



Middlethorpe Hall

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ALLERGENS AND SPECIAL DIETS:

Although we offer a selection of organic and bio-dynamic wines, it should
be assumed that all wines on this list contain sulphur dioxide.

Food and Wine Matching

The matching of food and wine is a matter of personal taste. There are no hard and fast rules, but just remember it is easiest to think of wine as a sauce and match the strength of flavours and weight of the dish with the wine. Happily there are hundreds of 'right' combinations and there are very few 'wrong' combinations.

Intensity/Weight:

Try to match the weight of the food with the weight of the wine, so a rich, red meat dish like Beef/Game works well with a Full Red Bordeaux, Red Rhone or New World Shiraz or Cabernet Sauvignon.

Hence, if you so wished, a fuller White Wine like a Burgundy would work better than a lighter style Red from Beaujolais or a New World Pinot Noir.

Lightweight food like poultry/fish is better complimented with more delicate wines such as Italian White, Sauvignon Blanc or a no oak Chardonnay - a light, low-tannin Red from Beaujolais or New World Pinot Noir could also work.

Acidity:

Acid in food, from the likes of lemons, limes, apples, etc will help to reduce the acidity of the wine and will help emphasis the wines fruit flavours. Generally wines from a cool climate (New World mostly) and Champagnes have a higher acidity and higher acidity wines also help to cleanse the palate when eating oily foods.

In some regions of the world, the wines are tailored to suit the food of that region. The best example of this being Italy where the majority of Italian Red wine is high in acidity to match the tomato and olive oil based dishes.

Tannin:

These are the bitter, mouth-drying gum-furring elements which are detected in red wine and comes from the grape skins and stalks. The highest levels of tannins are found in younger, full-bodied wines made from Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz particularly and tannin acts a natural preservative in wine and as the wine ages it becomes less noticeable. Wines made from grape varieties such as Pinot Noir and Gamay (Beaujolais fame) have naturally lower levels of tannin.

Wine tannins are attracted to fatty proteins (your salvia is full of protein molecules and this is why your gums pucker and dry when drinking tannic wine). Lamb is a good example, as the tannin molecules from a tannic Red wine attach themselves to the high-fatty lamb molecules and strip them from your mouth, leaving your mouth refreshed and cleansed.

Sweetness:

The general rule of thumb is that the wine should be as sweet, but better still sweeter than the food.

Many sweet wines have good acidity, like Sauternes and this makes them a good match for rich foods like paté and foie gras as the acidity will cut through the fatty texture and then complement the richness of the food.

Finally, all wine has some residual sugar and some New World wines from grape varieties like Chenin Blanc, Viognier and Riesling may be 'off-dry' in style and this works well with savoury dishes that have been lightly sweetened with honey, coconut milk, etc: as in glazed pork or Thai chicken curry.

Sulphites in wine:

Though not affecting the characteristics of the wine, a commonly asked question. Pick up a bottle of wine in the UK and you will find a statement on the label declaring 'contains sulphites'. This is to protect a small number of people, such as asthmatics, who may have an allergic reaction. Sulphites are a natural product of fermentation, so all wines contain a limited amount.

However sulphites also exist in wine through the use of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) during the wine making process. SO₂ is a strong antiseptic but is also used to protect grapes and wine from microbial attack; in addition it has antioxidant properties. Red wines require less SO₂ than white wines, but look out for Organically or Bio-dynamical produced wines which only contain very small amounts.

A Few Suggestions

Though by no means a definitive list, these wine suggestions are simply to give you some ideas. If you would like a full-bodied Australian Shiraz with your Green Salad or a pudding wine with your Roast Beef, then please do so. All we can ask is that you enjoy your food and wine choice.

- Salads:** To help cut through the dressing/oils a refreshing Rosé, a crisp Sauvignon Blanc or an aromatic Albarino.
- Velouté:** Enjoy a glass of Champagne or Rosé. Alternatively try a New World Riesling, un-oaked Chardonnay, or a crisp Sauvignon Blanc.
- Seafood:** Either New World style un-oaked Chardonnay, White Burgundy or going down the red route try a Beaujolais or New Zealand Pinot Noir or combining both white and red – how about Irancy, a Red wine from the Chablis region.
- If the dish is with a creamy or butter sauce, then the better match is a buttery White Burgundy from the Côte de Beaune, like – Puligny or Chassagne-Montrachet.
- With smoked fish a South African or Australian Chardonnay matches well.
- For simpler grilled fish why not try a crisp Italian white or an Albarino from Spain covers most seafood options.
- Shellfish:** For Scallops crisp South African or New World Sauvignon Blanc or Pouilly Fumé from the Loire is also an excellent alternative.
- With the likes of Crab and Lobster a Côte Chalonnaise/ Côte de Beaune Burgundy or White Rhône is sublime. If they are served plain, a Chablis is a great match.
- Chicken:** A nice simple Chardonnay as it should not be too over-powering for the delicate flavours. If the dish comes with a creamy sauce a Pouilly Fuissé would be a better match.
- Pork:** A Chenin Blanc or New World style of Chardonnay works well. But a Beaujolais is an excellent match for all types of Pork dishes.
- Lamb:** A Red Bordeaux is the perfect accompaniment, particularly wines from Pauillac and Médoc. Red Rhône or from the New World – Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot. If Italian wine is to your liking, a Sangiovese should go down very nicely.
- If you wanted an alternative, why not try a Rioja or Malbec.
- Beef:** A good selection is available from Red Burgundy to Beaujolais to New World Merlot dominated blends. Roast beefs' best companion is a lovely mature Red Bordeaux, in particular a Pomerol, a little expensive perhaps but worth treating yourself.
- All are suitable so long as the wine is of medium tannin red.
- The only exception is with Steaks or Rare Beef when a big Red Bordeaux, Red Rhône or Australian Shiraz work best.
- Winged Game:** Depending on the weight of the sauce, you can start from New Zealand Pinot Noir to Rioja, Malbec, mature Red Rhône, Red Bordeaux and New World Cabernet Sauvignon.
- Game:** You need something to match the strong flavours, particularly later in the season, so try a Red Rhône, New World Shiraz or Cabernet Sauvignon or alternatively from Italy a comforting Barolo.

MIDDLETHORPE HALL WINES BY THE GLASS SELECTION

WHITE		125ml	175ml	Bottle	375ml Carafe
258	Pinot Grigio, Andrea Di Pec, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, 2022 (100% Pinot Grigio) A fresh, fruity and dry Pinot Grigio with aromas of apple and exotic fruits, a luscious texture and a moreish hint of bitter lemon on the finish. <i>Food match: Light Seafood, Green Salads, Pasta</i>	7.25	9.75	41.00	21.00
201	Chablis, Domaine Vincent Damp, 2023 (100% Chardonnay) Organic, Suitable for Vegans An elegant wine with a very approachable style, classic Chablis character of clean flinty minerality balanced by soft, creamy fruit. Winemaker Vincent Damp is considered as one of Chablis' rising stars, marrying the traditions of his forefathers with modern thinking to produce the best of both worlds. <i>Food match: Shellfish, Chicken with a creamy sauce</i>	12.50	17.00	73.00	37.00
265	Grüner Veltliner 'Talisman', Törley, Etyek-Buda, Hungary, 2023 (100% Grüner Veltliner) Suitable for Vegans A beautiful dry wine made from the late ripening Grüner Veltliner grape. Bright aromas of citrus fruit and green herbs balanced with nuances of white pepper and warm spice. <i>Food match: Seafood, Dishes with spice</i>	7.25	9.75	41.00	21.00
283	Chardonnay, Gran Reserva, Morandé, Casablanca, Chile, 2021 (100% Chardonnay) James Suckling – 92 points Aromas of pear, green apple, and floral and citrus notes, as well as dried fruits and toasted hazelnuts. Great freshness and volume, but delicate, with a delicious balance of acidity and fruit, long persistence and elegance and structure provided by partial fermentation on the lees. <i>Food match: Shellfish, Poultry, Creamy Pasta, Risotto</i>	8.50	11.75	51.00	26.00
237	Sancerre, Domaine de la Grande Maison Chaumeau-Balland, 2023 (100% Sauvignon Blanc) The nose is mineral, saline, with hints of stone fruit (peaches), white blossoms and a pleasant creaminess. Rich and round on the palate, this wine is refined, mineral and it displays flavours fruit, lemon peel and spices (white pepper). <i>Food match: Salads, Shellfish, Sea food, Cheese</i>	11.50	15.00	64.00	33.00
297	Riesling, 'Adam Who?', Burge Estates, Eden Valley, 2023 (100% Riesling) Suitable for Vegans Aromatic nose of white peach and citrus blossom. Ripe pear and honeydew melon give way to a lingering, refreshing orchard fruit finish, with underlying slatey minerality. An expert balance between sweet fruit flavours and lemon/lime acidity. <i>Food match: Apéritif, Shellfish, Seafood, Dishes with mild spice</i>	8.50	11.75	51.00	26.00
282	'Honu' Sauvignon Blanc, Broadland Winery, Marlborough, 2022 The nation's favourite wine style, this classic Sauvignon Blanc is fresh, crisp and zesty with aromas of citrus and passion fruit, combined with intense flavours of lime and gooseberry. <i>Food match: Shellfish, White Fish (Flat Fish, Cod, Hake, Bream, Monkfish, Bass)</i> Suitable for Vegans	7.25	9.75	41.00	21.00
218	Picpoul de Pinet, 'Cuvee les Ladies', Château de Pinet, 2023 (100% Picpoul Blanc) The estate run by mother and daughter team, Simone and Virginie Gaujal. Their Picpoul is classic in style, with a great sense of place from an exceptional terroir. Crushed sea-shell and citrus notes with soft white fruit and flowers; a true example of Picpoul de Pinet. Well-balanced, refreshing and versatile, to enjoy with or without food. <i>Food match: Veal, Foie Gras, Light Game, Smoked Fish, Smoked Meats</i>	7.50	10.25	45.00	23.00

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING

009	Bernard Remy Brut, Carte Blanche, N.V	15.00	--	77.00
010	Bernard Remy Brut, Carte Blanche, N.V. (half bottle) (60% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay, 5% Pinot Meunier) Suitable for Vegans, Wine Spectator – 90 points, Decanter – 93 points Champagne Bernard Remy is situated in the small town of Allemant, nestled on the edge of the Côte des Blancs which is famed for its white grape vineyards. Lively and intense with a delicate and persistent mousse, refreshing notes of lime and lemon combine with floral nuances, honey and a touch of mint on the palate. This champagne blossoms with complexity and finesse.	--	--	51.00
453	Sylvoz Prosecco DOC Treviso Le Colture, Valdobbiadene, Brut N.V. (100% Glera) Suitable for Vegetarians Le Colture, based in the lush green hills of Valdobbiadene, are true sparkling wine experts. Over 500 years of experience have led this old-established family to produce a world class Prosecco: light and delicate, with notes of orchard fruit and white flowers.	9.00	--	42.00

		125ml	175ml	Bottle	375ml Carafe
RED					
124	Côtes Du Rhône, Vignobles Gonnet, 2022 (35% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 30% Cinsault) Suitable for Vegans Bertrand and his brother Guillaume's combined international experience makes for a beautifully balanced range of wines at the family run Vignobles Gonnet. Their Côtes du Rhone is exceptional for its elegance and structure, exuding all the violet, dried herb and spicy dark fruit for which the appellation is famous. Eminently drinkable. <i>Food match: Lamb, Game, Duck, Stews, Spicy Food</i>	8.50	11.75	51.00	26.00
056	Château Lafon, Lustrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2018 (55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon) Begins with inviting aromas of cherries, blackberries, vanilla, spices and tobacco which all come together and soar from the glass. This is medium-bodied and well structured with nicely polished tannins and notable depth. Shows excellent length on the finish, as dark fruits and spices leave a lasting impression. <i>Food match: Beef, Lamb, Game</i>	9.75	13.50	58.00	30.00
131	Primitivo, 'Appassimento', Carlomagno, Puglia, 2022 (100% Primitivo) Suitable for Vegans The nose is complex with aromas of over-ripe cherries, raspberries, redcurrants, plum spices and chocolate. On the palate, there are flavours of dried fruit, slight raisin character, plums, damsons, garrigue and a hint of spice. The finish is rich and full with good, sweet fruit flavours in an excellent balance. <i>Food match: Pasta, Beef, Game, Cheese</i>	7.25	9.75	41.00	21.00
171	Pinot Noir, Révélation, Badet-Clément, Languedoc, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2023 Sourced from vineyards in the Languedoc region. An elegant Pinot Noir with bright cherry and berry fruit, supple tannins and a medium body. Gentle notes of spice and a refreshing yet balanced acidity complete and lift the classy finish. <i>Food match: Lamb, Duck, Venison</i>	8.25	11.00	48.00	25.00
169	Malbec, 'Chacabuco' Los Haroldos, Uco Valley, Mendoza, 2023 Smooth medium bodied Malbec from one of the top Argentinian wine producers. Plum, damson and black cherry fruit on the nose and fresh red fruit flavours with a touch of spice on the palate. This Malbec is not oaked. <i>Food match: Venison, Beef</i>	7.25	9.75	41.00	21.00
147	Rioja Reserva, Bodegas Ondarre, D.O.C. Viana, Spain, 2019 (75% Tempranillo, 15% Mazuelo, 10% Gamacha) IWC – 95 points Leather and spice of traditionally made Rioja on the nose. Magnificent fruity palate that is both smooth and subtle with strawberries and vanilla ice cream sustained through to a very round and long finish with well integrated tannins. <i>Food match: Lamb</i>	8.25	11.00	48.00	25.00
190	Panul Merlot, Errazuriz Ovalle, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2022 Colour is red with violet notes. The nose presents an extraordinarily intense blast of pure, concentrated, black fruit, lightly minted with hints of beeswax. The palate is equally focused, sweet and ripe certainly but with a refreshing lift. <i>Food match: Beef, Lamb, Venison</i>	6.00	8.00	33.50	17.00
156	Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Perez Cruz, Valle del Maipo Andes, 2022 (91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Syrah, 3% Carmenère, 2% Petit Verdot) Suitable for Vegans A very smooth, juicy Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon with fresh vibrant notes of blackcurrants and intense notes of ripe red fruits that are enhanced by vanilla, black pepper and nuances of wild herbs and mint. Creamy and concentrated on the palate, with a nice grip delivering velvet texture. <i>Food match: Lamb, Beef, Game</i>	8.25	11.00	48.00	25.00
ROSÉ					
340	Grenache-Syrah Rose, Domaine de Montauberon, IGP Cotes de Thongue Languedoc-Roussillon, France, 2023 (60% Grenache Gris, 30% Cinsault, 10% Syrah) Suitable for Vegans Once a Royal estate, Domaine de Montauberon was bought by the ancestors of current owner Philippe de Bertier 13 generations ago. Philippe's rosé is a refreshing blend of Grenache and Syrah with vibrant raspberry flavours and delicate notes of white blossom.	7.00	9.25	39.00	20.00
ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE					
020	Bernard Remy Brut Rosé, N.V.	17.50	-.-	96.00	
045	Bernard Remy Brut Rosé, N.V. (half bottle) (60% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay, 5% Pinot Meunier) Suitable for Vegans, Robert Parker – 90 points An elegant Rosé, whose seductive raspberry nuances of the colour are enticing and lead to fine, fruity aromatics with a round, delicious palate which displays refreshing strawberry and fruity aromatic flavours and a deliciously clean and zesty finish with intense notes of red fruits.	-.-	-.-	63.00	

CHAMPAGNE – Vintage & Prestige Cuvée

The only reason vintage Champagne is superior to non-vintage is that its relatively small production allows a far stricter control over the quality of base wines selected, and because it is sold when it is approximately twice as mature. No more than 80% of the harvest may be sold as vintage Champagne ; this conserves at least 20% of the best years for future blending of non-vintage wines. Some houses stick rigidly to declaring a vintage only in years of exceptional quality; others sadly do not.

- 014 **Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne, Blanc de Blanc, 2012** 250.00
(100% Chardonnay) Wine Advocate – 95 points, Antonio Galloni – 96 points, Decanter.com – 96 points
“From the Grand Crus of Avize, Chouilly, Cramant, Mesnil-sur-Oger, and Oger, the 2012 Champagne Blanc De Blancs Comtes De Champagne comes back swinging after last year's release and assumes a more noble and layered profile... it has fantastic aromatic complexity, with wonderful custardy and classic aromas of lemon curd, crème brûlée, shortbread, and honeysuckle. The nose is hard to resist, and on the palate, it's full-bodied, with a refined and pillowy mousse and a delicate warmth on the finish. It hits a lot of the right marks in this vintage, offering plenty of purity and balance... It's just such a pleasurable wine, 2012 marks an exceptional return for this cuvée...” *Audrey Frick, JebDunnuck.com, November 2023 96 points*
- 038 **Delamotte, Blanc de Blancs, 2014** (100% Chardonnay) James Suckling – 94 points 110.00
“The 2014 Blanc de Blancs is seriously impressive. Ample in feel, Delamotte is especially rich in 2014, and yet there is plenty of freshness to balance things out. This is an especially savory style for Delamotte, and one that works so well. Dried lemon peel, pastry, almond, dried herbs and chamomile open in a beautifully translucent Blanc des Blancs that marries power and finesse. I can't wait to see how it ages.” *Antonio Galloni, Vinous – 94 points (Nov 2021)*
- 016 **Dom Pérignon, 2013** 295.00
(51% Pinot Noir, 49% Chardonnay) Wine Spectator – 96 points, Robert Parker – 95+ points, Decanter – 96 points
“A driven and serious DP with aromas of chalk, biscuits, apricot stones and lemons. Some spice and dried flowers, too. So sleek and sophisticated. Elegant. Yet, it's long and powerful, with a sharp minerality. Tight and precise. Reminds me of bottles from the 1980s, such as 1988. It really takes off. Disgorged October 2021. Drinkable on release in January 2023, but better in a couple of years. A DP for the cellar.” *James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, December 2022 – 98 points*
Disgorged in October last year, the 2013 Dom Pérignon is a lovely wine, defined by the long, cool growing season. Offering up aromas of crisp stone fruit, tangerine oil, buttered toast, pear, almonds and clear honey, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with bright acids and a pillowy, enveloping profile, concluding with a long, saline finish. Vincent Chaperon recalls that shatter at fruit set moderated yields and that a drying east wind in the weeks before harvest helped to maintain the good sanitation necessary to wait to pick at full maturity. *William Kelley, Wine Advocate, August 2022- 95+ points*
- 011 **Pol Roger, Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill, 2015** 350.00
(70/80% Pinot Noir, 30/20% Chardonnay) Antonio Galloni, vinous.com – 95 points, Jancis Robinson MW – 18 points
At a luncheon given by the British ambassador to France after the liberation of Paris, Churchill met the charming and captivating Odette Pol-Roger and began a friendship, which lasted until Sir Winston's death in 1965. On Churchill's death, Pol Roger put black-bordered labels on the bottles destined for the UK and in 1975, they named their prestige cuvée after him.
“A strong effort in a less-acclaimed vintage, Pol Roger's newly released 2015 Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill opens in the glass with aromas of confit citrus, ripe orchard fruits and dried white flowers mingled with hints of honeycomb, freshly baked bread and anise. Medium to full-bodied, vinous and concentrated, with bright acids, chalky structuring extract and a pinpoint mousse, this inherently rather rich, gastronomic Champagne is quite tightly wound out of the gates and will reward a bit of bottle age. Stylistically, it is somewhat reminiscent of a modern-day version of the 1985.”
William Kelley, Wine Advocate, March 2023 – 94+ points
- 019 **Krug, Grande Cuvée, Brut** 275.00
044 **Krug, Grande Cuvée, Brut** (half bottle) 175.00
(50% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier, 35% Chardonnay)
A breathtaking champagne that effortlessly balances richness and freshness, power and finesse. A gleaming gold colour, an extravagantly expansive bouquet, an almost creamy texture. Blended from as many as 50 wines from three grape varieties, 20 to 25 growths, and six to ten different years.
- 017 **Louis Roederer Cristal, Brut Vintage, 2004** 260.00
(55% Pinot Noir, 45% Chardonnay) Robert Parker – 97 points
Pure hedonism, this legendary cuveé created in 1876 for Tsar Alexander II, merits its' iconic status. Only the finest grapes from the best vineyards of Verzenay, Le Mesnil, Avize, Chouilly, Verzy, Aÿ and Mareuil are used in this exceptional Champagne. Opulent and complex, with its' golden appearance with lightly burnished reflections and its' intense bouquet of white flowers, citrus and red fruits followed by toasted, woody aromas and its' a veritable cornucopia of sumptuous honey, hazelnut and apple flavours.
- 034 **Bollinger La Grande Année, Brut, 2007** 140.00
(70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay) Wine Advocate – 94 points (June 2018), Jeb Dunnuck – 94 points (March 2018)
“While this wine seemed fully mature when we tasted it last year, the latest bottle to come across our tasting table was full of life, feeling concentrated and radiating energy out of its core. There's a compressed floral spice and a touch of sweetness to the fruit that accommodates the mineral abrasion, the elements completely integrated, the flavors lasting for minutes.” *Wines and Spirits – 94 points (Dec 2018)*

CHAMPAGNE – Non Vintage

Non-vintage Champagne accounts for three-quarters of the region's production. The bulk of a blend will be from the current harvest but between 10 and 20% reserve wine from as few as two, or as many as seven, older vintages may be added. By law, a non-vintage Champagne must be aged for a minimum of one year, but the best houses will give their wines at least three years in bottle. Non-vintage Champagnes are not usually the finest Champagne, yet they are capable of being so, and in years when either the character of the wine is not to an individual's taste, or in poor harvests, the non-vintage is a better buy than the more expensive vintage.

