

MARCLIFFE HOTEL AND SPA WINE LIST 2021

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A red dot denotes that the wine is currently unavailable. Vintages are subject to availability.

MARCLIFFE WINE LIST INTRODUCTION

All our wines have been tasted and assessed as showing certain styles and character that compliment our cuisine and will undoubtedly appear to the discerning tastes of our clientele. We have represented many classic regions of the old world and have maintained a loyalty to the traditional regions of France. We are also delighted to offer as part of our selection new wines from Australia, South Africa and many other wine growing countries of the New World. Our list features some of the world's most famous produces to the less well known ones and we believe offer exceptional quality. We carry some of the world's most iconic wines, to enable us to give our guests the opportunity to try them, we have applied a reduced mark-up fee to these wines.

Wine by the glass – If you want to vary your selection of wine during your meal, we are delighted to offer our wide range of wines by the glass. Our aim in compiling this list was to ensure that whatever your personal taste and favourite style of wine that every bottle we feature will be first class.

To enjoy some of the wines to their full potential it would be advisable to allow us time to decant and let the wine breath.

Vintage alternatives – whenever possible, we have secured sufficient stock of particular vintages to see us through the life of the list. If however we are unable to offer the vintage specified we will offer you the nearest suitable vintage.

Finally may I mention, that I am a great believer in drinking what you like. Wine is an integral part of the dining experience. The more you enjoy your visit to the Marcliffe, the better the wine will taste.

“A meal without wine is called Breakfast”

Have a lovely meal

Stewart Spence – Owner

MATCHING WINE WITH YOUR FOOD

Good news when matching food and wine, you don't have to learn complicated systems for selecting the right wine to enhance the food on the table. A few simple guidelines will help you make successful wine and food pairings.

Of course, it's fun to experiment and fine tune and with experience you may be able to create spectacular matches that dramatically improve both the dish and the wine. Most of us drink only a small portion of a glass of wine with the food, while drinking most before and after consuming the dish it's paired with. Most of the time you will spend more time talking with your friends and guests than you will analyse the pairings.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

1. DRINK AND EAT WHAT YOU LIKE

Choose a wine that you would want to drink by itself, rather than hoping a food match will improve a wine made in a style that you don't like. That way even if the pairing isn't perfect you will still enjoy what you're drinking, at worst you might need a sip of water or bite of bread between the dish and the glass. The same holds true for the food, after all if the dish is not your choice and you dislike it, there is no wine pairing with it on earth that will work for you.

2. LOOK FOR BALANCE

Consider the weight, body or richness of both the food and the wine. The wine and the dish should be equal partners, with neither overwhelming the other. If you balance the two by weight, you raise the odds dramatically that the pairing will succeed. This is the secret behind many classic wine and food matches.

There's a fair amount of instinct to this. Hearty food needs a hearty wine. Cabernet Sauvignon complements grilled lamb chops because they're equally vigorous, but the dish would run rough shot over a crisp white wine. In contrast, a light Soave washes down a subtly flavoured poached fish because they are equal in delicacy.

How do you determine weight? For the food, fat (including what comes from the cooking method and the sauce) is the main contributor.

For a wine, you can get clues from the colour, grape variety and alcohol level, along with the winemaking techniques and the region's climate. Wines with less than 12% ABV tend to be lighter bodied; those with more than 14% are heavier.

3. MATCH THE WINE TO THE MOST PROMINENT ELEMENT IN THE DISH

This is critical to fine tuning wine pairings. Identify the dominant character, more often it is the sauce, seasoning or cooking method, rather than the main ingredient. Consider two different chicken dishes: chicken marsala with a sauce of a dark wine and mushrooms versus a chicken breast poached in a creamy lemon sauce. The caramelised, earthy flavours of the former would benefit with a soft supple wine while the simplicity and citrus flavours of the latter dish lean toward a fresh clean white wine.

Fruity wines go with fruity food

Vinaigrette and high acid wines – Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Noir cancel each other out

High acid wine and salty foods (shellfish) complement each other

High acid wine and oily (roast duck) complement each other

Strong flavours (steak) will dominate delicate flavours (white wine)

Earthy (mushroom or truffles) goes with earthy (Pinot Noir)

Herbal (vegetables, herbs, capers) goes with herbal (Chardonnay, Albarino, Gewurztraminer)



POPULAR GRAPE VARIETIES

Listed below are some of the main grape varieties in wine production along with some notes on their characteristics and origin.

RED

CABERNET SAUVIGNON is famous for its Herculean strength and great depth of flavour. Intense and full-bodied with currant flavours and strong tannins which allow for great ageing. Classic and prestigious Cabernet can be found in Medoc of Bordeaux but also equally in the highly prized vines of the Napa Valley.

CARMENERE is the primary grape of Chile producing bold red wines with it sometimes being mistaken for Merlot.

MALBEC in Argentina, several quality producers are making wine from 100% Malbec with great success in the high altitudes and terroir of Argentina. In fact the fruit reaches its best expression today in the Mendoza region of Argentina. Several Bordeaux châteaux are working with Mendoza vineyards including Château Mouton Rothschild.

MERLOT a grape which has recently seen massive popularity with a medium to full body and herbaceous personality. Typically, softer than Cabernet Sauvignon with flavours of blackberry, plum, fruitcake and mocha. Find the new world treats in Chile and for classic merlot head straight to French Pomerol.

PINOTAGE was developed in the early 1900s and used primarily in South Africa. Pinotage is a mix between Pinot Noir and Cinsaut. This grape makes a wine that is hearty with a fruity and spicy taste.

PINOT NOIR is a red wine of light to medium body. Delicate, smooth, rich complexity with earthy aromas. They are less tannic than a cabernet sauvignon or a merlot. Pinot noirs exude the flavour of baked cherries, plums, mushrooms, cedar, cigars and chocolate. The most popular expression of this grape is French Red Burgundy. The grape has been the subject of great acclaim in New Zealand.

SYRAH (Shiraz) can produce great and muscular reds with strong tannins and complex combinations of berry, plum and smoke. This grape has led to many a success story in Napa, Australia and Africa but also has a place in old world classics such as Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

TEMPRANILLO is a classic quality grape variety responsible for making some Spain's best wines. It's a thick-skinned black grape used to make full-bodied red wines. Tempranillo responds sublimely to delicate integration with American and French oak, producing deep colours, smooth, elegant and capable of long ageing.

ZINFANDEL is primarily thought of as a Californian variety, however it has been proven this grape originated in Croatia. Zinfandel can have a light to full body and berry or spice like flavours. White pepper aromas are said to be typical of this grape variety. The grape is also often sold as fashionable white zinfandel in a rosé.

WHITE

CHARDONNAY is perhaps the most versatile of all grapes. It can range from the highly complex wines of Bâtard-Montrachet to the up front buttery examples from California.

CHENIN BLANC is responsible for some of the finest wines in the world from numerous appellations in the Loire Valley including Bonnezeaux, Quartz de Chaume, Vouvray and Côteaux du Layon. It also produces some dry wines in the Loire and is also widely planted in South Africa where it is known as Steen.

GEWURZTRAMINER is a grape which makes full-bodied wines with spice, ginger, grapefruit and honeysuckle flavours. It's classically made in Alsace and Germany but is also being produced in Australia and New Zealand.

MARSANNE makes fat, rich, full wines and one of the two major varieties used to produce the rare white wines of Hermitage and Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

MUSCAT produces spicy, floral wines that have a curious and unexpected flavour of white grapes. They range from dry and fresh to sweet and syrupy. Perhaps its most famous version is that of Muscat-de-Beaumes-de-Venise.

PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO has a low acidity which means a rich and lightly perfumed wine is often the result. More aged examples will display pear and spice cake flavours.

RIESLING is traditionally known for its floral perfume and flavours of peach, apricot and honey. Germany and Austria produce the most famous examples which often have a sweet minerality reminiscent of slate.

SAUVIGNON BLANC is best known for its grassy and herbal flavours which are highly agreeable with shellfish. New Zealand is producing fresh and lively Sauvignon whilst old world favourites are Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé.

SEMILLON grape's spiritual home is Bordeaux. One of two grapes together with Sauvignon Blanc that is responsible for Sauternes. Other than in Bordeaux, Semillon is little grown. Nevertheless it has found a niche in the Hunter Valley in Australia where unoaked versions are capable of long ageing, developing rich flavours as they do.

LE VERRE DE VIN

The Marcliffe proudly presents the only wine preservation system available, that preserves both still and sparkling wines.

This allows us to offer a unique service to our clients, whereby we can sell by the glass a carefully chosen selection of wines, each with their own characteristics. Years of development have created a product that removes exactly the right amount of air from the opened bottle. This ensures that wines are as fresh as the original corked wine.

We are pleased to offer you wines of your choice from the list on the next page.

All wines are offered in 125ml, 175ml and 250ml measures

HOUSE WHITE WINE

175ml

250ml

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £	GLASS £
1	HOUSE Chardonnay, France, 12% ABV A melony nose with pear and honeysuckle give this wine instant appeal.	2019	28.00	6.50 9.50
2	HOUSE Sauvignon Blanc, France, 12.5% ABV A lively white with mouth-watering citrus and plenty acidity. Fresh and crisp to drink.	2019	28.00	6.50 9.50
3	ALBARIÑO Bagoas Ledas, Rias Baixas 13% ABV This is a wine to enjoy either alone as an aperitif or with a light meat or seafood.	2019	36.00	9.00 12.50
4	OCHAGAVIA Chardonnay Reserve, Chile, 13.5% ABV Bright yellow with a golden hue, this chardonnay presents intense aromas of ripe tropical fruit-pineapple, mango, banana	2018	36.00	9.00 12.50
5	PINOT GRIGIO La maglia Rosa, Veneto, Italy, 12% ABV Delicate notes of green apples and zesty citrus. This is crisp, light and easy drinking.	2019	34.00	8.50 12.00
6	PALLISTER ESTATE Riesling, Martinborough, 12% ABV Beautiful easy drinking medium white wine with excellent acidity and crisp finish. Very drinkable, perfect for summertime	2018	39.00	10.00 14.00
7	DOMAINE MONTROSE Viognier, 12.5% ABV Tropical aromas and rich flavors with refreshing acidity and a vibrant mouthfeel.	2017	39.00	10.00 14.00

HOUSE RED WINE

8	HOUSE RED Syrah, France, 13% ABV A robust primary berry-fruit aroma with bright pepper and black-fruit flavours tinged with spice, underpinned by refreshing acidity	2019	28.00	6.50 9.50
9	FLEURIE , La Roilette, Bernard Mentrat 13% ABV Gamay guarantees that this wine is fresh, easy drinking and as light as a feather.	2016	39.00	10.00 14.00
10	LAFORET Pinot Noir, Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy, 13% ABV A wine full of charm, bright ruby colour and a nose rich with aromas of red fruit, easy to match with white and roasted meats	2018	39.00	10.00 14.00
11	OCHAGAVIA Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile, 13% ABV Rich in red fruit aromas with a deep ruby red colour, this wine boasts round tannins and a long lingering finish.	2018	36.00	9.00 12.50

			175ml
			250ml
	VINTAGE	BOTTLE	GLASS
		£	£
12 OCHAGAVIA Merlot, Chile, 12.5% ABV Everything you would expect from a Chilean Merlot, ripe and supple with plenty of rich dark fruit	2018	36.00	9.00
			12.50
13 FINCA LA FLORENCIA Malbec, Mendoza Argentina 14.5% ABV. Aromas of freshly crushed violets, envelope a deep core of jam and ripened plums, typical Mendoza	2019	39.00	10.00
			14.00
14 PIES NEGROS Bodegas y Viñedos Artuke, Spain 14% ABV Named ‘black feet’ (Pies Negros) because of the traditional grape treading they still do at Artuke. Made mostly from Tempranillo with a dash of Graciano, the fruit is from old vines planted in 1920. It’s certainly an up-to-date take on Rioja and delivers bright, black-cherry fruit and a super cut of red juice that helps keep the flow energetic. It is a crianza but the oak is so subtle and simply softens the feel and adds a ripe, soft feel of tannins as part of the soft, supple mouthfeel.	2017	38.00	9.50
			13.50
15 LITTLE EDEN , Shiraz, Australia, 13% ABV. An aromatic bouquet of ripe fruits, cherries and blackcurrants with notes of freshly ground coffee, dark chocolate, peppermint, liquorice and subtle pepper. Thick and smooth with good balanced fruit weight.	2019	36.00	9.00
			12.00

HOUSE ROSÉ WINE

16 DOMAINE MONTROSÉ ROSÉ France, 14% ABV Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon partnership. Light Rosé colour, fruit aromas of strawberry, blackberry, well balanced round and long on the palate. A refreshing Summer wine	2019	38.00	9.50
			12.50

HOUSE SWEET WINE

439 CHÂTEAU CARMES DE RIEUSSEC , Sauternes, 14% ABV Liquid gold colour. Classic Sauternes nose – light, floral aromatics, kumquat spritz, apricot and baked pineapple. Medium bodied, high level of acidity, lovely apricot and ripe mango flavours. 70cl Bottle.	2016	69.00	12.00
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“I certainly see you know your wines. Most of the guests who stay here wouldn’t know the difference between Bordeaux and Claret”

John Cleese (Basil Fawlty) Fawlty Towers

WHITE – CONNOISSEUR’S CHOICE

		175ml		
		250ml		
		VINTAGE	BOTTLE	GLASS
			£	£
205	CHABLIS Prieuré Saint Côme, 12.5% ABV A melony nose with pear and honeysuckle give this wine instant appeal.	2018	44.00	11.00
				15.00
252	HERMITAGE BLANC E.Guigal, 13.5% ABV. The wine is medium-gold with a nose of honey, beeswax, chalk, and peach jelly. In the mouth, the wine is plush and mouth-filling, one that is at times heavy with its golden fruit notes. The finish is long and lingering, pulling the white flower sensations through for nearly a minute.	2011	59.00	14.00
				20.00
293	SANCERRE Lucien Crochet, 13% ABV The dynamic Lucien Crochet, aromas of white fruit, peach then pear. Precise and long lingering with a long mineral finish.	2018	44.00	11.00
				15.00
400	PENCARROW Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, Martinborough, 13.5% ABV Vibrant and fresh with expansive flavours, delicious and succulent, great with seafood or light dishes	2019	44.00	11.00
				15.00

RED – CONNOISSEUR’S CHOICE

105	CHÂTEAU TEYSSIER Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé, 13% ABV Probably one of the most beautiful Bordeaux of the decade, showing great potential. This is a powerful wine with an almost black colour, and still developing great aromatic complexity. Its opulence entirely covers the palate, with a clean and lively finish full of freshness.	2012	59.00	15.00
				20.00
325	CHATEAU MUSAR , Gaston Hochar, Lebanon, 14% ABV Excellent spicy nose, heaps of dense sweet plum and raisin fruit layered with Christmas spice.	2014	59.00	15.00
				20.00
306	BAROLO Paolo Scavino, 14.5% ABV Elegant, round nose with lingering fruit, spice, balsamic and mineral undertones. Strong, warm body with powerful aromas and well-balanced flavours. Long intense finish.	2014	69.00	17.50
				23.00
398	HOMAGE SYRAH Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay, 14% ABV Named as one of New Zealand’s top ten wineries in Decanter Magazine earlier this year, Trinity Hill has gained a worldwide reputation for its wines, especially the reds from its Gimblett Gravels estate. Black berries and blueberries sprinkled with chocolate the fruit is rich and supple. Finishes with a hint of vanilla and coffee. Tannins well integrated.	2009	69.00	17.50
				23.00

DISCERNING WINE SELECTION (175ml)

A selection of affordable bottles preserved under vacuum and dispensed from the bar.

SPARKLING WINE

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £	GLASS £
18 PROSECCO Maschio Dei Cavalieri, Extra Dry, 11% ABV Yellow straw colour with hints of green. An apple and ripe fruit bouquet with almond and honey notes. A fresh and balanced taste.	NV	36.00	9.50

CHAMPAGNE BY THE GLASS

19 FORGET BRIMONT Brut 1er Cru, 12% ABV Black grapes on the nose with lemon pastry, apple, oyster shell, sourdough and meringue. Structured, weighty and generous with stylish mousse.	NV	55.00	14.00
22 LAURENT PERRIER ROSÉ CUVÉE 12% ABV The Cuvée Rosé Brut Champagne from Laurent Perrier is the UK's favourite Rosé Champagne. Fruit dominates the palate, well rounded wine that combines structure and freshness.	NV	89.00	22.00

How big can a wine bottle get?



Piccolo – ¼ Bottle – 187.5ml
Demi/Half – ½ Bottle – 375ml
Standard – 1 Bottle – 750ml
Magnum – 2 Bottles – 1.5L
Jeroboam(sparkling)/Double Magnum – 4 Bottles – 3.0L
Rehoboam(sparkling)/Jeroboam(wine) – 6 Bottles – 4.5L
Imperial/Methuselah – 8 Bottles – 6.0L
Salmanazar – 12 Bottles – 9.0L
Balthazar – 16 Bottles – 12.0L
Nebuchadnezzar – 20 Bottles – 15.0L
Solomon/Melchior – 24 Bottles – 18.0L
Sovereign – 35 Bottles – 26.25L
Primat(Goliath) – 36 Bottles – 27.0L
Melchizedek/Midas – 40 Bottles – 30.0L

“Come quickly I am tasting stars” Dom Perignon’s famous quote after his first taste of Champagne and fairly apt description of what a good Champagne or sparkling wine experience should offer us.

