lemon, lime and sherbet notes, ripe apple fruit with a viscous, mouth coating texture but with a zesty, medium finish to leave the mouth clean. Oak notable but not overwhelming.
402. 2015 Frogs Leap Vineyard - NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 43.60
Fans of the recent vintages of Frog's Leap Chardonnay will not be disappointed with this effort: precise, crisp flavors, a mouthfeel without weight all with intriguing aromas of toasted hazelnuts, cream, and white peaches. This wine is simply delicious and so unlike typical "fruity, sweet, oaky" California Chardonnays. A wine perfectly suited for any dish for which you would otherwise consider a lovely Chablis or a delightful white from Macon. John Williams has a simple philosophy which is emulated throughout his wines, of keeping things as natural as possible, let nature do the talking, something I wholeheartedly support - no irrigation, no fertilizers, no pesticides - is not a recent phenomenon that John has recently jumped on but one he has been practicing since he first started making wines at Frog's Leap in 1981.
411. 2017 M3 Shaw and Smith - ADELAIDE HILLS, AUSTRALIA 49.00
Shows the characters of the cool summer and autumn in 2012, with primary fruit notes of nectarine and cumquat, and vivid fresh acidity that provides structure and focus.
416. 2014 The Fuder Chardonnay – Clayvin, MALBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND 60.00
This is an intense and complex Chardonnay offering ripe peaches, honey and cashews with brioche nuance. It shares its terroir with both savoury and mineral flavour. On the palate it has a satiny texture which is complemented by a lively acid backbone, its finishing with lingering honey notes.

CHARDONNAYS - BURGUNDY

In our humble opinion, the finest white wine producing area/region in the world.

CHABLIS

50 years ago there were just 400ha of vineyards in Chablis, today there are 4,900ha. The generic and premier cru vineyards have doubled since 1970. Being further north than the rest of Burgundy, and on a different version of limestone - Kimmeridgian, and some Portlandian the wines are subtly but fundamentally different in style - fresh minerality and steeliness which makes them so good with seafood. Allow the wines time to settle and relax in the glass, and enjoy it as it develops in the glass.

VILLAGE VINEYARDS

502. 2017 DOMAINE SEGUINOT-BORDET 38.75

PREMIER CRU VINEYARDS

513. 2015 Côte de Lechet, DOMAINE BERNARD DEFAIX DRUNK!
504. 2017 Fourchaume, LE DOMAINE D'HENRI 49.00
511. 2010 Montée de Tonnerre, DOMAINE WILLIAM FEVRE Drunk!
509. 2009 Vaillons, DOMAINE DAUVISSAT-CAMUS 80.00

GRAND CRU VINEYARDS

517. 2010 Les Clos, DOMAINE JEAN-PAUL & BENOIT DROIN 150.00
510. 2005 Les Clos, DOMAINE BILLAUD-SIMON 110.00

MACON/CHALONNAIS

The Mâconnais is a most dynamic region. In the past Pouilly Fuissé, rich and ripe white wines, stood out from the crowd, but a new generation of growers are now producing some excellent Mâcon Villages. These wines used to be cheap and simple, rarely lasting more than a year or two after the vintage, but now one or two growers in each village are making proper, oak aged, complex and reasonably concentrated wines which will develop well in bottle.

The Côte Chalonnaise is south of the main Côte d'Or, the vineyards are interspersed with other forms of agriculture, with just the more favoured slopes being dedicated to vineyards. These wines are fuller and richer, more intensity of fruit but with that glorious burgundian overtone of substance and style.

516. 2017 Mâcon Villages, CHATEAU DU CHARNAY 27.75
518. 2017 Mâcon-Loché En Près Fôret, DOMAINE CLOS DES ROCS (**Sensational!**) 29.50
505. 2017 Saint-Véran, Tradition, DOMAINE DES DEUX ROCHES 30.00
521. 2016 Pouilly-Fuissé 'Sur La Roche', DOMAINE GILLES MORAT 39.50
507. 2015 Montagny 1^{er} Cru, OLIVIER LEFLAIVE CEASED!

CHARDONNAYS - BURGUNDY

More Affordable Burgundy - *delicious on the palate, more palatable on the pocket!*

The cost of Burgundy just goes in one direction, UP! Making it less and less affordable for wine lovers, as world-wide demand for these wonderful wines carries on unabated. What we have tried to do on this page, in addition to having a fabulous selection of wines from the Macon/Chalonais regions, is introduce wines from the classic villages from top producers but listing their generic wines, where the grapes used are from vines deemed to be too young, or from vineyards next door to the village classified wines but perhaps on the lower slopes. Whatever the reason, the wines listed below are delicious on the palate, and more palatable on the pocket!

VILLAGE OF VOSNE-ROMANÉE

605. 2014 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc Cuveé Marine, DOMAINE ANNE GROS DRUNK!
An almost Chablis-like nose is comprised by notes of mineral reduction, iodine and petrol along with background hints of citrus. The racy, intense and attractively stony lighter weight flavors possess solid persistence if only average depth. Still, this is really quite pretty in its fashion.

VILLAGE OF MEURSAULT

619. 2017 Bourgogne Blanc, Les Sétilles, OLIVIER LEFLAIVE FRÈRES 45.00
One of the best Bourgogne Blancs we know, and certainly the best value, the 2015 edition is an absolute stunner. It is expressive with very pure fruit flavours, and a slight mineral texture. With incredibly density yet freshness, it is hard to think of an occasion where this wouldn't perfectly fit the bill.

VILLAGE OF MONTRACHET

615. 2015 Bourgogne Blanc, DOMAINE ETIENNE SAUZET 43.50
The original Etienne Sauzet (1903-75) put together a wine domaine of around 12 hectares and established the Sauzet name as one of the top two or three addresses in the village. The vineyards have been farmed organically since 2006 and after two years of experimentation all switched to biodynamic cultivation from 2010. The grapes are sorted to remove grey rot where necessary, then pressed without crushing and fermented in oak until racking into tank before the next harvest, for a further six months élevage on the fine lees. Very aromatic, with more white flowers than yellow fruit. The palate has a good balance of acidity and concentrated fruit flavours. A lovely wine, elegant and tasting far above its AOC.

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CORTON

These wines are the furthest north in Burgundy apart from the village of Marsannay. More subtle and have greater minerality than their counterparts further south. Nuit St Georges lies in the south of the Cote de Nuits, whilst Corton-Charlemagne lies astride three villages at the northern end of the Côte de Beaune - Ladoix, Aloxe-Corton and Pernand Vergelesses. The hill of Corton faces due south, with an extended flank exposed to the east, another facing westwards. The white wines mostly come from the west and south-west, with a narrow band around the top of the hill. These are cracking wines showing the minerality one would expect.

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| 602. | 2007 Corton-Charlemagne, le Charlemagne Grand Cru,
DOMAINE DE LA VOUGERAIE (<i>Low Stock</i>) | 135.00 |
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MEURSAULT

Meursault is probably the most famous and popular of the great white appellations. Its wines are typically rich and savoury with nutty, honeyed hints and buttery, vanilla spice from the oak.

VILLAGE VINEYARDS

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| 607. | 2014 Les Gruyaches, DOMAINE HEITZ LOCHARDET | 85.00 |
| 622. | 2013 Clos de la Velle, DOMAINE DARVIOT-PERRIN | 72.00 |
| 606. | 2015 Tête de Murger, DOMAINE PATRICK JAVILLIER | 90.00 |
| 627. | 2011 Les Clousots, DOMAINE PATRICK JAVILLIER | 101.00 |

PREMIER CRU VINEYARDS

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| 646. | 2013 Blagny, DOMAINE ANTOINE JOBARD | 85.00 |
| 608. | 2011 Les Charmes, DOMAINE JOBARD | 81.10 |
| 624. | 2008 Les Charmes, DOMAINE MATROT | 81.85 |

SAINT AUBIN

Not the most famous of the Cote d'Or villages, but Saint-Aubin is one of Burgundy's top-performing wine communes in terms of both volume and vineyard quality; nearly three-quarters of its sites have Premier Cru status. Though Saint-Aubin wines are rarely considered to be among the region's finest, they are known for offering excellent value for money and can provide a good introduction to Burgundy wines of both colours. The Hubert Lamy domaine is now run by Olivier Lamy, an auspicious and meticulous eye for detail and all things natural.