040	Ayala, Brut Majeur, Non-Vintage (40% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier) Wine Spectator: 92 points, Wine Enthusiast: 91 points Light gold, abundant & fine bubbles. Open and expressive nose is rich & aromatic. Delicate, unveiling notes of citrus, flowers and white fruits. Balanced palate, combining freshness and vinosity. Precise, fruity and characterised by a long finish. Pinot Noir gives this wine richness and a long finish while Chardonnay, from the finest soils of the Cotes des Blancs, adds delicacy, liveliness and freshness. Pinot Meunier, mainly from the Marne Valley, gives this wine an appealing fruitiness and roundness.	76.00
023	Duval-Leroy, Brut Réserve, Non-Vintage (60% Pinot Noir, 30% Meunier, 10% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegans, Wine Spectator – 93 points "This is a full-flavored, round and spicy ready-to-go bottle of bubbly. The LeRoy Neiman graphics and cava-style bottle suggest party time, and the flavors are right up against banana-ish tropicality. But the ripeness is nicely cut with leesy acids, and the wine manages not to fall off a cliff; rather it extends itself with layers of stone and mineral." <i>Wine Enthusiast, 91 points</i>	71.00
043	Perrier-Jouët, Grand Brut, Non-Vintage (40% Pinot Meunier, 35% Pinot Noir, 25% Chardonnay) IWSC 2013 – Silver Medal, Decanter World Wines 2013 – Silver Medal There's a mature vinosity, marked by notes of spice and perfume on the nose. These change to ripe stone fruits and exotic fruits and floral accents that give the wine freshness. In the mouth, the smooth, rounded character is balanced by the sparkle, lending the wine charm and elegance. A Champagne that is elegant yet delicate, with crisp citrus flavours and a lingering creamy finish, displaying immense complexity.	89.00
028	Pol Roger, Brut Reserve, Non-Vintage (33% Pinot Noir, 33% Pinot Meunier, 34% Chardonnay) Blended from 30 still base wines from three grape varieties: Pinot Noir for body, depth of character and life extending tannins, Chardonnay for lightness, elegance and finesse, Pinot Meunier for youthful freshness, vigour and plump character. The nose is dominated by white flowers, green apple, brioche and a trace on minerality. On the palate there are stone fruits, a slight nuttiness and a hint of honey supporting the freshness of the acidity.	98.00
030	Laurent Perrier, Brut, Non-Vintage (40% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier, 45% Chardonnay)	80.00
046	Laurent Perrier, Brut, Non-Vintage (half bottle) Pale gold in colour and especially noted for its small, persistent bubbles. The aroma is delicate and fresh with good complexity and notes of citrus fruits. Fresh and supple on the palate rich, rounded, expressive creamy mousse flavours from which the fruit progressively emerges.	65.00
027	Taittinger, Brut Réserve, Non-Vintage (60% Pinot Noir/Pinot Meunier, 40% Chardonnay) Harmonious and elegant with a delightful lemony finish. Produced mainly from Chardonnay grapes, primarily from Taittinger's own vineyard holdings. This wine is distinctively silky and flowery with an elegant finish.	80.00
035	Drappier, 'Signature', Blanc de Blancs, Non-Vintage (95% Chardonnay, 5% Pinot Blanc) Suitable for Vegans Wine Spectator – 91 points, James Suckling – 91 points A classic blanc de blancs, all about delicacy and finesse, with the typical white peach and apple aromas of Chardonnay lifted by a touch of floral Pinot Blanc. Lightly biscuity on the palate, with great freshness and purity. "Pale gold. Candied lemon, lime pith and white flowers on the fragrant nose, with deeper orange and buttered toast qualities emerging with air. Juicy flavors of pear and Meyer lemon show impressive depth and cut, with a gingery nuance adding energy. Bright, focused and mineral-driven on the clinging finish, which leaves behind notes of honeysuckle and brioche." <i>Josh Reynolds, Vinous – 91 points</i>	95.00
029	Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label, Brut, Non-Vintage	98.00
042	Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label, Brut, Non-Vintage (half bottle) (55% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay) A beautiful golden-colour with a foaming necklace of tiny bubbles. On the nose, initially reminiscent of white fruits and raisins, then vanilla and later brioche. There is a balance from the fruity aromas of the grape varieties and the toasty aromas following the ageing the bottle. The first sip delivers all the freshness and forcefulness so typical of Yellow Label with an asymphony of fruit tastes gollowing on. Fuller and richer than most non-vintage Champagnes' and consistently delicious.	59.00
024	Bollinger, Special Cuvée (60% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier, 25% Chardonnay) A blend <i>par excellence</i> , Special Cuvée is the most accomplished expression of the Bollinger style. Its' biscuity nose is endowed with hints of white fruit while the rich, full-bodied palate is perfectly balanced by fresh acidity and a soft, delicate mousse. A stylish Champagne.	96.00
013	Ruinart, Brut (45% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Meunier) Shimmering yellow and gold colour. First nose: autumn and summer aromas, with subtle fruity notes of apple and apricot, as well as hazelnut and raw almond. A touch of complexity is added with hints of elderflower and coriander seeds. Second nose: intense aromas of brioche and biscuits. A harmonious and persistent roundness envelops the palate. The final note reminds us of the presence of chardonnay in the blend, with its characteristic freshness.	120.00

CHAMPAGNE – Demi-Sec & Prelude Cuvée

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| 012 | Pol Roger, Rich, Extra Cuvée de Reserve, Non-Vintage
<small>(34% Chardonnay, 33% Pinot Noir, 33% Pinot Meunier)</small>
The nose opens with beguiling hints of beeswax and apricot which are repeated on the palate and reinforced with notes of acacia honey. Despite the sweetness it is remarkably refreshing and the acidity cuts right through the heart of the champagne leaving the palate cleansed. This would be the perfect toast to serve with wedding cake but equally it complements tarts and crumbles. Makes it the perfect drink for occasions when something a little less dry is called for. | 90.00 |
| 025 | Veuve Clicquot, Demi-Sec, Non-Vintage
<small>(40/45% Pinot Noir, 30/35% Pinot Meunier, 20/25% Chardonnay)</small>
A beautiful yellow colour with deep golden glints, and fine, even mousse. An intense fragrance reminiscent of ripe fruit with notes of brioche and toast. Round and mellow in the mouth, combined with a delightful freshness due to its' mild acidity and maintaining a pleasant silkiness. | 98.00 |
| 021 | Taittinger, Cuvée Nocturne, Sec, N.V.
<small>(40% Chardonnay, 60% Pinot Noir/Pinot Meunier)</small>
Taittinger is the owner of one of the most important vineyard in Champagne. Nocturne is a Champagne made with reserve wines from great vintages. Long ageing in cellars provides this wine with maturity and mellowness. It is the refined Champagne for a successful evening. | 107.00 |

CHAMPAGNE – Rosé

Most pink Champagnes have a higher proportion of black grapes than white, and some are pure Pinot Noir, but many houses simply add a little red wine to their basic non-vintage or vintage *cuvées*. A good pink Champagne will have an attractive colour, perfect limpidity and a snow-white *mousse*.

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| 047 | Louis Roederer, Rosé, 2015
<small>(62% Pinot Noir, 38% Chardonnay) Organic, Bio-Dynamic, Suitable for Vegetarians</small>
<small>James Suckling – 93 points, Wine Advocate – 94 points</small>
Salmon hue with bright red tints. Fine and energetic bubbles. A ripe, complex and youthful bouquet of slightly tangy red fruit (redcurrants, blackcurrants), ripe citrus (blood orange) and roasted cocoa beans. After some time in the glass, the wine reveals sappier, floral and sweet notes with a saline, almost briny, core. The first impression of the wine is of a generosity, softness and concentration. One has the sensation of biting into juicy, ripe fruit and blood orange, it is a fabulous aromatic explosion with luscious and slightly tangy overtones. The concentrated and dense body takes over and reinforces the impression of substance, of concentrated liqueur on the mid-palate. The finish stretches out, perfectly-honed, gradually revealing umami notes thanks to the precise and crisp mineral freshness. | 140.00 |
| 033 | Ruinart Brut, Rosé | 165.00 |
| 041 | Ruinart Brut, Rosé (half bottle)
<small>(55% Pinot Noir, 45% Chardonnay)</small>
The nose is fine, fresh, subtle and spring-like evoking fragrances of red fruits – cherry raspberry, wild strawberry and red berries. Their relatively young primary aromas present a wonderful bouquet. The first impression is balanced and fresh. The wine is supple, round and silky on the palate developing fruity notes with a deliciously bold finish. | 98.00 |
| 037 | Laurent Perrier, Cuvée Rosé, Brut
<small>(100% Pinot Noir)</small>
Salmon-pink in colour. The nose is precise and very crisp with a lasting impression of freshness, it has hints of soft red fruits, such as strawberries, redcurrants, raspberries and black cherries. Intensely fruity flavours begin clean and well-defined upon entry, the wine then opens up to provide a melange of flavours consisting of fresh strawberries, raspberries and wild cherries. It has great length and is rounded and supple on the finish. Laurent Perrier Rosé is famous for its highly expressive bouquet, which stems from the very careful preservation of the grape's natural fresh red fruit aromas. It is one of the rare Rosé champagnes to be made using the maceration (skin contact) technique, which gives it the extraordinary depth and freshness that has made it the benchmark for Rosé champagne around the world. Blended from ten different crus or villages considered to be among the finest villages in Champagne, including Ambonnay, Bouzy, Louvois and Tours-sur-Marne. In many minds the finest non-vintage Rosé champagne. | 120.00 |

SPARKLING WINE

- 453 **Sylvoz Prosecco, Le Colture, Brut, DOC, N.V.** (100% Glera) Suitable for Vegetarians 42.00
Le Colture, based in the lush green hills of Valdobbiadene, are true sparkling wine experts. Over 500 years of experience have led this old-established family to produce a world class Prosecco: light and delicate, with notes of orchard fruit and white flowers.
- 392 **Corney & Barrow Sparkling, Blanc de Blancs, NV** Méthode traditionnelle 36.00
Located a few miles from the Swiss border, the region of Savoie produces mainly sparkling white wines. Here, unpolluted lakes and mountain air give these wines a characteristic freshness. A Chenin-based blend of important local grape varieties, this wine is bone dry with delicate, crisp apple and light brioche notes.
- 450 **Vouvray Mousseux Brut, Jean-Claude and Didier Aubert, Loire** 43.00
(100% Chenin Blanc) Méthode traditionnelle
This marvellous Vouvray Mousseux Brut is hand-riddled and bottle-fermented. It has a toasty nose, a lively mousse and an elegant dry palate of ripe orchard fruit, making it perfect for parties and family celebrations.
- 022 **Classic Cuvée, Nyetimber Estate, West Sussex** (60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir/Pinot Meunier) 68.00
Produced from a mixture of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, this Classic Cuvée displays tiny bubbles in a light golden hue. The aroma of sweet fruits such as peaches and apricots are strong and fresh. Ginger and vanilla contribute a further layer of interest. The palate has a sweet fruity start with strong intensity of flavour which combined with delicate bubbles fill the mouth. Flavours of roasted almonds and baked peach are also present. The high fruit intensity lingers on a long and fresh finish.
- 032 **Tillington, Classic Cuvée, Nyetimber Estate, West Sussex, 2014** 105.00
(78% Pinot Noir, 22% Chardonnay) Anne Krebiehl MW, Vinous.com – 94 points (Jan 2022)
The 2014 vintage marks the fourth iteration of Nyetimber's Tillington Vineyard. The grapes for this cuvée come from a tiny 2ha plot (total area Nyetimber has under vine is 37ha). Pale gold in colour. Notes of honeysuckle & white flowers to start, then ripe citrus, red apple and lemon tart. Very elegant nose. Lovely overall feel on the palate. More of that lemon tart and a bit of brioche. There's great texture and it is expertly balanced. Already very approachable, but should reward a few more years in bottle. Delicious.
- 451 **Pelorus, NV, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand** (Chardonnay/Pinot Noir) 58.00
A superb sparkling wine from one of New Zealand's most-coveted producers. The pale straw colour and aromas of ripe citrus fruits indicate the Chardonnay origins of Pelorus N.V. A bouquet of apple and lemon complements fresh bread notes derived from two years bottle ageing on lees. The deliciously crisp palate displays toasty, creamy complexity, enhanced by a lingering nutty finish. Sunny skies and the long cool summer days of Marlborough ensure the slow ripening so essential for achieving the elegance, crispness and complexity inherent in this quality sparkling wine.
- 031 **Blanc de Blancs, Nyetimber Estate, West Sussex, 2014** (100% Chardonnay) 89.00
"The 2014 Blanc de Blancs was bottled in March 2015 and disgorged in March 2020 and is due to hit the market in 2021. There is a touch more red fruit here, hints of white strawberries joining the defined honeysuckle and yellow plum scents. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, taut and fresh, and quite linear, as a Blanc de Blancs should be, with a little more salinity coming through on the pear and greengage finish compared to the 2013." Neal Martin, *www.vinous.com* (Sep 2021) - 92 points

SPARKLING WINE - Rosé

- 454 **Sparkling Rosé, Brut, NV, Le Colture, Veneto** 43.00
(70% Chardonnay, 30% Merlot) Suitable for Vegans
Made at the prestigious family estate of 'le Colture' in the heart of Prosecco country. With its' delicate, rose-petal pink colour and fine mousse, this sparkling wine looks simply beautiful in the glass. On the palate, it does not disappoint either: fresh, ripe red fruit flavours from the Merlot grapes are delicately combined with the ripe orchard fruit of the Chardonnay variety. The result is a wine that is fresh, fruity and easy drinking; the perfect aperitif wine for any occasion.
- 036 **Rosé, Nyetimber Estate, NV, West Sussex** (75% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Noir) 78.00
Tiny gentle bubbles and a vibrant salmon colour. Lovely black currant and strawberry aromas intermingle with hints of spice and brioche to add layers of complexity and interest. The supple texture of the wine is coaxed out by these ripe sweet red fruit flavours together with its frothy character. A bright currant flavour balances the fullness and leaves the palate refreshed.
- 459 **Crémant de Loire Rosé, Domaine Langlois-Château, Brut, NV** (100% Cabernet Franc) 42.00
Now under the ownership of Bollinger, Langlois-Château first established its reputation with its' rich and elegant Crémant de Loire sparkling wines. This Rosé is mostly made from domaine vineyards in the Saumur region and is 100% Cabernet Franc. Pale salmon pink in colour, with aromas of fresh strawberries and red berry fruit. Full bodied and rich on the palate, with fine bubbles and persistent mousse. Raspberries, cream and vanilla dominate, leading to a long, lingering finish. The Crémant de Loire Appellation is among the most demanding sparkling wine appellations in France.

SPARKLING WINE – Demi-Sec

- 008 **Nyetimber, Cuvée Chérie, Demi-Sec** (100% Chardonnay) 68.00
A wine designed with food very much in mind, our Cuvée Chérie Multi-Vintage was initially made to complement delicate British desserts, but it is equally well-suited to gently spiced and fragrant savoury dishes. This cuvee has the delicate sweetness of honey notes, balanced with pure citrus lemon and tangerine flavours and a refreshing minerality. Elegant, delicate and fresh, it works particularly well with richer foods.

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- 349 **Pinot Grigio Blush, Sacchetto, Venezia, I.G.T., Italy, 2023** 33.00
(95% Pinot Grigio, 5% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegetarians
A dry, fresh and fruity rosé with delicate aromas of red berries and crammed with summer fruit flavours. Crisp and lively on the palate with good intensity of ripe berry and red cherry fruit.
- 341 **Sancerre Rosé, Comte Jean Marechal Henri Bourgeois, Loire, 2021** 63.00
(100% Pinot Noir)
This delicate Sancerre rosé is made by the classic producer Henri Bourgeois, from vineyards in the village of Chavignol, at the very heart of the Sancerre appellation. A vibrant, rose petal wine from Pinot Noir, with translucent, golden hints. Aromas of ripe cherries and strawberries, interlaced with a creamy lees touch. The palate is ample with fresh, lively acidity for balance that offers all the class of Bourgeois' wines.
- 342 **Rosé d'Anjou, Les Roseraies, Auguste Bonhomme, Loire, 2023** 38.00
(70% Grolleau, 30% Gamay) Suitable for Vegans
Crystal clear with a salmon pink hue and a beautiful intensity. The bouquet is reminiscent of red berries (raspberries and strawberries). The palate is expressive, rich and aromatic with a hint of liquorice and toffee. The clear, fresh and tasty finish is balanced by a fine acidity
- 348 **Zinfandel Rosé, Sunset Point, California, 2023** 29.00
(98% White Zinfandel, 2% Symphonia)
Zinfandel Blush is the Las Vegas of the wine world. An unapologetic show-stopper which offers an unpretentious response to our need for simplicity and diversion, it has certainly justified its place in the wine world's big tent in recent years. The white Zinfandel displays classic red berry and pink grapefruit aromas augmented by hints of black pepper and wild herbs. In the mouth, its delicate berry flavours have a refreshing citric edge and a light pepper spice tone. Moderately sweet and well-balanced, with a crisp finish
- 346 **Coeur de Grain, Clos Mireille, Domaine Ott, Côtes de Provence, 2022** 69.00
(70% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 10% Rolle)
This is beautifully presented, delicately blended and quite light. A silky nose of white fleshed fruit with further fulsome aromas of plants, flowers and fruits encourage you to try it. Perhaps more medium bodied rather than as light as some Rosés. There is an abundance of flavour with a harmonious balance between liveliness and freshness notes of fresh fruit and generous roundness. It has an intensity that builds to a pleasant finish which lasts nicely in the mouth. Finishing on peaches and nectarines. Fantastic as an aperitif. The favourite luncheon wine for the wealthy elite on the Cote d'Azur!
"Instantly brilliant in the glass, the 2022 Cotes de Provence Rose Clos Mireille, a blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Cinsault and the balance of Rolle (or Vermentino), exhales aromas of red berries, lemon, peach, guava and hints of curry leaf. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, combining fine acidity and a salty, penetrating, mouthwatering finish. It's one of the more gourmand, fleshy, generous wines in the Domaines Ott range." *Wine Advocate, June 2023 – 90 points*
- 345 **Sunset Rosé, Château Ksara, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon, 2023** 45.00
(60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Shiraz) Suitable for vegans
Pale pink with a slight salmon hue. Fresh and aromatic aromas with notes of red berries like strawberry and raspberry, along with hints of citrus and floral undertones. Light and crisp on the palate, featuring flavours of ripe red fruits, subtle citrus zest, and a touch of minerality. The finish is clean and refreshing, with a well-balanced acidity.

BORDEAUX

Bordeaux occupies a pre-eminent place among the world's wine regions. Its special geographical situation enables it to produce more fine wines with more regularity than any other part of France, or any other country. Bordeaux is divided by the rivers Garonne and Dordogne and, after their confluence, the Gironde. The western side, the Left Bank, is home to the great names of the Médoc, Graves and Sauternes whilst the Right Bank houses Blaye, Bourg, Fronsac and, more famously, Pomerol and St Emilion. The two sides offer contrasting geological landscapes with the Left Bank soils being gravel based over limestone, forcing the vines to struggle for survival. Centuries of alluvial deposits, sand, silt, mud and gravel have been offloaded in linear terraces where Cabernet Sauvignon is the dominant variety. On the Right Bank, limestone generally rises to the surface, although one exception is Pomerol with gravel soils and, famously, a button of clay at its' highest point- home to Pétrus. This side of the river favours Merlot in the driving seat with, usually, Cabernet Franc in the blend. The climate is maritime and therefore extremely changeable.

Bordeaux Superieur and Côtes de Bordeaux

- 051 **L'Aurage, Côtes de Bordeaux, 2014** 80.00
(80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc)
"Brooding nose of wild red berries with black cherry and damson. A deceptively powerful wine, with well-balanced structure and layers of flavour concentration. From an excellent site close to St-Émilion, this is polished, with ample finesse." *Decanter* – 92 points
- 050 **Château Roc des Cambes, 2009** 130.00
(70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec) Neal Martin, RobertParker.com – 91/93 points, Ian d'Agata, vinous.com- 90/93 points
Sexy red-berry cocktail aromas of raspberry and strawberry spiked by cinnamon. Creamy-smooth on entry, boasting extremely sweet and impressively intense red berry and red cherry flavours. Finishes long, with the slightest hint of youthfully tannins. Strong family resemblance between this wine and Francois Mitjavile's far more expensive "other" wine, Château Tertre Roteboeuf, which costs a whole lot more.

Graves and Pessac-Léognan

The left bank of the Garonne river, from the north of Bordeaux to 10 kilometres east of Langon.

- 055 **Château La Fleur des Graves, Graves de Vayres, 2019** 55.00
(50% Merlot, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon) Suitable for vegetarians
Lovely aromas of ripe cherries and blackberries which are woven together with exotic spices, spring florals and tobacco. Continues to impress on the palate, where it displays excellent balance and structure, with gorgeous soft, velvety texture which carries on all the way through the lingering finish.
- 054 **Château Haut-Bailly, Grand Cru Classé, Pessac-Léognan, 2018** 195.00
(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc) Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, Wine Advocate, March 2021 – 96 points
"I seriously considered putting one more point on the 2018 Château Haut-Bailly, and for all practical purposes, it's as good as it gets. It has a majestic, full-bodied, multi-dimensional profile as well as a blockbuster bouquet of currants, chocolate-covered cherries, iron, tapenade, and smoked tobacco. It has a sunny, exuberant, uber-sexy style, yet it's not over the top, and it has perfect ripeness (not overripe or underripe), beautiful tannins, and flawless overall balance. It's approachable today yet should hit maturity in another 4-5 years." *Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, October 2023* – 99 points

Pauillac

Sandwiched between St-Estèphe to the north and St-Julien to the south.

- 065 **Château Bellegrave, 2017** 103.00
(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc) James Suckling – 91 points
"The vineyard of Bellegrave in the southern part of Pauillac has produced a softly textured wine in this lighter vintage. With hints of maturity and black-currant fruits that have mellowed well, the wine is almost ready to drink. Just wait until 2022." *Wine Enthusiast* – 92 points
- 057 **Château Pichon-Longueville Baron 2015, 2ème Crû Classé** 280.00
(77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot)
Neal Martin, vinous.com, July 2019 – 97 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, The Wine Independent, Nov 2022 – 97 points
'The 2015 Château Pichon Baron is a sensational bottle of wine made that spent 18 months in 80% new French oak. Boasting a deep purple color as well as awesome notes of black raspberries, toasted spices, cassis, lead pencil shavings, tobacco leaf and building minerality, this full-bodied, concentrated 2015 has sweet tannin, a great texture, and a big, big finish. Pauillac all the way, with both opulence and finesse, enjoy anytime over the following two to three decades.' *Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2017* – 98 points
- 053 **Château Lynch-Bages, 2016, 5ème Cru Classé** 270.00
(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot) Wine Spectator - 97 points, Decanter – 96 points
'Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Lynch-Bages comes charging out of the gate with pronounced cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, mulberries and menthol notions, backed up by scents of garrigue, tilled soil and a waft of tapenade. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fantastically concentrated, the generous fruit is superbly framed by firm, ripe, grainy tannins with tons of pepper, cinnamon and cloves layers coming through on the finish. Truly, a legendary Lynch-Bages!' *Robert Parker Wine Advocate* – 97 points
'Very rich and exotic with blackberry, black-tea, graphite and lead-pencil aromas. Full-bodied, dense and structured with lots of ripe tannins and a long, flavorful finish of currants and forest floor, combined with fresh mushrooms and bark. Needs four to five years to show its true potential.' *James Suckling (02/2019)* – 97 points
- 067 **Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 2012, 5ème Crû Classé** 140.00
(76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot) Tim Atkin, MW, April 2013 – 94 points, James Molesworth, Wine Spectator Insider, January 2015 – 93 points
"Always a favorite among consumers, Xavier Borie's is a fifth-growth Pauillac that consistently performs at a much higher level. The 2012 Grand-Puy-Lacoste has the classic, tell-tale crème de cassis as well as some bluer fruits and floral notes. Medium-bodied, its ripe tannin, beautiful fruit and low acidity give it an up-front appeal." *RobertParker.com* – 91 points

Médoc and Haut Médoc

The left bank of the Gironde estuary, stretching northwest from Bordeaux to Soulac.