Champagne and other sparkling wines are a category of wine made from a blend of grapes such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

The Champagne we know and love comes exclusively from the Champagne region of France and claims the honour of being the most famous of sparkling wines. Technically it is the only sparkling wine that may be referred to as “Champagne”, all other sparkling made in France out with the region are referred to as Cremant. From all other regions in the World are simply referred to as “sparkling wine” though there are other regional specialities.

Spain’s sparkling is called Cava, using Macabeo, Parellada and Xarel·lo grapes primarily in production.

Italy’s sparkling comes in Prosecco, produced in a large area spanning nine provinces in the Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia regions and named after the village of Prosecco and made using the Glera grape in at least 85%. The other Italian sparkling, Moscato d’Asti, made using the Moscato bianco grape and produced mainly in the province of Asti, Northwest Italy and in smaller nearby regions in the Alessandria and Cuneo provinces.

Italy, Spain, England, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. give France a run for their money by producing some fantastic sparkling wines.

What are the typical Aromas and flavours found in sparkling wine and Champagne?

AROMA – can be reminiscent of fresh apple sauce, spiced apple, ripe pear and fresh baked bread smells, compliments of the yeast that’s added during the second fermentation.

FLAVOUR – apple, pear, citrus, strawberry, cream and vanilla (typically on the finish), yeast and nutty flavours are all common denominators in sparkling wines and champagnes. However if there is more ripe fruit on the palate then it is very likely one of the New World sparkling wines. The more subtle creamy, yeast and nut like flavours are more common in Old World Champagne.

CHAMPAGNE MAGNUM'S

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
25M	POMMERY FLACON D'EXCEPTION 12.5% ABV	1983	650.00
26M	CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON OENOTHÈQUE 12.5% ABV	1973	950.00

NON-VINTAGE

19	FORGET BRIMONT Brut 1er Cru, 12% ABV Black grapes on the nose with lemon pastry, apple, oyster shell, sourdough and meringue. Structured, weighty and generous with stylish mousse.	NV	55.00	
21	BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE 12% ABV The expressions of the Bollinger House Style is Pinot dominated. Beautiful aromatic complexity, ripe fruit and spicy aromas, flavours of pear, brioche and notes of fresh walnut on the palate.	NV	79.00	
23	LAURENT-PERRIER Brut, 12% ABV Clear upon the first sip where each note of peach, orange, lemon and apple each mixing to take the limelight.	NV	79.00	
27	MOËT ET CHANDON Brut Impérial, 12% ABV Notes of bread and apple with fruit and twist of citrus on the palate.	NV	79.00	
28	VEUVE CLICQUOT Ponsardin Brut, 12% ABV Mouth-watering fruit, a splendid mousse and a tremendous finish.	NV	79.00	
29	TAITTINGER Brut, 12% ABV Lovely, elegant champagne with appealing delicate toasty flavours an ethereal texture and good length. Dry with an exquisite balance of tangy acidity.	NV	79.00	
30	LOUIS ROEDERER Brut, 12% ABV The well-balanced Roederer style is suitably rich, full-bodied and opulent.	NV	79.00	
31	RUINART BRUT 12% ABV Clean, fresh nose, medium intensity with brioche, nuts, lemon and chalk. High acidity. Medium-bodied.	NV	89.00	½ Btl 45.00
32	RUINART BLANC DE BLANC 12% ABV Citrus, peach and white flower aromas evolve into a fresh and supple palate, ideal when paired with oysters and seafood.	NV	99.00	
33	POL ROGER 12% ABV Pol Roger is famous as Churchill's favourite Champagne – they've even named a cuvée after him. This Brut is full of pear, mango and honeysuckle flavours – but rich and biscuity. Sublime with dressed crab.	NV	79.00	

ROSE CHAMPAGNE

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
<p>20 FORGET BRIMONT Rosé 1er Cru, 12% ABV Deep pink. Clean nose of cherries in syrup. Fleshy, easy-drinking palate framed by a measure of sweetness. A charming rosé that we would recommend as a pudding wine with red fruit tart.</p>	NV	59.00
<p>21B BOLLINGER Rosé 12% ABV Hints of redcurrant, cherry and wild strawberry along with a spicy touch, not unlike special cuvée. A velvety mousse and lingering flavours of wild berries.</p>	NV	79.00
<p>22 LAURENT-PERRIER ROSÉ CUVÉE 12% ABV The Cuvée Rosé Brut Champagne from Laurent Perrier is the UK's favourite Rosé Champagne. Fruit dominates the palate, well rounded wine that combines structure and freshness.</p>	NV	89.00
<p>34 MOËT & CHANDON Brut Impérial Rosé, 12% ABV Excellent non-vintage pink fizz has all the usual Moët hallmarks with an additional emphasis on red berry and other summer fruit flavours.</p>	NV	89.00
<p>35 G.H. MUMM ROSÉ CUVÉE 12% ABV Amid aromas of fruits of the forest and pink grapefruit, individual hints of strawberry, cherry and redcurrant dominate and expand into delicate scents of caramelised vanilla.</p>	NV	79.00
<p>36 VEUVE CLICQUOT Rosé, 12% ABV The wine has a luminous colour with radiant rosé accents. The nose is elegant and generous with initial aromas of fresh red fruit leading to dried fruits and biscuit notes.</p>	NV	89.00
<p>37 LOUIS ROEDERER CRISTAL ROSÉ 12% ABV Deep pink appearance, aromas of strawberries, redcurrants and cherries, followed by scents of plants mixed with warmer notes of jam and gingerbread.</p>	2006	650.00
<p>39 DOM RUINART BRUT ROSÉ 12.5% ABV This Champagne is composed of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir, all from Grand Cru sites. The Chardonnay is sourced both from the Côte-des-Blancs and the Mountain of Reims Chardonnay that gives the subtle exoticism that is the signature of the House.</p>	2002	250.00

VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
40 CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON 12.5% ABV The palate is creamy and dense, yet fresh and precise with a composed, smooth mousse. The finish is majestic with earthy Meursault-like flavours, mineral and charcoal. This is stunning	2004	195.00
41 CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON 12.5% ABV Exotic floral notes, warm brioche and ripe berry fruits. Sleek, lean, dense and fine with bitter orange and honey on the finish. This is a thrilling Champagne.	2002	220.00
43 PIPER HEIDSIECK Florins Louis, 12% ABV This fine example of Piper Heidsieck vintage is made from 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay sourced from over 60 villages situated mainly in the Montagne de Reims and the Côtes-des-Blancs.	1973	99.00
44 DEUTZ CUVÉE, WILLIAM DEUTZ 12% ABV Perhaps most “magnifique” Deutz Cuvée ever released. Aromas of roasted almond, toast and ripe grapefruit on a luxurious palate of apple, grapefruit, brioche and biscuit.	1988	270.00
45 PAUL GOERG Premier Cru, 12% ABV This dry greenish yellow sparkling features intense spicy, floral and fruity scents and offers fine and persistent bubbles. Discover this medium-bodied wine expressing refreshing acidity and offering a full-bodied texture.	2005	75.00
47 LOUIS ROEDERER CRISTAL 12% ABV Brilliant yellow with light amber highlights. A clean and well integrated mixture of flavours of honey, cocoa, lightly toasted hazelnuts and candied citrus fruit.	2012	280.00

FORGET BRIMONT THE MARCLIFFE'S HOUSE CHAMPAGNE



Michel Forget inherited a strong family vine growing and winemaking tradition that spans six generations. Based in the town of Craon de Ludes, he owns nine hectares of prime Pinot Noir vineyards, planted mainly on the Grand Cru rated sites of Maily-Champagne and Verzenay in the Montagne de Reims region. All the steps of the production process from vineyard to cellar are geared towards expressive individual wines. The standard non-vintage blend is dominated by Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier with a small percentage of Chardonnay and is rested on its lees for three years before degorgement and this ensures it is refined and elegant.

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In 1874 Pommery created the very first successfully marketed Brut Champagne. To assure the quality associated with this original innovation, Thierry Gasco, the Chef de Cave of Champagne Pommery and Le Figaro's – Champagne Man of the Year, uses 300 hectares of Grand Cru vineyards. These are situated on the Montagne de Reims and the Côtes des Blancs and produce wonderfully balanced Cuvées. The consistency of innovation of nine different Crus, culminating with Cuvée Louise is what sets Pommery apart from the other Grand Marques.

51 POMMERY 12.5% ABV Very biscuit and slightly oxidised on opening, even mature. However it has developed and the flavours became balanced with good acidity and tastings of lime and lemons.	1998	165.00
52 POMMERY 12.5% ABV The bouquet's aromatic finesse reveals this wine's perfect minerality and its citrus lemon and grapefruit aromas that are softened by a touch of white peach.	1995	170.00
53 POMMERY CUVÉE LOUISE 12.5% ABV The wine looks yellow to gold in colour. It smells like tobacco and rum raisin. The body is light has narrow texture and finishes medium.	1995	170.00

CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON

OENOTHÈQUE

Dom Pérignon



Once again the Marcliffe at Pitfodels have been chosen as one of the three prestigious outlets in Scotland to offer the legacy of Dom Pérignon. Oenothèque means that the bottle comes from the Champagne house's library of wine (the cellar). The wine is aged on the lees (remaining yeast from the secondary fermentation) and released at a later date. Listed is the comprehensive range of vintages chosen by Chef De Cave Richard Geoffrey.

26M	CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON OENOTHÈQUE 12.5% ABV MAGNUM	1973	950.00
54	CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON OENOTHÈQUE 12.5% ABV	1995	395.00
55	CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON OENOTHÈQUE 12.5% ABV	1964	750.00
56	CUVÉE DOM PÉRIGNON OENOTHÈQUE 12.5% ABV	1959	750.00

In certain vintages a small portion of Dom Pérignon is kept aside for extended ageing sur lie (over and above the 7 years for Dom Pérignon). The Dom Pérignon Cellar Master will determine the release date of these wines when they are at their optimum, this can be between 10-25 years after the vintage. These wines are labelled Dom Pérignon Oenothèque. The 1964 is a thoroughly distinguished Champagne; bright and brilliant, but not frivolous or light, this is deep, intense yet crystal clear. Parading rich but crisply-defined red fruit characteristics together with notes of limestone biscuit and smoky gunflint overtones. Absolutely stunning!

KRUG

The House of Krug illustrates the amazing adventure of a visionary, Joseph Krug, a determined man with an uncompromising philosophy, who understood that the essence of Champagne is pleasure itself. He wanted to offer his clients the ultimate pleasure experience in Champagne every year, regardless of the annual changes in climate. Joseph Krug founded the first and only House with Champagnes that are all of equal, undisputed quality and distinction.

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
<p>57 KRUG Grand Cuvée, 12% ABV With a rich style and complexity, there are aromas of yeast, nuts, dried fruits and toast. On the palate; hazelnut, barley sugar, citrus fruits, almonds, brioche and honey</p>	NV	250.00
<p>58 KRUG Rosé, 12% ABV A succulent harmony of flavours that is truly perfection in a glass. Produced in strictly limited quantities, Krug Rosé is not a classic. It is an original, a one-off.</p>	NV	295.00
<p>59 KRUG Brut, 12% ABV Light-medium golden yellow colour with steady tiny bubbles, very appealing, mature, almond, roasted coconut, honeycomb nose, elegant and youthful with a mineral palate, medium acidity and a long finish.</p>	1995	295.00
<p>60 KRUG Clos de Mesnil, 12.5% ABV Straw yellow colour. Very fine bead (size of bubbles). Appealing aromas of honey, slate, orange zest, a touch of smoky oak and a light nutty character. The palate is focused, elegant and delicate, yet the flavours are expansive towards the long finish.</p>	1992	695.00
<p>61 KRUG Clos de Mesnil, 12.5% ABV Very powerful with great density. Lots of fruit in a mature style but still plenty of freshness for its age. This is an exceptional wine for style.</p>	1982	1200.00



SPARKLING WINE

ENGLISH - NYETIMBER

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
62	CLASSIC CUVÉE 12% ABV Produced from a mixture of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes. This wine is a deep golden colour with a fine, gentle bread.	NV	59.00
63	NYETIMBER ROSÉ 12.5% ABV Aromas of redcurrants and cherries intermingled with other complex scents of brioche derived from less ageing.	NV	65.00
64	BLANC DE BLANCS 12% ABV This wine has an impressive golden colour, particularly for its age and delicate bubbles. The nose displays powerful flavours of lemon and baked apple.	2010	75.00
65	NYETIMBER – TILLINGTON Single vineyard, 12% ABV The decision to create the Tillington single vineyard 2009 began when Nyetimber's head wine maker Cherie Spriggs was particularly impressed by the fantastic expression of Pinot Noir coming specifically from the Tillington Vineyard back in 2009	2009	115.00

ITALIAN

17	MASCHIO DEI CAVALIERI , Pinot Rosa Frizzante 11% ABV The cuvée of Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir impresses with its fruity-fresh aroma. An animating Frizzante Rosé, which is wonderfully recommended as an aperitif and with light dishes.	NV	36.00
18	PROSECCO MASCHIO DEI CAVALIERI extra dry, 11% ABV. Fruity and flowery with crispy green apple and fresh fruit flavours. Mouth-watering. Perfect pre-dinner.	NV	36.00
314	LA CHIASSAIE Brut, Spumante, 13% ABV This sparkling wine has fine bubbles winding through its bright straw yellow colour and greenish reflections. Its aroma will remind you of peaches, sweet flowers and its flavour includes fruity hints of pineapples.	2012	39.00

AUSTRALIAN

68	GREEN POINT VINEYARDS Brut, Yarra Valley, 12.5% ABV Made using the traditional method, using the same grape varieties as Champagne, Green Point is owned by Möet et Chandon. Green Point Winery is situated in the cool-climate Yarra Valley, perfect for sparkling wine production. Fresh, floral aromas are complemented by stone fruit flavours, subtle roasted nut and savoury spice, leading to a crisp, dry finish. Excellent for toasting those special occasions.	NV	39.00
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ALCOHOL FREE WINES

All of the following wines have an alcohol content of less 0.5% by volume.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
70	EISBERG ROSÉ 0.5% ABV Deep, glossy cherry red aromas of forest fruits and red liquorice. Lively palate and a long finish.	NV	25.00
71	EISBERG WHITE 0.5% ABV Pale yellow, very clear. Rich and fresh floral aromas of green apples, peaches and citrus, fresh and lively on the palate.	NV	25.00
73	EISBERG RED 0.5% ABV A rich, clear red with purple hues. Aromas of summer fruits with hints of cherry	NV	25.00
74	EISBERG SPARKLING 0.5% ABV A fresh and light alcohol-free Sparkling wine which is crisp and elegant with flavours of citrus and peach.	NV	25.00

ROSÉ WINE AT THE MARCLIFFE

16	DOMAINE MONTROSÉ ROSÉ France, 14% ABV Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon partnership. Light Rosé colour, fruit aromas of strawberry, blackberry, well balanced round and long on the palate. A refreshing Summer wine	2019	38.00
5B	PINOT GRIGIO ROSÉ Tenuta Monticello, 12% ABV. Pinot Grigio is the grape behind this wine and this juicy strawberry fruit-scented rosé makes a really refreshing change to white Pinot Grigio.	2016	38.00
297	SANCERRE ROSÉ Lucien Crochet, 13% ABV. This Pinot Noir Rosé is light, fragrant, smooth and perfect drinking wine for Summer from our very own favourite award winning producer.	2018	49.00
327	CHÂTEAU MUSAR Rosé, Gaston Hochar, 14% ABV Quite the deceptive rosé. A very light pink appearance reveals a very different animal on the palate.	2013	59.00
263	WHISPERING ANGEL Château d'Esclans, Sacha Lichine, Cotes de Provence, 12.5% ABV This beautiful salmon-pink Provence rosé has a very pretty scent of crushed strawberries, peach, rose-water and orange blossom. On the palate, it is wonderfully dry and crisp with delicate summer berry fruits balanced by citrus zest acidity and a deliciously creamy finish.	2020	55.00
419	TRUMPETER Malbec Rosé, Argentina, Mendoza, 13% ABV Limpid rosé with lilac nuances. The subtle floral profile gives way to the fresh red fruit notes and slightly citric notes.	2017	39.00



Trump Winery prides itself in making quality, terroir driven wines from their estate grown fruit in the heart of the Monticello AVA. With an elevation range of 600 to 1000 feet high density plantings and an emphasis on sustainable practices they craft sparkling, white and red wines that can compete with the best wines from around the World.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
450	TRUMP BLANC DE BLANC SPARKLING 12% ABV This sparkling wine is made from Trump Winery's best Chardonnay grapes. Very pale yellow in colour, tiny bubbles. Nose of green apple and pears. Clean crisp finish.	2012	58.00
451	TRUMP CHARDONNAY 12% ABV Great Chard with barely a hint of oak. Bright apricots and vanilla on the nose. Flavours of citrus, peach, and spice.	2016	51.00
452	TRUMP MERITAGE 13% ABV This Meritage is a mixture of 50% Cab Franc, 45% Merlot and 5% Malbec. There is medium body, firm tannins and aromas of wet earthy tones, black cherries, black fruit, herb, and straw. Enjoy with soft cheeses, such as brie or goat. Terrific with lamb, aged beef, rustic stews and mushrooms.	2016	58.00

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The North East Connection

In 1989 John Kluge, the American Billionaire bought Mar Lodge Estate bordering Balmoral on Royal Deeside.