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| 503. | 2015 1 ^{er} Cru Les Frionnes, DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY | 75.50 |
| 515. | 2015 1 ^{er} Cru Clos de la Chatenière, DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY | 70.00 |

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| 1613. | 2015 1 ^{er} Cru Clos de la Chatenière, DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY | 145.00 |
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CHARDONNAYS - BURGUNDY

MONTRACHET

When it comes to the world's greatest white wines, the border between Chassagne and Puligny is it! So what is the difference you may ask?

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

Chassagne's style is perhaps between that of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault: less fine than Puligny, less rich and intense than Meursault but contains both. Chassagne is minerally yet succulent, often floral with hints of hazelnuts. **Les Chenevottes** vineyard is at the base of the Montrachet hill - it is one of the larger climats in the region, covering 22 acres (9ha) - rounded and medium-bodied, with nutty, herbaceous characters and plenty of verve. In addition to this the vineyard is at the northern end of Chassagne, near the southern end of the Le Montrachet Grand Cru vineyard – this probably speaks for itself! Total contrast **Les Baudines** is one of Chassagne-Montrachet's most elevated Premier Cru sites. Located at the very southern end of the commune, on the border with Santenay. Elegant, lean, white wine with fresh, stony characters. **La Grande Montagne** is located – as the name suggests - on the steep hillside of the same name just west of Chassagne-Montrachet. The most southerly of the limestone hills which make up the Cote d'Or escarpment.

VILLAGE VINEYARDS

630. 2013 Domaine FONTAINE-GAGNARD	72.00
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PREMIER CRU VINEYARDS

640. 2013 Caillerets, DOMAINE JEAN-MARC PILLOT	92.00
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614. 2011 Baudines, DOMAINE JEAN-MARC PILLOT	75.00
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639. 2009 Clos St Jean, DOMAINE PAUL PILLOT	70.00
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645. 2009 La Grande Montagne, OLIVIER LEFLAIVE FRERES	71.00
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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Puligny produces wines that are more striking than any, portraying an elegance alongside a stylish, steely concentration. They are very different to Meursault: more refined and delicate, and less rich.

Champ Gain - on the upper slopes of Puligny-Montrachet. The elevation and soil in this vineyard are quite different to other parts of the commune, which sets the wines apart from other Puligny wines. Light and elegant, with vibrant minerality and floral, citrusy flavors. Champ Gain translates roughly as "regained field" and refers to the fact that the now-valuable vineyard site was once scrubland and forest – a section of the scrubby Mont-Rachet hillside that gives the village its name. **Les Folatières** is the largest premier cru vineyard in Puligny-Montrachet. Located on the same line of the slope as the Le Montrachet and Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru vineyards. Les Folatières are typically Puligny - focused and minerally, but with nutty, rich overtones of fruit. **Champ Canet** on the northern boundary with Meursault - makes rich, racy white wines with floral, honeyed characters and good minerality. While not as steep as some of the vineyards further south in Puligny, Champ Canet has a good vantage over the countryside to the east from this position, consequently a good exposure to the morning sunlight. This helps ripening and giving the grapes a chance to develop varietal complexity.

VILLAGE VINEYARDS

609. 2014 DOMAINE ETIENNE SAUZET	70.00
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611. 2015 PULIGNY MONTRACHET, OLIVIER LEFLAIVE FRÈRES	96.50
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635. 2014 DOMAINE LEFLAIVE	142.00
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PREMIER CRU VINEYARDS

625. 2015 Les Champs-Gains, DOMAINE MICHEL BOUZEREAU	112.00
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601. 2016 Les Folatierès, DOMAINE ALAIN CHAVY	82.00
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629. 2015 Les Folatierès, DOMAINE BERNARD ET THIERRY GLANTENAY	105.00
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GREAT VALUE LIGHTER ♀ MEDIUM BODIED JUICY REDS

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| 801. | 2018 Carignan/Merlot, MON ROC - LANGUEDOC/ROUSSILLON
<i>Good depth of colour, and a good balance between the opulent fruit and full, robust tannins. Stunning for the price.</i> | 19.50 |
| 813. | 2018 Merlot, Montes Classic - COLCHAGUA VALLEY, CHILE
<i>Spicy black pepper full of harmony and soft on the palate.</i> | 20.25 |
| 802. | 2017 Grenache, Le Paradou - LUBERON, FRANCE
<i>Deep ruby colored, with awesome notes of garrigue, pepper, kirsch and dark fruits, this beauty hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, no hard edges and a great finish. Highly rated by Jeb Dunnuck - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate!</i> | 22.75 |
| 803. | 2018 Garnacha, BODEGAS Y VINEDOS MONFIL, CAMPO DE CARIÑENA, SPAIN
<i>This family run Bodega has been growing grapes in the Campo de Cariñena since 1945, but only bottling their own wines since 2004 when the three siblings Victor, Maria and Ana took the reins. With beautiful, very old vineyard holdings the fruit they grow is incredible on their gnarly old bush vines. Juicily packed with fruit, already great fun to drink. There is a joyous nose of dark cherry, damson and raspberry, all backed by a lively pepperiness. Smooth and supple and not in any way heavy. Great quality wine being made here offering stunning value!</i> | 24.50 |
| 823. | 2015 Cinsault/Syrah L'Étranger, DOMAINE DES TRINITÉS - LANGUEDOC
<i>This comes from a beautiful vineyard right at the top of 'La Serre' in the Faugeres hills, where the gnarly, old bush vines are up to 120 years old. This is 90% Cinsault and 10% Syrah. The silky feel in the mouth is classic Cinsault and there is a beautiful intensity to the lovely bright aromatics, spice, liquorice, cherry, damson and mulberry. Herby too with thyme and even lavender whirling around your palate. The Syrah adds a dose of sap and grip, but this just glides and glides leaving a lovely rounded, spicy trail of joy across the palate.</i> | 27.50 |
| 816. | 2015 Ribeo, ROCCAPESTA - MORELLINO DI SCANSANO, TUSCANY
<i>Maremma lies in the southern part of Tuscany and consequently is a little warmer than the more established regions Alberto Tanzini therefore has to work hard to maintain the balance and freshness of his Sangiovese the stylish, very easy to drink Ribeo with its distinctive label.</i> | 28.25 |
| 820. | 2016 Rioja Sancho Garcés Reserva, URUÑUELA - RIOJA
<i>Made from 100% Tempranillo, this is Rioja is full of flavours of ripe fruit and hints of spice. Medium-bodied and velvety, this would pair well with stews and cold meats or cheese.</i> | 28.00 |
| 822. | 2016 Palazzo Della Torre, ALLEGRIANI - VERONA
<i>Deep ruby red in colour, with perfumes of cherry and black forest gateaux. It has a smooth and velvety character, with mature, pulpy fruit and delicious raisin flavours. A Blend of 70% normal fermented wine, and 30% made from grapes that have been allowed to gently dry for around 100 days. This intensifies the flavour and colour of that portion of the wine and adds an extra 'kick' to the final blend. Rich dark chocolate flavours mingle with juicy, ripe red and black cherry flavours - a savoury yeasty note that will add extra complexity to the wine. Try it with roast duck or a mushroom risotto.</i> | 33.25 |
| 825. | 2017 Fleurie, DOMAINE FA - BEAUJOLAIS
<i>Rammed with juicy succulent fruit, full of bursting berry fruit – absolutely delicious, and we have held this wine back on purpose so it is at its absolute optimum for drinking now for next 18 months. Made by the infamous Graillet family and represents the Graillets' inaugural vintage of Fleurie from the 3 hectares of vines that they own in this evocative appellation. Elegant and perfumed, it's a debut vintage that sets a very high standard!</i> | 37.25 |