- 062 **Château Preuillac, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois 2015** 62.00
(70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot) Wine Enthusiast – 93 points
2015 has been hailed as an excellent vintage in Bordeaux. Generous flowering took place followed by a hot, dry early summer. August was slightly cooler and damper, followed by good weather in September enabling the grapes to reach full maturity. A fine, elegant wine with plump red berried fruit and delicate hints of oak spice. Smooth and supple on the palate, with fine tannins and a long, persistent finish.
- 061 **Château Cissac, 2018, Crû Bourgeois, Haut Médoc** 64.00
(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot) Suitable for Vegans James Suckling - 90 points
A delivers a deep colour and aromas of ripe and candied fruits, with a hint of spice. Ripe, well-rounded tannins have a concentration that only an Indian summer can bring and the palate is balanced by a delightful acidity.
- 063 **Château Cantemerle, 2015, Grand Crû Classé, Haut Médoc** 107.00
(59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot) Neal Martin, Wine Advocate – 90/92 points
Impressive richness and clarity of red and dark berries. Lightly spiced-pastry aromas, too. The palate has a very crisp, polished and groomed tannin texture, as well as super fresh flavors that carry long. Great wine. Try from 2022. *James Suckling, jamesuckling.com – 95 points, Feb 2018*
'The inky colored 2015 Château Cantemerle offers a terrific bouquet of black currants, smoked herbs, earth, and hints of charcoal. Ripe, concentrated, rounded, and undeniably delicious, with ripe tannin, it's a terrific vintage for Cantemerle to drink anytime over the coming 10-15 years.' *Jeb Dunnuck, - 91 points Novr 2017*

Pomerol and Lalande de Pomerol

Small area on the western extremity of the St-Emilion district, just northeast of Libourne.

- 069 **L'Hospitalet de Gazin, 2018** 105.00
(93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc)
Second wine of Château Gazin, the immediate neighbour of Pétrus. Exuberant, pure, sweet bouquet of caramelized black cherries and currants interwoven with tapenade, toasty oak, earth and truffles. It is rich, concentrated, medium bodied with flavours of ripe cherries and plum fruit, delicately spiced.
- 068 **Château Certan de May, 2019** 195.00
(65% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) James Suckling – 97 points, William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2022 – 94 points
"An under the radar insiders' Pomerol. Layers of earthy, focused & finessed blackcurrant & bilberry fruits. Balanced, well placed, gets increasingly creamy and succulent as it opens in the mouth." *Jane Anson, January 2022 – 95 points*
- 071 **Château Le Gay, 2014** (90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc) James Suckling - 93 points 185.00
"The 2014 Le Gay has a perfumed and ebullient bouquet with blackberry, leather and warm brick aromas. I appreciate the delineation here and the manner in which it blossoms in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, well balanced and gentle in style, caressing with pure strawberry and cranberry scents towards the elegant finish. This is a great Le Gay." *Neal Martin, vinous.com – 94 points*
- 072 **Château Latour à Pomerol, 2016** (96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc) Robert Parker – 94 points 198.00
'This is so attractive. It has a very rich and ripe array of dark berries and dark chocolate with a long, succulent and smooth palate that delivers so much flavor and freshness. The palate has intensity and depth with very convincing fruit concentration, in the dark-plum and berry zone. This is superb.' *James Suckling – 96 points (Feb, 2019)*

Margaux

In the centre of the Haut-Médoc, some 28 kilometres northwest of Bordeaux.

- 082 **Château Kirwan, 2017, Grand Crû Classé** 145.00
(30% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot) Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, Wine Advocate, April 2018 – 90/92 points,
"This shows fantastic depth and fruit quality for the vintage with crushed currants, raspberries and flowers to the medium to full body, round and ripe tannins and flavorful finish. Good tension and poise. Drink after 2022." *James Suckling, jamesuckling.com – 93 points, January 2020*
"This is well extracted, with dark berry fruits, attractive tobacco leaf and charcoal notes. It has that same savoury frame that so many from Margaux have this year, and the fruit character is not bursting with generosity but is still expressive and lyrical. It really does offer something for those looking for a more sculpted wine. Medium term drinking." *Jane Anson, Decanter.com – 91 points, April 2018*
- 090 **BriO de Cantenac Brown, 2019** 99.00
(48% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc) Suitable for Vegetarians, Vinous - 90 points
"Bramble aromas alongside wild herbal notes and touches of cedar and wood spice. Crunchy and vibrant fruit, this has a really lovely clarity and precision to both the fruit flavours and the tannins. Supple but also with tension and a sense of drive from start to finish. An enticing mineral, wet stone edge underneath as well which gives lift and freshness. A lovely second wine with style." *Decanter – 91 points*
- 089 **Château Rauzan-Ségla, 2016, 2ème Crû Classé** 205.00
(68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot) Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, Wine Advocate, November 2018 – 97+ points
"The aromas of blackcurrants, sweet tobacco and sandalwood are tantalizing. Then it turns to subtle, dried fruit. Full-bodied with dense and powerful tannins, yet ending with finesse and vertical nature. Very deep. Power with finesse." *James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, February 2019 – 98 points*
"Black cherry compote, baked blackberries, and freshly crushed blackcurrants all jump from the glass, followed by hints of rose oil, cardamom, and cedar chest, plus a waft of spice box. Medium-bodied, the palate is super-intense, featuring tight-knit black fruits and floral layers, framed by fine-grained tannins and bold freshness, finishing with impressive length. *Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, The Wine Independent, December 2022 – 98 points*
- 087 **Château Palmer, 2004, 2ème Crû Classé** 290.00
(47% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot) Neal Martin – 95 points, Wine Enthusiast - 93 points, Decanter – 93 points
"This stunning wine is one of the vintage's great successes. Administrator Thomas Duroux has fashioned a modern day version of Palmer's brilliant 1966. Long, classic, and medium to full-bodied with stunning texture and richness, this superb effort is a candidate for the finest Margaux of the vintage." *Wine Advocate, 94 points*

Saint-Julien

In the centre of the Haut-Médoc, 4 kilometres south of Pauillac.

- 081 **Château Gloria, 2015, 4ème Crû Classé** 135.00
(60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot) James Suckling – 94 points, Wine Enthusiast – 94 points
‘The 2015 Gloria is bolder and more exuberant bouquet than some of its peers, featuring lush blackberry and blueberry fruit and revealing a touch of iodine and crushed violet with aeration. The medium-bodied palate displays supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity and very pure fruit intensity (black cherries, bilberry and boysenberry), although it clams shut toward the finish. Slightly more modern in style than its peers, this should still age with style.’ *Neal Martin, Vinous, Feb 2018 - 93 points*
- 086 **Château Talbot, 2016, 4ème Crû Classé** 165.00
(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot) Tim Atkin MW, timatkin.com – 93 points, James Suckling – 94 points
“Brought up in 50% new oak, the 2016 is a winner and certainly over-delivers. Powerful notes of crème de cassis, tobacco leaf, lead pencil, and leafy herbs all give way to a silky, seamless Saint-Julien that has remarkable purity of fruit and building, fine tannins. It’s the texture as well as the purity that set this apart.” *Wine Spectator, March 2017 – 92 points*
- 080 **Château Ducrû-Beaucaillou, 2004, 2ème Crû Classé** 240.00
(73% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Merlot) Robert Parker – 93 point
One can’t say enough about the efforts Bruno Borie is pouring into this wonderful estate that I have often called the “Lafite Rothschild of St-Julien.” An undeniable success, the 2004 Ducrû boasts sweet aromas of crème de cassis, spring flowers, pain grille, licorice, and road tar. This pure, medium-bodied wine possesses moderately high tannin, superb concentration, good sweetness, and low acidity.

Saint-Estèphe

The most northerly of the classic communes, is situated 18 kilometres south of Lesparre.

- 084 **Château Les Ormes de Pez, 2016** 91.00
(59% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot) James Suckling – 94 points, Decanter – 93 points
‘The 2016 has a tightly wound, graphite-scented bouquet that needs a little coaxing from the glass but eventually reveals discreet mineral scents mixed with sous-bois. The palate is medium-bodied with quite succulent tannin, and certainly more approachable than the Les Ormes de Pez of the past, delivering gentle grip toward the tarry finish. This is a finely crafted Saint-Estèphe.’ *Neal Martin, Vinous – 92 points, Jan 2019*
- 085 **Château Calon-Ségur, 2014** 195.00
(57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot) Antonio Galloni – 96 points, James Suckling – 96 points, Jancis Robinson – 17++ points, Wine Enthusiast – 95 points
“The 2014 Calon Ségur is a real show-stopper. Unusually ripe, powerful and seductive, the wine exudes class. Myriad shades of plum, sweet red cherry, pomegranate, spice and blood orange are all on display. Wild flowers, tobacco and host of more aromatic notes develop in the glass. Above all else, though, the 2014 is a wine of pure power and breadth. This is yet another fabulous showing for the 2014 Calon Ségur, a wine that vies for top honors in this vintage. Don't miss it.” *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb 2017*
- 083 **Château Montrose, 2014, 2ème Crû Classé** 230.00
(61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot) James Suckling - 97 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate – 96 points
The 2014 Montrose is without question one of the standout wines of the vintage. Black cherry, plum, smoke, licorice and lavender are some of the many aromas and flavors that open up in the glass. But the 2014 is a much deeper wine than just a bunch of descriptors can conjure. In 2014, Montrose is a wine of exceptional finesse and polish. The late-ripening vintage allowed for perfect maturation of the tannins and resulted in a silky wine that exudes class and pedigree. The 2014 is not an obvious or bombastic Montrose, but rather a wine of sublime enchantment. Don't miss it! *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com, Feb 2017 – 97 points*

Saint-Émilion Et Montagne

The right bank of the Dordogne, 50 kilometres east of Bordeaux.

- 074 **Château Barrail-du-Blanc, 2020, Grand Crû** 72.00
(70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc) Suitable for vegetarians.
Château Barrail du Blanc Saint-Émilion Grand Cru is a French gem. Decadent aromas of black cherries, plum, and hints of spice & oak seduce the senses, while nuanced flavours of ripe red fruits and fine tannins dance on the palate. It's a full-bodied wine with impeccable balance and a charming finish, making it an elegant accompaniment to rich meats and mature cheeses. Truly a sumptuous testament to the refined art of winemaking. Everything you could ever expect from a Grand Crû Saint-Émilion.
- 076 **Château Rochevire, 2012, Grand Crû** 160.00
(90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc) Robert Parker – 91 points
The estate owned and operated by Peter Sisseck, best known for producing Pingus in Spain’s Ribera del Duero. “Peter Sisseck commented that this vintage benefitted from improvements made in the vineyard, and that is evidenced by the nose, much more complex than the 2011 with ebullient red cherry, wild strawberry, minerals and crushed rose petals. The palate is well balanced with fine tannin, with a pinch of white pepper and sea salt on the finish. You start to see the character of the vineyard come through with this vintage. Excellent.” *Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, 91 points (March, 2017)*
- 064 **Tertre Roteboeuf, 2017, Grand Crû** 298.00
(80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc) Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, 96-98 points, Vinous – 97 points
“One of the wines of the vintage is the 2017 Château Tertre Roteboeuf, which has much more fruit, opulence, and sexiness than just about every other wine out there. A fabulous terroir on the famed Saint-Emilion Cote Pavie, it reveals a saturated purple color as well as awesome notes of black raspberries, cassis, jammy blackberries, white chocolate, and tobacco. With plenty of classy oak, full-bodied richness, and a dense, powerful style on the palate, it needs at least 4-6 years of bottle age and will keep for 15-30 years or more. It’s a stunning effort from the genius of François Mitjavile.” *Jeb Dunnuck, 97 points, (Feb, 2020)*

BURGUNDY – Red

Côte de Nuits

The Côte De Nuits is a narrow, continuous strip of vines stretching from Dijon to just north of Beaune. It is a semi-continental climate with minimal Atlantic influence, which results in a long, cold winter, a humid spring and a fairly hot, very sunny summer. The vines grow at a height of between 225-350 metres. The soil is a chalky scree mixed with marl and clay particles. For red wines, the grapes are almost always de-stemmed and the juice is kept in contact with the skins for between 8 or 10 days. Less than 3 per cent of the wine produce is white, but this is mostly high quality and traditionally cask-fermented. *Côte de Nuits wines are 100% Pinot Noir.*

- 101 **Marsannay, Joseph Roty, 2021** 112.00
 “This is a ripe '21 with its notes of plum, black raspberry, cherry, herbal tea and prominent earth influence. I like the texture of the dense and vibrant medium-bodied flavors that deliver solid depth and persistent on the balanced finish that possesses enough structure to repay a few years of keeping. Note: from all 3 sectors of the appellation” *Allen Meadows, Burghound.com, January 2024 – 88 points*
- 103 **Morey St. Denis, 1^{er} Crû, Les Chaffots, Domaine Hubert Lignier, 2018** 195.00
Decanter, September 2019 - 94 points, Vinous, January 2020 – 92/94 points
 “The 2018 Les Chaffots wafts from the glass with aromas of plums, cinnamon, peonies, orange rind and raw cocoa. Medium-bodied, fine-boned and lively, it's bright and nicely concentrated, with youthfully chalky tannins and a saline finish. As usual, this is one of the more tightly wound premiers crus in the range, with an elegant, rather ethereal profile, and it will reward bottle age.” *Wine Advocate, January 2021 -- 92 points*
- 105 **Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot, 2009** 108.00
 Discreet wood frames brooding and ripe earthy dark berry fruit aromas, in particular cassis that complement the pure, supple and round medium-bodied flavors that possess a subtle mineral-streak on the delicious, balanced and lingering finish where the wood resurfaces. *Allen Meadows, Burghound – 90 points*
- 106 **Nuits St. Georges, 1^{er} Crû, ‘Les Vaucrains’, Lucien Le Moine 2017** 175.00
 ‘Racy and succulent, with firm tannins underlining cherry, currant and spice flavors. It's balanced, needing time to absorb the oak. Very vibrant and pure’ *Allen Meadows, Wine Spectator – 93 points*
- 111 **Echézeaux, Grand Crû, Domaine du Clos Frantin, 2013** 255.00
 “Here the wood treatment stops just short of fighting with the otherwise very fresh, ripe and restrained aromas of primarily red and dark currant aromas that are liberally laced with sauvage, wet stone and newly turned earth scents. There is also a touch of oak on the palate where the saline and intensely mineral-driven middle weight plus flavors display outstanding length and very fine depth on the well-balanced finale. This will need at least 6 to 8 years of bottle age to be approachable and should reward 12 to 15 years if desired.” *Burghound – 92 points, Jan 2016*
- 107 **Gevrey-Chambertin, Clos du Couvent, Monopole, Domaine du Couvent, 2021** 135.00
 Certified Organic, Suitable for Vegans, Jasper Morris – 92 points
 A 0.4 hectare plot, located within the garden of the Varoilles winery in Gevrey-Chambertin, and surrounded by a stone wall. Ripe raspberry and redcurrant fruit, with a pure, tender immediacy. As Philippe Chéron says, “there is a natural ripeness in this plot, requiring a hands-off approach—probably because the surrounding wall creates a micro-climate.” He describes drawing out the elegance of the old vines.
- 108 **Clos De Vougeot, Grand Crû, 'Cuvée Classique', Château De La Tour, 2014** 195.00
 “A moderate application of wood frames the overtly floral and attractive fresh aromas of ripe dark cherry, cassis and soft earth hints. The sleek and delineated flavors possess a supple mid-palate though the youthfully austere finish tightens up quickly. This should be approachable after only 6 to 8 years but reward 12 to 15.” *Allen Meadows, Burghound – 93 points (January 2017)*
 “Lovely griotte cherry and blackberry coupled with spice, a juicy texture and a mineral finish. Delicious now but will also develop to offer great complexity. Classy.” *Decanter – 95 points*
 “Fragrant, with rose and cherry flavors, adding spice and mineral notes on the palate. The linear frame accentuates the dusty tannins and the finish echoes the fruit and floral accents. Best from 2021 through 2035. *Wine Spectator - 92 points*
- 112 **Vosne-Romanée, 1^{er} Crû, ‘Malconsorts’, Domaine du Clos Frantin, 2014** 198.00
Allen Meadows, Burghound – 91/93 points
 The 2014 has an elegant, refined bouquet with mineral-tinged red berry fruit, composed and a little backward but nicely focused. There is class here. The palate is supple on the entry with fine tannin, silky smooth in texture, very harmonious and nicely structured on the finish. This is a subtle Malconsorts, one that should not be underestimated. *Robert Parker – 92/94 points (May 2015)*

Côte Chalonnaise

Three islands of vines situated to the west of Chalon-Sur-Saône, 350 kilometres southeast of Paris, between the Côte De Beaune in the north and the Mâconnais in the south. A limestone subsoil with clay-sand topsoil that are sometimes enriched with iron deposits. *Côte Chalonnaise wines are 100% Pinot Noir.*

- 104 **Mercurey, “Les Montots”, Domaine de Villaine, 2022** 98.00
 Certified Organic Suitable for Vegetarians. Antonio Galloni, Vinous – 90+ points
 “Les Montots” is situated on fairly steep slope with southern exposure, planted with a selection of Pinot Noir vines from Nuits-Saint-Georges chosen for their aromatic qualities and moderate yield. “Les Montots” 2022 reveals a particularly bright and precise nose focused on violet and fresh blueberry. Beautiful evolution on sweet spices and black pepper. On the palate, the material shows a beautiful depth crossed by a beautiful acidity and solid tannins.

Côte de Beaune

The Côte De Beaune abuts the Côte De Nuits on its southern tip and stretches almost 30 kilometres past the town of Beaune to Cheilly-Lès-Maranges. This area has a slightly wetter, more temperate, climate than the Côte De Nuits and the grapes tend to ripen a little earlier. A series of east-facing slopes, up to two kilometres wide, which curve in and out, to give some vineyards northeastern, some southeastern aspects. Here the vines grow at a height of between 225-380 metres on slightly less steep slopes than those of the Côte De Nuits. The soil is a limestone subsoil with psoriatic beds of oolitic ironstones with flinty, clay and calcareous topsoil. For the red wines, the grapes are almost always de-stemmed and the juice kept in contact with the skins for between 8 and 10 days. Classic white wines are cask-fermented and the best wines, both red and whites, matured in oak.

All our Côte de Beaune wines are 100% Pinot Noir.

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| 100 | Bourgogne Pinot Noir Prestige, Henri de Villamont, 2022 Suitable for Vegans
Bright, deep ruby in colour. The nose shows pretty, perfumed, red and black berries with a light smokiness underneath. The palate displays excellent structure and minerality showing complex notes of crushed forest fruits, earth and spice. | 63.00 |
| 109 | Côte de Beaune Villages, Olivier Leflaive, 2017
Pale, transparent ruby red with broad ruby garnet rim. Juicy, fresh strawberry fruit, touch of beetroot, dry, light bodied, crisp, crunchy acidity. Crunchy redcurrant fruit character on the palate with a savoury, creaminess on the back-palate. | 84.00 |
| 110 | Chassagne-Montrachet, Champs de Morjot, Philippe Colin, 2022
The nose is welcoming with beautiful aromatics of warm spices, baked fruit and plum. The palate is silky but dominant with an undeniable elegance that is incredibly structured and closes in a luxurious finish that is tinged with a slight vanilla nuance. | 112.00 |
| 114 | Aloxe-Corton, 1^{er} Crû, 'Les Vercots', Domaine Tollot-Beaut, 2019
Allan Meadows, Burghound – 90 points, April 2021
"Plump and juicy, exhibiting cherry, raspberry, peony and toasty spice flavors. Fruity enough to drink now, yet this has a firm, vibrant structure and mineral underpinning that will allow it to age. Offers terrific balance and length." <i>Wine Spectator</i> – 93 points (May 2021) | 129.00 |
| 117 | Volnay, 1^{er} Crû, 'Clos des Chenes', Xavier Monnont, 2020
Jasper Morris Inside Burgundy, September 2024 – 93 points
"An earthier and more deeply pitched nose speaks of similar liqueur-like aromas of black raspberry, poached plum, pungent earth and discreet floral wisps. There is both excellent size and weight to the very punchy middle weight plus flavors that also brim with minerality on the suave, sappy, well-muscled and impressively persistent finish that also displays a hint of warmth." <i>Burghound</i> , April 2022 – 94 points | 145.00 |
| 113 | Beaune, 1^{er} Crû, Grèves, Domaine Tollot-Beaut, 2022
Burghound – 92 points
"A tightly wound red, whose firm, wiry structure boasts a solid grip on the high-pitched cherry, raspberry and rose aromas and flavors. A mineral undercurrent works in tandem with the vibrant acidity, while the tannins feel chewy yet finely wrought. Everything comes together nicely on the expansive aftertaste." <i>Wine Spectator</i> – 95 points | 160.00 |
| 115 | Pommard, 1^{er} Crû, La Chanière, Lucien Moine, 2021
This is sufficiently reduced to push the underlying fruit to the background. There is excellent vibrancy to the sleek medium weight flavors that possess a lovely and sophisticated mouthfeel thanks to the dense but fine-grained tannins, all wrapped in a complex and lingering finish that flashes the hallmark austerity of a typically La Chanière. This is built on its minerality and old school in style so patience required.
Burghound – 91/93 Points *Outstanding* | 180.00 |
| 116 | Corton-Bressandes, Grand Crû, Domaine Jacques Prieur 2013
Suitable for Vegans, Organic, Robert Parker – 90/92 points
Dark plum-bramble in colour. This offers a rather masculine, earthy, mineral and pepper-spiced nose before a palate which has a complementary personality - profoundly red-fruited. Suave and seductive initially there is real sweetness here, much more charm than suggested initially and a characterful grainy minerality on the finish. Suave and seductive there is attractive sweetness here, lots of charm and a characterful finish. | 187.00 |

BEAUJOLAIS

Beaujolais, the most southerly of Burgundy's district, is located in the Rhône department 400 kilometres southeast of Paris. Essentially a sunny climate tempered by the Atlantic and Mediterranean, as well as continental influences. The northern Beaujolais, which encompasses the famous cru and those communes entitled to the Beaujolais-Villages AOC. *All Beaujolais wine is produced with 100% Gamay grape.*

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| 120 | Beaujolais-Villages, 'Perle de Granit', Domaine de Colonat, 2023
'An open and silky red that has notes of crushed stone, fresh blueberry fruit and citrus peel. It's medium-bodied with soft tannins and a wonderfully fresh finish.' <i>James Suckling</i> , August 2024 – 90 points | 43.00 |
| 121 | Brouilly, Pisse-Vieille, Domaine Lathuilière Gravallon, 2022 Suitable for Vegans
Domaine Lathuilière-Gravallon is a small, family-run domaine now in its 5th generation. Cathy & Cedric aim to strike a balance between the old and the new. Following lutte raisonnée (supervised control) principles, this wine sits on granitic clay-limestone soils, which gives a real balance of weight and freshness. Supple blueberry fruit sits over rich earthy, mineral notes in this elegant and complex Brouilly. | 49.00 |
| 122 | Fleurie, Olivier Ravier, 2022 Suitable for Vegans
With over 42 years experience, Olivier Ravier is one of the most iconic and respected winemakers in Beaujolais. Living in the heart of the Fleurie appellation, he produces wines which overflow with typicity from the Beaujolais terroir. Quintessential Fleurie with subtle floral aromas surrounding a core of deep red fruits. The palate is full of finesse, with a rich and silky texture and an attractive hint of bitter cocoa on the finish. | 50.00 |

BURGUNDY – White

Côte de Beaune

Côte De Beaune abuts the Côte De Nuits on its southern tip and stretches almost 30 kms past the town of Beaune to Cheilly-Lès-Maranges. Slightly wetter, more temperate, climate than the Côte De Nuits and the grapes tend to ripen a little earlier. A series of east-facing slopes, up to two kilometres wide, which curve in and out to give some vineyards north-eastern, some south-eastern aspects. Soil is a limestone subsoil with sporadic beds of oolitic ironstones with flinty, clay and calcareous topsoil.

