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Our terms and conditions are as follow

1. PRICES

Prices are quoted duty paid and delivered Jersey and are subject to alteration without prior notice to reflect major currency fluctuations and changes in duty.

2. BREAKAGES

All goods should be examined at the time of delivery and must be notified within 24 hours of delivery. Damaged bottles and packaging should be kept for inspection please.

3. RETURNS

Wine will only be credited if it is returned within two weeks of the purchase date. Claims for 'Out-of-condition' wine will only be accepted if it is proven that the wine has been stored in satisfactory cellar conditions.

4. RISK AND TITLE TO GOODS

The goods shall remain the property of the seller (Dunell's Ltd.) until the goods have been paid for in full and all other sums including any balances existing settled in full. Although the goods remain the seller's property until paid for, the risk in such goods shall pass to the buyer upon delivery. The buyer shall insure the goods against loss or damage and keep them separate. The customer shall be entitled to resell or use the goods in the ordinary course of business, but shall account to the supplier for the proceeds of the sale until payment is made in full.

5. INSOLVENCY

The buyer's right to possession of the goods shall cease if the buyer is declared bankrupt or makes any voluntary arrangement with his creditors or goes into liquidation or an encumbrance takes possession or a receiver is appointed in respect of the buyer's business or the customer ceases to carry on business or Dunell's Ltd. reasonably considers that any of the above are about to occur.

6. CREDIT TERMS

Payment, in full, by the 20th of the month following the month in which the goods were invoiced. We reserve the right to withdraw credit facilities on overdue accounts and charge interest at the rate of 2% per month.

Champagne

France - Champagne

Non-Vintage

A.R. LENOBLE Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc N.V. Bottle £26.95

+
This champagne exhibits a creamy white Burgundy-like nose of pineapples and tropical fruits. Concentrated, light to medium-bodied, dry, pure and fresh. Excellent as an aperitif or with light foods such as shellfish, fish or even cold desserts. This Champagne should be drunk chilled but not iced.

THE WINE ADVOCATE 92 points - 'The Domaine A.R. Lenoble proved to be an exciting discovery. As I have frequently written, one of the more positive developments in Champagne is the number of small domains that are getting recognition for the high quality of their selections'

BERNARD ROBERT a Voigny Brut 'Cuvee de Reserve' N.V. Bottle £20.95
(BLUE LABEL) fr1 #

The Robert family own 30 hectares of vineyard situated around Voigny and six other communes in the north of the Aube region. The soil is chalk and limestone, the average age of the vines is 30 years and the vineyards are planted to 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Chardonnay. Every bottle is aged a minimum of 3 years prior to disgorgement. Their Champagnes are crisp, stylish and classic and develop richness with bottle age. The description our team thinks best describes this delicious Champagne is - It is like a 'Baby Bolly' with lovely rich, yet balanced creamy honey notes on the mid palate and finish.

BERNARD ROBERT a Voigny Brut 'Cuvee de Reserve' N.V. £159.95
Jereboam (30ocl)

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BOLLINGER Brut 'Special Cuvee' N.V. Bottle + £38.95
Bollinger makes wines of real depth and power. This is a traditional Champagne, with a yeasty nose, crisp acidity and a rich, full-bodied palate.

G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Bottle in Gift Box With 2 £24.95
Mumm Flutes

The flagship wine from the house of Mumm possesses a brilliant yellow golden colour, and the bubbles are lively, intense, and light. The bouquet is fruity with initial notes of peaches, pears, and green apples followed by flavors of candied lemon and ripe apricots. On the palate this cuvée reveals a delicate freshness followed by the power and full-bodied character of pinot noir. A long aging provides additional flavours of vanilla, roasted nuts and a hint of toast. A result of the carefully chosen infusion of terroir and reserve wines, the finish is long. Imparting to the finish is lightness from Chardonnay, fruitiness from Pinot Noir and roundness provided by Pinot Meunier. "A toasty version, rich and creamy, with vanilla, hazelnut and citrus notes weaving through the rich texture..." Presented with 2 beautiful Mumm Champagne Flutes. An ideal gift!

G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Bottle \$@ £22.95

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G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Jereboam (30ocl) £169.95

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France - Champagne

Non-Vintage

G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Magnum £49.95

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G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Methuselah (60ocl) £329.95

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G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rouge' N.V. Quarter (2ocl) £9.75

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G.H. MUMM Mumm de Cramant N.V. Bottle £41.95

First made in 1882, Mumm de Cramant has stood the test of time due to its alluring elegance and timeless style. Sourced from a single vineyard within the famous village of Cramant in the Cotes de Blancs it is made from 100% Chardonnay grapes this fantastic Champagne has fresh lime, lemon and grapefruit flavours on its incredibly complex and elegant palate. Melt in the mouth bubbles and a lingering, graceful finish. Perfect with rich, full flavoured fish dishes, appetisers, goats cheese or salads garnished with toasted nuts.

GALLIMARD Brut Cuvee Reserve 'Les Riceys' N.V. Bottle £20.95
12%Alc \$@

An attractive fruity nose, with aromas of exotic fruit In the mouth, it is supple, pleasant, aromatic and very well-balanced; the mousse is fine and long lasting. On any occasion, this Blancs de Noir will bring extra joy to all your moments of great happiness. 2005 Brussels - GOLD MEDAL

GALLIMARD Brut Cuvee Reserve 'Les Riceys' N.V. Half + £10.95

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GALLIMARD Grande Reserve Chardonnay N.V. Bottle £24.95

+
This Champagne is made from 100% Chardonnay grapes. Light gold in colour with a fine mousse. You will succumb to the smell of fresh almonds and fresh brioche.

J.P. ROBERT Brut Reserve N.V. Brut Half £11.95

LAURENT PERRIER Brut L.P. N.V. Bottle £33.95

While champagne shows the character of a specific harvest, non-vintage brut exemplifies the style of a particular House. Freshness, elegance and balance, all of which are typical of Laurent-Perrier's wines, are found in the Brut L-P year after year. The colour is a pale golden hue, with fine and persistent bubbles. The nose is fresh and delicate, showing good complexity with its hints of citrus and white fruit. With its elegant style, Brut L-P has led the way in making champagne the ideal apéritif. Perfectly balanced, with crisp flavours and finesse, it is also an ideal companion for fish, poultry and white meat.

Champagne

France - Champagne

Non-Vintage

LOUIS ROEDERER Brut Premier N.V. Bottle + £28.95
 Brut Premier is the embodiment of Louis Roederer style, combining all the fruitiness and freshness of youth with the vinosity of a fully mature wine. This is a structured and elegantly mature wine, with a lively attack and a smooth palate. Blend: 56% Pinot Noir, 34% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Meunier, including 10% of reserve wines from three former harvests, aged in oak casks for 2-6 years. Tasting notes: a golden colour with fine bubbles and a nose of fresh fruit and hawthorn. Smooth, complex palate mingling flavours of white-fleshed fruit (apple and pear) with red berries (blackberries, raspberries, cherries) and notes of toast and almonds. A pleasurable wine, deliciously smooth and mature.
 Choice of food: Brut Premier is excellent as an aperitif but also readily accompanies light entrées based on fish or shellfish.

MAGENTA Brut N.V. Bottle + £18.95
 A pale gold champagne with an elegant mousse. The nose is fresh, fruity and sweet with notes of plum and raspberry jam and hints of dried flowers, warm brioche and honey. It is fresh and soft on the palate with fruity raspberry and strawberry flavours a hint of brioche. With a delicious lemony finish, this champagne is perfect as an aperitif.

MERCIER Brut N.V. Bottle + £22.95
 In 1970 Maison Mercier merged with Moët & Chandon, and then, in 1987, joined the LVMH group - France's leading luxury goods specialist.
 Straw yellow colour. Its nose is dominated by seeded white fruits which blend with notes of freshly baked bread. The high proportion of Pinot Noir grapes is expressed in a palate of ripe apple and pear aromas which climax in a delightfully fresh finish. Brut cuvee is the reference for the house style, reflecting the vivacity, fresh aromas and fruity notes which are the Mercier trademarks.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut 'Be Fabulous' Bottle with Swarovski Crystals and Gift Box £43.95
 The flagship of Moët & Chandon since 1869, Brut Impérial is the most accomplished and universal expression of its style. It reflects the diversity and complementarities of the three champagne grapes and the richness of the region's best vineyards to reveal the magic of the world's most loved champagne. Lively and generous, Brut Impérial distinguishes itself by a bright fruitiness, a seductive palate and an elegant maturity, that continually seduce and delight. Its aromas are radiant, revealing bright white-fleshed fruits (apple, pear, white peach), citrus fruits (lemon), floral nuances (lime blossom) and elegant blond notes (brioche and fresh nuts). The palate is seductive, richly flavourful and smooth combining generosity and elegance, fullness and finesse, followed by a delicately fresh crispness (fruit with seeds), to reveal the magical balance of champagne.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut 'Imperiale' N.V. Magnum £64.95
 Probably the world's most famous champagne house. A champagne house is judged on the quality of its brut n.v champagne and this is always elegant, deep and rich on the nose with good balance and texture. Excellent as an aperitif.

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 Brut Impérial is an extremely accomplished assemblage of over 200 crus, creating a perfect balance of the three champagne grape varieties (30% to 40% Pinot Noir, 30% to 40% Pinot Meunier, 20% to 30% Chardonnay). The use of 20% to 30% of carefully selected reserve wines complete the assemblage and enhance its maturity, complexity and consistency. Its aromas are radiant, revealing bright white-fleshed fruits (apple, pear, white peach), citrus fruits (lemon), floral nuances (lime blossom) and elegant blond notes (brioche and fresh nuts). The palate is seductive, richly flavourful and smooth combining generosity and elegance, fullness and finesse, followed by a delicately fresh crispness (fruit with seeds), to reveal the magical balance of champagne.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut 'Impérial' N.V. Half £17.95
 Probably the world's most famous champagne house. A champagne house is judged on the quality of its brut n.v champagne and this is always elegant, deep and rich on the nose with good balance and texture. Excellent as an aperitif.

PERRIER-JOUET Grand Brut N.V. Bottle @ £29.95
 Perrier-Jouet's reputation as one of the top houses comes from the sheer quality of its Grand Brut and they are justifiably proud of its long track record, as they were the very first house to make a "Brut" champagne back in 1854.
 PJ Grand Brut has a pale but luminous golden yellow colour with lively, gracious bubbles. Fleeting floral aromas with warmer notes, dominated by green apples, pineapple and white peaches. On the palate it is impetuous with cheerful vitality that floods the palate and is sustained by a persistent stream of sprightly bubbles, rich flavours of fresh butter, brioche and shortbread reach a natural balance.

PERRIER-JOUET Grand Brut N.V. Half £16.95
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France - Champagne

Non-Vintage

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PHILIPPONNAT Brut Royale Reserve N.V. Bottle £29.95
 Drawing on the historic tradition of Philipponnat in the region of Ay and Mareuil-sur-Ay, Royale Réserve takes advantage of the rich and powerful Pinot Noir grapes from the southern side of the Montagne de Reims, which always makes up the majority of the blend.
 With three years' ageing, Royale Réserve is quite sufficiently mature, yet remains crisp and therefore is a perfect aperitif. Its vinosity also makes excellent matches with white meat, cold cuts, poultry and fish.

RENE GEOFFROY 1er Cru 'Expression' Brut N.V. Bottle #+ £26.75
 The perfect balance of the three Champagne grape varieties: 50% Meunier, 40% Pinot Noir and 10% Chardonnay. Mature and fragrant, its expressive bouquet releases beautiful aromas of apple compote, ornamented with hints of vanilla. The first impression in the mouth is full of finesse, with full fruit flavours. In the finale, a superb freshness. This Champagne is ideal as an aperitif and for cocktails or with flaky pastry entrées, such as vol-au-vents.

RUINART 'Blanc de Blancs' N.V. Bottle 12%alc £46.95
 Discovering Ruinart is an entry into the universe of the oldest Champagne House. A House which, since 1729, has created its cuvées in the same exacting spirit of purity, luminosity and elegance... characteristic of the Ruinart taste.
 Blend: Chardonnay (100%) Luminous pale gold colour, with fine, light bubbles that rise in a delicate, long-lasting line. On the nose there is fresh fruit (mostly citrus) combined with aromas of white flowers & white fruits (peach). This is a very attractive Blanc de Blancs, pure distinct & clear-cut. Evolves in the mouth, fluctuating between freshness, suppleness & fullness. Delightful with seafood, grilled sole or sashimi with white fish.

RUINART 'R' de Ruinart Brut N.V. Bottle 12%alc #+ £36.95
 We are delighted to have Ruinart Champagne available at Dunell's. Discovering Ruinart is an entry into the universe of the oldest Champagne House. A House which, since 1729, has created its cuvées in the same exacting spirit of purity, luminosity and elegance... characteristic of the Ruinart taste.
 The R de Ruinart range is made up of a skilful blend of wines made from the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. "R" de Ruinart is a golden, lively, fruity champagne with the subtle aroma of white fruits which make it an excellent aperitif or the ideal accompaniment for a meal at which champagne is the only wine served. Perfectly balanced, fresh. Extremely long finish. The full extent of its aromas will be brought out by a subtle, sophisticated dish such as lightly sautéed scallops or sole meunière. Blend: Chardonnay (40%) & Pinot Noir grapes (60%)

RUINART 'R' de Ruinart Brut N.V. Magnum £85.95
 We are delighted to launch Ruinart Champagne at Dunell's. Discovering Ruinart is an entry into the universe of the oldest Champagne House. A House which, since 1729, has created its cuvées in the same exacting spirit of purity, luminosity and elegance... characteristic of the Ruinart taste.
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VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut 'Yellow Label' N.V. Bottle @ £31.95
 The dominance of Pinot Noir gives this wine the strong structure typical of the 'House Champagne', while a slight touch of Pinot Meunier adds roundness. Chardonnay gives it the elegance and finesse it needs for perfect balance. The use of reserve wines which have been stocked year by year is one of the secrets of the 'Carte Jaune' production and it is well appreciated by wine connoisseurs. Excellent as an aperitif because of its finesse, freshness and length. Full-bodied, it goes well with freshwater fish and delicate sea fish.

VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut 'Yellow Label' N.V. Half £17.95
 The dominance of Pinot Noir gives this wine the strong structure typical of the 'House Champagne', while a slight touch of Pinot Meunier adds roundness. Chardonnay gives it the elegance and finesse it needs for perfect balance. The use of reserve wines which have been stocked year by year is one of the secrets of the 'Carte Jaune' production and it is well appreciated by wine connoisseurs. Excellent as an aperitif because of its finesse, freshness and length. Full-bodied, it goes well with freshwater fish and delicate sea fish.

VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut 'Yellow Label' N.V. Magnum £66.95
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Champagne

France - Champagne

Non-Vintage

VEUVE CLICQUOT Demi-Sec 'White Label' N.V. Bottle £31.95

This Demi-Sec is blended largely from Pinot Noir with Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier as well as reserve wines. The liqueur d'expédition carefully prepared and dosed with 45 g per litre, gives it a sweeter yet still very fresh harmony. It is at its best when served with desserts. You could even serve it in a carafe, not to decant it but to admire the colour and the delicate bubbles of this elegant wine.

Non-Vintage Rose

G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cordon Rose' N.V. Bottle \$+ £29.95

This is a complex, fresh, yet powerful blend in which the Pinot Noir stands out. At 60% of the blend it not only colour, but also strength and personality. Pinot Meunier (18%) contributes all its liveliness and fruitiness, whilst the finesse and elegance of the Chardonnay (22%) gives this its final balance. The nose has rich, intense aromas in which red fruit characteristics stand out - the slight presence of caramel and vanilla are a reminder of the Cordon Rouge influence. On the palate the attack is lively and perfectly balanced, reflecting the strong personality of the Pinot Noir; flavours of strawberry, redcurrants and toast come to the fore, whilst the finish is dry and refreshing. Try with salmon and brown bread for a bit of a cliché, though Eton Mess and boudoir biscuits would be a kinky combination also...?

GALLIMARD Brut Rose N.V. Bottle + £24.95

Didier Gallimard owns 10 hectares of prime vineyard on the steep slopes around Les Riceys in the Southern Aube. His vines average 20 year's old and the vineyards which are of chalk and limestone are planted to 100% Pinot Noir. His wines are full, rich and offer enticing aromas and flavours of exotic summer fruits.

LAURENT PERRIER Brut Rose N.V. Bottle @ £49.95

An immensely successful Champagne - big and vinous. Made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes from this champagne gets its glorious pink colour and rounded red fruit flavours from a process known as 'saignee' in which the skins of the grapes are left in contact with the juice for three days. Laurent-Perrier's Cuvee Rose not only makes a delicious aperitif but is also a good match for a variety of different dishes, particularly puddings. This champagne has a superb raspberry colour with orange and copper highlights and the bubbles are fine and lively. Essentially a fruity style with aromas of gooseberries, raspberries, red apples, cherries and wild strawberries. Some mineral/chalky notes mingle with subtle hints of brioche. A lively, fresh attack.

MERCIER Brut Rose N.V. Bottle + £24.95

Mercier makes a fine quality rose champagne, well balanced and delicate. Mercier is the best selling brand on the French market, and is produced by Moët et Chandon. This Champagne is made from a blend of Pinot noir 60% Pinot Meunier 40% grapes. Intense black fruit aromas are confirmed on the palate with rich ripe fruit & sustained throughout the length.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut Rose 'Imperiale' N.V. Half £22.95

Rosé Impérial is the most extrovert and seductive expression of the Moët & Chandon style. Lively and generous, Rosé Impérial distinguishes itself by a radiant colour, an intense fruitiness and flamboyance on the palate, that instantly seduce and delight. The aromas are intense and irresistible, a lively bouquet of fresh red summer berries (strawberry, raspberry and red currant) with floral nuances (rose, hawthorn) and a light peppery touch. Recommend with grilled shellfish, red-fleshed fish in a thin-sliced carpaccio, grilled or pan-seared, red meat (raw to lightly cooked) in a light sauce, delicious, sun-ripened vegetables and fresh red berries.

MOËT & CHANDON Brut Rose 'Imperiale' N.V. Quarter (20cl) £12.75

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MOËT & CHANDON Brut Rose 'Impérial' N.V. Bottle 12%alc £39.95

Rosé Impérial is the most extrovert and seductive expression of the Moët & Chandon style. Lively and generous, Rosé Impérial distinguishes itself by a radiant colour, an intense fruitiness and flamboyance on the palate, that instantly seduce and delight. Rosé Impérial's assemblage is built on the intensity of Pinot Noir (40 to 50%, 10% of which are red wine), the fruitiness of Pinot Meunier (30 to 40%, 10% of which are red wine) and the finesse of Chardonnay (10 to 20%). The aromas are intense and irresistible, a lively bouquet of fresh red summer berries (strawberry, raspberry and red currant) with floral nuances (rose, hawthorn) and a light peppery touch. Recommend with grilled shellfish, red-fleshed fish in a thin-sliced carpaccio, grilled or pan-seared, red meat (raw to lightly cooked) in a light sauce, delicious, sun-ripened vegetables and fresh red berries.

PERRIER-JOUËT Blason Rose Brut N.V. Bottle £44.95

The intense, luminous colour is salmon-pink with copper highlights. The abundant effervescence forms a fine, steady stream of bubbles. Elegant aromas of raspberries, wild strawberries and rose petals, the aromatic richness is reflected in a full, powerful, melting flavour which creates an impression of silk. Finally, hints of red fruits and tender flavours of citrus provide a pleasant freshness. The refined presentation of the bottle is in complete harmony with the delicate pink tint of the champagne, obtained by adding a small quantity of carefully selected red wine from Champagne.

France - Champagne

Non-Vintage Rose

PHILIPPONNAT Brut Rose Reserve N.V. Bottle £36.95

A non-vintage wine like the Royale Réserve, Réserve Rosée abides by the historic tradition of style at the House of Philipponnat. The majority of the blend comprises the rich and powerful grapes from the beautiful vineyards of Montagne de Reims in Ay and Mareuil-sur-Ay and its three year ageing process gives it a pleasant complexity without taking anything away from its freshness. This fine rosé is dry yet fruity with hints of strawberries, red currants, and candied mandarin. It makes a lovely accompaniment for smoked meats and fish, pork butchery, as well as desserts made with red berries, or simply on its own.

RUINART Rose Brut N.V. Bottle 12%alc #+ £46.95

Discovering Ruinart is an entry into the universe of the oldest Champagne House. A House which, since 1729, has created its cuvées in the same exacting spirit of purity, luminosity and elegance... characteristic of the Ruinart taste. Ruinart Rosé displays a sublime golden pink colour with a touch of coral, accompanied with extremely fine bubbles that rise to the top of the glass in a thin, firm line. The nose is fine, subtle and fresh, dominated by aromas of cherry and freshly picked berries. On the palate it is well balanced, fruity and fresh. This champagne owes its elegance and delicacy to its high percentage of Chardonnay (45%). A majority of Pinot Noir (55%), 19% of which is a red wine, provides a touch of fruity delicacy. Marries perfectly with the lively freshness of a gazpacho or even as a wonderful partner to red fruit soup as a dessert!

RUINART Rose Brut N.V. Half £25.95

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RUINART Rose Brut N.V. Magnum £92.95

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VEUVE FOURNY Rose 1er Cru N.V. Bottle fr1 @ £27.95

From hand-picked Pinot Noir grapes from Vertus Premier Cru, this cuvée is the fruit of the traditional Veuve Fourny methods: manual handling, long maceration... With a slight touch of Chardonnay, the Pinot Noir reveals its subtlety on the nose: red and black fruit, with a great freshness in the mouth. For your special moments.

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Vintage

G.H. MUMM Brut 'Cuvee R Lalou' 1998 Bottle £84.95

Champagne G.H. Mumm, now owned by Pernod Ricard, has launched its new prestige cuvee: Cuvée R. Lalou. The brand is currently undergoing a dramatic reinvention and the launch of this fine wine marks a coming out of sorts. The new terroir-focused bubbly takes its name from Rene Lalou, chairman of Mumm from 1939 to 1973. The rich, full-bodied wine is made of half pinot noir, half chardonnay grapes. It is produced in very small quantities and only with grapes sourced in the best years from up to twelve of the very best grand cru parcels within the Mumm vineyard. Only seven of these parcels were chosen for the 1998 vintage. It is available in only limited quantities and has not been bottled in magnums. So, by all means, put on your finest frock and bottoms up!

G.H. MUMM Brut Vintage 1999/2002 Bottle £38.95

With its predominance of Pinots Noirs from the best crus of the Montagne de Reims, subtly balanced the superb Chardonnays from the Côte des Blancs, this thoroughbred wine is intense on the nose, powerful and rich in the mouth. Cellar-aged for at least five years, this is a champagne to accompany gourmet food. Its potential for further ageing lends it further appeal to connoisseurs. The blend comprises: 68% Pinot Noir with eight crus: Aÿ, Avenay, Dizy, Bouzy, Verzenay, Verzy, Maily, Ambonnay - and 32% Chardonnay with four crus: Avize, Cramant, Trépail and Auger. In line with house style, it is the full-bodied Pinot Noir that dominates the blend (68%) with Chardonnay (32%) adding elegance and freshness. Pinot Noir, with dominant red berry notes, displays wonderful balance and structure with great ageing potential, which will allow the 2002 to mature gracefully for at least a decade. Food Pairing: A wine with complexity and structure, this can stand up to mature cheeses and richly sauced fish and poultry.

GALLIMARD Vintage 'Cuvee de Prestige' 2004*/05* Bottle £25.95

Made exclusively from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the Riceys region. This prestigious Cuvee has matured during 4 years in our cellars, which gave its own character of citrus, floral and buttery aromas with a gold yellow colour and fine bubbles. Honey and baked fruits fill the palate with such a great depth.

Champagne

France - Champagne

Vintage

KRUG Grand Cuvee N.V. Bottle £139.95
Indisputably the most majestic non-vintage cuvée, this is blended from 10 different vintages and 47 wines from 25 villages. The palate is dominated by honey and nuts with graceful acidity and a long finish. Aged 5-7 years on the lees.

KRUG Vintage 1998 Bottle £179.95
"Lemony tight on the nose. Very taut and some greenness but correct and more focused than, say, the 1995. More in the style of the 1996."
(Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com - Nov 08) 18/20. Wine Spectator 96 points.
"A very fine mousse. The nose is quite tight and requires some coaxing from the glass with slightly grassy aromas at first, but giving way to hints of yellow flowers, smoke, flint, a hint of wet pavement and morning dew. The palate has wonderful delineation upon entry, very natural and harmonious, like the Grande Cuvee exuding a sense of effortlessness. Touches of freshly cut lime, leading to a stony mid-palate with lovely focus and great poise. A spine tingling edgy finish with a touch of brioche on the lingering aftertaste. Tasted October 2008.
Score: 95 Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com, October 2008"

LOUIS ROEDERER Cristal Brut 2004 Bottle £146.95
Created in 1876, this is a Champagne at it's finest, as inspired today as it has always been, the embodiment of elegance and purity. Cristal is made according to the strictest criteria based on a drastic process of selection applying to the vintage, the cru, the village, the grapes and finally the wines. Only Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes from the House's 10 most celebrated crus are used in the production of this legendary cuvee. A favourite of the rich and famous. Brilliant clarity with delicate pale gold nuances, combined with an ultra-fine, persistent, soft effervescence. The immediate aroma is highly expressive of the elegance and precision of Chardonnay; white fruit, sweet pollen, fine citrus fruit and very pure minerality. The overriding impression is one of a true harmony of flavours, senses and silky textures...absolute sensuality.

MOET & CHANDON Dom Perignon 'Oenotheque' 1996 Bottle £249.95
1996 is famous as a high sugar, high acid Champagne vintage. Initially lauded as the best since 1990, maybe better, it is undergoing a slight re-appraisal at the moment, as with some of the white Burgundies. High acidity and a tendency to oxidise appear peculiar bed-fellows, but the phenomenon has been noted with one or two Champagnes. Not so, thankfully, the Oenotheque 96 from Dom Pérignon, now enjoying what Richard Geoffroy describes as its 'second plénitude' of development; that is to say the rich primary fruit from this 50/50 Pinot/Chardonnay blend is now taking on a biscuity, honied richness, with hints of tropic fruit, figs and hazelnut adding suitable complexity. Source bbr.com

MOET & CHANDON Dom Perignon 1999/2000 Magnum £249.95
Robert Parker.com "The 1999 Dom Perignon is a little flabbier than the 2000. Smoke, toastiness, tar and ripe fruit emerge from the glass in a generous, expansive style. The 1999 offers more body than the 2000 but the aromas and flavors are less well-articulated. This is a relatively simple Dom Perignon, yet the wine possesses outstanding balance and plenty of harmony. According to Chef de Caves Richard Geoffroy the warm vintage also resulted in relatively high yields, and the low-acid style is most reminiscent of the 1976. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2024." 93/100 points

MOET & CHANDON Dom Perignon 2002 Bottle + £104.95
"The 2002 Dom Perignon is at first intensely floral, with perfumed jasmine that dominates the bouquet. With time in the glass the wine gains richness as the flavors turn decidedly riper and almost tropical. Ripe apricots, passion fruit and peaches emerge from this flashy, opulent Dom Perignon. The wine's volume makes it approachable today, but readers in search of more complexity will want to cellar this for at least a few years to allow for some of the baby fat to drop off. Geoffroy describes the vintage as very ripe and adds that some of the Chardonnay showed the ill-effects of the hot growing season in it the somewhat burned, dehydrated fruit that came in that year. This bottle was disgorged in July, 2009. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2032 96 pts, Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate" Absolutely stunning!

MOET & CHANDON Dom Perignon with 2 Flutes in Presentation Box £114.95
Tasting Notes: The 2002 Dom Perignon is at first intensely floral, with perfumed jasmine that dominates the bouquet. With time in the glass the wine gains richness as the flavors turn decidedly riper and almost tropical. Ripe apricots, passion fruit and peaches emerge from this flashy, opulent Dom Perignon. The wine's volume makes it approachable today, but readers in search of more complexity will want to cellar this for at least a few years to allow for some of the baby fat to drop off. This wine was disgorged in July, 2009. Awards and credentials: jancisrobinson.com - "Really reaches every hidden cell of the palate. A very assured performance. LVMH at its very best!" 20/20 pts, Jancis Robinson

MOET & CHANDON Grand Vintage 2002 Bottle 12.5%alc £41.95
+
A superbly crafted vintage Champagne with luxurious honey and yeast flavours with just a touch of spice on its long, elegant finish. Though Moët's NV can be seen in just about every country in the world, it is with their vintage expression that this great house founded its quality reputation. The Grand Vintage 2002's release coincides with the launch of two collector's edition years from the winemaker, the 1975 and 1992. Cuvees are normally released after five years of ageing, but the chef du cave of the world's biggest champagne house. Sampling the Grand Vintage 2002, Decanter magazine's tastings director Christelle Guibert commented that the wine shows "beautiful development", with a complex yet well-balanced finish that has "amazing depth".

PERRIER-JOUET Brut 'Belle Epoque' 2002 GIFT BOX Bottle £89.95

France - Champagne

Vintage

PERRIER-JOUET Brut 'Belle Epoque' 2002/04 Bottle £79.95
This bottle holds Perrier-Jouet's most remarkable champagne and one of the world's best known prestige cuvees. The success story began with the discovery of a bottle designed by Emile Galle in 1902. The bottle was so strikingly beautiful that Perrier-Jouet resolved to fill it with a prestige champagne. The best grands crus from the Cote des Blancs, were blended to make a subtle, elegant, refined champagne.
The colour is a greenish-gold, reflecting a magnificent, crystalline brightness and in the glass it has fine, regular bubbles. On the nose it has soft notes of white flowers, honey and lemon married with the aromas of fresh fruits such as plums and pineapple. The flavour confirms the richness of the bouquet: initial freshness, light but strong and lively, with some subtle notes of honey and vanilla.

PERRIER-JOUET Grand Brut Vintage 1998 Bottle £48.95
This is a superb vintage champagne with all the freshness, elegance and finesse you'd expect from Perrier-Jouet. Rounded aromas compliment fruity flavours on a yeasty, citrus palate. A zing of lemon zest adds to a long, memorable finish.
Food Pairings: Drink slightly chilled on its own or pair with fresh crab.

PHILIPPONNAT Brut 'Clos des Goisses' 1992 Bottle £244.95
The Philipponnat family has been based in the Champagne region since the 17th century. Their history dates effectively back to 28th July 1697, when Pierre Philipponnat registered his coat of arms - chequered in gold and red - still the emblem of the house to this day. The Clos des Goisses is one of the steepest, most unique vineyards in Champagne. It also happens to produce, as Richard Juhlin says, "one of the world's foremost wines." The Clos des Goisses is a 5.5-hectare site situated in the very hard, deep chalk of the Marne, staring perfectly south. This is one of the steepest slopes in all of Champagne, with a 30- to 45-degree gradient. During the harvest, nets are put up to catch workers who lose their footing and tumble down the hill. This is why Peter Liem calls it, "Champagne's most renowned vineyard site."

PHILIPPONNAT Brut 'Clos des Goisses' 2000 Bottle £114.95
Belonging exclusively to Philipponnat, the Clos des Goisses is an exceptional vineyard of 5,5 Ha enclosed by walls, with an impressive gradient of 30 to 45°, facing full south, where Philipponnat produces the most powerful of Champagne wines.
Always vintage, very lightly dosed, this uncommon wine is characterized by incredible length and body, in which Pinot Noir characteristics predominate. A bright pale gold in the glass. A yeasty nose suggesting brioche and flaky pastry. On the palate very dry (the dosage is low) with a delicate richness and tight mineral structure. There are spicy oak hints and a pronounced nuttiness in the finish. A superb wine - elegant and poised. Drink with roasted lobster in a caraway-scented jus, oysters served on a bed of watercress with lemon butter or roast wild duck served with a quince puree.

PHILIPPONNAT Grand Blanc 2004 Bottle £43.95
Grand Blanc 2000 is a noteworthy exception in the otherwise Pinot Noir-dominated range of Philipponnat wines. While possessing vinosity and a creamy texture, it is true to the lightness and finesse of a great Blanc de Blanc.
Grand Blanc is a superb apéritif Champagne for beautiful occasions; it will also be a wonderful companion for all sea food, especially scallops, lobster and crayfish.

RUINART Dom Ruinart Brut 1998 Bottle £119.95
Made exclusively from Chardonnay grand crus (66% from the Côte des Blancs, 34% from the Montagne de Reims), Dom Ruinart is produced only in the very best vintage years.
A light golden colour with a hint of green highlights. The fine bubbles offer a lingering effervescence. In the mouth, this 1998 vintage displays a remarkable balance of freshness and smoothness, with a dominance of tropical fruit. The exceptionally delicate bubbles impart a very fine sparkle, further enhancing the harmony of the silky, lasting taste of this outstanding vintage champagne.
This Champagne combines perfectly with crab and grapefruit or tartar of sea bream with fresh lime.

SALON Le Mesnil 'Cuvee S' 1997 Bottle £199.95
ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (December 2008) 95 Points - 'The 1997 Brut Blanc de Blancs Le Mesnil possesses striking detail and depth in a surprisingly generous style for this wine. An inner core of perfumed varietal fruit emerges from the glass, along with expressive aromas of smoke, minerals, mint, flowers and licorice, all of which are woven together with extraordinary elegance. The finish is long, sweet and sublime. Everything about this wine speaks to elegance, but in 1997 Salon is also a pleasure to drink young, unlike the 1996 which remains painfully backward. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2027. Salon is one of Champagne's icons, and with good reason, as it is one of the most age-worthy, complex wines made in the region. At its best, Salon is capable of aging gracefully for decades, in fact, some vintages need a good 20 years before they begin to drink well! Salon is 100% Chardonnay from grand cru vineyards in Mesnil.

VEUVE CLICQUOT Brut Vintage Reserve 2002 Bottle £44.95
A blend of 59% Pinot Noir, 8% Pinot Meunier and 33% Chardonnay this wine shows a beautiful deep gold colour, with slight green hues. The sparkle is lively and persistent. On the nose it is expressive and complex with initial impressions of citrus, yellow fruit (peach, apricot, mirabelle plum) together with subtle dry fruit aromas (hazelnut, almond) and spices (cinnamon, vanilla, honey). In the mouth, it is very full and well structured. Richness and intensity are wonderfully associated. The remarkable balance means that this champagne will keep for an exceptional length of time. It is the perfect match for seawater fish (Bass, Turbot, John Dory).

Vintage Rose

Vintage Rose

A.R. LENOBLE Brut Rose 2004 Bottle + £26.95

Lenoble Vintage Rose is one of the very rare Rosés to combine elegance with the richness of red fruit aromas. The secret is a unique, highly original blend of 85% Chardonnay Grand Cru and 15% Pinot Noir Premier Cru vinified as a red wine. Made only in the years when Mother Nature has been generous enough to offer grapes in a very healthy state, their ROSE is always a vintage champagne. It has a delicate salmon-pink colour with fine bubbles and a light, lively mousse. Fruity and subtle on the nose with aromas of red fruit. Ample and rounded on the palate the attack is very fresh and then develops to reveal the wine's full aromatic range. This charming, refined, elegant wine makes an original aperitif. It can also be drunk with grilled salmon or desserts made with red fruit, such as sabayon, charlotte or fruit salad.

LOUIS ROEDERER Brut Rose 2004 Bottle £46.95

In the development of its rosé champagnes, Louis Roederer still uses the skin contact method leaving the black grapes to macerate in the wine press for several hours to extract the pigments from the must. The rosé wine is then usually left to age for a period of four years, plus an additional six months after disgorgement to ensure perfect maturity. This is a wine that touches all five senses: a glorious expression of the rich, creamy character of the Pinot Noir, bursting with heady aromas of flowers and fresh fruits, plus just a lick of toast and caramel. The Pinot's characteristic liveliness and structure are enveloped in succulence but remain perfectly intact. The bubbles are light and airy on the palate. Thanks to its structure and vinosity, Louis Roederer Brut Rosé is an excellent accompaniment to meals.

LOUIS ROEDERER Cristal Rose 2002 Bottle £375.00

The Cristal Rose 2002 is made from grapes grown and harvested entirely from Champagne Louis Roederer's 100 percent Grand Cru vineyards. In addition, the wine is created in the bottle and riddled by hand. The 2002 vintage from Champagne Louis Roederer is internationally acclaimed amongst the wine trade and press for its elegance, depth and aging potential. Intense, generous bouquet with predominant aromas of figs, raspberries and wild strawberries. An immense wine with great finesse. A succession of red fruit flavours lead to a lingering finish. It is soft and fresh, and distinguished by its silky elegance.

MOET & CHANDON Dom Perignon Rose 2000 Bottle £265.00

Mature notes of mushroom, corrupt cherry and forest undergrowth evoke an aged red Burgundy. Firm and medium-bodied, yet softening and with little effervescence, it fades by the finish, but the bouquet alone is worth the price of admission. Drink now.

WINE SPECTATOR 92 points

PERRIER-JOUET Rose 'Belle Epoque' 2002/04 Bottle £104.95

Cuvee Belle Epoque Rosé is Perrier-Jouet's emblem which has become one of the most esteemed prestige cuvees in the world. The transparency of the magnificent bottle, with its Emile Galle floral decor, reveals its attractive pink tints.

This is a delightful, gentle wine, with all the qualities of a great pink champagne that offers both roundness and vinosity: elegance, finesse, delicacy and subtle fruity aromas. An attractive, salmon-pink colour and fine, persistent bubbles. Very elegant aromas of red fruits: wild strawberries and redcurrants, with notes of honey and baked bread in the finish. On the palate it is well-balanced and sustained and its great complexity reveals excellent length and power, while retaining a certain delicacy and freshness.

Dessert Wine

Australia

N.S.W. Murray River

TRENTHAM Noble Taminga 2006 Half/ST [^] £7.95

Unlike many Australian sweet white styles the Noble Taminga is very much a 'fruit driven' wine without dominating botrytis characters or excessive sweetness. The wine displays lifted citrus and apricot aromas with balanced luscious sweetness and a dry soft finish. The Estate has been producing a Noble Taminga for over ten years and the aim is to capture the exotic fruit flavours of this variety, without too much over-riding botrytis character. The Taminga is beautifully complimented by a platter of Australian cheeses, dried fruit & nuts, citrus desserts like lemon tart and soufflés.

South, Adelaide Hill

D'ARENBERG The Stump Jump Sticky Chardonnay 2008 Half £6.45

The nose is packed with rich flavours of marmalade, cumquat, ripe peach and orange butter. The palate is unctuous with the cumquat character coming through and layers of yellow peach, butterscotch and a hint of green apple. The finish has a touch of lemon acidity with a lingering orange rind character.

The botrytis infected grapes were picked late in the season when fruit flavours were at an optimal point. The fruit is gently crushed and allowed to sit on skins for a short time. The must was then very gently basket pressed and the juice inoculated with a neutral yeast that would not dominate the fruit flavours but was capable enough to cope with the naturally high sugar levels. The fermentation is stopped, retaining unctuous sweetness.

South, Barossa Vall.

PETER LEHMANN Botrytised Semillon 2008/09 Half/ST £7.45

When Semillon grapes are left to hang on the vine to ripen fully, they not only develop a rich lusciousness and sweetness, but if weather conditions are right, they will be attacked by Botrytis Cinera". The resultant wine is a luscious late harvest style, with citrus and honey flavours enhanced by smoky oak overtones. It is delightful as an aperitif, a dessert wine, or as we often prefer, with a good cheese and fresh fruit. This wine has a deep gold colour with greenish tinges around the edge and soft citrus and apricot aromatics on the nose. Delicious luscious weight with ripe apricot characters coming to the fore. It is showing a superb balance between the natural grape sugar and acid and finishes long. Sipping superbly now, it will benefit from a further cellaring for a 4 - 8 years to allow the wine to further deepen and honey in the bottle.

South, Clare Valley

MOUNT HORROCKS Riesling 'Cordon Cut' 2009 Half £17.95

'Cordon Cut' refers to a unique, risky process that involves cutting the canes when the grapes are ripe, allowing the remaining fruit to concentrate and raisin naturally on the vine. This results in intense flavour and richness.

This wine is very bright pale yellow-lime in colour. It has lively perfumes of citrus, flowers, spice and honey that flow through to the palate. On the palate it captures the concentrated, pure flavours of the Riesling grape which combines lusciousness with the characteristic refreshing bite at the finish. This fresh acidity balances the lemony richness so it finishes clean and bright.

DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2008 - GOLD MEDAL 'Dry, zesty, honey nose. Very good acidity. Pure and honey palate. Intense and endless.'

South, Coonawarra

HOLLICK Botrytised Riesling 'The Nectar' 2008/10* Half £12.45

The 2008 vintage of 'The Nectar' saw extremely high levels of botrytis infection develop late in the season, resulting in an exceptionally complex and concentrated wine. Colour: Light golden hues with green tinges, which will fade as the wine develops, and the golden colours take over. Floral lifted aromas of dried apricot, and honey, intermingled with delicate orange peel and spice.

Flavours: Rich and luscious palate of concentrated apricots, and citrus fruit. Mouth-coatingly complex with a fresh and vibrant palate revealing undertones of lemon and mandarin. Serve chilled with paté, or try with fresh or dried fruits and a perfectly ripened soft cheese.

Austria

Burgenland

KRACHER Beerenauslese 2008 Half ~ £14.95

This is a sumptuous blend of Chardonnay and Welschriesling, aged partly in new oak. Honeyed and rich with stone and tropical fruits, it retains good acidity and is both long and complex. Stunning quality for the price.

Canada

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Niagara-on-the-Lake

PELLER ESTATES Cabernet Franc Ice Wine 2007 Half £36.95

Made of 100% Cabernet Franc. The aroma renders the boldness of ripe red berries with complex notes of spice and the sweetness of rhubarb. Once sipped, the reward is that of an explosion of luscious red berries, delicate, yet complex spice and rhubarb with a lingering finish reminiscent of fresh limes. Pairs well with red fruit based desserts and dark chocolate. Serve chilled at 8-10C. Colour: Cherry Red. Aroma: Boldness of ripe red berries, complex notes of spice and sweetness of rhubarb. Tasting Profile: An explosion of luscious red berries, delicate yet complex spice and rhubarb with the freshness of limes on the lingering finish. Food Pairing: Red fruit based deserts and dark chocolate.

PELLER ESTATES Vidal Ice Wine 2006/07 Half £26.95

Fermentation is performed at a cool temperature to retain fruit concentration. Delicate gold colour with an aromatic bouquet of lemon marmalade, caramelized oranges, golden pineapple and a touch of honey. A rich, medium to full-bodied wine with explosive flavours of honey, golden pineapple, star anise and brown sugar and butter. Colour: Golden Yellow. Aroma: Lemon marmalade, caramelized oranges, peaches and touch of honey.

Tasting Profile: Intense flavours of honey, lemon, star fruit, quince and brown sugar. Sweet citrus and star fruit linger on the finish.

Food Pairing: Soft cheeses, or spicy cuisine.

France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU CLIMENS Barsac 2005 Half £46.95

94(+) points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: " Good full golden-yellow. Musky, very fresh aromas of crystallized citrus peel, minerals and toasted bread. The palate offers incredible sappy concentration and a saline aspect, not to mention a penetrating quality rare for this fruit-driven year. In fact, this begins almost light, then builds inexorably toward the back, finishing with a tactile impression of extract and an extraordinary sweetness that almost reminded me of the Soudiraut that I tasted just before it. Should go on for decades."

CHATEAU CLIMENS Barsac 2006 Half £29.95

DECANTER ***** 'What a meticulously managed vineyard this is! Just how well Bérénice Lurton and her team did only became clear once I was at the UGC tasting. As usual, Bérénice had not assembled, so only permitted tasting at the château where I saw five lots, two of them 'micro assemblage' 2019. Overall, they showed great purity of fruit, exceptional length, richness and freshness, allied to great complexity and more homogeneity as between the lots than is usual. The average is 13.4 alc with 150 grams residual sugar, reflecting a vintage tendency for fermentations to finish with less alcohol and more sweetness than usual. One of the great Climens for sure. From 2012.'

CHATEAU CLIMENS Barsac 2007 Half £49.95

DECANTER MAGAZINE 5***** 'Bérénice Lurton refuses to submit a sample of a wine which is not the final blend, so I tasted nine different elements: two from the first trié or selection, three from the second trié, one third trié, one mixed assemblage from the first and third pickings, and one from the first and fourth. The impression was of an incredible mosaic of contrasting yet complementary elements, combining great concentration with beautifully unctuous textures and complex fruit flavours, often very honeyed; all marked by a glorious freshness and purity. Residual sugar levels are around 150g at present. It is hard to imagine much better wine than this.'

CHATEAU CLOS HAUT-PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2007 Half £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points 'The nose is still a little muffled at the moment (as evident by the separate tries tasted from barrel.) Remaining rather yeasty and closed. Apple, a touch of honey, perhaps a little earthy at this stage. The palate is more cohesive with notes of marmalade, dried lychee, a touch of peach and orange zest. The finish is a little disjointed - certainly more towards the marmalade end of the tasting spectrum rather than peach or honey. Good acidity, full of vigour on the finish. All the components here to make a great Clos Haut-Peyraguey. Drink 2010-2025. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2000 Bottle £36.95

***** A superb working of the natural botrytis phenomenon. The balance between acidity and alcohol is excellent. The wine is rich, fresh, complex, long, ample and fatty, marked by aromas and flavours of passionfruit.

DECANTER (2001) ***** 'Lovely lanolin fruitiness and citric freshness. On the palate it is very fresh, with good rich concentrated fruit and a very long flavour. This is classic Barsac style.'

CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2000 Half £18.95

***** A superb working of the natural botrytis phenomenon. The balance between acidity and alcohol is excellent. The wine is rich, fresh, complex, long, ample and fatty, marked by aromas and flavours of passionfruit.

DECANTER (2001) ***** 'Lovely lanolin fruitiness and citric freshness. On the palate it is very fresh, with good rich concentrated fruit and a very long flavour. This is classic Barsac style.'

CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2004 Half £13.95

JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points 'Mid copper. Serious botrytised wine on the nose with satisfyingly savoury notes. Rich and nuanced with extremely lively acidity and good length. Grownup wine. Long. A bit toasty.'

WINE SPECTATOR 89-91 points 'A balanced sweetie with dried lemon, honey and apple character on the nose and palate. Medium- to full-bodied and medium sweet, with a medium finish. Almost austere.'

Dessert Wine

France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2005 Bottle £34.95
 THE WINE SPECTATOR (James Suckling) 92-94 points - 'Intense aromas of honey, spice and candied lemons. Full-bodied, very sweet and dense, with a syrupy mouthfeel and a long finish. This is very concentrated. Almost classic quality.'
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CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2007 Bottle £37.95
 JANCIS ROBINSON 18.5 points 'Mid honeyed gold. Strong botrytis. Massive richness – real tingle factor and excitement. Long and very thorough and intriguing. Lots of development still to come. Still chewy. Energetic. Long. Drink 2018-35'
 ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points 'A fresh, lively, zest nose with touches of honey, frangipane and mango. The palate is very fresh and well-defined, viscous honeyed fruits, vibrant acidity and so much freshness on the finish. Harmonious and sophisticated, this is a lovely Coutet with long-term potential. Sublime. Drink 2010-2030. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU COUTET Barsac 2007 Half £19.95
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CHATEAU D'ARCHE Sauternes 2007 Half £11.95
 JANCIS ROBINSON 17 Drink 2016-28 'Coppery gold. Tingly, exciting nose. Mellow, well melded nose. Very sweet, almost sugary start. Definite barley sugar character with a burnt edge to it. A little burly style rather than pure but it's certainly very sweet on the mid palate – even if it finishes a little dry.'

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 1994 Bottle £179.95
 Everything thing comes to those who wait, and it was not until the beginning of October in a race against time that the berries of Semillon and Sauvignon attacked by botrytis were delicately harvested. In the hands of the cellar master these fruit globes were transformed into a golden river. Waves of deliciously concentrated essences a fragrant voyage upon notes of flowers, acacia and gingerbread. A tidal wave of powerful, fat candied fruit flavours, flooding the palate. WINEMAKER'S NOTES - 'Rich, opulent concentrated and full-bodied. Medium gold with a honeyed, oaky, flowery, tropical fruit bouquet, magnificent and unique.'

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 1995 Half £129.95
 EXCEPTIONAL - A powerful vintage with a length rarely achieved, Yquem 1995 is the result of the meticulous selection of the Sémillon and Sauvignon in their 'full rot' stage, a model of concentration and of potential alcohol. Quince, figs, jam, raisin and honey aromas dominate. Oranges and mandarines linger on the palate with impressive persistence. A perfect equilibrium between alcohol, acidity and sweetness take the 1995 to the top of the best Yquems ever produced, simply projecting this vintage forward into eternity. Unequalled, unreal, unique.