He owned it till 1995 when he sold the Estate to the National Trust for Scotland. He was married to Theodora Thomson, Yolanda Galardo (with whom he had a son and daughter) and a one-time nude model Patricia Maureen Rose (with whom he adopted a son). He met this third wife at a dinner party during which she performed a belly dance on the dining room table: "I said to myself, 'Where has she been all my life?'"

They married (Patricia and John) in 1981 and divorced 9 years later. The former Mrs Kluge established the Kluge Estate Winery in 1999 and was purchased by Donald Trump in 2011.

The Winery is situated in Charlottesville, Virginia and is now owned by his son Eric, so hence the Trump connection with the North East goes back many years.

Thank you to the Trump Family for allowing me to sell their wonderful wine.

J Stewart Spence



Unlike many athletes who lend their name to a brand, David Frost and his family have been in the wine business in South Africa for over 60 years. His father’s vineyard was the first place he hit balls and the pocket money he made from picking grapes funded his first set of clubs and an on going supply of balls. In 1994 the tradition of vineyards in the family continued when David bought a 300-acre vineyard in the Paarl wine region where he produced his first 3,000 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon in 1997.

The First Golfers Wine on the Marcliffe Wine List in 2004

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
455	DAVID FROST SAUVIGNON BLANC 13.5% ABV White and pink floral tones of clover and sweet pea with supporting notes of white pear, melon rind and green apple. Gooseberry and pineapple flavours unfold on the palate, framed by ample acidity that results in a short yet clean finish.	2016	39.00
453	DAVID FROST CABERNET SAUVIGNON 14.5% ABV There's a green edge to the red berry and plum fruit core of this wine, with touches of fruitcake spice, violet and milk-chocolate brownie to sweeten the deal. It's medium-bodied with fine and accessible tannins, a quick finish that ends clean.	2015	39.00
454	DAVID FROST SHIRAZ 14.5% ABV Scents of vanilla and sweet spice greet the nose upon entry, while raspberries and brambly berry provide a solid grounding for the medium-weight palate. The tannins are soft and the acidity low, with a lingering mocha accent on the rich finish.	2015	39.00
456	DAVID FROST MERLOT RESERVE 14.5% ABV The 1999 Merlot Reserve was dedicated to one of golf's greats, Arnold Palmer. This Merlot is concentrated with rich chocolate and coffee aromas with flavors of blackberry, cherry and spice on the palate. The finish is focused and lush with soft underlining tannin firmness.	1999	205.00

Made by fellow golfer with a Leroy Nieman painting of the Late Great Arnold Palmer on the label, one of a series of David’s wines honouring legendary golfers.

VERY RARE! A Collectors Wine

457	DAVID FROST MERLOT RESERVE 14.5% ABV Smoky, stewed fruit aromas with a great full bodied mouthfeel. Holding out well with a complex, interesting finish.	2001	205.00
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As Arnold Palmer but the 2001 is dedicated to
The All Time Majors Winner - Jack Nicklaus



ALPHA OMEGA
WORLD RENOWNED WINEMAKERS
HANDCRAFTING WORLD CLASS WINES

On a recent (July 2017) R & R trip to the Napa Valley, I was recommended to visit this winery. I was so impressed, I arranged for this wine to be shipped to Aberdeen as they have no UK suppliers due to their limited production. We are now so privileged to have various vintages on our list.

Go on, you will be so impressed!

Stewart Spence
Hotel Owner

Alpha Omega History

Established in 2006, Alpha Omega was created to offer handcrafted wines that blend the best winemaking techniques of the Old World with the New World and a winery that exudes a sense of place and hospitality reflective of the Napa Valley farming community.

While the winery, located in the legendary Rutherford Bench of world-famous Napa Valley, has blossomed, the essence of Alpha Omega has never changed. Presenting world-class wines in a convivial setting remains just as paramount to vintners Robin and Michelle Baggett today as when the owners and former co-founder Eric Sklar first opened the winery's doors on July 1, 2006.

Alpha Omega combines the Old World's European balanced style of winemaking with the New World's state-of-the-art techniques and powerful fruit and tannins found in Napa Valley resulting in elegant, Bordeaux-style wine that will hold up for years to come.

Alpha Omega boasts a picturesque setting, highlighted by views of its landmark fountains and pond, beautiful vineyards and the statuesque Mayacamas Mountains. The breathtaking scenery makes for the perfect backdrop to enjoy the handcrafted wines made with grapes from prized, historic vineyards by talented Swiss-born winemaker Jean Hoefliger and superstar winemaking consultant Michel Rolland of Bordeaux.

Thanks in part to a warm staff of well-trained professionals, a downhome feel permeates throughout the modern, farm-style winery on famous Highway 29 that the Baggetts dreamed of conceiving when they toured the Valley in 2005 looking for a property to purchase to open their first winery together. Today, Alpha Omega is honored that its estate is considered one of the top wineries in the region.

Previously the site of Esquisse winery and more associated with its predecessor, Quail Ridge, the 1980s-style winery was ready to be taken to the next level by its new owners. In creating an estate comparable to the finest in the Valley, the Baggetts took on the project in the same fashion that helped them achieve success in other fields — Robin as an attorney, grape grower and vintner in San Luis Obispo and Michelle as a hospitality branding and marketing whiz.

Several months into negotiations for the property, Sir Peter Newton suggested to the Baggetts that they talk to his young, up-and-coming winemaker, Jean Hoefliger, about moving over to Alpha Omega. Jean and Michel Rolland, the world's leading winemaking consultant, had excelled at making award-winning wines for Newton Vineyards in Napa Valley and left to do the same for Alpha Omega.

When it came to building its brand, Alpha Omega spared no expense. There were no limits for the starry-eyed vintners who aimed to bring their vision to fruition. They gave their winemakers 100 percent of their trust to procure the best grapes from prized vineyards throughout Napa Valley.

Inside and outside, Alpha Omega underwent an aesthetic transformation that resulted in a stunning tasting room boasting high ceilings and dazzling views, a state-of-the-art barrel room and crush pad, custom-made stainless steel tanks from Chile, a sweeping patio, reflection pond with fountains and private tasting rooms that allow wine enthusiasts to sample the most exclusive Alpha Omega wines surrounded by world-class art created by local artists.

Alpha Omega continues to push forward, vintage after vintage, by constantly improving its wine, visitor experience and surroundings — the crux of Alpha Omega from the beginning and forever to the end.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
462 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	14.9% ABV	2009	215.00
<p>Relatively red fruited, with raspberries and lingonberries prominent on the front end. There's more acidity here than in many Napa reds. The Cab Franc shows up on the back end and there's a good dose of black pepper in the finish although that fades a bit with extended air time. <i>Blend: 37% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc & 13% Petit Verdot</i></p>			
463 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	14.9% ABV	2010	215.00
<p>Stands out for its delineation and nuance. Clean veins of minerality support blackberries, tar and incense in this beautiful, layered red. The 2010 possesses gorgeous mid-palate pliancy and depth all the way through to the resonant, highly inviting finish. <i>Blend: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc</i></p>			
464 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	14.9% ABV	2011	205.00
<p>Aromas of strong cedar with touches of cigar & hints of liquorice balanced with rosemary, pepper, nutmeg evolving on dark cherry & baked brioche. Soft on the palate with a fresh entrance of blackberries, cassis & elderberry lingering on dense tannins & touches of spice. <i>Blend: 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot</i></p>			
465 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	14.9% ABV	2012	175.00
<p>The 2012 is a winner. It reveals good structure and tannin as well as the vintage's lavish personality and extroverted fruit, glycerine and intensity. It is a big fruit bomb with a deep ruby/purple colour and sweet notes of liquorice, blackcurrants, blackberries, espresso and white chocolate. Full-bodied and voluptuous, despite its light tannins. <i>Blend, made from 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc</i></p>			
466 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	14.9% ABV	2013	175.00
<p>Deep dark plum colour with hints of boysenberry and lipstick. On the nose, this wine shows an explosion of thyme, paprika and curry with chocolate, cherry, macerated strawberry and hibiscus. Soft velvety entrance on the palate evolving on structured tannins with cherry, currant, cassis and blackberries lingering on blue fruit jam. <i>Blend: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc</i></p>			
467 PROPRIETARY RED - BORDEAUX BLEND	15.5% ABV	2014	175.00
<p>One of the most immediate and intense wines the 2014 offers a rush of intense fruit to match its succulent personality. This is not the most complex wine in the range, but among the most delicious. <i>Blend: 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc</i></p>			
468 CABERNET SAUVIGNON	15% ABV	2014	175.00
<p>Another sexy, open-knit and luscious style of wine is the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a direct wine with an extroverted personality offering plenty of red & black fruits, liquorice, some toast, and a medium to full-bodied, layered finish. Should drink well for at least 15 years.</p>			
469 CHARDONNAY RESERVE	14.1% ABV	2014	175.00
<p>Nose of mango, pear, slate and a touch of citrus, same on the palate, medium/big body, mineral driven on the mid palate. Subdued fruit makes it almost white Burgundy like, mouth filling fruit and a long mineral driven finish.</p>			

WINE PRODUCED BY GOLFERS FOR GOLFERS

Some of the world's most famous golfers have meandered into the world of wine. The Marcliffe are pleased to offer a selection from these vineyard vigilantes.

79	RETIEF GOOSEN, THE EXPRESSION Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Schoonberg, 14% ABV Ruby red colour, scented bouquet with abundant smoke and spice, delivering exceptional richness and a powerful full-bodied finish. The tannins are ripe and soft, with a long, clean aftertaste.	2007/08	79.00
80	ARNOLD PALMER Cabernet Sauvignon 14.1% ABV Aromas of almonds and dark cherries. The finish has elements of dark fruit integrated with an elegant and rounded tannin structure.	2011	49.00
81	ARNOLD PALMER Chardonnay, 14.1% ABV This wine has a nose that is intense and zesty with rich mineral, green apple and grapefruit aromas. a lush and refreshing finish with a hint of toasted brioche.	2012	49.00
82	ERNIE ELS Signature Bordeaux, 14% ABV The black core with purple rim shows its huge concentration, with time needed in the glass to coerce its depth of flavours.	2013	125.00
83	ERNIE ELS Stellenbosch, Proprietors Blend, 14% ABV Nothing short of brilliant - a blend of Cabernet, Shiraz, Cab Franc, Merlot and Malbec that actually work.	2015	65.00
85	ERNIE ELS Stellenbosch, Proprietor's Syrah, 14.5% ABV Syrah has a dense, pitch-black core with a vivid purple hue. Intense blueberries, pepper ham and warm toast.	2014	52.00
89	LUKE DONALD Collection, Napa Valley 14% ABV This wine has complex flavour intensity and is well balanced on the palate. Black cherry and plum flavours present with a hint of coffee bean and dark chocolate.	2009/10	69.00
90	JACK NICKLAUS Private Reserve, Napa Valley, 14% ABV Deep black cherry fruit with accents of vanilla and smoky spice on the nose. <i>81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 5% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot.</i>	2009/11	79.00

Cakebread Cellars



“We are very excited to celebrate 40 years of family winemaking in Napa Valley! To think it all began with a camera and a casual question of “if you ever wanted to sell your ranch...” to a family friend who owned 20 acres of walnuts and grapes in the heart of Napa Valley back in 1972.

Cakebread Cellars was established in 1973 by my father Jack, who started out producing 4 barrels of Chardonnay or about 150 cases. Fast forward 40 years, we now own 460 acres of vineyards in Napa Valley and 100 acres in Anderson Valley. Our focus remains the same, producing quality wines that are nicely balanced, will age gracefully and are best enjoyed with friends and good food. We are fortunate we have a great group of employees who share our passion for fine wine. Our father has a motto when he started the winery in 1973. “We make wines that we like to drink because if you can’t sell them you better be able to drink them”. This philosophy still holds true today

WHITE

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
91 SAUVIGNON BLANC Napa Valley, 13.5% ABV This Sauvignon Blanc is aged for 5 months in older French Oak barrels and bottled in the early spring. The fresh, vivid aromas of our Sauvignon Blanc literally leap out of the glass. <i>Blended with 8% Semillon and 4% Sauvignon Musque</i>	2017	75.00
92 CHARDONNAY Napa Valley, 14% ABV 2012 was our 40th year of producing our Napa Valley Chardonnay. This wine is hand harvested at night to fully capture their fresh, concentrated varietal flavours, crisp acidity and ideal sugar-acid balance. Whole-cluster- pressing of the fruit immediately upon arrival at the winery maximizes varietal intensity while minimizing the extraction of astringent compounds from the skins.	2017	85.00
93 CHARDONNAY RESERVE Napa Valley, 15% ABV Boasts bright, creamy aromas of sweet golden apple and white peach augmented by enticing pie crust, biscotti, toasted oak and mineral scents. Full-bodied and mouth filling on the palate, with luscious, impressively concentrated apple, pear and melon flavors, the wine delivers a strikingly long, persistent finish showcasing ripe fruit, spicy oak and refreshing mineral tones.	2016	115.00

RED

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
94	PINOT NOIR Anderson Valley, 13.5% ABV Pinot Noir displays earthy, fresh cherry and red raspberry aromas accented by notes of sandalwood and mineral. Medium-bodied and supple on the palate, with fine tannins, the wine delivers juicy black cherry, red currant and black raspberry flavors that persist throughout a long, lively finish featuring bright acidity and a refreshing minerality.	2016	89.00
95	CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley, 14.5% ABV This Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of grapes sourced from the top vineyards throughout the Napa Valley's finest sub AVA's. They include 5% <i>Cabernet Franc</i> , 4% <i>Merlot</i> , 4% <i>Petit Verdot</i> and 1% <i>Malbec</i> in the blend to create a classic Bordeaux-style <i>cépage</i> showcasing the rich, ripe fruit flavours for which Napa Valley is renowned.	2015	115.00
96	BENCHLAND SELECT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON Napa Valley 15.5% ABV The Benchland Select Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from two exceptional vineyards in Napa Valley's gently sloping western "benchlands" in Rutherford and Oakville AVA, not far from the winery. These sites enjoy ideal eastern exposures, well-drained soils and mild afternoon temperatures, resulting in uniform fruit ripening and wines of impressive depth and elegance. The Benchland Select spends a total of 20 months in French oak barrels, 36% new.	2014	215.00
97	DANCING BEAR, CABERNET SAUVIGNON Howell Mountain 15% ABV Yes, there are Bears in the hills of Napa Valley. The Dancing Bear Ranch is located in the Howell Mountain AVA in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. The vines are planted on steep hillsides reaching elevations over 1,800 feet. These hardy vines are rooted in volcanic soils and enjoy excellent sun exposure. The blend changes each year but is usually comprised of about 90-95% Cabernet Sauvignon and filled out with Cabernet Franc and Merlot.	2014	250.00



LEVIN WINES

Profile on David Levin

Owner and Proprietor of The Capital Group (*He is one of my industry heroes! - Stewart Spence*)

David Levin started as a commis waiter in 1952 in Glasgow at the Malmaison Restaurant in the Central Hotel. David worked his way through all key departments of British Transport Hotels, working long shifts and busy stints in the kitchens, housekeeping and reception. David Levin proceeded to complete his formal training at the Scottish Hotel School and graduated in 1954. Having worked in Paris at The Ambassador Hotel for a year in 1955 David felt the urge to return to the UK and became Manager at Stratford Upon Avon, for British Transport Hotels.

His continuing hard work and determination paid off when he became a Manager in 1964 at the Hotel Lochalsh in Kyle, overlooking the Isle of Skye.