All the wines in this section are 100% Chardonnay.

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| 208 | <p>Bourgogne Chardonnay, Domaine René Monnier, 2021 Suitable for Vegetarians 71.00</p> <p>Great attention is paid to limiting the yields, this guarantees the best possible quality of juice, with the correct balance between fruit and acidity. Elegant style of Chardonnay with a lovely lees weight and balanced oak flavours. Much of the fruit that goes into the wine is effectively declassified Meursault grapes and so the wine has a rich, almost buttery palate. A petit Meursault. The domain is now in the hands of the tenth generation, with all the wines being skilfully made by Xavier Monnot.</p> |
| 213 | <p>Auxey-Duresses, 'La Macabrée', Olivier Leflaive, 2022 Suitable for Vegetarians 120.00</p> <p>An excellent site, nudging Meursault Vireuils. The name is linked etymologically to marais and marécage ('marsh'), relating probably to the parcel's deep calcareous clays, which tend to retain moisture; ever more crucial when rainfall is scarce. This is quite simply a lovely wine, something of a 'mini-Meursault' perhaps, everything in its place: a curve of ripe fruit, a sense of matière, a waft of smoky oak, the palate gently creamy and satisfying in the mouth.</p> <p>The village of Auxey-Duresses is a stone's throw away from Meursault, resulting in a wine that is very similar in style. 'La Macabrée' is one of the top vineyards of the appellation.</p> |
| 212 | <p>St Aubin, 1^{er} Crû, 'Dents de Chien', Olivier Leflaive, 2022 Suitable for Vegetarians 145.00</p> <p>On the nose, aromas of licorice and flowers blend harmoniously. On the palate, the texture is both consistent and saline, with light nuances of camphor and menthol at the end of the tasting. The acidity is well balanced, bringing a pleasant freshness to the whole. Winemaker Franck Grux's favourite St Aubin. His "grand vin" of the appellation, and the one he recommends with dinner. Harmonious and complete, 'Dents de Chien' simply sings for its supper.</p> |
| 215 | <p>Meursault, 'Les Chevalières', Xavier Monnot, 2021/2022 150.00</p> <p><i>Suitable for Vegetarians, Vinous, January 2023 – 91 points</i></p> <p>'Perfumed, with white flowers, lime, peach, vanilla and smoky mineral aromas and flavors, this white is on the creamy side, yet vibrant, with terrific harmony and an extended finish. Drink now through 2030.' <i>Wine Spectator, October 2023 – 95 points</i></p> |
| 219 | <p>Puligny-Montrachet, François Carillon, 2020 Suitable for Vegetarians 165.00</p> <p>"Fresh and ripe aromas of smoked apple, essence of pear and hints of anise are also trimmed in admirably subtle oak. The finer if less powerful middle weight flavors also possess an attractive mid-palate texture while offering very good depth and persistence on the clean, dry and refreshing finale. This should be capable of drinking well early but also rewarding a few years of keeping."</p> <p><i>Burghound – 91 points, June 2022</i></p> <p>"Clear and pale in colour. There is surprisingly little nose, but still a feeling of freshness. François Carillon took the decision to work the lees for a long time in 2020 and this has paid off. The result is complex, subtle precise and very long. Finishes a little fleshier than some vintages."</p> <p><i>Jasper Morris, MW – 91 points, October 2022</i></p> |
| 214 | <p>Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Crû, Xavier Monnot, 2020 230.00</p> <p><i>Wine Advocate, 92 points</i></p> <p>A masterful wine of unprecedented youth and complexity. Already on the nose, one detects all the race, the power and the complexity of this great vintage. Aromas of ripe peaches and citrus fruits mingle with spicy notes, white flowers, light honey and fresh pastry... Wow what a nose! Rich and wide mouth with a perfect maturity where we can detect all the greatness of this Corton-Charlemagne Grand-Crû.</p> |
| 223 | <p>Chassagne-Montrachet, 1^{er} Crû, "Les Caillerets", Vincent & Sophie Morey, 2022 170.00</p> <p>"Firm reduction dominates the nose today so be sure to decant this if you're tempted to crack a bottle upon release. The notably finer, but not denser, middleweight flavors possess a really lovely texture while delivering fine length on the slightly more complex and but markedly more mineral-driven finale. Lovely and worth your attention. *Burghound Outstanding!*" <i>Burghound, June 2024 - 92 points</i></p> |
| 220 | <p>Bâtard-Montrachet, Grand Crû, Vincent & Sophie Morey, 2017 265.00</p> <p>With less than 800 bottles produced, this rare wine is powerful, muscular and concentrated, with youthful notes of citrus and hazelnut, subtle spice from 60% new oak, and a fabulously long finish that befits its Grand Crû origins.</p> <p>"A fresh, ripe, elegant and quite floral nose evidences hints of apple, pear and discreet spice aromas that are trimmed in relatively generous if not actually intrusive wood. The lavishly rich, full-bodied and mouth coating broad-shouldered flavors possess fine concentration and power while exhibiting excellent length on the well-balanced finale." <i>Burghound – 93 points</i></p> |

Côte Chalonnaise

Three islands of vines situated to the west of Chalon-Sur-Saône, 350 kilometres southeast of Paris, between the Côte De Beaune in the north and the Mâconnais in the south. A limestone subsoil with clay-sand topsoil that are sometimes enriched with iron deposits.

- 211 **Rully, Les Saints Jacques, Domaine A & P de Villaine, 2017** 110.00
(100% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegetarians, Organic, Bio-dynamic
The richest white Burgundy in the de Villaine stable, this Rully is an exercise in balance. Hazelnut and quince paste greet the nose, followed by a dense mouthful of ripe, succulent yellow fruits. Despite its voluptuousness, the wine is dry, fresh, very stony, and even salty—mouthwateringly delicious. This vintage is magnificent and ample proof of the high quality of terroir in this southern stronghold of Burgundy.
- 209 **Bourgogne Aligoté, 'Cuvée Aquaviva', Gouffier, 2022** 75.00
(100% Aligoté) Suitable for Vegetarians, Organic
An 'orange' wine with subtle notes of green tea and candied citrus, complemented by mineral nuances. Fresh, vibrant and richly textured with a remarkable saline and mouthwatering finish.
- 210 **Montagny, 1^{er} Crû, 'Bonnevaux', Olivier Leflaive, 2020** 92.00
(100% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegetarians
Made from Chardonnay grapes sourced from vines in the territory of Buxy where the terroir of Bonnevaux has a wonderful south facing sunny exposure. Floral aromas alongside orchard fruits and a citrus freshness are followed by an equally delicious palate. Full and round on the palate with notes of minerality, spices and hazelnut - this is a zesty and pleasant wine.

Le Mâconnais

Situated halfway between Lyon and Beaune, its vineyards adjoin those of the Mercurey region to the north and overlap with those of Beaujolais in the south. A topsoil of scree and alluvium or clay and clay-sand, covering a limestone subsoil. *All the wines in this section are 100% Chardonnay*

- 206 **Saint Véran, 'Les Chatenays', Domaine Carrette, 2023** 53.00
The small appellation of Saint-Véran is one of southern Burgundy's insider secrets. This wine comes from a small vineyard called 'Les Chatenays', a word from old French meaning chestnut grove. Owner and winemaker, Nathalie Carrette's goal is to make a classic chardonnay that is lightly creamy, fresh and mineral. "Fresh wine, with intense fruity notes of citrus, apples and pear. Creamy texture from lees ageing and lightly spiced."
- 216 **Mâcon-Verzé, Domaine Leflaive, 2018** 79.00
Suitable for Vegetarians, Bio-dynamic, Organic
'The 2018, is bright and nicely focused. Light tropical overtones add an exotic flair to the candied citrus, apricot and mineral-driven flavours. The Mâcon-Verzé is initially rather taut, but it relaxes with time in the glass and gains notable volume as well to play off veins of underlying salinity.' Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com – 89 points
- 204 **Pouilly-Fuissé, Cuvée Classique, Maison Auvigue 2022** 86.00
Suitable for Vegans
Auvigue family are well-known winemakers in the Mâconnais region. Their Pouilly-Fuissé is a classic representative of the appellation, made from the fruit of their old vineyard Moulin du Pont. Fresh-textured, complex and expressive, this wine offers layers of weighty orchard fruit flavour, hints of spice and balanced acidity.

Chablis

Isolated halfway between Beaune and Paris, barely 30 kilometres from the southernmost vineyard of Champagne, but 100 kilometres from the rest of Burgundy. This area has a semi-continental climate with minimal Atlantic influence, which result in a long, cold winter, a humid spring and a fairly hot, very sunny summer. All *Grand Crû* are located on one stretch of southwest-facing slopes just north of Chablis itself, where the vineyard are at a height of between 150-200 metres. Apart from the southwest-facing slopes of "Fourchaume" and "Montée De Tonnerre", the Premier Crû slopes face southeast. *All the wines in this section are 100% Chardonnay*

- 200 **Petit Chablis, Domaine Jean-Marc Brocard, 2022** 62.00
Organic, Suitable for Vegans
The appellation is the fruitiest of the Chablis wines, producing a fresh and pleasurable expression of the Chardonnay grape. Jean-Marc produces one of the best examples of Petit Chablis to rival many Chablis AOC. Lime, passionfruit and grapefruit notes lead onto a clean and crisp palate with a wonderful streak of mineral acidity.
- 201 **Chablis, Domaine Vincent Dampt, 2023** 73.00
Organic, Suitable for Vegans
An elegant wine with a very approachable style, classic Chablis character of clean flinty minerality balanced by soft, creamy fruit. Winemaker Vincent Dampt is considered as one of Chablis' rising stars, marrying the traditions of his forefathers with modern thinking to produce the best of both worlds.
- 202 **Chablis, 'Vaillons', 1^{er} Crû, William Fèvre, 2021** 115.00
Bio-dynamic, Jasper Morris – 91-93 points, Decanter – 93 points, Wine Advocate – 91 points
"Note: from a huge 3.5 ha holding that is composed by <75% of Vaillons proper with the remainder from Roncières, Mélinots and Châtains Here too there is a vague suggestion of the exotic on the slightly ripier aromas of pear compote, ocean spray, iodine and wet stone. The rich, vibrant and palate coating flavors are also supported by bright acidity that carries over to the wonderfully long, youthfully austere and firm finale. This beauty should age effortlessly. *Sweet Spot, Outstanding* "- Burghound, Oct 2022 – 93 points
- 203 **Chablis, 'Bougros', Grand Crû, William Fèvre, 2018** 130.00
Vinous – 95 points, Decanter – 96 points, James Suckling – 94 points, Allen Meadows (Burghound) – 94 points
'The 2018 is also superb in this vintage, and is very, very elegant in profile out of the blocks. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a blend of fresh lime, pear, apple, chalky soil tones, apple blossoms and a topnote of beeswax. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and impeccably balanced, with a rock solid core of fruit, laser-like focus and outstanding mineral drive on the long, snappy and complex finish. Stunning juice.' John Gilman – 95 points (Jan, 2020)

RHÔNE

Stretching from to Avignon, the Côtes-Du-Rhône appellation occupies a 200 kilometres length of the banks of the river Rhône. In terms of grape variety, the Rhône divides neatly into two, the Syrah dominated north and the Grenache influenced south, although there are those who unnecessarily confuse the issue by separating the southernmost section of the northern district and calling it the Middle Rhône. The contrasts between north and south are not, however, merely viticulture, both the terrain and climate differ dramatically and the social, cultural and gastronomical differences are also marked.

NORTHERN RHÔNE – Red

The Northern Rhône wine region lies between the towns of Vienne and Valence. The meandering valley is narrow and steep-sided here, forging its path through granite hills, and vines compete for space with oak forests and peach orchards. The focus here is on the production of fine quality grapes yielded in tiny quantities from high, sun-exposed terraced vineyards tended by hand.

- 128 **Crozes-Hermitage, 'Les Pichères', Ferraton Père et Fils, 2021** 67.00
(100% Syrah), Certified Organic
Les Pichères is a gorgeous rich red from the northern Rhône's prized Crozes-Hermitage. Since 2004 the domaine's been run by one of the region's top names, Chapoutier. Intense notes of damson, bramble and blackcurrant flourish with a dash of pepper spice and earthy aromas. The tannins are ripe and firm, and integrate well with the alcohol and acidity. Delightful notes of mushroom and sage starting to develop on the finish.
- 125 **Saint-Joseph, 'Terres d'Encre', Domaine Georges Vernay, 2018** 98.00
(100% Syrah) Suitable for Vegetarians, Wine Spectator – 93 points, Antonio Galloni's Vinous – 93 points
"Another outstanding wine, the 2018 Saint Joseph Terres D'Encre has a smoky, mineral-laced style carrying lots of blackberry and mulberry fruits, notes of ground pepper, gunflint, and smoke, medium-bodied richness, and polished tannins. This is a classic, mineral-driven Saint Joseph to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years, if not longer." *Jeb Dunnuck – 91 points*
- 135 **Cornas, 'La Sabarotte', Domaine Courbis, 2012** (100% Syrah) Wine Advocate – 93/95 points 111.00
Domaine Courbis appears to have an enlightened winemaking style, using some small oak casks and picking ripe fruit, but never losing the typicity one expects of these wines. Brothers Laurent & Dominique Courbis are avid believers in terroir, and the top cuvées are named after their respective vineyards. "Takes a ripe, modern approach at first, with roasted fig, crunched plum and raspberry notes leading the way, but also lots of roasted earth, and tobacco notes tugging from underneath to keep this honest. A piercing chalky streak emerges on the finish, providing added length and range. Very impressive." *Wine Spectator*
- 130 **Côte-Rôtie, Blonde du Seigneur, Domaine Georges Vernay, 2021** 132.00
(95% Syrah, 5% Viognier) Suitable for Vegans Robert Parker – 94 points
'A very elegant and fresh Côte-Rôtie with excellent mineral freshness on the elegant and medium-bodied palate. Long, lively finish with lots of wet stone character, as well as hints of spice and licorice. From two hectares of vines on granite terraces at the southern tip of the appellation.' *James Suckling – 94 points*
"Coming from great terroirs in the heart and south of the Côte-Rôtie, this little-known cuvée is a paragon of fine and fragrant Syrah: aromas of ripe exotic fruits (citrus, mango), which evoke a very beautiful maturity of fruit. Very fine tannins, finely woven, giving the whole a sensual texture and substance. A deep, languorous wine, highlighted by high-class aging!" *Wine Advocate – 95/100*
- 157 **Hermitage, Tardieu-Laurent, 2012** 125.00
(100% Syrah) Suitable for Vegans, Josh Raynold, Vinous – 92-94 points, Dec 2014
"The 2012 Hermitage shows the richness of this appellation, with masculine, muscular aromas and flavors of graphite, cracked pepper, smoked earth and copious black and blue fruits. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, with ample tannin and concentration, it's a big wine that will need short-term cellaring to become approachable. Give it 3-4 years and enjoy over the following 12-15 years." *Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate – 91-93+ points, Dec 2013*

NORTHERN RHÔNE – White

- 228 **Condrieu, 'Les Terrasses de l'Empire' Domaine Georges Vernay, 2022** 73.00
(100% Viognier)
"The 2022 Condrieu les Terrasses de l'Empire is pure and elegant, offering up aromas of white pear, peach, flowers and honeysuckle, followed by a medium to full-bodied, rich and coating palate with a dense, fleshy core of fruit and a sensual palate that segues into a fresh, long and quite saline finish, highlighted by a subtle bitterness. Crafted from several parcels that are in the upper steep slopes of the estate, it's a great classic at this address and, as always, an excellent Condrieu." *Yohan Castaing, Robert Parker/Wine Advocate (February 2025) – 93 points*
- 222 **Crozes-Hermitage, Alain Graillot, 2016** (80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne) 78.00
Alain Graillot's white Crozes-Hermitage, which is now bottled under screwcap for freshness, is made from a classic wine blend of Marsanne and Roussanne. It has attractive apricot and wild flower aromas and a fresh, mineral-edged palate with subtle white peach flavours and a clean, dry finish.
- 227 **Saint-Joseph, 'Les Granits', M. Chapoutier, 2007** 114.00
(100% Marsanne) Bio-dynamic, Suitable for Vegetarians
"The 2007 St.-Joseph Les Granits blanc exhibits exotic notes of orange marmalade, tropical fruits, honeysuckle, and citrus, and a more earthy component than the 2006. It may reveal less minerality and more obvious fruit and flamboyance." *94-96 points, Robert Parker*
"Lush up-front, with creamed pear, ginger, brioche and green almond notes that give way to a racy edge on the mouthwatering, floral-tinged finish. Long and lingering yellow apple note, too." *93 points, Wine Spectator*

SOUTHERN RHÔNE – Red

The Southern Rhône is quite different and much more expansive, a provençal idyll with its gently rolling hills carpeted with olive groves and vineyards, luminous sunlight and scents of wild thyme. At the heart of the southern Rhône just beyond the Roman town of Orange lies the famous wine village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Popes' summer residence when the papacy was based in Avignon in the 1300s. Clearly, the Papacy knew where to go for proper refreshment, and the wines of Châteauneuf have since achieved worldwide renown. The vineyards of the southern Rhône stretch out in all directions from Avignon, south-west beyond Nîmes towards the Languedoc, east into the Vaucluse département, to the slopes of the mighty Mont Ventoux and the Lubéron.

- 124 **Côtes Du Rhône, Vignobles Gonnet, 2022** 51.00
(35% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 30% Cinsault) Suitable for Vegans
Bertrand and his brother Guillaume's combined international experience makes for a beautifully balanced range of wines at the family run Vignobles Gonnet. Their Côtes du Rhone is exceptional for its elegance and structure, exuding all the violet, dried herb and spicy dark fruit for which the appellation is famous. Eminently drinkable.
- 129 **Châteauneuf-du-Pape, E. Guigal, 2016** 99.00
(70 % Vieux Grenache, 15 % Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah 5% other varieties) Suitable for Vegans
'Baking spices, cola and raspberry notes all appear on the nose of the 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape. It's full-bodied and velvety, folding in hints of French roast and dark chocolate on the lingering finish. It should drink well for a decade or more.' *Wine Advocate* – 92 points
"Solidly built, featuring cherry and plum paste notes, laced with stony minerality, tobacco and garrigue accents. This has grip but remains well-integrated, ending with subtle persistence on the cedar-tinged finish. Best from 2020 through 2030." *Jeb Dunnuck* – 92 points
- 127 **Gigondas, Les Souteyrades, Saint Damien, 2020** 74.00
(80% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre) , Suitable for Vegans, Certified Organic, Josh Raynolds, Vinous – 95 points (01/2023)
"The 2020 Gigondas Les Souteyrades is also utterly brilliant. Giving up lots of kirsch liqueur, orange blossom, ground pepper, and herbes de Provence-like aromatics, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness and a layered, seamless, elegant mouthfeel that has awesome tannins as well as purity of fruit. It's another sensational Gigondas to enjoy over the coming two decades. *Jeb Dunnuck* – 97 points (03/2023)
The vines are grown in the limestone and clay soils of the parcels situated on the hillside terraces of Gigondas. The vines are grown in the named plot or 'lieu dit' of Souteyrades, which is situated in the south of the appellation. The Grenache vines date back to 1948 and the Mourvèdre vines to 1977.
- 126 **Vacquéyras, Domaine de L'Espigouette, 2018** 59.00
(80% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre) Wine Enthusiast – 92 points
Made from 80% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Mourvedre that saw a traditional vinification and 12 months all in old foudre. Dark red in color, deep in purple tints. Good clarity and good brightness. The nose is open with scrubland (garrigue) fragrances and something fresh, almost camphor. Then an explosion of black fruit with aeration. Nice balance, typical of the success of the Rhône Valley in this vintage. A perfect light oak complexity. The mouth is powerful and voluminous with a delicious sweetness from the outset.
- 133 **Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel, 2020** 165.00
(30% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, 15% Syrah, 10% Counoise, 5% Cinsault, 10% Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Muscardin, Clairette, Picpoul, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Roussanne) Organic (certified) *Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, October 2023* – 94 points
"Very dense black-fruit aromas, but also licorice, an entire microcosm of spice and a whiff of smoked bacon. Very dense and meaty with an incredible tannin structure that enables this to be simultaneously very big and elegant. Super-long finish with enormous mineral freshness. Drink or hold."
James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, February 2022 – 97 points
"Fresh and bright nose, then a palate with exceptionally smooth and fine tannins, lovely acidity and notes of blackberry and raspberry juice. Particularly fine, elegant and balanced this year. Grenache and Cinsault fermented in cement, Syrah and Mourvèdre fermented in foudre." *Decanter, 2020* – 96 points

SOUTHERN RHÔNE – White

- 217 **Côte du Rhône, Les Becs Fins, Tardieu-Laurent, 2018** 57.00
(55% Viognier, 30% Grenache Blanc, 10% Roussanne, 5% Clairette) *Jeb Dunnuck* – 90 points
This shows real character. The nose and palate equally present stone fruit and peaches and cream allied to floral notes and a fresh, brisk acidity. One parcel of Viognier is from the Côte de Ventoux territory, near vineyards where red tends to dominate - very different terroir for Viognier. Here it's more gregarious elements are reined in somewhat by the power of the location so that it adds a much more subtly aromatic character to the finished wine. Mineral elements also complement the perfumed fruit. This is a fine introduction to modern Rhône whites.
- 224 **Coudoulet de Beaucastel, Château de Beaucastel, 2019** 86.00
(30% Marsanne, 30% Viognier, 30% Bourboulenc, 10% Clairette)
Organic (certified) Biodynamic (not certified/in conversion)
"There's a gentle headiness, a slight exoticism to the 2019 Coudoulet blanc. A little banana to the pear fruit. Rounded, full-bodied but a good sense of freshness. The bitterness is a little more pronounced this year, but still works well structurally. Gently oily, but there's a keen steeliness even if the acidity is only moderate. Has some serious presence for a Côtes-du-Rhône." *Decanter, Oct 2020* – 92 points
- 226 **Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Le Vieux Donjon, Lucien Michel, 2016** 93.00
(50% Clairette, 50% Roussanne)
A small domaine of 32 acres in Châteauneuf, owned and run by Lucien and Claire Michel and is described by Robert Parker as, "one of the great unheralded estates of Châteauneuf-du-Pape."
The Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc they produce has delicate fleurs blanche aromas and a generous weight of ripe orchard fruit and a persistent dry finish.

LOIRE – White

From in the source in the Cévennes mountains, the Loire flows through about 1000 kms and twelve *départements* of green, peaceful countryside, ancient towns and fine châteaux before reaching the Atlantic. It is the longest river in France, and the variations in soil, climate and grape varieties found along its banks and those of its tributaries are reflected in the wide range of wines grown in the four major wine-producing districts. Running east from the Bay of Biscay, the districts are Nantes, Anjou-Saumur, Touraine and the Central Vineyards.