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 1996 Bottle £184.00
 ROBERT PARKER 95 points 'Compared with the flamboyant aromatics of the 1997, Yquem's 1996 plays it closer to the vest, although there is a lot going on. Light gold with a tight but promising nose of roasted hazelnuts intermixed with creme brulee, vanilla beans, honey, orange marmalade, and peaches, this medium to full-bodied offering reveals loads of power in its restrained, measured personality. There is admirable acidity, weight, texture, and purity in this impeccably made Yquem. However, patience will be a virtue. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2060.'

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 1996 Half £92.50
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CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 1997 Half £129.95
 Producing a great vintage Sauternes is no easy matter. You need fine weather, but there must be rain to relieve the dryness; you need heat, but this needs to be balanced by coolness. Everything needs to happen at just the right moment and that doesn't happen very often!
 ROBERT PARKER 96 points 'A sensational Yquem, 1997. Light gold color is accompanied a gorgeous perfume of caramel, honeysuckle, peach, apricot, and smoky wood. Full-bodied and unctuously-textured, with good underlying acidity as well as loads of sweetness and glycerin, it looks to be a great vintage for this renowned Sauternes estate. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2055.'

France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 2001 Bottle £569.95
 ROBERT PARKER 100 points 'There are 10,000 cases of this perfect sweet white Bordeaux. The 2001 Yquem reveals a hint of green in its light gold color. While somewhat reticent aromatically, with airing, it offers up honeyed tropical fruit, orange marmalade, pineapple, sweet creme brulee, and buttered nut-like scents. In the mouth, it is full-bodied with gorgeously refreshing acidity as well as massive concentration and unctuousity. Everything is uplifted and given laser-like focus by refreshing acidity. This large-scaled, youthful Yquem appears set to take its place among the most legendary vintages of the past, and will age effortlessly for 75+ years. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2100+.'

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CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 2003 Half £119.95
 We had the great chance to taste this superbe wine en primeur at the chateau at the end of April. And we discovered an Yquem 2003 showing an indisputable superiority on all of the botrytised sweet white wines... even though 2003 is incredible for all of the Sauternes appellation. Yquem is the perfect balance between all the elements that make a wine THE wine for eternity.
 ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 2006 Half £214.95
 DECANTER 5***** 'With the weather patterns already described, they experienced very different situations in the three different sections of the vineyard. Sémillon grapes on early-ripening soils had split skins in the centre of many bunches with acetic spoilage. Grapes on late-maturing clay slopes had no botrytis until the end of September. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon on the middle and at the foot of slopes ripened two weeks early and became botrytised in early September to provide a third of the final blend in the first two pickings on 6th to 8th and 11th to 13th September. The wine has lovely concentration and exceptional purity of fruit with a scent of lemons. From 2012.'

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1iere Grand Cru Classe Sauternes 2007 Half £229.95
 ROBERT PARKER 96-98 points
 '.....This has a very concentrated nose although it is less showy at the moment. But there is tremendous power here, touches of marmalade, honey, peach and orange zest. Superb delineation. The palate is striking but its sense of urgency and nervosité, real vibrancy in the mouth even at this early stage. Pure clear honey, a touch of spice, orange cut marmalade and supreme focus on the almost Zen-like finish that will be bolstered with the later tries are added. Lovely touch of quince paste and dried lychee on the finish, which has 130gms/L residual. Superb Yquem, though not in the class of the '01. Drink 2012-2050.'

JANCIS ROBINSON 19 points
 'Deep golden with an orange tinge. Very tangy. And thick. At the same time. Massive weight! Extraordinary fullness. An edge of something a bit corrective - almost bitter. Very big and hits you between eyeballs. Citrus pith. Needs to settle down and become more gentle. Big and round. Almost over the top. So rich!!!! But definite bitterness on the finish. Winemaker Sandrine Garbay, who has been there an incredible 14 years, thinks the 2001 has more finesse. I agree. Drink 2020-40'
 DECANTER MAGAZINE 5***** (19 points)
 'Very aromatic and unctuous with a lovely point of freshness coming through at the end. On the palate there is a great concentration and richness (130g residual sugar in this sample). Very unctuous yet complex and fresh. A touch of alcohol shows through on the finish but these are early days and this is only a marker for the finished article. This will be one of the great Yquem vintages, though on the day Climens was even more impressive.'

CHATEAU DE FARGUES Sauternes 2007 Half £39.95
 ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points 'This de Fargues is endowed with a rich honeyed, slightly buttery nose with touches of apple-blossom and white peach. Good definition. The palate is very well-balanced, great precision with hints of wild honey, crème brulee, white peach and apricots leading towards more peach flavours towards the finish. Good acidity and tension towards the finish. Good if not exceptional length. This is a great de Fargues. Drink 2012-2045. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU DE FARGUES Sauternes 2008 Half £42.95
 ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points 'What a compelling wine Chateau de Fargues has become. The 2008 has 130 g/l residual sugar and 13.7 degree alcohol. Tasted both as a blend and from lots in barrel, it has an intense, rich honeyed nose with superb definition, an almost TBA-like bouquet that is captivating. The palate is superb: vibrant, honeyed, expressive, taut and beautifully defined, lingering honeyed notes laced with apricot and Seville orange towards the finish. This is one of the great 2008 Sauternes.'

CHATEAU DE MALLE Sauternes 2004 Half £15.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** 'A bouquet with lovely rich complex fruitiness, then lovely unctuous richness; peaches, oranges and lemons combining weight and freshness; another great success here. (17 points)'
 JANCIS ROBINSON 'Dark copper. Powerful botrytis nose – quite tense and very intense too. Excellent vegetal notes. One of the richest wines – medicinally restorative – but with excellent acid balance. Extremely difficult to spit. Full of life and interest. Long and reverberating'
 THE WINE SPECTATOR 'A solid wine with lemon rind and caramel character. Full-bodied and rich. Sweet and long. Always well done'

Dessert Wine

France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU DE MALLE Sauternes 2007 Half £13.95
 JANCIS ROBINSON 17+ Drink 2014-25 'Real lift as well as great ripeness and high sugar level. Pretty, floral notes. Something tense about this. Great energy and reserves. Well balanced. But not the most concentrated and precise. Some top quality oak evident at this stage. Reverberates. Long.' ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points 'This has a simple nose with a relatively low level of botrytized fruit. Honey, grapefruit and a touch of dried lychee. The palate is well-balanced, good acidity, much more elegant in style but with good definition and focus towards the finish. Good nervosité and minerality on the finish. Very well-crafted de Malle. Very fine. Drink 2012-2027. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU DOISY-DAENE Barsac 2000 Half £15.95
 ROBERT PARKER 'Honeyed pineapple is the dominant aroma and flavor of this light gold-colored 2000. It also reveals good ripeness, plenty of fruit, and an unctuous texture. Anticipated maturity: Now-2011.'

CHATEAU DOISY-DAENE Barsac 2007 Half £17.95
 ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points 'The 2007 Doisy-Daene has an intense nose with heavily botrytized fruit with notes of peach, honeydew melon, apple-blossom and a touch of mango. The palate is medium-bodied, very well balanced with a fantastic sense of tension and nervosité. Notes of honey, peach, minerals, citrus lemon with a wonderfully focused finish that goes on and on. A really wonderful Barsac. Drink 2012-2040. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU DOISY-VEDRINES Sauternes 2005 Half £11.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** - Again, a good wine from a very consistent producer. There is good, medium weight, concentration and finesse. Persistence of flavour and freshness and style, with a creamy texture as an extra plus. Plenty to enjoy here.' David Peppercorn
 JANCIS ROBINSON 17/20 - 'Some sulfides on the nose suppress the aromas. Very, very sweet palate entry and then lime green fruit sensation. Lots here - a very ambitious wine that is nowhere near ready. Needs lots of time. Drink 2018-30' Jancis Robinson
 THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 - 'Dried pineapples with honey and flowers. Full-bodied and medium-sweet, with fresh acidity and a spicy finish.' James Suckling

CHATEAU FILHOT Sauternes 2000 Bottle £24.95
 ROBERT PARKER 'This light green/gold-colored, medium-bodied, moderately sweet 2000 exhibits straightforward pear, pineapple, and peach flavors in its simple, one-dimensional personality. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.'

CHATEAU FILHOT Sauternes 2005 Half £9.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** - 'This cru now seems to have rediscovered its consistency and undoubted class. There is a lovely, scented freshness and the flavour shows richness, sweetness and length on the finish. A very stylish wine.' David Peppercorn
 THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 - 'Gorgeous aromas of dried pineapple and apricot follow through to a full-bodied palate, with sweet fruit and a long, long finish. Best ever from here?' James Suckling

CHATEAU FILHOT Sauternes 2007 Half £10.95
 JANCIS ROBINSON 15,5 Drink 2014-22 'Very pale and greenish. Cheesy and very open. No tension. Bright, quite vivid fruit on the palate. I can taste the oak more than fruit, which is a bit of a worry. Not sure about the élevage of what was clearly interesting fruit.'

CHATEAU GUIRAUD Sauternes 2005 Bottle £39.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** - 'While we wait to hear who the new owner will be, Xavier Planty has made another superb wine, very close to being five stars at this early stage. The wine is very perfumed with lovely concentration and imposing length, fruit and elegance.' David Peppercorn
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 ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points 'This has a lovely rounded honeyed, slightly buttery nose with touches of white peach and white flowers. The palate is very well balanced, great tension and weight in the middle. Honeyed fruits, mango, peach, a touch of brioche and quince. Complex and displaying some admirable levels of botrytis, the finish is viscous and very focused. Great length. Superb. Drink 2012-2040. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE Sauternes 2005 Bottle £34.95
 ROBERT PARKER 93 points
 92 points Wine Spectator: "Subtle aromas of honey, lemon peel, cream, vanilla and apple pie follow through to a thick palate, with lots of sweetness. There's also loads of clove and other spices. Not as exciting as from barrel, but still outstanding. Best after 2011."

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France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE Sauternes 2007 Half £22.35
 JANCIS ROBINSON 16,5 Drink 2016-28
 'Mid honeyed gold. Rather loose on the nose. Big and sweet and yet there is a little streak of green acidity too. But a bit aggressive on the palate. And pretty soft and loose.'
 WINE SPECTATOR by James Suckling : 90-93
 'Loads of ripe fruit in this one, with pineapple, mango and honey undertones. Full-bodied, thick and layered. Medium sweet. Spicy, fruity aftertaste.' —J.S.
 DECANTER ****

'In recent years this wine has hovered between four and five stars. This time there is outstandingly aromatic intensity, but the question is whether the evident citrus fruit acidity is enough to ensure the enormous richness and sweetness is in balance. Time will tell. (18 points)'

CHATEAU LAFAURIE PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2007 Half £16.95
 JANCIS ROBINSON 15,5 Drink 2015-25 'Mid honeyed gold. Hint of veg but nothing desperately eloquent on the nose. Big and round and very sweet with lots of rather green acidity. Falls away a bit sharply. A bit tired.'

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'This is another very primal, honeyed nose that is still a little yeasty but there appears to be good fruit concentration with honey, mango and apricot. The palate is displaying very good delineation and minerality, very vibrant and focused with a crisp, zest finish. Good level of botrytis towards the finish, very good length. Very fine. Drink 2012-2030. Tasted April 2008.'

CHATEAU RAYNE-VIGNEAU Sauternes 2002 Bottle £22.95
 Decanter Rating: **** (Four Stars) - This has the estate's typical apricot aromas and precision on the palate, but there is also considerable opulence and weight, with a sumptuous texture, ample fruit, and good length. Drink 2007-20.

CHATEAU RAYNE-VIGNEAU Sauternes 2005 Bottle £26.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE ***** - 'It is a pleasure to record that this famous old cru has really reclaimed its position after several years of steady progress. The fruit is both intense and very scented may blossom on the nose. The wine is particularly complex with lovely vinosity and concentration; great purity of fruit and finesse - a great Sauternes.' David Peppercorn
 JANCIS ROBINSON 18,5/20 - 'Hint of green in the gold. Lovely obviously botrytised appetising wine with great winning layers of pear juice and very fine acidity. Long and refreshing with the sweetness beautifully counter-weighted. Very fresh and revitalising. Drink 2015-30'
 THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 - 'Apple sauce, honey and cream aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate, with lots of sweetness. Spicy. Best from here in a long time.' James Suckling

CHATEAU RAYNE-VIGNEAU Sauternes 2005 Half £13.95
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CHATEAU RIEUSSEC Sauternes 1988 Half £49.95
 ROBERT PARKER 93 Points - "Full-bodied and powerful, extremely rich and dense, it may be the least evolved 1988. The nose offers enticing coconut, orange, vanilla, and honeyed scents."

CHATEAU RIEUSSEC Sauternes 2007 Half £26.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE ***** 19 points 'For several years Rieussec has been consistently among the top three or four wines in the district and this is no exception. The 2007 shows terrific power, combined with freshness and length. This has to be a great bottle.
 JANCIS ROBINSON 19 points 'Sweet, vaguely sticky nose. Certainly impressive for the sugar level! And there's an attractive savoury undertow that stops it being sickly. Lots there. Reverberates. Long. Very long. It has that thing that a good Condrieu has: a subtext. Drink 2018-35'

CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT Sauternes 2005 Bottle £47.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE ***** - 'The improvement here continues unabated. The nose shows a terrific perfume and unctuousness plus great breed. The wine has great concentration and opulent fruit - a glorious wine with a wonderfully honeyed finish.' David Peppercorn
 JANCIS ROBINSON 18+/20 - 'Greenish notes in the gold. Dense and nutty on the nose. Very positive palate impact and attack. Layers of flavour - a little note of brûlée but interesting. Very well done. Really zesty acidity as well as neat and satisfying sweetness even if this is far from the sweetest wine of the vintage. Brisk and neat. Drink 2015-28'

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Dessert Wine

France - Bordeaux

Sauternes/Barsac

CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT Sauternes 2007 Half £24.95
DECANTER 5***** 'A wine marked by its purity, freshness and honeyed, unctuous flavour as well as searing freshness and length. It has the breed of a great wine.' ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'From a blend made one month ago (in two barrels.) This has a well-defined nose, complex with touches of clear honey, acacia, hints of orange-blossom. Very well focused on the palate, with superb marriage of nervosité (from the first two tries) and the botrytis concentration of the later tries. Citrus fruits, a touch of orange zest towards the finish. Not a rich, weighty, viscous Soudiraut, this is more about tension and vibrancy. An understated Soudiraut for the vintage but well-crafted. Drink 2010-2030.

CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT Sauternes 2008 Half £24.95

LA CHAPELLE DE LAFURIE-PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2002 Bottle £16.95
This is a golden, richly textured Sauternes from a good vintage and made entirely from Semillon. It offers aromas of lemon curd, crème brûlée and citrus zest. The palate is rich yet refreshingly balanced. This wine is a great finale to any special meal, to sip and savour by itself or to drink with fruit tarts, cheeses, dried fruits and nuts.

LA CHAPELLE DE LAFURIE-PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2002 Half £9.95
This is a golden, richly textured Sauternes from a good vintage and made entirely from Semillon. It offers aromas of lemon curd, crème brûlée and citrus zest. The palate is rich yet refreshingly balanced. This wine is a great finale to any special meal, to sip and savour by itself or to drink with fruit tarts, cheeses, dried fruits and nuts.

LES CARMES DE RIEUSSEC Sauternes 2004 Bottle £19.95
The second wine of Chateau Rieussec Carmes de Rieussec is selected according to the same standards as the first wine. Its constant feature is centred on a fine aromatic structure dominated by citrus aromas. The name, Carmes de Rieussec, relates to the monks of the Carmes de Langon, who were owners of the Rieussec estate in the 18th century.
A blend of Semillon 85%, Sauvignon Blanc 10% and a little Muscadelle 5% this wine has spent 18 months in barrel. This is an intense golden yellow coloured wine that is showing preserved fruit on the nose, with hints of apricot. The nose develops on the palate as the range of flavours deliver a harmonious well-rounded first impression.

France - Loire

Coteaux du Layon

CHATEAU PIERRE-BISE Coteaux du Layon Beaulieu 'Clos Soucherie' 08 Half Litre £15.95
Elegant, fruit dominated nose, a touch ethereal, showing botrytis with a little exposure to air. Rich, apricot, honey, mineral character on the palate, matched by sufficient acidity. Mouth-coating, expansive, almost luscious feel. But has great balance. Shows some grip at the finish. Long, lingering presence. Delicious, with superb potential.

France - Rhone

(S) Beaume de Venise

DOMAINE DE DURBAN Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 2007/08* Bottle £14.95
Dme. Durban is the stand-apart property in the Rhone village of Beaumes-de-Venise where the quality and aromatics of the Muscat grape shines through vintage after vintage. The vinification process incorporates the same techniques as for table wine before pure alcohol is added to the wine bringing the strength to over 15 degrees. Apricot and white peach, with citric hints and a whiff of mandarins all combine in this wonderfully refreshing and finely balanced pudding wine. Made entirely from Muscat de Frontignan à Petits Grains, this wine is, once more, highly modish... and not before time! Drink 2010-2016.

DOMAINE DE DURBAN Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 2007/08*/09 Half £8.95
Muscat de Beaumes de Venise Domaine de Durban displays a light amber in colour with hints of copper, followed by a lovely aroma of apricots and peaches and an unctuous texture on the palate supporting the 15% alcohol; an outstanding alternative to more famous dessert wines in the repertoire; ideal with lighter puddings.

DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 2007/08/09 Bottle** £15.95
The house and cellars of Mme Castaud-Maurin's lovely property are in the village of Beaumes de Venise itself, while the 17 hectares of Muscat a Petits Grains, 25% of which are in fact 'Noirs', are on the lower slopes of the Mont de Ventoux. The grapes are entirely handpicked and the wine has a delicate character of almonds and apricots, and the use of black Muscat gives it a lovely orange tint in the glass.

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(S) Rasteau

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE Rasteau Rouge VDN NV Bottle £19.95
The domain has been owned by the family for more than 200 years. Of course there has not been grown vines at the fields for all that time but it has probably been the case for some parcels. The owner today André Romeo has achieved to make Rasteau and Soumade well known all over the world. He is often called "The king of Rasteau", just meaning that he makes the best wines from the appellation - so far. He is also said to be the Bonneau or the Reynaud (Rayas) of Rasteau. The son Frédéric Roméro is learning the secrets from his father.

France - South of

Banyuls

CHATEAU DE JAU Banyuls Rimage 'Les Clos de Paulilles' 2008 Half Litre £9.95
Banyuls is a vin doux naturel made predominantly from Grenache Noir. The region's schist soils compare to those of the Douro in Portugal. By law the grapes harvested for Banyuls must contain 254 grams of sugar per litre. A very dark ruby-red in colour. Heady aromas of cherries, raisins and stewed red fruits with a touch of spice. On the palate sweet, strong and tart with a long finish redolent with further red fruit flavours of raspberries and plums. Makes for an excellent dessert wine. It marries well with cheese, chocolate and even with classic French savoury dishes such as rabbit, hare or venison braised with a chocolate sauce.

Bergerac

DOMAINE DE L'ANCIENNE CURE Monbazillac 2007 Half £6.95
Domaine de l'ancienne Cure is a family-run vineyard situated in Colombier, several kilometres from Bergerac.
A rich, sweet 'liqueureux' wine with an aroma of dried fruit and honey. It is best drunk as an apéritif (with Roquefort), with 'foie gras', melon or dessert.

Jurancon

CHARLES HOURS 'Uroulat' Jurancon 2008/09* Bottle £17.95
12.5%Alc
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Germany

SCHAEFER FROELICH Schlossbocelheimer Felsenberg Riesling Auslese 2006 Half £27.95
With its 4,200 ha (10,300 acres), the Nahe is one of Germany's smaller regions, yet one of the most interesting thanks to its geological diversity. The vineyards stretch from the southern edge of the Rhenish slate mountains into the Nahe's romantic side valleys marked by bizarre rock formations and lush, green hills. The Hunsrück Hills afford the vines protection from cold winds and excessive rainfall. In all, Rieslings as well as red and white Pinots thrive in the well-balanced climate. This wine, from one of the best sites has perfect ripeness and received most selective grape picking which results in a wine with impressive minerality and Riesling aroma. A concentration of fruit and textures with depth. Perfect for aperitif.

Mosel-Saar Ruwer

Dessert Wine

Germany

Mosel-Saar Ruwer

ST URBANSHOF Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Auslese 2009 Half £19.95
ROBERT PARKER 2007 Vintage 94 Points - "From old vines in the distinctively stony, breezy Zickelgarten portion of a bloated, heterogeneous "single vineyard" created by Germany's 1971 wine law, the St.Urbans-Hof 2007 Ockfener Bockstein Riesling Auslese smells of apple, black currant, honeysuckle, and lilac. A striking delicacy on the palate is reinforced by low (8%) alcohol and in turn perfectly suits the wine's wafting floral character. Suggestions of cassis skin tartness and refreshing grapefruit add a sense of invigoration."

Hungary

TOKAJ CLASSIC Tokaji Aszu '5 Puttonyos' 2004 Half Litre £26.95

A 5 puttonyos Aszú must contain at least 120 grams of residual sugar. András Bruhács, a Hungarian cellist at the Hessian State Theater House in Wiesbaden (Germany), founded the Tokaj Classic label with his co-musicians Martin Schneider and Carl Gustav Settelmeier, after they had first established the vineyard "Villa Makár" in Pecs in the south of Hungary – motivated just by pure passion for these great wines. In the historic village of Mád they bought a 400-year-old estate, and 8 hectares of vineyards in excellent Mád sites Betsek and Kiraly, formerly all owned by Hungarian noble families. With no less than six gold medals at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London, Tokaj Classic is Hungary's most successful estate at this prestigious competition.

TOKAJ CLASSIC Tokaji Aszu '6 Puttonyos' 2000 Half Litre £37.95

Israel

CARMEL WINERY 'Sha'al Vineyard' Late Harvest Gewurztraminer 06 Half (Kosher) £27.95

Single vineyard is Carmel's premier label, second only to the Limited Edition wine. Each wine represents the character of the chosen grape variety and the terroir of a specific vineyard. The grapes are sourced in the Sha'al vineyard which is in the verdant Golan Heights to the north of Israel. After a late harvest, the must is fermented very slowly at low temperatures. 100% Gewurztraminer Food Matching Note: Will partner perfectly with a wide range of desserts, but particularly good with apple, honey and spices. Excellent with Apfelstrudel. Tasting Note: A medium bodied dessert wine with apricot, cinnamon and honeyed flavours.

Italy

Sicily

DONNAFUGATA Passito di Pantelleria 'Ben Rye' 2008 Bottle £49.95

This 2006 vintage is characterised by an excellent equilibrium between structure of acids and sugars. The golden colour has brilliant amber reflections. The bouquet is full with scents of ripe apricots and Mediterranean underbush. There are notes of candied citrus fruits and honey. There is a delicate mineral touch in the finish with shadings that recall flint. The wine is complex, pleasant and elegant.

Veneto

ALLEGRINI Recioto Classico 2004/06* Half Litre £29.95

Ruby red in colour, with aromas of dried cherries and a touch of spice. On the palate the wine is sweet with good intensity of dark, 'fruit cake' flavours and has a remarkable power. It has excellent length, with notes of spiced, dried cherries on the finish. This deeply-flavored Recioto offers outstanding balance and is sure to drink beautifully over the next five to seven years, perhaps longer.

INAMA HAVES (Vulcaia Apres) Late-Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2007 Half £17.95

Late harvested Sauvignon Blanc is aged in acacia casks. Sweet acacia honey is supported by lemon acidity, which ensures that the intense flavours are unctuous but never cloying.

MACULAN Moscato Dindarello 2008/09 Half £9.95

Made from 100% Muscat Fior d'Arancio grapes that are harvested by hand in small crates and then lightly dried. This exquisite dessert wine has a pale yellow colour with green reflections. It is extraordinarily intense on the nose with notes of muscat grapes, honey and flowers. On the palate it is sweet and very fresh, full and balanced, the persistence of aromas is very long and pleasant, good body, full of character with noticeable structure. ROBERT PARKER 90 points (2007) 'Maculan is perhaps best known for his dessert wines and the gorgeous 2006 Dindarello (Moscato Fior d'Arancio) is a great introduction to the house style. It also won't break the bank.'

Italy

Veneto

MACULAN Torcolato 2007 Bottle £32.95

ROBERT PARKER 95+ 'The 2006 Torcolato offers up dried apricots, honey, white truffles, orange peel, sage and creme brulee in an exotic, virtuosic display of sheer class and elegance. Although delicious today, the wine should continue to develop exquisitely over the next 15 years. The full bottles should last even longer than this note suggests. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2026.'

Italy - Piedmont

Asti

PRUNOTTO Moscato d'Asti 5.5%ALC Famiglia Antinori 2010 Bottle £8.95

The beautiful low alcohol bubbly (5.5%) alternative for summer. Owned by Antinori and made from 100% Moscato Bianco grapes from selected vineyards in Treiso, near the town of Asti in Piedmont. After crushing, the must is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, to preserve the typical Moscato freshness and fruitiness and the ferment is stopped to keep the alcohol level down. Pale yellow in colour with fine perlage, this Moscato offers typical aromas of peach with hints of honey and hawthorne. On the palate, it is full, dense, vigorous, and elegant with a pleasantly fresh finish.

Italy - Tuscany

Chianti

CAPEZZANA Vin Santo di Carmignano Reserva 2003 Half £28.95

Deliciously sweet and rich without being cloying or over-alcoholic, the Capezzana Vin Santo is luscious, nutty and well balanced. Made from a blend of Trebbiano and Malvasia, the grapes are dried for six months prior to crushing and then aged for four years in small barrels. The result is a wine that is complex and opulent with a dry and long finish.

Capezzana's wines have never been better - and they will continue to improve over the years. The younger generation of the Contini Bonacossi family is now firmly in charge of this estate, with the highly talented Stefano Chioccioli giving them a hand in the winery.

ISOLE E OLENA Vin Santo 2003 Half £35.95

A traditional Vin Santo from a great Chianti Classico producer. The Malvasia and Trebbiano grapes are left to dry for 4 months after the vintage. After pressing, the juice goes into small oak casks to ferment and mature for 4 years, resulting in this fine, unctuous elixir. Great with almond biscuits. ROBERT PARKER 91 points (2007) 'The 1999 Vin Santo, with its 200 grams of residual sugar, is a little weightier than normal. A blend of two-thirds Malvasia and one-third Trebbiano, it offers generous notes of spices, roasted nuts and candied, ethereal fruit. Made in a full-bodied, unctuous style, it should drink well for another decade. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2017.'

New Zealand

South, Marlborough

ISABEL ESTATE Noble Sauvage 2006 Half £18.95

The four-year drought since the last vintage is suddenly forgotten - this wine could make up for anything! Aromas are intense and alluring... concentrated nectar, pure honeysuckle and notes of truffle - all very rich without being cloying thanks to the classic Sauvignon Blanc spine of acidity. The palate is generous and weighty yet wonderfully soft and rounded. Layers include a mid palate of tangy citrus and minerality combined with ripe apricots and tropical fruit flavours. Elegant, complex and balanced...Love at first sip - a delicious pairing to any dessert but delectable with a blue cheese and pear tart.

South Africa

Constantia

KLEIN CONSTANTIA 'Vin de Constance' 2005 Half Litre £36.95

Wine Spectator March 2009 'Offers lovely purity, with fresh-cut white peach and green fig aromas and flavors blazing along, while nectarine, lemon zest, honeysuckle and mineral notes extend the very long, precise finish. This has depth, length and cut. Muscat de Frontignan. Drink now through 2016.' Score 94 – JM. Jancis Robinson: 16.5; Drink 2009-14 'Lime and lemon cordial; floral, golden syrup. Acidity is bright and refreshing, and cuts the viscosity with razor-sharp precision. Treacle and caramelised fruits on the palate. There is a metallic tingle on the finish. Good, but not as finely balanced as other vintages by comparison.'

Robertson

Dessert Wine

South Africa

Robertson

DE WETSHOF 'Edeloes' Noble Late Harvest Riesling 2005 Half Litre £45.95

GRAHAM BECK Muscadel 'Rhona' 2004/08 Half Litre £6.95

100% Muscat de Frontignan from a 2ha, 22-year-old vineyards, producing 6 tons per hectare. The grapes are lightly crushed, destalked and left on the skins for natural enzymatic fermentation. After 3 days the wild fermentation is stopped with the addition of neutral grape spirits. It then rests in a stainless steel tank for 1 year for the spirits and grape flavour to integrate. "Rich straw colour with delicate orange rind flavours and grapey freshness on the palate. The wine has an amazing rich lengthy finish."

RIETVALLEI Red Muscadel 2009 Bottle ^ £7.95

The Muscadel vines were between 21 and 91 years old during the vintage year. The vineyards were established in red Karoo, as well as deep alluvial soil, next to the Klaasvoogds River. The vines grow as bush vines. A Red Muscadel vineyard, planted in 1908, to this day produces superb wine. The red-gold colour looks sparkling fresh in the glass. On the nose the Muscat flavour comes through very strong. This Muscadel fills your palate with its complexity and is characterised by its raisiny sweetness. The acidity compliments the wine and makes it even more easy to enjoy. Additional bottle maturation will further enhance the flavours of this dessert wine. A traditional fire-side companion in winter, it is most enjoyable over crushed ice, with fine chocolate dessert or noble cheeses.

Stellenbosch

PAUL CLUVER Gewurztraminer 2010 Bottle £9.95

Made from 100% Gewurztraminer grapes the nose is immediately spicy and reminiscent of honeysuckle and jasmine blossoms. The palate reflects all that is detected on the nose, unpinned by surprising, enticing spring freshness. Good, textured length. Elegant balance, with refreshing interplay between residual sugar and acidity.

What to eat with: The aromatics and residual sugar of this wine make it an ideal partner with spicy food. It does well with any dish containing coconut milk. It works well with white meat (fish and poultry), salads, vegetable dishes or simply on its own.

PAUL CLUVER Weisser Riesling (Late Harvest) 2007/08/10* Half £11.95

Tim Atkin writing in The Observer Sun March 25 2007, article named: 'The Noble Yquem – pure liquid gold'

"Yquem may occupy the pinnacle of the sweet-wine world, but there are lots of well-priced alternatives. Three of my current favourites, made from Riesling, Chenin Blanc and Muscat respectively, are the complex, apricot-scented 2005 Paul Cluver Weisser Riesling Noble Late Harvest, Elgin

Not a bad thing to be considered the first alternative to Yquem!

This wine shows dried apricot, spices and honey characters on the nose. The mouth feel is full and big and very balanced with a long lingering aftertaste. The sugar is very well balanced with the acidity and is not cloying. This wine will gain complexity after 2 to 5 years in the bottle. - Decanter World Wine Awards 2009 - Trophy Winner!

RUSTENBERG Straw Wine 2009 Half £9.95

Deliciously sweet, yet still bright, fresh and complex, with honeyed characters and hints of lemon.

Walker Bay

NEWTON JOHNSON Chenin Blanc Late Harvest L'llilla 2009 Half £7.95

A rich, concentrated stickie with pear, apple and lemon fruit all wrapped up in a honeyed, orange marmalade sweetness. Spice and vanilla from the oak add further depth before a wave of lemony acidity cleans up the finish.

L'llilla (pronounced leeya) is the Catalan word for Island.

Spain

Montsant

ETIM Verema Tardana Negra Garnacha N.V/07 Half Litre £9.95

A delicious sweet wine made from selected late harvest red Grenache grapes from the Montsant region near Priorat. Aged for 8 months in oak to enhance the flavours. Ruby red colour with a hint of amber. Fruit jam aromas with notes of dried figs, cocoa too. The palate is fresh and deliciously sweet with soft tannins supporting plum pudding, spice, blackberry and chocolate flavours.

Fortified Wine

France - South of

Maury

DOMAINE POUDEROUX Maury Rouge 2007/08/09* Bottle £15.95

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An absolutely stunning red dessert wine thats excellent with chocolate or gateaux. 100% Grenache Noir from old vines grown on calcareous: schistous soils. Robert Poudroux carries on the tradition of his grandfather with close respect for the vineyards. Yields are very low: and the grapes are hand harvested. So pleased that we found this wine as it is absolutely delicious with bitter chocolate tortes and gateaux!

Port

Late-Bottled-Vintage

NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Ruby Dum 5 LITRE £74.95

NIEPOORT L.B.V. 2005 Half £8.95

Late Bottled Vintage port is from a single year. The wine ages 4-6 years in old oak casks (opposed to Vintage that ages 2-3). LBV fills the gap between the rubies and the vintage ports since a Ruby Port should be drunk quite young and a great Vintage Port may need 15 to 20 years to really open up and show its splendour. Winemaker Dirk Niepoort calls this the "Little Brother" of his Vintage Port, as the origins of the grapes and vinification methods are identical. Deep red colour with a very vivacious, lively aroma of fresh dark plums, cherries and a hint of chocolate along with a silky aroma giving the wine great finesse. Fabulous extract on the palate with a tight grainy texture intertwined with fresh dark fruits and a mellow spirity finish. The wine can be enjoyed now, and will become more complex with further cellaring until 2020. To fully benefit from its qualities we recommend it be decanted before serving. Serve with soft cheeses, mild blue cheese, dark chocolate desserts or a pepper steak!

NIEPOORT L.B.V. 2005/07* Bottle £14.95

Winemaker Dirk van der Niepoort calls this the "Little Brother" of our Vintage Port, as the origins of the grapes and vinification methods are identical. Made from Ports of the 2007 harvest, this Late Bottled Vintage however has extended cask maturation making it drinkable at a younger age, yet retaining the essence of its superior "sibling". Brilliant dark red appearance, with refined aromas of dark plums and blackberries. On the palate the fruit is evident along with a superb soft silky texture all held together with a firm structure and good length on the finish. The wine can be enjoyed now, and will become more complex with further cellaring for a couple of decades. To fully benefit from its qualities we recommend it be decanted before serving. Serve with soft cheeses, mild blue cheese, dark chocolate desserts or even a pepper steak!

POCAS L.B.V. 2005 Bottle £13.95

Manuel Domingues Pocas Junior founded this highly respected Portuguese Port house in 1918. The company was initially a producer of brandy used in the production of Port wine, however it progressed to produce its own Ports. It wasn't until 1960 that the first vintage was produced with the family's trademark. The house still remains in the hands of the founding family, managed today by Manuel Joaquim Pocas Pintao, and specializing in Colheitas - vintage tawny Ports. This is a soft endearing wine with an upfront fruitiness offering ripe, berry cassis over an impressive structure.

QUINTA DE LA ROSA L.B.V. 2004 (06) Bottle £18.95

LBV port is bottled two to four years after Vintage Port to provide a top flight port which may be drunk earlier. Quinta de la Rosa's 1998 LBV, bottled in autumn 2002, is deep coloured and well structured with hints of berry fruits. It is a 'traditional' LBV which has been bottled straight from the tonel without filtering or fining. It may throw a sediment and if so can be decanted.

QUINTA DO INFANTADO Late Bottled Vintage L.B.V. 2004 (07) Bottle £13.95

Quinta do Infantado has been a leader in estate-bottled Ports since 1979. The Roseira family is very careful when declaring a vintage year and will not do so if there is the least doubt about the concentration and quality of the vintage. The quality of a Port house's LBV is often the best indicator to the quality of the wines overall and a true expression of the terrior. It was estate bottled in 2008 into 191 magnums, 31,200 bottles and 1950 halves. This wine spent four years in cask prior to being bottled to soften the tannins and add complexity. It was then bottled unfiltered to retain the deep and ripe flavours and therefore needs decanting before drinking. However, the effort is truly worth it! Perfect with classic Roquefort and Stilton cheeses.

Pink

POCAS Pink Port N.V. Half Litre £8.95

Pocas Pink is the new Rosé Port, lighter and fresher. They honour the legacy of traditional Ports by using their expertise to create this delicious wine with hints of berry flavours. Serve on ice for a perfectly smooth and tasty drink.

Ruby

Port

Ruby

NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Ruby Dum Bottle £11.95

Niepoort is a family company now in its fifth generation and as a port house, Niepoort enjoy an unparalleled reputation for tradition even though it is one of the smaller producers in the region. Inspired by Alice in Wonderland characters these are classic Niepoort's for enjoyment without the 'shackles' of Port's traditions. What Dirk feels are Ports that are enjoyable to drink as wines and elegant in style. Ruby and Tawny dee both begin as the same port and then they are split in half. Ruby Dum is youthful with a headstrong character, dominated by red cherries and plums with great freshness from ageing in large wooden vats in our cool cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia. ALSO AVAILABLE IN HALF BOTTLES

Tawny

NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Tawny Dee Bottle £11.95

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NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Tawny Dee Half £6.95

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NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Tawny Dee Magnum £25.95

NIEPOORT Tawny '10 Year Old' Bottle £27.95

This Port has amazing aromas of orange and lemon peel, with hints of toffee, caramel and honey. Full-bodied and luscious, with lots of sweet fruit and a long, subtle finish that goes on and on. A benchmark for 10-year-old tawnies. 95 points, The Wine Spectator.

NIEPOORT Tawny '30 Year Old' Bottle £109.95

Tawnies with an age indication such as "30 years" are blended from different wines averaging 30 years. The prolonged ageing in small wooden casks confers the characteristic Tawny colour. The principle features of an aged tawny are the complexity of aromas, the freshness and a persistent bouquet and refinement. After dinner, 30 years old tawny is a good match with cheeses and chocolate based desserts.

For the true lovers it can match perfectly with a good cigar or by itself as the company for the night. Serve at room temperature or lightly chilled, and drink it slowly, because it has a lot to discover. Tasting Notes: Deep brown colour with a brown rim and a touch of green - very characteristic in old tawny ports. On the nose a wine from another era, but very much alive with a fabulous concentration of coffee and liqueur which comes through on the palate with great spirity finish.

NIEPOORT Tawny 'Senior' Bottle £14.95

The firm of Niepoort is frequently quoted as being the 'Masters of Tawny Port'; from the harmonious simplicity of Niepoort Tawny, to the renowned quality of the 20 year old, and the exquisite 30 year old, there is complexity and elegance to be found at every level. Blend of wood-aged Ports, 5-6 years old. Caramel and coffee aromas. Smooth, round and sweet. Drink now.

NIEPOORT Tawny n.v. Bottle £9.95

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POCAS Colheita 1970 Port Bottle £59.95

The Colheita is a high quality Port issued from a single harvest, aged in oak casks for at least seven years. During maturation in wood, the young, fresh and fruity aromas will turn into an elegant and complex bouquet combined with a silky texture and a long lasting finish. Serve at 16/18 degrees. Notes: Darker in colour than 1967 with a rich sweeter palate. A delicious and decadent explosion of thick, sweet hazelnuts.

POCAS Tawny Port 10 Year Old Bottle £15.95

The House of Pocas is proud to offer this Port, a result from a combination of different wines, from various harvests through out the years, matured in wood, equalling an average age of 10 years.

This wine exhibits plenty of vibrant fruitiness with a long and elegant palate, boosted by nutty characteristics. Delicious with a mild cigar!

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE - "Fortified Winemaker of the Year 2001"

CHALLENGE INTERNATIONALE DU VIN - "Bronze Medal" CONCOURS MONDIAL BRUXELLES "Silver Medal" DECANTER MAGAZINE "Recommended ****" SELECTIONS MONDIALES (Montreal) - "Gold Medal"

Fortified Wine

Port

Tawny

QUINTA DE LA ROSA Tawny '10 Yr' Tonel 12 Bottle £24.95
 La Rosa's Ten Year Old Tawny is a blend of fine old ports matured in a small oak casks, located in the Quinta's lodge. It is a rich and elegant blend with wonderful aromas exuding the heat of the Douro. On the palate it is complex with powerful dried fruit, a nutty make up and a long pleasing finish. Quantities of this "old lady port" are limited as the Bergqvists build and develop this blend. It should be consumed within 2 to 3 years of bottling.

QUINTA DO INFANTADO 10 Year Old Tawny N.V. Half £10.95
 Quinta do Infantado is a small estate owned by the Roseira family in the Douro Valley in Portugal. They produce wines on a small scale using only the fruit from their own vineyards, foot trodden in old granite lagares and aged on the property. The house style tends toward the dry side of the spectrum, giving the Infantado wines more elegance and balance than is typical of the region. Quinta do Infantado 10 year Tawny, made up of a blend of wines with an average age of 10 years (some older, some younger) displays a mix of sweet raisin and toasted almond aroma and flavor. This is a perfect after dinner drink.

Vintage

1955 TAYLOR FLADGATE Bottle £335.00
 Taylor is accepted by most wine authorities to be the greatest of all port shippers, famous especially for its sublime and long-lived Vintage ports, which consistently fetch the highest prices at auction, and for old, distinguished Tawny ports. Now in its fourth century, the company is still thriving, with wine quality remaining the firm's only consideration. The outstanding 1955 vintage produced this deep coloured port which is deep and high toned with a spicy nose. It is packed with fruit, extract and tannin. Drink now - 2010. Wine Enthusiast - "This bottle was at a lovely point in its life, balancing savory, mushroom and spice notes against sweet caramel and dried fruit flavors on the long finish. Tannins resolved, potent alcohol totally concealed by the richness of the wine—there's simply nothing out of place. Drink." Score: 95/100

1963 COCKBURN'S Bottle £99.95
 The colour is red with slight amber/brick on the edge. The nose offers spicy plum, black pepper, cool menthol/mint, then flavors of chewy nougat packed with roasted nuts and jammy fruit pieces, praline, cocoa and chocolate covered cherry in the still rather dry finish. Tea, citrus, richness and gorgeous fruit are found in this still young tasting wine.

1963 CROFT Bottle £104.95
 "Has great elegance and harmony, and should continue to improve for many years. Medium ruby-red, with very fresh plum aromas, medium-bodied, with very delicate fresh fruit flavors, lively acidity and a delicate finish." -- James Suckling 91

1966 TAYLOR FLADGATE Bottle £129.95
 Taylor is accepted by most wine authorities to be the greatest of all port shippers, famous especially for its sublime and long-lived Vintage ports, which consistently fetch the highest prices at auction, and for old, distinguished Tawny ports. Taylor's Port was, is, and will continue to be, one of the world's greatest wines. Tasting: Dark ruby in colour, with aromas of cassis, mature plum, blackcurrant and pencil shavings, giving way to a rich, full, smooth palate of ripe dark fruit, chocolate, coffee and forest floor earthiness. Good structure and with a long, spicy finish - pair with desserts and hard and blue cheeses. Scoring 88/100 Parker points and from the outstanding 1966 vintage, this deep, rich, sweet port is a classic example of the vintage. It has a high-toned bouquet with a touch of liquorice and great flesh and flavour with a slightly hot finish. Drink now - 2012.

1966 WARRE'S Bottle £109.95

1970 WARRE'S Bottle £94.95
 Warre's Vintages are drawn from vineyards in the Rio Torto and Pinhão valleys of the Alto Douro where Warre's have been making and buying wines from farmers for centuries. In some of these Quintas the wine continues to be made by the time honoured traditional method of foot treading in granite "lagares" which produces first class Port. A substantial part of the final lote or blend came from Warre's own Quinta da Cavadinha. This is Warre's 300th Anniversary port and is an excellent vintage which is developing into a wine as fine as the 1963. Very fine nose and balance. "... sweet, full-bodied, rich, almost too rich, yet not overpowering, with the perfect weight and balance I expect from Warre at its best" - Michael Broadbent, Vintage Wine, Published 2002 Five Stars (Outstanding).

1977 DOW'S Bottle £69.95
 Dows 1977 is full bodied, sweet and ready but will keep and is beginning to show maturity on the rim. The nose is well defined and compact, leading on to a palate that oozes finesse, concentration and class. About to enter its plateau of maturity and will last for another 20 years.

1977 FONSECA Bottle £129.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE Robert Parker 93 points - 'Fonseca is one of the great port lodges, producing the most exotic and most complex port. If Fonseca lacks the sheer weight and power of a Taylor, Dow or Warre, or the opulent sweetness and intensity of a Graham, it excels in its magnificently complex, intense bouquet of plummy, cedary, spicy fruit and long, broad, expansive flavors. With its lush, seductive character, one might call it the Pomerol of Vintage ports. When it is young, it often loses out in blind tastings to the heavier, weightier, more tannic wines, but I always find myself upgrading my opinion of Fonseca after it has had 7-10 years of age. The 1977 has developed magnificently in the bottle, and while it clearly needs another decade to reach its summit, it is the best Fonseca since the 1970 and 1963.'

Port

Vintage

1977 GRAHAM'S Bottle £89.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (Robert Parker) 93 points - 'Graham is another great port house, producing one of the deepest-colored and sweetest styles of vintage port. Along with Taylor and Fonseca, Graham has probably been the most consistent producer of great port in the post- World War II era. Their tawnys are quite good rather than exceptional, but their vintage ports are truly sublime and sumptuous.'

1977 WARRE'S Bottle £79.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (Robert Parker) 92 points - 'This house makes rather restrained yet rich, flavorful vintage port and a very good tawny called Nimrod. Their vintage ports seem slow to develop, and while they never quite have the voluptuous richness of a Dow, Graham, or Fonseca, they have a unique mineral-scented character that gives them their own complexity and style. The 1977 is quite powerful, very deep and intense, particularly for Warre.'

1977 WARRE'S Magnum £169.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (Robert Parker) 92 points - 'This house makes rather restrained yet rich, flavorful vintage port and a very good tawny called Nimrod. Their vintage ports seem slow to develop, and while they never quite have the voluptuous richness of a Dow, Graham, or Fonseca, they have a unique mineral-scented character that gives them their own complexity and style. The 1977 is quite powerful, very deep and intense, particularly for Warre.'

1983 OFFLEY Boa Vista Vintage Port £64.95

1985 TAYLOR FLADGATE Bottle £72.95
 The excellent 1985 vintage produced this impressive port which is deep and intense with a plummy concentrated nose and a full rich flavour with a good length. 2002 International Wine Challenge Gold Medal Winner. Drink now.

1985 WARRE'S Bottle £57.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (Robert Parker) 90 points - 'The 1985 is the sweetest and richest of the recent Warre vintages. Extremely concentrated, rich, even luscious, this full-bodied, intense, opulent wine has layers of fruit, a full-blown bouquet, and impeccable balance. The soft tannins and precocious appeal of the 1985 suggest rapid maturation.'

1994 TAYLOR FLADGATE Bottle £109.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (Robert Parker) 97 points - 'When tasting young vintage ports, Taylor is always the most backward. Yet potentially, it has the capability to be the most majestic. This classically made, opaque purple-colored wine is crammed with black fruits (blueberries and cassis). It reveals high tannin and a reserved style, but it is enormously constituted with massive body, a formidable mid-palate, and exceptional length. It is a young, rich, velvety Taylor that will require 10-15 years of aging. Compared to the more flashy, forward style of the 1992, the 1994 has more in common with such vintages as 1977 and 1970. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2045.'

2000 NIEPOORT Bottle £54.95
 Dirk Niepoort has used the exceptional potential of 2000 to recreate the style of the legendary ports produced by his grandfather in the 1940's and 1950's. Very little Niepoort 2000 will be made, as a result of not only the tiny yields from ancient vines but Dirk's strictest selection he has ever practised. 'A definite candidate for wine of the vintage. A brooding, velvety nose with hints of violets is followed by an intensely sweet, yet fresh, ultra-rich palate with mineral hints. This is exquisitely balanced with layers of flavour supported by ripe tannins and an extremely long finish. Drink 2010-2035'
 WINES & SPIRITS MAGAZINE 93 points DECANTER ***** (5 Stars) WINE SPECTATOR 94 points/100

2000 NIEPOORT Secundum Bottle £43.95
 WINE SPECTATOR 91 points/100 'Vibrant and clear aromas of crushed berries and flowers. Full-bodied, lightly sweet, with firm, yet refined tannins and a long finish. Subtle young Port. Best after 2010'
 ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The 2000 Secundum exhibits the most saturated purple color as well as the greatest depth and volume. While more backward and less charming than the Broadbent, and less obviously fruity than the Passadouro, it is the most complete port of this trio with outstanding density, high tannin, a big, beefy, chewy style, and considerable length. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2020.'

2000 QUINTA DO NOVAL Bottle £52.95
 Inky purplish-red and nearly opaque, with a sweet plum and grapey aromatic profile. Densely packed with boysenberry and plump purple fruit that is lightly laced with licorice. Full-bodied, and expansive on the palate with a great tannin structure and fabulous length on the finish. A distinctive Noval and with their third big VP in a row, this Shipper is clearly back on track and at the top of their game. One of the better wines of the 2000 crop. 95 points

2003 FONSECA Bottle £44.95
 ROBERT PARKER 96 points 'Sporting an opaque, black-colored robe with dark purple trim, the 2003 Fonseca Vintage Port exhibits a nose of profound depth. Its sweet black mass of dark fruit and spice aromas leads to a character of immense depth, richness, and weight. Full-bodied, viscous, and almost impenetrable, this dense, backward port is powerful and exceptionally long in the finish...it coats the taster's palate with licorice, jammy black fruits, and notes of chocolate that last for over a minute. This blockbuster will require at least three decades to fully blossom. Anticipated maturity: 2035-2060.'