GREAT VALUE

HEAVY FULLER-BODIED SUCCULENT REDS

902. 2018 Shiraz/Cabernet, Peter Lehmann Wildcard, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 19.75
This wine is vibrant red with a dark purple hue. It has rich aromas of plum, blackcurrant and raspberry on the nose. A uniquely Australian blend, the Shiraz provides layers of ripe plum and mocha that integrate seamlessly with mint and blackcurrant flavours from the Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine is the perfect balance of fruity, savoury and spice characters.
919. 2017 Malbec, Gaudou 'Exception', FABRICE DUROU - CAHORS, FRANCE 22.25
*Everyone's favourite grape variety, these days, seems to be Malbec. It's easy to see why, especially as the Argentinians have crafted a bright bold and flavoursome style out of the grape variety that Bordeaux forgot. In this case you will find something no less big but slightly drier finish. **Vegan Wine***
905. 2017 Chateau Malbat - BORDEAUX 24.00
Hard stone berry fruit, laden with layers of different fruit, starts hard finishes very elegantly.
913. 2017 Cinsault Grenache Mourvèdre, Roan Ranger Withington - SOUTH AFRICA 25.50
Withington Wines are a négociant business at Darling in the Western Cape and this gorgeous little Rhone style red from Charles Withington does not disappoint. Full of blackberry, plum, herbs and spice, nice grip, not heavy but mouthfilling with enough guts to match BBQ meats.
921. 2018 Alfrocheiro, Terras d'Alter - ALTO ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL 27.75
Terras d'Alter is in the Alto Alentejo region in the south of Portugal, where the history of wine growing dates back to Roman times. This extensive history, and a focus which remains largely on native Portuguese varietals, is combined with the New World expertise of dynamic & enterprising winemaker Peter Bright, an Australian making wine in Portugal since 1982.
901. 2017 Malbec/Corvina, Passo Doble, MASI - TUPUNGATO, ARGENTINA 29.50
A blend of malbec and corvina from Argentina with Italian styling from the Verona house of Masi. The wine has been made in the Venetian ripasso style providing a delicious seductive style. We have been trying this wine for many years – following different vintages, and every time it has had the thumbs down, this time however - without doubt for us - the best vintage of Masi's foray into Argentina. Dry and with good depth, a real sexy beast.
907. 2017 Shiraz, JESTER MITOLO - AUSTRALIA 29.25
Deep, dark red. The nose is bright, lifted and aromatic, with raspberry, blackberry and mint chocolate characters. The palate is concentrated with a luscious rolling texture and packed with fresh blackberry and plum, dark chocolate, liquorice and a hint of white pepper spice. The wine is juicy and plush with silky tannins that linger, providing a drying, savoury finish.
906. 2010 Chianti Classico – Querciabella - TUSCANY 40.00
Querciabella is all about elegance and refinement. Nuanced, delicate and perfumed, the 2010 impresses for the purity of its fruit. Round, silky tannins support a fragrant finish laced with crushed flowers, sweet tobacco and licorice. The 2010 is the first vintage here made with 100% Sangiovese.
903. 2015 Tempranillo, WILLUNGA 100 - MCLAREN VALE, AUSTRALIA 24.75
Aromatics of black cherry, sweet plum and hints of all spice are evident, whilst the palate is a little more serious with blackberries, spice and an earthiness that gives the wine a savoury note. The tannins are persistent and promote great length, backed up by a balanced acid structure.

CLASSIC RHONE & EUROPEAN VARIETALS

NEW WORLD - OFTEN BIG AND PUNCHY

909. 2016 Henry Seven, Henschke - BAROSSA, AUSTRALIA 39.25
The palate reveals succulent black cherry, raspberry and blackberry fruit, aniseed, and pine forest scents. The tannins are super-soft and sophisticated, and the wine possesses beautiful freshness.
- 1012 2016 Zinfandel, Frogs Leap Vineyard - NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 42.00
To try the 1986 Zinfandel and the 1998 Cab Sauv over lunch outside in the winery whilst the 2017 harvest of chardonnay was being delivered, was a true privilege. I have always enjoyed Zinfandel and this 2015 is a lovely example of what it should be! Whilst it is still relatively young I will keep it under the Classic Rhone style but as it ages I will probably move it to more of a Bordeaux style.
- 1030 2016 'Full Circle', Saronsberg Wines - Tulbagh, South Africa DRUNK!
Now on allocation because of its remarkable success, with journos and simple demand. A lovely blend of Shiraz with Grenache, Mourvèdre and Viognier - it is ripe, intense and powerful, with sandalwood, blackberry and apricot skin notes, fine tannins, balancing acidity and considerable palate length. Winemaker Dewaldt Heyns, who has been head winemaker since 2003, is passionate about every aspect of the winemaking process, which is unique and quite labour intensive. Handpicking, intensive sorting of the berries, a gravity-fed fermentation cellar and focus on attention to detail.
- 1013 2006 Shiraz, Zippy's Block, Two Hands - BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA 115.00
Our Highest scoring listed wine yet! At 97/100 points. This is an outstanding Shiraz from one of Barossa's top vineyard. Founded in 1999 by Michael Twelftree and Richard Mintz as a negociant-style business. Expect lashings of ripe black fruit, cherry and spice, the finish is truly something to be admired, do watch out as it packs an enormous punch at 16.5%.
- 1001 2010 Le Sol, CRAGGY RANGE - GIMBLETT GRAVELS, HAWKES BAY NZ 90.00
Syrah grape; intensely hand managed, the grapes reveal a deep and dark Syrah with purple hues. Aromatically pure with a luscious yet elegant and a distinctive fine tannin finish. One of New Zealand's more prestigious wine companies, it was named New World Winery of the Year by Wine Enthusiast Magazine in 2014. Gimblett Gravels is a wine-growing district within the Hawkes Bay region of New Zealand. Although only a very small area, the district has made a significant impact on the New Zealand wine market .
- 1009 2007 Ares Shiraz, Two Hands - BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA 110.00
This is an outstanding Shiraz from one of Barossa's top vineyard. Founded in 1999 by Michael Twelftree and Richard Mintz as a negociant-style business. The 2007 Ares is 100% Shiraz from Barossa and McLaren Vale aged for 24 months in barrel, the last 12 in 100% new French. Two Hands' Ares Shiraz is part of the estate's top Flagship Series, and represents the finest Shiraz made by the winery. Each year, every one of the estate's 1,500 barrels of Shiraz is tasted in the search of the finest cuvée to represent Ares, the pinnacle of the Shiraz production. It displays an aromatic array of toast, smoke, game, lavender, and blueberry - a statuesque, powerful and deeply flavoured wine, which combines elegance and vivacity.
- 1016 2006 Entity Shiraz, John Duval - BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA 70.00
Good winter and spring rains and favourable conditions for flowering and fruit set resulted in good crops. Mild to warm conditions over summer and rain towards the end of February resulted in rapid maturation and an early start to vintage in the first week of March. Shiraz was all but finished by the end of March producing wines with rich flavour intensity and well balanced structure. The more subtle French oak was chosen to compliment the ripe blackberry, blueberry fruit. Traditional, low intervention winemaking techniques were employed with Entity, allowing the wine to be approachable in its youth but with ample structure and fruit depth to allow great potential for improvement in the bottle, under good cellaring conditions, for at least 15 years.
- 1003 2006 Bella's Garden Shiraz, Two Hands, MCLAREN VALE - AUSTRALIA 75.00
Opaque purple in color, it offers a reticent perfume of pencil lead, blueberry, and blackberry. Supple, ripe, and with all components in harmony, this medium-bodied Shiraz has uplifting acidity, excellent depth, and a lengthy finish.