- 243 **Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, ‘Abstraction #1’, Domaine Phillipe Guerin, 2022** 42.00
Muscadet is having something of a renaissance right now. This crystalline example from Philippe Guérin is a lip-smacking palate cleanser, packed with zesty, pure fruit. The pithy grapefruit notes are balanced by sweeter impressions of white grape and green melon and the high acidity pierces through bringing a wonderful tensile quality to the palate.
- 236 **Vouvray Sec, ‘Silex’, Domaine Vigneau-Chevreau, 2021** (100% Chenin Blanc) 58.00
Christophe and Stephane are the fifth generation of Vigneau family, which has produced stunning Vouvray since 1875. Gaining the organic certificate in early 1990s and biodynamic in 1995, their wines got elevated to a new level of terroir focused approach. With green apple, ripe mirabelle and honeycomb on the nose, paired with green, tart apple with a support of white flowers, yellow plums and good acidity on the palette.
- 240 **Touraine Sauvignon, “Luc Poullain”, Domaine des Echardières, 2023** 48.00
They call Luc Poullain ‘Mister President’ in these parts, being the brains behind the relatively newly created Touraine-Chenonceaux appellation. Located on what is referred to as the Premier Côte above the neighbouring commune of Pouillé. Here, there are seven hectares of Sauvignon planted on silex and caillotes – the same one would expect to find in Sancerre and Pouilly. Grassy freshness – clearly Sauvignon Blanc but none of the exotic gooseberry or elderflower aromatics of NZ examples.
- 242 **Reuilly, Gérard Cordier, 2021** (100% Sauvignon Blanc) 48.00
A fantastic, understated Sauvignon with a classical but subdued ‘mown grass’ and alluring elderflower scents and the zesty, whistle-clean, bone-dry palate is full-bodied and displays a bracing bouquet of wild flowers and camomile with crisp, nettle and gooseberry flavours. a lively citric zest which is followed by a long, clean finish. A beautifully expressive Sauvignon. Very food friendly and quaffable.
- 238 **Pouilly Fumé, “Les Origines”, Domaine A & E Figeat, 2023** 55.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans, Organic.
Across the Loire River from Sancerre, a clean and crisp Pouilly Fumé. Flinty, fossil-rich soils of Figeat’s vineyards, and classic winemaking (no oak, keeping the purity of the grape & place), makes for a quintessential Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc. Smell & taste fresh limes (with the zest), grapefruit, Granny Smith apples. Nice, rich mouthfeel makes it a good match for white meats, shellfish and goat cheese.
- 241 **Menetou-Salon, Domaine Jean-Jacques Teiller, 2022** (100% Sauvignon Blanc) 65.00
A delightfully fruity and wonderfully expressive wine with delicate floral aromas. An exuberant palate of ripe, juicy, almost tropical fruit displays subtle citrus tastes and yields a fresh, crisp finish. The atypically ripe, juicy style of Loire Sauvignon is almost certainly influenced by the year that Patricia Teiller and husband Olivier Luneau (who now run the estate) spent winemaking in New Zealand. Historically Menetou Salon has always been overshadowed by its glamorous neighbour Sancerre, which produces more than ten times the volume of wine, not necessarily of superior quality.
- 237 **Sancerre, Domaine de la Grande Maison Chaumeau-Balland, 2023** 64.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans
A classic Sancerre with aromas of white flowers, lemon, pear and gooseberries with a creamy palate of grassy herbaceous notes balanced by a vibrant fresh acidity and a clean finish. This exuberant, single vineyard Sancerre is hard to beat with its ripe, grassy fruit and complex minerality.
- 234 **Savennières, Château d’Epiré, 2014** (100% Chenin Blanc) 55.00
Diverse aromas of honeysuckle, wild flowers and gun flint precede a palate that develops in the glass. It is, intentionally, a tad oxidative (in a good way not unlike a Manzanilla sherry) with stone fruit, mineral and wild herb notes leading to a persistent, ethereal, dry finish. It gains a darker colour, complexity and concentration with (up to 10 or more, years) bottle age and every discerning cellar should have some.
- 244 **Pouilly Fumé, ‘Haute Densité’, Château De Tracy, 2019** 115.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans Wine Spectator – 91 points, Wine Enthusiast – 94 points
Pale yellow in colour with golden highlights. Notes of crystallised fruit and citrus fruit such as bergamot. After a short time in the glass, the nose intensifies and becomes more complex, marrying aromas of vanilla, caramel, pecan nuts and white flowers (acacia). The overall impression is one of freshness. There are lovely initial sensations continuing the flavours of crystallised fruit on the palate which is full, vivacious and floral. After a while, oaky aromas appear, revealing notes of vanilla and caramel. The finish is spicier (green pepper), slightly tannic with great length.

LOIRE – Red

- 123 **Saumur-Champigny, ‘Les Villaises’, Caves de Saumur, 2021** 43.00
(100% Cabernet-Franc) Suitable for Vegans
In the Saumur region the tufa stone unites with the climate of the Anjou region to give Saumur wines their character. An excellent alternative to Beaujolais. Exhibiting warm and inviting aromas and flavours of violets, blackcurrant and strawberry jam. Tannins are well present but ripe and silky and the finish is long and vibrant.
- 119 **Menetou-Salon, Domaine Jean-Jacques Teiller, 2022** (100% Pinot Noir) 51.00
An intense, bright cherry red colour. Rich nose with very intense soft fruit nose of blackcurrants, black and Morello cherry. When gently shaken, the nose changes to smoky, spicy notes with even a hint of cocoa. In the mouth, the attack is powerful which then softens to become more rounded with blackcurrant and other soft fruit being detected. Well-structured with fine tannins and a long finish.

ALSACE

Alsace is the only classic region in France that has built a reputation on pure varietal wines. Some 95 per cent are dry white wines produced from a collection of essentially French or German grape varieties. A fascinating mixture of French and German characteristics pervade this fragment of France that is cut off from the rest of the country by the barrier of the Vosges mountain range, and separated from neighbouring Germany by the mighty Rhine.

- 230 **Riesling, Dopff au Moulin, 2022** 46.00
A delicate floral bouquet is complemented by expressive and characteristic lemon notes. Supple and fruity, on the palate this is dry and zesty with refreshing mineral notes; a great expression of Alsace Riesling.
- 250 **Pinot Blanc Auxerrois, Cave de Cléebourg, 2018** 39.00
Moreish and quirky version of Pinot Blanc. This curious cousin of Pinot Blanc is known as Auxerrois specifically in Cléebourg, Northern Alsace. With smaller yields than its' more famous relative, this Pinot Blanc is more precocious, producing wine that is light-bodied and fruity with notes of fresh herbs on the finish.
- 247 **Gentil, Famille Hugel, 2019** 45.00
(22% Gewurztraminer, 5% Muscat, 18% Pinot Gris, 23% Riesling, 21% Sylvaner, 11% Pinot Blanc) James Suckling – 90 points
A kaleidoscope of grapiness, produced exclusively from hand harvested grapes in predominantly clay and limestone vineyards, from a dozen of the most favoured localities in and around Riquewihr. Gentil allies the suave, spicy flavour of Gewurztraminer, the body of Pinot Gris, the finesse of Riesling, the grapiness of Muscat and the refreshing character of both Pinot Blanc and Sylvaner.
- 239 **Classic Pinot Gris, Hugel et Fils, 2015** 57.00
Wine Advocate - 89 points
“There is a creamy freshness to the pear notes on the nose. The dry palate delivers friendly, earthy pear fruit on a rounded body that has phenolic texture and bright freshness. This wine is rich, dry and perfectly balanced. The dry finish sings with lemon.” *Anne Krebiehl, Wine Enthusiast – 90 points (Aug 2018)*
- 248 **Gewürztraminer, “Beblenheim”, Domaine Trapet, 2022** 69.00
Bio-dynamic (certified), Organic, Suitable for Vegans
From 60+ year-old vines, harvested 10 days before the Riquewihr Gewürztraminer and fermented in concrete eggs, the Beblenheim Gewürztraminer opens with a very clear, precise, elegant and smoky nose. Round, elegant and with a delicate acidity, this is a compact Gewürztraminer fermented to medium-dry. The tannins are very fine and the acidity really elegant. The finish is firm, salty, nicely bitter and long.
- 246 **Pinot Gris, A360P Muenchberg, Domaine Andre Ostertag, 2008** 91.00
Organic (certified) Bio-dynamic (certified), Robert Parker – 90 points, Stephen Tanzer – 90 points
Winter pear and a hint of litchi; smoked meat and musky floral perfume follow the Ostertag 2008 Pinot Gris Muenchberg A360P from its striking nose onto a deeply-rich, glossy-textured palate, and into a long finish whose undulating layers of fruit, flower, meat, and mineral matter are tinged with vanilla. A finish of acidity and structure lends balance to what will be a long-lived and luscious wine for a decade or more.
- 245 **Gewürztraminer, Cave de Cléebourg, 2020** Suitable for Vegetarians 46.00
Located in the Northern Vosges Mountains, 60km north of Stasbourg, overlooking the villages of Cléebourg, Rott, Oberhoffen, Steinseltz and Riedseltz. A deep yellow colour with golden reflections and also limpid and brilliant. This wine has an expressive nose dominated by flowers and sweet spices, revealing in particular aromas of jasmine, rose and clou de girole. This Gewurztraminer, racy and elegant, has a predominantly fruity palate with a subtle freshness giving this wine a perfect balance for gastronomy. The finish is lingering with spicy notes.
- 249 **Riesling, Grosse Laüe, Hugel, 2011** Wine Spectator – 93 points 98.00
“A hint of smoke and a touch of earth precede the fresh lemon notes of the nose. The dry palate, with its vivid impression of very pure, bright and incisive lemon freshness, still seems tightly wound. There is something brooding and alive about this-it can be felt below the surface, disquieting but promising. This has barely started on its journey and will take a while to develop fully but it's all already there, dormant and ready to unfurl with a little more bottle age. The pure, long and intense finish is a delicious promise.” *Wine Enthusiast – 95 points (Dec 2017)*

AUSTRIA

Austrian wines are among the world's most sublime, yet there are precious few bottles to go around. Unsurprising perhaps, when you consider that Austria's entire vineyard area is just 40% of the size of the Bordeaux wine region. Added to this, Austrians drink 75% of their crop – quite understandable too, given the quality of Austria's wines. The country's wine regions are impressive in their diversity, with complex soils, varied landscapes and myriad grape varieties, some unique to Austria.

- 225 **Grüner Veltliner, ‘Langenlois’, Weingut Rabl, Kamptal, 2023** 44.00
(100% Grüner Veltliner)
A spicy opening with subtle aromas of apple, soft honeydew melon through to a well defined, creamy body with good fleshiness and juicy cascading acidity. A dynamic palate with a savoury peppery spicy finish. A lovely example of the Grüner Veltliner grape.

Located in the prestigious Kamptal-Donau wine region of Austria, Weingut Rabl is a byword for wines of the highest quality. He was awarded the IWSC Trophy for White Wine Maker of the Year in 2019 and 2021.

SPAIN

Spanish wine has never been so exciting, as a new generation of dynamic wine producers pushes the boundaries. Moving away from bulk production that blighted its reputation, Spain is now focusing on quality and regional style. Rioja is no longer the lone jewel in Spain's crown, nor is the Tempranillo grape the only darling of Spanish winemakers, for today there is a dizzying array of wine regions, wine styles and grape varieties in the fray. Recent years have seen Ribera del Duero and Priorat become virtual cults, while other new wine regions make wines with character and class and Sherry (Jerez in Spanish) is rejuvenating its image. Exit Spain's dull, oxidized white wines, enter zesty Verdejo (from Rueda), peachy Godello (Valdeorras) and refreshing Albariño (Rias Baixas) With all this and more, Spain is set to thrill wine lovers for years to come.

Red Wines

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| 150 | La Viña de Ayer Garnacha, Soto Manrique, Cebreiros, Castilla y León, 2017
<small>(100% Garnacha)</small>
Clear red colour and delicate floral, red berry notes lead into a palate that balances the mineral richness of old vines with a beautifully light touch in the winery. Delicately structured, with subtle herbal notes to complement the fruit, and a mouth-watering finish. This up and coming region is starting to gain plaudits for producing a unique style of Garnacha, with an almost Pinot-like elegance and finesse, crafted from old vines planted on granite and slate soils. | 40.00 |
| 152 | Monastrell, 'Hécúla', Bodegas Castaño, Yecla, La Mancha, D.O., 2018
<small>(100% Monastrell)</small>
From proprietor Ramon Castaño Santa, is the 'Hécúla', which is sourced from a non-irrigated, single vineyard planted with 100% Monastrell. Aged in both tank and French oak, it comes from 60-80 year old vines planted in limestone soils at a relatively high elevation of over 1,600 feet. Its' opaque purple colour is followed by copious aromas of blueberries, raspberries, camphor, licorice, white flowers and a chalky limestone/dusty character. Full-bodied, rich and well-balanced, it is incredible value. | 35.00 |
| 147 | Rioja Reserva, Bodegas Ondarre, D.O.C. Viana, 2018
<small>(75% Tempranillo, 15% Mazuelo, 10% Grenache) IWC – 95 points</small>
Leather and spice of traditionally made Rioja on the nose. Magnificent fruity palate that is both smooth and subtle with strawberries and vanilla ice cream sustained through to a very round and long finish with well integrated tannins. | 48.00 |
| 161 | ΨPsi, Peter Sisseck, Ribera Del Duero, D.O., 2020
<small>(90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 10% Garnacha) Certified Organic and Bio-dynamic The Wine Advocate – 94 points, James Suckling – 95 points</small>
From the visionary Danish winemaker and producer of the iconic Dominio de Pingus. This is a beautiful, lustrous, plum-cherry in colour, with a bright fuschia rim, enticing from the outset. The nose unusually evokes fresh grape must allied to cherries, plums and fresh blueberry all complemented by pronounced mineral notes. The palate is supple and accessible, plump and ripe, supported by rounded tannins which, with the minerality, give tremendous focus and direction. This is a wine with energy and personality, a purity of expression and so much charm. | 83.00 |
| 149 | Rioja Prado Enea, Gran Reserva, Bodegas Muga, La Rioja, Alta, 2015
<small>(70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 10% Graciano, Mazuelo) Certified Organic, Wine Spectator - 94 points</small>
"The most classical of their wines, the 2015 Prado Enea Gran Reserva is a blend of Tempranillo, Garnacha, Mazuelo and Graciano, mostly from Rioja Alta (Sajazarra, Cellorigo and Fonzeleche), but the Garnacha is from different plots in the zone of Tudelilla at high altitude. These grapes are always picked last, but the wine has a similar alcohol level as the rest, around 14.5% in a warm year like 2019. The modus operandi is similar to other of the top cuvées—harvested into 200-kilogram boxes, destemming, optical sorting and fermentation in small oak casks with indigenous yeasts. The élevage in this case is extended to 36 months, and the barrels are only 10% new. This is, year in, year out, my favorite wine from Muga, and in this powerful and ripe year, these late-harvesting vines ripened thoroughly and delivered a full array of aromas and flavors so that the wine has plenty of depth and complexity. It has a very classical profile, with incipient tertiary notes, perfumed, floral and rich, textured and beautifully balanced. One of the finest Prado Enea vintages." <i>Wine Advocate – 97 points (July, 2022)</i>
"Reserved and polished, this is a Prado Enea with great class and focus. It's so aromatic, with plum, peach, cherry and cedar character. Salted olives, too. Medium-to full-bodied with very fine tannins and a long, fresh finish. Elegance with power here. Give it three or four years to open, but already impressive." <i>James Suckling – 97 points (June, 2022)</i> | 145.00 |
| 163 | Pesquera, Crianza, Bodegas A. Fernández, Ribera del Duero, 2019
<small>(100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo))</small>
"Deep violet-red in the glass, this wine has aromas of blackberry, cassis and dried Mediterranean herbs. Dark berries are joined on the palate by flavors of chocolate covered espresso bean, black olive paste and a hint of violet. Plush tannins make their way across the palate and dissolve into a bright, lingering finish." <i>Mike DeSimone, Wine Enthusiast – 93 points</i> | 85.00 |
| 251 | Rioja Blanco, Bodegas Nivarius, D.O.C., Rioja, 2022
<small>(100% Tempranillo Blanco) Suitable for Vegans</small>
This 100% Tempranillo Blanco has intense, fruity notes of zesty citrus, ripe apple and pear are complemented by white floral blossom and mineral nuances. Fresh and beautifully balanced, with a creamy texture and a long finish. Nivarius, meaning 'snow-drift', takes its name from the common sight of the snowy blanket which covers the vineyards in winter | 38.00 |

White Wines

- 229 **Rioja, Finca Alto Cantabria, Conde Valdemar, Rioja, 2021** 69.00
(100% Viura) Wine Enthusiast – 94 points, Tim Atkin, MW – 95 points
Selected hand harvesting into boxes and subsequent temperature balancing in cold storage. Winemaking with free-run juice. This wine has a straw yellow colour with greenish hues, clean and bright. It displays intense aromas of white flowers such as almond blossom and stone fruits such as peach, with a delicate background of nuts like hazelnuts. In mouth it is complex, full-bodied, with a savoury and saline character characteristic of the limestone soil of Alto Cantabria. Long and very elegant aftertaste.
- 256 **Silencis, Raventós i Blanc, Penedés, 2012** 41.00
(100% Xarello) Robert Parker – 89 points
Pale straw yellow with greenish reflections. Bright and clean. On the nose, intense fruity aromas of ripe white fruit, especially pear, on a good floral background. When it opens up, slight aniseed mineral notes are displayed providing this wine with a good complexity. The palate is very well-balanced with red apple, apricot, citrus lemon and a touch of orange rind. It is married with crisp acidity and a generous finish that maintains freshness and vitality. An elegant, fresh and dry wine.
- 253 **Andaina Godello, Adegas Galegas, D.O., Monterrei, Galicia, 2020** 38.00
(100% Godello) Suitable for Vegans
With its delicate wildflower scent, soft creamy texture and mineral freshness, this glorious Godello would make the perfect companion to a seafood platter. Lively wine made from the upcoming and aromatic Godello grape -indigenous to the region- which displays a slightly weighty texture, refreshing minerality and aromas of wild flowers and camomile. Perfect companion of the local hearty food with all its seafood specialties – the Pulpo a la Gallega being a must! Or simply to drink as an aperitif.
- 262 **Verdejo, Javier Sanz, D.O. Rueda, 2023** 44.00
(100% Verdejo) Suitable for Vegans
Straw-coloured with golden glints, very clean and bright. Very fine, full of fruit, with anise, sweet grass, fennel and a mineral edge on the high-pitched nose. Vibrant and fresh in the mouth with tangy green apple and pear flavours enlivened by brisk acidity and a hint of pepper. Gains sweetness on the finish, picking up an attractive tangerine note and a hint of lemon zest.
- 261 **Albariño, Lagar de Cervera, Rías Baixas, Galicia, 2023** 58.00
(100% Albariño) Suitable for Vegans
Clean and bright, greenish-yellow colour and golden reflections. Aromatically, it stands out for its marked varietal character and intensity, with white fruit notes -delicious golden apple and ripe pear - as well as stone fruit, particularly apricot, and hints of lemon peel. Fresh and vibrant on the palate, with excellent structure, intensity and balance. It retains a saline aftertaste and a long, lingering finish.

PORTUGAL

White Wine

- 233 **Colheita Seleccionada, Adega De Pegões, Setúbal, Lisboa, 2021** 31.00
(30% Verdelho, 30% Antão Vaz, 20% Chardonnay, 20% Arinto) Suitable for Vegans
This wine from the unique sandy soils of Portugal's Setubal Peninsula is highly aromatic, smoky and richly oaked but all kept in perfect balance with the fruit playing the major role. Packed full of lush peach flavour, alongside spice and a distinct mineral backbone. The local Arinto grapes give the fresh citrus flavours, whilst Chardonnay and Antao Vaz add body and delicious buttery flavours.

Red Wine

- 138 **Cabernet Sauvignon, Quinta de Chocapalha, Estremadura, Lisboa, 2020** 53.00
(100% Cabernet Sauvignon) Suitable for Vegetarians
The Quinta de Chocapalha Cabernet Sauvignon flies the flag for non-indigenous varieties within Portugal. Sourced from the Lisboa wine region just north of Lisbon, the Cabernet Sauvignon grape clearly enjoys the terroir - producing a very poised, well-weighted translation of the grape. The ageing and malolactic fermentation occurred during 12 months in 60% new oak and 40% second year French oak barriques. Intense violet in colour the wine displays typical flavours of this grape with the traditional combination of spices and ripe fruit. On the palate shows a great balance with discreet acidity, red fruit and silky tannins. The aftertaste is long and very elegant.
- 191 **Tinto Prunus, Gota, Dão, 2021** 35.00
(80% Jaen, 10% Tinta Roriz, 5% Alfrocheiro Preto, 5% Touriga Nacional) Suitable for Vegans. Decanter – 95 points
A blend of Jaen, Tinta Roriz, Alfrocheiro Preto and Touriga Nacional the wine spends 6 months ageing in 225 litre old French and Portuguese oak barrels followed by minimum of 6 months in the bottle prior to release. The finished wine offers elegance on a grand scale. Lightly oaked and perfectly balanced, with a silky texture and crisp edge. The nose is cram-packed with plums, mulberries, blackberries and anise. On the palate, black cherry and raspberry fruit tones with creamy and chocolaty oak flavours.

ITALY

It is hard to imagine a more exciting or varied wine-producing country than Italy. With a vibrant winemaking history spanning over 2,000 years, and vineyards stretching from the Alps through the Appenine mountains to Sicily, the Italian peninsula is home to an enormous range of climates, topographies and soil types hosting hundreds of distinctive grapes unique to Italy. It is hardly surprising then, that Italy's wine range is so diverse, spanning all colours and styles, from dry to sweet, still wine to sparkling wine, and everything in between. Enshrined in tradition, linked inextricably to Italy's rich cultural heritage and regional cuisine, Italian wine is fundamental to Italian lifestyle, and it is impossible to resist either. While not all wines are as famous or revered as Barolo, Chianti, Brunello or Amarone, Italy remains the ultimate destination for food and wine lovers everywhere.