Fortified Wine

Port

Vintage

2003 NIEPOORT Magnum £99.95

This vintage continues Niepoort tradition to create balanced ports with great concentration but simultaneously fine and delicate. At Niepoort! we predict that this vintage will be one of the finest in decades...

Fine, elegant, mineral but not balsamic. The taste continues fine, aggressive and with tannins, rich but not excessive and with a long finish. Impressive finesse even though robust.

2003 NIEPOORT Secundum Bottle £36.95

THE WINE ANORAK James Goode (2005) 93/100 points - 'Quite tarry, sweet and spicy on the nose. It's almost showy. The palate is very sweet and spicy with a tarry, spicy structure. Lots of character here: this is already quite accessible and full of interest. Very good/excellent.'

2005 NIEPOORT Vintage Port Bottle £46.95

This vintage continues the Niepoort tradition to create balanced ports with great concentration but simultaneously fine and delicate. Once again, at Niepoort, they have managed to produce a Vintage Port to last for decades...Tasting Notes: Fine, elegant and mineral. Tannic and rich but not excessive and with a longspicy aftertaste. Impressive finesse.

2005 NIEPOORT Vintage Port Magnum £99.95

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2007 WARRE'S Bottle £44.95

WARRE Vintage Port 2007 Score: 95-98

I love the nose on this, with blackberry, black licorice, and dark chocolate. Full-bodied, medium sweet and very, very dense. What seductive mouthfeel, with polished, round tannins that caress the palate. This may be better than the fantastic 1994. -J.S.

Vintage Character

QUINTA DE LA ROSA Finest Reserve n.v. Bottle £13.95

A Vintage Character style blended port of great quality and complexity. Showing beautiful deep ruby colour with plenty of forward fruit, full bodied with a long dry finish. La Rosa's flagship blend to accompany dessert or cheese.

ROBERT PARKER 92 points '...a stunning example of what can be achieved and found in non-vintage port blends. This small port lodge has turned out a terrific, full bodied, garnet/ruby colored wine with a big, chocolatey, black cherry, cedary nose, full-bodied unctuously textured flavors, and gobs of fruit and richness, as well as an off-dry, impressive finish. Drink it over the next decade or more!'

DECANTER MAGAZINE *** 'Good, deep colour with good, fresh ripe fruit on the nose. Pure berry-fruit flavors on the palate backed by spicy tannins'

White

NIEPOORT White Port N.V. Dry Bottle £11.95

Intense butterscotch, nuts and honey aromas. Good nutty and rich flavours.

Portugal

Madeira

MADEIRA BARBEITO Boal Reserva 5 Years Half Litre £10.95

We are excited to be able to offer a number of rare Madeiras from Vinhos Barbeito. This Madeira wine comes from the now-rare Boal grape variety, aged 100% in cask by the natural canteiro method. It boasts a rich array of flavours of stem ginger, barely sugar, caramel and dried fruits. It can be drunk at room or larder temperature, and keeps excellently even once opened. Raymond Reynolds "Barbeito's 5 Year Old Boal is a riot of barley sugar, marmalade and orange character, without ever tasting simplistic or top heavy.

MADEIRA BARBEITO Malvasia 'Old Reserve' 10 Years Old Bottle £24.95

MADEIRA BARBEITO Malvasia Cask 40a Colheita 2000 Half Litre £19.95

This is authentic Madeira. The Single Cask wines are wowing a new generation of discerning wine drinkers to the glories of unadulterated Madeira. Each unique, but bearing the Barbeito hallmark of lightness of touch combined with dramatic concentration. Food-matching with these wines is endlessly fascinating, but apple pie (or tarte tatin), tarte aux citron and of course Foie Gras are particularly delicious.

MADEIRA BARBEITO Malvasia Reserva 5 Year Half Litre £10.95

We are excited to be able to offer a number of rare Madeiras from Vinhos Barbeito. Ricardo de Freitas is the third generation of his family to run the small company of Vinhos Barbeito and he has been picking up awards by the handful for his work. Barbeito make canteiro wines, which undergo natural cask maturation, with the heat and air used for maturation coming from natural conditions, as opposed to the artificial method of maturation known as estufagem. Their philosophy is to offer 100% canteiro wines, with no added caramel or decacidification. This Malvasia is super-fresh, without any cloying notes, but with a generosity on the palate.

Portugal

Madeira

MADEIRA BARBEITO Sercial Frasequeira 1988 Half Litre £39.95

This is authentic Madeira. In yet another pioneering move, Barbeito have been the first to bottle a frasequeira (single vintage Madeira, aged for at least 20 years in cask) into 50cl bottles, albeit antique, hand-stencilled ones. Tasting: Compellingly complex with a wonderful array of fig, caramel, almond and herbal notes. A mouth-filling texture and concentration. Depth, finesse and a long and astonishingly dry finish.

MADEIRA BARBEITO Sercial Old Reserve 10 Years Old Bottle £24.95

This is authentic Madeira. A regular Gold Medal winner, and one which we would suggest serving between larder and room temperature, rather than fully chilling. Tom Cannavan Tasting Notes "Deep burnished gold, hinting at tawny. Oxidised notes of bruised fruit and a nutty character. Delicate yeasty notes. On the palate quite richly textured, with a sweetness at first, but soon overtaken by dry, Fino-like nuttiness and plenty of lemon rind waxiness and crisp, clean, white fruit and citrus acidity. This has a multi-layered complexity, and the 50g/l of residual sugar is mind-boggling given the searing dryness of the finish. 90 Points"

MADEIRA BARBEITO Single Harvest 2000 (Medium Dry) Half Litre £15.95

This is authentic Madeira. At room temperature, or just a little cooler, this single harvest makes a wonderful aperitif especially when served with salted almonds, olives or nuggets of Parmesan. It is also excellent when served with starters such as pate, foie gras, duck confit, welsh rarebit, game terrine or Yorkshire Pudding and onion gravy. Medium-Dry Madeira of great purity and elegance.

MADEIRA BARBEITO Verdelho 'Old Reserve' 10 Years Old Bottle £24.95

This is authentic Madeira. Overall Fortified Wine Trophy at the International Wine Challenge 2009. Tasting: Tom Cannavan "Rich burnished gold. A little rotted orange note of oxidation of this ripe fruit, with a hint of barley sugar and little floral and exotic fruit notes, as well as a delicate spiciness. On the palate the immediate impression is dry, with a lushness to the texture and a building sweetness through the mid-palate. There is a welterweight of acidity here again, but the creamy, toffeed character balances, and this stays quite rich but very well defined through its acid structure into a long, tangy finish that leaves a real impression in the mouth."

Sherry

Dry

EMILIO LUSTAU Dry Amontillado 'Los Arcos Bottle £11.95

A text book Amontillado of great maturity, made from 100% Palomino Fino grapes. Naturally dry and soft, its palate gives a hint of wood and smoky raisins. A powerful and distinctive nutty bouquet. A better Amontillado would be difficult to find. Serve slightly chilled as a warming aperitif.

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The dry, medium amber-hued non-vintage Dry Amontillado Los Arcos offers good body as well as a heady personality.'

EMILIO LUSTAU Manzanilla 'Papurisa' Bottle £11.95

This is a bone dry Manzanilla from the town of Sanlúcar de Barrameda made from 100% Palomino Fino grapes. It is light and fresh, very tangy, clean and crisp with just a hint of saltiness. Serve it chilled as an aperitif.

ROBERT PARKER 92 Points 'Impressive is the superb non-vintage Manzanilla Parirusa. Its light straw color is accompanied by a spicy, nutty nose, elegant, dry flavours, delicious purity, and a smoky intensity. It would be fabulous with sushi. Drink it over the next year.'

EMILIO LUSTAU Puerto Fino 'Solera Reserva' Bottle £11.95

Made from 100% Palomino Fino grapes this is a truly great wine matured in the town of Puerto de Santa María, considered by many experts to be the home of the finest classic fino. Dry, elegant, light and smooth with just a hint of the sea and attractive fruit. Very fresh, with a slight taste of tangy yeast. The pronounced flor bouquet is due to Puerto Fino's double maturation under fresh flor. Serve chilled as an aperitif or as a wine with food. Delicious with shellfish and other seafood. ROBERT PARKER 90 Points 'The dry, austere, intensely flavorful non-vintage Puerto Fino exhibits a light green/amber color as well as notes of crushed sea shells, hazelnuts and spice. This is top-notch Fino to consume over the next year.'

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2005 - GOLD MEDAL

GONZALEZ BYASS Tio Pepe Fino Sherry Bottle (75cl) 15.0%alc £9.75

A Fino (dry) sherry. Pale gold. Crisp, fresh, clean, very dry and fragrant. Pungent, distinctive "flor" aroma. The estimated period of ageing is some 5 years. All the grapes are from vineyards owned by Gonzalez Byass in the "Jerez Superior" zone.

GONZALEZ BYASS Tio Pepe Fino Sherry Miniature (5cl) 15.0%alc £0.65

Medium

CROFT Particular Amontillado Sherry Bottle (75cl) 17.5%alc £7.45

A medium dry Amontillado sherry from the house of Croft.

Fortified Wine

Sherry

Medium

HARVEY'S Club Classic Amontillado Sherry Bottle (75cl) £7.45

This is Harvey's Club Amontillado, repackaged and renamed. Reliable, nutty Amontillado with soft, round sweetness, ideal as an aperitif or try with cakes or fruit tarts.

Sweet

CROFT Original Cream Sherry Bottle (75cl) 17.5%alc £7.95

Croft Original pale cream is a suitable blend of the pale dryness of quality Fino Sherry, with the added depth and body of a cream. It is both light and delicate in colour, yet smooth and luxurious in its taste.

CROFT Original Cream Sherry Litre £10.65

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EMILIO HIDALGO Pedro Ximenez N.V. Bottle £18.95

The bodega was founded in the mid nineteenth century by Emilio Hidalgo. The company is owned and operated by the fifth generation of his descendants. The winery has been located, since its inception, in the old part of the city of Jerez de la Frontera. Ageing: A system of horizontal soleras is used - instead of the usual vertical or pyramidal system - ensuring the barrels are as close to the floor as possible and stored in the coolest, most humid parts of the cellars. Style: The Hidalgo family think of their sherries more as table wines than fortified wines. The wines are elegant and complex and match a wider variety of foods than many typical sherries. This wine has a very dark, almost opaque colour; the aroma is of toasted nuts and raisins, the flavours reminiscent of dates and sweet figs. Long, complex and pure, it is relatively delicate compared to many PX's which just taste of molasses. Fantastic match for bitter chocolate puddings, ice cream or strong blue cheeses or just drunk as a dessert in itself.

EMILIO LUSTAU East India 'Solera' Bottle £14.95

In centuries gone by, casks of sherry were lashed to ships sailing for the Indies as ballast, and were found to develop an extraordinary smoothness and complexity. Lustau has revived this style of sherry in the East India wine. Unforgettable flavours of raisins, candied peel and nuts.

ROBERT PARKER 94 points 'Readers looking for something weighty, sweet, and provocative should check out the non-vintage East India Solera. A blend of soleras averaging 15 to 50 years of age, it boasts a dark amber color as well as a huge nose of melted toffee, caramel, figs, and prunes. This over-the-top yet surprisingly vibrant (because of good acidity) effort is best drunk as dessert at the end of a meal.'

EMILIO LUSTAU Moscatel 'Emilin' Bottle £14.95

Made from 100% Palomino Fino grapes this sherry has a light amber, gold colour and is dry and has an immensely rich flavour, with nuances of vanilla, coffee and dark chocolate. Serve it at cool room temperature as an aperitif with nuts.

THE ALMACENISTA: Vides S.A. was founded in 1958 by Don Tomas Domecq Rivero, and the bodegas are located a few hundred yards from Lustau's main cellars in the old Santiago quarter of the city. Today, his grandson, Don Fernando Leon Manjon owns the bodega.

ROBERT PARKER 93 points (2007) 'The non-vintage Palo Cortado, Almacenista Vides is dark amber, slightly sweeter and richer than the Amontillado and would be excellent with quail, partridge, and grouse.'

EMILIO LUSTAU Pedro Ximenez 'San Emilio' Bottle £15.95

Almost black in colour. A pronounced and delicious bouquet of the essence of sweet raisins. The taste is very sweet, smooth, pronounced and delicious just like dried raisins or sweet grape juice. This is a very sweet dessert wine made from 100% Pedro Ximénez grapes and it should be consumed, chilled, on its own or with rich, fruity puddings. Also classically used as the sauce for one of the famous desserts of Jerez: ice cream with Pedro Ximénez Sherry.

EMILIO LUSTAU deLuxe Cream 'Capataz Andre' Bottle £9.95

Made from Palomino Fino and Pedro Ximénez grapes in the traditional way and at the original strength - one of the few examples left of what cream sherry should taste like. Deep amber in colour with the taste of sweet raisins, dates and figs. Rich sweet ripe fruit that lingers smoothly and seductively. A powerful balance of sweetness, richness and maturity. Serve at cool room temperature as a dessert wine or as a digestif at the end of a meal.

HARVEY'S Bristol Cream Sherry Litre (100cl) + £10.95

Harveys Bristol Cream features flavours of roasted nuts and raisins, with a subtly spicy finish.

Harveys Bristol Cream is usually served well chilled as an aperitif, as an after-dinner drank straight, or on the rocks with a wedge of lime or slice of orange. The ice lessens the viscosity and the citrus lowers the sweetness to create a refreshing drink. As a dessert wine, serve with cheesecake, flan, bread pudding or creme brulee.

Various Other

Marsala

CURATOLO Marsala Fine Dry N.V Bottle £7.95

The Curatolo family has been producing excellent Marsala and creditable wine for over a century. They are the oldest, family-owned Marsala house in Italy. Light wines from local grapes Grillo, Inzolia, and Cataratto are fortified with white grape spirits in the traditional way. The wines are then cask aged for 2 years in order to get the Superiore classification. This Marsala has intense, long-lasting flavours with characteristic wood scents, toasted almonds, citrus, and perfumes of vanilla, caramel and honey.

CURATOLO Marsala Superiore Riserva N.V Bottle £11.95

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Pineau des Charentes

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD Pineau des Charentes Blanc N.V. Bottle £13.95

Excellent and very underrated apéritif from the Cognac region of France. A blend of fresh grape juice from Colombard grapes and wonderfully smooth cognac, it has freshness, a hint of sweetness and a clean finish.

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD Pineau des Charentes Rose/Rouge N.V. Bottle £13.95

Pineau rosé is made with Cabernet and the Merlot grapes and undergoes a cold pelliculaire maceration for several days, to extract the best aromas contained in the pulp. This process obtains a pleasant perfume of red fruits (blackcurrant, morello cherry). Use as an aperitif, with melon, or at dessert with chocolate cake.

Various Other

Marsala

Red Wine

America

California

FROG'S LEAP Zinfandel - Napa Valley 2006/07 Bottle £18.95

HUGE THUMBS UP FOR THIS ONE!

Rich, but quaffable, this easy drinking Zinfandel can be easily drunk on it's own or with food. We know that we can sell this well. Blended with a bit of Petite Syrah, Carignan and Napa Gamay to give depth and balance. Layers of dried cranberries and wildberry. Yum Yum!!

HESS COLLECTION Allomi Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 Bottle £16.95 +

The combination of a long, warm growing season and well-drained soils creates optimal ripening conditions, which make the Allomi Vineyard an ideal location for Cabernet Sauvignon. The 210 acre vineyard is composed of 35 unique blocks with six different clones. By selecting the best blocks each vintage, our winemaker produces a distinctive wine notable for its depth and complexity. This wine expresses a lush, firm texture, with good acidity, firm tannins and distinctive fruit forward flavours.

HESS COLLECTION Artezin Zinfandel 2009 Bottle + £12.95

The 2009 Artezin Zinfandel Mendocino County, just to the north of Napa, shows the bright red fruit and spicy palate for which the varietal is known. Deep ruby color. The fruit profile opens with fresh blackberries and blackcherry, followed by ripe raspberry jam. More subtle aromas of currants, licorice, black pepper and spice. Entry on the palate is a burst of berries, followed by spices and ripe fruit sweetness. The mid-palate is smooth and round with elegant tannins and a lush finish. This Dry Creek offering shows that Zinfandel can be sophisticated and elegant and gains complexity with pairing. As such, excellent food pairings include roasted duck, veal, and grilled salmon as well as pastas and subtle-flavored cheeses.

HESS COLLECTION SELECT Cabernet Sauvignon 2007/08 Bottle £11.95

Mendocino contributes spice and mid-palate, Lake County adds the classic red fruit profile of Bing cherry and Napa Valley maintains our signature style and structure, with flavours of black fruit and cassis. The wine's smoky barrel toast and hickory aromas mingle with raspberry and black cherry on the palate. A rich, full body with hints of sage and allspice lead into fine-grained tannins in the finish.

FOOD PAIRING: Sweet peppers, caramelized onions, roasted Portobello mushrooms, bacon burger with blue cheese, barbecued shrimp, mild blue cheese and cheddar cheese. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 7% Merlot.

LYETH Merlot 'L de Lyeth' 2007/08 Bottle/NC** £10.45

The Sonoma County Merlot is probably the most impressive of all of the wine produced at Lyeth, simply because at this price, with a Sonoma County appellation, is nigh on impossible to find. This wine has a ruby red colour, aromas of ripe black cherry, lively raspberry, plum, currant, thyme and spice notes. It is well-balanced with flavours of plum, wild berry, currant and hints of mint and spices.

OPUS ONE (Mondavi/Rothschild) 2006 Bottle £162.95

ROBERT PARKER 94 points "Not surprisingly, the 2006 is a bigger, more muscular, less charming effort displaying unbridled power, full-bodied richness, and notes of new saddle leather, black fruits, roasted herbs, and burning embers. Powerful and rich with sweet tannin, low acidity, and more structure and density than the 2005 as well as less nuance and complexity, the 2006 should be consumed over the next 15+ years."

OPUS ONE (Mondavi/Rothschild) 2007 Bottle £162.95

ROBERT PARKER 95 points "One of the strongest wines ever made at Opus One, the 2007 has terrific black currant fruit, licorice, incense, and subtle smoke, an opulent, even voluptuous mouthfeel, dazzling purity and texture, and a skyscraper-like mouthfeel. This is a sensational Opus One, with sweet tannin and impressive precision and depth. It can be drunk now or cellared for 25+ years."

With a new winemaking team in place, and no longer any influence from the Mondavis, it is ironic that Opus One appears to have produced its greatest trilogy of vintages to date. This wine has always been more about sizzle than substance. While some top wines have emerged, others have been riddled with brett as well as lacking in concentration. That accusation can not be made against this vintage.

RIDGE VINEYARDS Geyserville 2008 Bottle £25.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points "The 2008 Geyserville Proprietary Red (72% Zinfandel, 20% Carignan, and the rest Petite Sirah, Mataro, and Mourvedre; 14.8% alcohol) exhibits a dense ruby/purple color along with lots of glycerin, blue and black fruits, pepper, and incense. This rich, fleshy 2008 may turn out to be more juicy and succulent than the 2007. It should last for 7-8 years."

RIDGE VINEYARDS Geyserville 2008 Magnum £56.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points "The 2008 Geyserville Proprietary Red (72% Zinfandel, 20% Carignan, and the rest Petite Sirah, Mataro, and Mourvedre; 14.8% alcohol) exhibits a dense ruby/purple color along with lots of glycerin, blue and black fruits, pepper, and incense. This rich, fleshy 2008 may turn out to be more juicy and succulent than the 2007. It should last for 7-8 years."

RIDGE VINEYARDS Lytton Springs 2008 Bottle £25.95

This fine Zinfandel offers aromas of rich, black fruits imbued with exotic spice from new oak, followed by a firm, well structured palate of berries, with superb concentration, firm acidity and fairly intense tannins. Allow this wine to develop over the next ten to fifteen years. ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points "The 2008 Lytton Springs Proprietary Red, a blend of 74% Zinfandel, 21% Petite Sirah, and 5% Carignan, possesses a deep ruby/purple color and good acidity, and a more closed style than the Geyserville, with a firmer, more restrained overall personality. It should drink well for 7-8 years."

America

California

RIDGE VINEYARDS Lytton Springs 2008 Magnum £56.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points "The 2008 Lytton Springs Proprietary Red, a blend of 74% Zinfandel, 21% Petite Sirah, and 5% Carignan, possesses a deep ruby/purple color and good acidity, and a more closed style than the Geyserville, with a firmer, more restrained overall personality. It should drink well for 7-8 years."

SCOTTO Zinfandel Lodi, California 2007/08 Bottle + £6.95

This is a lovely approachable Zinfandel. Great blackberry fruit. Medium bodied and very well balanced. A very easy drinking wine with ripe tannins and a luscious finish. "The nose has a racy character, the mainly black fruits bilberry and black cherry spiced up by herbal black pepper. The mid palate is rich the black fruits backed by dark chocolate and then towards the back the fresher more herbal spice gives an appealing twist to the tail." 91 pts Derek Smedley MW Grapes: 95 % Zinfandel 5 % Syrah What to eat with: Perfect with all red meat dishes. Not too weighty, so will compliment many meals. The good acidity will help to cut through any fattiness, a good choice with a roast meal. Tasting 18.10.09 - This wine is fantastic with Roast Lamb and all the trimmings. At this price it really is worth having a few of these in your rack. A great all rounder with great fruit and finish.

SEGHESIO Zinfandel 'Sonoma County' 2008/09* Bottle £17.95

A seductive and vigorous Zinfandel, with smoky black cherry and blueberry aromas and youthful wild berry, sage and cracked pepper flavors that have a lingering finish and zesty tannins. Drink now through 2012. 68,000 cases made.

Food Pairing: Ideal with red sauces, pizza, barbecue, spicy cuisine and a variety of meats.

This wine made No.10 in the Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2008! This is remarkable when you consider the company it shares on this list is generally associated with very low production and extremely high prices. The Sonoma Zinfandel is an outstanding value and consistently well-made wine. Wine Spectator rating - 93 points!

SHAFER VINEYARDS Merlot 2007 Bottle £34.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points "Composed of 82% Merlot and 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, the dark ruby/purple-tinged 2007 Merlot reveals soft berry fruit intermixed with leafy, herbal notes, excellent purity, a layered mouthfeel, sweet tannins, lively freshness, and the intense fragrance that this vintage has provided. It should be consumed over the next 10-12 years."

SHAFER VINEYARDS Merlot 2007 Magnum £74.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points "Composed of 82% Merlot and 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, the dark ruby/purple-tinged 2007 Merlot reveals soft berry fruit intermixed with leafy, herbal notes, excellent purity, a layered mouthfeel, sweet tannins, lively freshness, and the intense fragrance that this vintage has provided. It should be consumed over the next 10-12 years."

SHAFER VINEYARDS Syrah/Petite Syrah 'Relentless' 2006 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points "The 2006 Relentless may be even better. It possesses an opaque purple hue as well as a grapy, smoky perfume displaying scents of roasted meats, blackberries, licorice, and charcoal. This packed and stacked, full-bodied 2006 should drink beautifully for 10-15 years."

Oregon

DOMAINE DROUHIN Pinot Noir 'Willamette Valley' 2008 Bottle £22.95

The Domaine Drouhin wines have received world-wide acclaim from the press and the wine lovers year after year. The Pinot noir bottlings are frequently awarded "Outstanding" scores from the Wine Spectator and Wine Advocate critics. Try this new world Pinot Noir with grills and roasts, or with salmon and tuna.

Jancis Robinson gives this wine 17.5 points and says, "Mid crimson - quite a bit of blue still. Intense with a bit of oak on the nose - if someone told me this were German I would not be surprised. Leafy, round and very satisfying. A really, really nice wine with lots of ripe, lifted fruit on the palate but no specious sweetness. Slightly chewy end. Great freshness and lift. Very long."

Argentina

Mendoza

ANUBIS Malbec 2010 Bottle 13.0% ~@ £7.95

A velvet-soft, full bodied expression of the Malbec variety from Argentina's first lady of wine, Susana Balbo - plenty of lush dark fruit characters, raspberry, cherry and gentle vanilla together with touches of spice and chocolate. These flavours combine with the wine's sweet tannins to give a balanced wine with great body and pleasant length. Serve at room temperature with red meats and bbq's.

This Malbec has wonderful colour. Fantastic value for money!!

BENEGAS Malbec 2008 Bottle 15%alc + £17.95

Stephen Tanzer: Jan/Feb 10. By Stephen Tanzer. Bright ruby-red. Very ripe blackberry and sexy oak aromas are nicely lifted by violet and licorice. Sweet, juicy and firmly built, with noteworthy depth and concentration to the flavors of black fruits and spicy oak. Densely packed and pliant wine with personality-and more forward at the same stage than the 2007 was a year ago. Plenty of exotic coffee, spice and black fruit flavors on the back end.

Decanter: Decanter May 2010 4 Stars/16.75pts - "Broody and dark. Good fruit richness and concentration. Nicely textured and succulent with a firm backbone. Still youthful, just beginning to soften. A stylish, balanced Malbec." Vinification: 18 months in new French oak casks.

Red Wine

Argentina

Mendoza

CATENA 'Alamos' Malbec 2010 Bottle 14%alc @ £6.95

The Alamos Malbec has a deep, dark violet colour with blackish inky tones. The nose offers rich blackberry aromas with light notes of violets and vanilla. The mouthfeel is full yet soft, with ripe, concentrated dark berry fruit flavours and a touch of sweet spice from light oak aging. This finish is long and lingering, with sweet, inviting tannins. Food: Excellent with chicken, lamb, grilled vegetables and pasta dishes.

CATENA 'Alta' Malbec 2007 Bottle + £27.95

93 points from the Wine Spectator: "Very concentrated, with dark fig and currant paste notes, but it's also pure and driven, with intense mocha, bittersweet cocoa and melted licorice notes that stretch out the long, polished finish. Really gorgeous for its density and mouthfeel. Drink now through 2013."

CATENA Malbec 2008 Bottle + £11.45

The Catena Malbec shows a dark violet colour with deep bluish-black tones. The nose offers ripe, concentrated dark fruit aromas with delicate floral notes and traces of vanilla and mocha. The mouthfeel is rich and lush, with concentrated black cherry and red currant fruit flavours layered with sweet spices, tobacco and a touch of leather. The finish presents soft, supple tannins with bright, crisp acidity and a flinty minerality which gives the wine exceptional length. The Independent "A big, juicy, plummy, black-fruit-flavoured example of Argentina's finest grape, produced by one of its best exponents from high-altitude vineyards in the Mendoza region. A lovely, smooth mouthful, with touches of spice and leather and a lengthy finish that makes it ideal with roast or confit duck or a prime, rare, fillet steak."

CATENA ZAPATA Malbec 'Argentino' 2006/07 Bottle £47.95

We're getting pretty much to the top of the Catena tree here with this 100% Malbec wine sourced from both the high-altitude Nicasia and Adrianna vineyards. This is a big and robust wine, with loads of deep black fruit and a long and powerful finish. A special occasion wine with a WOW factor. Stunning with smoked lamb steaks.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate rates this special wine 96 points: "The 2006 Malbec Argentino is a blend of the Nicasia and Adrianna Vineyards with the same élevage. As so often happens, the combination is better than either of the individual components. It is more complex aromatically, seems more opulent, has tons of flavor, and a lengthy, 60-second finish."

DOMINIO DEL PLATA Malbec 'Ben Marco' 2007(08) Bottle 15%alc £13.95

Domino del Plata is, quite simply, one of the wonders of the modern winemaking world. Rarely will you find a winery and vineyard set in more breathtaking surroundings – the snow-capped Andes loom over the place with an almost god-like air of approval. This is a cathedral to wine, stunningly designed in a way that combines utter exactitude with a true sense of organic charm. Deep purple, lush, full-bodied and penetrating on the palate with loads of chewy, black and redcurrant jam flavours, bright acidity and a touch of grip on an almost savoury finish. This wine really benefits from a few hours breathing and explains the whole Argentine love affair with Malbec at a single sitting. A little splash of Bonarda provides perfect balance.

ERAL BRAVO Cabernet Sauvignon 'Urano' - Lujan de Coyo 2005(07) Bottle 14.5%alc + £10.45

Eral Bravo is the new wine undertaking of the Sanchez Nieto Family. They have been making high quality wines for over thirty years, since the time when Don Nicanor Nieto founded one of the most prestigious wineries of Argentina, which was sold a short time ago. This wine presents a very intense ruby red colour. On the nose, interesting cassis and blackberry fruit aromas, with hints of vanilla. Sweet and structured tannins on the palate give personality to this wine. A balanced acidity and a lengthy and complex finish complete the description. Dunell's Comments: A thumping nose of ripe red and black fruits. Really creamy and viscous. Very very good!

LAFITE-CATENA Cabernet/Malbec 'Caro' 2007 Bottle £32.95

A joint venture between Domaines Baron de Rothschild-Lafite and Nicolas Catena, Caro is a marriage of Bordeaux and Argentina in terms of people, knowledge and grapes, making a Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec blend that draws on the expertise of both parties. First released in 2002 with the 2000 vintage, Caro has quickly gained a reputation as one of Argentina's icon wines. "...it has a classy perfume of wood smoke, spice box, pencil lead, black currant, and black cherry. 93/100" Jay Miller, The Wine Advocate

LUIGI BOSCA 'Gala 1' Malbec /Petit Verdot/Tannat 2007/08* Bottle £16.45

A brilliant violet red wine. Intense aromas of ripe red fruit with delicate hints of vanilla. Structured, elegant, with a long finish in the mouth. A superb blend of Malbec, Petit Verdot & Tannat. Made from hand selected grapes from the finest vineyard areas in Vistalba, Carrodilla & las Compuertas, Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza. Aged in new French oak barrels. DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2008 - SILVER MEDAL

LUIGI BOSCA 'Icono' Malbec - Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Bottle £67.95

Robert Parker December 2010 92 points - The 2007 Icono is a blend of 55% Malbec and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon that went through alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in new French oak where it remained for 18 months before bottling without filtration. Deep purple in color, it exhibits an enticing nose of pain grille, Asian spices, underbrush, incense, black cherry, and black currant. Plush, ripe, and concentrated on the palate, this is a seamless offering with no hard edges. It has a firm underlying structure which will allow it to provide pleasure over the next 10 years.

Argentina

Mendoza

LUIGI BOSCA Malbec 'Finca la Linda' Mendoza 2009 Bottle £6.95

@ Now we're talking! Excellent ripe fruit nose with spicy saucisson flavours. Deep colour. Velvety and elegant. Chewy with great vanilla oak touches. This a big style red and is incredible value for money. It is a velvety, elegant and modern wine with a sound structure. Produced by Mendoza's most prestigious producer, Luigi Bosca. This was one of our favourites of the team tasting in February 09.

LUIGI BOSCA Pinot Noir Reserva 2008/09* Bottle ^@ £9.45

Brilliant cherry red, clean, fresh, fruity, velvety good body. Aromas of red fruit, strawberries, violets and chocolate. A vigorous, attractive wine, combining strength and firmness with delicacy and elegance. Good with white meat, small game, such as quail & pleasant and soft cheeses. Serve at between 18°-20°C and age for up to 5 years. Robert Parker wrote: "The 2008 Pinot Noir spent 8 months in French oak. Dark ruby-colored, it has an engaging perfume of raspberry, cherry, and cinnamon. Very concentrated with intense sweet fruit, the wine has excellent varietal character, light tannin, and 1-2 years of aging potential. Drink this value-priced Pinot over the next 5-6 years."

MALBRONTES Malbec-Torrontes 2010 Bottle 14%alc £7.95

95% Malbec; 5% Torrontés; 100% Argentina = Malbrontes. The Malbrontes idea was to add a judicious dash of the delightfully fresh and highly aromatic Torrontés grape to the classic, chunky, succulent Malbec that we all love so much. The result? The nose is even more fragrant than a 'normal' Malbec, with enhanced but still subtle high notes of violets; the palate is also lightened and freshened with a touch of acidity, making for a wine that remains a full-blooded red in every sense, but is beguilingly approachable and soft, so much so that it is wonderful when slightly chilled.

"It's young, very satisfying, well balanced, velvety fruit with just a lightly floral note. This one certainly seems a good buy to me for drinking over the next year or two. It is even gentle enough to consider drinking without food." Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, February 2010.

MAURICIO LORCA Malbec 'Fantasia' - Lujan de Coyo 2008/10* Bottle + £8.95

This wine gives you a huge hit of cherries, blueberries, and delicate touches of pepper and spice wash across the palate, resolving themselves into a silken finish. Malbec is best served with any and all red meat and game. Very clean and particularly well balanced. A really lovely Malbec.

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA Cabernet/Malbec 2005/06/07* Bottle £47.95

The core Cabernet Sauvignon fruit component was sourced from Lot 3 of La Pirámide vineyard. With exceptional homogeneity and balance, these Cabernet Sauvignon grapes offer rich cassis flavors, supple texture and excellent structure. The core Malbec fruit component was sourced from Lot 3 of the Adrianna Vineyard, the highest Malbec vineyard in Mendoza. This extremely cold, mountain microclimate produces exceptionally concentrated Malbec grapes with dark fruit flavors, perfumed violet aromas and well structured tannins.

PULENTA ESTATE Gran Corte - Mendoza 2006/07 Bottle** £19.95

+ THE WINE ADVOCATE 91 points "The 2007 Pulentia Gran Corte is composed of 37% Malbec, 27% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, and 5% Cabernet Franc. It, too, spent 16 months in 80% new French oak. Dark ruby-colored, it offers up an exceptionally perfumed, complex bouquet of spice box, mineral, balsam wood, black cherry, and black currant. Suave on the palate with a velvety texture, this is a forward, layered, sweetly fruited wine with excellent concentration, impeccable balance, and a lengthy finish. Although it can be enjoyed now, it will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and will provide pleasure through 2022." ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUM

PULENTA ESTATE Gran Corte - Mendoza 2007 MAGNUM £45.95

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VINA COBOS Malbec 'Felino' 2008/09* Bottle/NC @ £10.95

Vina Cobos is Paul Hobbs' winery in Mendoza. He is better known (at least for the moment) to connoisseurs and collectors for his namesake winery in Napa, California which has been awarded many accolades (including maximum score 100 points from the world's most influential critic Robert Parker). He is also well known for being winemaker at America's most famous estate the Rothschild/Mondavi project Opus One. The 2009 Felino Malbec is a splendid introduction to this grape variety. Great balance of pure, concentrated fruit, lively acidity and smooth tannins. Solid, with medium-weight black licorice, crushed plum and spice notes that stay nicely focused on the finish. Drink now. 18,750 cases made.

Salta

BODEGA COLOME 'Amalaya' Malbec 2009 Bottle + £8.95

Amalaya means 'hope for a miracle' in the native language of The Calchaqui Valley indigenous people. A blend of Argentina's flagship red grape variety Malbec, with Cabernet, Syrah and Tannat, this generous, full-bodied red offers sweet fruity aromas, resembling cherries and raspberries, laced with vanilla spice. Velvety smooth, the palate revels in the flavours of redcurrants and plum, and is long and persistent with a strong savoury finish. The Amalaya is a perfect pairing for rich meaty stews and roasts.

Red Wine

Argentina

Tupungato

GOUGUENHEIM Cabernet Sauvignon - Uco Valley 2009 Bottle £8.45

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These Cabernet vines grown at very high altitudes benefit from hot days and cool nights that produce balanced and harmonious wines. Winemaker Patricio Gouguenheim is advised by the renowned Susan Balbo.

A Decanter World Wine Awards winner, this Cabernet is deep ruby purple in colour and offers the palate rich cassis-like flavours. Supremely smooth, infinitely drinkable and fantastic value for money.

Dunell's Comments: This wine reminded us of the smell you get when you sharpen a pencil!

Displays lovely creamy red and black fruits and drinks beautifully. Impressed. This is a stylish wine that meets every expectation - rich and powerful.

R J VINEDOS Malbec 'Pasion 4' - Lujan de Coyo 2007(08) Bottle £8.95

13%alc +

A modern classic this, showing deep, concentrated ruby colour with purple hints. A highly expressive wine offering ripe, fruity aromas of plum, cherry and strawberries as well as notes of mineral, chocolate and vanilla. Soft and round on the palate with mature velvety tannins, well-balanced and full-bodied with a long finish.

"Meaty nose. Lots of ripe fruit and then very fine and refined. This is the sort of red wine you could drink by the glass without food. Smooth, refined and gentle. Well done! Good value."

Jancis Robinson's Purple Pages, April 2009

Australia

A.C.T., Canberra

CLONAKILLA Shiraz 'Hilltops' 2010 Bottle/ST £16.95

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Superb wine. Intense black-red colour, this wine is loaded with ripe blackberry fruit pushed along by a late surge of blackcurrant and spice. Great now but will develop in the cellar for five to ten years to taste its full potential.

N.S.W. Murray River

LANTANA Shiraz/Cabernet - N.S.W. Murray River 2009 Bottle £6.95

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The two Lantana wines are named after an exotic plant that thrives in Australia. Anthony Murphy has produced a 'bang for bucks' duo that really do over-deliver fruit and flavour for their price point. This wine has really good Cabernet fruit on the nose. Very clean and well balanced and offers very easy drinking style. Perfect for parties and functions as it is mass appeal. Generous fruit with plums and red berries. Silky palate and fine tannins.

TRENTHAM ESTATE Pinot Noir - N.S.W. Murray River 2009 Bottle £8.25

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This Pinot Noir has aromas of sweet red berries, mocha and subtle vanilla follow to the palate. A soft wine which has good length with a nice spicy finish. Pinot Noir has been referred to as the noblest of all grape varieties, making some of the most famous of all red wines, but it is difficult to grow and make. The Trentham 2009 Pinot Noir is made from four different clones which produce grapes of varying colour and flavour, which adds complexity and weight to the final wine. This wine will be best consumed within the next five years. Enjoy with pasta, duck or Atlantic salmon.

TRENTHAM Shiraz 'Willandra' 2006 Bottle £7.25

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Inspired by the surrounding rich cultural heritage and aged, timeless environment of the Willandra region, Murphy Vineyards have carefully crafted this attractive wine which displays fresh natural fruit flavours and balanced complexities. Displays lifted spice and plum on the nose with a rich, ripe fruit palate. Superb value for money!

South Australia

REDFIN Cabernet/Merlot 2008(09) Bottle £6.95

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Redfin was created by Liberty Wines, working with winemaker Tim James, with the specific aim of producing wines from Australia that once again generated excitement at this price level. 55% of the fruit comes from the Riverland region, 30% from the McLaren Vale and 15% from Padthaway. Oak maturation took place using 100% French oak for 14 months.

Ruby red in colour with a purple hue. On the nose this wine displays lifted blackberry and blueberry aromas with nuances of mocha chocolate and subtle oak tones. The palate is soft, round and rich with generous blackcurrant, cinnamon and cherry flavours and a lingering finish. A tight tannin structure is complimented by subtle nutty oak.

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

REDFIN Shiraz 2008 Bottle £6.95

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Redfin was created by Liberty Wines, working with winemaker Tim James, with the specific aim of producing wines from Australia that once again generated excitement at this price level. The grapes are all sourced from selected vineyards in South Australia, with 60% of the fruit coming from the McLaren Vale with the remaining 40% coming from Riverland. Oak maturation took place using 100% French oak for 14 months.

Deep, bright purple in colour with aromas of concentrated dark berries and a touch of mulberry, vanilla and cinnamon spice from the oak. On the palate this wine is youthful and intense with generous juicy plum and dark berry fruit. The tannins are ripe and fine grained with a balanced and lengthy finish. 92% Shiraz, 8% Merlot

Australia

South, Adelaide Hill

PENFOLD'S Pinot Noir 'Bin 23' 2009 Bottle/ST £22.95

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Bin 23 Pinot Noir has been sired out of the Cellar Reserve in much the same way that many PENFOLDS Bin reds have developed—borne out of their more illustrious and older siblings in a process that sees wine, skills and experience cascade from the top down. Over ten years of trials and experimentation have led to this; the first Bin Pinot Noir release. At this point the Cellar Reserve and the Bin Pinot Noir are made in identical fashion with the Bin wine benefitting from the inclusion of more fruit driven grapes, often produced in younger vineyards, and also from a more restrained use of new French oak.

SHAW & SMITH Shiraz, Adelaide Hills 2008 Bottle/ST £17.95

Using cooler climate fruit, this wine is a modern interpretation of Australian Shiraz. Whilst traditionally associated with warm regions, Shiraz has also proven to be a star performer when carefully managed in the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills. Deep crimson-purple; a classy bouquet promises spicy black fruits and quality oak which the medium- to full-bodied palate delivers in spades, with layers of flavour and perfect balance; right up there with the great '06. Screwcap.

14% alc. Rating 96 Points Drink 2027 - James Halliday

Trophy for The Best Australian Red Rhone Varietal over £10 - Decanter World Wine Awards. Gold Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards

South, Barossa Vall.

CHARLES MELTON Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre 'Nine Popes' £24.95

2006/07*/08** Bottle/ST +

Charles Melton's Nine Popes is recognised as Australia's benchmark interpretation of a southern Rhone blend. With heat, drought, a compressed vintage and low yields, 2007 proved a real headache for South Australian growers, but some old-vine grenache styles provided real highlights from both McLaren Vale and the Barossa.

Stephen Tanzer: Sep/Oct 08. (50% grenache, 45% syrah and 5% mourvedre). Dark red. Sexy bouquet of raspberry, blackberry, smoked meat, fresh flowers and pungent herbs. Deep red berry flavors offer excellent palate-coating intensity and admirable clarity, gaining sweetness on the back end. There's a pinot-like silkiness to this already tasty wine. Raspberry echoes on the long finish.'

CHARLES MELTON Shiraz 'Grains of Paradise' 2008 Bottle/ST £25.95

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Fruit from one of our finest Barossa blocks makes up the majority of this wine. It is a more elegant model of the Barossa Shiraz tradition but still retains the warmth and generosity of the Barossa. Sweet rich warm and cuddly. Big firmer classic Barossa style in contrast to the Voices. Less new oak evident and more a style that will evolve into that sweet cedar Barossan burgundy style that typified Barossa Shiraz back when it used to be either burgundy or claret! (And in fact, a number of wines in the sixties and seventy's won trophy's or gold medals in both classes with the same wine). Dark, rich, fruitcake flavours that will complex and soften with age. Trust us, this wine blew us away when we tasted it recently. We had to add it to our portfolio!

GREENOCK CREEK Shiraz 'Roennfeldt Road' 1999 Bottle £255.00

ROBERT PARKER 98 points 'There are 236 cases of the 1999 Shiraz Roennfeldt Road (also from 65-year-old vines). Although it pushes ripeness to the limit, it does not reveal any raisiny/pruny characteristics. It offers wonderful freshness, good acidity, superb intensity, and copious quantities of blackberry, cassis, crushed rock, floral, and spicy new oak notes. Massive and concentrated with perfect equilibrium, it can be drunk now and over the next 25 years. Kudos to one of the world's finest wine producers! If I had to select the number one Australian winery, it would be hard not to choose the Greenock Creek Winery, run by the humble, shy Michael and Annabelle Waugh. The quality that emerges from this estate is extraordinary. In short, these are thrilling, world-class wines that are about as compelling as wine can be.'

HENSCHKE 'Henry's Seven' Shiraz £15.95

/Grenache/Viognier/Mourvedre 2006 Bottle

The Shiraz, Grenache, Viognier, Mourvedre blend is a tribute to Henry Evans who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. He quickly developed a reputation for producing the best wines in the southern colony. Following Henry's death in 1868, his widow Sarah exercised her temperance convictions by closing the winery and uprooting all the winegrapes. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia in those early pioneering days and reflects the history, religion and culture of the Barossa. Deep crimson in colour. Lifted, floral aromas of blackberries, plums, anise and cedar with sage, pepper and mace notes. Sweet, ripe, berry fruit flavours on a complex, layered palate of great depth and length. Cellaring Potential: Great vintage, drink now to 2023

IRVINE Merlot 'Spring Hill' 2007/08 Bottle £11.95

Known as Springhill Merlot after their Eden Valley vineyard from which a portion comes in combination with other Merlots from South Australia. They recognise the need to have an easy drinking, less expensive Merlot that nevertheless shows all the attributes of the Irvine approach in its quality, flavour – an excellent representation of the true Merlot character. Plums, raspberry, chocolate and a little vanillin oak all beautifully balanced.

IRVINE Zinfandel Reserve 2005/06 Bottle £20.95

A very stylish wine indeed. Very reminiscent of the super premium Zinfandels of USA not the "blockbuster" style at all. Superb oak, ripe morello cherry bouquet and flavour. Mid palate fruit with complexities of raspberry, loganberry and rhubarb over spicy French and vanillin American oak. Dry finish. A superb wine in itself and of the super premium style. Seek it out to enjoy the discovery of a great Australian Zinfandel.

Red Wine

Australia

South, Barossa Vall.

MAGPIE ESTATE Mourvedre-Mataro-Shiraz 'The Black Sock' 2006 Bottle £12.95

Slightly different blend this year. No Grenache and around 8% Shiraz, so our most Mourvedre dominated release yet. Aged for the first 10 months in around 10% new oak. Black fruits with meat, liquorice, and dried herbs. On the palate it follows a similar path. Juicy black fruits with some red berry lifted characters. Meat, spice and black pepper, liquorice and creamy oak, with good acidity. It's long, rich and quite creamy. Round and deep and really appealing. Drink over the next 5-8 years.

ROBERT PARKER 91 points (Jay Miller Feb 2009) "The 2006 Black Sock Mourvedre is purple-colored with a nose of wood smoke, mineral, forest floor, blueberry, and Asian spices. Already revealing some complexity, this sweet, savory effort has a firm finish and the structure to evolve for 3-5 years. It will be in its prime from 2012 to 2022"

MAGPIE ESTATE Shiraz 'The Sack' 2007 Bottle ~+ £13.95

This wine is beautiful with deep colour. High toned red and black fruits on the nose, spice, oak and a hint of mint too. It's youthful at present with good structure, smokey bacon, black cherry, raspberry, spice and toasty oak on the palate with a real meaty denseness to it. A generous full bodied red with ripe tannins, quite savoury and meaty with lots of spice and toasty oak. Looking good now and sure to age well. Drink 2010-2017.

MAGPIE ESTATE Shiraz-Grenache 'The Beak' 2007 Bottle £7.95

2007 was a very small vintage, due to frost, hail, drought etc and this is the smallest release ever. Around 65% Shiraz and 35% Grenache. The usual mixture of vineyards are used, some new oak too, though mostly older oak. It's got the classic Beak drinkability, ripe juicy berry fruits with spice and a touch of oak. Drink now and over the next 18 months.

PENFOLD'S Cabernet Sauvignon 'Bin 707' 2008 Bottle £159.95

Penfolds' finest expression of cabernet, justly ranked among Australia's best. Today, Bin 707 is justifiably regarded as one of Australia's most important cabernets. The winemaking philosophy and barrel maturation of Bin 707 is almost identical to Grange. The Bin 707 style combines intense varietal definition with new American oak to produce wines of great richness, harmony and concentration. Bin 707 proudly bears the Penfolds stamp – displaying a fascinatingly complex marriage of ripe, concentrated cabernet fruit and 100% new American oak, forged together through partial barrel fermentation. It displays dark berried fruit, mocha and chocolate overtones, with warm spice notes. It will comfortably gain stature and complexity across more than two decades in the bottle.

PENFOLD'S Shiraz 'Grange' 2006 Bottle £249.95

PENFOLD'S Shiraz 'R.W.T.' 2008 Bottle £66.95

Penfolds RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multi-regional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks of Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley Shiraz matured only in French oak. The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the project internally when developmental work began in 1995. Naturally, now no longer a 'Trial!' RWT Shiraz was launched in May 2000 with the 1997 vintage. Its style is opulent and fleshy, contrasting with Grange, which is more muscular and assertive. RWT is made from fruit primarily selected for its aromatic qualities and fine texture rather than sheer intensity or power of flavour. The result is a wine that helps to redefine Barossa Shiraz at the highest quality level. Drink with duck, red curry 'ice cream', split rice porridge, lychee, tamarind and pineapple.