THE RHONE VALLEY - OLD WORLD

- 1011 2015 Coudoulet de Beaucastel, FAMILLE PERRIN 55.00
The 30 hectares of Coudoulet are located just east of the vineyard of Beaucastel. 2013 is a juicy, forward and textured example of this cuvee, the 2013 Coudoulet de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône has juicy blueberry, garrigue and lavender notes to go with a fleshy, medium to full-bodied on the palate. Soft, with low acidity and a hard-to-resist feel.
- 1027 2015 Gigondas, Prestige des Hautes Garrigues, DOMAINE SANTA DUC 60.00
Gigondas is a village in the southern Rhone valley, with its own appellation for Grenache-based red and rosé wines. The domaine was founded in Gigondas in 1874, and takes its name from the Grand-duc owl. Today, Domaine Santa Duc is farmed using organic viticultural practices to safeguard its unique biodiversity. 75% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah/Cinsault - very concentrated and juicy. Some animal notes. Transparent. Relatively light. Slightly dry finish.
- 1031 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 'La Crau', DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE 92.50
Dense ruby/purple-tinged with an exquisite nose of salty sea breezes, licorice, ground pepper, jammy black cherries, black currants, figs, and plums, this is a full-bodied, rich, Provencal-styled offering with lots of sweet, ripe tannin.
- 1008 2012 St Joseph, DOMAINE JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE 85.00
Famous for their fastidious and skilful blending - this is pure Syrah grown on steeply terraced slopes in Saint-Joseph's historic heartland. Exhibits terrific blackberry, ground pepper, and its medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated and has an open, sexy appeal!
- 1029 2010 Crozes Hermitage, ALAIN GRAILLOT 55.00
The Graillots' principal wine, in volume terms, is the classic, red Crozes-Hermitage 'Alain Graillet'. Made from pure Syrah it is an accessible and forward drinking wine, with lots of bright berry scents and flavours supported by supple tannins, peppery notes and a fresh acidity.
- 1028 2008 Côte-Rôtie, Côte Blonde, DOMAINE RENE ROSTAING 120.00
Darker and ripe and beginning to be very expressive. Peppery and herbal on the palate, combined with edgy bright fruit and a peppery aftertaste. Fine tannins, lively and with marked minerality.
- 1015 2007 Cornas, DOMAINE AUGUSTE CLAPE DRUNK!
The family's wine-making philosophy is simple – to make wines that are as true to their terroir as possible within the context of the vintage. The flagship Cornas, which, to many observers represents the Gold Standard of the appellation, typically displays a wealth of stewed red and black fruit aromas preceding a complex palate of dark berries and cherries offset by cooler granitic notes and a fine acidity, the whole supported by rugged tannins that will support (at least) a decade's bottle age.
- 1017 2007 PIGNAN Châteauneuf-du-Pape Reserve, CHATEAU RAYAS (Low Stock) 260.00
Vivid red. Intensely perfumed, expressive aromas of red and dark berry compote, smoky minerals and incense, along with a deep note of black cardamom. Palate-saturating raspberry and kirsch flavors are complicated by suggestions of licorice pastille and candied lavender, with silky tannins adding support. Becomes sappier with air and finishes with excellent clarity and mineral-laced red fruit character.
1608. 2014 Crozes Hermitage, ALAIN GRAILLOT EN MAGNUM 90.00

SMOOTH, SILKY ELEGANT WINES FINE ITALIAN - PIEDMONT

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| 1108 | <p>2016 "Mimmo", Vino rosso, LE PIANE
 <i>The most approachable and most immediately inviting wines from high vineyards in the Alta Piedmont. 70% Nebbiolo and 30% Croatina with just a touch of Vespaioia too. Fruit delivers better, darker, richer and yet still somehow more floral too, cherries, blackberry, again grip, bit of old spice, beautiful lick of acid and great length.</i></p> | 35.50 |
| 1127 | <p>2013 Langhe Rosso, ROAGNA
 <i>Based in the village of Barbaresco, the Roagna family have been producing wine for generations, in the tiny hamlet of Paglieri, which houses the famous vineyard of Pajé (see below bin 1125) that produces one of their great wines. Alfredo and his son, Luca, now run the estate, and operate in a very traditional way. This wine simply offers stunning value.</i></p> | DRUNK! |
| 1124 | <p>2012 Barbaresco 'Bordini', AZIENDA AGRICOLA ELVIO COGNO
 <i>Valteris Fissore, son in law of Elvio, now runs this fabulous estate. He is an unabashed lover of Burgundy and his wines have a finesse running through them more often associated with the Côte de Nuits than Piedmont. Having listed his Barolo which was superb. A classy glass of wine.</i></p> | 46.00 |
| 1103 | <p>2015 Il Favot, Langhe Nebbiolo, PODERI ALDO CONTERNO
 <i>The Conterno family's vineyards are situated on the hill of Bussia in Monforte d'Alba. The grapes for this wine come from vineyards no more than 20 years old. 100% Nebbiolo - a serious wine no less with superb concentration and balance.</i></p> | 56.00 |
| 1106 | <p>2011 Barolo La Pira, ALFREDO & LUCA ROAGNA
 <i>One of our finds of the year for certain, but make sure it has been decanted. Macerations and fermentations are long and in large oak casks rather than barriques. Most of the estate is run organically. The vineyards are old and the wines are left un-manipulated to reflect the complexity of the soils and the old vine fruit. As recent blind tasting noted – 'cracking wine, no one guessed what it was - calcaire minerality – is this burgundy?'</i></p> | 91.00 |
| 1107 | <p>2015 Boca LE PIANE
 <i>Located in the highest and most north-eastern part of Piedmont, the region has a rich history of winemaking. Vineyard practices are leading towards becoming biodynamic, as well as non-interventionist in the winery, to make the wines 'by his mouth' rather than by science. Sweet black cherries, grilled herbs, menthol, spices and liquorice all blend together in this beautiful, totally vibrant wine. The balance of focus and power is simply stunning. A small estate that seems to be ratcheting up quality with each passing vintage, and rave reviews.</i></p> | 62.00 |
| 1128 | <p>2010 Barbera D'Alba, Bricco dei Merli, ELVIO COGNO
 <i>Spends about a year in large Slavonian barrels (not new) and is full of rounded yet structured fruit. The vines are planted high up (520 metres above sea level) in Berri, near La Morra on sandy chalky soil where there is excellent exposure. Yields are low and the wine is very concentrated but the acid is concentrated too and there is great freshness and precision running through the wine.</i></p> | 35.00 |
| 1110 | <p>2009 Barbaresco Albesani, CANTINA DEL PINO
 <i>Reanato and Franca Miretti run this terrific family estate. Produce wonderfully pure wines of drive and character, and offer great value for money. The Albesani vineyard seems to have great potential, and the vines produce more spice and darker fruit character and firmer tannins than their other classifications. The 2009 is a rich, dense wine with notes of macerated cherries and violets - highly rated in the wine specator.</i></p> | 80.00 |
| 1105 | <p>2006 Barolo, 'Margheria', MASSOLINO
 <i>More traditional style, aged Barolo at its best – silky almost burgundian!</i></p> | 100.00 |
| 1104 | <p>2006 Barolo `Romirasco`, PODERI ALDO CONTERNO
 <i>Aldo Conterno is one of the historic names of Italian wine. The Conterno family has been making wine in Monforte since at least the 1700s. Aldo's grandfather, Giovanni Conterno, founded his own winery in 1908 which was then run by his son, Giacomo. The Romirasco vineyard sits high on the Bussia Soprana hill. It is owned entirely by the Conterno family and is one of their most important single-vineyard Barolo.</i></p> | 190.00 |
| 1102 | <p>2004 Barolo Case Nere, ENZO BOGLIETTI
 <i>Sweet, deeply spiced but aromatic dark red fruit. Wonderfully ripe yet fresh sweet fruit. Great depth and yet still aromatic on the mid palate despite its length and power. A touch of oaky spice. Very, very long. Outstanding!</i></p> | 110.00 |

All wines on our extensive wine list are available to drink off the premises. Just deduct £8 off the bottle price.

PINOT NOIRS - NEW WORLD

In a top 100 list of most-searched Pinots, only four wines were from beyond Burgundy, and the highest-placed one of those was from Champagne (Krug Clos d'Ambonnay blanc de noirs). The red Burgundy grape does of course travel and is now made wherever winemakers fancy a challenge - because it is a notoriously difficult grape. Even within Burgundy there are noticeable differences between Pinots made in often quite nearby appellations, focusing right down to the vineyard level. It is a sure sign that a region is getting cocky when it starts trumpeting the quality of its Pinot – competing with some of the most treasured wines on earth takes a fair amount of!, but there is no shortage of places willing to have a go. Grown in a wide variety of places, a few regions – Oregon, parts of California and New Zealand, particularly are making heads turn.