He then formed the idea of The Capital Hotel and Restaurant in 1969 and construction of the hotel started in 1970 on Basil Street, Knightsbridge. The hotel opened in 1971 as the only London hotel combining the hotel with a fine dining restaurant and employed an English Chef! – Richard Shepherd

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
99	L MISTER , Sauvignon Blanc VIN DE PAYS, Loire 13% ABV Fermented for nine months in French oak, delicate toasty aromas. The palate is layered with exotic fruits and subtle citrus flavours.	2009	49.00
100	LEVIN , Gamay VIN DE PAYS, Loire, 13% ABV Deep ruby red in colour with aromas of lavender, violet and chocolate. Cherry and red berry flavours, spicy flavours with a silky texture and excellent length.	2009	49.00
101	L MADAME , Gamay VIN DE PAYS, Loire, 12.5% ABV Intense aromas of rosé petals, violets, cherry and spice.	2009	59.00

BORDEAUX

Red Bordeaux wines are by nature light wines with fairly high acid and tannin levels when young. Over the years, these soften to produce the subtle bouquet, flavour and character that have made Bordeaux famous. Merlot is on the right-bank (Pomerol, St Emilion) of the river Gironde where the soil is heavy limestone. On the left bank (Margaux, St Julien, St Estephe and Pauillac) grows the Cabernet Sauvignon on well-drained gravel soil.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
102	CHÂTEAU MONDAIN , Bordeaux AOC, 12.5% ABV Delicious, dark red wine, brimming with blackcurrant flavours, earthy notes and silky tannins. A fresh, fruity, medium-bodied wine made from 60% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon.	2015	39.00
103	CHÂTEAU MÉAUME , Bordeaux Supérieur, 14% ABV This merlot-dominated blend reveals a nose of fruitcake, spice and ripe, plummy fruit. Soft and rich on the palate, the classic structure will cope with all manner of foods.	2015	44.00
104	CHÂTEAU GRAND VILLAGE , Bordeaux Supérieur 13.5% ABV This is a very attractive, medium to full bodied wine with ripe plum aromas mingled with sweet wild herbs and hint of lavender.	2010	59.00

SAINT-ÉMILION

There have been vineyards around the town of Saint-Émilion since Roman times and today the appellation is one of the most prolific in the Bordeaux region, producing more than 250.000 H.L. of wine each vintage. It is also responsible for some of the most prestigious, long living and expensive wines in the world Château Cheval Blanc, Ausone, Angelus Figeac and Pavie, who's wines sell for many hundreds of pounds per bottle, are situated around St-Émilion.

105	CHÂTEAU TEYSSIER , Grand Cru, 14% ABV Flavours of dark, rich berries and youthful oak with a firm finish. One of our bestselling Saint-Émilion.	2012	59.00
106	CHÂTEAU HAUT PLATNEY , Grand Cru, 14% ABV, This has a dark soft-fruited nose, a surprising volume on the front of the palate, rich supple body and good juice from the mid-palate which makes one long to swallow. All in all, rather gorgeous.	2015	59.00
107	CHÂTEAU FONBEL , Grand Cru, 13% ABV The robe is opaque purple and the nose shows moderately intense, primary aromas of blackcurrants and assorted herbs. Full-bodied on the palate, with medium acidity and ample tannins.	2009	70.00
108	CHÂTEAU LARCIS DUCASSE , Grand Cru Classe, 13.5% ABV Clearly on the light, elegant, fresh side of the style range, the wine offers floral, cherry and spice, with refined textures and a soft, forward personality.	2008	149.00

POMEROL

A much-respected red wine appellation in the Bordeaux region of south western France. Both historically and physically, it stands apart from the other Bordeaux appellations. It does not conform to the accepted image of a Bordeaux wine district being wealthy, long established, and Chateau Laden. Pomerol is none of these things yet it has managed to earn itself a place among the worlds most revered wine regions. We are delighted to house both Chateau Le Pin and Chateau Petrus.

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
110 CLOS DU CLOCHER 14% ABV Rich nose of dark blackberry fruit and a sweet musty wood with a bit of black truffle even. Entry is mid weight and fairly dark, tannins coming quickly and fairly drying. Herbal finish	2011	149.00
111 CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR-GAZIN 13% ABV Mainly Merlot with just 2% <i>Cabernet Franc</i> , is scented of warm black cherries & raspberries, forest floor and red roses. Medium-full-bodied palate has chewy tannins and intense black and red fruit flavours finishing with a lovely herbal lift.	2015	95.00
112 CLOS L'ÉGLISE 13% ABV The 2012 is a beautiful blend of 80% <i>Merlot</i> and 20% <i>Cabernet Franc</i> . Rich, chunky, coffee, mocha and berry fruit. Medium-bodied wine that shows excellent fruit intensity, soft tannins and a juicy, round, mouthfeel.	2012	150.00
113 LA FLEUR PETRUS 14% ABV The soils here are gravel over a deep, clay, iron-rich subsoil. This has a pleasing nose of blackcurrant and red fruits and a suave bright, silky texture finishing bright and super fresh.	2014	400.00
116 LE PIN 13% ABV This tiny 5-acre vineyard produces 100% Merlot wines of an exceptional quality. An extraordinary nose of smoky oak and plummy fruit with deep flavours and relentless charm.	1986	1800.00

HAUT-MÉDOC

The Haut-Médoc, first in importance of the great Bordeaux districts. Médoc is rated by many experts as the greatest region in the world for fine reds. Haut-Médoc is actually south of the Médoc region. 5 Grand Cru Classes are based in Haut-Médoc. All others are based in the adjacent and smaller in size appellation, Pauillac, Margaux, St-Estèphe, St-Julien

117 CHÂTEAU CISSAC Cru Bourgeois, Haut-Médoc, 12.5% ABV. This Cru Bourgeois is dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon which gives you a style of wine with rich, dark berry flavours	2016	49.00
118 CHÂTEAU LOUDENNE Cru Bourgeois, 14% ABV Glowing in tense ruby colour, an expressive nose of ripe soft fruit. The pure polished tannins on the finish are the epitome of the Médoc classified growth style.	2009	47.00
119 CHÂTEAU SOCIANO – MALLET 13% ABV Round and delicate with red and blackberry aromas and a touch of cedar. Harmonious and well balanced with soft tannins.	2007	49.00
121 CHÂTEAU CANTEMERLE 5ème Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV Probably one of the most beautiful Cantermerles of the decade, showing great potential. This is a powerful wine with an almost black colour, and still developing great aromatic complexity. Its opulence entirely covers the palate, with a clean and lively finish full of freshness.	2014	59.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
123	CHÂTEAU LA LAGUNE 3ème Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV Dark and brooding with unmistakable Cabernet dominance and a dark complexity that only comes with thirty years of patient ageing.	1982	225.00

MOULIS AND LISTRAC

These two Médoc communes have a reputation for hard, sometimes unattractive wines, which is thoroughly justified. Modern winemaking has softened and improved some properties to make agreeable drinking. These wines are from excellent vintages and are showing well now.

124	CHÂTEAU MAUVESIN BARTON Moulis 12.5% ABV Light in colour, the wine has a fresh, bright red cherry and cranberry character that will be best in its youth. Spicy red fruits with cassis, thyme and cranberry on top create the nose. Medium-bodied, forward, fresh and already easy to drink on release.	2014	59.00
125	CHÂTEAU FOURCAS DUPRE Lustrac, 12.5% ABV Very deep ruby, concentrated fruit with a touch of leather and tobacco, lots of extraction and good ripeness.	2007	45.00
126	CHÂTEAU POUJEAUX Moulis, Cru Bourgeois, 12.5% ABV Dark peppery black fruits with buttery overtones open up to reveal a classic taste with a middleweight texture.	2010	70.00
127	CHÂTEAU CLARKE Cru Bourgeois, 12.5% ABV A blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Dominated by fresh fruits with subtle hints of vanilla and cloves. Softly textured and well-balanced.	2009	59.00

SAINT-ESTÈPHE

The most structured and long lived of the top communes of the Médoc, St-Estèphe's have recently benefited from modern wine making, which has made the wines more approachable and softer, earlier. St-Estèphe is a true "terroir" wine. The influence of the soil, gravels as usual and more clays than in Médoc, can be experienced when tasting a Saint-Estèphe wine. Although Pauillac is near to St-Estèphe the wines are different.

128	CHÂTEAU TRONQUOY-LALANDE Cru Bourgeois, 13% ABV Deep and dark colour with a complex nose of mature fruits with a touch of wood. A beautiful tannic structure and long finish.	2007	59.00
131	CHÂTEAU BEAU-SITE Cru Bourgeois, 12.5% ABV Ripe blackcurrant fruit, balanced oak and good structure give this wine it's supple style and fresh flavour.	2006	75.00
132	CHÂTEAU COS-d'ESTOURNEL 2ème Cru Classé, 13% ABV A Chateau with a glorious history! Bottles once graced the tables of Queen Victoria of England, Tsar Nicolas I of Russia and Emperor Napoleon III of France.	2014	195.00
133	CHÂTEAU MONTROSÉ 2ème Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV Dense, deep, almost black colour, black fruits, spices, chocolate, Long, wide, powerful, cherry, cocoa, liquorice flavours.	2014	300.00

SAINT JULIEN

St Julien benefits from some very clever wine makers extracting lovely flavour from good raw material. Just a little bit less powerful than Pauillac and rustic than St-Estèphe, St Julien wines are very aromatized. They are harmonious and well balanced red wines.

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| 134 | CHATEAU MOULIN RICHE St Julien, 13% ABV,
Lots of blueberry and blackberry explode out of the glass, with excellent minerality offering a beautiful sense of terroir. On the palate, the fruit dominates, with the dark berry fruit prominent, matched by oak and tannins. | 2015 | 70.00 |
| 136 | LA RÉSERVE DE CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON 13% ABV
<i>71% Cabernet Sauvignon 25% Merlot 4% Cabernet Franc</i> This second wine of Chateau Léoville Barton comes from young vines and plots that have not reached the high level of requirement to enter in the Grand Vin. The wine is then aged between 16 and 18 months in French oak barrels. Intense garnet colour, depth and dense with a beautiful brightness. Opulent nose with spicy, peppery, roasted notes and a touch of strawberry jam. The attack is frank, ample with a beautiful tannic structure. Delicate notes of vanilla and cherry stand out in mouth. | 2014 | 79.00 |
| 139 | CHÂTEAU TALBOT 4ème Cru Classé 12.5% ABV
It reveals on the nose aromas of plums, almond blossoms and kernel. Not at all austere, it is perfectly harmonious, revealing itself to be at once round and soft. The tannins are extremely tasty and incredibly long, giving the wine a silky; even almost sweet, finish. | 2008 | 150.00 |

PAUILLAC

The largest, smartest and most classic of the Médoc It has the largest number of cru classes, eighteen in total, with three premier cru classes out of five. The great Chateau of Pauillac are Chateau Lafite, Chateau Latour and Chateau Mouton Rothschild. Pauillac wines generally have a lot of body, tannic and acid when they are young. They have an opulent bouquet with aromas of blackcurrant and cedar when they age.

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| 140 | CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY 5ème Cru Classé, 13% ABV
An attractive ruby red with a powerful oaky nose with prominent super ripe fruit aroma. This wine expresses its full power on a spicy, peppery finish. | 2012/17 | 89.00 |
| 141 | CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE 5ème Cru Classé, 13% ABV
Nice Pauillac, with a solid backbone and abundant fruit. Generous aromas of wet earth, tobacco, spices, and dark fruit. Fairly tannic, but smooth. | 2008 | 150.00 |
| 143 | CHÂTEAU LYNCH – BAGES , 5ème Cru Classé , 12.5% ABV
An utterly profound Lynch-Bages, this wine continues to remind me of a hypothetical blend of the 1990 and 1989. The 2000 Lynch-Bages exhibits a dense purple colour, big, muscular, sweet creme de cassis notes, with hints of new saddle leather, earth, and tobacco leaf. The 2000 is forceful yet plush, with a thick, juicy, succulent mid-palate, ripe tannin, and a long, layered finish. I know it will be tempting to pull corks on this wine in its youth, but it really will not hit its stride for 7-10 years and will last for at least 25. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2025. | 2000 | 425.00 |

FIRST GROWTH PAUILLAC

144	GRAND VIN DE CHÂTEAU LATOUR 1er Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV Full and relentless. A favoured vintage for those who love tannin and rich dark flavour. Exceptional length	1993	550.00
146	GRAND VIN DE CHÂTEAU LATOUR , 1er Cru Classé 12.5% ABV A first growth with an admirable and well-deserved reputation for powerful, long lasting and classic reds. This 1982 example is no exception	1982	1600.00
147	GRAND VIN DE CHÂTEAU LATOUR 1er Cru Classé 13% ABV The wine's dense, medium to full-bodied flavors are surprisingly evolved, with soft tannins, an ample, generous mouthfeel, and an endearing texture. Undoubtedly one of the longest-lived wines of the vintage.	2007	650.00

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD

This prestigious first growth has a history dating back to the 1300's when the estate was owned by a knight. After being seized and gifted to the duke of Gloucester in the early fifteenth century the estate was regained by the French at the end of the hundred year's war and the serious business of viticulture began. These wines offer a supremely elegant style with a highly perfumed nose and a sustained satisfying finish.

150	CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1er Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV A moderately dense youthful purple, a pleasing nose with roasted nut and blackcurrant aromas.	1994	550.00
151	CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1er Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV There is a structure and grip and a fine persistence to this very superb wine with its reserved character.	1996	530.00
152	CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1er Cru Classé, 12.5% ABV Rich, deeply coloured, well-structured and very full bodied, the 1997 vintage promises to be a great success.	1997	490.00

MARGAUX

Probably the most delicate of the Médoc communes, Margaux wines can achieve great finesse. Margaux lays on soil of white graves – a special kind of gravel brought from the mountains by the river. Margaux (also a female name in France) is the quintessence of the terroir and of the wine maker's work. That is why the best Château produce also the best wines.

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| 153 | SEGLA 13% ABV
The combination of sand and gravel soils found in this area of Southern Médoc are ideal to support both Cabernet Sauvignon and a high proportion of Merlot. The Margaux appellation always produces wines with a fragrant bouquet, supple texture and feminine softness. | 2014 | 59.00 |
| 154 | CHATEAU KIRWAN , 3ème Cru Classé 13% ABV
The wine's deep and brilliant ruby red color reflects a nose of black and red berries – cherry, blackcurrant, blueberry, enhanced by aromas of spices, pink peppercorns and vanilla. Has a strikingly tactile quality; it starts out mellow, then offers the taste buds a rich body, with nearly imperceptible tannins and an acidity that perfectly balances out its silky texture. | 2012 | 149.00 |
| 155 | CHATEAU GISCOURS 3ème Cru Classé 13% ABV
This is a beautiful Giscours with tension and finesse. It's full-bodied and shows plenty of berry and spice character, not to mention a long, silky-textured finish | 2015 | 149.00 |

GRAVES

Graves is a region of shallow but well-drained gravel ridges mingled with sand, sandstone and some clay. The slopes are very gentle and often sheltered by woods. Due to the different soils you get large variations between wines. The reds are softer and lighter in texture than the Medoc's. Often under-rated, Graves's wines are definitely worth considering.

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| 161 | DOMAINE DE CHAVALIER Cru Classé, 13.5% ABV
Rather splendid panoply of black fruit on the nose. Good lift, acidity and relatively light tannins. A wine that is not at all forced, rather feminine build, supple medium weight but has a very long, elegant and refined finish. | 2014 | 75.00 |
| 162 | PICQUE CAILLOU ROUGE Pessac-Leognan, 13.5% ABV
Smoky dark currants and hot gravel aromas soar from this elegant rich wine. The body is smooth and satin textured and there is a roasted quality to the sweet dark fruit and toasted herb flavours. | 2014 | 59.00 |
| 164 | CHÂTEAU HAUT BRION 1er Cru Classé, 13.3% ABV
A gravel-based vineyard ensures the quality of the grapes in this first growth winery. Château Haut Brion is recognised for its consistency and quality in their excellent vin rouge. | 2002 | 495.00 |

WHITE BORDEAUX

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
167	CHATEAU MARGAUX PAVILLON BLANC 14.5% ABV Bordeaux's premier white wine is 100% Sauvignon with great finesse and complexity.	2004	145.00
168	CHATEAU D'YQUEM YGREC Sauternes, 14% ABV A quiet nose at the start is misleading, as in the glass this opens up magnificently: a dense wave of white flowers, citrus and fine smoke.	2011	149.00

RED BURGUNDY

CÔTE DE NUITS

In the northern half of the Côte d'Or a wine sub region of Burgundy, the Côte de Nuits specialises in red wines made predominantly from Pinot Noir (which accounts for about 90% of plantings here) and is widely considered to be the home of Pinot Noir. While the Côte de Beaune in the south is larger and more prolific, the Côte de Nuits favours quality over quantity. It is home to some of the greatest red wine vineyards in the world.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
169	NUITS ST. GEORGES Robert Chevillon, 13% ABV A stylish and rich wine with chocolate, fig and prune flavours.	2013	69.00
170	GEVREY CHAMBERTIN Drouhin-Laroze, Dix Climats 13% ABV Fresh and elegant with a dark berry profile and a rich finish. A classic wine.	2018	89.00
171	CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY Joseph Drouhin, 13% ABV A bright and intense colour give way to a palate of violet, cherries and refined tannins.	2014	89.00
172	MARSANNAY Les Vaudenelles, Bruno Clair, 13.5% ABV Accessible floral crisp, fresh and crunchy fruit, this is bursting with life. Flavours of bright red cherry and Victorian plumb.	2014/15	59.00
176	CLOS DE TART , Morey St. Denis, Grand Cru, 14% ABV Good, bright deep red. Knockout nose combines cherry liqueur, raspberry jam, mocha and clove. At once velvety and energetic with strong acidity bringing to life the intense flavours of candied red fruits.	2009	490.00
177	CLOS DE TART , Morey St. Denis, Grand Cru, 13.5% ABV The oak that sat atop the fruit for so long has now almost completely integrated allowing the relatively fresh aromas of black cherry, violet and earth hints to have center stage.	1999	490.00