PENFOLD'S Shiraz 'St. Henri' 2007 Bottle £44.95

While Grange is now seen as the quintessential Australian wine, John Davoren's work with St. Henri is of equal importance. Indeed both these wines set new standards for their day with St. Henri establishing an elegant, perfumed style based on fruit definition and maturation in old oak. Originally the wines were called 'PENFOLDS St. Henri Claret', but since 1991, with the release of the 1989 vintage, St. Henri has been labelled varietally. Like Grange, the wines have always been Shiraz driven, with small varying percentages of Cabernet Sauvignon. Totally opaque, deep black purple colour, with deep black crimson hue. The nose displays lifted top notes of ripe blackberry and liquorice followed by some dark plum, confectionary and spice. Full bodied, the palate displays impressive richness, yet at the same time is quite elegant. Cellar 8-10 years (2019-2021) Alc 14.5%

PETER LEHMANN Cabernet-Merlot-Shiraz 'Mentor' 2005 Bottle £15.95

Each year, the Peter Lehmann winemakers carefully select the very best Cabernet Sauvignon of vintage for blending with premium parcels of Merlot, Shiraz and Malbec to create this superb, multi-dimensional wine of great distinction. Dense black centre with a dark red/garnet rim. An exciting mélange of mixed spice, wild violets, hints of mint and black currants. The richness and depth of the fruit is a seamless blend. A wine of great power and length, it shows a superb balance between the fruit and the fine-grained tannins. A distinguished wine of great dignity and is only a very limited release. Fermented and thence matured for 18 months in new French oak hogshead.

PETER LEHMANN Shiraz 'Eight Songs' 2005 Bottle £16.95

The epitome of what the Barossa does so well, Eight Songs Shiraz is luxuriant, sumptuous and brings to the palate all the musky spices that mark a truly great shiraz. The colour is beautiful dark cherry with a rich garnet rim. The nose is deep chocolate, plum fruits and cedary notes. The palate is richly opulent, beautifully structured with layered, fully integrated tannins supporting the depth of primary fruit characters and spicy overtones. Eight Songs Shiraz sings with rare roast beef, rich casseroles, beef and game pies, and of course, a great aged cheddar.

Australia

South, Barossa Vall.

PETER LEHMANN Shiraz 'Futures' 2007 Bottle + £10.95

The "Futures" Shiraz has a richness of flavour (dark plum with a hint of Barossa mocha chocolate). A warm and balanced structure that finishes with that legendary Peter Lehmann drinkability. This wine would be an excellent partner for braised lamb shanks, richly flavoured casseroles and/or strong flavoured cheeses.

'A deep centre with a vibrant red rim. The bouquet shows all the classic Barossa Shiraz chocolate cake and dark plum characters, there are blackberry and brown spices, ice cream and vanillin French oak notes. A wine with a richness of soft, velvet, mouth-filling fruit which is beautifully balanced by the firm tannins and well-integrated oak. A great expression of Barossa Shiraz! This is Barossa Shiraz at its humdumming best. Intense, smooth, supple; perfectly spicy, and politely furry with tannin. Its delicious to drink now – like with a stack of field mushrooms on toast – but it'll bloom with a decade of dungeon! - Independent Weekly

PETER LEHMANN Shiraz 'Stonewell' 2004/05/06* Bottle £26.95

+ PETER LEHMANN - 'The Shiraz grapes are selected from low yielding Barossa vineyards where some of the vines are 100 years or older. Stonewell Shiraz is the best, most concentrated Shiraz made at Peter Lehmann Wines each vintage and is released as a 5 year old. The wine is barrel fermented and aged in French and American oak hogsheads for 18 months, then bottle matured for a further 3½ years prior to release. The wine is beautifully balanced, rich in flavour with a fine mouth filling finish. It is our flagship wine. The colour is deep red-black leading to a bouquet showing hints of chocolate and dark plums. These flavours extend to the palate which is richly structured with a fine, persistent finish - a wine of great style and power. The 2006 vintage is highly rated by the winemakers and has produced wines of great depth, flavour and richness. Savour with rich game dishes, roast beef, and hard cheese such as Parmigiano Reggiano, aged cheddar or Grana Padana.

PETER LEHMANN Shiraz-Cabernet-Merlot 'Clancys' 2008 Bottle/ST + £7.45

Wines are made from grapes sourced from premium Australian grape growing regions which may include the Barossa and Clare Valleys, Adelaide Hills, Limestone Coast and McLaren Vale. This wine has a garnet red colour and raspberry and mulberry characters with leafy hints, and understated oak on the nose. A supple wine with full berry characters and showing a beautiful integration of fruit and oak. It finishes long with fine tannins. A delicious red wine to enjoy now with a wide range of meat and cheese dishes. Can be cellared with confidence for a further 5 years.

SCHILD ESTATE Shiraz 2006 Bottle ^+ £14.95

The Schild Estate 2006 Barossa Shiraz is another fine example of a classic regional style from this renowned area and the Barossa regionality shows through at its best in this wine. It is a true expression of generous Barossa Shiraz. The fruit for this wine was sourced from their Angus Brae vineyard in the Barossa's cool south. This wine exudes great presence, lingering flavours and all the hallmarks of a premium Barossa drop.

COLOUR: Vibrant, rich red BOUQUET: An abundance of black pepper, cassis and black forest fruits PALATE: The bouquet follows through on the palate, producing an enticing, complex wine. Soft tannin structure and the careful selection of American oak from three different coopers enhances these rich fruit flavours, typically found in the Barossa. DRINK: Now to 2014 Received DOUBLE GOLD medal at the 2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition.

ST. HALLETT 'Blackwell' Shiraz 2007 Bottle + £16.95

This great Barossa winery goes from strength to strength. Toby Barlow, fresh from his stunning successes at Mitchelton in Victoria, has taken over where Matt Gant left off, and ensures that St Hallett remains one of the most forward looking wineries in Australia. It isn't just Shiraz that rocks their world, and the Poacher's Blend white (the first vintage was made from grapes 'stolen' in lieu of an unpaid bill!) is as racy and fresh as anything in Australia. The fruit is picked at full ripeness to gain optimum power & concentration of fruit flavour & a dense, inky colour. Each parcel of Shiraz is individually matched to one of a selection of new, 1 and 2 year old American oak barrels in which the wine spends 20 months maturing & gaining considerable texture and power prior to release. Dark Mulberry Red with brooding purple undertones. Lifted Dark Berries combine with licorice and rich chocolate to create a very opulent palate. A big and powerful Barossa Shiraz.

ST. HALLETT Shiraz 'Old Block' 2006/07 Bottle £23.95

Produced from low cropping 60-100 year old vines. Saturated black purple colour with black purple hue. Superb nose of ripe blackberry, plum, mocha, liquorice allsorts and confectionary followed by a touch of vanilla. Full bodied, rich and concentrated with mouthfilling flavours of ripe blackberry, plum, liquorice allsorts, mocha, spice and blackpepper all seamlessly interwoven. Super fine tannins with very long aftertaste of spice, blackberry and liquorice allsorts. A superb Old Block Shiraz. Cellar 6-8 years (2015-2017) DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2008 - GOLD MEDAL 'Rich, spicy, big tannins but all in balance. Lots of concentration and explosive, ripe blackcurrants.'

South, Clare Valley

KILIKANOON Cabernet Sauvignon 'Killermans Run' 2006 Bottle £11.95

A classic Cabernet Sauvignon style, rich in fruit flavour and character and one that perfectly fits the Kilikanoon 'Killerman's Run' philosophy of creating great value wines from premium areas of South Australia. Hand selected fruit parcels, maturation in new and older small French oak casks for two years and attention to final blending has ensured a wine of great poise and balance. Inky red with purple hues. Sweet berry fruits and spicy French oak characters feature on the nose with hints of leafy tobacco combine to create a smooth, seamless palate, further enhanced by the supportive oak characters and fine tannins on the finish. Cellaring potential of at least 6-8 years.

Red Wine

Australia

South, Clare Valley

KILIKANOON Shiraz/Grenache 'Killermans Run' 2008 Bottle £11.95

A classic and complex blend of Shiraz (60%) and Grenache (40%) has created a truly balanced wine that fits perfectly the philosophy of our second 'Killerman's Run' label that is to source the best fruit possible from a range of premium areas of South Australia. Made traditionally in small batches and matured for up to two years in older French and American oak casks before final blending and bottling unfiltered. Intense brick red in colour with crimson tints with lifted aromas of ripe plums, prunes and berry fruits meld together. Rich and rewarding, the Shiraz and Grenache compliment one another perfectly giving a long structured finish, sweet mid palate and seamless oak fruit integration. Juicy ripe plum and prune flavours predominate. Cellaring potential of at least 6 - 8 years.

South, Coonawarra

HOLLICK Pinot Noir 2006/07**Bottle ~+ £12.45

Hollick is one of only two producers of Pinot Noir table wine in Coonawarra. Since its first vintage in 1986 Hollick has developed a style which has been widely accepted in Australia and overseas. This wine is made from Coonawarra Estate-grown Pinot Noir, with the addition of some fruit from the cooler Mt Gambier region since the 2002 vintage. The warmer climes in Coonawarra make for a rich, opulent style of Pinot Noir. Black cherry and plum are to the fore with a core of beautifully sweet fruit, vanilla and dried flowers. Silky texture and rounded in the mouth, an excellent food wine. Imparted by ten to twelve months maturation in French and American oak hogsheads.

MAJELLA Cabernet-Shiraz 'The Musician' 2008/09* Bottle/ST £10.95

An impressive list of gold and trophies for The Magician within a very short period. A beautifully seamless wine that is a pleasure to drink, a red that's so good it's got its own video on the YouTube! "This is a sensational red that really couldn't have come from anywhere but Coonawarra - the stunning cabernet aromatics and bright fruit flavours. Shiraz subtly fleshes out the palate of a stunningly vibrant, elegant, medium-bodied red that's made for early drinking!" - Canberra Times. "An irresistible drink now proposition!" -Weekend Australian. Majella is one of the most highly awarded small wineries in Australia, the inaugural release of The Musician was met with unprecedented critical acclaim. Previous vintages have claimed the highly coveted A&G Engineering Trophy for Best Dry Red Blend and Clear Image Trophy for Best Red Blend.

South, Eden Valley

HENSCHKE 'Cyril Henschke' Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 Bottle £65.95

Robert Parker: Wine Advocate # 181. Feb 2009. Reviewer : Jay Miller. The 2004 Cyril Henschke Cabernet Sauvignon (which contains 10% Merlot) is sourced from a single Eden Valley vineyard and aged for 18 months in 100% new French oak. Purple-colored, it gives off classic Bordeaux aromas of toasty oak, vanilla, mineral, black currant, and blackberry. Elegant on the palate, it conceals enough silky tannin to evolve for 8-10 years. Nicely integrated and harmonious, this stylish wine should perform optimally from 2015 to 2034.

HENSCHKE 'Hill of Grace' Shiraz 2004 Bottle £309.95

Tasting Notes from Henschke: Very deep crimson in colour. Perfumed, with sweet lifted spicy aromas of plum, blackberry, anise, herbs and spices. Complex, with hints of sage, pepper, vanilla and cedar. The rich, complex, textured palate is sweet, juicy and fleshy, layered with spicy velvety tannins. Elegant and powerful, with great length. Cellaring Potential: Excellent vintage, drink now to 2020. Food Suggestion: Saddle of venison with parsnips & beetroot. Given 99 points by Robert Parker - "splendidly combines elegance with power in a spicy, savory amalgam along with that extra dimension that can only be provided by old vines and a great site. Drink this hedonistic Shiraz from 2015 to 2040."

South, McLaren Vale

D'ARENBERG 'The Stump Jump' Shiraz 2008/09**/10 Bottle £7.95

"Stump jump" itself is the name of a plough which was used in South Australia to clear land and make its way over the gnarly Eucalyptus tree roots. Chester Osborn, a fourth generation family winemaker in the McLaren Vale of Australia, make The Stump Jump by fermenting shiraz grapes in open tanks and basket pressing. The result delivers a potent 14.5% alcohol. Wine Spectator 90 Points - "Ripe and open-textured, this is impressive for the way it packs in the cherry, blackberry and raspberry flavors and doesn't take the foot off the gas pedal until the mineral-inflected finish has played through. Drink now through 2018. 5,000 cases imported."

D'ARENBERG Grenache-Syrah-Mourvedre 'Stump Jump' 2008/09*** Bottle + £7.75

The name 'Stump Jump' relates to the significant South Australian invention - the Stump Jump plough. This plough became a popular piece of machinery for ploughing fields because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled "mallee" Eucalypt roots and snags, saving valuable time and resources by not stopping the draught horse. The nose is full of ripe and juicy red fruits and fresh plums mixed with dark cherry, rhubarb and cardamon. The palate is approachable with juicy fresh red berries, mulberry and a hint of pomegranate. Underlying the generous fruit is a more subtle layer of plum stone, star anise and cinnamon which adds complexity and interest. The soft powdery tannins provide a gentle finish.

Australia

South, McLaren Vale

D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'Dead Arm' 2006/07 Double Magnum £129.95 (300cl)

ROBERT PARKER 95+ Points "d'Arenberg's flagship is the 2006 The Dead Arm Shiraz. Opaque purple-colored, the nose is reticent but gives up aromas of meat, bacon, game, truffles, blueberry, and blackberry. Firm, lay-ered, and complex, this beautifully rendered Shiraz demands a decade of cellaring. It will be superb from 2018 to 2036."

95 Points James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009 "The Dead Arm rarely fails to deliver an uncompromising essay on McLaren Vale fruit; deeply concentrated with levels of dark chocolate, blackberry, nuances of florals and a freshness that belies its weight and power. Good value."

D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'Dead Arm' 2007 Bottle + £26.95

Winemaking notes from d'Arenberg - The opulent palate is rich and dense with staggering concentration. Crushed ants, rhubarb, and deep earth add to the complexity. The chewy tannins are abundant and balanced by the fruit power. Building through the palate the tannins provide for a long, vibrant, savoury and spicy finish. The Dead Arm Shiraz 2007 manages to balance focus and complexity superbly. The structure is muscular and the fruit powerful, yet it maintains a pretty elegance which is allowed to flourish with deft use of oak. In youth The Dead Arm is restrained. It will start to show more fruit after five years in the bottle with secondary aged characters starting to develop after that. With such great balance this wine is expected to age for up to 20 years if cellared in the right conditions.

D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'Dead Arm' 2007 Imperiale (600cl) £249.95

The nose is very aromatic, floral and youthful. The lavender floral notes along with plum and blackberries, pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg and hint of five spice. The opulent palate is rich and dense with staggering concentration. Crushed ants, rhubarb, and deep earth add to the complexity. The chewy tannins are abundant and balanced by the fruit power. Building through the palate the tannins provide for a long, vibrant, savoury and spicy finish. The Dead Arm Shiraz 2007 manages to balance focus and complexity superbly. The structure is muscular and the fruit powerful, yet it maintains a pretty elegance which is allowed to flourish with deft use of oak. ROBERT PARKER 92 points - 2015 to 2027.

D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'Dead Arm' 2007 Magnum £59.95

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D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'The Footbolt' 2008 Bottle + £10.95

"Deep colour; licorice, bitter chocolate and a distinct aroma of candle wax combine on the bouquet; the palate is rich, warm and inviting, with lavish levels of sweet fruit the central theme of the wine." - James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2011
The Characteristics: The pretty nose is very floral with violets, lavender and rose water dancing with the more varietal purple fruits and a touch of cedar adds charming spice. The palate opens with varietal bravado and a mixture of red and purple fruits. Rasperry, blueberry and plum make way for a regional mocha character and an extra layer of complexity that includes graphite and roasted meats. It finishes with a cinnamon spicy lift and fresh, fine grain powdery tannins. Ripeness is well in check and the acid keeps the fresh and juicy palate focused.

D'ARENBERG Shiraz 'The Love Grass' 2007/08* Bottle £10.75

The aromas are complex and intriguing. For what was a ripe year the red and dark fruits are fresh and lifted with cinnamon spice and cured meat, adding complexity. The palate is equally complex with plum, boysenberry and raspberry alongside more savoury characters of charred meat, black olive and dark chocolate. Chalky dusty tannins pull the wine into focus nicely and provide for a long finish.

D'ARENBERG Shiraz-Viognier 'Laughing Magpie' 2007/08* Bottle £14.45

winemaker's notes: The intense aroma is young and forthright, offering a floral mix of peach stone, jasmine and dark maraschino cherries complexed by star anise, white pepper, black olives and fragrant garden herbs. The palate is full flavored, with beets, blueberries and red cherries and lovely cedary notes that compliment the black tea tannins and edgy mineral acidity. 92 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "The opaque purple-colored 2007 The Laughing Magpie Shiraz (90%) -Viognier (10%) offers up an expressive bouquet of smoke, mineral, violets, and wild blueberry. Medium-to full-bodied on the palate, it has tons of ripe blue fruits, spice notes, and enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years. This lengthy, pleasure-bent effort will be at its best from 2010 to 2020."

MITOLO Cabernet Sauvignon 'The Jester' 2009 Bottle/ST £10.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points - "The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Jester, which was aged in three and four year old French oak barrels, receives a touch of Amarone-like treatment with 20% of the grapes dried on racks. A superb effort, it boasts a deep ruby/purple color and loads of blueberry and cassis fruit as well as hints of roasted meat and spice box. Medium to full-bodied with good acidity, ripe tannin, and beautiful texture and length, this stunning Cabernet may be one of the world's best values in Cabernet Sauvignon! There are 4,000 cases."

Red Wine

Australia

South, McLaren Vale

MITOLO Shiraz 'The Jester' 2007/08(09) Bottle/ST + £10.95
Richard Tarlton was favourite among jesters to Queen Elizabeth I. Tarlton was the first to achieve national celebrity as a comedian and enjoyed a successful career in theatre as a leading member of the Queen's Players. As a writer, he was the author of popular ballads and plays. 'Jester' celebrates the era where boredom was alleviated through humour and the banal through intellect. Tasting: Deep cherry jubel in colour, the 2007 Jester Shiraz continues to show bright, vibrant, rich fruit. A revelation of blue and black berries, there is mocha and a hint of spice on the nose. The palate exhibits focused, genuine fruit and subtle, yet structured, tannins support a velvety elongated finish. Cellaring: Will cellar well for 6 to 8 years.

ONE CHAIN VINEYARDS Shiraz 'The Opportunist' 2007/08* Bottle/ST + £6.45
Sometimes Opportunities are too good to pass up. This McLaren Vale Shiraz has a deep an intense cassis, plum and bramble nose. Rich, voluptuous and silky on the palate with creamy black fruits and a little savoury smokiness from oak. How can being an Opportunist be so bad when the wine tastes this good?

TWO HANDS WINES Shiraz Lily's Garden 2006/09 Bottle/NC £32.95
Lily's garden is made from a selection of Two Hands finest Shiraz barrels from McLaren Vale. Colour: Dark purple plum in colour, so dense, it's almost black. Aroma: The nose shows great intensity filled with plum, mocha and aniseed and secondary notes of clove and mixed spice. Palate: A dense lush mouthfeel with sweet oozy fruit. Fruit driven with well balanced velvety tannins, sweet dark plums encased in a rich mocha chocolate, supported by subtle vanillan oak. 'Shows some subtlety, sliding its juicy blackberry and plum fruit through a veil of fine-grained tannins, with pepper and mineral overtones. Has a deft sense of harmony and balance. Best from 2010 through 2016. 2,200 cases imported. - HS' - Rated 93, Wine Spectator.

South, Mount Benson

WANGOLINA STATION Cabernet/Shiraz 'Station Hand' 2008 Bottle/ 13.5%+ £10.95
This typical Aussie blend has a luscious rich garnet colour with bright ruby hues. Concentrated deep blackcurrant, plums and spice on the nose with a full and firm dark fruit flavoured palate. An elegant wine with velvety tannins and a layered texture. Hints of mocha from the integrated French and American oak maturation. A rich opulent wine that will benefit some cellaring time however this wine can be enjoyed now with rich braised lamb shanks and creamy mash potato.

Victoria

BINDI Pinot Noir 'Block 5' 2008 Bottle £59.95
'Bindi', 50 kilometers north-west of Melbourne in the Macedon Ranges, is the family property of the Dhillon family. The Bindi vineyard is the fundamental focus of their endeavors. Their vineyard and winemaking philosophy is to seek balance and purity in the expression of our various individual vineyard sites and this philosophy is applied to farming and conservation at 'Bindi'; the preservation of the natural harmony. Eastendcellars.com wrote "Here there is black fruit as well as red; cherries and plums. It is a relatively backward nose but shows layers with ginger and nutmeg, earth and minerals. The palate is deep, very powerful, very intense and expands across the back palate. It drives long. Certainly half a dozen years will add significant dimensions to both nose and palate."

Victoria, Heathcote

GREENPOINT Heathcote Shiraz (by Moët) 2006 Bottle £12.95
Winemaker's notes: "The dense, rich color indicates the power and intensity of fruit, with complexity and elegance the truly distinguishing characters of this wine. Bright blackberry, maraschino cherry and satsuma plum aromas are enriched with anise, liquorice and subtle roasted spice from ageing in French oak. Succulent texture and supple tannins extend throughout the palate, and red liquorice flavors provide a long, distinctive finish. Fruit for the Victorian Shiraz is sourced from several cool climate regions including the Yarra Valley, Heathcote and Bendigo with each region providing complexity to the blend."

GREENSTONE Heathcote Shiraz 2006/07 Bottle £14.95
The 2007 Shiraz combines the elegance of mid-Victorian Shiraz with the depth and weight that characterise wines from Heathcote. It spent longer in oak than the previous vintage to lift the perfumes, resulting in a lovely ripe, brambly spicy fruit on the nose. On the palate, the rich, dark plum fruit is weightier than the 2005 but still balanced by the supple, fine-grained tannins and a lifted acidity on the finish. It is long and elegant on the finish. James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009 95 points 5 star rating Greenstone rated as one of the best wineries of the Heathcote region.

TRENTHAM ESTATE Heathcote Shiraz 2006 Bottle £12.95 +
Rich and balanced showing lifted fruit aromas of pepper, plum, dark cherry and chocolate. The palate is long with fruit sweetness balanced by fine oak tannins. Independents Note: The nose is lovely and racy with black pepper spicing up the fruit. Red fruits tend to dominate the palate but they do feel ripe giving richness on the mid palate. The black fruits that emerge towards the back help to enrich the finish. Derek Smedley MW 91 points

Victoria, Mornington

Australia

Victoria, Mornington

TEN MINUTES BY TRACTOR Pinot Noir 10X 2008/09 Bottle £23.95
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Hailed as a "five star winery" by James Halliday, the wines regularly feature in the recommendations of Australian wine guru, Huon Hooke, not to mention getting full marks from Jancis Robinson M.W. for their thorough representation of Mornington Peninsula. The vineyards are located on Main Ridge, the highest part of the region, thus the winery's forte of superbly crafted cool climate Chardonnays and Pinots that show the intense lingering flavours of a long, slow ripening season. "Great colour; a great example of grace and power; fine cherry plum and a touch of game on the bouquet; the palate builds from the start to finish with fine and precise fruit framed by complex aromas and flavours that will gather momentum over the next few years; long luscious and showing velvet-like quality on the finish. ABV 14% - Drink now to 2015". " 96 Points James Halliday.

Victoria, Pyrenees

TALTARNI Cabernet-Shiraz 'Cephas' 2001 Bottle £16.95
The very pinnacle of Taltarni wines, Cephas epitomises their philosophy of making superb red wines. It combines the two grape varieties that Taltarni is world renowned for; shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. Shiraz brings body and rich plumpness whilst cabernet sauvignon adds structure, length and the finest of silky smooth tannins. 2001 was a year of good balance as the result of a warm summer and a lasting mild autumn. This allowed the winemaker to wait patiently and hand-pick the grapes from each individual parcel when their flavour was at a peak. It will compliment equally well a traditional roast beef, slow-cooked lamb 'hotpot' with winter vegetables or a dish of contemporary new-Asian cuisine such as a star-anise beef salad. VICTORIAN WINE SHOW 2003 - GOLD MEDAL JAMES HALLIDAY Wine Companion 2005 - 93 points

Victoria, Yarra Vall

INNOCENT BYSTANDER Pinot Noir 2009/10 Bottle + £10.95
Harvest and fermentation of this Innocent Bystander wine were intended to maintain the delicacy and fruitiness of Pinot Noir. Ageing was in a mixture of satinless steel and oak. The wine has all the attractive and delicate red fruit character expected of Pinot Noir. In addition there is some spiciness and a savoury earthy character. On the palate juicy and fruity with enough acidity to balance. FOOD: Chargrilled quail and rosemary, Peking duck pancakes, San Daniele prosciutto. CHEESE: Washed rind, aged Beaufort and Gruyere. "Like a Down Under Cru Beaujolais in style, it is affordable, aromatic with sour cherry, plum, spice and floral notes, light but intense and lingering, succulent, silky and soft in tannins." Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Lisa Perotti Brown, June 2011

Western Australia

HELLFIRE BAY Shiraz/Grenache 2006/07 (07 Now 100% Shiraz) Bottle/ST + £6.95
Hellfire Shiraz/Grenache has an excellent depth of ruby red colour, with an attractive, open berry perfume. On the nose it's spicy and ripe, with perfumes of plums and blackberries which follow through to the palate. Smooth, rounded tannins with just enough structure to support the juicy fruit hold up to the finish.

MAD FISH Cabernet-Merlot 2005/06*/08** Bottle/st +** £8.95
The winery takes its name from Madfish Bay which can found near Denmark in Western Australia's Great Southern and where, apparently, fish go loco. Designed to reflect WA's laid-back lifestyle, both the packaging and the juice are right on the money. As you'd expect from wines from the same stable as the mighty Howard Park they are classically cool-climate in style with a real vibrancy of fruit and an abundance of cheeky charm. Tasting: Deliciously well-balanced wine, with the dark fruits of the Cabernet blending seamlessly with the more chocolatey characters of the Merlot.

MAD FISH Pinot Noir 2008/09* Bottle + £8.95
This wine has a wonderful brilliant crimson cherry hue. The nose has elegant and attractive aromas of red cherry, strawberry and earth. The palate is also reminiscent of strawberry but tends towards black rather than red cherry and slightly tart plums. The palate also exhibits forest floor characters and a firm yet subtle backbone of tannin. These tannins are palate covering and elegant and finish wonderfully with a slight acid twang. This wine is perfect for immediate consumption for those who enjoy a luxurious and fruit driven style. Those who have patience to cellar will be rewarded with a more elegant and restrained wine showing more earthy and leathery characters after about four years.

MAD FISH Shiraz 2005 Bottle + £8.95
Outstanding rich and vibrant colour with a fragrant nose of black fruits, chocolate and fresh black pepper; classic Shiraz characters from the South-West of Western Australia. The palate is rich in flavour but with seductive lightness and elegance. Dark cherry fruits with spicy savoury notes are supported by fine tannin and elegant background oak.

Western, Margaret Rv

HAMELIN BAY Shiraz/Cabernet/Merlot 'Rampant Red' 2006/07* Bottle + £10.95
This juicy red wine lives up to its name, a rampant red! Beautiful clarity with a pinkish/purple colour in the glass, and almost leafy aromas of dusty mint, cherries, plums and berries. A mouth-filling juicy red worth savouring. The winery at Hamelin Bay in the south of the region is just a few miles from the ocean. With 63 acres of well drained gravel soils, the 'Five Ashes Vineyard' faces north to grab some sunny rays in this cool region. The intensely fruity wines have a natural richness reflecting the unique beauty of the area and in recent years the Drake-Brockman family who own the winery have enjoyed high praise for their range of stunning wines.

Red Wine

Australia

Austria

Burgenland

KRACHER Illmitz Zweigelt 2006/08*/09 Bottle £11.95
The new vintage, made by the late, great Alois Kracher, is a really good vintage in Austria for reds. Ripe Zweigelt is aged in 50% new oak, and this is a little bigger and richer than the last couple of releases. Ripe cherry and plum with chocolate, creamy oak and spice on the voluptuous palate, this will also age for a few years.

Chile

Casablanca

INDOMITA Pinot Noir 'Nostros' 2010 Bottle/ST @ £5.95
A light, fragrant red made from grapes grown in the cooler Casablanca region of Chile. Bright, wild strawberry and raspberry fruits dominate a soft, supple palate which leads through to a gentle, warming finish. Perched high on a hill above the plains of the Casablanca Valley, Vina Indomita looks more Roman temple than winery but love-it-or-hate-it, it is not a building you are going to miss! Sourcing fruit from both the Casablanca and Maipo regions, they have the benefit of having the best climate for both whites and reds and produce superb, expressive wines that are both beautiful and stunning value for money.

Central Valley

CALBUCO Merlot 2010 Bottle @ £6.75
From the Central Valley in Chile the vineyards are located on a strip of land between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean. Here the grapes are helped by cold nights and hot days and the influence of the Pacific. Perfumed nose of blackcurrants and tobacco leaf. The palate is of juicy ripe brambly fruits with plums giving a soft, ripe, rounded wine with a lovely juicy finish.

FINCA EL PICADOR Merlot 2008/09 Bottle + £4.95
100% Merlot grapes grown in non-grafted vineyards. Medium bodied, with lovely sweet plum fruit and a mellow, soothing finish.

PALENA Merlot by Valdivieso 2010 Bottle @ £5.95
Attractive dark red colour, aromas and flavours of ripe plums & blackberries, sweet spices, coffee and chocolate with delicate smokey notes. A soft medium bodied wine with good length and structure.

Maipo Valley

ALMAVIVA Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Bottle £69.95
Almaviva was established in 1996 by Baron Philippe de Rothschild. With the steady hand of Patrick Leon (winemaker at Mouton and Opus One), the results have been nothing short of spectacular. The old world savoir faire has been put to good use to tame the exuberance of the ripe Cabernet Sauvignon which dominates the wine. The 2007 is particularly successful; notes of cassis plum and damson, held in check by gravely tannins and a sophisticated structure which could come straight from one of the better properties in Pauillac. (Simon Field MW - BBR Buyer)

CHOCALAN Syrah 'Reserve' 2008/2009* Bottle/NC + £9.95
This wine has a dark purple colour, and explosive blackberry and blueberry aromas on the nose, with a hint of violet framed by intense spicy and toasty notes. On the palate it is well-balanced and fresh, with velvety tannins accompanying the black fruits on the long finish. Perfect with lamb.

France - Beaujolais

Beaujolais-Villages

ANDRE COLONGE Beaujolais-Villages 2009 Bottle £8.25 @
'With such intensity of wild strawberries, it would be impossible to confuse this fresh, perfumed wine with much of the second-rate Beaujolais that is sadly still widely available. The quality-focused producers however, of whom Colonge is certainly one, are gradually shifting the 1980s enthusiasm for Beaujolais Nouveau towards the higher-quality village wines.'

Brouilly

France - Beaujolais

Brouilly

CHATEAU DES PIERREUX Brouilly 'Reserve' 2009/10 Bottle £11.95
+
This 'Reserve du Chateau', a selection from the estate's oldest vines and best vineyard (the La Roche vineyard), is aged in used barrels (from Domaine de la Vougeraie) for about eight months prior to bottling. It is an altogether more serious wine, illustrating the heights that the Gamay grape can scale, given proper care and attention. This Brouilly is bright, deep purple in colour, with a forward, open nose offering perfumes of raspberries and strawberries, characteristic of good Gamay. It has good depth of flavour on the palate, with enough structure to balance the wealth of ripe, cherryish fruit.

CHATEAU DES TOURS Brouilly 2009 Bottle @ £11.45
Think of Beaujolais ... then think again, and consider the cru Beaujolais, the product of 10 villages whose wines are considered so exceptional that they carry the village name. The cru villages are Brouilly, Chénas, Chiroubles, Côte de Brouilly, Fleurie, Juliéas, Morgon, Moulin-a-Vent, Saint-Amour, and the most recent designee, Régnié. Château des Tours has 50 hectares of vines all planted facing south within the appellation of Brouilly. There is a high proportion of old vines and the wine is vinified in the traditional Beaujolais manner. Château des Tours has been making wine from the same vineyards since 1153 AD. The Brouilly of Château des Tours has a delightful intense purple-mauve colour with a bouquet of violets and raspberries. On the palate it is lively, rich, balanced, and tender with an immediate appeal.

Fleurie

CAVE DE FLEURIE Fleurie 2008/09* Half £5.55
Wine Maker Richard Lamarre makes this from 100% Gamay grapes. The wine has a striking and vivid red colour, with several punnets worth of red berry fruit on the nose and palate. Soft and fresh with light, ripe tannins and crisp acidity it is a benchmark Bojo. Press Quote "Every summer selection needs an easy-glugging red that works well chilled or at room temperature, with or without food, and this is my suggestion. This is the first year that the Fleurie co-op, have screwcapped this wine, and it has never tasted better. Bravo to one and all for this rich, plummy, floral beaujolais with lots of lively, appley fruit on the finish." Jane MacQuitty, The Times

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J.L. DUTRAIVE Fleurie 'Chapelle des Bois' 2009 Bottle/nc £13.95
12.5%Alc +
A family property of 10.7 hectares belonging to the family DUTRAIVE. The domaine of the Grand'Cour produces wines coming from the Gamay grape under 2 names: FLEURIE (9.1 hectares) and BROUILLY (1.6 hectares). In traditional culture, without chemical fertilizer or weedkiller, with little or no filtration, their wines express the earth and the work of the winegrower. Certified Domain in entirety to biological farming since 2009. This wine is very feminine, fresh and packed with finesse. Concentrated yet approachable. We are delighted to have this wine here at Dunell's and we hope that you enjoy it as much as we do!

MICHEL CHIGNARD Fleurie 'Les Moriers' 2009 Bottle £12.95
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From the top producer in Fleurie, Michel seems to be able to make the most fantastic wine year after year. Dominated by red berry fruit aromas that follow through to the palate where they are mixed with strawberries and soft burnt fruit flavours. This wine has immediate appeal and would accompany a wide variety of dishes.

MICHEL CHIGNARD Fleurie 'Les Moriers' 2009*/2010 Half £6.95
From the top producer in Fleurie, Michel seems to be able to make the most fantastic wine year after year. Dominated by red berry fruit aromas that follow through to the palate where they are mixed with strawberries and soft burnt fruit flavours. This wine has immediate appeal and would accompany a wide variety of dishes.

Morgon

DOMAINE DE LA CHAPONNE Morgon 2007/08/09 Bottle £10.45
+
Tremendous stuff from Laurent Guillet, a keen young grower with superbly situated vines. Very fragrant, packed with bright soft cherry fruit that drinks well young or equally matures impressively in the medium term.

France - Bordeaux

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

COLLECTION 2003

£345.00
Robert Peugeot, Olivier Bernard, Stephan von Neipperg and Xavier Planty present their mix case of 6 bottles, with a limited edition, from number 1 to 1000, direct from the châteaux:

2 bottles Château Canon La Gaffelière 2003 Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Emilion
ROBERT PARKER 89
WINE SPECTATOR 92
Grapes : 55 % Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

2 bottles de Château Guiraud 2003 1er Grand Cru Classé Sauternes en 1855
ROBERT PARKER 94
WINE SPECTATOR 95
Grapes : 65% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon Blanc

2 bottles de Domaine de Chevalier 2003 Grand Cru Classé de Graves Pessac Léognan
ROBERT PARKER 90
WINE SPECTATOR 90
Grapes : 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

A.O.C. Generic

BERRYS' Extra Ordinary Claret 2006 MAGNUM/NC £26.95

BERRYS' Extra Ordinary Claret 2007/2008* Bottle/NC @ £12.95
Personally selected by Bordeaux legend Jean-Michel Cazes, of Ch. Lynch Bages-fame, this is an elegant, modern Claret packed with sleek cassis and plum fruit matched with the classic earthy, mineral hints of the Graves. We feel the success of this wine lies in its combination of quality, value and reliability at an affordable price.

BERRYS' Good Ordinary Claret 2007/08 Bottle/NC @ £7.95
Berry's believe that value can only be found in quality wines, so when it comes to their GOC they asked some of the best in the business to produce this classic Claret blend. The Good Ordinary Claret is concentrated and beautifully structured and offers all the finesse and cassis fruit you'd expect to find in far more expensive Red Bordeaux.

BERRYS' Good Ordinary Claret 2007/08 Magnum £17.95
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BORDEAUX ROUGE Hubert de Bouard 2004 Bottle £8.95
+
Co-Owner of Château Angelus, Hubert de Bouard, is the consultant wine-maker for this Cabernet/Cabernet Franc/Merlot blend produced especially for Bordeaux Vin Selection. Superbly elegant, as expected, with fabulous balanced tannin structure. Nice spicy tones and tobacco notes on the finish. Very warming and we all liked this. Excellent.

CHATEAU FONTBLANCHE Rouge - Bordeaux A.O.C. 2008 Bottle £7.45
+
Very nice expression of Merlot on a quality soil along the Gironde. Can be appreciated young but has excellent ageing potential. 80% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.

CHATEAU HAUT RIAN Rouge (Red) Bordeaux 2006 Bottle/NC £8.25
12.5%Alc +
Michel Dietrich is Alsatian by birth and a graduate of both Beaune and Bordeaux. He worked for six years in Australia prior to settling in Rions in the Premieres Cotes. He has brought all of his winemaking heritage expertise and passion together to produce a superb range of wines. His red wine is 55% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10 % Cabernet Franc. After a long cuvaision, it is aged for 6 months in Nevers oak barriques, 25 % of which are new each year.

CHATEAU MONTLAU Rouge 'Hors Serie' 2005 Bottle £26.95
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Owned by good friends Armand and Elizabeth Schuster de Ballwil, this stunning Château could not have wished for a better location. It is perched on a hill with spectacular views across the Dordogne River, Montlau is on the doorstep of the famous region of St-Emilion. We have been selling their wines for many many years now and they produce a fantastic range of wines from their Cremant through to this Hors Series, their top red. Their son, Armand Jr has now taken over the winemaking duties (we have known him since he was a baby) and is continuing the trend for making exceptional wines!
Ripe black berries on the nose, partly dried cherries and plums, delicate spicy roasted notes. Juicy on the palate, clean, ripe fruit, slightly roasted oak, fairly creamy, quite fine, still youthful tannins, quite full-bodied, good persistence, has some depth. Good finish.

CHATEAU MYLORD Rouge 2008 Bottle + £7.95
Value hunters may have come across Chateau Mylord before. In the similarly lauded, deep in quality 2005 vintage, Robert Parker called the Mylord a "sleeper of the vintage" and one that "should appeal to readers looking for terrific values from Bordeaux." It should also give a little indication on what's in store from all the upper-tier wines of the 2008 vintage.
A charming Bordeaux with lovely currant and cherry fruit, some delicate spice, and beautiful, silky texture. This pure, medium bodied wine is already delicious and best drunk over the next 1-3 years.

France - Bordeaux

Bordeaux Superieur

CHATEAU ABBAYE DE SAINT FERME Bordeaux Superieur 2005 Bottle ++ £9.45
2005 is the vintage of the century. Old style Bordeaux wine. Estate bottled and aged in French oak barrels for six months - ripe flavours of sweet black cherries and chocolate. Unusual labelling!

CHATEAU LE PIN BEAUSOLEIL Bordeaux Superieur 2007 Bottle £17.95
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Beautiful expression of red fruit to the nose with a key of minerality that is evident in the mouth. Rather dense, with excellent tannic structure.

CHATEAU MONTLAU Rouge 'Classic' Bordeaux Superieur 2007(08) Bottle @ £10.45
This is a wonderful wine produced by an old family friend, Armand Schuster. The vineyard is planted with old vines of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The wine distinguishes itself by its firm body and superb finesse.

LE PETIT SOLEIL Rouge Bordeaux Superieur 2007 Bottle + £9.95
Fruity and fresh with a seductive nose and supple tannins. 100% Merlot

Cote de Franc

CHATEAU DE FRANC 'Les Cerisiers' Cote de Francs 2003 Half £5.95
This is a joint venture of Hubert de Bouard and a member of the Hebrard family. The 2003 shows blackberry and tobacco with hints of chocolate follow through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a long, flavourful finish. Gorgeous wine. Best after 2006. 4,250 cases made. Score: 90. —James Suckling, March 31, 2006.

CHATEAU DE FRANC 'Les Cerisiers' Cote de Francs 2003 Magnum £23.95
This is a joint venture of Hubert de Bouard and a member of the Hebrard family. The 2003 shows blackberry and tobacco with hints of chocolate follow through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a long, flavourful finish. Gorgeous wine. Best after 2006. 4,250 cases made. Score: 90. —James Suckling, March 31, 2006.

Cotes de Castillon

CHATEAU AMPELIA Cotes de Castillon 2004 Magnum £24.95
Made by Francois Despagne of Grand Corbin Despagne fame, this 95% Merlot blend is dark and cassis-laden, but with the sort of leather and cedar notes typical of the 2004 vintage that bode well for a few years in the cellar. Enjoy with a French blue cheese such as Bleu d'Auvergne or steak frites.

CHATEAU AMPELIA Cotes de Castillon 2006 Bottle + £12.45
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CHATEAU BRISSON 'Le Second' Cotes de Castillon 2003 Bottle £7.95
+
Chateau Brisson is situated in Cotes de Castillon, some 40 miles east of Bordeaux on the right bank of the Dordogne. Here you can find a similar 'terroir' to those Chateaux from the better known appellation Saint Emillion. This is their second wine. It certainly deserves a look at this price! 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc. Food matches: Chilli Con Carne, curry and Tandoori cuisine, pasta and rice au gratin or roasted or grilled chicken.

CHATEAU BRISSON Cotes de Castillon 2002 Magnum £23.95
This fairly priced wine tends to be consistent. The 2002 is light, medium-bodied, with nice, sweet black fruits intermixed with mineral, earth, and spice box. The wine is well-balanced and best drunk during its next 5-6 years of life.

CHATEAU BRISSON Cotes de Castillon 2003 Magnum £20.95
ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'A sleeper of the vintage, this delicious, uncomplicated, corpulent wine is dominated by merlot. It offers plenty of mocha, black cherry, and herb-like characteristics as well as a big, plush entry, a silky texture, and an elegant, fleshy finish. Sip it over the next four to five years.'

CHATEAU BRISSON Cotes de Castillon 2008 Bottle £9.95
+
Deep ruby colour. Upfront aromas, plenty of spicy oak but not dominant. Black fruit concentrated palate, smooth but present tannins, good structure, elegance and finesse. A serious wine for the money. Highly recommended.

Entre-deux-Mers

LE CHARME DE MARJOSSE 2nd wine of Ch. Marjosse 2008 Bottle £7.95
+
This wine is a blend of mostly Merlot with Cabernet together with a touch of Malbec. It displays a deep red colour and a nose of black cherries, blackberries and subtle hints of toasty oak. Fleshy on the palate and packed with flavour, this wine will pair well with red meat dishes, breast of duck, coq au vin, as well as cheese, such as Brie and Comte.

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Fronsac/Canon Fronsac

CHATEAU CANON DE BREM Canon-Fronsac 2004 Magnum £28.95

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DECANTER MAGAZINE *** - 'Smooth, modern-classic in style. Elegant fruit aroma. Medium bodied. Ripe, velvety texture. Tannins well rounded and honed. On the brink of four stars. Drink 2008-2012.'

CHATEAU LA DAUPHINE Canon-Fronsac 2008 Bottle £13.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points 'Another sleeper of the vintage, La Dauphine is making a lot of positive noises recently, and the 2008 exhibits a lush, sweet black currant and black cherry fruitiness intermingled with notions of crushed rocks and an underlying floral note. Supple tannins and a lush, round, medium to full-bodied style suggest this alluring Fronsac should offer delicious drinking for a decade or more.'

Graves/Pessac Leogna

CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX Rouge Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan £44.95
2005 Magnum

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'Surprisingly reminiscent of a Burgundy grand cru such as Corton, this 2005 Pessac-Leognan offers a dark ruby hue as well as beautifully sweet, leafy, black cherry, and smoky aromas intermixed with hints of oak and earth. Not a blockbuster, it is a wine of finesse, delicacy, and purity with lovely balance, good acidity, ripe tannin, and a sweetness that permeates the flavors as well as the tannic structure. It should be drinkable at a relatively young age. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2025.'

DECANTER MAGAZINE 3*** 'Solid, reserved but with evident fruit. Firm, grippy tannins and good acidity. A little austere but good balance. Needs time to open out. Drink 2013-2020. (16.5 points)'

CHATEAU HAUT BAILLY Pessac-Leognan 2004 Magnum £104.50

ROBERT PARKER 93 points 'The 2004 Haut-Bailly is a candidate for the finest wine of the appellation. Its dark ruby/purple color is accompanied by classic aromas of scorched earth, sweet black currants, cherries, and a hint of pain grille. Light on its feet, but substantially flavored, it possesses stunning purity, good acidity, ripe tannin, and abundant flavor as well as length. It builds incrementally and subtly in the mouth, but it's the real deal. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2024.'

CHATEAU HAUT BAILLY Rouge Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan 2005 £89.50
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93-95 points 'This is the finest Haut-Bailly I have ever tasted, although I suppose the 1900 or 1928 may have possessed similar qualities at the same age. Quintessentially elegant and rich, with surreal lightness and delicacy, it displays an inky/ruby color and beautiful aromas of sweet raspberries, black currants, flowers, graphite, and minerals. Medium-bodied and stunningly concentrated with moderately high but sweet tannin, this modern day legend represents a new reference point for this estate (now American-owned). Anticipated maturity: 2012-2030.'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 points DECANTER MAGAZINE **** JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points

CHATEAU HAUT-BRION Rouge 1ere Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan £495.00
1995 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 96 points 'This wine has been brilliant on every occasion I have tasted it. More accessible and forward than the 1996, it possesses a saturated ruby/purple color, as well as a beautiful, knock-out set of aromatics, consisting of black fruits, vanillin, spice, and wood-fire smoke. Multidimensional and rich, with layers of ripe fruit, and beautifully integrated tannin and acidity, this medium to full-bodied wine is a graceful, seamless, exceptional Haut-Brion that should drink surprisingly well young. Anticipated maturity: 2000-2030.'

CHATEAU HAUT-BRION Rouge 1ere Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan £399.50
1999 Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93 points
'Deep plum, currant, and mineral notes emerge from the concentrated, beautifully balanced, pure 1999 Haut Brion. It seems to be cut from the same mold as years such as 1979 and 1985. There is a hint of graphite in the abundant fruit. The wine is medium to full-bodied, nuanced, subtle, deep, and provocatively elegant. It is made in a style that only Haut Brion appears capable of achieving. The finish is extremely long, the tannins sweet, and the overall impression one of delicacy interwoven with power and ripeness. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2025.'

CHATEAU HAUT-BRION Rouge 1ere Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan £395.00
2001 Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 94 points
Haut-Brion's 2001, which was bottled late (the end of September, 2003), possesses an unmistakable nobility as well as a burgeoning complexity. Plum/purple to the rim, this blend of 52% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 12% Cabernet Franc is playing it close to the vest, having closed down considerably after bottling. Nevertheless, it reveals pure notes of sweet and sour cherries, black currants, licorice, smoke, and crushed stones. Medium-bodied with excellent purity, firm tannin, and an angular, structured finish, it requires 5-7 years of cellaring. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2020+.

CHATEAU HAUT-BRION Rouge 1ere Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan £410.00
2004 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 92 POINTS: 'Medium to deep garnet colour. The nose is still a little mute giving a moderate intensity of youthful aromas: ripe plums, cassis, Chinese five spice, moss and a fair amount of cedar. Oak tannins seem to dominate the structure contributing to the taut astringency of the palate yet there is a good amount of ripe berry and earthy fruit plus medium acidity to balance. Long earthy finish. Drink 2012 to 2034. Tasted February 2009.'

France - Bordeaux

Graves/Pessac Leogna

CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE Rouge Cru Classe £149.50

Pessac-Leognan 2005 Magnum

ROBERT PARKER 95 points 'One can't say enough about the accomplishments the Cathiards have achieved at this property since 1990. Prior to their purchase of the property, appallingly diluted, vegetal, fruitless, charmless wines were produced, but they have turned Smith-Haut-Lafitte into a showcase Pessac-Leognan. The inky/blue/purple-tinged 2005's extraordinary nose reeks of charcoal, incense, scorched earth, abundant blackberry, blueberry, and cherry fruit, toasts, and spice. Good acidity, huge but sweet tannin, and fabulous precision as well as definition characterize this full-bodied, super-concentrated effort. It should prove to be among the longest-lived wines yet made by the Cathiards. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030+.'

CHATEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE Rouge Cru Classe £44.50

Pessac-Leognan 2008 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points "'The 2008 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, which is somewhat reminiscent of the brilliant 1998, exhibits sweet cassis, tobacco leaf, earth, and barbecue characteristics in its complex aromatics. The wine reveals ripe, supple tannin, medium to full body, gorgeous fruit, impeccable purity, and a luscious texture. It should be relatively approachable in its youth, and last for 25+ years. The final composition was 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc.'