1132	2018 Kumeu River, HAWKES BAY – NEW ZEALAND <i>The wine is delicate and the texture smooth, with soft tannins and ripe berries.</i>	31.00
1112	2015 Kiwa, ESCARPMENT - MARTINBOROUGH, NZ <i>The Kiwa is a classic restrained and savoury single-vineyard Martinborough Pinot Noir. Slight white pepper and rose petal notes are aromatic, complement the dense core of mineral-laced dark fruit flavours, with plenty of anise and nutmeg details. The intensity gains momentum on the finish, which is expressive and generous.</i>	62.00
1120	2015 Isabelle, AU BON CLIMAT – SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA <i>A dark rich Pinot Noir with a length finish. Typifies how California differs from the other New World producers.</i>	70.00
1111	2015 Domain Road - CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND <i>From South New Zealand. An excellent Pinot with ripe strawberries and plums.</i>	35.00
1113	2014 Great Ted, PALLISER ESTATE - MARTINBOROUGH, NZ <i>Fleshy wonderfully aromatic, with the sweet, floral perfume of old English roses and red cherries leading into a supremely elegant, multi-layered, silky textured palate. Exhilarating.</i>	60.00
1118	2013 Saintsbury, Caneros - CALIFORNIA <i>A ripe and textured palate. Red fruit and spice with a weighty finish.</i>	50.00
1122	2013 Greywacke - MARLBOROUGH, NZ <i>Yet another award-winning wine from Kevin Judd! Imagine a black forest gateau made with marinated black cherries and very ripe blackberries. The palate is dense and generous with ripe cherry-plum richness, some soft liquorice and clove and a fine but voluptuous tannin structure.</i>	55.00
1116	2013 Old Weka Pass Road - CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND <i>The sibling to Bell Hill, mostly from younger fruit giving it accessibility early on. When the vines are older the fruit is then picked for the Bell Hill. The aromas are vibrant and spicy with savoury forest-floor undertones. Crunchy fruit on the palate with serious texture and mineral flavours and earthy tones. A long finish, some sinewy tannins still but gives away to supple luscious fruit. In 2013 only 1056 bottles were produced.</i>	100.00
1123	2013 Bell Hill - CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND <i>Bell Hill uses the Burgundian model of vineyard architecture. This method encourages smaller yields and higher quality. Very fine cherries, plums and very attractive gentle spice. A lovely freshness, good acidity and mineral fruit, as well as some warm spiciness coming through. More black fruits than red, and really refined. Decant just to help it open up – try and have it cellar temperature and let it develop in the glass - delicious.</i>	130.00
1119	2012 Bannockburn, Felton Road – CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND <i>“Bright ruby. Intensely ripe on the nose but no sweetness on the palate. Lots of excitement and reverberation on the palate. Dry finish and real savour. Very long and punchy”. Jancis Robinson. Bannockburn is a wine-producing sub-zone in the southeast of Central Otago. The mountainous area is one of the warmest and driest parts of the region. The wines are predominantly made from Pinot Noir, rich and brambly, with firm tannins and excellent aging potential. Felton Road is one of New Zealand's best known and most highly respected producers, its Pinot Noir wines are considered some of the best expressions of that variety in the New World.</i>	85.00

PINOT NOIRS - BURGUNDY

More Affordable Burgundy - *delicious on the palate, more palatable on the pocket!*

The cost of Burgundy just goes in one direction, UP!

Making it less and less affordable for wine lovers, as world-wide demand for these wonderful wines carries on unabated. What we have tried to do on this page, in addition to having a fabulous selection of wines from the Macon/Chalonais regions, is introduce wines from the classic villages from top producers but listing their generic wines, where the grapes used are from vines deemed to be too young, or from vineyards next door to the village classified wines but perhaps on the lower slopes. Whatever the reason, the wines listed below are delicious on the palate, and more palatable on the pocket!

VILLAGE OF VOSNE-ROMANÉE

1217 2014 Bourgogne Rouge Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, DRUNK!
DOMAINE ANNE GROS

Anne Gros has a very simple philosophy, "The goal of the game is to obtain ripe and healthy grapes. I then strive to bring everything together while respecting the integrity of our grapes." This 0.73 hectare single block parcel is situated in the commune of Concoeur just above the village of Vosne-Romanée. Originally bare of any vines, it was planted in stages. (96, 97, 98). Planted on the lower, flatter part, where fossiliferous lava is in great abundance and assures excellent drainage. Stunning!

VILLAGE OF MOREY-ST-DENIS

1242 2011 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 36.00
DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME

There is a long history of viticulture in the Taupenot family and Romain Taupenot, who runs this fantastic estate, is the seventh generation to make it his metier. The actual domaine was founded in 1963 after the marriage of Denise Merme and Jean Taupenot and Romain joined full time in 1998. In terms of vineyard holdings, thanks in large part to the history and depth of the family, the domaine is spread quite widely across the Cote d'Or with vines in Gevrey-Chambertin, Morey-St-Denis, Chambolle-Musigny, Nuits-St-Georges, Corton, Saint-Romain and Auxey-Duresses.

VILLAGE OF NUITS-ST-GEORGES

1257 2014 Bourgogne Rouge, 62.00
DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES

A highly regarded producer in the Burgundy commune of Nuits-Saint-Georges with holdings in a number of its premier cru vineyards. Though holding no land in grand cru vineyards, the premier crus of the domaine and the wider Nuits-Saint-Georges appellation are considered to be some of the finest in the Cote de Nuits, the most renowned being Les Saint-Georges. The domaine was founded in 1919 by Henri Gouges and continues to be owned and operated by the family, which dates its history back several generations earlier than their estate. In October it became immediately obvious that this Domaine is not sitting back on its laurels with the development of the most sophisticated winery you could ever imagine - all gravity fed to minimise the usage of electric pumps - as natural as possible, following bio-dynamic principals are evident throughout the production process from beginning to end.

PINOT NOIRS - BURGUNDY

Unlike Bordeaux, Burgundy has a continental climate, and grows just one red grape variety – Pinot Noir; There are no myriad of Chateaux with their own vineyards, but here in this roll-call of evocative sounding names, are blocks or strips of vines tended by a multiplicity of owners, some grand but mostly modest. It is not enough to know the village and vineyard names, more important to Burgundy, is the name and reputation of the producer.

COTE DE NUITS *TRAVELLING FROM THE NORTH TO SOUTH*

In general, are weightier, firmer and more deeply-coloured than Côte de Beaune. The vineyards of Côte de Nuits are spread throughout 8 villages, from Dijon to Corgoloin, with 3000 hectares under production. The red wines represent 92% of production and are made up of Pinot Noir. The white wines, produced from Chardonnay, represent only 8% of production. Domains included from the Cote de Nuit – Romanee Conti, Comte Georges Vogue, Anne Gros, Mugneret-Gibourg, Armand Rousseau, Georges Noellat, Arnoux-Lachaux, Cyprien Arlaud. Visiting these esteemed houses is a very humbling experience as it brings you very close to the true magic of the terroir – something money cannot buy.

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1246 2014 DOMAINE DENIS BERTHAUT 41.00

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

1616 2012 Ostrea, DOMAINE TRAPET PERE ET FILS EN MAGNUM 185.00

1258 2014 1^{er} Cru Poissenots – HUMBERT FRÉRES 105.00

1218 2011 DOMAINE JOSEPH ROTY (*Low Stock*) 80.00

MOREY-ST-DENIS

1235 2013 DOMAINE STÉPHANE MAGNIEN 65.00

1236 2011 1^{er} Cru Les Ruchots, DOMAINE ARLAUD Oos

1202 2005 1^{er} Cru Les Loups, DOMAINE DES LAMBRAYS 145.00

CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY

1227 2011 DOMAINE TAUPENOT-MERME 70.00

1220 2011 1^{er} Cru Charmes, DOMAINE HUDELLOT-NOËLLAT 140.00

VOUGEOT

1212 2007 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, DOMAINE DE MONTILLE (*Low Stock*) EVAPORATED!

1225 2000 1^{er} Cru Les Cras DOMAINE DE LA VOUGERAIE (*Low Stock*) POLISHED OFF!