Red Wines

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| 183 | <p>Nero D'Avola, Tasca D'Almerita, Tenuta Regaleali, Sicilia I.G.T. 2021 40.00</p> <p>(100% Nero D'Avola)</p> <p>Intense and luminous ruby red, it has a nose with clear sensations of cherry, plum, violet and graphite, combined with liquorice, cocoa and Mediterranean scrub. Full and corresponding to the palate, it is fresh, balanced and with velvety tannins.</p> |
| 137 | <p>Nebbiolo D'Alba, 'Brumo', Cantina San Silvestro, Piedmont, D.O.C. 2022 42.00</p> <p>(100% Nebbiolo) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>Ruby red with garnet nuances. Complex bouquet with hints of violets, dark chocolate, coffee, almonds and pepper in the background all combine in this supple and pleasing wine. The aromas carry through to the palate of this dry, full bodied red wine with balanced oak and soft and supple tannins. Spicy notes take you through to an intense and harmonious finish. It is the same grape which is used in the famous neighbouring DOCGs of Barolo and Barbaresco.</p> |
| 166 | <p>Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Roccastella, Villa Bizzarri, Abruzzo, D.O.C. 2020 37.00</p> <p>(100% Montepulciano)</p> <p>Ruby red in colour with tints of Violet, the Roccastella has an intense aroma of ripe red fruit with some delicate spice and balsamic notes. The palate shows juicy red fruit character with some savoury flavours and soft tannins – very typical of the Montepulciano grape from this area.</p> |
| 177 | <p>Nebbiolo, 'Pian delle Mole Giulia', Negri, Langhe, Piedmont, D.O.C., 2020 60.00</p> <p>(100% Nebbiolo) Suitable for vegetarians</p> <p>The youthful Giulia Negri makes this wonderful declassified Barolo from younger vines in the Serradenari vineyard in La Morra, one of the highest sites in the denominazione. Organically farmed and refreshing, it's a graceful, elegant Nebbiolo showing the freshness of its high-altitude source, beguiling rose petal and old strawberry aromas, a focused, nuanced palate and just the right amount of tannic backbone and acidity.</p> |
| 146 | <p>Chianti Classico, Badia a Coltibuono, Chianti, Tuscany, DOCG, 2021 53.00</p> <p>(90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo, Cilieggiolo and Colorino) Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate (September 2023) – 90 points</p> <p>"The 2021 Chianti Classico is terrific. Bright and vibrant, with tons of Sangiovese character, the 2021 is everything Chianti Classico should be. Bright red cherry fruit, blood orange, mint, spice and tobacco are all nicely amplified in this juicy, wonderfully inviting Chianti Classico. The 2021 is one of the best editions of this wine I have tasted recently." <i>Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com (August 2023) - 91 points</i></p> |
| 186 | <p>Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso, Cecilia Beretta, Verona, 2022 56.00</p> <p>(60% Corvina, 20% Rondinella, 10% Negrara, 10% Corvinone) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>Prolonged maceration and contact with dried grapes, used in the production of Amarone, gives this well-structured and complex wine a long, chocolatey finish, with delicious prune, cherry and savoury notes. Made from local grape varieties this 'baby Amarone' is rich, full-bodied and deep garnet in colour. Nose displays intense aromas of prunes and wild cherries with savoury toasted notes flowing onto a round and smooth palate.</p> |
| 142 | <p>Sangiovese di Romagna Riserva, Umberto Cesari, Emilia Romagna, D.O.C., 2020 55.00</p> <p>(100% Sangiovese) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>This wine is a bright, ruby colour tending toward garnet. Produced from the best clusters of grapes, this wine has an intense bouquet highlighted by mountain flowers with a touch of violets and an explosive fruitiness of red fruits. The fruit follows through on the palate and delivers a well-balanced and structured wine. The taste is rich, smooth, dry, and slightly tannic with a harmonious, long finish.</p> |
| 144 | <p>Barolo 'Castiglione', Vietti, Barolo, Piedmont, D.O.C.G., 2019 122.00</p> <p>(100% Nebbiolo) Suitable for vegetarians,</p> <p>"This is the most accessible Barolo from Vietti and the wine that casts the biggest net in terms of fruit sourcing from across many MGA sites. The 2019 Barolo Castiglione is a layered and generous wine that reflects the main takeaways offered by this very successful vintage. In fact, because this wine is not from a single site, it speaks more to the quality of the vintage than it does to any one specific vineyard. The Castiglione reveals generous richness and concentrated cherry fruit with dark saturation and good structure that comes from the thicker skins developed on Nebbiolo grapes this year. It concludes with a salty mineral note that adds focus and elegance." <i>Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate (08/22) – 90 points</i></p> |
| 148 | <p>Barbera D'Asti Superiore 'Nizza', La Court, Michele Chiarlo, Piedmont, D.O.C.G, 2013 95.50</p> <p>(100% Barbera) Suitable for Vegans, James Suckling – 92 points</p> <p>Superb structure and density, with a rich, silky elegance, intense varietal character and a lengthy finish. A highly extracted, intense Barbera, this wine brims with ripe, jammy flavours of black plums and wild cherry and aromas of violets, spice and new oak wrapped in a velvety texture underscored by firm tannins.</p> |

- 143 **Amarone della Valpolicella, Ca' Rugate, Veneto, D.O.C., 2020** 92.00
(45% Corvina, 40% Corvinone, 15% Rondinella) Suitable for Vegans
From a selection of the best grapes from Ca Rugate's vineyards in the hills around Montecchia di Crosara. The Amarone is aged in oak for at least 30 months before it is bottled. This is a big wine with concentrated ripe black fruit aromas enhanced with hints of cedar and balsamic. It is rich, complex and full-bodied and its' ripe cherry and plum flavours have an almost "chewy" texture.
- 145 **Passorosso, Tenuta di Passopisciaro, Etna Rosso, Sicily, D.O.C., 2017** 95.00
(100% Nerello Mascalese) Suitable for Vegetarians. Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate - 91 points
These high-altitude vineyards are a staggering 15°C below coastal temperatures in the region. Combine this with very cool nights and you have an exceptionally long growing season, the grapes typically not picked until late October. This gives the wine a rich, complex aromatic spectrum, while remaining distinctly elegant. "Aromas of ripe wild berry and Mediterranean scrub alongside a whiff of eucalyptus take shape in the glass. Juicy and smooth, the palate offers crushed raspberry, strawberry compote, licorice and notes of exotic incense framed in taut, fine-grained tannins. A tangy mineral note gives the finish tension." *Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast - 93 points*
- 141 **Brunello di Montalcino, Le Macioche, Cotarella, Toscana, D.O.C.G., 2016** 132.00
(100% Sangiovese) Eric Guido, Vinous - 92 points, Nov 2020
"Tasted as unfinished release, the Le Macioche 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Cotarella shows poise and character, opening to bright cherry fruit, menthol or balsamic herb, mineral and soft earthy tones. Next year's release, the 2017 vintage, will represent the first wine entirely made by the Cotarella family since they purchased this little bijoux estate in Montalcino. The 2015 vintage was bottled by them, but winemaking was followed by the previous owners, and the 2014 vintage was not made at all. Aged in large oak casks this is a classic expression, streamlined in places and more generous in others, making for balanced overall results." *Monica Lerner, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - 94 points, Nov 2020*
- 132 **Haiku, Castello di Ama, Toscana, I.G.T., 2009** 77.00
(50% Sangiovese, 25% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc) Robert Parker - 92 points, Wine Spectator - 90 points
The Haiku name comes from a traditional Japanese Haiku poem which consists of three lines. This simplicity is meant to be demonstrated in the Haiku wine. Garnet red in colour, whilst on the nose there are delicate sweet notes of raspberry jam and strawberry alongside fresh pepper aromas and a distinct savoury line of tobacco. The palate is a surprisingly rich but mild palate, dark red cherries, flowers, mint and spices are some of the notes that flow from the glass together with delicate tannins that offer the gentlest grip and lots of depth. This is an outstanding Brunello.
- 134 **Tignanello, Antinori, Toscana, I.G.T., 2008** 185.00
(80% Sangiovese, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc) Wine Advocate - 94 points
The 2008 Tignanello is unquestionably one of the wines of the vintage. The 2008 isn't a huge or obvious Tignanello, rather it is a wine that impresses for its sublime elegance and precision. Understated layers of fruit caress the palate like cashmere in this impeccable, soft wine. There is not a hard edge to be found. Black cherries, tobacco, smoke and licorice are some of the notes that come through on the finish. The flavor profile is decidedly on the dark side, but the wine's structure is medium in body and intensity. In 2008 the Tignanello has energy, focus and length.

White Wines

- 252 **Bianco di Puglia, Il Carretto, Puglia, I.G.T., 2021** (100% Malvasia) Suitable for Vegetarians 28.00
Il Carretto Bianco is made in the sunny and warm Puglia region of Italy. Its' zesty aromas and almond notes lead to a very crisp, refreshing versatile wine with a light texture and moderate acidity with citrus flavours and hints of herbs and almonds.
- 257 **Pinot Grigio, La Tunella, Colli Orientali del Friuli, D.O.C., 2023** 45.00
(100% Pinot Grigio) Suitable for Vegans
An intense straw yellow colour evolving into a richer yellow with age. Fruity nose is reminiscent of hot bread crust while the intense bouquet is of acacia blossom and ripe tropical fruit. The palate is elegant and full-bodied, moderately acidic, with subtle yeasty notes. A wine with a decisive character "Fresh pear, honeydew melon, lemon and white peach on the nose. It's medium-bodied with crisp acidity and a creamy palate. Juicy finish." *James Suckling*
- 264 **Chardonnay, Mezzacorona, Trentino, Trentino Alto Adige, 2022** 30.00
(100% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegans
Wines by Mezzacorona are a true expression of Trentino history and wine making tradition. Sourced from the foot of the Dolomites the grapes benefit from an alpine climate, which designs the balanced bouquet and the aromatic intensity of each wine. An award winning example that offers fruity flavours with notes of red and yellow apples, apricot, white melon and citrus fruits. It is dry, harmonious and with balanced acidity.
- 259 **Gavi di Gavi, Fratelli Levis, Piedmont, D.O.C.G., 2023** (100% Cortese) 43.00
The fossil-rich soils that surround the quiet town of Gavi are ideal for the production of the finely flavoured Cortese grape, Mild, but temperate climate, helping the grapes keep their delicate, floral aromas and concentrated flavours whilst preserving the acidity, giving wines of character and balance. Ripe pear and white flowers dominate this elegant wine.
- 255 **Pomino Bianco, Castello di Pomino, Marchesi de Frescobaldi, Toscana, D.O.C., 2018** 42.00
(95% Chardonnay, 5% Pinot Bianco) Suitable for Vegetarians, James Suckling - 91 points
With its bright straw-yellow colour and incredibly delicate golden highlights, Pomino Bianco 2018 is extremely elegant and delicate to behold. The bouquet is just as delicate, with gentle floral aromas that are balanced out wonderfully with fruity notes. White flowers, green apple, pear, grapefruit and the very many facets of citrus fruits combine, giving way to an extremely well-balanced nose. On the palate, it is pleasantly fresh yet soft. A long and persistent finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the world's most exciting wine-producing regions today. The South African wine industry is in renaissance, supported by investment and a dynamic new generation of winemakers keen to push quality boundaries and develop new vineyards and wine styles. South Africa's wine production dates back to the 1600s, when the Dutch East India trading company established a provisions station in Cape Town and planted vineyards for wine and grapes. The Cape's location has proved key to its wine styles too, for the winelands here are buffeted continually by cooling ocean breezes, tempering the intense heat at this latitude and giving near-perfect conditions for high quality grapes. South Africa's wine profile reflects these conditions, melding its exuberant sunshine flavours with the elegance more typical of cooler-climate European wines.

Red Wines

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| 164 | <p>Merlot, Pioneer's Reserve, Bain's Kloof, Breede River Valley, 2022</p> <p>(100% Merlot) Suitable for vegans</p> <p>Situated in the Breede River Valley, Bergsig Estate was established in 1843 and is now run by the heirs of the founding family. Times may have changed but their values have not, focusing on preservation of the surrounding environment.</p> <p>Soft, gentle Merlot fruit is wonderfully complemented by a lovely herbal nuance and a good supple finish with rich dark fruit and mocha notes.</p> | 38.00 |
| 196 | <p>Pinot Noir, Lismore Estate, Cape South Coast, Western Cape, 2020</p> <p>(100% Pinot Noir) Suitable for vegans Decanter – 92 points, Tim Atkin – 92 points, Vinous – 91 points</p> <p>“The 2020 Pinot Noir has an elegant bouquet of red cherries, crushed strawberry and light menthol scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, lightly spiced red berry fruit mixed with desiccated orange peel, and a hint of Szechuan pepper toward the finish. Very fine.”</p> <p>– Neal Martin, <i>Vinous</i>, 91 points</p> <p>An elegant Pinot Noir delivering a complex bouquet of crushed rose petals, wild jasmine and fresh French herbs. The palate shows beautiful purity with layered red fruits, cranberry, raspberry, silky tannins and a long, savoury finish.</p> | 82.00 |
| 151 | <p>Little j Red, Joostenberg Estate Wines, Paarl, 2022</p> <p>(41% Syrah, 39% Cinsault, 15% Merlot, 5% Grenache.) Certified Organic</p> <p>This is an unpretentious, generous wine made from a selection of vineyards in mainly the AgterPaarl area (part of the Paarl appellation). The predominant soils are Malmesbury Shale. These soils have a surprisingly good moisture retention capability which allows for dry-land farming in a relatively warm and dry area. This deep garnet blend is a medium-bodied red wine with an expressive nose and a soft, lush mouth-feel. The Shiraz gives ripe plum fruit and dark fruit notes on the nose and palate. Grenache softens the palate, adds floral notes and combines with Shiraz to form the backbone of the blend. Cinsaut lends red fruits and a soft, lush mouthfeel to the final blend. The overall wine shows depth and finesse, but with a lighter body and gentle tannins.</p> | 42.00 |
| 185 | <p>Max, Miles Mossop, Stellenbosch, 2018</p> <p>(47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 23% Petit Verdot, 7% Cabernet Franc) Tim Atkin MW – 94 points, 4½ Stars – Platters Wine Guide 2021</p> <p>The wine has a vibrant garnet colour which extends to a plum red rim. The nose is a mélange of red and black briary fruit intertwined with hints of tobacco leaf and cedar wood. The wine enters the palate with juicy red and blackcurrant flavours with a clean textured mid-palate and a hint of savoury notes. The finish is long, dry and textured with just a touch of vanilla and toast.</p> <p>“Mentholated herbs, cigar box and blackcurrant leaf initially waft from the glass of this earthy, heady varietal Cab. Cassis and blackberry fruit shows at the core, providing a solid ground for all of the other elements to stand against. Medium-plus in weight, it boasts gripping tannins and ample acidity to yield a firm, supportive structure that, along with the ripe black-fruit tones, shows excellent long-term potential and evolution ahead.” <i>Lauren Buzzeo, Wine Enthusiast</i> – 93 points</p> | 75.00 |
| 167 | <p>Pinotage, Cloof Wine Estate, Darling, 2020</p> <p>(100% Pinotage) International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2022 – Bronze Medal</p> <p>The bold, concentrated flavours of this wine are directly attributable to the tiny yield of mature bush vines growing under extreme conditions. Richly textured with notes of smoke, blackberry, plum with some spiciness and elegant oaky notes.</p> | 39.00 |
| 168 | <p>“Hawequas”, Mont du Toit, Kelder, Paarl, 2018</p> <p>Named after the mountain that towers above their vineyards in Wellington, this high quality wine is the estate's second label. Made in small quantities, this blend melds appetising dark fruit with warm spice, a hint of smokiness, firm tannins and is complemented by a lovely freshness.</p> | 48.00 |
| 158 | <p>Shiraz, Nelson Estate, Paarl, 2020</p> <p>(100% Shiraz) Suitable for vegans</p> <p>Deep red wine with complex aromas of cigar box, blackberries and cocoa. This soft, rich and full-bodied wine combines dark chocolate and all-spice with a long lingering finish on the palate. The quality and style of Nelson Estate's wines comes partly from the complex granite-clay soils found here, and also from the cooling Atlantic breezes, mitigating South Africa's fierce summer heat and helping promote the delicate flavours and fresh textures.</p> | 60.00 |
| 187 | <p>Soul of the Mountain 'The Bull', Olifantsberg, Bredekloof, 2018</p> <p>(42% Syrah, 22% Carignan, 20% Mourvèdre, 16% Grenache) Tim Atkin, 2023 – 94 points</p> <p>Whole-bunch fermentation. Each component matured separately in oak for seven months before blending and a further six months of maturation. Alluring aromatics of red and black berries, floral perfume, fynbos and spice. The palate shows good fruit definition and depth, bright acidity and powdery tannins, the finish nicely dry. Well balanced, the different components combining to good effect. In Tim Atkin's 2021 South Africa Report, Elzma Visser (Winemaker) was awarded the prestigious Young Winemaker of the Year Award.</p> | 66.00 |

South African White Wines

- 277 **Sauvignon Blanc, Groot Constantia, Constantia, Western Cape, 2022** 45.00
(91% Sauvignon Blanc, 9% Semillon)
A full bodied wine, showing the typical character of Sauvignon Blanc, grown in the cool climate area of Constantia close to Cape Town. Distinct ripe fig and gooseberry flavours, with green pepper and grassy tones. An elegant wine with a fresh and complex finish.
- 275 **Chardonnay 'Estate Reserve', Lismore Estate, Western Cape, 2021** 79.00
(100% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegans
"The 2021 Chardonnay Estate has a wonderful bouquet with honeydew melon, apricot blossom and light crushed stone scents that percolate through with time. The palate is very well balanced with tropical hints of passion fruit and guava, but the acidity keeps everything on a tight course, very minerally on the finish. Top class." *Neal Martin, Vinous, 94 points*
"Richer and slightly riper than Sam O'Keefe's CWG release, with patisserie spices and honey on the nose, peach and pear fruit, subtle wood from 30% new barrels, full malolactic and a tropical undertone. The underlying structure is racy, serious and self-assured." *Tim Atkin MW, timatkin.com, June 2022 – 94 points*
- 254 **Roussanne, Limited Release, Swartland Winery, Swartland, 2020** 32.00
(100% Roussanne)
Bursting with citrus, melon and layered with enticing stone fruit aromas, follows through to the palate with peaches, stone fruit and citrus flavours, complemented by a creamy mouth feel. A full bodied style with a lingering, zesty aftertaste. Swartland is the most exciting wine region in South Africa. A new wave of winemakers are making ground-breaking wines from Rhône varieties and it is part of a revolution that has got everybody talking. The Swartland name originates from a description of the indigenous "renosterbos" or rhino bush, which appears to turn black, ("Swart" in Afrikaans), during the summer months
- 274 **Saskia, Miles Mossop, 2019** 71.00
(68% Chenin blanc, 15% Viognier, 9% Verdelho, 8% Clairette Blanche) Tim Atkin – 94 points, Winemag.co.za – 94 points
"This is a Cape White blend which displays a stunning vibrant pale straw colour. The nose is packed with notes of white peach, quince and hints of jasmine floral perfumed aromas. The entry on the palate bursts with citrus and white peach flavours leading to a textured and rich mid-palate. There is immense complexity in this wine with a sense of elegance and freshness. The wine finishes with a slight salinity which leaves one wanting more." – *Miles Mossop Wines*
- 288 **Grenache Blanc, Olifantsberg, Bredeklouf, Western Cape, 2020** 50.00
(100% Grenache Blanc) Suitable for Vegans James Suckling – 92 points, Tim Atkin- 94 points
A unique style of Grenache Blanc which shows delicacy and finesse. Subtle aromas of lime blossom combine with green herbal notes, white peach and quince through to a beautifully balanced and richly textured palate with a delicious saline hint on the finish. In Tim Atkin's 2021 South Africa Report, Elizma Visser (winemaker) was awarded the prestigious Young Winemaker of the Year Award.

LEBANON

The Bekaa is a fertile valley in Lebanon, located about 30 km (19 miles) east of Beirut. The valley is situated between the Mount Lebanon to the west and the Anti-Lebanon mountain ranges to the east. It forms the north-easternmost extension of the Great Rift Valley, which stretches from Syria through the Red Sea into Africa. Bekaa Valley is about 120 km (about 75 miles) in length and has an average width of about 16 km (about 10 miles). It has a Mediterranean climate of wet, often snowy winters and dry, warm summers. Lebanon is the oldest site of wine production in the world. The Phoenicians of its coastal strip were instrumental in spreading wine and viticulture throughout the Mediterranean in ancient times.

Red Wines

- 194 **Reserve du Couvent, Château Ksara, Bekaa Valley 2020** 46.00
(40% Syrah, 30% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon) Suitable for Vegans
A medium to full-bodied wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Cabernet Franc. Aged in oak for six months. This wine with its dark ruby-red colour, is beautifully structured with finesse and elegance whilst on the nose there are aromas of wood, vanilla and smoked fruits. In the mouth, peppers, plums and berries abound with supple, pure and round tannins give it length and persistence.
- 140 **Château Musar, Gaston Hochar, Bekaa Valley, 2017** 97.00
(34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Cinsault, 33% Carignan) Organic, Suitable for Vegans
"Our 2017 vintage looks to be very promising indeed, the wines of this year are unique, yet retaining classical Chateau Musar character. Three factors come to our minds, the similarity in style of the different decades ending in 7, the taste of the last vineyard of Cabernet Sauvignon harvested and powerful aromas. It has a bright ruby colour and there are sweet red cherries, mulberries and plums on the nose with a hint of tea tree and liquorice. The tannins are soft and well-integrated and this vintage has good acidity, depth of fruit and a long finish. Cellared well, it will age beautifully for decades." *Château Musar*

White Wine

- 286 **Blanc de Blancs, Château Ksara, Bekaa Valley 2022** 47.00
(55% Sauvignon Blanc, 25% Semillon, 20% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegans
The Chardonnay gives this wine its finesse and elegance, the Sauvignon its subtle aroma of hazelnuts and exotic fruits, and the Semillon provides roundness, length and finesse. As you raise the glass, a wave of enticing aromas greets you. Expect notes of citrus fruits like grapefruit and lemon, interwoven with hints of white flowers, such as acacia and honeysuckle with some subtle mineral notes or even a touch of honey might emerge. The first sip reveals a refreshing burst of acidity, balanced by a pleasing roundness on the mid-palate. The citrus flavours from the nose translate beautifully, joined by hints of orchard fruits like pear and white peach. The wine displays a crisp minerality that lingers on the finish

NORTH AMERICA

In the U.S.A., regional terms can be as vague as a whole state or as precise as a single vineyard. One increasingly popular term used in California is "Coastal". This allows blending across almost all the Californian vineyards lying up to 100km inland of the Pacific.