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

This is a key wine producing district in Burgundy, eastern France. Famed for producing some of world's most expensive white wines (most of which bear the name Montrachet in some form or other), the district is responsible for a handful of Burgundy's top red wines such as Pommard and the Grand Cru Corton. As is the case for most of Burgundy, white wines are made from Chardonnay, the reds from Pinot Noir.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
10	LAFORET Pinot Noir, Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy, 13% ABV A wine full of charm, bright ruby colour and a nose rich with aromas of red fruit, easy to match with white meats, au gratin dishes and roasted meats	2018	39.00
178	HAUTES CÔTE DE BEAUNE Remi Rollin, 12.5% ABV The nose reveals notes of cassis, liquorice and raspberries. The mouth is round with cherry aromas and mellow tannins.	2015	42.00
179	MONTHELIE Le Clou Des Chens, Premier Cru Patriarche, 13.5% ABV Rich aromas of different berry fruits. Perfumed and willowy on the palate, the wine expresses a delicate softness. Good ageing potential.	2015	70.00
181	POMMARD Les Cras, Domaine de Montille, 12.5% ABV A complex nose with a sappy red fruit taste and hints of mushroom. Can easily support earthy foods such as truffle or beef carpaccio.	2014	92.00
183	SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE , Patriarche 13% ABV Flavors of sweet cherry, blackcurrant, leather, burnt wood and coffee with a hint of raspberry. More jam and cooked fruits tones after that.	2013	60.00
184	PERNAND-VERGELESSES 1er Cru, Domaine Rollin Père Et Fils, 12.5% ABV Toasted oak notes give way to a raspberry and redcurrant palate with a fine, lingering finish.	2011	75.00
185	CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET 1er Cru, Clos Saint Jean, Domaine Paul Pillot, 13.5% ABV A smooth, elegant and classy representation of red Montrachet. High minerality, earthy with a touch of red spice, no great amounts of fruit but enough red cherry to keep a solid balance.	2010	150.00

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186	CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET L'Estimee, 13.5% ABV Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge 2008 reveals a beautiful ruby red. It is a balanced and elegant wine, with aromas of cherry, licorice and vanilla.	2008	95.00
187	BLAGNY 1er Cru, Matrot Wittersheim, 13% ABV A more rustic style gives this wine a greater weight, compliments smoked fish very well.	2002	125.00
188	BLAGNY Sous le Bois, 1er Cru, Joseph Matrot, 13% ABV The wine offers a complex range of aromas with dark fruits followed by spicy notes.	1995	99.00
189	VOLNAY Clos des Chenes, 1er Cru, 13.5% ABV A wine full of charm. A beautiful intense and luminous ruby colour. A floral nose dominated by an aroma of violet, a signature of this wine. Other delicate notes can be detected such as rose jam and wild strawberry.	2015	125.00
190	CORTON BRESSANDES Grand Cru, Domaine Folli Arbelet 13% ABV The Bressandes Grand Cru is one of the largest and sits in the middle of the famous Corton Hill between the villages of Aloxe and Ladoix. This wine has a soft nose and a soft tannic taste.	2007	85.00
191	MARANGES La Fussièrre, 1er Cru, Rouge, Bachelet-Monnot, 13% ABV Wonderful velvety sloe, Autumn berry, bilberry and plum fruit. Crisp, vivid, intense with structure but beautifully toned. Lively, bright but sensual.	2013	69.00
192	SANTENAY Clos de Tavannes, 1er Cru, Jean Noel Gagnard, 13% ABV A more serious proposition than the delightfully exuberant Chassagne red, rich but bright cherry, bramble and raspberry fruit, notes of undergrowth and spice under laid by a gentle, smooth, creamy tannic structure, sweet touches of wild strawberry on the finish.	2013	69.00

BEAUJOLAIS

This region is by far the most prolific of Burgundy's red wine districts. Its wines can vary widely, but should be light, fruity and fresh.

9	FLEURIE , La Roilette, Bernard Mentrat 13% ABV Gamay guarantees that this wine is fresh, easy drinking and as light as a feather.	2016	39.00
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CÔTE CHALONNAISE

To the immediate south of the grand white wine vineyards of Côte de Beaune lies the Côte Chalonnaise named after the town of Chalon-sur-Saone. The wines made in this district come from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, except for the Aligote grape, leading village Bouzeron.

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
194 RULLY 1er Cru, Preaux, Eric de Suremain, 13% ABV One of the most charming, vivid and beautiful value red Burgundies there is. Always so aromatic, perfumed, expressive and unbridled on the nose, really pure juicy fruit flavours of wild strawberry, red cherry and damson.	2010	65.00
195 RULLY Joseph Drouhin, 13% ABV Beautiful bright ruby-red colour. Aromas of puréed raspberry, gooseberry, red currant, blackberry. With ageing, the aromas evolve towards riper notes of syrup, then tobacco and wet undergrowth	2014	55.00

DOMAINE DE LA ROMANEE-CONTI

The Domaine de la Romanee-Conti is the apogee of Burgundian Prestige. Rightly so for the incomparably rich and complex wines produced here make it, for so many people, the greatest Domaine in the Côte d'Or. The DRC estate extends up to 27 hectares of the finest vineyards of Vosne Romanee and Flagey- Echezeaux ; They include of course the Domaines two World-Famous monopoles, Romanee-Conti and La Tache. They also include nearly half of Richebourg, more than half of Romanee-Saint-Vivant and over a third of Grand Echezeaux. If that was not enough the Domaine also owns 0.67 hectares of le Montrachet, where the average age of vines is 60 years.

197 ST. ROMANEE SAINT VIVANT Romanee-Conti Grand Cru, 13% ABV As always a stunning wine went through the 1996 acidic stage initially but opened into a thing of beauty. Soft, opulent, long and rich with fresh ripe strawberries, touches of blueberry and subtle jammy flavours yet spicy and round, long finish and mouth filling.	1996	1200.00
198 ECHEZEAUX Romanee-Conti Grand Cru, 13% ABV This 93 is very mature in the nose but has the same colour as 2007 and that together with the high tannin it had during its youth probably explains the youthful colour. This wine has gruyere, dried rosés and a touch of broccoli. Very fresh on the palate with a long after taste.	1993	1200.00
200 GRANDE ECHEZEAUX Romanee-Conti Grand Cru, 13% ABV Opens out before the others with a ravishing clarity of expression, uncomplicated and cleanly etched; a caressing softness cloaks a steely skeleton which permits it to evolve with elegance.	1994	1200.00
201 GRANDE ECHEZEAUX Romanee-Conti Grand Cru, 13% ABV Very full, vigorous, with a mature colour and lovely nose. This wine is energetic, rich, concentrated and meaty. On the palate a little more austere and astringent.	1988	1200.00

WHITE BURGUNDY

The Côte d'Or, where you can find the most famous and expensive wines. The Côte d'Or itself is split into two parts: Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune. All of the regions white Grand-Crus are located in the Côte de Beaune and usually grow from the middle and higher parts of the slopes, where they have the most exposure to the sunshine and the best drainage. Further south is the Côte Chalonnaise where wines such as Mercury come from. Below Côte Chalonnaise is Mâconnais, best known as a source of good value white wines such as Pouilly Fuisse. Chablis is located in the north of the Burgundy region.

CHABLIS	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
205 CHABLIS Prieuré Saint Côme, 12.5% ABV Classic Chablis! Crisp, dry with steely, mineral fruit flavours. Enjoy with smoked salmon or scallops.	2018	44.00
206 CHABLIS 1er Cru “Montmains” Prieuré Saint Côme, 12.5% ABV With outstanding freshness, crisp citrus fruits, and Chablis’s trademark oyster-shell aromas, this is a wonderful wine which pairs beautifully with shellfish and lighter white meat dishes.	2016	75.00
207 CHABLIS Grand Cru “Valmur”, Patriarche, 13% ABV Pale in colour with a fine, light green tint, this is massively concentrated and flinty. The most complete wine of all in the mouth, with striking minerals wreathed in concentrated fruit, this is ripe but not over-ripe.	2014	110.00
 CÔTE DE NUITS		
209 MARSANNAY BLANC Bruno Clair, 13% ABV This has a really lovely, interesting nose, with aromas of honey meal and roast cashew nuts, and even a little toffee. There is a nicely styled backbone of acidity.	2014/15	45.00
 CÔTE DE BEAUNE		
212 MEURSAULT Louis Latour, 13% ABV The nose is complex, with citrus and candied lemon notes and aromas of fresh butter and toasted bread. On the palate, it is well-balanced and reveals fresh hazelnut flavours. A nice mineral tension on the finish.	2017	89.00
215 MARANGES La Fuisse, 1er Cru, Blanc, Bachelet Monnot, 13% ABV Rich-fruited and open with a complex mix of lime fruit, nut, struck flint and limestone. Intense and salty, fleshed out with ripe stone fruit character.	2015	75.00
216 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET , Louis Latour, 13.5% ABV A steely, vibrant core with intensity and finesse. Enjoy with all our Scottish fish - One of my favourite wines, Stewart Spence	2018	89.00
219 MERSAULT Perrieres 1er Cru, Domaine du Château De Meursault, 13.5% ABV This Meursault wine has a lovely soft and floral nose, which is very pure and attractive. Fresh, stony, zingy and with good intensity, it is quite complex with just enough flesh and very good length.	2014	97.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
220	MEURSAULT Château De Blagny 1er Cru, Louis Latour, 13.5% ABV A full bodied, muscular wine with floral scents and a long finish.	2017	99.00
221	CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET Les Houilleres, Morey-Coffinet, 13% ABV This wine is round, concentrated and charming with yellow fruit peach, pineapple and hazelnut aromas. Mineral aftertaste and excellent overall balance.	2016	85.00
223	CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE Grand Cru, Follin-Arbelet, 13% ABV Wonderfully fresh aromas merge seamlessly into impressively rich and full-bodied flavors with an explosive finish. A powerful Corton- Charlemagne but with impeccable balance and harmony.	2011	165.00
225	BIENVENUES BATARD MONTRACHET Grand Cru, Louis Latour, 13% ABV Pale gold in colour this wine has a very expressive nose, full of pleasant toasty vanilla aromas. In the mouth it is a fleshy wine, with hints of dried apricots, and shows beautiful structure.	2004	195.00
226	BATARD MONTRACHET Grand Cru, Louis Latour, 13% ABV Typical of this Grand Cru, this wine has a magnificent light golden robe. Toasted bread and white flowers, such as honeysuckle and camomile come to the fore. On the palate, this is a very fatty ample wine with flavours of honeycomb, leaving a slightly woody finish.	2007	325.00
227	ST ROMAIN Morey Blanc, 12.5% ABV Taut and nervous, wonderful lime skin freshness, soft fatty mid- palate, notes of melted butter and honey offset by a rapier-like acidity.	2009	48.00

MÂCONNAIS

The Mâconnais wine region in the south of Burgundy is centered around and named after the provincial town of Mâcon. Which in turn gave its name to Mâcon Lugny. The following clutch of wines are the more famous produced in this area, Pouilly Vinzelles, Pouilly Loche, Pouilly Fuisse and Vire-Clesse.

229	MÂCON LUGNY “Les Genièvres”, Louis Latour, 13% ABV. Round and supple with notes of lemon, acacia and honeysuckle.	2017	45.00
230	MÂCON UCHIZY Gerald Et Philbert, 13% ABV On entry good acidity and roundness with good prolonged traces of minerals and dried fruits.	2018	35.00
231	POUILLY FUISSÉ Louis Latour, 13% ABV The wine shows a green-gold colour, with delicate aromas on the nose that are disarmingly seductive. On the palate there is a round and full herbal fruitiness that compliments the crisp acidity leading to a satisfying finish.	2017	49.00
232	POUILLY FUISSÉ Domaine De Vielle Perres, 13% ABV A lovely yellow-gold colour. The aromas of honey, exotic fruits, mango and pepper perfectly accompany the richness and roundness of the wine in the mouth.	2017	46.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
233	MÂCON VILLAGES Joseph Druhin 13% ABV The colour of the wine is bright and limpid. The nose is floral and fruity. Very straightforward and direct on the palate, as if biting into a grape. Fresh and light, with a very pleasant after taste.	2015	42.00
234	VIRE-CLESSE Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon, 12% ABV The nose has a touch of the exotic but with more restraint than in the past. The palate has a salty freshness accompanying the powerful structure and a chewy finish with plenty of dry extract.	2016	49.00

CÔTE CHALONNAISE

235	MONTAGNY Le Vieux Château, 1er Cru, Christopher Denizot, 13% ABV A delicious wine with great citrus intensity, mineral notes and a smooth creamy texture without the lip-curling “green” edge of poorer-quality Chalonnaise whites.	2011/14	49.00
236	RULLY Joseph Drouhin, 13% ABV This wine is gold flecked with green, and the gold deepens with age. It is redolent with superb aromas of hedgerow flowers, violet, lemon and white peach.	2014	47.00
237	BOUZERON ALIGOTÉ Domaine A&P De Villaine, 13% ABV With a crisp minerality Aligoté goes with almost anything that lives in a shell. Medium intensity developing floral citrus fruits. Medium acidity with a medium to long finish	2011	44.00

RHÔNE

The Rhône Valley is a key wine producing region in the south east of France. It follows the north south course of the Rhône River for almost 150 miles from Lyon to the Rhône delta near the Mediterranean coast. The division is not only reflected in the geography and the preferred grape varieties but also in the quantity and the quality of the wines produced.

RED

238	VACQUEYRAS Cuvée des Templiers, Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux 13.5% ABV A wine of great complexity with luscious dark fruit and lingering tannin. A fantastic producer with a wonderful reputation.	2017	49.00
239	CROZES HERMITAGE Etienne Pochon, 12.5% ABV A clean, modern style with mature fruit, oak and subtle leather aromas.	2017	49.00
240	GIGONDAS Domaine le Clos des Cazaux, 13% ABV A complex bouquet of smoke, mocha and pine allows for pleasant contemplation before surrendering to a balanced palate. Can be matched with cassoulet, fungi and even compliments chocolate.	2017	49.00

241	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Jean-Paul Versino, 13.5% ABV A traditionalists Châteauneuf. Dark rich flavours with a medium-full body and satisfying tannins.	2013/14	56.00
243	CÔTES DU RHÔNE Mont-Redon, 14% ABV Succulent notes of red and black berry fruit flavours and a warming hint of spiciness. Soft and supple tannins contribute to a long and rounded finish.	2017	35.00
244	CÔTE-ROTIE Clusel Roch, 13% ABV Silky and sweet! Filled with energetic raspberry and strawberry. This wine refuses to let go of the palate.	2012	79.00
245	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Vieux Télégraphe, 14.5% ABV The name “Télégraphe” does indeed come from an old telegraph station on the hill where this domain now stands. A wine with delightful herby aroma’s and supple, ripe tannins.	2013	79.00
246	HERMITAGE Domaine Du Colombier, 14% ABV An outstanding example from the great vines of Hermitage. Complex, elegant and completely satisfying.	2014	79.00

WHITE

With the exception of the wines from Condrieu and Château Grillet, virtually all Rhône Valley white wines are made from blends. In the north the wine of Hemitage, Crozes Hermitage, St Joseph and St Peray are produced from blends of Marsanne and Roussanne. Generally Marsanne is the dominant partner and it lends colour, body and weight to the blend, Roussanne produces intently aromatic wines which contribute bouquet, delicacy and finesse to the blend.

247	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Domaine Grand Veneur, 13.5% ABV A strong, powerful white with banana and citrus on the nose. The palate is broad and will complement the most flavoursome of shellfish.	2011	59.00
249	CONDRIEU La Combe de Malleval, Michel Ogier, 13.5% ABV Beautifully floral, honeysuckle and citrus. Interesting, as this wine was nearly flavourless when initially hit the mouth, then revealed rich exotic fruit cocktail.	2016	69.00
250	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Château Fortia, 13.5% ABV A unique wine with marzipan notes in a heavier vin blanc style.	2012	59.00

251	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Vieux Télégraphe, 14.5% ABV Bright gold with refreshing minerality and a lemony nose. A citrusy core with a lasting finish.	2010/11	59.00
252	HERMITAGE BLANC E.Guigal, 13.5% ABV. The wine is medium-gold with a nose of honey, beeswax, chalk, and peach jelly. In the mouth, the wine is plush and mouth-filling, one that is at times heavy with its golden fruit notes. The finish is long and lingering, pulling the white flower sensations through for nearly a minute.	2011	59.00
253	CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE Château Mont Redon, 14.5% ABV Bright yellow colour with greenish glints. Intense nose with floral, zesty and citrusy notes. The refined and full-bodied palate combines roundness and vivacity leading to a very long finish.	2018	49.00

PROVENCE

Although most of us associate Provence with holidays rather than with wine, this disparate region is getting better and better. What seem to work particularly well is a conscientiously made, often oaked aged blend of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes of Bordeaux with the Syrah of the northern Rhône. What is most obviously made in enormous quantities, however is light, dry rosé which if drunk young and well chilled, can seem justification for wines very existence.