VOSNE-ROMANEE

1606 2011 1^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts, DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN EN MAGNUM 230.00

1247 2010 DOMAINE ETIENNE GRIVOT 130.00

1256 2014 LES CHAMPS PEDRIX – DOMAINE BRUNO CLAIR 100.00

NUITS-ST-GEORGES

1211 2013 DOMAINE GERARD JULIEN ET FILS 58.00

1602 2011 1^{er} Cru Les Vaucrains, DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES EN MAGNUM Oos

1209 2013 1^{er} Cru Clos des Forets, DOMAINE L'ARLOT 86.00

1243 2011 1^{er} Cru Les Vaucrains, DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES 125.00

PINOT NOIRS - BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE *TRAVELLING FROM THE NORTH TO SOUTH*

Côte de Beaune has a more expansive feel and gentler slopes than the Côte de Nuits. Its Pinot Noirs generally have softness and finesse. To try the 2015 and 2016 vintages from cask respectively, Domaines visited from the Cote de Beaune included Nicholas Rossignol, Benjamin Leroux, Olivier Lamy, Thomas Bouley, Aleth Girardin, Leflaive, Javillier and Sauzet. Add into the mix further south still but often overlooked areas which do however offer incredible value. Domaines of Bertrand Bachelet, Jean-Baptiste Ponsot and Charton, offer really first class approachable drinking burgundy. These are very exciting times in the Bourgogne with the rise of some exceptional young talent, and to witness the vitality and ingenuity of these wine makers shine through into the glass of wine is a real privilege.

	ALOXE CORTON	
1205	2013 DOMAINE TOLLOT-BEAUT	FINISHED!
	CHOREY-LÈS-BEAUNE	
1213	2013, DOMAINE TOLLOT-BEAUT	44.00
	SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE	
1250	2015 'Aux Grands Liards', DOMAINE LEBREUIL	39.00
	BEAUNE	
1240	2013 1 ^{er} Cru 1er Cru Les Grèves DOMAINE DE MONTILLE	78.00
1239	2009 1 ^{er} Cru 'Les Teurons' DOMAINE ROSSIGNOL TRAPET	78.00
1214	2014 1 ^{er} Cru 'Les Sizies' DOMAINE DE MONTILLE	70.00
	POMMARD	
1251	2016 LES PEZEROLLES	105.00
	VOLNAY	
1252	2013 DOMAINE MICHEL LAFARGE	62.50
1259	2013 1 ^{er} Cru Les Carelles, DOMAINE JEAN-MARC ET THOMAS BOULEY	85.00
1223	2012 1 ^{er} Cru Les Frémiets, COMTE ARMAND	120.00
1224	2013 1 ^{er} Cru Les Brouillards, LOUIS BOILLOT	90.00
	MONTHELIE	
1260	2013 'Les Crays', DOMAINE PASCAL PRUNIER-BONHEUR	34.00
	ST AUBIN	
1244	2012 1 ^{er} Cru Derrière Chez Edouard, DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY	50.00
	MARANGES	
1253	2013 1 ^{er} Cru La Fussièrè DOMAINE BERTRAND BACHELET	38.00
	RULLY	
1228	2014 1 ^{er} Cru La Fosse DOMAINE JEAN-BAPTISTE PONSOT	43.50
	MERCUREY	
1249	2015 1 ^{er} Clos du Roy DOMAINE CHARTON	45.00
	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET	
1263	2014 1 ^{er} Cru La Boudriotte, DOMAINE RAMONET	94.50

DEEPER, STRONGER MORE INTENSE FLAVOURS FINE ITALIAN - TUSCANY

1325	2016 Rosso di Montalcino, GINESTRETO FULIGNI <i>A textbook example of the early drinking Sangiovese alternative to big brother Brunello made in the Montalcino zone, this has such keen and succulent cherry fruit, a touch of nut and autumnal earthiness, a subtle rasp of tannin, and bags of fresh acidity. These wines have reached international recognition for their purity of expression, backbone of acidity and polished tannins.</i>	41.00
1321	2014 Dino, FONTODI <i>100% Sangiovese - Dino is bold, powerful and pungent. The wine is fermented and macerated for nine months in terracotta amphoras. Balsamic herbal aromas, as well as classic cherry, blackberry and tobacco notes. On the palate, the wine is incredibly complex with pronounced flavours of balsamic herbs, sweet tobacco and hints of cherry. The finish is long and persistent.</i>	40.00
1326	2011 Calestaia, AZIENDA AGRICOLA ROCCAPESTA, MORELLINO DI SCANSANO <i>Alberto Tanzini worked in finance in London for several years before heading back to his native Italy to become a vigneron. He bought what is now the Roccapesta estate in 2003. Calestaia which has the potential to age for many years, is full of character and personality. Complex and refined.</i>	50.00
1323	2011 IL Carbonaione, POGGIO SCALETTI <i>The 2011 IL Carbonaione is another gorgeous wine in a line of successful vintages that goes all the way back to 1992. 100% Sangiovese - Blackberry jam, cloves, menthol, licorice, new leather and sweet spices flesh out in a voluptuous, racy wine - beautifully expresses the vintage personality.</i>	60.00
1327	2010 Brunello di Montalcino, FATTORIA LA GERLA <i>Fattoria La Gerla is based in Montalcino, in the central Italian region of Tuscany. The estate is exclusively planted to the Sangiovese grape variety. Sergio Rossi purchased the estate from Biondi Santi in 1976 and to this day it is still owned and run by the Rossi family. Concentrated ruby with orange tinges. Complex, brooding nose with hints of candied fruit. Lots of ripe, creamy fruit, possesses concentration and plenty of length.</i>	80.00
1324	2010 Scrio, LE MACCHIOLE <i>Scrio was born in 1994, from the desire of Eugenio Campolmi to produce a wine with the purest possible vision of the grape variety he loved: Syrah. This is one of the few Syrah wines made in Bolgheri which expresses itself differently from classic French Syrah. A limited production, this wine is a result of a rigorous selection of the best grapes attainable, harvest after harvest.</i>	110.00
1300	2015 Galatrona Merlot, FATTORIA PETROLO (LOW STOCK) <i>2015 was an outstanding vintage in this part of Tuscany, and this is a beautifully expressive, powerful, yet elegant Galatrona. It's got ripe plummy fruit, juicy tannins and a fine thread of acidity holding it all together. It tastes like a wine at a much higher price: a baby Masseto, if you will.</i>	131.00
1316	2013 Guidalberto, TENUTA SAN GUIDO <i>This wine opens to a full and generous bouquet and a beautifully rich and velvety appearance. This edition of Tenuta San Guido's mid-level wine offers a bigger aromatic profile, more texture and more volume as well. Dark cherry and blackberry segue to spice, tar, leather and sweet fruit at the end.</i>	45.00
1303	2007 Terriccio, CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO <i>The 2007 Castello del Terriccio is another striking wine from Terriccio. Blackberries, spices, liquorice, violets and tar are woven together in a seamless fabric of notable elegance and sheer class. The perception of tannin is barely noticeable. You will be tempted to drink this young, but my sense is that the wine will go on for much longer! Highly rated in the Wine Advocate 96/100 - Robert Parker.</i>	75.00
1328	2011 Antinori Tignanello, TUSCANY <i>Still very young and quite closed, this has cool, black fruit from the Cabernet dominating on the nose at present. The palate is supple and harmonious with plenty of ripe red fruit, crisp acidity and ripe tannins.</i>	135.00
1330	2016 Gaja, CA'MARCANDA <i>The palate is rich, with concentrated and crunchy notes of blackberry, blueberry, licorice, flint and red orange. The finish is savory, almost meaty, with a precise note of iron that lingers in the aftertaste. Fine-grained tannins, embraced by a mellow body of strong personality.</i>	85.00
1331	2006 Rocca di Frasinello, TUSCANY <i>Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blend. Dark cherries, tar, smoke and liquorice flesh out impressively in the glass. Blackberry juiciness and sweet hints of oak frame the finish.</i>	95.00

All wines on our extensive wine list are available to drink off the premises. Just deduct £8 off the bottle price.