Red Wines

- 159 **Zinfandel, Beyer Ranch, Wente Vineyards, Livermore Valley, California, 2020** 53.00
(76% Zinfandel, 16% Tempranillo, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec) Suitable for Vegetarians
The Beyer Ranch has historically been a premier location for Zinfandel. The wine was estate grown in the Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay. This Zinfandel has aromas of raspberry, cherry, vanilla and strawberry jam. Medium tannins, and rich mouth-filling dark fruit flavours enhanced by a hint of oak, this wine exhibits a long-lasting finish.
- 165 **Pinot Noir, "Sleepy Hollow" Talbott Vineyards, Santa Lucia Highlands, 2018** 95.00
(100% Pinot Noir) Organic, Wine Spectator, Aug 2021 - 92 points, Wine Advocate, Dec 2022 - 93 points, James Suckling, Sept 2019 - 93 points
"Deep, brilliant scarlet. Expansive aromas of ripe red berries, potpourri and incense; baking spice and vanilla nuances build as the wine opens up. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering appealingly sweet raspberry, cherry and floral pastille flavors that display impressive depth as well as energy. Vibrant and seamless in texture, showing solid finishing thrust, repeating florality and well-knit tannins." *Vinous, Sept 2020 - 93 points*
- 197 **Zinfandel, 'Three Valleys', Ridge Vineyards, Sonoma County, 2021** 85.00
(65% Zinfandel, 26% Petite Sirah, 5% Syrah, 4% Alicante Bouschet)
"Drawing on fruit from ten Sonoma County vineyards, in 2021 Three Valleys presents a cornucopia of fruit in a classical blend that feels an exuberant family relation to Geyersville. It's ripe and rich in structure under all that fruit energy - black mineral tannins in the service of the fruit combining in dark chocolate and mushroom notes. All of it needs time to integrate, but even now, that tannins keep opening like a door to the land." *Wine & Spirits, March 2024 - 93 points*
"A broad-shouldered red, with potent structure but expressive blackberry, savoury dill and white pepper flavours that speed toward medium-grained tannins" *Wine Spectator, February 2024 - 92 points*
- 162 **Ulysses, Christian Moueix, Napa Valley, 2014** 250.00
(92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot/Cabernet Franc) Wine Advocate - 94 points, Decanter - 94 points
"The evolution of this wine has been phenomenal since I tasted it in barrel a year ago with the same black cherry, plum and citrus character but with a turn to orange leaf, dark Chinese tea, and mushroom. Full body, fine and velvety tannins with a touch of dust to the texture. So much chocolate and fruit undertones with forest floor and hints of tobacco, too. The mouthfeel and complexity are seductive. Better from 2022 but a joy to taste." *James Suckling - 98 points (Jan, 2018)*

White Wines

- 269 **'Morning Fog' Chardonnay, Wente Vineyards, Livermore Valley, 2020/22** 52.00
(98% Chardonnay, 2% Gewurztraminer) Wine Enthusiast - 89 points (2020 vintage), Wine Spectator - 90 points (2022 vintage)
Bright and crisp flavours of pear, melon, citrus and green apple are balanced by subtle hints of toasty oak, and vanilla from barrel aging. With mouth-filling body, lingering minerality and balanced acidity, this wine delivers a long, refreshing finish. Morning Fog Chardonnay is named for the morning coastal fog pushed by Pacific wind streams into the bowl of the San Francisco Bay and lured inland by Livermore Valley's unique East-West orientation.
- 268 **Riesling, Carmel Road, Monterey, 2014** 56.00
(96% Riesling, 4% Gewurztraminer)
The stony minerality and beautiful ripeness of fruit achieved by Carmel Road is attributed in part to the unique granite and pebbly subsoil of the vineyards. Grown in a cool climate like Monterey's, this unoaked Riesling displays bright, tangy apricot, papaya and lime flavors, often with a hint of white honeysuckle flower and vanilla bean, as well as a succulent, bracing minerality. Crisp acidity balances and brightens the slightly sweet finish.
- 267 **Viognier, McManis, River Junction, Central Valley, California, 2022** 48.00
(100% Viognier) Wine Enthusiast - 89 points
Classic Viognier aromas of peach and apricot with a hint of fresh pear. A rich velvety texture - an ideal choice for those looking for more body in their wine without oak. The fruit promised on the nose follows onto the palate with mineral hints and these pleasing properties linger in the finish and fade to a faint mineral note.
- 271 **Chardonnay, Lucia by Pisoni, Estate Cuvée, Santa Lucia Highlands, Ca., 2022** 95.00
(100% Chardonnay) Wine Enthusiast, June 2023 - 92 points, Wine Spectator 2023 - Top 100 Wine of the Year
"The 2022 Chardonnay Estate Cuvée comes from a mix of the Pisoni and Soberanes vineyards and spent 12 months in 30% new oak. It doesn't have the overt power or complexity of the Soberanes Vineyard, yet it brings a vibrant, pure, beautifully balanced style in its ripe stone fruits, toasted bread, white flowers, and blanched almond-like aromas and flavors. I love its overall profile, and it has nothing out of place; its acidity is nicely integrated, and it has outstanding length. It's another brilliant 2022 to drink over the coming 4-6 years." *Jeb Dunnuck - 94 points*
- 270 **Sauvignon Blanc, Cakebread Cellars, Napa Valley, California, 2021** 74.00
(99% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Sémillon/Viognier/Verdejo) Suitable for Vegans
"Our 2021 Sauvignon Blanc opens with aromas of fresh sweet citrus, grapefruit, and melon before revealing complex notes of green pear, freshly cut hay, and stony minerality. Light-bodied and elegant on the palate, a beautiful through line of bright, citrusy acidity defines the wine with vibrant flavors of ripe melon, grapefruit, and citrus zest before the smooth, refreshing finish." *Cakebread Vineyard*

SOUTH AMERICA

It is Easy to morph Chile into one massive, illogical generalization about a country which spans some 2610 miles north to south. There is a massive diversity in terms of geology and topography but also in climate. Between desert to the north and ice fields in the south. The viticultural zones are protected, to a degree, by the Andes to the east and the Pacific to the west: from the ocean come the effects of a very particular, cooling current known as the Humboldt. As a result, the wine-growing regions are not as hot as one would expect and the temperature variation between day and night is broad – all of which contributes to the potential for quality and intensity of flavour.

Argentina is now the fifth largest wine producer in the world. Vast plains of vines bask in almost endless sunshine, irrigated naturally by melted snow from the Andes. These fertile conditions together with an enormous amount of investment in the last decade, with the building of state of the art wineries, new equipment, replacing huge oak vats and vines being planted at ever higher altitudes, between 700m and 1400m above sea level (Ben Nevis is 1344m) - the great advantage is day and night temperature variation, allowing for a longer growing period, all resulting in wines of greater quality, consistency and potential.

Red Wines

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| 188 | <p>Cabernet Carmenere, El Campesino, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2022 30.00</p> <p>El Campesino red wine is a juicy Cabernet Sauvignon/Carménère blend that combines dark smoky black fruit, vibrant palate and ripe tannins to deliver an approachable red wine perfect for any occasion. Campesino is a tribute to the farmers who toiled the ancient Colchagua Valley after the conquering Incas introduced agriculture in the 15th century.</p> |
| 153 | <p>Malbec, Marchiori & Barraud, Mendoza, Argentina, 2023 45.00</p> <p>(100% Malbec) Suitable for Vegetarians</p> <p>The winery uses traditional winemaking techniques combined with modern technology to create rich and intense wines that showcase the character of each bottle. The winery has received recognition for its efforts and is considered one of the top producers of Malbec in Argentina. The Marchiori & Barraud Malbec is known for its deep ruby color, intense fruit flavors of blackberry, plum, and spice, and its smooth tannins, making it a well-rounded and enjoyable wine to drink. 'Bittersweet and completely unlike most Argentine Malbecs. This has lift and transparency. Exciting!' Jancis Robinson, 100 Best Reds for Christmas 2023</p> |
| 160 | <p>Finca Mirador, Achával Ferrer, Mendoza, Argentina, 2010 130.00</p> <p>(100% Malbec) Suitable for Vegans Wine Advocate – 95 points, Wine Spectator – 94 points, Stephen Tanzer – 91 points</p> <p>"The vines in Finca Mirador were planted half in 1928 and half in 1942, the latter pruned double-Guyot. The 2010 Finca Mirador is from the Medrano sub-region, originating from heavier, clayey soils and aged in new French barrels for 16 months. The nose is more expressive than the Finca Bella Vista with cassis and blueberry aromas imbued with a sorbet like freshness and vivacity. After 20 minutes, there is an estuarine, oyster shell scent emerging. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins and a surprising sense of reserve and sophistication that could probably show Bordeaux a few lessons in restraint! It draws you in to its complexity and its precise, delineated finish of black currant pastille, sea salt and crushed stone that lingers long in the mouth. This is an outstanding Argentinean Malbec." Robert Parker, Wine Advocate – Sept 2012</p> |
| 156 | <p>Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva, Perez Cruz, Valle del Maipo Andes, 2022 48.00</p> <p>(91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Syrah, 3% Carmenère, 2% Petit Verdot) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>A very smooth, juicy Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon with fresh vibrant notes of blackcurrants and intense notes of ripe red fruits that are enhanced by vanilla, black pepper and nuances of wild herbs and mint. Creamy and concentrated on the palate, with a nice grip delivering velvet texture.</p> |
| 155 | <p>Pinot Noir, Sibaris Gran Reserva, Underraga, Valle de Leyda, Chile, 2023 36.00</p> <p>A silky Pinot Noir bursting with fruity aromas of Morello cherry and strawberry, layered with nuances of fresh herbs. Notes of juicy pomegranate, strawberry and cherry envelop a smooth palate with smooth tannins, gentle oak and a deliciously long finish.</p> |
| 189 | <p>Shiraz, Puertas Antiguas, Luis Felipe Edwards, Valley Central, Chile, 2022 30.00</p> <p>This fruity 100% Shiraz has been blended specially for Luis Felipe Edwards, one of Chile's leading family-owned wineries. Made from a special selection of the producer's best sites in the Valley Central, This ripe, soft-textured Shiraz bursting with black fruit, violet notes and a hint of peppery spice offers the right amount of fruit, spice and tannins.</p> |
| 154 | <p>Quimera, Achával Ferrer, Mendoza, Argentina, 2013 82.00</p> <p>(50% Malbec, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc) Suitable for Vegans, James Suckling – 90 points</p> <p>"Sourced from a diversity of places in the province of Mendoza, the 2013 Quimera is a blend of different red grapes, a mixture that is more or less constant across vintages. The wine matures in brand new 160 litre French oak barrels, the winery were surprised that smaller barrels gave more expressive fruit. Santiago Achaval says the barrels work well up to three uses, and he thinks it's because the juicy wines from Mendoza have a stronger demand for aeration and the wine benefits from a higher ratio of wood-to-wine because of how much oxygen the wine demands. The nose has no trace of wood, and it's eminently floral. The palate has electric acidity, acid strawberries, it makes you salivate, makes you long for the next sip. Simply delicious. The best Quimera I've tasted." Wine Advocate - 93 points</p> |
| 195 | <p>Petit Verdot, Bodega Ruca Malen, Mendoza, Argentina, 2019 44.00</p> <p>(100% Petit Verdot) Suitable for Vegetarians</p> <p>Deep ruby in colour, bursting with aromas of intense black berries, baked plum and violets. A full bodied, well-structured palate with concentrated, juicy black fruit, liquorice notes and ripe, round tannins. All combining to give a rich, long and smooth finish. Pioneering winery Ruca Malen deliver an intense and luscious wine, one of the very few examples of 100% Petit Verdot in Argentina.</p> |

White Wines

- 260 **Sauvignon Blanc, Casa Felipe, Valley Ventral, Chile, 2023** 29.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc)
Crisp, aromatic and refreshing, from Chile's Valle Central. Enjoy it with seafood and salads.
"This vibrant Sauvignon Blanc was blended specially for us by Luis Felipe Edwards in a new, exciting partnership. It offers citrus fruit aromas and herbaceous notes over a soft, creamy texture." *Corney & Barrow*
- 266 **Riesling Reserva, Pacifico Sur, Valle de Casablanca, Chile, 2018** 28.00
Fresh, perfumed aromas are complimented by notes of grapefruit, peach and apricot. The palate develops round citrus and apple flavours leading into subtle notes of nectarine and caramel. Complex and smooth with good acidity creating a dry mineral finish. The grapes are hand-harvested in order to preserve the highest quality. After fermentation, the wine spends 2-3 months aging on fine lees to create additional structure and depth of flavour.
- 263 **Torrontés '1300', Andeluna, Uco Valley, Argentina, 2023** 39.00
(100% Torrontés) Suitable for Vegetarians, Certified Organic Wine Enthusiast - 84 points
The grapes were grown in vineyards located in Tupungato, at over 1,300 metres above sea level. The area is characterised by its wide diurnal temperature range, which produces grapes with a great intensity of colour and a distinctive aromatic expression. Delightful aromas of jasmine, peach, pear and grapefruit combine with flavours of tropical fruits, citrus and a touch of spice in this refreshing and aromatic wine
- 296 **Voignier, Puertas Antiguas, Luis Edwards, Valley Central, Chile, 2022** 29.00
(100% Viognier) Suitable for Vegan
This fruity, fresh Viognier was blended specially for Corney & Barrow by Luis Felipe Edwards, one of Chile's leading family-owned wineries. Made from a special selection of grapes from the producer's best sites in the Valle Central, this wine bursts with flavours of stone fruit over notes of jasmine and hazelnuts, culminating in a fresh, long finish.
"Aromas of white peach, with subtle notes of pear and jasmine. A vibrant, elegant wine great as an aperitif or with food."
- 294 **Chardonnay, Gran Reserva, Viña Echeverria, Curico Valley, Chile, 2022** 35.00
(100% Chardonnay) Suitable for Vegans
The vineyard is located in Molina in the Curico Valley at an altitude of 243 metres. It is situated on the 35th parallel south, between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Intense sunshine is tempered by cooling sea breezes, allowing the grapes to achieve outstanding fruit aromas and exceptional colour concentration. The warm dry days and cold nights encourage a long growing season, which is ideally suited to produce healthy vines and grapes. This charming and elegant Chardonnay has intense primary aromas of apricots and peaches, complemented by notes of vanilla and toffee. Rich yet fresh on the palate, it has a balancing acidity and flavours of dried fruit and pineapple, which carry through to a long finish.

AUSTRALIA

Australia's wine industry has been phenomenally successful in the last 30 years and today is the world's fourth largest wine exporter, with wines sold in over 100 countries. Australia was the first of the 'new world' wine producing countries to understand how to appeal to modern wine drinkers, with its inexpensive, easy-drinking, wine styles. Its innovative strategy of producing and labelling wines according to grape variety proved highly popular and saw Australia steal valuable market share from traditional producing countries France, Italy and Spain. However there is more to Aussie wine than fruit bombs (however appealing!) The astonishing array of high quality, characterful wines now emerging from Australia's diverse wine regions is testament to the efforts of its talented viticulturalists and winemakers and their pursuit of quality and finesse.

New South Wales accounts for a quarter of Australia's wine production, and is divided into sub-regions with varying microclimates. The warm, humid Hunter Valley north of Sydney has developed a reputation for iconic premium wines from small wineries.

South Australia produces almost half of Australia's wine. Its varied geography gives a diverse range of microclimates yielding many different grapes and wine styles. The hot, irrigated Riverland region produces bulk wines, while premium wines are produced in areas nearer the Indian Ocean, such as the Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley and Coonawarra. Victoria is one of Australia's oldest wine regions and enjoys renown for premium wine regions such as Heathcote, Rutherglen and the Yarra Valley.

Western Australia. Close to the city of Perth and 30km from the ocean, Margaret River is Western Australia's key wine sub-region. Focused on quality, Margaret River produces just 3% of Australia's wine, but 20% of its premium wine.

Tasmania. the island off South Australia, is fast emerging as one of Australia's key cool-climate regions. Its sunny, breezy Tamar Valley wines offers fresh, elegant Riesling and Pinot Noir.

Red Wines

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| 174 | <p>Shiraz, The Southerly, The Lane Vineyard, S. E. Australia, 2020</p> <p>(100% Shiraz) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>A Shiraz with unmistakeable depth, character and freshness. Deep garnet with purple hues, the nose shows vibrant red and black berries, violet perfume and sweet spice. The silky palate is deep and earthy with juicy black plums, sweet blueberry, shades of mocha and menthol freshness.</p> | 37.00 |
| 193 | <p>Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Berton Vineyards, Coonawarra, 2019</p> <p>(100% Cabernet Sauvignon) Suitable for Vegans.</p> <p>The aromas are powerful and complex with a wealth of fruit ranging from ripe blackcurrant and blackberries with hints of fresh tobacco and chocolate mint. The rich and harmonious palate displays abundant flavours of blackberry and dark cherry, underpinned by fine toasty French oak and defined by a soft yet dense tannin profile.</p> | 44.00 |
| 170 | <p>Cabernet/Merlot, Woodlands, Margaret River, Wilyabrup Valley, 2019</p> <p>(64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>Expressive red to black currant and mulberry scents flood the nostrils trailed by some vanillin cedar, tobacco, hints of spicy black olive and bay leaf. Combining richness with a refined feel the palate features spicy red to black currant and mulberry fruits over a back drop of dusty vanillin cedar, tobacco and bay leaf. The tannins have a polished feel yet provide plenty of underlying structure. Concludes long and savoury. 'Very attractive currant and blackberries with some hazelnut and mushroom undertones. Medium-bodied with firm and polished tannins and a savory and delicious finish. Beautiful Bordeaux blend.' <i>James Suckling – 93 points</i></p> | 54.00 |
| 180 | <p>Shiraz, The Lane Vineyard, Adelaide Hills, 2021</p> <p>(99% Shiraz, 1% Viognier) Suitable for Vegetarians, James Halliday – Winery voted 5/5 Red Stars, James Halliday – 92 points</p> <p>The Lane Shiraz Viognier is a delicious, old-world style Shiraz-Viognier, borrowing winemaking techniques from France's Rhône Valley. Grapes are sourced from The Lane's younger vines, and the wine is made by co-fermenting Shiraz with a dash of white Viognier grapes. The result is a wine which is supple and seductive, with white pepper and black fruits from the Shiraz and lifted aromatics and silky texture from the Viognier.</p> | 48.00 |
| 184 | <p>Little Tacker GSM, Barossa Boy, Barossa Valley, 2018</p> <p>(58% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre) Suitable for Vegetarians</p> <p>'Well made with plenty of personality, this GSM is a blend that you can faithfully keep going back to time and again. It evolves wonderfully building a moreish presence as it softens and delivers a gracious evenhandedness. There are some really good GSMs around and this is one of them. Dense and deep, dark chocolate and earth are never far away from the action. Raspberry fruit is laced with fine spices. Some boysenberry and blueberries muster up the courage to rise up later along with some pan juices and char. Interest swerves and weaves about with absolute ease. Firm dusty and black tea tannins imprint on the mid-palate with delicate sheets of exotic spice running long into the night.' <i>qwinereviews.com – 93 points</i></p> | 59.00 |
| 173 | <p>Merlot, Katnook Estate, Coonawarra, 2014 (93% Merlot, 4% Shiraz, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon)</p> <p>Deep plum red and purple with very light garnet tinges. Attractive combination of dark berry fruits complemented by subtle light oak. Ripe plum with earthy forest floor fruit aromas persist. Underlying spice and light oak tones are very nicely integrated. A smooth and generous palate structure that is pleasingly soft with ripe plum and savoury fruit. Subtle earthy and light spicy qualities add complexity. Abundant middle palate flavour, balanced acid and soft tannins to enhance the lingering finish.</p> | 67.00 |
| 172 | <p>"Woodcutter's" Shiraz, Torbreck Estate, Barossa Valley, 2020</p> <p>(100% Shiraz) Suitable for Vegans</p> <p>Full of freshness and bright youthful fruits, the 2020 vintage of Woodcutter's Shiraz possesses no small amount of exuberance and personality. Aromatic plum and black cherry with dark chocolate and intensity, yet refined. The balanced palate has a round central core of black and blue fruit that gives way to a complex mid-palate. While offering immense pleasure in its' youth, the 2020 Woodcutter's Shiraz will certainly develop into an impressive wine with a few more years in the cellar. A fantastic introduction to the Torbreck range.</p> <p>The name Woodcutter's stems from when Torbreck founder David Powell spent several years working in the Scottish Highlands as a lumberjack or woodcutter in the Torbreck forest.</p> | 70.00 |

White Wines

- 287 **Apostrophe, Stone's Throw, Larry Cherubino, Western Australia, 2017** 38.00
(76% Riesling, 13% Gewürztraminer, 10% Chardonnay, 1% Sauvignon Blanc)
Stone's Throw here refers to the short distance between the Riesling and Gewürztraminer vineyards across the Great Southern that provide the bulk of the fruit for this easy, juicy white. Pure-fruited and elegant with just enough acidity to refresh, the palate shows lemon fruit, lychee and jasmine notes with a lightly spicy finish. An exotic but not overwhelmingly intense food wine.
- 295 **Riesling (Dry), Pewsey Vale, Eden Valley, Southern Australia, 2021** 51.00
(100% Riesling) unoaked, Suitable for Vegans
"A very fresh, piercing nose of sliced lemon with plenty of sweet perfume, too. The palate is similarly intense and vibrant with white stone-fruit and lemon flavors, delivered in an impressively intense and balanced mode. *No. 1 Top 100 Value Wines of 2021*." *James Suckling – 96 points (June 2021)*
"I lived in the Eden Valley for a decade and we used to call this wine 'Eden Valley San Pellegrino' which gives some indication of both our consumption and its appeal. Crunchy Granny Smith and Bickford's lime characters with hints of Christmas lily, crushed quartz, soft spice and fresh fennel tops. Dry, pristine fruit and a cracking acid cadence, it's a great EVSP release from a strong vintage." *James Halliday – 93 points (August 2022)*
- 281 **Drover's Hut Chardonnay, Nugan Estate, Riverina, S. E. Australia, 2016** 43.00
(100% Chardonnay) Unoaked, Suitable for Vegans
Darren Owers, Nugan Estate winemaker, does not enjoy big buttery, oaky chardonnays'. So they pick their fruit at night to preserve the crisp and bright aromatics and flavours which are present when the fruit is cooler. Ripe melon, quince and nectarine aromas show very good focus, with sweet butter, honeysuckle and lemon zest notes adding complexity. Taut and light on its feet, offering energetic citrus and orchard fruit flavours plus suggestions of chalky minerals and sea salt. Finishes with very good cut and mineral-driven persistence, leaving a subtle floral quality behind.
- 278 **Gathering Sauvignon Semillon, The Lane Vineyard, Adelaide Hills, 2019** 61.00
(72% Semillon, 28% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans, Bronze Medal – IWC 2021
"A gently oaked Sauvignon Semillon displaying complex aromas of lemon myrtle, blackcurrant leaf and gunflint. A tightly structured palate of grapefruit, gooseberry and mandarin zest with excellent natural acidity, minerality and length." *James Halliday – 96 points*
"Its' wines like The Lane Gathering that remind me of how great Australian wines can be when you buy from smaller, boutique wineries. A blend of aromatic, zesty Sauvignon Blanc laced with creamy Semillon, it's classic Bordeaux style but at a fraction of the price." *Camilla Nash, Corney and Barrow*
- 293 **Hen and Chicken Chardonnay, Larry Cherubino, Pemberton, 2020** 47.00
(100% Chardonnay) (Allergens: Sulphites, Milk, Eggs)
Aromas of melon, citrus and minerals, follow through on the palate. A creamy mouthfeel, with a generous palate structure and a clean acid backbone. Complex flavour profile, with stone fruit, melon and citrus complemented by savoury components of minerality and toasty nuttiness. A long clean finish. Named 'Winery of the Year' in James Halliday's 2011 Wine Companion.
- 431 **Pinot Gris, Block 2, The Lane Vineyard, Adelaide Hills, 2018** 45.00
(100% Pinot Gris) Organic, James Halliday – Winery voted 5/5 Red Stars
Warm sunny days give perfect conditions for ripening the grapes, giving rich textures with hints of pear and delicate spice. Similarly, cool clear nights preserve natural acidity giving the wine poise, lovely freshness and clean mineral finish. A bouquet of floral quince, bergamot pear, wild bush honey. Leading to a palate of intense juicy pear, nectarine, rose water, supple mouthfeel with clean cinnamon spice finish. Pure fruit and minerality. No oak.
- 279 **St. Andrews Chardonnay, Wakefield Estate, Clare Valley, 2019** 84.00
(100% Chardonnay) Decanter World Wine Awards – 90 points (January 2021)
There aim is to craft a wine of delicacy and finesse that will age well. The nose has ripe stone fruit aromas along with hints of tropical fruit and subtle citrus zest. Enticing sweet spice, cashew nut and a vanilla oak lift add complexity to the bouquet. Palate: This is a medium-bodied yet sumptuous wine with an enjoyable creaminess to the midpalate. Flavours of juicy white fleshed stone fruit are evident along with cleansing citrus at the finish which has wonderful persistence and length from the use of quality French oak.
- 280 **Vat 1 Semillon, Tyrrell's Wines, Hunter Valley, 2015** 75.00
(100% Semillon)
"From old, dry-grown vineyards dating as far back as 1923, hand picking and sorting eliminated botrytis, leaving a pure display of citrus fruits headed by lemon, with lime and grapefruit also in the mix, all framed by hallmark acidity. A wine in its infancy, its' best years a long way into the next decade and beyond." *James Halliday – 95 points, Oct 2016*
"This is a strong edition of Vat 1, from a warm and dry season. The nose is all classic lemon and light toast with very attractive purity. The palate is teflon-like, smooth and sleek. So polished and so pure with pristine lemon flavors. Long and fresh. Drink or hold." *James Suckling – 96 points, Oct 2020*
- 272 **Chardonnay Art Series, Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, 2019** 145.00
(100% Chardonnay) Wine Advocate – 98, Vinous – 96 points
"Gloriously perfumed, pure and precise, with heady lily opening up. Softly smoky, slow-burn oak suffuses the palate without detracting from the classic, fresh-cut and succulent poached pear, with firmer al dente pear skin and a touch of custard apple sweetness. Lanolin, cinnamon and lemon puff biscuit bring texture and nuance. Terrific length, poise and intensity, with lingering fruit and perfume. Archetypal Art Series." *Decanter – 98 points (May, 2022)*

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's wines have soared in popularity in recent years, with jet-set Kiwi Sauvignon Blanc as the most popular. While New Zealand's signature Sauvignon style continues to impress, there is far more here to tempt wine lovers. Delicious white wines include spicy Pinot Gris and mouth-watering Riesling, while New Zealand Chardonnay can rival France's top white Burgundy. Red wines like the silky Pinot Noir are also attracting attention from the worlds' toughest wine critics. Although the famous Marlborough wine region on the South Island is renowned for its sassy Sauvignons, the wine regions of New-Zealand span almost the entire length and breath of the country.