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Rouge Cru Bourgeois Pessac-Leognan £34.95
2005 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 92 points 'Perhaps the finest wine made at this estate in many years (no doubt due to the influence of wine consulting guru Stephane Derenoncourt), the 2005 is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest primarily Merlot with tiny portions of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. A dark ruby/purple hue is followed by a classic Graves bouquet of charcoal, graphite, creosote, smoked herbs, sweet black cherries, and spice box. The wine is elegant on the attack, but fills out beautifully with a multilayered, rich mouthfeel, silky tannins, and a plush, opulent finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2030+.' DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Real poise and elegance. Fine nose with a beautiful pitch of fruit. Depth and intensity. Palate rich, smooth, even a touch of opulence with fine, silky tannins and great length. Drink 2014-30 (18.5 points)'

LA PARDE DE HAUT BAILLY 2nd wine of Ch. Haut Bailly Pessac £18.95

Leognan 2007 Bottle !

www.winedoctor.com - "This has been the second label since 1967. It has seen 15% new oak, for the same length of time as the grand vin. Nice gravelly fruit on nose. The assemblage is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot. Appealing substance. Fresh and quite classic, elegant, a well-honed style. Good tannins, soft and appropriate. Fresh and very drinkable, although with a little grip alongside the freshness found in the finish."

LE BAHANS DE HAUT-BRION Rouge 2004 Bottle £104.50

ROBERT PARKER 88 points 'The estate's second wine, the 2004 Bahans-Haut-Brion, possesses a similar character, but is lighter and softer than the Haut Brion, with notes of red and black currants, plum, and earth. Consume it over the next decade.'

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points WINE SPECTATOR James Suckling 89-91 points

PARDE DE HAUT BAILLY 2nd Wine of Chateau Haut-Bailly 2003 £11.95
Half

Château Haut-Bailly is a Graves Cru Classé estate that has really hit form in the last 5-7 years. Haut-Bailly was bought by the Sanders family in 1955 and was run by Jean Sanders until 1998 when Robert G. Wilmers, an American banker, purchased it. Haut-Bailly is renowned for its smoothness and silkiness but, since the mid 1990s, the wines have better depth of fruit as well as more grip, concentration and body. They are now amongst the top echelons of Pessac-Léognan wines. This, their second wine is very round and juicy with lots of fresh fruits, good grip and balance on the finish. Delicious now but will continue improving for another 18 months. Drink now to 2010.

Lalande-de-Pomerol

CHATEAU GRAND ORMEAU Lalande-de-Pomerol 2005 Half £9.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'Grand-Ormeau, one of Lalande de Pomerol's finest estates, has fashioned two outstanding wines in 2005 (I actually preferred the basic cuvee over the Cuvee Madeleine). The open-knit, accessible 2005 regular cuvee boasts a dense ruby/purple color as well as copious quantities of sweet black cherries, mocha, and strawberries, and an opulent, plush, concentrated mouthfeel. This beautifully textured, heady, round wine should be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years.'

CHATEAU GRAND ORMEAU Lalande-de-Pomerol 2005 Magnum £39.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'Grand-Ormeau, one of Lalande de Pomerol's finest estates, has fashioned two outstanding wines in 2005 (I actually preferred the basic cuvee over the Cuvee Madeleine). The open-knit, accessible 2005 regular cuvee boasts a dense ruby/purple color as well as copious quantities of sweet black cherries, mocha, and strawberries, and an opulent, plush, concentrated mouthfeel. This beautifully textured, heady, round wine should be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years.'

CHATEAU JEAN DE GUE Lalande-de-Pomerol 2005 Magnum £35.95

NEIL PINEL (16/01/10) 'Excellent ripe blackcurrant fruit and definitely worth buying 4 years ago 'En Primeur' Robert Parker says it all 'a sleeper', well it's waking up!
NEIL PINEL (2006) 7-7½ points 'Wonderful black wine gummy fruit on the nose flowing nicely onto the palate which is backed up with soft toasty, vanilla oak. Surprisingly Good!
THE WINE SPECTATOR 89-91 points ROBERT PARKER 88-91 points 'A Sleeper!'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Lalande-de-Pomerol

CHATEAU LA FLEUR DE BOUARD Lalande-de- Pomerol 2005 £49.95
Magnum

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'From the personal estate of one of Bordeaux's most influential tastemakers, Hubert de Bouard, the 2005 La Fleur de Bouard is potentially one of the finest yet produced ... and that's saying something given the consistent quality. A blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, its blue/black/purple color is accompanied by beautiful aromas of charcoal, melted licorice, espresso, blackberries, and blue fruits. Deep, opulent, and full-bodied, with sweet tannin as well as a powerful finish, it will require consumption during its first 7-8 years of life. The luxury cuvee (100% Merlot), which comes from a five acre parcel cropped at 20 hectoliters per hectare, is bottled unfined and unfiltered after 33 months in 100% new oak.'

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4****

CHATEAU LA FLEUR DE BOUARD Lalande-de- Pomerol 2008 £21.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 90-93 points 'The 2008 La Fleur de Bouard was cropped at 25 hectoliters per hectare, and the final blend is 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine came in at 13% natural alcohol. Its dense purple color is accompanied by a big, sweet nose of white chocolate, creme de cassis, licorice, tar, and toast. A lively, crisp acid profile is due to the lack of serious heat in 2008. Textured and long, it is capable of lasting a decade or more. This is a sleeper of the vintage. The reference point for Lalande de Pomerol is Hubert de Bouard's property.'

CHATEAU LES CRUZELLES Lalande-de-Pomerol 2008 Bottle £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points '"Probably the finest wine yet produced by proprietor Denis Durantou, this sleeper of the vintage exhibits beautifully ripe black raspberry and black cherry fruit interwoven with notes of truffles, licorice, and flowers. Surprisingly dense, with medium to full body, silky tannins, and lovely freshness, this is a concentrated, fleshy, mouthfilling Lalande de Pomerol to drink during its first 10-15 years of life.'

CHATEAU LES CRUZELLES Lalande-de-Pomerol 2008 HALF £9.95

CHATEAU SIAURAC Lalande-de-Pomerol 2006 Bottle + £13.95

Assembled from 79% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Franc, this wine has been aged for 12 to 14 months in French oak barrels. Hedonistic, fruity, well balanced, and sensual, it has supple tannins and a sweet black cherry finish. Pair with grilled red or white meat, game, hard cheeses.

Food pairing note: Game, Hard Cheese, Beef

PLAISIR DE SIAURAC 2nd wine of Chateau Siaurac £10.95
Lalande-de-Pom 2008 Bottle +

As the second of Chateau Siaurac wines, Plaisir is approachable, fun and fruity. Produced from 100% Merlot, the palate presents no hard edges or inconsistencies and remains rounded and fruit-driven. Enjoy within three to five years.

Food pairing note: Pasta, Charcuterie, Hard Cheese

Margaux

BARON DE BRANE 2nd Wine of Chateau Brane Cantenac 2em CC £15.95
Margaux 2005 Half

A 'one in a life time' vintage! As early as last spring, exceptional weather conditions were in place to give birth to a 'grand' wine. All the hopes nurtured earlier in the season gradually materialized making the 2005 vintage of an astonishing quality. A beautiful story to unfold... Deep red with violet hues with intensely aromatic nose dominated by red fruit aromas, and fresh notes of menthol, flowers and liquorice. A supple 'attack' in the mouth and lots of freshness and concentration on the palate afterwards. A well balanced wine with a long, generous finish which will definitely age well.

CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2005 £44.95
Bottle/NC

www.winedoctor.com - "Dense and dark fruit here, with an element of beef stock. Rich and meaty style. The palate is very soft and plumped up at the start, although there is a hollow character to its core. Nice fruit quality though, very fresh in style, and a vibrant character through to the finish. There is more substance in the midpalate too. Gentle, harmonious, this does flesh out if you give it time. A sterling effort from a once chronically underperforming estate, although there is yet more to come from this vineyard I think."

CHATEAU D'ISSAN 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2008 Bottle £29.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'This beautifully elegant, precise, well-delineated 2008 displays a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet perfume of spring flowers, blue and black fruits, and subtle graphite and earth. Medium to full-bodied with a layered, expansive mouthfeel, impressive purity, and a long finish with no hint of aggressiveness, this effort should be at its peak in 4-6 years, and evolve for 20-25 years.'

CHATEAU DURFORT-VIVENS 2ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2005 £39.95
Bottle

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** - 'Black-red, really fine natural concentration, slightly smoky, tobacco-leaf nose, even a touch of iron, flavours already complex, masses of energy and grip alongside the deeply fragrant fruit. Drink 2010-25. (18 points)' Steven Spurrier
JANCIS ROBINSON 16/20 - 'Very dark maroon. Sweet, almost porty notes on the nose. Very sweet on the front palate, without quite enough acidity. Some strong Merlot influence. Good attempt but not very complex. Fades very fast on the finish. Lack of intensity on the mid palate. Not very appetising. Hot finish. Quite brutal. Unappetising - a bit sickly. Drink 2015-22'

France - Bordeaux

Margaux

CHATEAU DURFORT-VIVENS 2ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2005 £79.95
Magnum

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** 'Black-red, really fine natural concentration, slightly smoky, tobacco-leaf nose, even a touch of iron, flavours already complex, masses of energy and grip alongside the deeply fragrant fruit. Drink 2010-25. (18 points)' Steven Spurrier
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CHATEAU MALESCOT ST. EXUPERY 2ieme Cru Classe Margaux £84.95
2006 Magnum

PARKER 92-94 'This property has made some brilliant wines in recent vintages, including a monumental 2005 and super-delicious 2004. Another stunning offering, the 2006 possesses sweet cherry and cassis notes intermixed with spring flowers, underbrush, and licorice. Medium-bodied and beautifully concentrated with soft acids as well as sweet tannin, the overall impression is one of opulence and plushness, atypical characteristics for a 2006. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025.'
DECANTER **** 'Deep colour, lots of ripe, smoothly extracted fruit and has completely avoided the rawness in some wines, rich, plummy, good length, ripeness and potential complexity. 2012-20.'

CHATEAU MARGAUX 1iere Grand Cru Classe Margaux 1998 £430.00
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 91 POINTS - The 1998 Margaux's color is a dense ruby/purple. The wine is tannic and austere, but elegant, with notes of asphalt, blackberries, acacia flowers, and sweet, toasty oak. Subtle, rich, nicely-textured, and medium-bodied, it is built for the long haul. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2030.

CHATEAU MARGAUX 1iere Grand Cru Classe Margaux 2001 Bottle £445.00

ROBERT PARKER 93 points

"Performing well from bottle, Chateau Margaux's 2001, which is somewhat reminiscent of both the 1985 and 1999, is an elegant, seamlessly constructed effort with a deep ruby/purple color, and a beautiful nose of flowers, creme de cassis, blackberries, and cedar. A blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, and 4% Cabernet Franc, this forward, opulent beauty can be drunk now or cellared for 15-20 years. This is one of the most elegant wines of the vintage."

CHATEAU MARGAUX 1iere Grand Cru Classe Margaux 2004 £435.00
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93 points

The supple-textured 2004 Chateau Margaux is reminiscent of the 2001 or 1999. It exhibits a superb blue/purple color to the rim as well as sweet aromas of flowers, blueberries, creme de cassis, licorice, and smoke, superb fruit intensity, medium body, classic elegance, and silky, sweet tannin in the long finish. This beauty can be drunk now or cellared for two decades or more.

CHATEAU PALMER 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 1996 Bottle £169.50

ROBERT PARKER 93 POINTS: Deep garnet colour going a little brick. The nose is very forthcoming with a good intensity of earthy loam and black truffle aromas mingled with dark cherry, leather, tar and black olive. Medium to high acidity and a medium+ level of very fine tannins. Great balance. Long finish. (March 2010)

CHATEAU PALMER 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2006 Bottle £149.50

ROBERT PARKER 91-94 'From only 50% of the harvest, administrator Thomas Duroux has produced a blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon and 34% Merlot from yields of 37 hectoliters per hectare. The 2006 reveals a touch of austerity along with an impressive dense purple color, and sweet aromas of flowers, licorice, black currants, oak, and underbrush. This structured, powerful, medium to full-bodied, beautifully made, ageworthy 2006 should be ready to drink in 5-6 years, and keep for 25-30.'

DECANTER 5***** 'Intense velvety colour, dense and rich, quite fleshy due to the very ripe Merlots, but Cabernets bring true Margaux breed and a wonderfully silky expression of fruit with power behind it. 2014-30.'

CHATEAU PALMER 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2007 Bottle £159.95

ROBER PARKER 89 points 'A blend of 49% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 7% Petit Verdot, the 2007 Palmer possesses a dense ruby/purple color as well as attractive smoky charcoal, blackberry, and plum aromas, good purity, excellent texture, and a soft, fleshy mouthfeel. It should drink well for 10-12 years. '

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points 'Very deep crimson. Rather more drama and concentration on the nose than Alter Ego has. Reasonably sumptuous. Very sweet, really very obviously low acidity. Not desperately appetising. Pretty round and soft. Very polished. 12.5%. Very unusual mixture of old-fashioned structure (low alcohol) with modern texture and much less acidity than in the old days. Quite distinctive! At Palmer the second wine seemed particularly successful - having the freshness that was not so evident on the grand vin. Drink 2012-17'

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** (18 points) 'Black-red, very rich on the glass and lovely concentration of velvety, spicy fruit with great depth but not over-extraction, impressive persistence of flavour with good density of tannins to back it up. Drink 2015-25.'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Margaux

CHATEAU PALMER 3ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2008 Bottle £159.50
 ROBERT PARKER 95-97 points 'The 2008 Palmer, which tips the scales at 13.5% natural alcohol (among the highest achieved at this property), is a blend of 51% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 8% Petit Verdot. It is a massively rich wine with an inky/purple color, sensational density of fruit, velvety tannins, a glorious bouquet of black fruits, licorice, incense, and subtle barbecue smoke, a superb, full-bodied mouthfeel, and a fabulous texture and length. With several minutes of swirling, an enticing floral note emerges. The wine's glycerin and sweetness suggest it will be approachable 3-4 years after bottling, yet keep for three decades or more. It appears to be among the finest Palmers made this decade, rivaling both the 2005 and 2000.'

CHATEAU RAUZAN-SEGLA 2ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2007 Bottle/NC £46.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 17.5 points 'Intense purple-red, very fine fragrance on the nose, lifted Cabernet fruit and shows lovely florality and elegance, very good depth of fruit on the palate, combining ripeness and precision and purity, a wine that already shows extremely well and can only improve. Drink 2013-25.'
 THE WINE ADVOCATE 89+ points
 'This substantial 2007 (a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot) exhibits a deep ruby/purple-tinged color along with a big, sweet kiss of licorice, forest floor, tobacco leaf, black currants, and cherries. It possesses a lovely texture, a round, ample mouthfeel, sweet tannin, and low acidity. It is drinking well now, and should continue to evolve for a decade or more.'

CHATEAU RAUZAN-SEGLA 2ieme Cru Classe Margaux 2008 Bottle £53.50
 ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points
 'This outstanding effort is atypically forward, sexy, and opulent. Only 45% of the crop made it into this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Yields were 47 hectoliters per hectare, which is slightly higher than some estates, but the harvest was very late, between October 2-21. Sweet cassis, black cherry, licorice, tobacco leaf, and spice box are all present in the complex aromatics. In the mouth, the wine offers generosity, roundness, sweetness, and velvety, ripe tannins. I was surprised by how forward, precocious, and delicious this wine has already become. It appears set for a relatively long life of 25+ years.'

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1982 Jereboam £299.95
 The 1982 vintage is described by wine-journal.com as a "lovely fresh, plump, plummy nose with violets and a touch of peppermint" – and rated excellent overall. This is superb luxury!

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1983 Double Magnum £189.95
 Robert Parker wrote 'Approaching full maturity, the 1983 Siran has a smoky licorice-and-black currant-scented bouquet, rich, expansive flavours that offer more muscle and power than finesse, and a good finish. Anticipated maturity: Now'

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1986 Double Magnum £219.95
 Robert Parker wrote: 'With deep, dark ruby/purple color, plenty of body, as well as mouth-searing tannins in the finish, the 1986 Siran competently displays the personality characteristics of the vintage. Between the fragrant, tarry, spicy, curranty bouquet and the hard finish is plenty of depth and fruit. Anticipated maturity: Now (2010).'

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1989 Double Magnum £259.95
 Seductive and momentous. Intensely aromatic bouquet with nuances of cassis, blackberries, and elegant touches of vanilla. Rounded and full on the palate, opulent and silky tannins, stunningly long and persistent. A great success from a wonderful vintage. 35% Merlot, 45% Cab Sauvignon, 5% Cab Franc, 15% Petit Verdot.

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1989 Jereboam (500cl) £379.50
 Seductive and momentous. Intensely aromatic bouquet with nuances of cassis, blackberries, and elegant touches of vanilla. Rounded and full on the palate, opulent and silky tannins, stunningly long and persistent. A great success from a wonderful vintage. 35% Merlot, 45% Cab Sauvignon, 5% Cab Franc, 15% Petit Verdot.

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1989 Magnum £127.50
 Seductive and momentous. Intensely aromatic bouquet with nuances of cassis, blackberries, and elegant touches of vanilla. Rounded and full on the palate, opulent and silky tannins, stunningly long and persistent. A great success from a wonderful vintage. 35% Merlot, 45% Cab Sauvignon, 5% Cab Franc, 15% Petit Verdot.

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1990 Double Magnum £215.00
 A beautiful finale to the decade. Bouquet initially demure but promising with scents of dark and red fruits and hints of vanilla. Powerful in the mouth, well concentrated, with beautifully rounded, ripe tannins. Lovely balance and long-lasting finish. Great vintage for ageing.

CHATEAU SIRAN Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel 1995 MAGNUM £86.50
 ROBERT PARKER "A very good effort from Siran, this dark ruby-colored wine offers attractive aromas of vanillin, spicy new oak, and sweet, creamy cassis fruit interspersed with subtle fennel and spice box notes. Medium-bodied and ripe, with savory richness, sweet tannin, and low acidity, this excellent, elegant Margaux is already accessible. Anticipated maturity: 2000-2014"

France - Bordeaux

Margaux

MARGAUX 'Selection' 2005 Bottle ! £16.95
 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35 % Merlot grapes from two of Margaux top chateaux (ask Liz or Neil for more info!).
 The wine offers a very velvety nose with ripe fruit bouquet and gentle oak. Beautifully balanced on the palate, the tannins are delicate leading to intense black fruit characters. It is an easy wine to approach and will also keep for at least 5 years.

SEGLA 2nd Wine of Chateau Rauzan-Ségla Margaux 2002 Bottle £25.95
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 DECANTER MAGAZINE MAY 2003 **** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 'What a great nose! Elegant, toasty oak with ripe, dark fruit and spicy leather notes, rich and complex. Robust with firm tannins, lots of ripe black fruits with spiciness. Toastiness on the finish. 5-10 years.'
 This second wine is made simply entitled "Ségla" which in our humble opinion, represents one of the finest value-for-money wines in Bordeaux: the quality can be exceptionally good.
 Wine Spectator: Decadent aromas of meat, berry and plums follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a rich finish. Great value and always a great seller here! Very consistent.

SEGLA 2nd Wine of Chateau Rauzan-Ségla Margaux 2002 Magnum £54.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE MAY 2003 **** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 'What a great nose! Elegant, toasty oak with ripe, dark fruit and spicy leather notes, rich and complex. Robust with firm tannins, lots of ripe black fruits with spiciness. Toastiness on the finish. 5-10 years.'
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SEGLA 2nd Wine of Chateau Rauzan-Ségla Margaux 2005 Half £13.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE MAY 2003 **** HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 'What a great nose! Elegant, toasty oak with ripe, dark fruit and spicy leather notes, rich and complex. Robust with firm tannins, lots of ripe black fruits with spiciness. Toastiness on the finish. 5-10 years.'
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Medoc (Listrac)

CHATEAU MAYNE LALANDE Cru Bourgeois Superieur 2005 Magnum £24.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE *** - 'Deep colour, lots of ripeness and extraction, robust style. Drink 2009-16. (15,5 points)'

Medoc / Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU BEAUMONT Cru Bourgeois Superieur 2006 Bottle £11.45
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 2006 is one of the great underrated vintages of the 21st century. In many instances the 06s outshone the much promoted 05s and Beaumont's 06 is a tremendous example of pure, elegant and expressive Claret. "When looking for good value Bordeaux, I don't doubt that Beaumont should be on your shopping list." The Wine Doctor
 Dusky cassis fruit is to the fore, with notes of morello cherry and a gentle touch of storecupboard spice. On the palate, this is an effortlessly balanced wine, with fine tannins and a rich, almost creamy, mouthfeel. Dark berry and hedgerow fruit come through, as well as a hint of vanilla on the finish. Drink alongside roast beef for a classic combination.

CHATEAU BEAUMONT Cru Bourgeois Superieur Cussac-Medoc 2004 Half £6.45
 This solidly made, soft, medium-bodied cru bourgeois reveals herb-infused black cherry and currant fruit as well as decent acidity. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

CHATEAU CANTEMERLE 5ieme Cru Classe Macau-Medoc 2005 Magnum £49.95
 ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'Cantemerle's new proprietors believe in producing delicate, beautifully wrought, finesse-styled wines that require some introspection. The deep ruby-hued 2005 displays aromas of licorice, roasted herbs, sweet cherries, and flowers. In the mouth, the wine seems almost light in comparison to its peers, but it possesses an ethereal seriousness, purity, and overall harmony that are striking for its delicacy and finesse. A blend of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest primarily Merlot with a tiny dollop of Cabernet Franc, it should be at its finest between 2012-2025+.'

CHATEAU CANTEMERLE 5ieme Cru Classe Macau-Medoc 2008 Bottle £19.95
 ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points
 'New owners have done a wonderful job at Cantemerle, and while the 2008 may not be quite as terrific as the 2005, it is an elegant, floral, raspberry and black cherry-scented effort displaying sweet tannins, medium body, and admirable purity. If it fleshes out in the bottle, it will merit the higher score.'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Medoc / Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU D'AGASSAC Cru Bourgeois 2008 Bottle £12.95

Smoke & floral bouquet with notes of cassis, blackberry & vanilla scents. Flavors of dark berry fruit, cherry & coffee with supple tannins & moderate finish.

CHATEAU D'AGASSAC Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc 2003 Half £7.95

Agassac has its personality and its quality back thanks to Jean-Luc Zell savoir-faire. The 2003 vintage is very fruity with spicy flavours. The mouth is ample with black berry, cedar wood and liquorice flavours. Long lasting on the palate, it will need a bit of cellaring.

CHATEAU D'AGASSAC Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc 2003 Magnum £32.95

Agassac has its personality and its quality back thanks to Jean-Luc Zell savoir-faire. The 2003 vintage is very fruity with spicy flavours. The mouth is ample with black berry, cedar wood and liquorice flavours. Long lasting on the palate, it will need a bit of cellaring.

CHATEAU FOURCAS-BORIE Medoc (Listrac) 2008 Bottle ! £12.95

Full of ripe, sexy red fruit with nice weight and ripe tannin. Totally enthralling, this 2008 offers serious value!

CHATEAU HAUT-CANTELOUP Medoc 2004 Bottle + £11.95

Here we have a deep, classic Bordeaux nose. It is a 'left bank' wine and is good value if you like that style. 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. Ruby red, fruity and mature, a companion for every type of dinner.

Medals : 2004 - Siver Medal Winner - Paris 2005 - Siver Medal Winner - Bordeaux and "Prix d'Excellence"-Vinalies.

CHATEAU LA LAGUNE 3ieme Cru Classe 2006 Bottle £29.95

! Since 2003, the highest ranking vintage of Médoc, a name that has benefited from 2006, shows off its beautiful assets, and this works. La Lagune 2006, which has earned a "wow" from R. Parker, the wine taster, impresses and seduces by its balance, its aromas of ripe fruit (raspberries, roasted, red flowers), its strength and its depth. This very great classic wine, born from a lineage of winners, holds its rank perfectly well.

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 'The 2006 La Lagune, a superb effort for the vintage, boasts a saturated purple color as well as a sweet perfume of boysenberry jam intermixed with raspberries, pain grille, and flowers. Exceptional fruit purity and medium body result in a sensational wine that should be drinkable in 3-4 years, and last for two decades.' DECANTER 4**** 'Fine deep colour, well-extracted, classy wine. 2011-20.'

CHATEAU LA LAGUNE 3ieme Cru Classe 2007 Bottle/NC £29.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points
DECANTER MAGAZINE **** (17 points) 'Deep plummy colour, quite richly extracted yet shows lifted florality on the nose, fragrant and elegant fruit on the palate, a touch of new wood, a supple, seductive and sophisticated wine, very good for the medium term. Drink 2011-17.'

CHATEAU LA LAGUNE 3ieme Cru Classe 2008 Bottle £29.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points 'Over the next quarter of a century, it will be interesting to see how this 2008 matches up with La Lagune's prodigious 2005, the finest wine they have ever made. The opaque ruby/purple-tinged 2008 may be the second greatest wine yet produced here. Displaying sweet kirsch, black currant, cedar, smoke, and graphite aromas as well as an impressive thickness and glycerol richness, and a pure, nuanced character (because of the grapes' long hang-time and the small yields), this remarkable effort is long, textured, and impeccably well-balanced. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 20-25.'

CHATEAU LA LAGUNE 3ieme Cru Classe Ludon-Medoc 1989 Bottle £79.95

ROBERT PARKER (1998) 90 points 'I have always enjoyed the 1989 La Lagune. At first I thought it was marginally superior to the 1990, but they are essentially equivalent in quality, although the 1989 possesses less fat, and a more ruggedly tannic structure. The color is a healthy dark ruby, and the wine offers up a smoky, sweet vanillin, jammy berry-scented nose with aromas of weedy tobacco. The wine is medium-bodied, with excellent purity and richness, and gobs of red and black currant fruit nicely dosed with new oak. The wine's grip is more noticeable than in the 1990, and the finish more attenuated, but still impressively long. Anticipated maturity: Now-2012.'

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET 4ieme Cru Classe Haut-Medoc 2002 Bottle £14.95

ROBERT PARKER (2005) 89 points 'A sleeper of the vintage from proprietor Bernard Magrez, the 2002 exhibits a deep plum/purple color, a sweet nose of tobacco-infused creme de cassis fruit, espresso roast, and white chocolate, dense, medium-bodied flavors, ripe tannin, and impressive concentration as well as length. Anticipated maturity:2007-2017.'

CHATEAU LE BARRAIL Medoc 2006/07/09 Bottle + £9.95

"This Médoc has a big, juicy, spicy and deep-chested character on the nose, with depths of bramble and berry fruit and a layering of earthy, cedary notes. On the palate it has smooth, even fruit in a medium-bodied format, with a spicy lick of cedary oak and quite powerful tannins. Deep, resonant fruitiness and solidity. A thoroughly fruity and delicious Bordeaux at a very reasonable price." - Tom Canavan, Wine Pages

CHATEAU LITTLE B Medoc 2002/08 Bottle ^+ £9.95

From the left bank of Bordeaux (Medoc), this is going to get a quite a following going by the price and the quality. This modern Médoc is the creation of winemaker Bruno Secret, produced from the younger vines of the prestigious Château Bournac and aged in American oak. It is really lovely. Full of fruit. Well balanced and full bodied with an impressive finish. Drinking well above its price. Highly recommended!

France - Bordeaux

Medoc / Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU MILLE-ROSES Medoc 2005 Magnum £23.95

NEIL PINEL (7 points) - 'Excellent warm toasty oak. Clean, elegant, soft and warm on the palate with very apparent blackcurrant/cassis fruit flavours. Very good.
DECANTER MAGAZINE *** - 'Deep colour, lots of seductive fruit, smooth and a little gamey in the La Lagune style. Drink 2009-16. (16.5 points)'

CHATEAU PONTET CANET 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 1995 Bottle £99.95

ROBERT PARKER - 92 points - "An old style Pauillac, yet made with far more purity and richness than the estate's ancient vintages, this broad-shouldered, muscular, classic wine exhibits a saturated purple color, and sensorially dense, rich, concentrated, cassis flavors that roll over the palate with impressive purity and depth."
Enjoyable classic aroma, solid, full-bodied, smooth, balanced and rich. This is a wine to hold for a long time in your glass and enjoy.

CHATEAU POTENSAC Cru Bourgeois 2001 Half £13.95

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (2004) "Always impressively made by Jean-Hubert Delon (the proprietor of Leoville Las Cases and Nenin), Potensac's 2001 is an elegant, medium-bodied Medoc offering dried herb and berry fruit characteristics in an open-knit, attractively fruity, pure style. Restaurants should be buying this one by the case for their patrons to enjoy now and over the next 7-8 years.'

CHATEAU POTENSAC Cru Bourgeois 2008 Bottle £18.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Perhaps the finest Potensac made since the 1982, the 2008 is undoubtedly a sleeper of the vintage. Harvested between October 4-16, this blend of 42% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 18% Cabernet Franc was fashioned from modest yields of 44 hectoliters per hectare. While lacking the prestige of a grand cru classe, it offers an amazing display of sweet black cherry and cassis fruit intermixed with notions of earth and spice. Good purity, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, a seamless balance, ripe tannins, and fresh acids result in an amazing wine that should sell for a song. It should evolve for a decade or more.'

CHATEAU POUJEAUX Cru Bourgeois Except. Moulis-Medoc 2008 Bottle £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points 'Now under the full control of the Cuvelier family (who has done such a splendid job at St-Emilion's Clos Fourtet), the 2008 Poujeaux reveals more depth, richness, and concentration than previous examples. A sleeper of the vintage, its deep ruby/purple color is followed by aromas of red and black fruits, outstanding purity, medium to full body, and supple tannins in the finish. It should drink well for 12-15 years.'

CHATEAU SENEJAC Cru Bourgeois Superieur Haut-Medoc 2005 Magnum £36.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Starting in 2005, the luxury cuvee, Karolus, will no longer be made as the proprietors believe they have raised the level of Senejac to that of a luxury wine. The 10,000-case 2005, made by well-known oenologist, Jacques Boissenot (a disciple of the late Emile Peynaud), is the finest I have yet tasted. Its saturated ruby/purple color is accompanied by rich aromas of licorice, forest floor, blackberries, and chocolate-infused black currants. This medium-bodied, moderately tannic, rich wine is clearly of classified-growth quality. It will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring, and last for 12-14 years.'

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Deep colour, lively fragrant style with pure vineyard fruit and definite elegance. Drink 2009-18. (17 points)'

CHATEAU TOUR SERAN Cru Bourgeois Medoc 2005 Bottle £22.95

89-91 Points - Robert Parker (Wine Advocate) - "This beautiful 2005 is one of the finest cuvees yet produced by this northern Medoc estate. Supple tannin along with sweet creme de cassis aromas and flavors intermixed with notions of smoke, cedar, barrique, and asphalt are found in this opulently-textured, modern-styled Bordeaux. It should handsomely repay 10-12 years of cellaring."

GOULEE by Cos d'Estournel 2005 Bottle £26.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE 89 points
'Proprietor Michel Reybrie and his winemaker, Jean-Guillaume Prats, have fashioned a brilliant blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot. The dark purple-hued 2005 reveals a sumptuous bouquet of licorice, black currants, black olives, smoke, and damp earth. Fleshy and supple-textured with good tannin as well as decent acidity, this seriously-endowed, complex effort can be consumed over the next 12-14 years.'

LA CHAPELLE DE POTENSAC 2nd wine of Ch. Potensac Medoc 2006 Bottle + £12.95

This big chateau in the northern part of Médoc belongs to the family Delon, who also owns the more famous Château Léoville-las-Cases in Saint-Julien and recently Château Nenin in Pomerol was acquired. Potensac is a 70 hectares estate situated just north of Saint-Estèphe and was one of the nine chateaux being classified as Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel in 2003. Right now there are a lot of renovations going on at Potensac. The wine is well structured in the classical Médoc-style and needs some ageing.

LES ALLEES DE CANTEMERLE 2nd Wine of Ch. Cantemerle 5ieme Cru 2005 Half £9.95

Second wine of Chateau Cantemerle from the Haut Medoc region of Bordeaux. A ripe ad busy bouquet of bramble fruit, cedar and soft spice. The palate is medium bodied with good fruit concentration and silky tannins.

Montagne St. Emilion

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Montagne St. Emilion

CHATEAU ROCHER CORBIN Montagne St. Emilion 2004 Bottle £12.95

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Lovely presentation from Montagne St Emilion. Deep crimson in colour with purple hues. Very inviting nose leading on to an impressionable palate. Really beautiful tannin structure. Great blackberry fruit with spice and hints of smokiness. Beautiful length and for a wine at this price we were very impressed. Superb!

Pauillac

CHATEAU D'ARMAILHAC 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2004 Bottle/NC £42.50

DECANTER MAGAZINE *** - 'Very deep colour, very pronounced floral nose of irises, crunchy blackcurrant fruit, attractive, quite exuberant Pauillac. Drink 2009-18. (16.5 points)'
JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5+ points - 'Very dark purple crimson. Relatively open, floral aromas. Quite lightweight and forward. Tannins extremely mild with fairly forward fruit but not much substance, though the finish is quite persistent. This should make a good, early, refreshing lunchtime claret. Very frank and charming for a 2004. Drink 2012-20.'

CHATEAU D'ARMAILHAC 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2005 Bottle £44.95

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ROBERT PARKER 90+ points - 'This powerful, tannic, structured effort from Mouton-Rothschild's stable is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Its dense ruby/purple color is followed by an earthy nose dominated by black currants and toasty, smoky oak. Medium to full-bodied with relatively high tannin, decent acidity, and a fine finish, it should be at its best between 2014-2030.'
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** - 'Finely concentrated fruit, shows natural ripeness and lift and extremely attractive elegance among a range of much bigger wines, very pretty style. Drink 2009/20. (17 points)'

CHATEAU D'ARMAILHAC 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2005 Magnum £89.95

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CHATEAU DUHART-MILON ROTHSCHILD 4eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2005 Bottle £129.50

ROBERT PARKER 94 points 'The finest Duhart-Milon ever made? This structured, tannic, dense ruby/purple-tinged Pauillac offers up hints of cassis, licorice, chocolate, and earth. Medium to full-bodied with good purity, strong tannins, and undeniable elegance, it reveals a character not dissimilar from its renowned sibling, Lafite-Rothschild. A blend of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon and 29% Merlot, it is unquestionably outstanding, but to my taste, slightly less opulent than the estate's ethereal 2003. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.'

CHATEAU DUHART-MILON ROTHSCHILD 4eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2005 Magnum £259.50

ROBERT PARKER 94 points 'The finest Duhart-Milon ever made? This structured, tannic, dense ruby/purple-tinged Pauillac offers up hints of cassis, licorice, chocolate, and earth. Medium to full-bodied with good purity, strong tannins, and undeniable elegance, it reveals a character not dissimilar from its renowned sibling, Lafite-Rothschild. A blend of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon and 29% Merlot, it is unquestionably outstanding, but to my taste, slightly less opulent than the estate's ethereal 2003. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.'

CHATEAU GRAND PUY LACOSTE 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 1996 Bottle £97.50

A concentrated wine of good colour, Grand-Puy-Lacoste has enjoyed a solid reputation for big, durable full-bodied Pauillacs. 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot. Strong essence of crème de cassis, minerals, plenty of tannin, big body and dark fruits and oak. Will live till 2030 and was ready to drink from 2007. This could be a good little keeper as it's rare and holds cult appeal from a great year.

CHATEAU GRAND PUY LACOSTE 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2004 Magnum £79.50

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** 'Big rich colour, lots of extraction of lovely pure fruit, very expressive well structured Pauillac with great elegance and density of flavour. Drink 2012-30. (18 points)'
JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points 'Xavier Borie has had an excellent year. Savoury, creamy nose - very dense and compact. Very flattering texture - round with some obvious but very refreshing tannins. Very strong personality, quite dry on the finish but quite bright fruit, very lively. Not big but lovely balance. Very neat. Great gently done. Dry finish but well done for the long term. Very clean and fresh. Drink 2015-30.'
THE WINE SPECTATOR 89-91 points

CHATEAU GRAND PUY LACOSTE 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2006 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 'Dense and rich, more meaty and more grip than its stable mate Haut-Batailley, lots of structure and length with a satiny, polished finish. 2014-30.'
DECANTER 4**** 'Dense and rich, more meaty and more grip than its stable mate Haut-Batailley, lots of structure and length with a satiny, polished finish. 2014-30.'

France - Bordeaux

Pauillac

CHATEAU LAFITE-ROTHSCHILD 1ere Grand Cru 2006 Bottle £895.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 97 points
One of the fabulous surprises, although I had suggested last year that it could jump in quality, of my tastings, the 2006 Lafite Rothschild is a great, great wine made from a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot. When I tasted it from barrel, it reminded me of their successful 1988, but it is dramatically superior to that vintage. Frankly, it may turn out to be as good as the 2005, which in all of Bordeaux is a far greater vintage than 2006. Lafite's severe selection process (42% made it into the grand vin) resulted in a full-bodied wine boasting an extraordinary perfume of charcoal, truffles, lead pencil shavings, and sensorially sweet, ripe black currant and cedar notes. A wine of extraordinary intensity, texture, and depth with silky tannins as well as awesome concentration, this has turned out to be a remarkable Lafite Rothschild that should be drinkable much earlier than the 2005, but age for three decades. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2035+.

CHATEAU LATOUR 1iere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 1989 Bottle £485.00

For many, Chateau Latour is probably the most iconic name in the world of fine wine. Located in Pauillac, yet close to the commune's border with St Julien, Latour's 65ha are located closer to the river than the other First Growths in the Medoc. Many regard it as the leading Premier Cru, and in the eternal quest to find 'the wine of the vintage' it is frequently Latour that comes out on top. Typically 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, and the balance Petit Verdot & Cabernet Franc, one strength is said to be that it outperforms in weaker vintages, and so when the weather has not been so favourable it is perhaps to Latour that buyers of top clarets often look first. The wine also has a phenomenal propensity for ageing well, with many tasters remarking that the 1899, 1900 & 1928 come high in their list of candidates for favourite vintage - ever! Tasting: An evolved dark ruby colour reveals amber at the edge. The nose offers aromas of caramel, coffee, ripe black cherry and currant fruit, cedar, and spice box. It is a very fine, delicious Latour.

CHATEAU LATOUR 1iere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 1990 Bottle £795.00

The 1990 Chateau Latour, which was voted Wine Spectator Wine of the year in 2003 was accorded a rating of 100pts by both Wine Spectator and Robert Parker, ie Perfect!. The wine has an excellent nose, very complex, ultra smooth and fine tannins. Layers of complex aromas of roasted fruits, liquorice, chocolate, caramel, dark cherry...The mouth has an incredible volume, full and fat, perfectly balanced with an endless finish.

CHATEAU LATOUR 1iere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 1995 Bottle £595.00

ROBERT PARKER 96 points: "A beauty, the opaque dense purple-colored 1995 exhibits jammy cassis, vanilla, and minerals in its fragrant but still youthful aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, with exceptional purity, superb concentration, and a long, intense, ripe, 40-second finish, this is a magnificent example of Latour. As the wine sat in the glass, scents of roasted espresso and toasty new oak emerged. This classic will require considerable cellaring. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2050."

CHATEAU LATOUR 1iere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 2004 Bottle £545.00

ROBERT PARKER 95-97 points
'After a 2003 production of less than 10,000 cases, there are a whopping 15,000 cases of the 2004 Latour... At this early stage, Latour appears to be the wine of the Medoc, and provides additional evidence of why Latour is pushing slightly ahead of most of its first-growth rivals. It boasts an inky/purple color in addition to a sweet perfume of crushed rocks, black currants, raspberries, and hints of wood as well as cold steel. It reveals the most density and depth of any of the Medoc first-growths...Anticipated maturity: 2010-2030'

JANCIS ROBINSON 19 points
THE WINE SPECTATOR James Suckling 95-100 points

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1ere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 1998 Bottle £475.00

ROBERT PARKER - "Deep garnet-black. The nose is a little mute even given this wine's youth, providing a moderate intensity of evolving aromas: game, earth, blackcurrant jam and a whiff of dried herbs. The medium+ bodied palate is gently styled with a medium+ level of finely grained tannins and medium+ acidity. Mid-palate is a bit hollow and the finish perhaps not as long as I'd expect. Good wine but not exactly living up to its first growth status. Drink now to 2025. Tasted February 2009."

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1ere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 2001 Bottle £395.00

ROBERT PARKER "A blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc, the opaque purple-colored, chunky 2001 Mouton-Rothschild does not possess the finesse and stature often achieved by this first-growth. It offers a tell-tale cassis-scented nose, and a monolithic, medium to full-bodied style with relatively high, austere tannin in the finish (a characteristics I also noticed in cask). A dry, angular, backward effort for the vintage, it should be forgotten for at least a decade. Let's hope the fruit continues to expand and sweeten, but that's no sure thing. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2025+."

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1ere Grand Cru Classe Pauillac 2007 Bottle £399.50

DECANTER **** (18 points): 'Black-red, exotic blackcurrant fruit, but more restrained than usual, shows great clarity and class with more precision of fruit than in the 1990s, a very fine wine that will give enormous pleasure. Drink 2013-25.'
JANCIS ROBINSON MW 18 points: 'Deep purple and light nose - you do have to concentrate to find the first growth nature of this. Dense with a dry finish and some fine tannins. Just a little dilute but the fruit is ripe enough (even if the tannins aren't quite). Almost opulent - certainly good round fruit. Just a bit stringy on the finish. Cool and light after the 2006... Big mistake to serve the 2006 alongside! So much more there ...'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Pauillac

CHATEAU PIBRAN Pauillac 2006 Bottle £25.95

A new blend for Pibran, with the Merlot increased to 70%, Cabernet now just 30%. Previously 50-50. Sweet fruit on the nose, smoky, a bit meaty. Fresh and firm with ripe tannins and good acidity.

CHATEAU PICHON LALANDE 'Comtesse' 2ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2004 Bottle £99.50

Robert Parker 92 points - "The 2004 Pichon Lalande is a strong effort for the vintage (much better than their underwhelming and much more expensive 2005). A blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, it exhibits a deep ruby/purple color as well as scents of cocoa, espresso roast, black cherries, and cassis. Medium to full-bodied, opulent, and fleshy, this classic wine cuts a stylistic persona somewhere between the 1995 and 1996. It can be drunk now or cellared for two decades."

CHATEAU PICHON LALANDE 'Comtesse' 2ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2006 Bottle £109.50

ROBERT PARKER 95 points "The 2006 Pichon Lalande, which blows away the 2005, represents a return to the velvety-textured, rich, sexy style most readers would associate with Pichon Lalande. This blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon and 36% Merlot no Petit Verdot was included in the final blend exhibits a dense purple color as well as abundant aromas of chocolate, coffee, cedar, black currants, and a subtle touch of smoke, a rich, savory, full-bodied mouthfeel, plump, fleshy fruit, and a superb finish. This is a 21st century version of the brilliant 1996. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2030.

CHATEAU PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON 2ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2001 Bottle £115.00

ROBERT PARKER 93 Points - "A very successful effort for this vintage in the Medoc, this deep ruby/purple-colored Pauillac exhibits class/nobility/breed along with black currant liqueur, licorice, and incense notes. Sweet, expansive, fleshy, and medium to full-bodied, with good structure, ripe tannin, and a long, 30-35 second finish, it can be drunk now, but will be even better in 2-3 years; it will last for 12-15 years. I had this wine three separate times out of bottle, and it is performing significantly better than it did from cask."

CHATEAU PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON 2ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2006 Bottle £84.50

ROBERT PARKER 92 POINTS: "Closed but promising, this is a tannic, masculine style of wine in 2006, with an inky bluish/purple color as well as aromas of incense, charcoal, smoked meats, and the classic creme de cassis that one finds in the top Pauillacs. The aromatics are still retrained, but the wine is full-bodied in the mouth, tannic, backward, and set for a relatively long life. This is not one of the profound wines from Pichon Longueville Baron, but it is certainly a top-flight success for the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2028. Tasted Feb 2009"

CHATEAU PONTET CANET 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2004 Bottle/NC £63.95

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** "Deep, intense colour, richly concentrated nose, quite earthy and blackcurrant, a lot of elegance behind the concentration and a fine lift of florality to the fruit, very good balance and length. Drink 2012-30. (18 points)"

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points "A brilliant effort from proprietor Alfred Tesseron, Pontet-Canet's 2004 may ultimately prove to be a better wine than its more famous neighbor, Mouton Rothschild. Medium to full-bodied with a classic creme de cassis-scented perfume, sweet fruit, ripe tannin, tremendous purity...this beautiful Pauillac should age for 2-3 decades. It is one of the most concentrated and potentially long-lived wines of the vintage."

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points
THE WINE SPECTATOR James Suckling 92-94 points

CHATEAU PONTET CANET 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2006 Magnum £169.50

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 "One can't say enough about the extraordinary quality proprietor Alfred Tesseron has achieved at Pontet-Canet over the last decade. The 2006 is another massive wine that may be as backward and concentrated as its nearby neighbor, Mouton Rothschild. Boasting a dense purple/black color in addition to aromas of creme de cassis, incense, burning embers/charcoal, and pain grille, it is monstrous in the mouth with huge flavor concentration, extremely high tannins, and significant extract. Tesseron's goal appears to be a 50+ year wine. The 2006 requires a decade of patience. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2040+."

DECANTER 4**** "Intense colour, big concentration of blackcurrant fruit, very fresh and fragrant despite the concentration, very good length, still a bit four-square, but shows great depth of vineyard fruit. 2015-30."

CHATEAU PONTET CANET 5ieme Cru Classe Pauillac 2007 Bottle/NC £59.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-94 points
JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points "Quite rich and sweet on the nose. Not very Pauillac-like! Good, firm tannins on the palate. A creditable attempt to spin some interest out of this vintage. But pretty low key. Tannins almost too dominant. Watery finish. But there is no shortage of effort here and the wine should have a longer life than many. Just a bit too like sandpaper in terms of texture. Drink 2013-18!"
DECANTER MAGAZINE **** (17.5 points) "Intense deep red, nose still shut in, but shows fine intensity of concentration and very good, plummy middle palate, smoky and quite complex, good length and good in this vintage. Drink 2013-20."

France - Bordeaux

Pauillac

CHATEAU TOUR SIEUJEAN Pauillac 2008 Bottle + £18.95

A forward looking producer, Château Tour Sieu Jean lies just inside the famous Pauillac appellation from which this complex modern style Bordeaux is produced. A well structured and complex wine with cedar, spice and tobacco along with crunchy blackcurrant fruit and a touch of cream from the oak. 15% Merlot 85% Cabernet.
Gold Medal at the Concours de Bordeaux 2010

LES FORTS DE LATOUR 2nd Wine of Chateau Latour Pauillac 2002 Bottle £239.50

ROBERT PARKER 92 points (April 2005) "A classic second wine that shows outstanding potential, the dark ruby/purple-colored 2002 has notes of cedar wood, black currants, earth, and truffles in a medium to full-bodied, supple-textured, beautifully concentrated style that can be drunk now or cellared for 10-15 years."

LES HAUTS DE PONTET CANET 2nd Wine of Chat. Pontet-Canet Pauillac 2004 Bottle £28.95

A lot of work in the vineyard and a warm September saved 2007 from being a problematic vintage for Lacoste Borie. The wine displays good structure, soft tannins, with balanced acidity. This wine has been chosen for our portfolio for its ripeness of fruit and length of finish. Drinking now till 2013.

LES TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE Pauillac 1995 Imperiale (60ocl) £299.95

"Marked by a combination of fruit and mushroom aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Second label of Château Pichon-Longueville-Baron." – James Suckling (Wine Spectator)

LES TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE Pauillac 2004 Imperiale (60ocl) £249.95

From a good Bordeaux vintage sandwiched between the more expensive, more vaunted 2003 and 2005, this youthful Pauillac, a Merlot, Cab. Sauvignon & Franc chip off the Pichon Longueville Baron block, has the pedigree of its sibling at a relatively affordable price. Sweet with smokey vanilla, cedary aromatic overtones, a core of cassis fruit richness is underscored by an already highly drinkable palate of juicy acidity and supple tannins. (Anthony Rose – 50 Best Wines - The Independent – 13 Dec 08)

PAUILLAC 'Selection' 2007 Bottle ! £17.95

The fruit for this FANTASTIC wine is sourced from one of the top Chateaux in the Pauillac region. A blend of approximately 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot it offers immediate aromas and flavours of wonderful ripe blackcurrant and blackberry fruits. Soft ripe tannins combine with this rich fruit to produce an immediately drinkable wine that will astound drinkers who will be amazed by its wonderful value for money.