FINE ITALIAN - VENETO

1301	2015 Amarone, LA GIUVA <i>50% Corvina, 20% Corvinone, 25% Rondinella and 5% Oseleta. The balance, concentration and intensity mark this wine out from the crowd in Valpolicella!</i>	80.00
1307	2011 La Poja, ALLEGRINI <i>Giovanni Allegrini decided to reject the rule book, and the classification that comes with it, with a remarkable belief in doing what he felt was right – a passionate belief in the land on which he lived. Bursting with sweetness it is kept in check by acidity and tannins, creating an approachable wine of great finesse. Remarkable concentration.</i>	90.00
1308	2011 Amarone 'Pietro Dal Cero', CA DEI FRATI <i>Deep ruby red colour with black cherries, chocolate and sweet spices, aromas of balsamic notes emerge to reveal aniseed and wild mint aromas, this wine has great body and acidity, prominent yet supple tannins. The finish is long and rounded with delicate hints of coffee and sweet tobacco.</i>	83.10
1322	2008 Amarone della Valpolicella Monte Sant'Urbano, SPERI <i>Speri Viticoltori is a family-owned wine estate with a history dating back to the early part of the 19th Century in Italy's renowned Valpolicella wine region. It is known for its high-quality wines, planted on 60 hectares (148 acres) of land in Valpolicella's classico viticultural area. The vines occupy some of the most renowned terroir of this region, around notable villages like Fumane, Marano and Negrar. The vineyards are planted on traditional stone terraces that enjoy a mild climate moderated by nearby Lake Garda. The estate's flagship wine is the Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG.</i>	125.00

FINE SPANISH

A recent article read, typifies our personal approach to buying Spanish wine "...after Switzerland, the most mountainous country in Europe. Furthermore for over 2,700 years all Spanish regions have grown vines....this helps to explain the glorious complexity of this country's wine styles".

1310. 2015 PSI de Pingus, DOMINIO DE PINGUS, RIBERA DEL DUERO 61.00
Dominio de Pingus is a small producer in the Ribero del Duero region in Spain. First made in 1995, it immediately developed a cult status following rave reviews from Robert Parker in the Wine Advocate, and is now regarded as one of the greatest wines made in Spain, hotly sought-after and priced accordingly. Pingus also produces PSI, a more classic Ribero del Duero, which is aged in cement and large wooden vats with minimal barrique usage. The Tempranillo Grapes come from selected local growers, who have been encouraged to implement biodynamic vineyards, and are paid according to quality in an arrangement similar to a cooperative.
- 1319 2016 Vinyes Velles, FERRER BOBET, PRIORAT, CATALONIA 55.00
Priorat is still one of the trendiest wine regions in Spain. In Priorat the grape varieties Cariñena and Garnacha dominate (not Tempranillo). Quality is top priority, which you only recognize when you visit the UFO looking winery. Built on three levels with the aim to give the wine as little stress as possible – everything is run by gravity. The wines of Ferrer Bobet have become much coveted not only related to the small production volume but also to the good ratings. The Vinyes Velles consists of 70% Cariñena and 30% Garnacha (the vines are 70 to 90 years old).
- 1318 2013 Gratallops Vi di Vila, Alvaro Palacios, PRIORAT 58.00
An exciting winemaker! Some of the most sought-after wines in the Old World. A staunch believer in bio-dynamism, the power of the terroir, his wines offer distinct, delicious character from the region's indigenous variety, Mencía. Attractive on the nose - notes of dark berries, on the palate - more restrained, concentrated dark fruit, and finely-honed tannins, adding a sense of elegance and refinement to what is a big bold wine.
- 1314 2010 Mauro, BODEGAS MAURO, CASTILLA Y LEÓN 80.00
Mariano García, the legendary winemaker of Vega Sicilia (from 1968 to 1998), started Mauro rather quietly in 1978 as a small side-line project – secretly making the wine in a garage on the Vega estate. He chose to buy and plant vineyards considerably further west than anyone else in Ribera del Duero and found that he was somewhat arbitrarily excluded from the 1982 Denominación Origen on geographical grounds. Thankfully, however, the wines' reputation remained unscathed and Mariano's estate is considered among the top ten in Ribera. Dark crimson, clean fruit aged in oak. Lots of life and vivacity.
- 1329 2010 Viña del Olivo, CONTINO, RIOJA 105.00
Meaty, rich red fruit. Smooth yet chunky. Gutsy! Modern and slick. A nose of cedar spices and smoke swirls around a rich plum and blackberry fruit core. The palate is unashamedly powerful, but behind its broad shoulders there is something rather more subtle, supple and enticing – the richness gives way to vibrant, fragrant red fruit and floral flavours, supported by excellent freshness. Superb!
- 1311 2009 Numanthia, BODEGA NUMANTHIA TERMES, TORO 70.00
Only recently bottled as single vineyard. Very deep colour, has the Tempranillo sweetness of fruit. More earthy, perhaps even riper slightly raisined character. More leather. More velvety but thick tannins. More burly. Lots of spice and polished!
- 1320 2005 Imperial Gran Reserva, CVNE, RIOJA 80.00
This wine is dominated by Tempranillo, Maturation in new French and American oak and one has to wait patiently for 24 months prior to bottling. The nose is impressive in both depth and elegance, the palate continues the theme of black fruit with plum and Morello cherry in evidence, but a warmth akin to spice-box on the finish is a welcome surprise.
- 1302 2010 Pintia, Vega-Sicilia, TORO 85.00
The bouquet is very Bordeaux-like with black rather than red fruit, fine minerality and touches of graphite and cedar. The palate is medium-bodied with plump, rounded tannins, a firm structure and great precision on the finish. This is what you might call a "classic" Pintia that already demonstrates great breeding and sophistication toward the finish."

BORDEAUX BLENDS - NON BORDEAUX

1406.	2014 Lytton Springs, RIDGE VINEYARDS - NAPA VALLEY (Low Stock)	57.80
	<i>Bramble, raspberry, cassis, toasted oak, and floral aromas; layered black cherry and currant, full bodied with well coated tannins and notes of liquorice and black olive on the finish.</i>	
1402.	2016 Mai, Kaiken Malbec - MENDOZA, ARGENTINA	52.00
	<i>This attractive Malbec comes from 100-year-old vines, giving it a more of an "old world" feel. It's no surprise it has powerful intensity and vibrant purple colour. On the nose it has clear mineral and spicy notes. Aromas of black fruits, mature cherry, hints of vanilla and coffee. An elegant, powerful wine with great structure, roundness and persistence.</i>	
1407.	2012 Petit Verdot, SNOWDEN VINEYARDS - NAPA VALLEY	62.00
	<i>Diana Seysses (Snowden) winemaker at Domaine Dujac no less took over the reins at the family estate in 2005. Whether Burgundy influence or feminine touch these wines have a sense of place, not the blockbusters that some produce in Napa and perhaps appeal more to a European palate than to their own domestic market. Whatever it is - there is an undeniable elegance to these wines. The other vital factor is the hillside of this St Helena property, personally experienced. The steepness of the slopes would not ripen the grapes to the level of those on the valley floor, hence these grapes have always been sought after. Petit Verdot, of which only 66 cases were made is very much in its infancy. This is a massive wine, rich, round and velvety.</i>	
1404.	2009 Dominus Napanook, CHRISTIAN MOUIEX - NAPA VALLEY	OOS
	<i>Owned by Christian Mouiex of Chateau Petrus fame, produced in the oldest vineyard in Napa first planted in 1836. Easy drinking, ripe silky tannins and lively fruit expression.</i>	
1420.	2002 Le Sommet, MONT DU TOIT - SOUTH AFRICA (Low Stock)	75.10
	<i>Produced only in exceptional years, in very limited quantities. Cabernet based but the exact blend of this wine remains undisclosed, but impresses every time. Powerful, deliciously complex wine, with a fine balance of fruit, structure and freshness.</i>	
1410.	2012 Keyneton Estate Euphonium, HENSCHKE - BAROSSA	80.00
	<i>Irresistibly alluring aromas of baked strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrants, alongside complex nuances of roasted red peppers, spicy, resinous oak character and curry spice. The texture on the palate is super-soft and succulent, with blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, eucalyptus, sun-dried tomato, rosemary, lavender and toasty, piney oak.</i>	
1400.	2001 Cabernet Sauvignon, Moss Wood - MARGARET RIVER, AUSTRALIA	120.00
	<i>Exceptionally rated by the critics at the time and since. Very lucky to come across one of Australia's finest producers at this age. Moss Wood themselves regard the 2001 as arguably the greatest wine yet released from the vineyard. Has fragrant nose of mulberries, blackberries and violets with a touch of earth and some spicy, cedary notes while the palate is deep, densely flavoured with ripe cassis and mulberry, complexed by chocolate and coffee bean characters. This is a profound, powerful red, opulent and concentrated with impressive weight showing fine, ripe tannins on a long, lingering finish. The oak and densely packed fruit are seamlessly integrated!</i>	
1605.	2012 Merlot Rutherford, FROG'S LEAP - NAPA VALLEY	EN MAGNUM DRUNK!