The North Island can boast such areas as Martinborough at its' southern end, Hawkes Bay to the east and Auckland to the north.

The South Island offers Marlborough in its north-eastern most corner, Nelson in the north-west and Canterbury and Central Otago in the cooler south.

Yet despite such varietal and regional diversity, New Zealand's wines display a common theme, marrying exuberant 'new world' flavour with stylish 'old world' elegance.

Red Wines

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| 176 | <p>Pinot Noir 'Tuatara Bay', Saint Clair Family Estate, Marlborough, 2021</p> <p>(100% Pinot Noir) Suitable for Vegetarians</p> <p>Juicy red fruits aromas dominate with notes of sun-ripened raspberry combined with blackcurrant leaf, dried herbs and hints of spice. Vibrant flavours of fresh raspberries and ripe red cherry are balanced with a good acidity and a touch of oak and spice. Round and full with a long, savoury finish.</p> | 43.00 |
| 175 | <p>Cabernets/Merlot, Awatea, Te Mata, Hawkes Bay, 2010</p> <p>(42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot)</p> <p>"Dark ruby-red colour with purple hues, lighter on edge. This has a tightly bound and elegantly sized nose with fresh, lifted, dark red berry fruits with red floral perfumes increasing in intensity with air time. Medium-bodied and an elegant wine in proportion, lively, bright and lusciously juicy raspberry and ripe redcurrant, plum and blackberry flavours unfold. The palate is one of finesse and fine-grained textures, a fine line guiding the fruit, with acidity adding real freshness and energy. The finish is moderately long, with notes of oak cedar showing." <i>Raymond Chan - 18.5/20 points</i></p> <p>Awatea takes its name from the historic ship SS Awatea (a Maori word meaning "Eye of the Dawn") that sailed the Auckland – Sydney – Wellington route in the late 1930s. The Awatea was requisitioned as a troop transport in WWII and was sunk off Algeria in 1942.</p> | 90.00 |
| 181 | <p>Pinot Noir, Eradus, Awatare Valley, Marlborough, 2022</p> <p>(100% Pinot Noir) Suitable for Vegans Sam Kim, Wine Orbit – 90 points</p> <p>Har and Sophie Eradus emigrated from Holland in the early '80s and settled in Marlborough. Today there are twelve hectares, the most impressive of which are planted on undulating, stony terraces along the Awatare river valley. Closer to the ocean than much of the wine region, the Awatare's warm days, cool nights and dry, sunny climate are key to the luminous flavour intensity, elegant minerality and fresh acidities of Eradus' distinctive wines. Sourced from the Brêloft Vineyard, the nose blossoms in the glass, compact at first but gradually evolving a very floral scent: rose petals augmented by tart cherries. Good definition. The palate is medium-bodied with vibrant acidity. Strong black cherry notes, complemented by a touch of citrus fruits and dried apricot.</p> | 52.00 |
| 178 | <p>Syrah, Elephant Hill, Hawkes Bay 2017</p> <p>(100% Syrah) Suitable for Vegans, Sam Kim- 93 points, 5 stars</p> <p>2017 was a challenging year for the whole of the Hawke's Bay wine industry. At Elephant Hill however they believe in maximising their input to achieve the best possible in any one season. With a 'no holds' barred approach their belief is that they can still produce superior quality wines which typify the season, all be it at much lower volumes.</p> <p>The 2017 Syrah is made from grapes off their Gimblett, Te Awanga and Bridge Pa Triangle Vineyards. All the grapes were gently de-stemmed, pressed and aged for 18 months in 25% new French oak. The wine was bottled on 27th March 2019.</p> <p>Full bodied, yet elegant on the nose with ripe berry notes and subtle minerality. A complex palate of floral, berry and spice notes, perfectly balanced with soft tannins and a lingering finish.</p> | 64.00 |
| 179 | <p>Pinot Noir, 'Bannockburn', Felton Road Wines, Central Otago, 2021</p> <p>(100% Pinot Noir) Suitable for Vegans James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, October 2022 – 93 points</p> <p>The Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2021 has a classic Felton Road nose of dark blossoms, rose and violet with a compote of dark fruits. Black cherries and cream on the nose and cherry crumble on the palate with baked spices. The fruit from Felton Road's four vineyards (Elms, MacMuir, Calvert and Cornish Point) delivers appealing diversity of aroma and flavour, along with multiple layers and textures. This wine is deliciously approachable and will just get better with time.</p> | 110.00 |

"Alluringly scented pinot noir with a heady mix of floral and cassis aromas. Intense wine with a medley of cherry/berry characters that gradually unfold as the wine sits in the glass. The seamless texture impresses as does the balance between fruit sweetness and fine-grained tannin. Deliciously approachable, but no rush. This wine just keeps getting better and better." *Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, Aug 2021 – 96 points*

White Wine

- 298 **‘Ana’ Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, 2022** 39.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans
Named after winemaker Michiel Eradus’s daughter, Ana. Could be described as a typical Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with cut grass aromas, gooseberry flavours and refreshing citric acidity. Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc at its best - zesty, crisp, simultaneously herbaceous.
- 297 **Riesling, ‘Adam, Who?’, Burge Estates, Eden Valley, 2023** 51.00
(100% Riesling) Suitable for Vegans
Aromatic nose of white peach and citrus blossom. Ripe pear and honeydew melon give way to a lingering, refreshing orchard fruit finish, with underlying slatey minerality. An expert balance between sweet fruit flavours and lemon/lime acidity.
- 284 **‘Old Coach Road’ Chardonnay, Seifried Estate, Nelson, 2022** 44.00
(100% Chardonnay) Unoaked
The Chardonnay fruit for the Unoaked Chardonnay is a blend of fruit from their our Rabbit Island, Redwood Valley and Brightwater vineyards. The Unoaked Chardonnay is clean and varietal with tropical fruit notes on the nose. The palate is broad and generous, with flavoursome melon and breadly characters. A soft lingering finish leaves you wanting another sip.
- 285 **‘Aotea’ Sauvignon Blanc, Seifried Estate, Nelson, 2023** 59.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Suitable for Vegans Bob Campbell – 93 points
Aromatic and fresh Sauvignon Blanc - flavours were encouraged prior to vintage through careful canopy management. The fruit was de-stemmed and pressed immediately after harvest and a cool fermentation was initiated in stainless steel tanks to retain the clean, fresh aromatic fruit characters. – *Winemakers Notes*
The Seifried Estate Aotea Nelson Sauvignon Blanc is an exquisite New Zealand white wine, renowned for its refreshing zesty flavours and fragrant bouquet. The palate enjoys lush layers of guava, passionfruit and gooseberries, elegantly coupled with a poised acidity. Crafted in the Nelson region, its maritime climate and mineral-rich soils lend unique complexity and depth. A brilliant golden hue captivates the eyes, while the nose is greeted with invigorating citrus and tropical nuances. Aotea is not only a testament to the Seifried family’s dedication to quality winemaking since 1973, but also a sublime embodiment of New Zealand’s exceptional terroir.
“Pristine and fabulously aromatic, the wine shows rockmelon, Granny Smith apple and kaffir lime aromas, leading to an intensely flavoursome palate offering terrific power and persistency. Bright, pristine and delicious” Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, July 2023- 94 points
- 276 **Viognier, ‘Origin’, Saint Clair, Gimblett Gravels, Hawke’s Bay, 2021** 42.00
(96% Viognier, 3% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Pinot Gris) Suitable for Vegans
An elegant wine displaying prominent notes of peach, apricot kernel and fragrant orange blossom laced with impressions of spice. Rich and textured on the palate, this complex Viognier delivers flavours of apricot, burnt orange, savoury pastry and French fruit tart. A weighty mid-palate leads to a subtle spicy note on the finish.
- 292 **Grüner Veltliner, Tinpot Hut, Awatare Valley, Marlborough, 2017** 55.00
(100% Grüner Veltliner)
Bright yellow with golden hue in colour together with delicate aromas of orange blossom, citrus and stonefruit blend with hints of white pepper and sweet floral honeysuckle. Grüner Veltliner is a very textural wine with a lovely full mouthfeel. Flavours of white peach mingle well with the subtle peppery spice notes. Mineral complexity, which is so reflective of the Blind River sub region, gives this wine a clean and crisp appeal. The balance of the fruit, acidity and phenolics work very well together and lead to a long dry finish.
- 291 **‘Sea’ Sauvignon Blanc, Elephant Hill, Hawke’s Bay, 2019** 70.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) Unoaked Bob Campbell - 95 points
Earth, Sea and Stone’ are a range of limited edition, world-class wines designed to reveal the purest characters of Elephant Hill’s three unique vineyards in the Hawkes Bay region. This is a project of ‘terroir’ and each wine is the fruit of a single site or single blocks, a single grape variety from a single year. The South Pacific Ocean neighbouring the Te Awanga Estate vineyard is the inspiration for the growing of Elephant Hill ‘Sea’ wines.
“An exceptional expression of Sauvignon Blanc, from the coastal Te Awanga vineyard. Subtle aromas of green herbs and perfumed alphonso mango, with a waft of saline. The palate shows crystalline fruit purity with a fine and fresh finish.”
- 290 **Te Koko Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, 2016** 95.00
(100% Sauvignon Blanc) James Suckling – 93 points
Flavours of grapefruit and white nectarine display a fresh counterpart to the richer notes of lemon curd and beeswax. Tightly focused with a taut entry. The finish is an amalgamation of nectarine, glacé fruit and a subtle smoky oak complexity. Floral characters linger in the background.
“Te Koko” is a rich and modern expression of Sauvignon from Marlborough, in New Zealand, fermented and aged for 9-12 months in barriques.

PUDDING WINES

		<u>70ml</u>	<u>125ml</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
FRANCE				
096	Château Coutet, Barsac, 2017 (37.5cl) Wow. Fabulous focus and intensity to this wine with energetic sweetness and long, linear quality through the center palate. Orange-peel, lemon and peach undertones. Fresh finish. <i>James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, January 2020 – 96 points</i>	12.50	21.75	65.00
356	Coteaux du Layon, 1^{er} Crû, Chaume, Domaine des Forges, 2018 (75cl) A dried fruit nose with notes of toasted almonds. In the mouth, a good intensity with candied fruit aromas accompanied by the typical honey notes we expect from this appellation. Not lusciously sweet, so ideal to accompany blue cheeses or simple fruit desserts.	6.75	11.00	53.00
ITALY				
364	Nivole, Moscato d'Asti, Chiarlo, D.O.C.G., Piedmont, 2020 (37.5cl) Only 5% alcohol makes it particularly light and soft on the palate. Fragrant, intensely fruity bouquet, offset by musky notes, and a suggestion of effervescence in the texture.	5.25	9.25	26.50
366	Castello di Brolio, Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Tuscany, 2006 (50cl) (90% Malvasia di Toscana, 5% Canaiolo, 5% Sangiovese) Robert Parker – 93 points Amber yellow colour with gold reflections. The nose offers intense aromas of orange and apricot jam with hints of honey, chestnut purée and almonds. The palate is reminiscent of toasted almonds, amaretto, nuts and dried figs. Generous wine with a persistent finish.	-	-	48.00
353	'Florus' Moscadello di Montalcino DOC, Castello Banfi, Tuscany, 2016 (50cl)- (100% Moscadello) The base of 85% of the wine from the vintage year shown on the label is then blended with 15% of the same wine from the previous vintage which had been aged in French oak barriques for one year. Its colour is rich and golden with a flowery and exotic bouquet. The palate is sweet, full and warm with hints of honey, raisins and exotic fruits.	-	-	30.00
HUNGARY				
358	Tokaji 5 Puttonyos, Royal Tokaji Wine Co. 2017 (50cl) <i>Wine Spectator, 2021 – 93 points, Wine Enthusiast, 2022 – 93 points</i> At first, botrytis, apricot, orange peel and honey hit the nose, followed more explicitly by the fig, with wood and smoky notes flashing up. Rich palate of orange and notes of botrytis, is then swept by apricot with a citrusy aftertaste. Mint also appears with its cooling and refreshing effects. It is not the sweetness, but the rich aromas that add up to the extremely long finish.	10.50	19.00	69.00
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA				
350	Elysium, Black Muscat, Andrew Quady, 2021 (37.5cl) A great Californian speciality, ripe cherry and summer fruit flavours with a delicious creaminess, almost 'port-like'.	7.50	13.50	40.00
355	Essensia Orange Muscat, Andrew Quady, 2021 (37.5cl) Very sweet with potent flavours of tangerines, apricots, honey, butterscotch and vanilla. Crisp acidity provides clean balance.	7.50	13.50	40.00
CANADA				
359	Vidal Icewine, Southbrook, Pelee Island, 2023 (37.5cl) Intense wine with flavours of lychee, mango, nectarine and peach with hints of gingerbread and honey. Hand harvested at -8°C.	9.95	18.00	56.00
SOUTH AFRICA				
369	Noble Late Harvest, Nelson Estate, Paarl, 2018 (100% Semillon) (37.cl) Golden straw in colour with intense aromas of dried apricots, peaches and hints of pineapple on the nose complimented by delicate honey flavours on the pallet. The wine is full, but not cloying sweet due to the crisp acidity and it finishes with a long lingering aftertaste. Ideal when served chilled on its' own, but also a great partner to strong cheese and fruity desserts.	8.50	14.50	42.00
GERMANY				
440	Hattenheimer Pfaffenberg Riesling Spatlese, Schloss Schonborn 2017 (75cl) "Something of a "no-brainer", pure Riesling fruit and elegance in a glass. This takes a very much "come hither" stance, with an evocative nose, bristling with freshness. Shades of honeyed peach dominate the nose and palate which reveal hints of spice, herbs and stony minerals. Mellow and refined, this is low in alcohol and high on impact – a delight" – <i>Corney and Barrow</i>	7.00	12.00	55.00
NEW ZEALAND				
361	Noble Riesling, Godfrey's Creek Reserve, Saint Clair, Marlborough, 2023 (37.5cl) Noble Riesling is a delicious dessert wine that is only made in certain vintages, when the season has facilitated the extra hang time the grapes require for the growth of botrytis. This is a wonderful complex dessert wine, with a bouquet of poached apricot, candied citrus and white clover honey. Opulent and silky on the palate with rich orange, lemon and cocoa notes leading to a long, smooth finish. Perfect with blue cheese or fruit desserts.	8.50	14.50	42.00

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINES

SPARKLING

- 470 **Noughty Sparkling Chardonnay, Thomson and Scott** 29.00
(100% Chardonnay)
On the palate, you'll recognize the familiar green apple and citrus zing typical of cooler climate chardonnay styles, with a hint of stone fruit. The acidity carries all the way through from front to back and helps elongate the light finish. The texture is soft and creamy, definitely more in the crémant style than traditional fizzy 'champagne'.
- 471 **Noughty Sparkling Rosé, Thomson and Scott** 29.00
(100% Tempranillo)
The grapes are sourced from organic vineyards and fermented in stainless steel. To remove the alcohol, an advanced technology called vacuum distillation is used. Thomson & Scott Noughty sparklers have become real game-changers in the world of alcohol-free wines. Zero alcohol does not equal zero flavour. These are beautifully aromatic wines, with an intense effervescence. The Rose is elegant, harmonious and bursts with aromas of ripe strawberries and shows a great balance of subtle sweetness and vivid freshness on the palate.
- 472 **Wild Idol Sparkling White** 45.00
(100% Müller-Thurgau) IWSC, 2022 – 90 points
Extremely bright, fresh, and naturally alcohol-free wine, Wld Idol has a beautiful pale straw hue and is bursting with zesty green apples and aromas of white peach and honeyed melon, finished with soft, fine bubbles.

STILL WINES

- 473 **Natureo White, Torres, Spain** 28.00
(100% Muscat)
Made entirely from Muscat, the wine is fermented and then de-alcoholised carefully to preserve the full aromas and characteristics of the grape variety; fresh green fruits, peach and a touch of citrus with floral undertones on the finish. Crisp and refreshing.
- 474 **Natureo Red, Torres, Spain** 28.00
(Garnacha/Syrah)
After a classic winemaking process in which the grapes are harvested and then fermented, an aromatic wine is obtained. The alcohol is then carefully removed, thus preserving its full aroma and flavour. A classic Spanish red wine with 0.0% alcohol and less than half the calories of a normal wine. For those who want to enjoy all the flavour of wine with the minimum of alcohol. Intense and sensual, with exquisite blackberry aromas and a touch of spice. Soft, supple, and delicious on the palate.
- 475 **Natureo Rosé, Torres, Spain** 28.00
(Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah)
The wine is initially fermented and then de-alcoholised to produce a full flavoured and aromatic low alcohol Rosé. Light raspberry pink in colour, there's a crisp acidity balanced with vibrant cherry and strawberry fruits finishing with slight note of sour candied.

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RED WINE

- 118 **Pommard, 1er Crû, “Les Rugiens” Lucien Le Moine, 2013** (100% Pinot Noir) 147.00
“The 2013 “Les Rugiens” has a refined bouquet with bright red cherries and fresh strawberry fruit. The palate is quite sappy in the mouth, not complex, but nicely focused and more about the texture than the nuance at the moment. There is a dash of white pepper on the finish that completes this decent Pommard to enjoy over the next decade.” *Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, June 2015, 89-91 points*
- 182 **Old Vine Grenache, Big Rivers, Simon Hackett, McLaren Vale, 2020** 35.00
(100% Grenache)
Born in the Barossa Valley, Simon Hackett grew up in an agricultural family before starting in the wine trade at the age of 18, and establishing his own boutique winery in 1984. This juicy red has fragrant strawberry, red cherry, hints of chocolate, cinnamon and earthy aromas. On the palate there are sweet cherry, plum and mulberry fruit flavours wrapped up in a soft silky mouthfeel.

WHITE WINE

- 299 **Păsări Chardonnay/Fetească Regală, Cramele Recas, Transylvania, 2021** 30.00
On 24th February, Romanians celebrate the arrival of Spring, when birds (Păsări, in Romanian) build their nests and people gather for festivities dedicated to love and nature. This white wine is a blend of Romania’s flagship white grape, the silky and perfumed 'Fetească Regală', with the rich stone fruit and yellow grapefruit of Chardonnay.

MAGNUM BOTTLES – Red Wine

- 457 **La Côte aux Enfants, Grand Crû, AC Coteaux Champenois, Bollinger, 2009** 195.00
(100% Pinot Noir) Antonio Galloni, Wine Advocate – 91/94 points
La Côte aux Enfants is a great red wine from the legendary Aÿ plot: a pure Pinot Noir, the combination of an exceptional plot and a highly skilled Burgundy winemaking method which is very rare in the Champagne region. La Côte aux Enfants comes from a steep, small 70 acre plot just outside Aÿ which Jacques Bollinger himself reconstituted patiently, at the beginning of the 20th century, from over 50 differently owned plots. An intense ruby colour, the nose delivers notes of cloves, pepper and truffles along with sweet spices like vanilla and cinnamon. Cherries, kirsch and prunes are evident on the palate and hints of floral rose. A very distinctive red wine with a velvet like texture and subtle balance.

Within the wine list we have listed where it is known, wines that are organically grown or wines that are suitable for our Vegetarian or Vegan guests, below is a simple explanation of each.

Vegetarian or Vegan Wine

To know whether a wine is a vegetarian or vegan, you need to look at how the wine is clarified (or fined) to remove the solid particles that would otherwise make it cloudy. The substances used for this process can be derived from many sources, some of which come from fish and animal, some from dairy products and some from clay or synthetic substances. Certain producers do not fine their wines at all while some choose just to filter. Strictly speaking, such substances are no longer found in the wine at all after clarification, but the fact that they have had contact with the liquid may be important to some people.

If a wine is fined with the following, it is suitable for vegetarians and vegans:

Bentonite (clay base)
PVPP (polyvinylpolypyrrolidone) – a synthetic substance
Use of tangential filter
No fining

If a wine is fined with the following, it is suitable for vegetarians but not vegans:

Casein (milk)
Albumen (eggs)

If a wine is fined with the following, it is not suitable for vegetarians or vegans:

Gelatine Isinglass (fish swim bladder)

Organic Wine

If we are to be absolutely accurate, the term organic wine does not have a legal or technical basis. What we refer to as organic wines are wines produced by organic viticulture. All organic agriculture involves very strict control over any treatments used in the vineyards, avoiding synthetic treatments, chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers. Stripped to its essentials, the transformation of cultivated grapes to must, using natural yeast, is an organic process. It was Man's efforts to grow grapes more efficiently, more successfully, which moved away from a wonderful, natural simplicity, thence to a growing number of interventions. Although very much to the fore today, the philosophies underpinning organic viticulture date back to the early twentieth century and the German philosopher Rudolf Steiner. Steiner introduced the idea that man, playing a part in the harmony of the cosmos, must strike a balance in seeking higher production.

Subsequently for our guests who are concerned about sulphites: - pick up a bottle of wine in the UK and you will find a statement on the label declaring 'contains sulphites'. This is to protect a small number of people, such as asthmatics, who may have an allergic reaction. Sulphites are a natural product of fermentation, so all wines contain a limited amount.

However sulphites also exist in wine through the use of sulphur dioxide (SO₂) during the wine making process. SO₂ is a strong antiseptic but is also used to protect grapes and wine from microbial attack; in addition it has antioxidant properties. Red wines require less SO₂ than white wines, but look out for Organically and Bio-dynamically produced wines which only contain very small amounts.