RESERVE DE LA COMTESSE 2nd Wine of Pichon-Comtesse 1997 Bottle/NC £36.95

The Petit Verdot produced an exceptional cuvée. A fine, elegant wine of great class. Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - April 1999 - "Its dark ruby colour is accompanied by luscious, black cherry and currant fruit intermixed with notes of mocha, coffee, and toast. The wine displays excellent richness, a sweet, expansive mid-palate, medium body, and a supple finish." International Wine Magazine - Summer 1999 - "A supple Pauillac with a fruity quality. A remarkable whole that successfully combines fine, mellow tannins, controlled strength, and beautifully clean, ripe fruit. An extremely feminine wine with a lingering sensation of lightness. A superb vintage. (17.5/20)."

RESERVE DE LA COMTESSE 2nd Wine of Pichon-Comtesse 2007 Bottle £32.95

Today, the second wines represent between 20 and 50 % of the total production of the Chateau. From the same soil, the second wine benefits from the same technology as the great wine, and also its reputation. They are generally excellent wines, though less robust and long lasting than their elders. The archives kept at Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande mention the existence of a second wine as early as the XIXth century.
Robert Parker "The second wine, the 2007 Reserve de Comtesse, is a lighter, but equally soft and approachable version of the grand vin. Already evolved, it is a round, plump, delicious Pauillac to enjoy over the next 7-8 years."

Pomerol

CHATEAU L'EVANGILE Pomerol 1998 Bottle £189.50

The Rothschild group has put its stamp throughout Bordeaux, including this early-ripening site near Pomerol's border with Saint-Emilion. This Merlot-dominated wine from an early-ripening site typically offers compelling aromatic complexity and chocolatey ripeness, but possesses enough supple tannins for long aging. Clay in the soil contributes to the wine's power, while a sizeable component of gravel, uncharacteristic of Pomerol as a whole, lends an impressive delicacy. The Rothschild group gained a controlling interest in the property in 1990, after serving as partners with the Chaperon family for many years.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - "Full medium ruby. Fabulous nose combines black raspberry, sweet oak, bitter chocolate, truffle and mint, all lifted by a cool, slightly medicinal black cherry note of cabernet franc. Penetrating, pure, youthfully bound-up black fruit and licorice flavors. Densely packed and extremely backward. Finishes with very firm, oak-powered tannins. A superb, powerfully structured vintage for this wine, to drink between 2010 and 2025." 93+ points.

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Pomerol

CHATEAU LA CROIX ST. VINCENT Pomerol 2006/07 Bottle £16.95

+ This wine represents the second wine of Château de Valoise, located on the southern side of the Pomerol appellation, not far from the famous Château Figeac in St-Emilion. A smooth, velvety wine that offers characteristic plum fruits and spice with an elusive hint of rustic earthiness and typical truffle aromas.

CHATEAU LE BON PASTEUR Pomerol 2005 Magnum £140.00

"94 out of 100.....A superb effort from proprietors Dany and Michel Rolland, the 2005 Bon Pasteur is the antithesis of the kind of wine Rolland's critics claim he makes (which they ignorantly suggest are over-oaked, over-extracted, and over-the-top). Nothing could be further from the truth. Rolland, a brilliant oenologist, has done more than any other person alive today for the quality of Bordeaux. His 2005 Bon Pasteur is an elegant, subtle, deep ruby/purple-colored wine offering hints of graphite, sweet mocha, black cherries, and berries that build incrementally in the mouth, ending in a cascade of full-bodied, concentrated fruit with good acidity, beautiful tannin, and stunning precision as well as length. The tannin structure suggests 3-5 years of cellaring is warranted, but based on past examples (even the opulent 1982, which is still going strong), the 2005 should age for 25-30 years." - Wine Advocate.

CHATEAU NENIN Pomerol 2005 Bottle £59.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'Not surprisingly given the ownership by the Delon family (who also own Las Cases), Nenin always has a Medoc structure super-imposed on the ripe Merlot (75% of the blend, with the balance Cabernet Franc). The strong 2005 exhibits notes of sweet black cherries, licorice, and caramel in its medium to full-bodied, structured personality. It requires 5-7 years of cellaring, and should keep for two decades or more.'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 points 'This is rich and powerful with seamless tannins and wonderful fruit. Full-bodied, with lots going on and a long, long finish. Gorgeous. Lots of fruit and toasted, smoky oak. This is very close to classic.' James Suckling

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CHATEAU VRAY CROIX DE GAY 'L'Enchanteur' Pomerol 2008 Bottle £22.95

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc. Deep velvety texture with intense aromas of black fruits. To be enjoyed 2011-2020.

ROBERT PARKER - "This estate is now under independent ownership after leaving the winemaking and distribution agreement of the Jean-Pierre Moueix firm. The deep ruby/purple-hued 2008 offers ripe plum and black currant fruit, and hints of smoke and earth. Full-bodied, somewhat rustic, and dense, big, and muscular, but not yet very expressive, it should be at least excellent in 10-12 years."

CLOS RENE Pomerol 2008 Bottle £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points 'The deep ruby/purple-tinged 2008 Clos Rene possesses abundant quantities of sweet black currant and blackberry fruit interwoven with subtle hints of smoke, earth, and truffles. Good fruit density, plenty of glycerin, round tannins, and a well-made, textured finish suggest this could turn out to be a sleeper of the vintage. It should drink well for 10-15 years.'

Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU BEAU-SEJOUR BECOT 1er GCC (B) Saint-Emilion 2008 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER (May 2011) 91+ points

'2008: This exceptional wine is presently as impressive as the 2010, but obviously it is much more drinkable. Made from yields of 32 hectoliters per hectare with 14% natural alcohol, this blend of 70% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon reveals some spicy new oak along with lots of vanillin, underbrush, black currants and black cherry jam. Dense ruby/purple-colored and full-bodied with moderate tannin, it is more supple and forward than the 2010. Nevertheless, this big 2008 needs 2-3 years of cellaring and should keep for 15-20 years.'

CHATEAU BERLIQUET Grand Cru Classe Saint-Emilion 2005 Magnum £69.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points 'Resiny characteristics combined with notions of black cherries, cassis, herbs, and new oak emerge from this deep ruby/purple-colored 2005. Medium to full-bodied, moderately tannic, and impeccably well-made, consumption during its first 10-15 years of life is recommended.'

DECANTER MAGAZINE 3*** 'Classic high-class Saint-Emilion, spicy complex nose, good body, refined texture, firm tannins, and great future. One of the best ever made from this property, which is admirably situated next to some classified first growths. Drink from 2015. (16.5 points)'

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU CANON 1er Grand Cru Classe Saint-Emilion 2000 Bottle £79.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 Points - "This elegant St. Emilion has filled out nicely over the last decade. From barrel and post-bottling, I thought it might turn out austere, but that does not appear to be the case. It offers a deep ruby/purple color as well as copious aromas of black cherries, crushed rocks, and earthy undertones. While not a blockbuster, it is beautifully balanced and pure, revealing slightly more depth and richness than I expected. Drink it now and over the next 10-15 years."

CHATEAU CANON 1iere Grand Cru Classe Saint-Emilion 2005 Bottle ! £69.50

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'With a saturated deep ruby color, but less intense than some other St.-Emilions, this is probably the best Canon in a number of years. It is still made in a relatively austere, tannic style, but strong black cherry and loamy soil notes intermixed with some licorice and background subtle oak lead to a rich, elegant, stylish effort that is closed and in need of cellaring. Give this wine, which clearly reveals the minerality of this top-notch vineyard, at least 7-8 years of bottle age and drink it over the following 20-25 years.'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 89-91 points DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Classic, and for the moment understated'

CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1iere Grand Cru (A) 1998 Bottle £575.00

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (April 2001) 93 points

'This blend of 55% Cabernet Franc and 45% Merlot exhibits a dark ruby/purple color as well as classic aromas of menthol, plums, mulberries, and assorted black fruits. The oak, texture, acidity, and tannin are all beautifully integrated. While full-bodied, elegant, concentrated, and impeccably balanced, it requires several years of cellaring. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2020.'

Kudos to administrator Pierre Lurton for the efforts he has put forth over recent years.

CHATEAU DE VALANDRAUD Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2001 Bottle £179.50

ROBERT PARKER 94 points: "As hard as it may be to believe, Valandraud's 2001 is better than their 2000. One of the great efforts from proprietors Murielle Andraud and Jean-Luc Thunevin, the 2001 Valandraud boasts a saturated plum/purple color as well as a sumptuously sweet nose of Varhona chocolate intertwined with espresso roast, blackberries, cherry jam, and currants. Full-bodied, opulent, voluptuously textured, pure, rich, and seriously endowed, this is a brilliant effort from Bordeaux's leading revolutionary. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2020. By the way, the kosher cuvee of this wine merits 91-92 points. It is undeniably the finest kosher wine I have ever tasted."

CHATEAU GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE Grand Cru Classe St-Emilion 2007 Bottle/NC + £24.95

Wine Spectator, by James Suckling 84-87 'Attractive berry and milk chocolate character on the nose and palate, following through to a medium body, with soft tannins. Very pleasant.'

Decanter *** 'A success for the year. Plump, ripe, supple fruit. Almost Pomerol in texture and weight. Well integrated oak. Finishes full and clean. Delicious wine. Drink 2011-2018'

ROBERT PARKER 86-88 points

CHATEAU GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008 Bottle £20.95

ROBERT PARKER 89 -91+ points 'This big, powerful, concentrated, full-bodied St.-Emilion exhibits an opaque purple color in addition to sweet aromas of black currants, charcoal, and subtle oak as well as smoke. Dense and pure with an impressive mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and crisp, zesty acids, it is unevolved at present, but it reveals exceptional potential. This sleeper of the vintage should evolve for 15 years.'

CHATEAU GRAND MAYNE Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008 Bottle £22.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points 'A true blockbuster from St.-Emilion, and unquestionably Grand-Mayne's finest effort since their 2005 and 1998, the 2008 boasts an inky/purple color as well as a lovely bouquet of blueberry liqueur, roasted coffee, and a touch of sweet, smoky oak. Full-bodied with exceptional density, super-ripe tannins, an impressive texture, and a 35+ second finish, this cuvee should be drinkable at an early age (2-4 years), and last for 15 or more.'

CHATEAU LA DOMINIQUE Grand Cru Classe Saint-Emilion 1998 Half £21.95

ROBERT PARKER April 2001 90 points 'The 1998 is a soft, fat, voluptuously-textured, opulent effort with a dense ruby/purple color, and gorgeous aromas of olives, black cherry jam, blackberries, chocolate, and espresso. This full-bodied wine is hedonistic, flashy, and nearly decadent in its display of luxurious fruit, high glycerin, and spice. Anticipated maturity: now-2015.'

CHATEAU LE TERTRE ROTEOUEF Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 1999 Bottle £119.50

Château Tertre Roteboeuf's fine reputation is relatively recent, dating from when François Mitjavile took over management in 1997. After inheriting a small (less than 6-hectare) estate on the southern part of the St. Emilion slope, François Mitjavile perfected his winemaking skills with help from Thierry Manoncourt of Château Figeac. Located in the south-east part of the appellation, Tertre Roteboeuf has clay-limestone soil and a fine microclimate. Grape varieties are approximately 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Tertre Roteboeuf is the opposite of a rough wine. Its tannins are incredibly soft and the Merlot gives it an opulent side. This shows the owner's talent for obtaining healthy, ripe grapes without the need for green harvesting (bunch thinning). This results in a voluptuous, full-bodied, and very complex wine.

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Emilion

CLOS DE SARPE Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2005 Bottle £59.95
 ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points 'This is a wine for readers with incredibly long life-expectancies as it possesses the power and longevity associated with many pre-phyloxera, 19th century wines of Bordeaux. Like so many of the small St.-Emilion estates, there are no compromises at Clos de Sarpe. It will be bottled unfiltered. This opaque purple-colored, massive, ferociously tannic offering reveals scary concentration levels, huge dry extract, and technical numbers that are off the charts. Despite its impressive credentials, size, richness, and overall balance, it will close down after bottling, and re-emerge 10-15 years later. My conservative guess is that this gigantic, colossal St.-Emilion will be drinkable around 2015-2020, and last for 40-50 years.'

DELICE DU PRIEURE 2nd Wine of Chateau Prieure GC St Emillion o8 Bottle + £15.95
 From young vines from Chateau de Prieure, a great Classified Growth that has been in their family since 1897. The wine typically spends 12 months in barrel and is subtle and delicate with excellent fruit. In short, a delicious wine to drink between 2011-2016.

MONDOT 2nd Wine of Ch. Troplong-Mondot Saint-Emilion 2008 Bottle £26.95
 ***** TASTING NOTE FOR CHATEAU TROPLONG-MONDOT 2008 ***** - ROBERT PARKER 95-97 'What a worthy rival to the prodigious 2005! This is another superb success from proprietress Christine Valette, but it is distressing to hear that this property may be up for sale. The inky/blue/purple-colored, formidably concentrated 2008 exhibits aromas of smoke, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, roasted coffee, and spice box. Boasting fabulous fruit and purity, a multilayered texture, full body, and prominent, but sweet, well-integrated tannin, this is a tour de force in winemaking from an outstanding and a perfectionist proprietor. Give it 5-6 years of bottle age, and drink it over the following three decades.'

PETIT CORBIN DESPAGNE 2nd Wine of Grand Corbin-Despagne 2006 Bottle @ £14.95
 A fresh and elegant wine coming from a specially selected parcel at Château Grand Corbin Despagne. There is excellent balance of fruit, acidity and supple but persistent tannins which indicate a wine which will continue to improve with age.

Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU CALON-SEGUR 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2008 Bottle £49.95
 ROBERT PARKER 90-93 points 'Perhaps that explains the elegant, but rich style of the 2008 Calon Segur, which is dominated more than usual by Cabernet Sauvignon. Cropped at 40 hectoliters per hectare, it is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot. Its sweet perfume of black currants, tobacco leaf, and licorice is followed by a wine with superb purity, good freshness, and a full-bodied style with ripe tannin as well as a long finish. Somewhat reminiscent of the 1996, although this vintage carries a much higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2008 should be relatively approachable given the sweetness of the tannins, and will evolve for 20-25 years.'

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 1986 Bottle £164.50
 ROBERT PARKER 93 points - 'The 1986 is a highly extracted wine, with a black/ruby color (some pink is showing in the rim) and plenty of toasty, smoky notes in its bouquet that suggest ripe plums, licorice and black currants. Evolving at a glacial pace, it exhibits massive, huge, ripe, extremely concentrated flavors with impressive depth and richness. It possesses more power, weight, and tannin, and it is a wine for long-term ageing. Anticipated maturity: now-2020.' Jancis Robinson 17/20 - 'Lovely deep crimson shading to purple. Particularly healthy colour. Deep, dense, strongly Cabernet aromas that are still unyielding. This wine could mature into something eventually finer than the Talbot but, boy, will it take time.'

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 1998 Bottle £99.50
 This elegant, stylish, graceful wine is an attractive, dark ruby/purple-colored effort with subtle notes of sweet oak, licorice, herbs, and black fruits. While not massive, it is medium-bodied and ripe, with sweet tannin. Forty-eight percent of the production was utilized in this blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2018.

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 1999 Bottle £99.50
 Cos d'Estournel is the probably the greatest St-Estèphe. Only Montrose comes close to stealing the title, but Cos is the more classic claret. This great Second Growth is extraordinarily consistent, year after year turning out a wine with a perfectly judged balance between structure and fleshy fruit. The owners have embraced modernity in the best possible way, using technology judiciously to produce a modern wine which is still unmistakably Bordeaux. ROBERT PARKER (2002) 88 points 'The dark ruby-colored 1999 Cos is a supremely elegant effort. The wine offers notes of dried Provencal herbs, smoke, licorice, black cherries, and cassis. This medium to full-bodied St.-Estephe is cerebral, intellectual, and refined. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2018.'

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Estephe

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CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2002 Bottle/NC £94.50
 ROBERT PARKER 93 POINTS - 'One of the candidates for wine of the vintage, this beauty has a dense purple color to the rim and a classic, noble nose of graphite intermixed with black currant, spice box, licorice, and red and black fruits. Medium to full-bodied with exceptional precision and definition, this beautifully textured wine stands out as one of the most successful wines of this irregular vintage. A brilliant effort, it should be at its best between 2008 and 2020.'

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2007 Bottle/NC £89.50
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** 18 points 'Dense purple-red, full, plummy, smoky, fleshy, spicy, exotic fruit, with more firmness than usual from the 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, about as ripe as you could get this vintage with fine length and potential complexity. Drink 2012-25.' JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points 'Determinedly, almost exaggeratedly, modern style. Firm, very concentrated nose. Something strange on the nose – very distinctive. Extremely concentrated! And then reasonably supple on the palate – but quite low acid and freshness. A certain rawness but great attack and beef. One of the most distinctive wines of the vintage but a bit forced. All created by the early cutting of the shoots in June – taking a risk that the summer would not be hot. (Otherwise the fruit risked being sunburnt.) Strictly for modernists.' ROBERT PARKER 90-93 points

CHATEAU COS LABORY 5ieme Cru Classe 2007 Bottle/NC £19.95
 DECANTER MAGAZINE **** (16.5 points) 'Fine intense red, attractive quite smoky/meaty nose, nicely ripe and plummy middle fruit with firm yet elegant finish, well expresses its appellation and good medium term. Drink 2012-17.'

CHATEAU COS LABORY 5ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2005 Bottle ! £34.95
 ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'One of the finest wines I have tasted from this estate, the 2005 Cos Labory exhibits a deep ruby/purple hue, aromas of road tar, blackberries, creme de cassis, forest floor, smoke, and graphite, medium to full body, and abundant tannin. It is a complete, dense effort with high tannins in the finish. Once the tannins melt away, it should represent an outstanding example of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2030.' NEIL PINEL 8/10 - Our Saint-Estephe of the vintage, quality and value for money wise. Excellent ripe, black wine gums and cassis aromas and flavours, Clean, creamy with good depth and length. Very, very good !

CHATEAU COS LABORY 5ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2005 Magnum ! £69.50
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CHATEAU COS LABORY 5ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2006 Bottle ! £19.95
 This Chateau is fantastically situated alongside Cos d'Estournel and over-looking Lafite. DECANTER 3*** - 'Good colour, good jammy fruit, ripe and smooth, fruit/acidity/tannins in balance, quite forward style. 2010-18.' www.winedoctor.com 'Lots of sweet oak here, a honey-tinged, blackberry crumble nose with plenty of similarly sweet fruit. Nicely textured on the palate, a dry and structured midpalate, with grainy tannins. Quite a firm grip, with a good, savoury finish. Overall this is well put together although there is a lot of oak and structure for the fruit.'

CHATEAU HAUT-MARBUZET Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnell Saint-Estephe 2007 Bottle £34.95
 Decanter Rating: *** - 'Smoky, spicy, liquorice nose. Fragrant almost floral. Spicy ripe tannins, good fruit quality, soft and succulent. Well made. Drink from 2012.'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU MONTROSE 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 1989 £295.00
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 96 points: "An outstanding Montrose, the 1989 is one of the vintage's stars. It possesses an opaque dark ruby/purple color, a sweet nose of minerals, black fruits, cedar, and wood, dense, medium to full-bodied, highly extracted flavors, low acidity, and moderate tannin in the long finish. While it appears to be closing down far more quickly than the legendary 1990, it has layers of sweet fruit as well as an elevated level of glycerin. Give it 5-7 years of cellaring, and drink it over the subsequent 2-3 decades."

CHATEAU PHELAN-SEGUR Saint-Estephe 2008 Bottle £23.95

ROBERT PARKER 88-90 points 'A sleeper of the vintage, the 2008 is the finest Phelan-Segur since the 1990. It possesses a dense ruby/purple color as well as loads of blueberry and cassis fruit intertwined with hints of charcoal and that unmistakable floral note that appears in many of the 2008s. Medium to full-bodied with abundant fruit, soft tannins, and obvious near-term appeal, it should last for 10-12 years.'

LA DAME DE MONTROSE 2nd Wine of Chateau Montrose 2008 £21.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 89-90 points 'The second wine is the sexy, sensual La Dame de Montrose. The 2008, which represents 28% of the estate's production, is a blend of 56% Merlot and 44% Cabernet Sauvignon. With a deep ruby/purple color, sweet tannins, seemingly low acidity, and lush, concentrated flavors, it should be a crowd-pleasing head-turner for at least 10-15 years.'

LA DAME DE MONTROSE 2nd Wine of Chateau Montrose 2008 £44.95
Magnum

ROBERT PARKER 89-90 points 'The second wine is the sexy, sensual La Dame de Montrose. The 2008, which represents 28% of the estate's production, is a blend of 56% Merlot and 44% Cabernet Sauvignon. With a deep ruby/purple color, sweet tannins, seemingly low acidity, and lush, concentrated flavors, it should be a crowd-pleasing head-turner for at least 10-15 years.'

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £69.95
St-Estephe 2004 Magnum

DECANTER MAGAZINE *** 'Very deep colour, both floral and briary on the nose, with fleshy ripeness of fruit backed by firm Saint-Estéphe grip, classic Medoc. Drink 2009-18. (16.5 points)'
The second wine of 'Super-Second' Cos d'Estournel that under the direction of the Jean-Guillaume Prats goes from strength to strength with every passing vintage. Drink now - 2010
ROBERT PARKER 'Cos d'Estournel's second wine has ratcheted up its quality. The crisp 2004 Les Pagodes de Cos offers notes of crushed rocks, flowers, and red as well as black fruits in a medium-bodied, streamlined, feminine style. Drink it over the next decade.'

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £39.95
St-Estephe 2005 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The second wine, the 2005 Les Pagodes de Cos, is already delicious. Offering plenty of cedar, cappuccino, and black cherry notes in a medium-bodied, seamless style with no hard edges, it will provide plenty of pleasure over the next decade.'
DECANTER MAGAZINE 3*** 'Black velvety red, fragrant and floral a really lovely expression of Saint-Estephe in an approachable form, long and supple. Drink 2009-16. (16.5 points)'

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £79.95
St-Estephe 2005 Magnum !

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The second wine, the 2005 Les Pagodes de Cos, is already delicious. Offering plenty of cedar, cappuccino, and black cherry notes in a medium-bodied, seamless style with no hard edges, it will provide plenty of pleasure over the next decade.'

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £33.00
St-Estephe 2006 Bottle

DECANTER *** 'Velvety colour, full meaty, smoky wine, floral and fragrant, more subdued than usual, but good fruit and structure. 2011-18.'
ROBERT PARKER - "The estate's second wine, the 2006 Les Pagodes de Cos, continues to demonstrate improvement. Aromas of lead pencil shavings, damp earth, forest floor, sweet currant and berry fruit, along with hints of smoke and herbs jump from the glass of this medium-bodied, fresh, savory, supple-textured effort. Consume it during its first decade of life."

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £29.50
St-Estephe 2007 Bottle !

16/20 Points Decanter rating - The Pagodes de Cos are the "second wines" of Cos d'Estournel. Rich and aromatic, the Pagodes de Cos is a fine wine that must be drunk 10 years after its bottling. It has a beautiful red robe with purple tints. The nose is full of fruits (blackcurrant, plum...). The palate is elegant and well-balanced. An exceptional second wine.

LES PAGODES DE COS 2nd Wine of Chateau Cos d'Estournel £39.95
St-Estephe 2008 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points ""The second wine, the 2008 Les Pagodes de Cos, is the finest example of this cuvee yet made. A blend of 53% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Verdot, with a natural alcohol of 13.5%, it offers beautiful freshness along with sweet, pure notes of creme de cassis, earth, and forest floor. Sweet tannin, striking concentration, and a lush style make for an impressive wine that should drink beautifully for 15+ years.'

SAINT-ESTEPHE 'Selection' 2004 Bottle ! £12.95
This wine has been made by one of the best negociants in Bordeaux - Ulysse Cazabonne. They buy grapes from some of the best chateaux in Medoc and produce their own wines. We think they are amazing value for money and rival the best but at a fraction of the price. Buy Buy Buy!!

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Estephe

Saint-Julien

CHATEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU 4ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2004 £79.95
Magnum

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Very good colour, really lovely floral nose showing violets, iris over black fruits, very good extraction of ripe fruit and harmonious long finish, a fine wine with presence, charm and class. Drink 2010-25. (17.5 points)'
ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'Possessing the finest aromatics of all the 2004 St-Juliens, Branaire Ducru offers complex licorice, cranberry, boysenberry, and floral notes interwoven with notions of plums and figs. This dark ruby/purple-tinged, medium-bodied, elegant effort offers sweet fruit as well as ripe tannins. Give it 1-3 years of bottle age and drink it over the following 14 -15.'

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2ieme Cru Cl. Classe £136.95
Saint-Julien 2008 Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE (2011) 95+ points
'One of the stars of the vintage, and a remarkable achievement in 2008, with impressive richness, this dense purple colored wine is almost as opaque as the 2010. Spring flowers, crushed rocks, creme de cassis and some subtle oak are followed by a full-bodied, concentrated wine that transcends the vintage character in its power, richness, and aging potential. It also exhibits tremendous precision, purity, and depth of character. It is more forward than the 2010 is likely to be, but probably not as sumptuous as the 2009 will turn out to be. This is a wine to buy. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2035.'

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien £245.00
1970 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER "This wine has been fully mature and delicious for many years, so I was not surprised by how stunning this bottle was. It has always been an outstanding wine for the vintage - complex, rich, savory, and the quintessentially elegant Bordeaux. This beauty continues to reveal the fragrance and finesse that one expects from Lafite-Rothschild but so rarely finds. A fragrant, complex bouquet of cedar, herbs, vanillin, fruitcake, and coffee is followed by a soft, gentle, graciously-constructed wine with sweet layers of fruit. I am not sure how much longer the 1970 Ducru will keep, but from regular bottle, it is delicious and should be consumed. How nice it would be to have a stock of magnums of this wine in the cellar!"

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien £179.95
2000 Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 95 points
A stunning wine from Ducru Beaucaillou which showcases its great terroir, this elegant but substantial 2000 has a dense purple color that has hardly budged since it was first bottled. Displaying a floral note, with hints of boysenberries, black raspberries, black currants and a touch of background oak, the wine has superb concentration and density, but still has some substantial tannins that are not yet fully resolved. I originally predicted that it should be drinkable from 2010-2030, but I would modify that now to 2015-2035.

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien £89.50
2004 Bottle

DECANTER MAGAZINE 4****
'Huge colour, still almost black, massive extraction of very ripe Cabernet fruit, very expressive and fine tannins after a powerful palate, very good potential for the long term. Drink 2015-40. (18 points)'

ROBERT PARKER 93 points '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 Ducru boasts sweet aromas of creme 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. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 25 years.'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 points

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2ieme Cru Saint-Julien 2006 £109.95
Bottle

PARKER 94-96 'Similar in style to the 1996, proprietor Bruno Borie continues to curtail yields, now producing just under 10,000 cases of the grand vin, and the rest of the production going into the increasingly high quality second wine, La Croix de Ducru Beaucaillou. The backward, tannic, dense purple-colored 2006 Ducru Beaucaillou offers sweet mineral-infused black cherry and cassis fruit interwoven with notions of graphite and truffles. Powerful, pure, rich, and intense, it should be at its peak between 2017-2035.'
DECANTER ***** 'Black-red, superb extraction that marries fragrance and power, really pure fruit with lots of concentration yet more finesse than in 2005. 2015-40.'

CHATEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE 2ieme Cru Classe 1992 Double £169.95
Magnum (300cl)

ROBERT PARKER "The black/purple-colored 1992 gives evidence that Gruaud-Larose may have returned to the forceful, robust, muscular style that made the estate famous. In general, the 1992 vintage did not produce big, rich wines, but this effort from Gruaud-Larose is a reassuringly large-scaled, dense, powerful, rich, thick wine. The 1992 is more cleanly made than the leathery, "brett"-tinged 1991, exhibits gobs of earthy, rich, peppery, black currant, and herbal fruit flavors, low acidity, and a thick, chewy, lush finish." Drinking NOW.

CHATEAU LA CROIX DU BEAUCAILLOU 2nd of Ducru-Beaucaillou £29.95
2004 Bottle/NC

DECANTER MAGAZINE *** 'Huge colour, big extraction producing great density of fruit, impressive for a second wine, not overly elegant. Drink 2008-16. (16 points)'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Julien

CHATEAU LA CROIX DU BEUCAILLOU 2nd of Ducru-Beaucaillou 2004 Bottle/NC £29.95

DECANTER MAGAZINE *** 'Huge colour, big extraction producing great density of fruit, impressive for a second wine, not overly elegant. Drink 2008-16. (16 points)'

CHATEAU LA CROIX DU BEUCAILLOU 2nd of Ducru-Beaucaillou 2005 MAGNUM £77.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'The second wine, the sensational 2005 Croix de Beaucaillou, is the finest example of this cuvee I have ever tasted. Sweet black raspberry and black cherry fruit aromas soar from the glass of this open-knit seductress. A dense ruby/purple color, beautiful full-bodied, lush, expansive flavors, low acidity, and sweet tannin suggest this lovely cuvee should be drunk over the next 12-13 years. It is an amazing sleeper of the vintage!'

JANCIS ROBINSON 17/20 'Produced from much lower-yielding vines than Lalande Borie. Scented, fragrant, soft, very fruity. Rather sumptuous - full and round and sweet. Drink 2015-22'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 89-91 'Focused aromas of currants, berries and spices follow through to a full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a long, balanced finish. Excellent second wine.' - James Suckling

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 1996 Bottle £68.95

The Wine Doctor - 'The nose shows coffee oak, molasses, mocha and caramel - wow! Full, creamy and luscious palate, full of delightfully textured black fruits with plenty of extract. Roasted berries, iron, bloody beef, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit character. This has all the stuffing required for the cellar. Excellent potential. This will continue to improve over the next eight years at the very least. 17.5+/20 (2005)

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2002 Half £21.95

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (April 2005) 89 points 'Deep ruby/purple with considerable amounts of toasty new oak blasting out of the glass, this wine's heavy-handed vanilla oakiness conceals its relatively extracted, rich, tannic flavors. It remains dumb and closed, but offers excellent depth, power, and richness. While there is plenty here, patience is required. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2020.'

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2004 Bottle £39.95

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** - 'Very deep colour, good concentration of ripe black fruits, but quite floral and open on the nose, with good natural depth and quite firm tannins, but overall a charming elegant wine, with fine length, fruit and balance. Drink 2010-25. (17 points)'

ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'This backward, tannic, strikingly oaky St-Julien reveals a big structure as well as copious power and muscle, and a modern-styled combination of ripe fruit and new oak. While it requires a few years of bottle age to shed its cloak of tannin, and develop more Bordelais character, it possesses plenty of stuffing, and may turn out to be outstanding with additional time in bottle. Patience is warranted. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2025.'

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2005 Bottle £44.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'Sweet, toasty, oaky notes interwoven with hints of black olives, blackberries, cassis, and spice box are found in this densely saturated ruby/purple-hued 2005. While rich, with impressive concentration and purity, it is also tannic, full-bodied, and painfully backward and foreboding. This is another long-term prospect that will require patience. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2027.'

CHATEAU LALANDE BORIE Saint-Julien 2006 Bottle £20.95

A relatively recent Bordeaux chateau, Lalande-Borie is owned by the Borie family and managed by Bruno Borie, who also owns the prestigious Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou. Enticingly sweet natured on the nose, with great freshness and poise on the palate. An excellent wine.

CHATEAU LEOVILLE POYFERRE 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2004 Bottle ! £59.95

ROBERT PARKER 93 points 'Along with Leoville Las Cases and a few others, this is among the stars of the appellation. Made in a more floral, supple, Margaux-like style, the deep ruby/purple-hued 2004 Leoville Poyferre exhibits sweet, broad flavours, and plenty of tannin lurking beneath the surface. However, the abundant cherry, black currant, liquorice, and smoke notes obscure the tannic clout. This rich, powerful, broad beauty should be drinkable in 2-3 years, and last for two decades'

CHATEAU LEOVILLE-BARTON 2ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 1986 Bottle £99.95

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (1998) 92 points 'In contrast to the elegant, graceful, finesse-filled 1985 (which may turn out to resemble the classic 1953 in 15 years), the 1986 is a great wine, but so, so backward and tannic. This huge, dense, medium- to full-bodied wine exhibits tremendously rich, classic, weedy, black currant fruitiness with airing, and boasts the judicious use of new oak barrels. The tannins are elevated, but then this is a seriously concentrated, old-style, intense wine for long-term cellaring. The more I taste the 1986 Leoville-Barton, the more impressed I become with the wine's extraordinary power, density, and richness. However, it is not a wine for readers seeking immediate gratification. Although spectacular, it requires another 5-6 years of cellaring. It will easily last for half a century. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2030.'

CHATEAU LEOVILLE-LAS-CASES 2ieme Cru Saint-Julien 1986 Bottle £329.50

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (1998) 98 points 'The 1986 Leoville-Las Cases, which Delon continues to believe is his finest vintage in the eighties (even eclipsing the 1982), still exhibits a black/purple color with no signs of age. The nose offers up aromas of exceptionally ripe cassis fruit intertwined with scents of vanillin, minerals, and spices. The wine is full-bodied, exceptionally well-delineated, and phenomenally concentrated. Still unevolved and youthful, this is one of the most profound Leoville-Las-Cases, but for my palate, it remains a notch behind both the 1982 and 1996. Anticipated maturity: 2003-2030.'

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Julien

CHATEAU LEOVILLE-LAS-CASES 2ieme Cru Saint-Julien 2006 Bottle £159.95

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 'Perfectionist owner Jean-Hubert Delon believes the 2006 Leoville Las Cases recalls the greatness of the 1986 and 1996. The natural alcohol came in at 13.3%, and only 40% of the production made it into the final blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.5% Merlot, and a dollop of Cabernet Franc. This backward, deep ruby/purple-hued effort exhibits sweet, pure black cherry, raspberry, and cassis characteristics, soft, ripe tannin, and medium body. It reveals a strong similarity to its next door neighbor, Chateau Latour. The 2006 Las Cases will require 5-8 years of bottle age, and should drink well for 25-30 years.'

DECANTER 5***** 'Intense colour, fragrant and smoky, masses of extract, almost Californian, but then wild violets and terroir expression come through, extraordinary richness of fruit yet perfect balance. 2015-40.'

CHATEAU LEOVILLE-LAS-CASES 2ieme Cru Saint-Julien 2007 Bottle £114.50

ROBERT PARKER 92-95 points

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points 'Mid crimson. Tingly fruit. 15% press wine, as in 1995. Good energy. Cuts off quite suddenly after a rich, sweet start. So soft with flattering black fruits on the front palate and then tough and tarry on the finish. A bit toughened up. Not fine or gentle. Very tough compared with the Clos du Marquis. Not in the spirit of the vintage but certainly in the spirit of Las Cases. An interesting comparison with that other wine which usually has no shortage of tannin, Ch Latour. Drink 2014-20'

DECANTER MAGAZINE **** (18 points) 'Huge colour, really impressive purple-black, intense, yet very fragrant and very pure fruit on the nose, great length and precision on the palate, great depth and finely grained tannins, a wine for the long term. Drink 2017-30.'

CHATEAU TALBOT 3ieme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2008 Bottle £31.95

ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points 'A forward, luscious wine that should turn out to be outstanding, Talbot's deep ruby/purple-colored 2008 offers plenty of roasted herb, berry fruit, coffee, and soil characteristics in its rich, layered, stunningly opulent and fleshy personality. While it still has plenty of tannin to shed, it is ripe and well-integrated. Give it 2-3 years of bottle age, and drink it over the next 20-25 years.'

CLOS DU MARQUIS 2nd Wine of Ch. Leoville -las-Cases St-Julien 2006 Bottle ! £29.95

DECANTER **** 'Fine depth of classic Saint-Julien fruit with more structure and grip than in 2005, yet fleshy and succulent. Very good. 2012-20.'

CLOS DU MARQUIS 2nd Wine of Ch. Leoville -las-Cases St-Julien 2005 Bottle ! £42.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'The superb second wine, the 2005 Clos du Marquis, reflects the utter brilliance of the 2005 grand vin. It boasts an inky/ruby/purple color along with a sweet perfume of lead pencil, ripe cherries and black currants, and hints of earth and vanillin. Dense, chewy, fleshy, and full-bodied, this beauty will be drinkable in 3-4 years, and should keep for 15-20.'

THE WINE SPECTATOR 92-94 points 'This is very solid, with currants, minerals and berries on the nose and palate. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Lots of licorice and cassis. Tight. Always excellent in top vintages.' James Suckling
DECANTER MAGAZINE 3*** 'Dense colour, soft and spicy with lots of charm, supple fruit, balance and purity, more forward style than usual. Drink 2010-18. (16.5 points)'

CLOS DU MARQUIS 2nd Wine of Chateau Leoville-las-Cases St-Julien 1998 Bottle £49.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (2011) 89 points

'A pretty wine and a classic Bordeaux, this 2008 has attractive notes of minerals intermixed with fruitcake and sweet currant fruit. Medium-bodied and pure, with a dense ruby/purple color, it should drink nicely for 10 years at the very minimum.'

CLOS DU MARQUIS 2nd Wine of Chateau Leoville-las-Cases St-Julien 2000 Bottle £54.95

The Clos de Marquis, the second wine of chateau Leoville Las Cases, is without doubt one of the better second wines of Bordeaux. The same rigor applied to the Las Cases goes into making Clos de Marquis: very selective fruit, unimpeachable vinification, careful cellaring. The elegance, structure and charm of Clos de Marquis compares favorably to some of the Grand Cru classes of the Medoc.

Already evolved this dark ruby/purple-colored wine offers an excellent berry-scented nose intermixed with dried herbs, earth, and sweet oak. It possesses medium body, low acidity, excellent concentration, and a nicely layered and nuanced finish. Anticipated maturity: now-2012.

LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE 2nd Wine of Chateau Lagrange 2004 Magnum £54.95

The Wine Doctor - 'A nice character here. On the nose I find some sweet, dark fruit and there is still evidence of some buttery oak too. There is a rich, cherry-laced aroma, rich but fresh as well. The palate is attractive, balanced, with some depth and nicely rounded out fruit. Elegant, not hugely deep and textured, but well styled, and a nice persistence. Altogether this is very good and appealing, with good potential. 17+/20 (November 2007)'

Red Wine

France - Bordeaux

Saint-Julien

LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE 2nd Wine of Chateau Lagrange 2008 £19.95
Bottle

Hats off to Jean-Pierre Marty for bringing along this gem of a wine Pure and long on the nose. Such a powerful nose and probably among the best ones we have come across from 2000 vintage so far. On the palate it still feels young and has some 2000 austerity to it but it tails off nicely to a good finish. This 2000 is the second unexpected great experience with Talbot in a week (the 96 being the other one) . This is a definite buy in our mind 93+ but it can easily age into something really special.

SARGET DE GRUAUD-LAROSE 2nd Wine of Chat Gruaud-Larose £12.95
St-Julien 2004 Half

Gruaud Larose was classified as a 2nd Growth in the 1855 classification and still retains its position today as one of the leading lights in the St Julien appellation. Most of the top estates now produce a second wine but Gruaud was a pioneer in this field. With Sarget, the aim is to offer a wine which bears all the hallmarks of the Grand Vin but in a more approachable style which can be drunk young.

France - Burgundy

Beaune

HENRI BOILLOT Beaune 1er Cru 'Clos du Roi' 2005/06 Bottle £42.95

This Cru on the border of Savigny displays deeply concentrated fruit; owing to a respectably low yield of 35hl/ha and the excellent conditions in 2005. The palate is succulent with some finely tuned tannins and refreshing structure. This added to some floral notes on the nose gives the wine an unquestionable elegance. An intense and serious wine. Drink 2009 to 2012.

HENRI BOILLOT Beaune 1er Cru 'Epenottes' 2005 Bottle £47.95

On the border of Pommard, this Cru usually takes on the serious character of its neighbour. The 2005 clearly has a deep structure yet the tannins are ripe and sweet and infused with intense dark black fruits. The finish is very complex with some spicy hints. Drink 2009 to 2015

JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET Beaune 1er Cru 'Les Greves' 2006/07 £29.95
Bottle/ST

Gregory Patriat (winemaker) worked hard in the vineyards and the result was ripe fruit and low yields. Very intense colour, with perfumes of black cherries and summer fruit, together with slightly woody notes. Excellent backbone of ripe, tightly knit and firm tannins support a silky smooth ripeness of fruit. Long and elegant on the finish, it has all the hallmarks of Gregory's top wines and promises to age well. Gregory spends a great deal of his time in the vineyards, and pays the growers by the hectare, rather than by tonnage, in order to ensure low yields. He also prefers to work with organic growers, as he finds they produce better fruit. "40% of the growers we work with are organic, but only 5% of Burgundy's growers are organic," says Patriat.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Beaune 1er Cru 'Bressandes' 2006 Bottle £28.95

Excellent backbone of ripe, tightly knit and firm tannins support a silky smooth ripeness of fruit. Long and elegant on the finish, it has all the hallmarks of a top Pinot Noir. EXCELLENT!

Bonnes Mares

COMTE DE VOGUE Bonnes-Mares Grand Cru 2001 Bottle £199.95

ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points 'Blackberries and a myriad of spices are found in the nose of the light to medium-bodied 2001 Bonnes Mares. Satin-textured and broad shouldered on the attack, this wine reveals outstanding depth to its blackberry and blueberry-flavored character. Its dark fruit-laden finish displays a firm, woody tannin-laced characteristic. Drink it over the next 7 years. According to Francois Millet, this famed estate's highly talented winemaker, 2001 was a vintage that wished to produce high yields. Burgundy's resident poet, Millet stated that "2001's fruit is its sensuality, the acidity is its conscience and soul." While my pragmatic mind is incapable of understanding the meaning of his words, it is clear that Millet fashioned some of the finest red Burgundies produced in 2001.'

GEORGE ROUMIER Bonnes Mares 2001 Bottle £395.00

Perfect drinking now. Robert Parker "The medium-bodied, medium to dark ruby-colored 2001 Bonnes Mares is an outstanding wine. It explodes from the glass with candied black fruit aromas and slathers the palate with its deep, suave, violet-laced jammy blackberries. Armed with first-rate depth of fruit, this friendly, silky-textured offering displays a long finish packed with ripe tannin enveloped in black cherries. Projected maturity: now-2010."

Bourgogne A.O.C.

BERNARD DUGAT-PY Bourgogne Rouge 'Cuvee Halinard' 2005 £32.50
Bottle

One of the most coveted domaines in Burgundy at the moment. Bernard is a perfectionist and makes great wines. Bernard purchased the vineyard in 1973 when he was 15 years old and he made his first wine, 2 years later and it has grown gradually to the 7.2 hectares they have today.

France - Burgundy

Bourgogne A.O.C.

BERRY'S! The Red 'Extra Ordinary' Burgundy, Nicolas Potel £14.95
07/08* Bottle +

Roche de Bellene has blended this fabulous Pinot Noir to BBR's specifications and has included wines from grander appellations for extra intensity of flavour while retaining the elegance and purity of previous vintages. This wine, specially selected by Nicolas Potel, arguably the finest of the new generation of négociants in Burgundy, has his stamp of elegance, purity and terrior combined with rich and silky red berry fruit.

Superb with a wide range of meat dishes, especially roast lamb and finest British cheeses.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Bourgogne Rouge 'Emotion' 2009 Bottle £14.95

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Here is real Burgundy, attractively packaged and grown, produced and bottled by a highly regarded "real-deal" winemaker. The goal here is to offer pinot of good value that captures the spirit of Burgundy: a revolutionary concept for the tradition-bound French!

On the nose, good cherry fruit and subtle forest floor aromatics are very much evident. Emotions Rouge has a fleshy texture which is very pleasing. Like most French pinot I have enjoyed, this wine shows no alcohol heat and has very balanced acidity. The oak makes a contribution of cocoa and coffee to the nose and mid-palate. This pinot was very food friendly and a pleasure to drink.

Chambertin

DOMAINE GEORGE MUGNERET Ruchottes Chambertin 'Grand £295.00
Cru' 2005 Bottle

"The 2005 Ruchottes-Chambertin is a titan of a wine, as it offers depth, dimension and refinement that pushes the sensory envelope to the extreme. The Mugneret sisters noted that it was a cold morning when the Ruchottes was harvested, and the grapes arrived at the cuverie almost chilled as a result. This could be the cause of the brilliant complexity and precision that the wine displays in 2005, as it soars from the glass in a haunting perfume of cherries, red plums, black raspberries, blood orange, cocoa, black minerality, roses and a touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied and utterly refined, as it offers a great core of fruit, laser-like focus, fine-grained tannins, tangy acids, and stunning length and grip on the endless finish. This is always a very, very strong wine chez Mugneret, but this is a monument of elegance in 2005. I have never had a better bottle of Mugneret Ruchottes than this vintage." (John Gilman)

Chambolle-Musigny

DUJAC FILS & PERE Chambolle-Musigny 2007 Bottle £32.95

Domaine Dujac was acquired by Jacques Seysses in 1967. The domaine in Morey-St-Denis had 4 hectares of vineyards and he has subsequently built it up to 11.5 hectares. Domaine Dujac now includes holdings in Clos de la Roche, Clos St-Denis, Bonnes-Mares, Echézeaux and Charmes-Chambertin. These are wines of the very highest order. Jeremy and Jacques Seysses now also make a small range of negociant wines under the label Dujac fils et père. A beautiful fragrance dominates Dujac's Chambolle-Musigny wine, which is also imbued with the slightly smoky aspect of a wine which has not been destemmed. Hints of myrtle and blackcurrant glint on the palate.

LOUIS REMY Chambolle-Musigny 'Les Premieres' 1990 Bottle £59.95

MICHEL GROS Chambolle-Musigny 2004 Bottle £24.95

Marvellous, rich, concentrated wines with the definition, poise and restraint usually associated with Michel Gros. Great class. These were our comments about his 2003s, which equally apply to his 2004s.

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Chambolle-Musigny 2005 Bottle/NC £28.95

Chambolle is well known for its perfumed style, but the excellent conditions in 2005 add a depth of blackcurrant fruit to this charming, silky masterpiece. Yet another French wine which turns out on closer inspection to be made biodynamically!

Chapelle-Chambertin

DOMAINE PONSOT Chapelle-Chambertin Grand Cru 1999 Bottle £149.95

ROBERT PARKER 97 Points - "Pale ruby / brick. Beautifully perfumed nose of dried cranberries, violets, cinnamon and a hint of aniseed. In the mouth this is a superbly structured Burgundy with crisp acidity sustaining the length of the palate and a medium+ level of very finely grained tannins. Layers of complex floral, earth and fruit flavours combine with ethereal results in the very long finish. Wow. Drink now - 2015+."

Charmes-Chambertin

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2005 £79.95
Bottle

An unforgettable wine with intense aromas of black fruit, truffle, liquorice.

The vineyards owned by Domaine Michèle and Patrice RION are farmed biodynamically. The grapes are harvested by hand; a time-consuming, laborious and expensive process that ensures only the ripest fruit reaches the winery.

Clos Saint Denis

NICOLAS POTELO Clos Saint Denis 1999 Bottle £94.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-93 Points - "The dark ruby-colored 1999 Clos St.-Denis has beguiling licorice and violet aromas. This fat, round, medium to full-bodied wine has outstanding density and concentration. It is crammed with lush layers of blueberries, cherries, blackberries, and a myriad of spices, all of whose flavors last throughout its impressively pure and long finish. Drink it between 2003 and 2012."

Red Wine

France - Burgundy

Clos de Tart

MOMMESSIN Clos du Tart 'Grand Cru' 2004 Bottle £189.95

Sylvain Pitiot, this estate's highly dedicated director and winemaker (he's best known as the cartographer who designed, with his father-in-law, the fabulous topographical maps of Burgundy that hang in all Cote d'Or cellars), has elevated this domaine's quality and consistency to the point that it must now be listed as one of Burgundy's great producers.

A wide, creamy and interesting nose. Versus 'La Forge' this is much silkier and has so many more facets - more intense and certainly more complex. Lovely, lingering finish.

Clos de Vougeot

JEAN GRIVOT Clos de Vougeot 2002 Bottle £144.50

ROBERT PARKER 92-95 points "Its terroir immensely benefited from the dryness of the vintage," said Grivot while serving his outstanding 2002 Clos Vougeot. Aromatically, this bold wine reveals loads of spicy red cherries. On the palate it is wonderfully sweet, velvety-textured, and extroverted. Copious quantities of red cherries, spices, candied raspberries and earth envelope this beauty's ripe tannin. It will be delicious relatively young and should age extremely well. Projected maturity: 2007-2020.'

JEAN GRIVOT Clos de Vougeot 2005 Bottle £179.50

Clive Coates MW wrote of the 2005 "Every time I went back to this wine I marked it higher. Knowing that Grivot's wines never exactly sing in their youth, I was not surprised to find out what this was when I saw the results. Very good colour. Good structure on the nose. Fresh, rich, but rather closed in. Very good energy and concentration. Full body. Tannic. A big, backward wine. But there is very lovely fruit here and a very lovely finish. Got better and better in the glass. Very fine."