RED

254	ARROGANT FROG Languedoc Rousillon 13% ABV Deep purple colour with ruby rims. Sweet spices and violet flowers. Full bodied with velvety tannins. 85% Syrah,15% Syrah vinified with Viognier.	2013	39.00
255	CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH Special Reserve, Côtes du Roussillon, 13% ABV Stylish and elegant. A fitting tribute to the man himself. Rich purple red colour. Intense fruity nose with overwhelming flower, chocolate, liquorish and garrigue aromas. Rich, pleasant structured and an elegant palate.	2009	39.00
257	DOMAINE DE L'HORTUS Grand Cuvée, Languedoc,13% ABV A distinctive nose of plum, milk chocolate and faint pine, lead to a smooth and flavoursome Grenache based red.	1997	49.00

WHITE

259	ARROGANT FROG, RIBET Languedoc Rousillon, 13.5% ABV Bright gold yellow, very elegant with a quintessence of tropical fruits. Fresh and mellow with a long persistence finishing on fruity notes. 70% Chardonnay 30% Viognier	2012	39.00
261	DOMAINES OTT Blanc de Blanc, 13.5% ABV The flavours are delicate as well, hints of peach blossom and orange zest flirting around an expanse of chalky minerality.	2011	52.00
262	CHÂTEAU PUECH-HAUT 13.5% ABV A rich and complex nose, supported by notes of white-fleshed fruits. This wine offers an elegant and harmonious mouth sensation.	2011	49.00

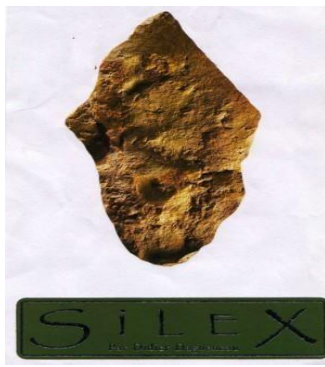
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| 16 | DOMAIN MONTROSÉ ROSÉ , Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% ABV
Light Rosé colour, fruit aromas of strawberry, blackberry, well balanced round and long on the palate. A refreshing summer wine! | 2019 | 37.00 |
| 263 | WHISPERING ANGEL Château d'Esclans, Sacha Lichine Côtes de Provence, 12.5% ABV
This beautiful salmon-pink Provence rosé has a very pretty scent of crushed strawberries, peach, rose-water and orange blossom. On the palate it is wonderfully dry and crisp with delicate summer berry fruits balanced by citrus zest acidity and a deliciously creamy finish. | 2020 | 55.00 |

ALSACE

Alsace is in the North East of France, on the German Border. This area of France produces mainly dry white wine, reminiscent of the drier wine of Germany. The best are the fine Rieslings and fruity Gewurztraminers. Alsace has a truly exceptional setting for making wine. Protected by the Voges Mountains, this picturesque region is singularly blessed with enviable conditions: Ancient soils, noble grapes and extraordinary climate-one of the driest in France. Thirteen distinct terroirs make Alsace, A mosaic unlike anywhere else. Here minerality and freshness aren't just concepts, they are the story of the wines.

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| 264 | RIESLING Hugel, 11.5% ABV
This wine has a fresh, lively bouquet, with all the characteristic vitality of a fruit driven riesling. It is very fruity, floral, frank, expressive and agreeably elegant on the palate. | 2015 | 49.00 |
| 265 | GEWURZTRAMINER Hugel, 13% ABV
A Wine with expressive aromas that are typically floral, with roses, orange blossom, hawthorn, lychee and a note of oriental fragrance on the palate, The wine is dry yet rich, fine and elegant, with excellent balance. | 2016 | 49.00 |
| 266 | PINOT BLANC Hugel, 12% ABV
The combination of super ripeness one expects of this vintage, with engaging juiciness and the absence of heat that are less common, makes for a gorgeous Pinot with both richness and elegance. | 2015 | 49.00 |
| 267 | PINOT GRIS Altenburg, Weinbach, 14.5% ABV
Very rich, a notably sweet style with a nose full of pineapple, honeyed orange, botrytis spice and toasted cashew and low acidity. | 2008 | 79.00 |



Didier Dagueneau (1956 – 2008)

Born in 1956 in Saint-Andelain, Nièvre, Burgandy. An ex-motorcycle racer with no decorous enological training. His brash and experimental approach to winemaking placed him at odds with the winemaking community about typicité (typicity- the term used to describe how a particular wine reflects its varietal origins) while unexpectedly achieving unprecedented prices for the region.

His informal winemaking education led him to exhort exacting and unusual practices on his vineyard; including horse ploughing the unused spaces between vines, and the extremely low yields due to hand harvesting in multiple passes for greater ripeness. Surprisingly for the appellation and grape variety, many of his resulting wines are obviously meant for cellaring with clear oaky influences. These interesting Sauvignon Blanc wines have developed a cult following, and since his unfortunate death in 2008 his wines have grown in demand.

His small winery with only 30 acres of vineyards was situated in the town of Saint-Andelain, in Pouilly Fumé. Here he sought to create the greatest Sauvignon Blanc in the world. To this end he created a variety of different Cuvées, including Buisson-Renard, Pur Sang (Pureblood), Asteroïde and Silex (Flint).

3 Vintages of his famous Pouilly Fumé Silex wines:

- **BIN 268 – 2007 - £155.00**
- **BIN 269 – 2008 - £155.00**
- **BIN 270 – 2014 - £195.00**

LOIRE

This is a large region in North Western France. It follows the course of the river Loire from the Atlantic to central France. The area is famous for its crisp, dry white wines like Muscadet and Sancerre and its rich succulent dessert wines. An enormous amount of wine is created in this vast region, mostly white but with a good deal of red too. Styles change as you follow the course of the river, according to the grape varieties planted and wine making techniques practiced. The one thing all of these wines share is that they are made to display freshness and relatively high acidity, rarely is oak used to ferment or age the wines.

WHITE

290	MUSCADET Sur Lie, Clos de La Senaigerie, 12% ABV	2018	35.00
	A typically spritzzy and refreshing Muscadet with its penetrating flavours of mineral salts and limes, very juicy but lots of substance and ripeness to balance out the crisp acids.		

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
292	POUILLY FUMÉ Serge Dagueneau, 12.5% ABV Intense nose of grapefruit, gooseberry, stone dust and herbaceous dry and medium bodied on the palate with slyly rising acidity bringing structure to the sweetish ripe fruit.	2018	42.00
293	SANCERRE Lucien Crochet, 13% ABV The dynamic Lucien Crochet, aromas of white fruit, peach then pear. Precise and long lingering with a long mineral finish.	2018	44.00
294	VOUVRAY Domaine De La Aux Loups, 13.5% ABV Classical Chenin aromas of lanolin, wax, and dried chamomile. Yellow berry and herbal notes emerged. Very good accompaniment to light but complexly flavoured food.	2012	49.00

RED

296	SANCERRE , Lucien Crochet, 13% ABV Warm, powerful and concentrated. Some spice and warm finish with good acid and minerality. As the poets would say its perfect Loire pinot noir!	2014	45.00
296B	SAMUR-CHAMPIGNY Tuffe, Château du Hureau, 12.5% ABV Rich and full-bodied, the wines have fine, velvety tannins and are well-balanced.	2012	39.00
296C	CHINON Petit Roches, Charles Joguet, 12.5% ABV A medium-bodied red bursting with crunchy red berry flavours, notes of wild strawberries and a peppery edge.	2011	44.00

ROSE

297	SANCERRE ROSÉ Lucien Crochet, ABV 13% This Pinot Noir Rosé is light, fragrant, smooth and perfect drinking wine for Summer, from our very own favourite award winning producer	2018	49.00
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GERMANY

The wines of the Rhine are known in Britain as Hock. These are bottled in tall brown bottles and are fuller and sweeter than those of Mosel. The differences between the wines of different districts are due to variations of soil and varieties of grape. German wine is primarily produced in the west of Germany along the river Rhine and its tributaries, with the oldest plantations going back to the Roman era. As a wine producing country, Germany has mixed reputation internationally, with some consumers on the export market associating Germany with the world's most elegant and aromatically pure white wines. Others see the country mainly as source of cheap mass market semi sweet wine such as Liebfraumilch.

WHITE

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
298	WEINGUT SPREITZER “OESTRICHER LENCHEN” Riesling, Spätlese, Rheingau, 9.5% ABV Fresh and bright with lovely lemon and lime fruit. Crisp, with fresh minerality precision and good accuracy. Linear and pure.	2014	42.00
299	KARL SCHON Riesling, Spätlese, Rheingau, 10.5% ABV Late harvested and medium sweet white wine from Germany. High acidity and very floral.	2009	42.00
300	JOH JOS PRÜM Riesling, Kabinett, Mosel, 10% ABV There are wild floral notes, spice, orange peel and mandarin along with ripe peaches.	2014	39.00

RED

301	KLEIBER WEINGUT , Dornfelder, Rheinhessen, 13.5% ABV Dry red wine with intense fruit aromas of black cherries and plums with hint of tobacco.	2011	49.00
302	KARL SCHON Spatburgunder, Rheingau, 12% ABV Not aged in wood, allowing them to fully express their fruity qualities Germany now makes exceptional Pinot Noir.	2007	44.00

ITALY

Italy is the world's largest wine producer and its wines vary greatly in style and quality. The reds range from the light, slightly bitter, to big, full-bodied Barolo. The whites range from the dry, almondy, to the sweet, sparkling Prosecco.

In ancient times the peninsula was commonly referred to as enotria, or “land of wine” because of its rich selection of grape varieties and many acres dedicated to cultivated vines. In more ways than one

Italia became a gigantic nursery and commercial hub, fortuitously positioned at the heart of the Mediterranean for what would become western civilization's first “globally” traded product: Wine.

RED

303	ARGENINA, CHIANTI CLASSICO , Podere IL Palazino, Tuscany, 14.5% ABV Incredibly high-quality Chianti from this most renowned of producers. Full of redcurrant and raspberry flavours with lingering sweet tannins.	2015	39.00
303B	DOLCETTO d'ALBA , Marco Marengo, Piedmont, 13% ABV Deep ruby-red in color, aromas of black and purple fruits complement undertones of mocha, cocoa, and licorice.	2013	44.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
303C	BARBERA d'ALBA Castello Di Verduno, Piedmont, 13.5% ABV Dark chocolate with notes of fresh fruit, blackberry, jam, spicy and toasted aromas.	2017	46.00
304	BARBARESCO Masseria, Vietti, Piedmont, 14% ABV Intense aromas of ripe cherries with intricate complexities of minerals, tea leaves and rose petals. Firm, ripe tannins, crisp acidity and feminine and round structure.	2009	89.00
305	PAPAVERONE Sicily, 15% ABV Intensely flavoured black fruits and spice. Very smooth. Blend of Nero d'Avola, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot	2014	45.00
306	BAROLO Paolo Scavino, Piedmont, 13.5% ABV Rich, concentrated and heavy wine. This is a Nebbiolo-based wine with richness, power, balance and beauty.	2014	69.00
307	BAROLO Ginestra, Paolo Conterno, 14.5% ABV Elegant, round nose with lingering fruit, spice, balsamic and mineral undertones. Strong, warm body with powerful aromas and well-balanced flavours. Long intense finish.	2012	99.00
308	BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO Azienda Agricola, Le Ragaie, 14.5% ABV Grown on a plateau 300 metre above sea level, these Sangiovese grapes grow in a unique micro-climate which gives this wine a unique depth, complexity and elegance.	2012	79.00
309	AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA Nicolis, Veneto, 15.5% ABV Deep ruby red color with garnet shades. Warm, ripe on the nose, intense and of great refinement. The taste is complex, smooth, full bodied, lots of cherry notes and plum.	2012	79.00
310	VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO Vivani, Veneto 12.5% ABV A light Valpolicella with tastings of chocolate red berries. A very nice fragrant wine, spicy but tempered by attractive herbal notes	2018	39.00

WHITE

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
312	GAVI Tuffo , Piedmont 12% ABV This is a fantastic example of Gavi, with floral aromas and intense white and citrus fruit flavours.	2018	44.00
313	SOAVE CLASSICO Gini , Veneto 12% ABV Intense and fragrant, fresh white flowers, white peach and tropical fruit.	2016	39.00
313B	ROERO ARNEIS Matteo Correggia , Piemont, 12% ABV The bouquet is very intense and persistent with scents of apricot and apple, and the final note of camomile.	2014	39.00
313C	ORVIETO CLASSICO SUPERIORE Palazzone , Umbria, 11.5% ABV The bouquet is very distinctive, with fresh notes of meadow flowers, citrus fruits, and golden apple, with a characteristic mineral touch on the finish.	2010	39.00
314	LA CHIASSAIE Brut , Spumante, 13% ABV This sparkling wine has fine bubbles winding through its bright straw yellow colour and greenish reflections. Its aroma will remind you of peaches, sweet flowers and its flavour includes fruity hints of pineapples.	2012	39.00

SPAIN

Spain is an enormous country, producing a very diverse range of wines. The quality of many of these wines has improved dramatically over recent years as modern wine-making techniques have been introduced. The reds like Rioja are full-bodied and soft, showing the effects of oak aging. The whites are either light and fresh or traditionally, a heavier style. Spain has long history of producing wine Yet white wines from Spain tend to be less well known internationally than French and Italian wines. As a result Spanish wine can be very reasonably priced and is well worth learning more about. You may be surprised that Spain has more land dedicated to growing vines than any other country.

RED

14	PIES NEGROS Artuke , Spain 14% ABV An up-to-date take on Rioja and delivers bright, black-cherry fruit and a super cut of red juice that helps keep the flow energetic.	2017	38.00
316	RIOJA CRIANZA VIVANCO 13% ABV An elegant nose introduces an expressive red fruit palate, with a liquorice stained finish.	2016	46.00
316B	RIOJA CRIANZA Hermanos Pecina , 13.5% ABV Aged for 12 months in French and American oak casks giving the wine real complexity with ripe mature fruit, lots of spice and vanilla flavours.	2013	59.00
317	RIOJA SEIS DE LUBERRI COSECHA , 13.5% ABV Deep purple colour with a brick red rim. The evolved nose shows herby fruit character. The palate is rich, with some chewy tannins and reasonable complexity.	2018	59.00
317B	RIOJA FINCA ISCORTA De Pecina , Gran Reserva, 13.5% ABV Deep coloured, has firm drying tannins and lots of oak with a nice core of mineral fruit. With good concentration and complexity.	2010	75.00

318	CASTELL DEL REMEI 1780 Costers del Segre, 14.5% ABV Powerful and aromatic. Dark and concentrated. Give it some time to open up, and you will see this giant come to life.	2006	59.00
319	PRIORAT Mas Martinet - Menut, 15% ABV Thoroughly complete, smooth and silky wine, brimming with violet, plum, cherry, mineral and prune characteristics.	2015	42.00
320	FLOR DE PINGUS Ribera Del Duero, 14.5% ABV This muscular red offers savoury flavours of tobacco, earth and game with a core of plum fruit and bitter chocolate. A rugged structure appears under the polished texture.	2012	175.00

WHITE

3	BAGOAS LEDAS Albarino, Rias Baixas, 13% ABV Rich and full of colour! Expect a nose of peach and white flowers with green apple flavours. Excellent with meaty fish.	2018	36.00
321	RIOJA Zuri, Luberri, 12% ABV Brilliant pale yellow. Its intense fruit aromas make it a perfect single varietal wine, very clean and lively in the mouth and very light on the palate.	2019	36.00
323	PROTOS Verdejo, Rueda 13% ABV Invigoratingly refreshing, in the mouth the wine has brilliant acidity and a long citrus finish.	2018	39.00

LEBANON

Lebanon is one of the oldest wine producing countries in the world with production as early as 2686 BC. Modern Lebanon is famed for its full and fruity reds made from blends of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Carignan of the Bekaa Valley. However, the region is also gaining fame for its unusual rose's. In 2011 roughly six million bottles of Lebanese wine produced from 5000 acres of vineyards concentrated mostly in the Bekaa valley. The Marcliffe at Pitfodels is delighted to offer these selected wines from the famous Château Musar of Gaston Hochar, and Le Souverain of Château Ksara.

RED

325	CHÂTEAU MUSAR Gaston Hochar, 14% ABV Château Musar is known for its complexity and maturity. The vineyards are located at an altitude of over 3000 feet in the Bekaa Valley. Aged 12-15 months in French oak blended in the third year and bottled and aged in the cellar for four years.	2014	59.00
325B	CHÂTEAU MUSAR , Gaston Hochar, 13% ABV The 1998 vintage is ruby red in colour, with some notes of mature cherry, olives, dark fruit and cloves. Medium bodied on the palate, with flavours of stewed fruits, plum and blackcurrant, leading to a long, spicy finish.	1998	99.00
326	LE SOUVERAIN CHÂTEAU KSARA 150th Anniversary, Bekaa Valley, 13.5% ABV This excellent red is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Arinarnoa and produced by Château Ksara which is named so because it was a Ksar"(fortress) at time of the Crusades.	2008	89.00
327	CHATEAU MUSAR Rosé, Gaston Hochar, 14% ABV Quite the deceptive rosé! A very light pink appearance reveals a very different animal on the palate. Round, full of strawberries, peach and juicy apple Truly unique!	2013	52.00

USA

The United States is the world's fourth biggest wine producing nation behind France Italy and Spain. Wine has been produced in the US since the 17th century, when European colonization began in earnest, repeated attempts were made by the early settlers, who brought with them winemaking knowledge and practices of their European homelands. The various vine species native to North America such as vitas Labrusca were known to be both robust and high yielding, so very few vine plants accompanied these migrants on their voyage across the Atlantic. Unfortunately, these native vine species produced wines which matched neither the style nor the quality to which the European settlers were accustomed.