BORDEAUX BLENDS - BORDEAUX

The wines produced here are from the lesser known communes/villages of Bordeaux or classified as regionally based. Identical in style but are sought out by wine consumers looking for excellent values, as they can be drunk that much younger than the more esteemed brothers and sisters!

1418.	2015 Petit Laurence, BORDEAUX ROUGE	30.00
1412.	2009 Château Potensac, MEDOC	52.00

EN MAGNUM

1603.	2010 Château Clarendelle, BORDEAUX ROUGE	75.00
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BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK

The left bank generally produces big and tannic Cabernet-based wines with pronounced blackcurrant and cassis flavours. The older the vintage the softer and broader the wines.

ST ESTEPHE

1604. 2010 Château le Crock	EN MAGNUM	85.00
1508. 2006 Château Tronquoy-Lalande		45.00
1513. 2005 Château Lafon Rochet, Grand Cru Classé		85.00
1505. 2003 Château Cos Labory, Grand Cru Classé	Oos	
1506. 2009 La Dame de Montrose		95.00

ST JULIEN

1534. 2009 Château Moulin Riche, Grand Cru Classé		62.00
1510. 2009 Réserve Léoville-Barton, (Château Léoville-Barton 2 nd wine)		60.00
1526. 2002 Château Léoville-Barton, Grand Cru Classé	Oos	
1519. 1995 Château Branaire-Ducru, Grand Cru Classé		105.00

MARGAUX

1501. 2012 Vivens		49.00
1531. 2010 Château Marquis de Terme, Grand Cru Classé		75.00
1502. 2009 Château Malescot-St-Exupery, Grand Cru Classé		110.00
1512. 2000 Château Durfort-Vivens, Grand Cru Classé		95.00

PAUILLAC

1528. 2005 Château Pédesclaux, Grand Cru Classé		62.00
1516. 2005 Château Haut Bages Liberal, Grand Cru Classé (<i>Low Stock</i>)		85.00
1524. 2005 Château Grand Puy Lacoste, Grand Cru Classé		120.00
1615. 2005 Château Haut Bages Liberal, Grand Cru Classé	EN MAGNUM	150.00
1525. 2008 Château Pontet Canet, Grand Cru Classé		125.00
1503. 2005 Château Haut Bages Averous		80.00

PESSAC-LEOGNAN

1507. 2009 Château Larrivet Haut-Brion		75.00
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BORDEAUX - RIGHT BANK

The Merlot-based wines of the Right Bank are generally more fruit forward and have less tannin than those of the Left Bank. A blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc produces wines that are less tannic, softer, and more forward than those of the Left Bank.

ST EMILION

1509. 2014 Château Lucas, LUSSAC-ST-EMILION		29.75
1532. 2009 Château La Tour du Pin, Grand Cru Classé (made by Cheval Blanc team)		65.00

POMEROL

1533. 2008 Château Gazin		102.50
1518. 2008 Château Les Cruzelles		47.00
1517. 2005 Château Bourgneuf-Vayron		65.00
1523. 2003 Château Vraye Croix de Gay		58.00
1520. 2009 Château Plince		72.00

HALVES, MAGNUMS, JEROBOAM

109.	Michel Guilleminot brut - halves	23.00
108.	Michel Guilleminot brut - Magnum	78.00
WHITE – MAGNUM		
1613.	2015 St-Aubin Blanc 1 ^{er} Cru Clos de la Chatenière, DOMAINE HUBERT LAMY	145.00
1624.	2014 Puligny Montrachet 1 ^{er} Cru DOM. COMTESSE BERNARD DE CHERISEY	Oos
1625.	2016 Macon Chardonnay CLOS DE LA CROCHETTE	80.00
RED – MAGNUM		
1615.	2013 Volnay 1 ^{er} Cru, Les Mitans, DOMAINE DE MONTILLE	255.00
1608.	2014 Crozes Hermitage, ALAIN GRAILLOT	90.00
1618.	2009 Barolo “Casa Nere”, ENZO BOGLIETTI - ITALY	200.00
1601.	2016 Cepparello, Isole e Olena - TUSCANY	240.00
1616.	2012 Gevrey Chambertin Ostrea, DOMAINE TRAPET PERE ET FILS	185.00
1612.	2011 Barolo `Albe` G.D. Vajra	145.00
1629.	2005 Rioja Gran Reserva 904 La Alta	Oos
1602.	2011 Nuits-St-Georges 1 ^{er} Cru ‘Les Vaucrains’, DOMAINE HENRI GOUGES	Oos
1606.	2011 Vosne-Romanée, 1 ^{er} Cru Les Malconsorts, DOMAINE DU CLOS FRANTIN	230.00
1603.	2010 Château Clarendelle, BORDEAUX ROUGE (HAUT-BRION)	75.00
1604.	2010 Château le Crock - ST ESTEPHE, BORDEAUX	85.20
1614.	2005 Château Haut Bages Liberal, Grand Cru Classé - PAUILLAC	150.20
1628.	2006 Château Lynch Bages – PAUILLAC	360.00

PORT

1651.	2012 Quinta do Noval LBV - <i>also available by the glass</i>	50.00
1652.	Sandeman 20 Year Old Tawny Port - <i>also available by the glass</i>	65.00
1653.	1998 Fonseca, GUIMARAENS	DRUNK!
1654.	1977 Delaforce	105.10

PUDDING WINES

		50ml	125ml	375ml	500ml
1619.	2011 Moscato d'Asti, CONTERO - ITALY (Low Stock) <i>A delicious grapey sparkling wine, low in alcohol - 5.5% - glorious as an aperitif as much as a digestif.</i>			17.95	
1622.	2017 Mosel Riesling – HEINRICHSHOF, GERMANY <i>Very sweet, fairly light fruit on the palate, very elegant, lively acidity, delicate grip, vegetal and herbaceous traces.</i>	5.50	12.00	35.00	
1627.	2013 Noble Taminga, Trentham Estate - Oz <i>Classic botrytis affected dessert wine displaying characteristic honey, citrus blossom and marmalade concentrated sweet fruit, balanced by crisp acidity on a lingering luscious finish.</i>	3.70	8.50	24.80	
1620.	2015 Château Doisy-Vedrines, Grand cru Classé SAUTERNES <i>A classic sauterne perfect for blue cheese and sponge based puddings.</i>	4.00	10.50	27.50	
1630.	Chambers Rutherglen Muscat - VICTORIA, OZ <i>Layers of intense raisin and fig, orange peel and dried fruit. A vibrant fruit-driven palate, to be enjoyed with creamy cheeses and rich desserts.</i>	3.75	9.05	27.00	
1626.	Pedro Ximinez Triana, Bodegas Hidalgo-La Gitana - SPAIN <i>Very dark, leaves a very dense tear on the glass and an almost amber hue. Very intense and complex, typical notes of nuts, toffee and noble oak. Dense, creamy and powerful, opulently sweet and intense to the palate. Goes well with chocolate or caramel desserts.</i>	4.40	11.10	31.00	
1635.	2015 Valpolicella Recioto, CANTINA VALPANTENA - VERONA <i>Intense ruby red colour, with delicate aromas of blackberry jam and spicy hints on the nose. Absolute heavenly match with a rich chocolate dessert.</i>	4.00	10.00		28.00
1636.	2015 Soave Recioto, Le Colombare, PIEROPAN - VENETO <i>Recioto di Soave has a perfectly balance palate, with just the right level of delicate sweetness offset by a fresh acidity. Lovely, rich, almost exotic fruit on the palate, with a baked peach character and a long perfumed finish.</i>	5.10	12.00		39.80