Clos de la Roche

PIERRE AMIOT Clos de la Roche 1999 Bottle/NC £79.95

Black earth, chocolate and prunes and raspberries marinated in alcohol on the nose. On the palate the tannins are almost resolved. Good fruit, nice sweetness and spiciness, balanced by good acidity; hints of black coffee and chocolate and exotic spices. Beginning its window of drinking.

Cote Chalonnaise

FRANCOIS LUMPP 'A Vigne Rouge' 2008 Bottle £22.95

Bright cherry hue, good expressive fresh cherryish pinot, really nice juicy red berry fruits on the palate, lovely perfume, seductive berry fruit freshness, juicy nubile tannins and cleansing fresh acidity; this would make a superior house burgundy.

Cote de Nuits

RENE BOUVIER Cote de Nuits Villages 2007 Bottle £19.95

Red forest fruits and some earthy impressions. Pleasant all over. Light to medium bodied and a medium long finish. Probably best between 4 and 7 years of age.

RENE BOUVIER Cotes de Nuits Villages 2009 Bottle £20.95

The Bouvier family has owned vineyards in the village of Marsannay at the northernmost border of the Cote d'Or for four generations. Each generation has added a bit to the holdings and now the estate is about 40 acres spread over six villages. Bernard Bouvier (the son of Rene) is considered one of the most promising young winemakers in Burgundy today. He is one of the new generation of winemakers who has melded the best of the thinking of previous generations to modern vinification techniques and vineyard practices and technology. His first vintage was in 1986. Chemical treatments are banned and yields are held to a minimum.

This Cotes de Nuits villages is a robust and structured Pinot Noir, with red fruit and licorice on the nose. Good texture and mouth feel with velvety smooth tannins and a lingering finish. Compliments red meats and many varieties of cheeses.

Echezeaux, CDN

FRANCOIS PARENT Echezeaux 1999 Bottle/NC £84.50

Lovely deep red ruby colour. Big bright acidic red cherry nose with violet hints. Full red/black cherry on the palate. Really starting to open up nicely!

JEAN GRIVOT Echezeaux Grand Cru 2002 Bottle £124.50

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points "From a parcel in the "Cruots" sector of its vineyard, the 2002 Echezeaux bursts forth with toasty blackberry and cassis aromas. Its awesomely-textured character reveals sensual, oily layers of red cherries, candied raspberries, and spices that linger in its sultry, seductive, and prolonged finish. Drink this concentrated beauty between 2007 and 2018.'

ROBERT ARNOUX Echezeaux Grand Cru 1998 Bottle/NC £89.95

Arnoux died in 1995, and since then this superb property has been run by his son-in-law, Pascal Lachaux. The holdings include grands crus Romanée St-Vivant and Echézeaux, and premiers crus Chaumes, Reignots, and Suchots. Lachaux pulls out all the stops, ageing the top wines in new oak, and bottling without fining or filtration. This is quintessential Vosne: always rich, always stylish. And, one should add, always very expensive.

Fixin

RENE BOUVIER Fixin Rouge 'Crais de Chene 2009 Bottle £23.95

Bernard Bouvier has 17 hectares under vine in and around Gevrey and Marsannay. Yields are extremely low and never exceed 30 hl/ha and no chemical sprays are used in the vineyards. Fermentation of the reds involves a long, cold maceration and a gentle extraction - what Bernard calls an "infusion". About one third new barrels are used. They are bottled without fining or filtration and are rich, concentrated, generous and intensely flavoured. Fixin is the first village on the Cote de Nuits and makes ripe forward wines that are deliciously fruity and characterful.

France - Burgundy

Gevrey-Chambertin

BERNARD DUGAT-PY Gevrey-Chambertin 'Coeur du Roy' 2005 £99.95

Bottles

PARKER 91-92 "From largely 50-year-old (but some ancient) vines in parcels north of town, below Mazis, and along the route nationale, the 2005 Gevrey-Chambertin Coeur du Roi offers striking bitter black fruit concentration and marrow-like meatiness. Low-toned cassis, blackberry, black chocolate, marrow and wet stone inform a finish of striking purity and persistence, albeit in a rather somber key and wearing its extract, abundant if fine tannins, and new wood in rather obvious fashion. The rather monolithic impression on this occasion might ultimately prove deceptive. Certainly this wine's sheer raw intensity suggests a decade or more of cellaring is warranted.'

BERNARD DUGAT-PY Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes 2005 £79.95

Bottle

PARKER 91 "Dugat's micro-climatically diverse parcels of village Gevrey with vines 30-50 years of age inform his 2005 Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles Vignes, which had just been bottled when I visited (whereas the other wines would be bottled in a month or more). Dugat says his sulfuring was as light as possible, and this wine is certainly not suffering in any obvious way. It boasts a wonderfully silky suppleness of texture, juicy and engaging black raspberry and pomegranate fruit character, and a finish featuring notes of game, forest floor, fruit skin tartness, and the bitter side of vanilla bean, but with more brightness, lift and exuberance than the firm and darkly-shaded wines typical of this vintage. Not that this wine lacks for grip or visceral intensity. Sock some away for 8-10 years.'

CONFURON COTETIDOT Gevrey Chambertin 'Petite Chapelle' 1999 Bottle/NC £59.95

ROBERT PARKER - "The 1999 Gevrey-Chambertin Petite Chapelle has a ruby color and a blackberry-scented nose. This medium-bodied, lush, and intense wine is crammed with plummy dark fruit flavors. Its velvety-textured personality leads to a firm, tannin-filled (yet ripe) finish. Drink it over the next 6 years."

This old vine (65 years old on average) 11 hectare estate had moderate 35 hectoliter per hectare yields in 1999. The reason, according to Yves Confuron, is the advanced age of the vines. The Confurons are traditionalists in the sense they do their own vine selections, growing them in a greenhouse for later in-house grafting. Their vineyards are plowed regularly ("We were the first in the area to do so," said Yves Confuron), they continue to do whole-cluster fermentations, and have never fined or filtered their wines. The estate's wines are aged in 25-30% new oak, 25-30% one-year-old barrels, and the remaining 40-50% in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year vessels.

DENIS MORTET Gevrey Chambertin En Motrot 1993 Bottle/NC £89.95

Saddle leather, earth and a deep core of fruit. Great length.

DOMAINE FOURRIER Gevrey-Chambertin 'Clos St. Jacques' 2001 £164.95

Bottle

The Burgundy Report "Medium ruby-red colour straight to the rim. The nose starts deep and rather oakier than I normally associate with Fourrier, above the oak the vista slowly opens with higher tones and an impression of sweet vanilla. Slowly a core of red fruit starts to develop. You really need 24 hours to see the oaky veil lifted a little and some weighty depth with floral hints and deeper savoury notes - this should be the final transformation of the oak. With time the intensity and depth are more apparent than the vanilla."

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru 'Combe aux Moines' 2008 Bottle £56.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE 89-91 points

Still harboring a bit of malic acid - not to mention a lot of CO₂ - Fourrier 2008 Gevrey-Chambertin Combe Aux Moines had to be tasted at above-cellar temperature since the tank in which it resides had been gently warmed. An attractively yeasty, subtly toasty note - taken together with the contrast of creamy texture and berry-brightness - conveys simultaneous impressions of red currant- and cherry-filled pastry and boeuf en croute. Palpably dense yet buoyant and vibrant, this needs to shed some superficial tartness but looks on course to provide enormous satisfaction over the coming 10-12 years or more.

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru 'Combe aux Moines' 2009 Bottle £79.50

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93+ points

The 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin Le Combe Aux Moines is a dazzling wine loaded with superb richness and depth in its dark red fruit. This shows marvelous power and a seamless quality to the fruit that is head spinning in its beauty. The finish turns positively explosive. This is gorgeous juice! Anticipated maturity: 2019-2034.

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Red Wine

France - Burgundy

Gevrey-Chambertin

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey-Chambertin 'Cherbaudes' 2008 £49.95
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 90 points

Strong salt and cherry pit; sage and wormwood inflections; fresh cherry, red currant, and blackberry along with smoked meat stock mark the nose of Fourrier's 2008 Gevrey-Chambertin Cherbaudes. Bright and gripping as well as texturally dense, this is seamless in its finishing meld of berry, animal, and mineral elements and appears to exude the stamina and self-confidence needed for ten or a dozen years' high performance.

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey-Chambertin 'Cherbaudes' 2009 £64.95
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 92 points

The 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Cherbaudes is a big, intense wine that stains the palate with generous fruit. The Cherbaudes exudes depth, richness and power. It isn't Fourrier's most elegant wine but it is among the most expressive today. The virile side of Gevrey is on full display here. Anticipated maturity: 2019-2029.

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JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles-Vignes 2008 £36.95
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 90 points

The 2008 Gevrey-Chambertin is an utterly impeccable, refined wine graced with exquisite layers of intensely perfumed dark red fruit. This sensual, gorgeous Gevrey captures the essence of the vintage in its classy, pedigreed personality. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028.

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Gevrey-Chambertin Vieilles-Vignes 2009 £49.95
Bottle

THE WINE ADVOCATE 92 points

The 2009 Gevrey-Chambertin floats on the palate in its finessed, well-articulated fruit. Subtle and ethereal through to the finish, the wine captures the essence and nobility of Gevrey. With time in the glass the fruit turns darker and the wine puts on weight, showing tons of pedigree and dazzling overall harmony. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2029.

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LOUIS JADOT Gevrey Chambertin 'Lavaux St Jacques' 1996 £59.95
Bottle/NC

www.cellartracker.com "Wonderful nose with incredible complexity, so much so that it is almost impossible to put down in words. Lush, rich dark fruit, grilled duck fat, chicken stock, roasted meat, sous bois, violets. Just incredible. Palate was not quite there, but still outstanding, with savoury bass notes and powerful red berry tones with little sprinkles of violets and bramble, all supported by a firm structure with tight tannins and great acidity. Lovely finish with more bramble, a little rubber and a touch of orange peel. This came across as very, very young still. Already a great wine when we got to it, I can only imagine how good it will be with a few more years in the bottle." (2009)

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Gevrey-Chambertin 'Clos Prieur' 2008 £29.95
Bottle

Black fruits nose with blackberry in particular and a suggestion of oak. Pure, deep and fine on the palate with black fruits and undergrowth. Lovely balance of acidity emerging from the depths all the components so well integrated. A long silky and generous finish. Drink 2010 to 2016

Givry

FRANCOIS LUMPP Givry Rouge (Red) 1er Cru 'Petite Marole' £20.95
2006 (08) Bottle

Domaine François Lumpp is generally accepted as being the best producer in Givry. François and Isabelle Lumpp have 6.5 hectares under vine and, in the last fifteen years, have totally replanted with the finest clones, planted closely together. François is a fanatical viticulturist and insists on very low yields. All the grapes are hand picked and there is a further, severe selection prior to vinification. The 1er Cru Petite Marole is sublime with a deep, black cherry fruit, finely balanced tannins and a well supported touch of oak. This is as purer Burgundy as you will get - beautifully balanced with great poise and elegance.

Marsannay

Marsannay

RENE BOUVIER Marsannay Rouge 'En Ouzeloy' 2006/07 £20.95
Bottle/NC +

Medium ruby colour, lovely rich, ripe cherries on the nose, which also has secondary notes of earth and tobacco. Smooth, fruity and quite juicy on the palate. The acidity and tannins are in great balance and there's a terrific lingering finish... this "mid-tier Burgundy" is ready right now.

Mercurey

BRUNO LORENZON Mercurey Rouge 2006 Bottle £21.95

Bruno Lorenzon took over this family-owned domaine from his parents in 1997. The vineyards are spread over 4 hectares for Pinot Noir and 0.7 hectares for Chardonnay.

Bruno places a special emphasis on lutte raisonnée, which in essence is a re-treading of old farming practices which were prevalent prior to the invention of artificial fungicides. All fruit is hand-harvested and he chooses not to fine his wines, and, depending on the vintage, prefers not to filter them.

FRANCOIS RAQUILLET Mercurey 'Vieilles- Vignes' 2009 Bottle £17.95

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There have been vigneronns in the Raquillet family since the 1600s. Francois joined his father, Jean, in 1984 and took over entirely by the end of the 1990s. He has transformed the winemaking, introducing better quality oak barrels and substantially reducing yields. He currently works 11ha, all within the Mercurey appellation. Sourced from vines over 40 years old and benefiting from low yields, this Pinot Noir offers excellent concentration of fruit. Aromas typical of Pinot Noir with raspberry, strawberry and hints of violets.

Tim Atkin - "One of a number of really enjoyable Chalonaise reds I've tasted from 2009, this is aromatic and elegant with sappy tannin, red cherry and raspberry fruit and a supple, easy drinking finish."

FRANCOIS RAQUILLET Mercurey 'Vieilles-Vignes' 2007/08* £18.95
Bottle

This wine definitely merits its name as the vines from this climat are now 63 years old. The naturally low yield of these 'Vieilles Vignes' (old vines) produce structured and full-bodied wines. The intense aromas of red berries are melded with a touch of black currant that becomes predominant in the long finish.

2009 FOLLOWS ON

Morey-Saint-Denis

LOUIS BOILLOT Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru 'Les Sorbets' 1999 £28.95
Bottle/NC

Nuits-Saint-Georges

GEORGE CHICOTOT Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2009 Bottle £12.95

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This wonderful 8 ha domaine, based in the town of Nuits-Saint-Georges has been cultivated by the Chicotot family for seven generations. They have not used herbicides or pesticides for ten years and their vines, some of which are trained en gobelet, produce low yields. After a severe selection and traditional fermentation, the wines are aged for 18 months in barriques - only about 10% of which are new. During the maturation process, they tend to rack little to retain the natural carbon dioxide, rather than adding higher levels of sulphur dioxide.

GEORGE CHICOTOT Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Les Charmottes' 2009 £24.95
Bottle +

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GEORGE CHICOTOT Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Rue de Chaux' 2006 £33.95
Bottle

This expressive Premier Cru shows great richness and depth with fine integration of sweet grained tannins. Toasted nuts and black cherry fruit add a nice appeal. The Chicotot family has been involved in growing wines in Nuits-St-Georges since the 16th century. The current Chicotot, Georges, is a traditionalist who severely restricts his yields and does a long cool maceration so the wines are rich and dark.

GEORGE CHICOTOT Nuits-Saint-Georges 'Rue de Chaux' 2009 £42.45
Bottle

This wonderful 8 ha domaine, based in the town of Nuits-Saint-Georges has been cultivated by the Chicotot family for seven generations. They have not used herbicides or pesticides for ten years and their vines, some of which are trained en gobelet, produce low yields. After a severe selection and traditional fermentation, the wines are aged for 18 months in barriques - only about 10% of which are new. During the maturation process, they tend to rack little to retain the natural carbon dioxide, rather than adding higher levels of sulphur dioxide.

HENRI GOUGES Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Clos des Porrets' 1999 £59.95
Bottle/NC

Rating: 17/20 - As reviewed by Jancis Robinson. "Lively crimson. Slightly autumnal nose. Chunky, thick, dense but correct. Definitely for traditionalists rather than modernists."

Red Wine

France - Burgundy

Nuits-Saint-Georges

HENRI GOUGES Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Clos des Porrets' 2005 £34.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'The 2005 Nuits-St.-Georges Clos des Porrets St.-Georges – a roughly nine acre Gouges monopole in Premeaux-Prissey – offers a meld of tart and lightly cooked cherry, abundant tannins conducive to a somewhat furry mouth feel, and a smoky, roasted meat, cooked cherry and cherry pit finish. There is no question about this wine's overall density, nor its intensity of ripe fruit. Similarly, I have little doubt it is showing the roughed-up effects of having been bottled only a week before I tasted.'

HENRI GOUGES Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Pruliers' 2005 £36.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Being assembled the day I visited, the Gouges' 2005 Nuits-St.-Georges Les Pruliers offered smoke-tinged, lightly-cooked black raspberry and dried cherry fruit, sweet underlying nuttiness, and a juicier, more invigorating personality than any of the already bottled wines in this year's collection. A really imposing spread of berry, floral, roasted meat and saline mineral elements coat the palate. Abundant but fine tannin never interferes with this wine's generosity.'

JEAN-FREDERIC MUGNIER Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Marechale' 2005 £59.95
Bottle

Frédéric de-classified some vats of the 2004 vintage to the Clos de Fourches label in order to make a superlative Maréchale. However the standard of all vats of 2005 was so uniformly high that no such de-classification was necessary or beneficial. Incredibly luxurious and powerful deep nose of stone fruits and macerated cherry. Huge velvet power, sweetness of red fruits and vibrant acidity all wash over the palate and leave an impression of stunning elegance and concentration. An essential purchase. Drink 2015 to 2022

JEAN-FREDERIC MUGNIER Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Marechale' 2006 £42.95
Bottle

Frédéric Mugnier is the fifth generation of his family at the Château de Chambolle-Musigny. He has been in charge since 1985 and since giving up his other job as a professional pilot in 1998, Frédéric Mugnier has produced a series of fine, fragrant and scintillating wines.

Frédéric's is the Slow Food approach to winemaking. Since 2004 his 4 hectares of Chambolle vineyards have been supplemented by 10 hectares of Nuits-St Georges, Clos de la Maréchale, always owned by the family but for the last 50 years on lease to J. Faiveley. A very fine new cellar has been built to accommodate this.

An exquisite wine for the third year in a row, this brims with plums and red fruit and its fine-bone structure exudes elegance. Mugnier's Clos de la Maréchale will certainly age very well.

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Nuits-St-Georges 'Vieilles-Vignes' 2005 £27.95
Bottle

Excellent villages with sturdy cherry, black fruit and mulberry aromas. Chunky tannins overlaid with pure and succulent black fruits. Bright, structured and silky finish. Drink 2010 to 2016

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Clos Argillieres' 2005 £49.95
Bottle

A real core of intense blackberry and dark fruits with a touch of oak. The palate displays the usual great class, purity and generous texture of Argillières with an extra level of vibrancy and balance in 2005. Absolute class. Drink 2011 to 2022.

PATRICE & MICHEL RION Nuits-St-Georges Vieilles Vignes 2006/08 £33.95
Bottle

Patrice Rion and his wife Michèle began their own small domaine with just two wines, an outstanding Bourgogne Rouge Bons Batons and the sumptuous Chambolle Musigny les Cras, in 1990 while Patrice continued as winemaker at the Domaine Daniel Rion. Patrice's style is for very pure, harmonious wines, skilfully vinified and then matured in oak barrels with a well judged percentage of new oak (usually 50% new) for 18 months, without racking or fining. A veritable bundle of energy, this deliciously plummy, rich wine is made in a classically Nuits style. Full of fruit with life, lift and a fair amount of class.

ROBERT CHEVILLON Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru 'Les Perrieres' 2005 £39.95
Bottle

Quite reserved and brooding on the nose, with attractive, creamy texture on the palate, this is well-structured and multi-layered, with ripe cassis fruit and rounded tannins. Drink from 2011.

VINCENT DUREUIL-JANTHIAL Nuits-St-George 1ere Cru 'Clos Argillieres' 2009 £34.50
Bottle+

Vincent wrote: "Historically, we are one of the oldest families in the village, traceable back to the 13th century. Our work brings life to the soil and continued life to the methods we have inherited. Our experience sets the seal on wines of great purity - wines with a frank and open personality, reflecting our own. We love our land. You will love our wines."

Tasting: Plenty of red berries, sautéed in cinnamon and fresh, characterize the nose; the medium-bodied mouth shows plenty of juice and saturation with lots of black pepper energy, too. Good structure and tannins complete the Nuits profile; a wine with plenty of poise and staying power.

Pernand-Vergeleses

CHANDON DE BRIAILLES Pernand-Verg. Rouge 1er Cru 'Ile de Vergeleses' 2005 £19.95
Bottle

Pure, ripe, open and aromatic, with good intensity and roundness on the palate. A wine with a very natural, harmonious feel. Drink from 2010.

France - Burgundy

Pommard

CLOS DES EPENEUX Pommard 1er Cru 2009 £65.70
Bottle

Made from the 'young' vines of Clos des Epeneaux, now averaging 25 years old, this Pommard from Domaine du Comte Armand, which is bounding with energy, is remarkably succulent with totally tamed tannins. THE WINE ADVOCATE 92-94 points - The 2009 Pommard Clos des Epeneaux possesses breathtaking aromatics, beautifully delineated fruit and intense focus. It remains a mid-weight, mineral driven wine, yet with time in the glass the layers of fruit fill out with notable breadth and sheer intensity. All of the elements flow together nicely through to the vivid, multi-dimensional finish. This is a superb Clos des Epeneaux. In 2009 yields were 41 hectoliters per hectare, low by this house's historical standards. Anticipated maturity: 2019-2039.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Pommard 'Les Noizons' 2009 £24.95
Bottle

Born into a family of winemakers for 11 generations, Vincent Girardin has kept the best of tradition, knowing open to modernity. The grapes are harvested by hand and sorted twice, once in the vineyard, then once in the winery. These industries can remove any cluster which does not display the proper maturity, nor the best health status. The presses are pneumatic in order to preserve the purity of the grapes. The aging of wines in oak barrels allows them to reach their full potential taste. In order to preserve their natural qualities, red wines are neither fined nor filtered.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Pommard 'Les Vignots' 2008 £24.95
Bottle

This dark ruby-colored Pommard Les Vignots offers intense black cherry aromas. Assorted berries, cherries, and grapes can be found in its zesty, fruit-packed character. It is medium-bodied, satin-textured, powerful, and has a long, tannin-filled (ripe) finish. Drink it over the next few years.

Richebourg

ANNE GROS Richebourg 2007 £269.95
Bottle

Anne Gros has bought out her father Francois' interest in this estate and is making super-extracted, black, deeply layered, intense wines. Lightly filtered but not fined, she uses between 80-90% new oak on her two grand crus : Richebourg and Clos Vougeot. A very fresh nose of spicy red pinot fruit merges into light to barely medium weight flavours that possess ample minerality and vibrancy as well as solid length.

HUDELLOT NOELLAT Richebourg 2001 £253.50
Bottle

The formula for the vineyard of Richebourg is unsurpassed. The almost north-east facing Richebourg slope is steep in comparison to the gentle sloping Romanee-Conti or La Romanee, with well drained soil and iron rich limestone with a base of marl, rock, and pebbles. In his newest edition of Burgundy, Robert Parker, Jr. claims, "... in contrast to the other Grand Crus of Vosne-Romanee, I find it, (Richebourg) to be the richest and most concentrated, with a remarkable abundance and generosity of fruit that even wines such as La Tache, Romanee-Conti or Echezeaux cannot match....Outstanding Richebourgs ..come from Hudelot - Noellat."

Savigny-les-Beaune

DOMAINE J. GUITON Savigny-les-Beaune 1er 'Les Peuilllets' 2006 £21.95
Bottle +

The dark and bright ruby robe, expressing notes of red fruits that become more spicy after eighteen months spent in barrel. The attack is as fine and potent as fresh and fruity, and the length is impressive.

Volnay

CARRE-COURBIN Volnay Vieilles-Vignes 2004 £24.95
Bottle

A succulent, fleshy and fully ripe Volnay which in this vintage was de-classified from the Lurets and Robardelles 1er cru vineyards. This has really delicious fruit, big but very soft tannins along with tremendous energy and class.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Volnay Vieilles-Vignes 2008 £19.95
Bottle +

The nose is a mix of black tea, dark cherry and earth. An eager sip gives up a round mouthful of cherry juice laced with tea, citrus and earthy minerality. It's got a smoothly tannic finish that leads into the next sip.

Vosne-Romanee

DOMAINE DE LA ROMANEE CONTI 'La Tache' Grand Cru 2001 £1,295.00
Bottle/NC

ROBERT PARKER 93 Points: "Earth-laced blackberries can be discerned in the nose of the 2001 La Tache. Suave, plush, and regal, it boasts loads of candied black fruits in its deep character. This supple wine reveals superb clarity of fruit and an impressively long, fruit-filled finish. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2012. Concerning the 2001s, de Villaine, the Domaine de la Romanee-Conti's co-director, stated that "it was not an easy year, it was a real roller coaster for vigneronns. The estate's vineyards, like everyone in Burgundy, had rot infestations so we did two harvests, one for the best, healthiest bunches and then another. Of course, we meticulously sorted all the fruit as we always do."

Red Wine

France - Burgundy

Vosne-Romanee

DOMAINE DE LA ROMANEE CONTI Vosne Romanee 'Duvault Blochet' 2006 £399.50

ROBERT PARKER - 90 Points - "The Domaine's 2006 Vosne-Romanee Duvault-Blochot represents an assemblage from younger vines in Echezeaux, Grands-Echezeaux, Romanee-St.-Vivant, and Richebourg whose fruit did not make the cut for the estates grands vins. Dark cherry, black raspberry, licorice, and charred meat in the nose lead to an initially lush, silken-textured palate, generously-fruited and tinged with clove and mace. The abundance of fine-grained tannin here becomes evident in the finish, accentuated by a hint of detached oak, but lightly-cooked fruit, charred meat, and spice continue to generously dominate. I would expect this to be best enjoyed over the next 4-5 years." (Dec 2009)

HUDELLOT NOELLAT Vosne Romanee 1er Cru 'Les Beaumonts' 2008 Bottle £49.95

This has a similar nose to the Suchots but with just a tad more sense of purpose and lift. Redcurrant, strawberry and orange rind, crushed stones with time. The palate is medium-bodied, very cohesive and very well defined. This is gorgeous, real class here with filigree tannins and a perfect sense of symmetry and focus towards the refined finish. Sheer class. Bon vin. Drink 2014-2030+

JEAN GRIVOT Vosne Romanee 'Les Rouges' 2002 Bottle £72.95

Decanter Rating: **** (Four stars) "Brilliant wine with intense raspberry aromas; tight, concentrated, and spicy, yet elegant and long. Drink 2008-20."

MICHEL GROS Vosne-Romanee 1er Cru 'Clos Reas' 2006 Bottle £49.95

The palate is laden with deep dark fruits, blackberry and spice. An effortless wine of great proportion, so vibrant with notable persistence. As fine as many of Vosne's premiers crus.

RENE ENGEL Vosne-Romanee 1er Cru 'Les Brulees' 2004 Bottle £39.95

Again they have produced a wine with a deliciously perfumed and lightly spicy nose, but this time with an extra dimension of fruit. Not a massive wine but the flavours linger in the mouth.

ROBERT ARNOUX Vosne Romanee 'Les Suchots' 2003 Bottle £89.85

ROBERT PARKER 93 points 'Fashioned from yields 50% below normal, the 2003 Vosne-Romanee Les Suchots boasts a mouth-watering, intensely aromatic nose of waxy black cherries, spices, and chocolate. As this broad wine enters the mouth it instantly envelopes the palate with candied dark fruits. Concentrated, medium to full-bodied, and velvety-textured, this admirably persistent effort lingers in the finish, displaying additional layers of red fruits intermingled with ripe tannin. Projected maturity: 2009-2020.'

France - Loire

Bourgueil

DOMAINE DE LA CHEVALIERE Bourgueil 'Cassiopee' 2009 Bottle/NC OR + £9.95

This domaine has been in the same family since 1640 and is now on it's 14th generation. They are one of the leading producers in the area. Great wine this with surprisingly ripe fruit for a Loire Cab Franc. Neither herbaceous nor too peppery. Cassis, a hint of red fruit, lavender, very fruit driven, rich nose with a hint of ash and scorched earth. Palate displays nice concentration and is quite silky. A wine that can please everyone. Great value wine.

JACKY BLOT Bourgueil 'La Pied De La Butte' 2009 Bottle £13.95

After founding Domaine de la Taille aux Loups in 1989 and bringing its wines to international acclaim, Loire master Jacky Blot acquired Domaine de la Butte in the appellation of Bourgueil in the summer of 2002. He seized upon the opportunity to make equally great reds by acquiring an ideal south-facing bloc of Cabernet Franc vines averaging 30 years. The entire slope has a bed of limestone rock and different top-soils and microclimates. The variations give rise to the four cuvees that Blot crafts at his Bourgueil domaine. Le Pied de la Butte comes from a clay-limestone soil located at the bottom (foot, pied) of the slope. The wine offers generous, savory black cherry and cranberry fruit with a soft texture. It is vinified to be enjoyed upon release.

Chinon

COULY DUTHEIL Chinon 'Clos de l'Echo' 2006/2008 Bottle £16.95

Nice, dark, intense with shiny ruby and purple robe. Intensely flavoured red with a complex bouquet. Ripe and spicy with generous palate. Concentrated with elegant tannins. This is a wine has an ageing capacity of 10 years!

COULY DUTHEIL Chinon Rouge 'Baronnie Madeleine' 2006/08* Bottle £12.95

The younger generation has taken over the reins and Jacques, Bertrand and Arnaud Couly now only produce wines made exclusively from their own grapes. We were completely seduced by the juicy drinkability of their delicious Chinons.

The "Baronnie Madeleine" is a blend of the best Cru's and has great charm and finesse. It has an entrancing ruby colour, pronounced aromas of crushed flowers and wonderful flavours of raspberries and violets. A super food wine.

COULY DUTHEIL Chinon Rouge 'Les Gravieres' 2008/09 Bottle £9.75

Nice purple colour. Very pleasant nose with green pepper and small red fruits aromas. Fruity, soft, easy to drink and charming.

France - Loire

Sancerre

ANDRE DEZAT Sancerre Rouge 2008 (10) Bottle £12.95

André Dezat is one of the characters of Sancerre and he is known locally and throughout most of the Loire as "le p'tit d" (dieu). His two very capable sons are in charge, Louis in the cellars and Simon in the vineyards. Both his daughters-in-law, Sylvie and Nadine run a very efficient office. Their 20 hectares are superbly situated around five villages, low yields, and enormous care in the vineyards and cellars make for only the finest Sancerre. Their reds are some of the finest and most sought-after in the region. A new barrel cellar would put many a Burgundian cellar to shame. 2005 being so warm, the Pinot's have ripened beautiful making a sensational ripe fruity red.

HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre Rouge 'Les Baronnes' 2007/08 Bottle £15.45

The name Henri Bourgeois is synonymous with the finest wines of Sancerre, both red and white. This Sancerre rouge is made from low-yielding, old Pinot Noir vines, giving this ethereal red its complex, morello cherry and spicy, red and black fruit flavours. A brilliant wine with cheese!

Saumur

CHATEAU DE VILLENEUVE Saumur-Champigny 2008 Bottle £10.75

Stunning wines! The "Petrus of Saumur Champigny" is no mean praise from the Moueix family of Petrus fame when they talk of Jean-Pierre Chevallier. The property has 15 hectares planted on the chalky soils on the slopes and plateau rising above the Loire river itself upstream from Saumur. The black cherries flavours, the balance between strength and smoothness and the silky texture of this Saumur-Champigny are proofs that this appellation knows how to produce great wines class, purity and complexity.

France - Rhone

CAMILLE CAYRAN Cotes du Rhone 'Plan de Dieu' 2009 Bottle £7.95

Plan de Dieu is a new Cotes du Rhone Villages since 2005. This modern vineyard produces very fruit, full-bodied and warm wines. Purple and dense it confirms itself as a young and concentrated wine. Aromas of red fruits like candied cherries, strawberry jam, raspberries and blackberries dominate the bouquet besides violets and liquorice. In the mouth it is full with pleasant round tannins.

DOMAINE FAYOLLE Crozes Hermitage 'Clos les Cornirets' Vieilles-Vignes 2007 £18.95

The "Clos les Cornirets" is a parcel of old vines over 60 years. Very well stated, this vineyard in the hills, walled on all sides, produces an exceptional Crozes-Hermitages. The low crop yields associated with a long maceration and aging in barrels gives a complex wine, aromatic and persistent that you can enjoy with lamb or breast of duck or goose. The "Clos Cornirets the" sold since the year 2000, has received brilliant distinctions: Guide Hachette, Revue du Vin de France.

ROGER SABON Rhone Rouge 'Sabounet' Vin de Table N.V Bottle £6.95

Domaine Roger Sabon is one of the great names of Chateaufort du Pape and is situated in the heart of the village. Jean Jacques (who looks like Sven Goran Erikson) handed over all wine making to his son Didier in 2004. The wines get great reviews from his simple Cotes du Rhone, Lirac and of course his range of Chateaufort. All his wines have an elegance and class that make them drink well young. All have pronounced red fruit flavours but age beautifully, in the case of the top wines over many decades. Sabounet is his vin de table, sold at cellar door. However we tasted it last year and thought it so good we got him to bottle some for us! As good as many Cotes du Rhone soft rich and hearty. This wine needs to be drunk young and to be served during family meals or with friends. Will be good with appetizers, charcuterie etc.

(N) Cornas

DOMAINE VINCENT PARIS Cornas 'Granit 30' 2006/07 (09) Bottle £20.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-93 points 'The 2006 Cornas Granit 30 exhibits sexy, open-knit, blackberry and scorched earth notes, an inky/purple color, medium to full body, good acidity, and ripe tannin, always a positive sign in a young Cornas. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.'

DOMAINE VINCENT PARIS Cornas 'Granit 60' Vieilles-Vignes 2006 (08) Bottle + £24.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'The surprisingly opulent, black-colored 2006 Cornas Granit 60 Vieilles Vignes is reminiscent of a Clape wine. Piercing blackberry, coffee, crushed rock, and floral aromas soar from the glass. In the mouth, a grilled meat-like flavor emerges along with fabulously concentrated black fruits, full body, and a long, long finish. This superb effort stylistically reminds me of the 1991 Clape Cornas. It should not be too formidably backward in its youth, and should keep for 15 or more years.'

(N) Cote Rotie

Red Wine

France - Rhone

(N) Cote Rotie

DOMAINE JEAN-MICHEL GERIN Cote Rotie 'Les Grandes Places' £79.95

2005 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 'One of the brilliant efforts of the vintage, the 2005 Cote Rotie Les Grandes Places (about 7,000 bottles made) is rich, deep purple in color, with a stunning nose of crushed rocks, acacia flowers, blackberry and cassis as well as hints of roasted coffee and spice. The wine is generous, has enormous power, depth, and tannic structure but with everything in perfect harmony. This is a beauty to drink over the next 15 or so years.'

E. GUIGAL Cote Rotie 'La Turque' 2004 Bottle £199.50

ROBERT PARKER 92 points 'The 2004 Cote Rotie La Turque reveals scents of grilled meats and charcoal, medium to full body, sweet tannin, decent acidity, and a very good finish. Although not profound, it is a great success for the vintage. Enjoy it over the next 10-12 years.'

E. GUIGAL Cote Rotie 'La Turque' 2006 Bottle £229.50

ROBERT PARKER 95-97 points

The exquisite 2006 Cote Rotie La Turque may or may not be as good. It exhibits exceptional aromas of bacon fat, smoked duck, soy, black currants, blackberries, and graphite. Full-bodied and dense with good acidity, outrageous concentration, and a finish that lasts over 60 seconds, this is amazing stuff!

ETIENNE GUIGAL Cote Rotie, Chateau d'Ampuis 1998 Bottle £99.50

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate 98 points 'The great glories of this house are its Cote Roties, of which there are now five separate offerings. The single-vineyard 1994s were singing loudly when I saw them in July. All of them scored significantly higher than they did during the two previous years, which is not unusual as Guigal's upbringing (elevation) of the wines results in better examples in the bottle than in cask. All three wines flirt with a perfect score. At this tasting, they reminded me of Guigal's 1982s - opulent, sumptuously-textured, forward, rich, precocious, flattering wines that will drink well throughout their lives. The fabulous 1994 Cote Rotie La Landonne, which is more dominated by toasty new oak than La Mouline and La Turque, is extremely muscular and powerful, with high tannin as well as fabulous extract. The wine reveals a dense, black/purple color, and a tight nose with plenty of pain grille, olive, iron, and black fruit aromas. Thick and generous, but structured, this is a wine to put away for 4-5 years. Anticipated maturity: 2003-2025. Guigal is one of the cellars where the wines always taste better after they are bottled than they do from cask, although as the scores in this segment indicate, some profound wines can be found in the 1994, 1995, and 1996 vintages Chez Guigal.'

FRANCOIS VILLARD Cote Rotie 'Le Gallet Blanc' 2006 Bottle/NC £35.95

A beautifully aromatic wine made from 100% syrah and aged in 60% new oak. Chocolate and cream flavours intermingle on a palate that is soft, elegant, intense and complex, with an aromatic finish. Drink from 2011. 4 Star Decanter Award Winner!

MICHEL CHAPOUTIER Cote Rotie 'Les Becasses' 1999 Bottle £59.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The 1999 Cote Rotie Les Becasses is the finest Cote Rotie Chapoutier has made at this price level in many years. It offers a classic nose of cassis, smoke, espresso, and tapenade. This wine is voluptuous as well as elegant. It is a spicy, rich, and medium to full-bodied wine. It should drink well for 12-15 years.'

(N) Crozes Hermitage

DOMAINE DU COLOMBIER Crozes-Hermitages Rouge (Red) £14.95

2007/08 (09) Bottle SO

Decanter Magazine March 2009 - 4 Star **** Highly Recommended

'Full, rich, spicy black fruit bouquet. Very enticing. Juicy, round fruit, fine. Good spicy acidity, tannins firms but not aggressive. Long. Drink from 2012.'

PAUL JABOULET AINE Crozes-Hermitage 'Dom de Thalabert' £24.95

2006(07) Bottle/NC +

thewinedoctor.com wrote - "This has a wealth of creamy, liqueur-like cherry fruit on the nose, with notes of black pepper and brambles. This has an appealing, clear, fruit definition. The palate is lovely, with a broad, full, seductive character. It is creamy, but underneath it a little brawny too. Good structure, with a lean, mineral twist on the finish. This is very good. "

(N) Hermitage

M. CHAPOUTIER Hermitage 'Le Meal' 1996 Bottle £99.50

ROBERT PARKER 92 Points (1999) 'The 1996 Hermitage Le Meal (Chapoutier calls it the Lafite-Rothschild of Hermitage) is a mineral-dominated, high acid, medium to full-bodied, high-strung, extremely intellectual wine. It exhibits a saturated ruby/purple color, as well as mineral-dominated aromatics with notes of cassis, kirsch, and underbrush. Made from 80-year old vines, it requires 10-15 years of cellaring. Although not the most charming, opulent, or viscous style of Hermitage, it does possess the strongest terroir character of any of Chapoutier's wines. I might call it the Ausone of Hermitage! Anticipated maturity: 2012-2040.'

PAUL JABOULET AINE Hermitage 'La Chapelle' 2005 Bottle/ST £104.50

Intense, deep ruby red in colour, with dark cherry highlights. On the nose it is incredibly intense and concentrated, with all the warmth of the 2004 vintage. Perfumes of blackberry and spice dominate, giving way to tightly knit oak and fruit characters with ripe tannins and a long, spicy finish. The wine was aged for 18 months in oak casks and racked every four months. The best wines from the individual plots go into the La Chapelle blend.

PAUL JABOULET AINE Hermitage 'La Chapelle' 2006 Bottle £119.95

The La Chapelle 2006 red is a very dark garnet in colour, has powerful aromas of small fruits with highly complex notes of spices and leather, and very powerful silky tannins. It is a wine that will keep for the next fifty years!

France - Rhone

(N) Hermitage

PAUL JABOULET Hermitage 'La Chapelle' 1988 Bottle £99.50

ROBERT PARKER 92 points 'This was the first vintage in the vertical tasting of La Chapelle that is beginning to reveal considerable secondary nuances and color development. Opaque purple/garnet with a touch of amber at the edge, this sexy, rich effort is more pleasurable aromatically than on the palate. However, it possesses multiple dimensions as well as abundant aromas of cedar, damp forest, spice box, and Asian spices. The soaring bouquet suggested the wine was more mature in flavor than it turned out to be. The wine is dense, with a firm, noticeably tannic edge, full body, and concentrated, powerful flavors. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2025'

PAUL JABOULET Hermitage 'La Chapelle' 1990 Bottle £495.00

ROBERT PARKER 100 points 'The 1990 La Chapelle is the sexy and opulent. The modern day equivalent of the 1961, it deserves all the attention it has garnered. The color remains an opaque purple, with only a slight pink at the edge. Spectacular aromatics offer up aromas of incense, smoke, blackberry fruit, cassis, barbecue spice, coffee, and a touch of chocolate. As it sits in the glass, additional nuances of pepper and grilled steak emerge. There is extraordinary freshness for such a mammoth wine in addition to abundant tannin, an amazing 60-second finish, and a level of glycerin and thick, fleshy texture that have to be tasted to be believed. Despite its youthfulness, the 1990 La Chapelle is lovely to drink, although it will be even better with another 5-6 years of cellaring; it should age for 35-40+ years. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2050'

PAUL JABOULET Hermitage 'La Chapelle' 1997 Bottle £69.95

ROBERT PARKER 93 points (2000) 'The moderately intense bouquet exhibits plenty of ripe blackberry and cherry fruit, in addition to spicy, mineral characteristics. There is considerable weight and volume, but the wine is tight, and nearly impenetrable, leaving an impression of a large, deep, four-square monolith in need of 7-10 years of cellaring - at the minimum. This is an outstanding Hermitage La Chapelle that will have at least three decades of positive evolution. For readers intent on committing infanticide, open and decant it 12-24 hours in advance. The improvement is dramatic. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2025'

(N) Saint Joseph

PHILIPPE FAURY Saint-Joseph 'La Gloriette' 2005 Bottle £16.95

This exciting wine is a dense ruby/purple color with sweet notes of black currants, crushed rocks, earth, and a touch of wood. The wine is rich, pure, impressive, and well-endowed. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

PIERRE GAILLARD Saint-Joseph 'Les Pierres' 2006 Bottle/NC £21.95

Based in the picturesque medieval village of Malleval, Pierre had previously worked for both Vidal-Fleury and Etienne Guigal, and spurred on by great reviews, soon ventured out on his own. Synonymous with top-quality Condrieu he has heavily invested in his winery and is now the proud owner of a grand, modern barrel room for ageing the reds. Both his Côte Rotie's are commendable, as are the wines from St Joseph.

This wine is packed with dark fruit on the nose (cherries, plums and berries) and gentle tones of spices and roasted meat. The tannins are soft and smooth. A powerful Saint-Joseph, beautifully made.

PIERRE GAILLARD Saint-Joseph 2006 Bottle/NC £12.95

Based in the picturesque medieval village of Malleval, Pierre had previously worked for both Vidal-Fleury and Etienne Guigal, and spurred on by great reviews, soon ventured out on his own. Synonymous with top-quality Condrieu he has heavily invested in his winery and is now the proud owner of a grand, modern barrel room for ageing the reds. Both his Côte Rotie's are commendable, as are the wines from St Joseph.

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

CHATEAU BEAUCASTEL Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape 1998 Bottle £77.95

WWW.WINEANORAK.COM - "Slightly closed nose showing some sweet herby fruit. The palate is open and herby with lovely spicy, chunky fruit and firm tannins. Not showing brilliantly at the moment, so if you have any I'd keep them for a good few years yet before opening. Very good/excellent 92/100 points."

CHATEAU DE VAUDIEU Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape Rouge 2005 (07) £23.95

Bottle +

The Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape Rouge, a blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre has a bright cherry and garnet colour. It is a powerful, aromatic wine with perfumes of ripe strawberries and brambles, and an attractive tarry note lent by the Mourvèdre. On the palate it is full-bodied, with a touch of spicy oak from the Syrah and ripe, rounded Grenache tannins. It has pleasing length and spicy vanilla on the finish.

2009 - ROBERT PARKER 89-91 'The opaque ruby/purple-tinged 2009 Chateauf-neuf du Pape exhibits lots of opulent fruit and an upfront, seductive, lush style. It is a blend of 85% Grenache and 15% Syrah aged in concrete tanks (60%) and small older oak barrels (40%). Full-bodied, deep and supple-textured, it should drink well for 7-8 years. '

DOMAINE CHARBONNIERE Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape 'Cuvee £21.95

Domaine' 2007 Bottle

Real quality in Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape is difficult to find at this level but Charbonniere continues to produce the goods. Good concentration, weight and texture ensures this will be attractive both in youth and after a good number of years in the cellar. An elegant, harmonious Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape. It is seductive, charming and very complete, with admirable concentration and freshness.

"The 2005 Chateauf-neuf du Pape has a dark ruby/purple color and a classic nose of creme de cassis intermixed with dusty soil notes as well as licorice, roasted herbs, and meaty notes. Deep and full-bodied, with ripe, but noticeable tannin and decent acidity, it should drink well for 12 years." 90-93/100pts (Robert Parker - Wine Advocate - Feb 2007)

Red Wine

France - Rhone

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

DOMAINE CHARBONNIERE Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Les Hautes Brusquieres' 2005 (07) Bottle £27.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'Revealing garrigue and roasted herb characteristics, the 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Hautes Brusquieres Cuvee Speciale exhibits classic aromas of seaweed, kirsch liqueur, resin, and licorice. Dark ruby-colored, full-bodied, rich, and broad, with an impressive finish, this cuvee nearly defines the word "Provencal." Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15. This is one of the most well-run estates in Chateauneuf du Pape thanks to the meticulous and passionate efforts of proprietor Michel Maret...'

DOMAINE CHARBONNIERE Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Mourre des Perdrix' 2005 (07) Bottle £27.95

A super wine with great red fruit characteristics and aromatic nose. Starting to drink well now but will cellar well.

ROBERT PARKER 92 points 'The 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Mourre des Perdrix's dark ruby/purple-tinged color is followed by notes of black raspberries, black currants, cherries, pepper, and incense, medium to full body, and a long, concentrated, layered finish...'
Stephen Tanzer - 91-94 Points - 'Deep red. Seductively aromatic nose offers vibrant strawberry and raspberry scents along with fresh flowers and minerals. Shows pinot-like clarity to its sweet red fruit flavours and finishes long and sappy. This medium bodied wine is already very attractive.'

DOMAINE CHARBONNIERE Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Vieilles-Vignes' 2005 Bottle £29.95

ROBERT PARKER 92 points 'The most tannic, backward wine of the group is the 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes. Like its 2006 counterpart, it is tightly knit, dense, and interesting, but not able to be fully examined at present. Full-bodied, rich, powerful, masculine, and virile, it needs 3-5 years of bottle age, and should last for two decades...'

DOMAINE DE CRISTIA Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvee Renaissance' 2007 Bottle £44.95

ROBERT PARKER 93-96 points
The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Renaissance (60% 100-year-old-plus Grenache vines, 30% Mourvedre, and 10% Syrah, aged in a combination of one-fourth new small barrels and three-fourths small barrels of two and three years of age) is sensational. It is inky bluish purple in a full-bodied style, displaying a classic blueberry, blackberry, and kirsch nose with an almost melted asphalt/charcoal-like character intermixed with lavender, spring flowers, as well as black olives and spice. The wine is super-concentrated and has a fabulously layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel as well as a stunning finish. This should be one of the more remarkable wines from the vintage and capable of lasting two decades or more.

DOMAINE DE CRISTIA Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2007/08/09 Bottle £23.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape is an up-front, forward wine exhibiting a deep ruby/purple color as well as a sweet nose of black cherries, cassis, incense, and smoky licorice. Round, rich, full, and opulent, it is a sensual wine to enjoy over the next 10-15 years.

Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection.'

DOMAINE DE CRISTIA Chateauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles-Vignes 2004 Bottle £44.95

Dark color. Earthy nose that shows blackberry and cherry along with tree bark, chocolate, and some herbs. Strong tannins on opening but softens with decanting. 100% Grenache from 70 to 80 year old vines, aged in 2-3 year old barriques. Drinks extremely well right now but will cellar superbly. Great finish and it is very highly recommended.

DOMAINE DE CRISTIA Chateauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles-Vignes 2006 Bottle £41.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-95 points 'The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes' intense ruby/purple color gives way to a full-bodied, supple-textured, expansive, savory wine offering notes of licorice, acacia flowers, creme de cassis, and sweet black cherries. Earthy, rich, forward, and supple, it is one of the most concentrated wines of the vintage. It should drink beautifully young, yet evolve nicely for 12-15 years.'

DOMAINE DE CRISTIA Chateauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles-Vignes 2007 Bottle £69.95

ROBERT PARKER 95-98 points 'Even more profound than the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Renaissance, is the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes, made from 100% Grenache vines from sandy clay soils (the vines are between 70 and 85 years of age). This wine is aged completely in older small barrels. It is a candidate for the wine of the vintage. Dazzling in all respects, it boasts an inky/ruby/purple color, which is amazing given that this is all Grenache. It demonstrates the power of tiny yields and old vines. The extraordinary nose of crushed rocks, framboise, creme de cassis, and kirsch is dramatic. As the wine sits in the glass, notions of acacia flowers, licorice, and incense also make an appearance. On the palate, this is a wine of unreal concentration, a true elixir with a full-bodied style, yet incredibly fresh and well-delineated. There are oodles of concentrated red and black fruits, plenty of Provencal typicity, and a blockbuster finish that lasts well over a minute. This is prodigious stuff that should age into a monumental bottle of Chateauneuf du Pape in 7-10 years. It should live for two decades after that.