- 329 CHARLES & CHARLES** Riesling, Washington State VQA 2015 39.00
12.5% ABV
Aromatic, smooth, vibrant and tasty. Think tangerine, apricot, wet stone, key lime, clove and nectarine.

QUILCEDA CREEK WINES – WASHINGTON STATE

Quilceda Creek is dedicated exclusively to the production of world-class Washington State Cabernet Sauvignon. Founded in 1979, Quilceda Creek has had an unbroken string of highly-rated vintages that has led Robert Parker Jr. to name it Washington State's premier Cabernet Sauvignon producer.

- 332 CABERNET SAUVIGNON** 14.9% ABV 2002 275.00
This wine presents a delicate balance of power versus finesse showcasing nuances of lilac, sweet dark fruits, smoke, and Asian spices.
- 334 CABERNET SAUVIGNON** 14.9% ABV 2007 275.00
Very dense and opulent wine that has amazing concentration and a liqueur-like texture. Classic aromas and flavors of violets, plum, cassis, blackberry and Asian spice cascade over the palate in a delineated fashion, ending in a finish that lasts over a minute.
- 335 CABERNET SAUVIGNON** 14.9% ABV 2008 275.00
With remarkable purity and focus, this wine reveals powerful blackberry, blueberry, plum and blackcurrant fruit with nuances of chocolate, Asian spice and floral elements such as lavender and rose petal.

CALIFORNIA AND OREGON

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
336	CALERA Pinot Noir, Central Coast, 14%ABV Elegant and beautifully balanced, the aromas of ripe cherry, hints of vanilla and savory herbs, while the palate is juicy and refined with a hint of dusty cherry.	2013	60.00
338	PEAY VINEYARD Pinot Noir, Sonoma, 13% ABV Bright red cherry, blood orange, mint and sweet spices give the wine its beguiling aromatics.	2013	69.00
339	CAIN FIVE Cain Cellars, Napa Valley, 13% ABV An outstanding blend of all five Bordeaux varietals from the acclaimed '08 vintage. Rightfully called „the best Bordeaux outside Bordeaux!	2008	175.00
340	HEITZ CELLAR Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 14.5% ABV Famously good cabernet sauvignon. Red cherries and blackberries on the nose, medium bodied with fine tannins. Finish lingers on red notes and spice.	2013	80.00
341	SCREAMING EAGLE Napa Valley, Oakville, 14.5% ABV Second Flight opens with exquisite aromatics that are the hallmark of this superb Oakville Estate, sweet red berries, mint, raspberries, violets and lavender emerge from the glass in a silky manner. This is a very polished wine that is all about grace, medium to full bodied with surprising richness and density. This serious Wine can be drunk now or cellared for fifteen plus years.	2010	1500.00
342	SEGHESSIO VENOM Sangiovese, Alexander Valley, 15% ABV Concentrated dark cherry and red plum notes with hints of anise. A cool palate with nice acidity and a lingering finish intermingles fruit and Sangiovese's dusty tannins.	2011/12	75.00
343	DOMAINE DROUHIN Chardonnay, Arthur, 13.5% ABV On the nose, there is candied lemon peel, white flowers, and a touch of honey and vanilla. On the palate, the Arthur is medium- full bodied, with rich texture and excellent mouth weight. The wine is round, with great balance, finishing clean and long.	2014	59.00
345	SEGHESSIO Sonoma, Alexander Valley, Sangiovese, 14.5% ABV Richer, heavier and fruitier than a Sangiovese ought to be, but then this is Alexander Valley not Tuscany. It's a big wine jammy in chocolate covered cherries and liquorice and while the only thing Italian about it is its acidity.	2012	69.00
346	HEITZ CELLAR Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 13.5% ABV Green apples and citrus with a bare bit of subtle oak in the mix, this straightforward, medium-bodied effort eschews overt ripeness and instead charts a leaner, somewhat firmer course.	2014	59.00

THE MASCOT - NAPA VALLEY

Will Harlan grew up in the American wine dynasty of Harlan Estate and BOND. When Will came of age, he jumped right into the family business, discovering a love and serious talent for blending wines.

His pet project “The Mascot”, started as an experiment. Will convinced his Dad, Bill and the Harlan and Bond winemaking teams to spare a few barrels – produced from the younger vines – to explore a blend of his own, allowing Will to create a wine to share with friends and family. It was a great way to show off his skill at marrying the attributes he liked best at each of his family’s Grand Cru estate vineyards. In 2008, the experiment evolved into something more significant, allowing Will to share “The Mascot” with new friends.

The 2009 Mascot is a blend of Harlan, Bond and Promontory barrels, 100% pure Cabernet Sauvignon from some of the most spectacular vineyards in the Napa Valley. Is it expensive? Hell, yes, at £195, it’s a Saturday nighter for sure.

This is an opportunity for you to taste a wine from Bond and Harlan at a fraction of the cost. I have a Harlan if you want to purchase it for £1000, I also have the BOND available for £600...but my suggestion is to go for The Mascot, a dense, fleshy Cab with a killer nose of dark fruit, for £195. As you can imagine, there is very little wine to go around so if interested, please don’t delay.

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| 443 | THE MASCOT Cabernet Sauvignon 14.5% ABV | 2009 | 225.00 |
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- This was a generally cool year which progressed with some warmer weather but nothing extreme. This long growing season cooled down on the approach to harvest, embracing morning fog and moderate temperature throughout the picking. This consistent, mild weather allowed the Harlan and Bond teams time to pick each separate parcel of vineyard in a measured, methodical fashion at its most opportune moment in ripening. The Mascot is a dense, fleshy Cab with a killer nose of dark fruit, Asian spice with just a touch of Napa dust. The finish is a mile long; fine but structured tannins are a hallmark of all Harlan and Bond wines. Drink now -2029.

ROBERT MONDAVI – NAPA VALLEY, OAKVILLE,

Recognized as one of the world’s greatest wine makers. We offer a small parcel of these wines, which are the envy of many.

“Making good wine is a skill. Fine wine is an art” - Robert Mondavi.

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| 348 | ROBERT MONDAVI RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon 13% ABV | 2006 | 255.00 |
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- This reserve is a big wine loaded with black fruit, cedar, liquorice, grilled herbs and tar. This wine impresses for its depth, expressive inner perfume and integrated tannins.
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| 349 | CABERNET SAUVIGNON 12.5% ABV | 1984 | 195.00 |
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- Mature, subtle and balanced, with dry currant, fresh earth herb and cedar notes, aromatic but not fruity.

THE JUDGEMENT OF PARIS

In 1976 a blind tasting was organized in Paris where prestigious French wines were tasted against Californian wines which were widely regarded as inferior to their French equivalents. In a shock result it was declared that a Californian red had beaten such prestigious chateau as Mouton Rothschild, Montrosé and Haut-Brion. The judgement of Paris is recognized as the point where Californian wine was officially recognized for its high quality and standards of excellence.

351	OPUS ONE Robert Mondavi/Baron Phillippe De Rothschild,13.5% ABV Deep crimson colour, nose very Bordeaux like and still had some nice tannin to balance things.	1997	450.00
352	OPUS ONE , Robert Mondavi/Baron Phillippe De Rothschild,13.5% ABV Nice nose of mature cabernet notes with a lot of leather and earthiness. Flavours very much in sync with the nose and fully integrated tannins.	1996	450.00
352B	OPUS ONE , Robert Mondavi/Baron Phillippe De Rothschild,13.5% ABV Red and black fruits, graphite, incense and incipient cedar meld together in a youthfully reserved bouquet that should blossom in bottle.	2013	450.00

AUSTRALIA

In just 200 years, Australians wine industry has grown from a few small plantings to an industry renowned throughout the world for quality. Innovation and depth. In fact Australia is consistently one of the top ten wine producing countries in the world and is one of the few countries that produces every one of the major wine styles. As Australia has no native grape varieties suitable for wine making, grapes were imported from Europe and much of the wine was shipped back to the United Kingdom. The first known record of successful European grape production in Australia dates from 1791.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
15	LITTLE EDEN , Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia, 13.5% ABV. An aromatic bouquet of ripe fruits, cherries and blackcurrants with notes of freshly ground coffee, dark chocolate, peppermint, liquorice and subtle pepper.	2018	36.00
353	FRASER GALLOP Cabernet Merlot, Margaret River, 13.5% ABV Youthful, bright crimson-purple hue; the essence of Margaret River cabernet merlot, medium-bodied, packed with silky flavours of cassis, plum and tapenade.	2017	49.00
354	CHÂTEAU TANUNDA Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 14% ABV Fragrant nose of plums, blackcurrant, florals and spices is streaked with earthy character. The palate is balanced and crunchy with a silky texture but structured tannins. The oak creeps in on the finish, giving it a slight bitterness, but overall a solidly made wine from a historic Barossa estate.	2017	49.00
355	XANADU Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River 13.5% ABV Very attractive and ripe boysenberries, mulberries and red plum compote with leafy aromas of bracken. The palate is very refined with tannins that are nicely arranged in a long elegant shape. There's a succulent streak of tangy redcurrants, red cherries and plums.	2015	55.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
357	MOUNTADAM Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 14% ABV Lovely oak influence on the nose through to a fantastically luscious regional Shiraz on the palate.	2017	36.00
359	LITTLE EDEN Pinot Noir, Murray Darling, 13.5% ABV Aromas of cherries, strawberries and cola lead to rich and complex flavors of red fruit with an earthy accent note.	2017	36.00
360	THE CHOCOLATE BOX GSM Grenache Shiraz Mataro, Barossa Valley, 14% ABV Spicy with anise, vanilla, cedar oak and a powdered, tannic finish. Great on its own, could easily befriend some Aberdeen Angus.	2016	45.00
363	TARRINGTON Pinot Noir, Victoria, 13.5% ABV Burgundian in style this beautiful Pinot Noir is sour cherries and forest floor, pomegranate and amazing length.	2004	79.00
365	APSLEY GORGE VINEYARD Tasmania, Pinot Noir 14% ABV The focus at Aspley Gorge Vineyard is firmly on Pinot Noir & Chardonnay. The Pinot Noir has a small legion of obsessed fans who are more than happy to devour each vintage as it rolls around. It is the texture of this wine that captures and creates an immediate longing for another glass, or bottle.	2010	49.00
366	DOMAINE A Cabernet Sauvignon, Stoney Vineyard Tasmania, 13.9% ABV The wine is an assemblage of classic Bordeaux varieties including <i>90% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Cabernet Franc 4% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot</i> . Deep Ruby colour. Aromatics of Chinese plum blossom, blackberry and clove woven with whispers of cedar. A complex wine driven by terroir and a vintage of tremendous quality. Ripe dark cherry and cassis characters with seamless elegance, fine tannic structure and perfect natural balance.	2007	59.00
367	DOMAINE A Pinot Noir, Coal River Valley, Tasmania, 15% ABV Splendid flavours of dark berry leaf, ripe Morella cherries, violet and honey make this an excellent pairing with duck make.	2005	59.00

WHITE

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
368	RED EARTH Chardonnay, Adelaide Plains, 12% ABV Unfiltered. A classic Australian style Chardonnay, a perfect match with cream dishes.	2011	39.00
370	JOSEF CHROMY Chardonnay, Tasmania, 13.5% ABV Pale green straw colour. Complex citrus and white peach with light cinnamon and toast character from regular barrel stirring. A rich texture wine showing citrus and nectarine flavours with integrated French oak. The palate is rich and full from barrel fermentation but balanced with natural acidity which gives structure and length.	2017	49.00
371	MOUNTADAM Chardonnay, Barossa Valley, 14% ABV Mountadam's Chardonnay expresses fruit of peach, nectarine and nashi pear with undertones of spice and nutmeg.	2018	39.00
372	MOUNT LANGI GHIRAN Piont Grigio, Victoria, 12% ABV A real alternative to the more traditional white varieties provide an excellent example here with a spicy, flavoursome, textured.	2018	39.00
373	MOUNTADAM Riesling, Eden Valley, 11.5% ABV An exciting and vivacious Riesling with pristine clarity and flavours of passion fruit, lime and guava. Perfect with meaty dishes and lighter smoked meats.	2016	44.00
374	WOODCUTTER'S Semillion, Barossa Valley 13.5% ABV A fresh, clean style of wine with lemon tastes and an acidic gooseberry.	2012	49.00



“Angus the Bull” Cabernet Sauvignon is the unique vision of Australia’s Hamish MacGowan who sought to create the perfect wine to go with grilled red meat from Australia’s premier cabernet sauvignon regions.

377	ANGUS THE BULL Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.5% ABV Intense colour with bright purple hues. Aromas of ripe black fruit, dark chocolate and subtle vanilla tannins. Full-bodied, with firm tannins and a long savoury finish. The perfect accompaniment to red meat!	2017	49.00
378M	ANGUS THE BULL Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.5% ABV Delicious wine of restrained power. It has an intense, ripe berry bouquet with a touch of chocolate and liquorice. The palate fills with crushed blackcurrant fruit flavours over the typical herbaceous characters of eucalyptus and mint. It is beautifully complemented by elegant French oak notes.	2014 MAGNUM	98.00

TORBRECK – BAROSSA VALLEY

Torbreck Vintners was founded by David Powell in 1994. He named the vineyard after a forest where he worked as a lumberjack in Ross-shire Scotland. The roots go back to 1992 when Dave, who was then working at Rockford, began to discover and clean up a few sections of dry-grown old vines. Near lifeless, he nurtured them back to health and was rewarded with small parcels of fruit that he made into wine. Dave was able to secure a contract for the supply of grapes from a run-down but ancient Shiraz vineyard.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
383	“THE FACTOR” 15.0% ABV Shiraz. Very concentrate and everything an Australian shiraz aspires to be.	2006	159.00
384	“DESCENDANT” 15.0% ABV Shiraz. Fresh with dense and tangy cassis! Very concentrated and focused.	2005	159.00
385	“RUNRIG” 14.5% ABV Shiraz. A wine that exhibits so much power that it could be easily mistaken for the hugely concentrated wines sourced from the sun-drenched hill of Hermitage in the RHÔNE valley.	2004	295.00

PENFOLDS

Penfolds wines have become renowned, the World over. Here we have compiled an exclusive selection of the very best that is available in Australian wines. Wines under the Penfolds name have exceptional credentials. These limited production wines have gone to make Penfolds’ reputation what it is today. Most notable of all is Penfolds Grange - hailed as Australia’s greatest wine.

387	PENFOLDS GRANGE 13.5% ABV An icon in the wine world that year in year out competes with the greatest wines on the planet. Penfolds have done well to restrain this beast, in a year that was renowned for extreme heat.	2003	495.00
388	PENFOLDS GRANGE 13.5% ABV Concentrated blackberry and liquorice fruit, the oak perfectly integrated. A powerful, masculine style, a touch more austere than the 98.	1999	395.00
389	PENFOLDS GRANGE 13.5% ABV A great contemporary Grange, opaque crimson colour. Aroma of violets, spice, vanilla, confectionary, blackberry and plum.	1996	495.00
391	PENFOLDS ST. HENRI Shiraz, 14.5% ABV A truly magnificent wine. Rich, voluminous and layered with seductive aromas of dark fruits, chocolate and spice. Balanced tannins give it a silky smooth mouthfeel and aftertaste.	2008	155.00
391B	PENFOLDS ST. HENRI Shiraz, 14.5% ABV This opulent Shiraz does not rely on new oak for depth Seductive blueberry, dark plum, blackberry and praline flavours Blackcurrant and liquorice with notes of chocolate and coffee bean.	2009	195.00
392	PENFOLDS YATTARNA Chardonnay, 13.5% ABV A bone-dry and complex Chardonnay which owes many of its attributes to its perfect maturation in French oak barriques.	2010	195.00

NEW ZEALAND

It is only very recently that New Zealand wines have made an impact on the UK market, but their popularity is now increasing rapidly. The cool climate of New Zealand produces well-balanced wines of great finesse. The most successful grape varieties being produced are Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir. New Zealand extends 1000 miles from sub-tropical Northland 36

S to the world's southerly grape growing region Central Otago 46 S. Vineyards benefit from the moderating effect of the maritime climate (no vineyard is more 80 miles from the ocean) with long sunshine hours and nights cooled by sea breezes.

RED		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
393	PENCARROW ESTATE Pinot Noir, Martinborough, 13.5 ABV A lively and exciting wine with splendid acidity and mouth-watering red berry flavours.	2015	39.00
394	PALLISER ESTATE Pinot Noir, Martinborough, 14% ABV From the Wine village which is truly on the map for its Pinot Noir, comes this Burgundy smashing gem, it's everything you would expect from a Pinot Noir and more.	2015	46.00
395	CRAGGY RANGE Te Muna Pinot Noir, Martinborough, 13.5% ABV A perfumed bouquet of mocha, dark chocolate, tobacco, dark berry fruits and a hint of leather with earthy truffles. Rich flavours on the palate and a silky generous mouth feel.	2016	49.00
396	CRAGGY RANGE Syrah, Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, 13.5% ABV. The Gimblett Gravels appellation, covering 800 Hectares, is strictly determined by the gravely soils laid down by the old Ngaruroro River, which were exposed after a huge flood in the 1860's. As you will taste, it produces quite the Shiraz.	2016	49.00
398	HOMAGE SYRAH Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay, 14% ABV Named as one of New Zealand's top ten wineries in Decanter Magazine earlier this year, Trinity Hill has gained a worldwide reputation for its wines, especially the reds from its Gimblett Gravels estate. Black berries and blueberries sprinkled with chocolate the fruit is rich and supple. Finishes with a hint of vanilla and coffee. Tannins well integrated.	2009	69.00
399	SURVEYOR THOMSON PINOT NOIR , Central Otago, 13.5% ABV Medium to full bodied, the wine has concentrated and full flavours of ripe dark berry fruits, spiced plumbs and an iron earth core providing drive through the palate. This wine has been included in my wine list due to the popularity of Aberdeen's own Surveyor Thomson, namely Ian Thomson, ex McLeod & Aitken and now of Thomson Management Consultants. Great golfer (former trades winner) and well known raconteur, not many people in the world have a wine named after them. A truly magnificent New Zealand Pinot Noir.	2012	69.00
404	CLOUDY BAY Pinot Noir, 14% ABV Pleasant cherry fruits and mild peppered fruit flavours make this an easy going red, amazing with braised meats.	2015	59.00

WHITE

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
6	PALLISER ESTATE Riesling, Martinborough, 12% ABV Beautiful easy drinking medium white wine, with excellent acidity and a crisp finish. Very drinkable, perfect for the summertime.	2017	39.00
400	PENCARROW ESTATE Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough, 12.5% ABV A lively and exciting white with splendid acidity and mouth-watering Gooseberry flavours.	2019	44.00
401	PALLISER ESTATE Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough, 12% ABV Bright, clear, straw yellow in colour. It's packed with gorgeous aromas of lime zest, passionfruit and currants. The palate is intensely flavoured showing a juicy mouthfeel and racy acidity leading to a beautifully lingering finish.	2017	44.00
402	CLOUDY BAY Chardonnay 14% ABV Appealingly aromatic on the nose and deeply flavoured and complex on the palate, this New Zealand chardonnay is well rounded, with pleasing layers of fruity and savoury notes.	2016	59.00
403	CLOUDY BAY Sauvignon Blanc, 14% ABV A fresh smelling and powerful white bursting with gooseberry flavours and full creamy finish. The quintessential New Zealand Sauvignon.	2019	55.00

CHILE

The central parts of Chile provide some excellent vineyards which are potentially some of the best in the world. Chilean producers are able to show strong grape varietal characteristics. The Maipo area is reputed to be very similar to Bordeaux. The best wines are excellent in quality and value. With its enormously long coastline occupying a 2,610 mile tract of South Americas seaboard, Chile has a terrific diversity of climate and geography. With the Atacama desert and the desolate ice fields of Patagonia to the south, the scope for wine making is confined to the small central belt of the country with a more moderate climate. Wine has been made in Chile for centuries. Indeed there was a European heyday for its wines in the late 19th century as the phylloxera louse ravaged the vineyards of the Old World and consumers and merchants turned to Chile for a reliable supply of good wine.

RED

11	OCHAGAVIA Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile, 13% ABV Rich in Red fruit aromas, with a deep ruby red colour, this wine boasts round tannins and a long lingering finish.	2018	36.00
405	OCHAGAVIA 1851 RESERVA Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile, 13% ABV This Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon has a bright ruby colour. On the nose it has aromas of cherries and black fruits combine with hints of chocolate and tobacco.	2015	39.00
406	OCHAGAVIA 1851 RESERVA Carmenère, Maipo Valley, 13.5% ABV Deep, dark garnet color with an opaque, almost black appearance. Notes of blackberries and raspberries, together with liquorice, coffee and black pepper.	2015	39.00

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
408	CALITERRA Reserva, Carmenère ,12% ABV Exuberant fruity aromas with hints of spice. Medium-full-bodied with flavours of herbs, blackberry and hints of oak.	2016	39.00
410	ECHEVERRIA FOUNDER'S SELECTION Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.5% ABV This long-established Chilean winery is famed for its high-quality full-bodied reds and sets a high benchmark for all others in the region.	2013	69.00
411	SANTA EMA Pinot Noir, Reserva, 14% ABV Intense and complex with delicate notes of berries, along with notes of sweet vanilla and a touch of nutmeg. Soft and delicate wine with a refreshing acidity with good balance and a long and pleasing finish.	2017	46.00
412	ALMAVIVA Concha Y Toro & Baron Philippe de Rothschild,14.5% ABV Almaviva is the highly successful result of a visionary Franco-Chilean wine. Using French style production and blending on Chilean terroir gives us a rich and complex full-bodied wine. Fittingly translates as "Life and Soul"	2009	195.00

WHITE

4	OCHAGAVIA Chardonnay Reserve, 13.5% ABV Bright yellow with a light golden hue, this chardonnay presents intense aromas of ripe tropical fruits, such as pineapple, mango and banana.	2018	36.00
413	OCHAGAVIA 1851 RESERVA Sauvignon Blanc, 13.5% ABV An intense yellowy green colour. Striking fruit aromas of pears and pineapples combined with floral and citric notes.	2018	37.00
415	VALDIVIESO Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, 12% ABV Cool, crisp Sauvignon fruit: green apples, gooseberries and passion fruit with a hint of riper tropical fruit behind. A wave of bright, limey citrus freshens up the finish.	2016/17	37.00
415B	VALDIVIESO Viognier, Central Valley, 14% ABV Crisp and clean on the palate, well-structured with excellent fruit weight. This is fragrant with gorgeous flavours of apricots and peaches with a clean finish.	2015	39.00

ARGENTINA

The Argentine wine industry is the fifth largest producer of wine in the world. Historically, Argentine winemakers were traditionally more interested in quantity than quality with the country consuming 90% of the wine it produces (12 gallons/45 litres a year per capita according to 2006 figures). Until the early 1990s, [Argentina](#) produced more wine than any other country outside Europe, though the majority of it was considered unexportable. However, the desire to increase [exports](#) fueled significant advances in quality. Argentine wines started being exported during the 1990s, and are currently growing in popularity, making it now the largest wine exporter in South America. Most viticulture takes place in the foothills of the Andes and most famously in Mendoza, where the desert landscapes and high altitudes combine to make a terroir that gives rise to aromatic intensely flavoured red wines.

WHITE

416	TERRAZAS Reserva, Chardonnay, Mendoza,13.5% ABV Medium bodied, round and soft, intense yet easy to drink, enjoy it with seafood, poultry and pasta.	2016	36.00
		VINTAGE	BOTTLE

			£
417	FINCA LA FLORENCIA Familia Cassone, Mendoza, Torrontes, 13.5% ABV Aromas of white flowers and fruits, very fresh and balanced notes. On the palate you will notice the minerality alongside the tropical flavours of melon.	2015	36.00
418	TRUMPETER RUTINI Mendoza, Sauvignon Blanc, 12.5% ABV Elegant and crisp white wine with yellow-green undertones. Strong nose, persistent fruity aromas blended with notes of grapefruit, herbs and freshly cut grass. Smooth mouthfeel and fruity with citrus character, and a refreshing acidity.	2016	39.00
ROSE			
419	TRUMPETER RUTINI Malbec Rosé, 13% ABV A true character not for the faint hearted, Muscular and Full bodied. Could well be the perfect Rosé for Surf & Turf meals.	2017	39.00
RED			
13	FINCA LA FLORENCIA Malbec, Mendoza 14.5% ABV Aroma freshly crushed violets, envelope a deep core of jam preserves and ripened plums, typical of Mendoza Region.	2019	39.00
420	CATENA VISTA FLORES Malbec, Mendoza, 13.5% ABV Malbec makes big, rich, dark wines. The flavours and aromas are plums, dark chocolate and blackberries with some spice and pepper as well.	2017	45.00
420B	OBRA PRIMA Gran Reserva, Malbec, Mendoza, 14.5% ABV Showing black fruits with wood, currants, vegetables, earth, vanilla, licorice, spices, dark chocolates, peppercorn and tobacco, Full bodied with medium plus acidity. Dry on the palate and easy drinking. Spicy with a nice tangy finish.	2014	59.00
421	FELIPE RUTINI Malbec, Mendoza, 14% ABV It is the ultra premium wine of the winery, chosen among the 50 Top Wines of South America and is the best rated among the Argentine wines of traditional wineries. Its production began in 1985, as a tribute to Don Felipe Rutini and the centenary of the work of the winery he founded. It was the first Argentine wine to have a proper name on the label. Felipe Rutini is the quintessence of the highest quality that Rutini Wines can offer in the creation of extraordinary wines.	2009	250.00

SOUTH AFRICA

South African wines are now readily accepted and widely respected throughout the industry. Much of their wine can be exported very competitively and this makes them excellent value for money. Today the R.S.A. exports 400 million litres of wine. There are over 100,000 hectares of vineyard in South Africa. South Africa is the 7th largest producer of wine in the world. Chenin Blanc is the most widely planted variety in South Africa.

RED

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
422	SIMONSIG Merindol, Syrah 14.7% ABV Rich velvet red. Powerful and full-bodied. Sweet aromas soften the wine whilst an abundance of dark fruit complements the vanilla and cinnamon spice.	2011	49.00
423	CREATION Pinot Noir, Walker Bay, 14% ABV Deep ruby in colour. The intensely fragrant bouquet shows a melange of red berry aromas, elegant vanilla and a whiff of wood spice. These follow through on the full-bodied palate with soft, supple tannins and dense structure.	2017	49.00
425	DAVID AND NADIA Pinotage, Paardeberg, 12.5% ABV One thing the South Africans do better than anyone is Pinotage. If you want a full-bodied wine and smooth, look no further. Bold flavours of red berries and spiced plum with a dark chocolate finish. Store in a cool, dark place.	2018	49.00
426	ATARAXIA Pinot Noir, Hemel-En-Aarde, 14% ABV The wine is deliciously juicy, made with care and precision which pays off, a very high-quality new world Pinot Noir.	2015	59.00
427	DAVID AND NADIA Grenache, Swartland, 13% ABV Rich, ripe yet tart cranberry and redcurrant fruit then raspberry strides later. Marvellously dry, yet provocatively scented and intriguing. Those slight chewy tannins are simply the skins of the fruit you are enjoying so much.	2018	59.00
428	LE SOMMET Mont du Toit, Paarl, 14% ABV A rich and darkly fruited wine, structured and seductive due to north and northwest facing slopes of granite terroir.	2002	155.00
429	LONG BEACH Shiraz, 13.5% ABV This is a classic Shiraz from a hot climate, full-bodied with nicely integrated oak flavours and quite a kick of spice.	2017	39.00
430	KINGS RIVER Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, 12.5% ABV Bright red brick colour, deep crimson core, beautiful cedar, tobacco leaf, and bramble fruits on the nose.	2013	39.00

WHITE

431	LONG BEACH Sauvignon Blanc, 13% ABV Refreshing and crisp with a notable mineral quality and classic green apple palate.	2019	36.00
460	SPRINGFIELD ESTATE Wild Yeast Chardonnay Robertson, 13.5% ABV One of the best coastal chardonnay's South Africa has to offer – a briny minerality combines with the rich flavours of oak to produce a fantastically complex wine.	2018	49.00
461	SIMONSIG Chenin Avec Chene, Stellenbosch, 13.5% ABV Bright pale gold colour. Inviting citrus blossoms, toasty oak and honey aromas combine perfectly with the spicy cinnamon sugar expressions on the nose. An array of caramelised baked apple and ripe pear flavours with hints of dried apricots persistently run all the way to the finish.	2016	43.00

DESSERT WINE

Vins doux naturels are lightly fortified wines typically made from white Muscat grapes or red Grenache grapes in the south of France. Different methods of production are used to increase sugar levels. One way is removing water to concentrate the sugars by air drying (raisin wine), freezing (ice wine) or by using a fungal infection, *botrytis cinerea*, to desiccate the grapes with noble rot. There is no simple definition of a dessert wine. In the U.K. a dessert wine is considered to be any wine sweet wine drunk with a meal, as opposed to white fortified wines (Fino and Amontillado sherry) drunk before a meal and the red fortified wines (Port and Madeira) drunk after it. Thus most fortified wines are regarded as distinct from dessert wines. However some of the less fortified white wines such as Pedro Ximenez sherry and Muscat-de-Beaumes-de-Venise, are regarded as honorary dessert wines. In the United States by contrast, a dessert wine is legally defined as any wine over 14% alcohol by volume, which includes all fortified wines- and is taxed more highly as a result.

	VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
433 PALLISER ESTATE Noble Riesling, New Zealand, Martinborough 12% ABV A bright gold colour with green hints, aromas of almond complex floral notes, bees wax, white pepper and cardamom, ending with brightness of homemade orange marmalade. 37.5cl Bottle	2016	39.00
435 TOKAJI Holdvölgy, Exaltation 11% ABV Apricot, pear, apple, white spices and playful aromas on the nose. Good balance of acidity and a bit of residual sugar on the palate with citrus, green apple, spices again and minerality. Long finish. Fresh and elegant. 50cl bottle	2015	59.00
436 MUSCAT DE BEAUMES DE VENISE Southern Rhône 15% ABV Almond and frangipane simply should not be served without it. 50cl Bottle	2016	39.00
437 CHATEAU d' YQUEM 14% ABV Quiet on the nose. More spiced pear and apricot than orange. Lovely concentration. Spiced power, depth and quite warm on the finish. Fresh in a powerful rather than a delicate way. Dense and long. 70cl Bottle.	2006	450.00
438 CHÂTEAU COUTET 1er Cru, Sauternes-Barsac, 14% ABV Liquid gold colour. Classic Barsac nose – light, floral aromatics, kumquat spritz, apricot and baked pineapple. Medium bodied, high level of acidity, lovely apricot and ripe mango flavours. 70cl Bottle.	2015	89.00
439 CHÂTEAU CARMES DE RIEUSSEC Sauternes, South Bordeaux, Graves, 14% ABV Wonderful candied tangerine notes make this wine perfect for strong, lingering cheese. 70cl Bottle.	2016	69.00
440 CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT Sauternes 1er Cru Classé Candied orange peel, white peach and orange blossom. This Sauternes is elegant and with wonderfully balanced sweetness on the palate. 75cl Bottle.	2010	165.00

WILLI OPITZ

We are devotees of the style of Willi's wines. Their vibrance is evident throughout the range, along with freshness, intensity of fruit and flavour. He is a Master of real finesse of flavour, be it for dry or semi-dry wines of Kabinett or Spatlese quality, or most particularly for Beerenauslese, Trockenbeerenauslese or his Schilfmandl. If we seem somewhat extravagant with our superlatives, once you have tasted you may just see why.

		VINTAGE	BOTTLE £
441	GOLDRAKEL TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE 13% ABV It has a beautifully elegant, refined nose, with gently honeyed notes and a core of sweet nectarine fruit. The palate has real finesse too, with discreet, refined fruit sweetness and a smoky quality.	2002	65.00

PORT AND FORTIFIED WINE

Port wine (also known as Vinho do Porto) and usually simply Port is a Portuguese fortified wine produced exclusively in the Douro Valley in the northern provinces of Portugal. It is typically a sweet red wine, often served as a dessert wine though it also comes in dry semi dry and white varieties. Fortified wines in the style of port are also produced outside Portugal notably Australia, South Africa, Canada, India, Argentina and the United States. Under European Union protected designation of origin guidelines only the product from Portugal may be labelled as Port or Porto. Port is produced from grapes grown and processed in the demarcated Douro region. The wine is then fortified by the addition of a neutral grape spirit known as aguardente in order to stop the fermentation, leaving residual sugar in the wine and to boost alcohol content. The fortification spirit is sometimes referred to as brandy but it bears little resemblance to commercial brandy. The wine is the stored and aged most often in barrels in cave (pronounced kahv and meaning cellar in Portuguese).

	BOTTLE £	GLASS 50ml
Alto Douro 1970 Translucent carmine red with brick at rim on the nose, figs ripe fruit round and elegant. Intense aristocratic wine finishes with a touch of hot alcohol.	250.00	N/A
Kopke 1975 Amber colour with raisin and roasted nut flavours with notes of burnt sugar and molasses abounding in the glass. Rich but still deliciously elegant with an underlying acidity that keeps this beauty fresh.	200.00	N/A
Croft 1985 This is an extraordinary house that seems to have been particularly successful with its vintage port. This example is superbly balanced and at its peak.	140.00	10.00
MADEIRA / MARSALA		
Madeira, Barbeito 3 Yrs Old A background note of honey. On the palate a big rush of grapefruit with a gently toffee character.	80.00	13.00
Marsala Pellegrino Superiore Sweet, full, warm and harmonic with a dried fruit finish.	80.00	13.00

Should you require a Malt Whisky, Cognac, Brandy or any other type of digestif, please ask to see our Speciality Drinks List.