France - Rhone

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape 'Les Safres' 2005 Bottle £29.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Safres is a sexy, round, layered effort that is atypically forward and plush. Copious quantities of smoky black cherry and cassis fruit are accompanied by hints of roasted Provencal herbs, and a long, layered finish revealing ripe tannin as well as adequate acidity. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape 'Les Safres' 2007 Bottle £26.95

ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points
The dark ruby-hued 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Safres offers the sweet black cherry and licorice characteristics one would expect from a 100% Grenache cuvee. Elegant, full-bodied, round, silky textured, and consumer-friendly, this complex, well-made 2007 should drink well for a decade.

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape 'Quartz' 2005 Bottle £44.95

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points 'The 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Quartz again offers a liqueur of minerals, has firm tannins, great intensity, and an inky ruby/purple color to the rim, a wonderfully sweet nose of black raspberries, kirsch, licorice, with some smoke and a hint of pain grille. This superb wine has tremendous palate presence and great minerality and definition. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15 or more years...'

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape 'Quartz' 2006 Bottle £35.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'From quartz soils, the 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Quartz possesses a dark ruby/purple color, a distinctive minerality (a characteristic of this cuvee), beautiful freshness, vibrant acidity, medium to full body, dense black cherry and cassis fruit flavors, and an intriguing floral component. The tannins are moderate in this beauty. Made more in the style of a grand cru Musigny than a typical Chateauneuf, it should drink well for 10-15 years.'

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape 'Quartz' 2007 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER 92-95 points 'Displaying more minerality, focus, and precision, the dark ruby/purple-colored, full-bodied 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Quartz possesses superb raspberry and black cherry fruit along with notes of crushed rocks and spring flowers. A layered, gorgeous, grand cru red Burgundy-styled Chateauneuf with excellent purity, freshness, and depth, it should drink nicely for 15 or more years.'

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve 2006 Bottle £64.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'The opaque ruby/purple-tinged 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Le Clos du Caillou Reserve is layered, ample, and full-bodied. The strongest and most complete wine of this group, it is a blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre, and 10% Syrah (the latter component is aged in new demi-muids). Reminiscent of the brilliant 1999 Clos du Caillou, it is elegant, rich, and full-bodied with intense fruit, crisp acidity, and beautiful length as well as power. Enjoy it over the next 15 or more years.'

DOMAINE DU CLOS DU CAILLOU Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve 2007 Bottle £89.95

ROBERT PARKER 95-98 points
Domaine du Caillou's top cuvee is always the Chateauneuf du Pape Clos du Caillou Reserve, and the 2007 boasts a dense purple color as well as an exquisite perfume of graphite, camphor, black currants, black cherries, raspberries, and notions of licorice and smoke providing additional complexity. This dense, full-bodied Clos du Caillou possesses exquisite equilibrium, flawless integration of acidity, tannin, and wood, and a sumptuous, full-bodied finish with no hard edges. That said, the tannins are elevated, and this wine begs for 2-5 years of bottle age. It should age effortlessly for 25 years thereafter. A reminder: the 1998, the first great vintage of this cuvee, is still a young wine at age 10.

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauneuf- du-Pape 'La Crau' (Red) 2003/4/5 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER (2004) 90-92 points '...Made from the estate's oldest vines, it is a dense ruby-hued effort with purple nuances as well as a tight but promising nose of licorice, salty sea breezes, black cherries, raspberries, plums, and a hint of animal. Medium to full-bodied, with austere tannin as well as gorgeous fruit, it requires 3-5 years of cellaring before the tannin is resolved. Not a blockbuster, it possesses extraordinary elegance and finesse from one of the appellation's most precocious, warmest terroirs. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2020.'
2008 VINTAGE TO FOLLOW

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauneuf- du-Pape 'Telegramme' 2007 Bottle £22.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The outstanding 2007 Telegramme Chateauneuf du Pape (15.8% alcohol) offers notes of kirsch liqueur, spring flowers, and framboise, medium to full body, good acidity, a beautiful texture, and a luscious, heady finish. It is best drunk over the next 5-6 years.'
2008 VINTAGE TO FOLLOW

Red Wine

France - Rhone

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauf- du-Pape 1994 £84.95
Magnum

ROBERT PARKER 93 points 'A sleeper vintage for Vieux-Telegraphe is 1994. Because this vineyard tends to mature quickly, the extraordinarily hot, dry summer allowed this estate to harvest in late August and early September, long before many other properties could, and before the rain began. The 1994 offers sweet floral, blue and black fruits intermixed with dried Provencal herbs, tree bark, and earth. Powerful, concentrated, and close to full maturity, it will last for another decade. Moreover, this wine sells for a song since the vintage does not have a reputation such as 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001'

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauf- du-Pape 1995 £99.95
MAGNUM

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The deep ruby/purple-colored 1995 exhibits a sweet perfume of licorice, iodine, seaweed, black cherries, and plums. Dense, medium to full-bodied, well-structured, and muscular, it will be at its peak between 2004-2015'

DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR Chateauf-du-Pape 2007 Bottle £22.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-93 points
 The superb 2007 Chateauf du Pape exhibits a deep ruby/purple color followed by notes of cassis, black raspberries, licorice, charcoal, and a hint of camphor. It possesses superb concentration, full-bodied richness, great purity and texture, and a long finish that lasts 35-40 seconds. Drink it over the next 12-15+ years.

DOMAINE MORDOREE Chateauf-du-Pape 'Cuvee Reine Bois' £54.95
2006 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 92-95 points 'Since 1996, their Chateauf du Pape Cuvee de la Reine des Bois has been one of the stars of the vintage. The blue/purple-hued 2006 exhibits aromas of charcoal, creme de cassis, roasted herbs, meat juices, licorice, and camphor. Full-bodied, dense, and concentrated with sweet tannin, adequate acidity, and a stunningly long finish (40+ seconds), this beauty is one of the vintage's most complete and concentrated wines. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2023.

Christophe Delorme and his brother run this estate, which is clearly at the top of its game, producing a bevy of brilliant southern Rhone wines, red, white, and rose.'

DOMAINE MORDOREE Chateauf-du-Pape 'Cuvee Reine Bois' £69.50
2007 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 96-97+ points 'The purple-colored 2007 Chateauf du Pape Reine des Bois is loaded. Although still primary and backward, it reveals an extraordinary depth of juicy blackberry and cassis fruit interwoven with notes of roasted herbs, meat juices, camphor, and a touch of licorice. The wine boasts great depth, a superb texture, and a full-bodied richness nicely framed by high yet velvety tannins and fresh acidity. The vintage's remarkable aromatic complexity and freshness are apparent in this big, substantial, authoritative wine. It will need 3-4 years of cellaring, and should keep for 20-25 years.'

This superb Chateauf du Pape estate is run by Christophe Delorme and his brother from their cellars in Tavel. They produce spectacular Chateauf du Papes as well as top-notch Liracs, and glorious Cotes du Rhones and Tavel roses. Their Chateauf du Papes have been recognized by the village vigneron in their Festival of St.-Marc, where Mordoree frequently finishes first or second in those blind tastings.

ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Cuvee Prestige' 2004 £29.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (Feb 2007) 91 points "The outstanding 2004 Cuvee Prestige, as always, has gamey, kirsch liqueur notes, a dark plum/garnet color, full body, loads of flavor, and plenty of spice, herbs, new saddle leather, and meaty notes. It is rich, heady, and best drunk in its first 10-15 years of life.'

Jean-Jacques Sabon and his family run this renowned estate which is consistently one of the reference points of Chateauf du Pape. What is probably confusing for consumers is that there are four different Chateauf du Papes, but the first three are available in good commercial quantities, with only the Le Secret des Sabon a limited cuvee of under 200 cases.

ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Cuvee Prestige' 2006 £29.95
Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 91-94 points 'The 2006 Chateauf du Pape Cuvee Prestige has a saturated dark ruby/purple-tinged color, beautiful texture, oodles of pure cassis and black cherry fruit, with a hint of licorice, smoke, and new saddle leather. It is a dense, chewy, full-bodied wine that has supple tannins and low acidity. It should drink beautifully for 15 or more years.'

ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Les Olivets' 2008 Bottle £20.95

The Sabon family has a long history in Chateauf du Pape. Quote from the homepage of the domain: "One of the oldest documented landholders in Chateauf du Pape, the Sabon family has controlled vineyards in the zone since 1540". A powerful and full bodied red wine made from 80% Grenache, 10% Cinsault and 10% Syrah from 40-60 years old vineyards, made by the top producer Roger Sabon from Chateauf du Pape. After vinification the wine ages in large oak casks for about 6-8 months. After bottling the wine ages some months in bottle for extra refinement. Pairs very well, with all kinds of red meats, wild boar, roast suckling pig and strong seasoned dishes. Drink temperature is 16-17° C. Drink until 30 - 40 years after the year of production.

France - Rhone

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Prestige' 2004 Magnum £49.95

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (Feb 2007) 91 points "The outstanding 2004 Cuvee Prestige, as always, has gamey, kirsch liqueur notes, a dark plum/garnet color, full body, loads of flavor, and plenty of spice, herbs, new saddle leather, and meaty notes. It is rich, heady, and best drunk in its first 10-15 years of life.'

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ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Reserve' 2004/07 Bottle £23.95

92 points Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: "Opaque ruby. Pungent raspberry and blackberry aromas are complicated by minerals and dried flowers. Lively red fruit flavors gain depth in the middle palate and pick up a deeper cherry pit quality. The finish repeats the cherry note and leaves notes of licorice and smoky minerals behind. I'd give this a few more years of aging, at the least."

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ROGER SABON Chateauf-du-Pape 'Reserve' 2005 (08) Bottle £23.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points 'The 2005 Chateauf du Pape Cuvee Reserve is an even bigger wine than the 2006, more tannic, with greater density but again the classic fig, garrigue, tobacco leaf, kirsch, and meaty notes. In the finish, the tannins kick in. This wine definitely needs 2-3 years of cellaring, but is outstanding in richness and depth and should age nicely for 15 or more years. In most years there are between 1,000 and 1,500 cases of the Reserve.'

VIEUX TELEGRAPH Chateauf-du-Pape 'Le Telegramme' RED £19.95
2008 Bottle

'A lovely wine in a vintage that turned out to be quite classic. It has the deep colour of perfectly ripe Grenache, without being inky black. The nose shows aromas of very ripe, almost stewed fruit. It has a light smokiness and a slight hint of sweetness that makes it very approachable, but without any heaviness. Among all these aromas it's a note of cooked prune that returns after much aeration. ROBERT PARKER 'One of the few Chateauf du Pape estates to produce a second wine (a la most Bordeaux chateaux), Vieux Telegraphe's 2008 Telegramme Chateauf du Pape (100% Grenache) is a delicious, up-front, fruity, medium-bodied, soft effort displaying lots of herb-tinged strawberry and kirsch characteristics. It should drink well for 3-4 years.'

VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauf-du-Pape 'Le Crau' (Red) 2008 £36.95
Bottle

'The Vieux Télégraphe is a beautiful deep ruby colour; the nose is very fresh, with notes of menthol. The palate is velvety, and mirrors the freshness that was evident on the nose. The liquorice notes of the Grenache dominate the aromas at present. The richness and concentration of the wine is not as exuberant as the 2005 and 2007 vintages, but the wine is well balanced and smooth. The tannins are harmonious and ripe, and the finish is tight and elegant. It could be compared with 2006.' DANIEL BRUNIER This wine will evolve for 7-10 years.

VIEUX TELEGRAPHE Chateauf-du-Pape 'Le Crau' (Red) 2008 £74.50
MAGNUM

(S) Gigondas

DOMAINE LES PALLIERES Gigondas 'Les Racines' 2008 Bottle £19.95

'This wine is a complex ruby colour, though a little less deeply coloured than the Terrasse du Diable. The nose shows floral notes and a hint of sweetness, and indicates the smoothness and balance of the palate. It is silky, elegant, smooth and full bodied. The liquorice notes of the Grenache are evident, but here the old vines at Les Pallières give the wine additional elegance. An attractive finish; the full body and the silkiness make this parcel selection the more accessible one today.' DANIEL BRUNIER - ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'The 2008 Gigondas Les Racines Vieilles Vignes is composed of 80% Grenache and the rest Cinsault and Syrah from 50- to 70-year-old vines. Revealing more minerality, garrigue, raspberry and strawberry fruit, it is a mid-weight, elegant wine that represents one of the finest Gigondas made in this difficult vintage.'

DOMAINE LES PALLIERES Gigondas 'Terrasse du Diable' 2008 £19.95
Bottle

'The wine is a selection from the Domaine's terraced vineyards at an altitude of 250-400 metres above sea level. The wine is quite a deep ruby colour. The nose shows grey pepper and slight Kirsch notes. These characteristics of the Terroir are particularly expressive in this wine, our new selection of vineyard parcels (first produced in the 2007 vintage). On the palate it is complex, full bodied and fresh. The tannins are evident, with a touch of minerality on the firm finish, which has flavours of very concentrated liquorice that border on bitterness.' DANIEL BRUNIER ROBERT PARKER 'The 2008 Gigondas Les Terraces de Diable (80% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre and 5% Clairette, is peppery, spicy and well-made in a very difficult vintage for Gigondas, it should drink well for 4-6 years.'

Red Wine

France - Rhone

(S) Gigondas

DOMAINE SANTA DUC Gigondas 'Prestige des Hautes Garrigues' £21.95
2005/06 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points 'The luxury cuvee is called Les Hautes Garrigues, named after the plateau of head-pruned old vines this comes from. A blend of 80% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre, and the rest Syrah and Cinsault aged in barrique, this has been a fabulous wine. (The 1989 is just hitting full stride.) The 2006 is sumptuous, with a dense purple color, beautiful opulence, fresh fruit, good acidity, and fabulous depth and richness. Why can't the majority of producers in Gigondas hit such heights as consistently as Yves Gras does? Give this wine 2-3 years of bottle age and drink it over the following two decades.

DOMAINE SANTA DUC Gigondas 'Tradition' 2009 Bottle £14.95

ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'A blend of 75% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, and 5% Cinsault, the 2007 Gigondas Tradition exhibits a deep ruby/purple color along with aromas of blue and black fruits, licorice, camphor, spice, and underbrush. Full-bodied with outstanding fruit purity, a layered texture, decent acidity, sweet tannin, and a long, rich, concentrated finish, it should drink beautifully for 12-15 or more years.'

One of the reference points of Gigondas as well as one of the model winemaking estates in the southern Rhone that of Yves Gras, his beloved Domaine Santa Duc. He also produces some negociant wines, which are marketed under the Santa Duc Selections moniker. Under the Domaine Santa Duc label, Gras produces one of the best buys in Cotes du Rhone, his Les Quatres Terres.

(S) Rasteau

DOMAINE DE LA SOUMADE Cotes du Rhone 'Violettes' Andre Romero 2005/07* Bottle £21.95

ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Romero's beautiful 2005 Cotes du Rhone Les Violettes (a cuvee that always displays a touch of exoticism because a small amount of white wine is co-fermented with the Grenache) offers up a stunning perfume of spring flowers, litchi nuts, black raspberries, and cherries. Slightly more structured, meaty, and tannic than either the 2004 or 2003, the 2005 will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age. It should drink well for a decade. Readers take note - this is one of the great values from the Southern Rhone. Although the irrepressible Andre Romero hardly needed help from Bordeaux, he has brought in Stephane Derenoncourt, the well-known wine guru of St.-Emilion and Pomerol as a consultant. Romero has purchased some parcels in both Gigondas and Chateauneuf du Pape, but his glories remain his offerings from the ancient, sun-drenched/roasted, old Grenache vines of Rasteau. Romero is one of the region's more modern winemakers, aging his top cuvees in small oak barrels. However, these wines easily absorb their wood component given their tremendous concentration and power.'

DOMAINE DE LA SOUMADE Rasteau 'Fleur de Confiance' 2006 Bottle £42.95

ROBERT PARKER 93-95 points 'The top of the line cuvee, the 2006 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Rasteau Fleur de Confiance, represents Rasteau at its finest. It boasts an opaque purple color along with a fabulous perfume of blackberries, coffee, chocolate, and sweet cherries. A superb texture, huge, full-bodied mouthfeel, and remarkable depth and length characterize this outstanding effort. Anticipated maturity: now-2022.'

(S) Rhone Villages

LE CLOS DU CAILLOU Cotes du Rhone 'Bouquets de Garrigues' £13.45
2007 Bottle ~^+

This Domaine produces a stunning range of top quality Côtes du Rhône and three outstanding Châteauneuf-du-Papes. Sylvie Vacheron-Pouzin continues the work of her late husband Jean-Denis Vacheron whose 2001 Reserve scored the magical 100 points from Parker. The style of wines is rich, suave and sophisticated with concentrated fruit balanced by mineral acidity and firm but silky tannins.

(S) Vacqueyras

DOMAINE COUROULU Vacqueyras 'Cuvee Classique' 2005/07 Bottle £15.95

The Vacqueyras Cuvee Classique is a blend of 60% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 15% Mourvedre. Dark ruby in colour, with a purple rim, the aromas here reveal ripe cherry fruit and notes of garrigue. There is a finely judged ripeness on the palate with notes of juicy, almost lip-smacking cherry and dusky raspberry fruits, with a peppery, spicy accent. With lovely lively, vivid fruit, this is harmonious and beautifully textured. The tannins are fine, silky and well expressed too - they barely hinder the enjoyment even at this young stage. With liquorice-laden fruit on the finish, the wine is positive and long. Cracking Vacqueyras with Syrah lending direction to the fleshier Grenache. Guy Ricard is the third generation winemaker working this old estate. Little has changed over the years: slightly smaller production and a new grape variety or two, but with a focus on traditional grapes.

DOMAINE COUROULU Vacqueyras 'Vieilles Vignes' 2005 Bottle £16.95

ROBERT PARKER 89-91 points 'Another reference point estate in Vacqueyras, for many years these wines have given me considerable pleasure. Representing what might be called the bottled essence of Provence, they are always filled with peppery herbs dominated by black cherry and cassis fruit with hints of raspberries and smoked meats in the background. There is generally little difference between the Cuvee Classique and the Vieilles Vignes, with the latter wine possessing an extra dimension of nuanced texture, body, and depth. That's the case with the following wines. The 2005 and 2004 vintages are different. The 2005 requires 1-2 years of bottle age. It should possess 10-12 years of longevity. This cuvee is a powerful, deep black/ruby/purple-colored offering with good acidity, high tannin, and impressive levels of concentration.'

Cotes du Rhone AOC

France - Rhone

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DOMAINE DE L'ESPIGOUETTE Cotes du Rhone 2008/09* Bottle £8.75

This is a first class property making balanced, full flavoured, rich yet traditionally made Côtes du Rhône which represent a benchmark for price and quality in this fascinating region. From its 20 hectares of vineyards near Violes in the heart of the Southern Rhône Bernard Latour started working with his father Edmond in the 1980s and now runs the property on his own. A blend of 75% Grenache with the remaining 25% being a mix of Carignan, Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsault. This is an excellent value, full flavoured Côtes du Rhône with bright red fruit, good weight and some spice and pepper.

DOMAINE SANTA DUC Cotes du Rhone Rouge 'Quatres Terres' £9.95
2007(08) Bottle

The 2005 Cotes du Rhone Les Quatres Terres is a fresh, lively, relatively heady wine with loads of cherry fruit and spice. Meant to be drunk in its first 1-2 years of life, it is elegant and superficial, but very pretty. This is arguably the best estate of Gigondas, although the exuberant proprietor Yves Gras has plenty of competition from his nearby neighbor Louis Barruol at St.-Cosme.

PAUL JABOULET AINE Cotes du Rhone Rouge 'Parallele 45' £5.45
2007/08 Half/NC

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France - South of

(Lang) Montpeyrux

DOMAINE D'AUPILHAC Cinsault 'Les Servieres' 2009 Bottle/NC £10.95
OR NT +

100% Cinsault from top Languedoc producer Domaine d'Aupilhac. Cracking value. Made from 100% Cinsault vines planted over a hundred years ago on hillside terraces. The wine is vinified on the lees for seven days and then is matured for nine months in small oak casks. The aromas remind you of Pinot Noir - floral notes with a hint of confiture. The nose is dominated by sharp red fruits (redcurrants, cherries, bitter orange) and in the mouth the wine is fresh and aromatic with an attractive surprisingly long finish and hints of smokiness. No new oak is used.

Cabardes

CHATEAU DE PENNAUTIER Cabernet-Merlot 2008 Bottle £6.25

This wine has a deep garnet-red color with purple glints and a powerful and complex nose showing hints of blackcurrant and morello cherries, accentuated by pepper and clove spices. Also beautiful notes of vanilla and caramel due to the ageing in oak barrels. Powerful, ample and harmonious mouth feel with fine and dense tannins. The finish is long, lingering on notes of cocoa, vanilla, and cherry. The perfect accompaniment to roast meats, duck, and cheese.

CHATEAU DE PENNAUTIER Rouge 'Classique' 2006/07*/09 Bottle £7.45

Produced from Cabernet Franc 20%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%, Merlot 20%, Cot 10%, Grenache 20% and Syrah 10% this wine has an almost black colour. The nose is very pure and has an attractive, intense, ripe-fruit aroma. On the palate, the delightful fruit intensity is supported by good structure. It can be kept in cellar for 3 to 4 years and is the perfect accompaniment to grilled meat, Daube Provençale and hard crusted cheeses.

CHATEAU DE PENNAUTIER Rouge 'L'Esprit de Pennautier' 2005 Bottle £15.95

Made from old Syrah and Cabernet vines the proportions vary each vintage in order to produce the very best wine from the conditions available. A complex, powerful nose of black fruits, truffles, coriander and a hint of pepper. Very full in the mouth with very fine tannins and a beautiful harmony with subtle oak ageing. This is a wine for the serious connoisseur who has a little patience. Recommended drinking in 8-10 years time but will drink within 3-4 years if decanted prior to serving.

Corbieres

CHATEAU OLLIEUX ROMANIS Classique Rouge 2009 Bottle £8.95

Red Wine

France - South of

Coteaux de Languedoc

DOMAINE CABRIALS Pinot Noir 2009/10 Bottle** ^@ £6.95
 Lovely ripe cherries, a delicious smooth and silky mouthful. It has that elusive balance of elegance and lightness so sought after in Pinot Noir, with the character and drinkability to make it a great match with food.

DOMAINE DE MONTCALMES Rouge 2004 Bottle £19.95
 Frédéric Portalié and Vincent Guizard are managing one of the Languedoc rising stars...The estate extends on 30ha on the Puéchabon and Aniane area. The wine is made with 70% Syrah, 20% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre, the grapes are handpicked and the yields are low to ensure a great concentration (20 to 25hl/ha). The grapes are destemmed and crushed and the maceration in vats takes 28 to 40 days. The barrel ageing then takes 24 months and the wine will be bottled without filtration. The final wine is absolutely fantastic but the quantities produced are so low that you should not wait any longer to get some...

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DOMAINE DE NIZAS 'Le Mas' Red 2007/08 Bottle + £7.95
 Le Mas, meaning small farm, is a range of approachable, food-friendly Estate wines, blending Atlantic and Mediterranean influences. This range offers great aromatic intensity, a supple and rounded palate for an immediate pleasure. A perfect introduction to the Domaine de Nizas wines, to accompany both gourmet and every day meals. Tasting Notes: An incredible viscous black colour. So much going on with chocolate, coffee mocha and tar surrounded by big grippy tannins. Juicy blackcurrant on the midpalate is bold and clean. Excellent southern French red. Cabernet/Merlot/Syrah.

DOMAINE LEON BARRAL Faugeres 'Jadis' 2007/08* Bottle £20.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (2011) 91 points
 'Barral's 2008 Faugeres Jadis - which, as usual, features Carignan and south-facing Syrah and gets two full years in barrel - smells fascinatingly of grenadine, rose hip, and smoked meat. Bright blackberry and tart cherry fruit suffused with chewy tannin and an impression of crushed stone lead into a finish of mouthwatering salinity, invigorating brightness, and complex interaction of fruit and mineral. This is another instance of relative leanness conditioned by the vintage but by no means any deficiency in extract, and a sizeable bonus in vivacity. I would plan on drinking it over the next 3-4 years, though like any 2008 from the hailed-on belt of Faugeres, it should be carefully monitored for any future signs of trouble. The regimen of fermentative (and post-fermentative) extraction here, Barral points out, was little different than that for his basic cuvee, and given the effects of hail it's understandable that he wanted to exercise caution.'

MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC Rouge (Red) 2006 Bottle (08) £24.95
(Organic)
 Aimé Guibert was a lawyer, who in 1970 bought Mas de Daumas Gassac as a country retreat. The estate is located in a hidden valley 30 kilometres north-west of Montpellier in the heart of the Hérault. A chance visit from an archaeologist friend revealed that the mineral-rich, red soils and subsoils would prove ideal for producing quality wines. Aimé first planted vines in 1974 and produced his first wines in 1978 with the help of renowned oenologist, Emile Peynaud. The red is wonderfully aromatic, cassis and mulberries, its smorgasbord of grape varieties captured in a spicy complexity, its fundamental ripeness affording a rich and velvety mouth feel. A Vin De Gard, no doubt, but already approachable, such is its silky charm.

Cotes du Roussillon

CHIMERES Coteaux de Languedoc Rouge 2006/08 Bottle/NC** £9.95
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 A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan, this wonderfully rich and concentrated wine, has aromas redolent of black and red berries The palate is juicy yet full-bodied, with a silky concentration filled with spiced strawberry fruit and touches of vanilla, empowered by ripe tannins and firm acidity.

LE ROC DES ANGES Rouge 'Segna de Cor' 2009 Bottle £12.95
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 The Segna de Cor comprises 50% Grenache, 30% Carignan and 20% Syrah. The relation between the Grenache and the terroir of Roc des Anges gives fruity and fleshy grapes. To balance this generosity, they are blended with old Carignan (60-80 years) and Syrah giving firm structure and dark colour and resulting in a tender (as the French would say) and fruity wine sustained by a real texture of tannins. Four 's': soft, smooth, silky and smoky! Lively and fresh in the mouth, gentle flavours of red grape and berry, dried spices and roasted herbs. Clean, lingering finish.

La Clape

France - South of

La Clape

CHATEAU DE LA NEGLY Rouge 'La Cote' 2007 Bottle £9.95
 ".....the team of Jean Paux-Rosset and consulting oenologist Claude Gros have pushed the envelope. By crafting magnificent, world-class wines, even in so-called "difficult" vintages, they have demonstrated what the Languedoc is capable of and indeed serve as the region's locomotives." The Wine Advocate
 Situated in the village of Fleury d'Aude, in the region known as La Clape, Château de la Negly has 25 ha. under vine overlooking the Mediterranean, quite near to Narbonne. Owner Jean Paux-Rosset and his talented consultant oenologist Claude Gros, produce sublime, natural, unmanipulated wines from low yielding, super-ripe, hand-picked fruit. La Côte is a blend of 60% old vine Carignan (50% maceration carbonique) and 40% Grenache which is totally destemmed and traditionally fermented.

Minervois

CLOS DU GRAVILLAS Minervois 'Sous les Cailloux des Grillons' 2009 Bottle/NC OR £10.95
 John and Nicole Bojanowski are wine growers in the village of St. Jean-de-Minervois at Clos du Gravillas. The village is known for its sweet Muscat but they prefer to make an intriguing range of table wines. Gravillas = gravel, white, blinding phonolithic calcium carbonate rocks @280 meters. Nicole came to St. Jean de Minervois in 1996 to plant young syrah, cabernet and mourvedre vines in Gravillas. But in 1999, she also rescued 2.5 hectares of 1911 Carignan and a parcel of old Grenache Gris. This wine is a blend of six different varieties, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan, Grenache, Counoise and Mourvèdre. It has a deep colour; ripe berry fruit with lovely acidity and fresh fruit and spice. A touch of tannin and some firm minerality. The crickets (Grillons) are under the stones (and everywhere else, late at night, under the stars and the clear black sky).

Saint-Chinian

THIERRY NAVARRE Saint-Chinian 'Cuvee Olivier' 2008 Bottle/NC OR BD £15.95
 Thierry Navarre in Saint-Chinian makes rather delicious wines amidst the perfumed garrigue. This is outstanding wine from St Chinian and as good as we have tasted from this region in some time. Organically produced with minimum intervention it is dark purple and garnet in colour with a warm and enticing aroma of dark fruits and smoky oak. Lush dark fruit on the palate with an earthy spice and fine grain tannin holding it all together. Dark plum and even blueberry fruit persist in this very rewarding wine.

THIERRY NAVARRE Saint-Chinian Rouge 'Vin d'Oeillades' 2009 Bottle/NC OR 11.5% + £10.95
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VDP de Mediteranee

ROC D'OPALE Rouge - Vin de Pays de la Mediteranee 2009 Bottle £5.45
 Tasting notes: Garnet-red colour with purple-blue tint. Dominance is on cherry, redcurrant and plum notes. The mouth offers a nice freshness with a long lasting finish. This is a pleasant wine to drink on its own or with roasted meats and cheese. Ready to drink now or can be kept for two years.

Germany

Ahr

MEYER-NAKEL Fruhburgunder (Pinot Madel-aine) Dernauer Pfarrwingert 2006 Bottle £59.95
 Werner Nâkel has been one of the leading innovative winemakers mainly responsible for the high quality of wines produced in the Ahr region today. He was awarded the first of many red wine prizes in 1989. Meyer-Nakel's expression is the very soul of Pinot. A galvanizing, rich expression of white mineral, violets, rum-soaked currant and wild strawberry, full of earth and fine-grained power. Juicy and spicy.

Pfalz

FRIEDRICH BECKER Estate Spatburgunder 2009 Bottle £17.95
 The Pinot is concentrated very much, shows ripe, firm tannin and combines fine elegance with a wide scale of red fruit aromas. Since many years they are the best Burgundians of Germany.

FRIEDRICH BECKER Spatburgunder Grand Cru Kammemberg 2006 Bottle £74.95
 An extremely elegant wine with typical Pinot Noir fruit characteristics of Cherry. It is deep and has a very complex nose and palate. A really delightful wine! Tasted recently at a food and wine event at Tasilli (Grand Jersey). You will not be disappointed with this wine.

Red Wine

Greece

MITRAVELAS Agiorgitiko, Nemea 'Red on Black' 2008/09* Bottle £8.95

A velvety red wine with red fruits, black pepper, cocoa and sour cherry jam in the nose. Soft tannins. To be matched with red and white meat, pasta with tomato, everyday meals and greek dishes. A very fruity wine from Nemea to be served a bit chilled. Critics are saying that this is a best bargain wine. Nemea is an ancient site near the head of the valley of the River Elissos in the northeastern part of the Peloponnese, in Greece. Formerly part of the territory of Cleonae in Argolis, it is today part of the prefecture of Corinthia. The small village of Ancient Nemea (formerly known as "Iraklion") is immediately southwest of the archaeological site, while the new town of Nemea lies to the west.

Crete

SILENUS Red (Kotsifali-Syrah) 'Mediterra 2008/10 Bottle/ST £6.95

In Greek mythology SILENUS was the god of the dance of the wine-press and a companion and tutor to the wine god Dionysus.

Brilliant ruby colour, this expressive fresh Kotsifali-Mandilaria blend reveals its varietal aromas of sour cherry and cassis, surrounded by earthy notes. Mouthful with fine tannins. Its red fruit flavours lead to a long, pure finish. Ideal match to red meat, pasta with red sauces, cheese and sweet and sour duck.

Kotsifali is a red Greek wine grape that is indigenous to the island of Crete. It is mainly grown in the Heraklion Prefecture and sporadically on the Cyclades. The grape alone gives moderately red wine with high alcohol content and rich flavor. It is often blended with Mandilaria, yielding a ruby-colored dry wine with pleasant taste and aroma that requires minimal aging.

Israel

CARMEL WINERY 'Carmel Ridge' Red 2009 Bottle (Kosher Lemahadrin) £10.95

The red wine is made mainly from Carignan, with a little Shiraz, Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon, all grown in vineyards surrounding Zichron Ya'acov. This medium bodied wine has a bright red colour, an aroma of cherries and plums, a little vanilla in the background and a satisfyingly long finish.

Italy

ALLEGRI Rosso di Salento 2008/09* Magnum £8.45

A soft, dry, easy drinking red.

DETTORI Rosso 'Tenores' Cannonau IGT Romangia 2005 Bottle £23.95

As Italy's most expensive producer, Dettori has a lot to prove. His special creations are certainly precious and coddled but wine that perks your interest from a curiosity standpoint is not enough. His bottled nectar must cover every facet of the intellect, challenge the norm (and, at times, the patience) but in the end, the wine itself must captivate and transport the taster to another place - physically or metaphysically. The 2005 Tenores does just that. The nose is filled with dark red fruits and cocoa. On the palate, this wine was vibrant, nearing on electric with a hint of volatile acidity, which provided lift to the rich, structured fruit. At first it was pour black cherry juice, but with time the cherry turned to dried and flavors of cinnamon, tobacco and a hint of citrus came forward. The finish was remarkably fresh as red fruits slowly faded away.

FALESCO Vitiano Rosso 2008 Bottle £10.45

This is a blockbuster young red wine with explosive, luscious aromas. Vitiano Rosso is deep ruby-red in color, and offers a wide range of fruit and spice aromas, including black cherry jam, licorice, and tobacco leaf. This versatile wine pairs well with a wide array of food, including meat, pasta, and pizza. It is best enjoyed in its youth when its fresh fruit character is most evident. Vitiano Rosso is a perennial value.

Critical acclaim: "The 2008 Vitiano Rosso (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese) is a racy, sleek wine that impresses with its layers of perfumed red cherries and sweet toasted oak. The wine offers terrific clarity and precision in a slightly taut, focused style for this offering. A few months of bottle age seems prudent." - 89 Points - The Wine Advocate

TERREDORA Taurasi DOCG 2004 Bottle £22.95

A sweet cherry nose and extremely fine strawberry and raspberry fruit are reminiscent of a good Chambolle-Musigny, then full, fine and long with hints of cigar box. Taurasi is perhaps the top red denomination of the Italian South.

Abruzzi

Italy

Abruzzi

GRAN SASSO Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009/10* Bottle/SC** £7.45

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The Gran Sasso wines are made by young winemaker Marco Flacco and display a freshness and directness of fruit that is seldom found in this region. Most Montepulciano at this price comes either from negociants buying bulk wines or from co-ops, neither of whom work as well or as closely with their growers as Valentino and his team. The grapes for this wine are grown in 15-20 year old vineyards in the production zones of Ortona, San Salvo and Pollutri. This wine is deep ruby red in colour with garnet reflections. It is clean, fresh and plummy on the nose, rich, supple and accessible on the palate. It is balanced and full-bodied with good tannins. Awarded 4 **** by Decanter Magazine - "Smooth, dark, rich and creamy, this smells and tastes like it costs more than it does: juicy brambly fruit, grippy tannins and a lovely fresh smell."

IL FAGGIO Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009/10* Bottle £7.45

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Intense red/black in colour so characteristic of the Montepulciano grape variety. Concentrated black fruit and coffee nose, with more fruit perfumes in this vintage and less mocha. On the palate it is intense and chocolatey, with a chocolate cherry character.

Apulia

A MANO Primitivo di Puglia 2008 Bottle/ST \$+ £7.25

A Mano, which means hand made, is quite stunning. It has a deep colour, a ripe brambly fruit on the nose and a rich, rounded fruit on the palate that is more reminiscent of Aussie Shiraz than anything before. Following a short maceration on the skins, the wine was aged in French oak to round it out and give it a measure of elegance.

ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'GREAT VALUE, this 100% Primitivo aged five months in a combination of French, American and Slovenian wood possesses a deep ruby/purple colour in addition to sweet aromas of berry fruit, pepper, wood, and scorched earth. Medium-bodied, with loads of fruit and a progressive, modern style, this delicious Italian red will provide enjoyment over the next 1-2 years.'

Basilicata

MACARICO Aglianico del Vulture DOC 2006 Bottle £17.95

ROBERT PARKER - 89 Points - "The 2006 Aglianico del Vulture Macari' is rich and sumptuous in its dark fruit. Vibrant red cherries, flowers, tar, spices and minerals all come together beautifully in the glass. This is a decidedly fruit-driven style of Aglianico. Some varietal character is missing, but the wine's plump, engaging personality compensates to a large extent. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2014."

Emilia-Romagna

GRAZIANO Lambrusco 'Fontana dei Boschi' IGT Modena 2006 Bottle £13.95

Not your usual Lambrusco more similar to a red wine with fine bubbles. Please do not refrigerate consume at around 50 Fahrenheit. Dry complex with very pleasant flavors of red berries and black olives. Traditional method, after a light filtration in the spring after the harvest, the wine is bottled. In the bottle than the wine start a slow 2nd fermentation which will give the elegant "Spuma". After the degorgement the wine is released.

Friuli-Ven.-Giulia

PONTE DEL DIAVOLO Refosco 2009 Bottle + £7.95

Good depth of ruby red with youthful violet lights, the Refosco has a spicy, brambly perfume on the nose giving way to rounded ripe fruit on the palate. Refosco produces rich, rounded wines, with enough structure to support the juicy, blackberry fruit character.

The Ponte del Diavolo wines take their name from the spectacular medieval bridge in nearby Cividale. The story goes that the devil struck a bargain with the townspeople, promising to make them a bridge in return for the soul of the first living thing to cross it. The cunning citizens sent a dog or cat across, depending on the variation of the story, thereby saving themselves and gaining a wonderful bridge.

Lombardy

NINO NEGRI 'Sfursat 5' Stella Valtellina 2006 Bottle £39.95

Made from air dried Chiavennasca (Nebbiolo). It reveals a sweet, open bouquet along with an expansive palate of dark fruit. The wine possesses notable up-front beauty, but the intensity drops off rather markedly on the mid-palate, where the wine's tannins are imposing. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2015.

Molise

CIANFAGNA Tintilia del Molise 'Sartor' 2008 Bottle £23.95

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This is an unusual grape variety (Tintila), originally from Spain and fewer than 100 hectares are still cultivated. It is simply delicious, packed full of vibrant aromatic fruit and yes you could say it really is a 'Artisanal wine'. Dunell's - We showcased this wine at a recent food and wine event at Tassili and enjoyed this wine with a slow braised beef cheek dish. It was a fantastic match. We highly recommend this wine as it represents unbelievable value at this price. A wow factor wine!

Piedmont

Red Wine

Italy

Piedmont

LUCIANO SANDRONE Dolcetto d'Alba 2008(09) Bottle £13.95
 ROBERT PARKER 'The 2008 Dolcetto d-Alba is a pretty, mid-weight offering with attractive dark fruit, licorice, spices and a characteristic slightly bitter (but not unpleasant) note on the finish. Like so many Dolcettos in 2008, a measure of concentration that this wine usually shows is missing. Still, this is one of the more polished, refined Dolcettos of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2011.
 Luciano Sandrone's entry-level wines show all the class and elegance that are the hallmarks of this producer's house style.'

Sicily

AZIENDA BENANTI Rosso Rovittello 2004 Bottle £23.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE 90 points 'The 2004 Etna Rosso Rovittello (Nerello Mascalese, Nerello Cappuccino) is a deeply-colored, intense wine loaded with dark red fruits, spices, earthiness and minerals. The wine shows terrific density and purity which carries all the way through to the long finish. Today this firm, vibrant red remains quite primary and in need of further bottle age, but it should develop beautifully. The Rovittello could easily pass as a first rate Nebbiolo in a blind tasting. This is a gorgeous effort from Benanti. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016.'

BORGIO SELENE Rosso Nero d'Avola- Nerello Mascalese 2009/10* Bottle/ST @ £5.95
 The Borgo Selene wines represent great value for money. A blend of Nero d'Avola and Nerello Mascalese, the grapes for this wine were brought to full ripeness by the hot Sicilian sun, while the flavours that make the wines so characterful were preserved modern winemaking techniques. Tasting Notes: Lovely nose with ripe cherry fruit and hints of plain chocolate and spice. Bright and lively on the palate with juicy cherry and plum. Very appealing wine that can be drunk all year round and can be easily matched with food. A must for your everyday drinking rack!

COS Frappato 2009 Bottle £14.45
 The Frappato offers up dried cherries, flowers, sweet herbs and tobacco in a pretty, mid-weight style. The finish is long, delicate and refined. The Frappato is 70% Frappato and 30% Nero d'Avola aged in stainless steel. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2014.

DI MAJO NORANTE Sangiovese 2009 Bottle £8.95
 The 2009 Sangiovese Terre degli Osci is rich and full-bodied in its dark cherries, plums, cinnamon, cola and chocolate. This is a decidedly rich Sangiovese layered with generous oak, but within this style it is an attractive wine. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2014.

DONNAFUGATA Sherazade IGT 2009 Bottle £9.95
 The wine is made in a lush, spicy style to fit with her exotic personality. Sherazade is made from Nero d'Avola and Syrah grapes planted at approximately 5,000 vines/hectare, trained using a counterespallier system and spur pruning. The resulting wine is bright, deep ruby red in colour, with youthful violet hints. On the nose it has perfumes which combine red fruit, sour cherries and a mineral note. Full-bodied but still fresh on the palate, the fruit is more blackberries with a touch of chocolate, soft, ripe tannins and a good balance through to the finish.

PALARI Santo Stefano Briga Faro 2005/06 Bottle £39.95
 Since the beginning of antiquity the Faro area in the hills above Messina has been producing some of Sicily's most elegant wines. Wine making in these parts was flourishing as far back as the 14th century BC. However like the rest of Europe the area was devastated by Phylloxera and production dropped off dramatically in the last century. By 1985 the DOC Faro was virtually extinct! Faro means lighthouse and is probably Italy's smallest DOC with only 6 hectares in production. The enticing ruby colour leads to a nose of black cherry with smakoey nuances lingering in the background. The balance of the palate is remarkable with not in sniff of over ripeness or clumsy tannins that often dominate Sicilian wines. This wine is all elegance with notes of scrubland, pencil and balsamic. Stunning wine!

VILLA TONINO Nero D'Avola 2007(09) Bottle \$+ £6.95
 A blend of fruit sourced from two different vineyards, one near Marsala and the other in central Italy. Good colour and a ripe, plummy and generous fruit on the palate. Smooth and soft tannins with an elegant and long finish.

Trentino-Alto-Adige

FORADORI Granato Vigneti Del Dolomoti 2006 Bottle £34.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (2008) 94 points
 'The 2006 Granato further establishes Foradori as one of Italy's premier winemakers. This is a stunning red from start to finish. The wine bursts onto the palate with a never-ending kaleidoscope of dried roses, spices, pomegranate and raspberries. This medium to full-bodied Granato possesses stunning balance and finessed, elegant tannins that caress the palate with notable elegance. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2021.

Once again I was blown away by Elisabetta Foradori's Granato. Why is she the only producer in Trentino capable of making a wine like this? The region, and Italy, for that matter, could use another 100 producers with this level of ambition.'

Veneto

Veneto

ALLEGRINI Amarone Classico (Corvina) 2006/07 Bottle/NC £47.95
 Franco Allegrini stands head and shoulders above all other growers in Valpolicella, an ultra modernist who believes in freshness and purity of flavour, his wines are quite unlike any others from the area. This wine is dark with attractively scented of black cherries and has a lingering finish. Awesome wine! 'The 2004 Amarone Classico reveals well-articulated aromatics that lead to a poised expression of dark fruit, all supported by silky, refined tannins. While I have no doubt this wine can age, I would prefer to enjoy it relatively young. Allegrini uses a combination of small barrels and larger casks for their Amarone, which is made from 80% Corvina Veronese, 15% Rondinella and 5% Oseleta. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2016. 91 points" Antonio Galloni, Wine Advocate

ALLEGRINI La Grola (Corvina) 2006(07) Magnum £37.95
 A full-bodied wine, intense and elegant. Deep ruby red in colour, it has a wide and embracing bouquet with scents of wild berries and juniper, tobacco and coffee essences. Made from Corvina Veronese, Rondinella, Syrah and Sangiovese grapes grown in La Grola, one of the most prestigious vineyards in the Valpolicella Classico area in terms both of history and position. The high plant density and the resulting low yield work together to give this wine its unique concentration. It can age for 10 - 12 years. It makes a perfect partner for red meat, either roast or in brown sauces, especially lamb. It is also delicious with stewed or grilled mushrooms and with mellow, aged cheeses.

ALLEGRINI La Grola (Corvina) 2006/07 Bottle £16.45
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ALLEGRINI Palazzo della Torre (Corvina) 2007/08* Bottle/NC £14.95
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 ROBERT PARKER 90 points (2007) 'Allegrini's Palazzo della Torre (70% Corvina, 25% Rondinella, 5% Sangiovese) has long been one of my favorite ripasso-style wines and the 2004 is another winner. It reveals a plump, juicy personality loaded with perfumed, jammy fruit, roasted coffee beans and new leather. Although it is absolutely irresistible today, a few additional months of bottle age should help soften the wine further. It is a gorgeous effort at this level and a terrific value...Anticipated maturity: 2007-2010. This is a terrific set of consistently excellent to outstanding wines from Allegrini. Readers will also find a number of value-priced wines that offer notable quality for the money.'

ALLEGRINI Palazzo della Torre 2006 Magnum (DIS) £37.45
 ROBERT PARKER - 90 points - "The 2006 Palazzo della Torre comes across as somewhat restrained for this wine. This is a very polished, elegant Palazzo della Torre with pretty layers of mocha, spices and new leather that add complexity to the fresh, vibrant fruit. Palazzo della Torre is 70% Corvina Veronese, 25% Rondinella and 5% Sangiovese. The addition of 30% dried fruit (Amarone style) adds an extra dimension of complexity. The retro 1970's label is also quite attractive. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016."

ALLEGRINI Valpolicella (Classico) (Corvina) 2009 Bottle/ST £8.75
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 60% Corvina Veronese, 35% Rondinella and 5% Molinara - This fruity Valpolicella offers luscious aromas of cherry, herbs, chocolate and mocha, with a medium body and balanced acidity. Lively and easy to drink, with moderate tannins and a bright, vivacious color, this wine is best enjoyed young to appreciate the exuberant and intense fruitiness. Recommended with antipasti and lighter pasta dishes. Valpolicella also complements seafood and lightly grilled white meats.

ALLEGRINI Villa Giona IGT 2000 Bottle £35.95
 San Pietro in Cariano - This splendid property has 5 hectares in the heart of Valpolicella Classico. A blend of 50% Cab. Sauv., 40% Merlot and 10% Syrah it has a deep colour and ripe berryish fruit on the nose. Good richness on the mid palate and supple tannins. The wine was aged in new French oak for 18 months prior to bottling. The structure of the Cabernet is softened by the Merlot, with the blend of these two being given an attractive spiciness by the Syrah. ROBERT PARKER 91 points '.....one of the few convincing examples of these grapes in the Valpolicella.....offers an intense and penetrating combination of berry fruit and leather aromas and forceful but shapely flavors, solid, graceful and with much length. Drink: 2004-2014.'

ALPHA ZETA Amarone 'A' 2008 Bottle/NC + £23.95
 The new 'Amarone' is impressively rich and very modern with an attractive freshness of perfume. It is a full and rich red from the Corvina, Rondinella & Molinara grapes, carefully selected from only the top and sides of the bunch and then left to dry on trays for 5 months before vinification. Received 4 **** Star Decanter Award - "Smooth with huge concentration but firm structure. It's well spiced, with lovely purple fruit depth and truffle notes. Perfect for Cheese".

ALPHA ZETA Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso 'R' 2008 Bottle £11.95
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 Following fermentation, the wine is aged for just over a year in a mixture of large oak and small, French oak barrels prior to bottling. Bright ruby in colour, it has perfumes of bitter cherries and a slight smokiness from the oak. On the palate, it is full and rich, with a spicy cherry character balanced by smooth, rounded tannins. Supple and long.

Red Wine

Italy

Veneto

CA' DEI FRATI Ronchedone 2008/09 Bottle/NC ^{^^+} £19.95

The secret to the success of the Ronchedone is simple: outstanding vineyards. Vines are trained low, newer vineyards have a higher density of planting, and yields are well below the average for the zone. The quality of the fruit is accentuated in the modern winery, where Igino Dal Cero ensures that the quality obtained in the vineyard is retained in the cellar. Marzemino and Sangiovese are the main grapes for the Ronchedone, together with a maximum of 10% of Cabernet Sauvignon. It has a good depth of colour and perfumes of spicy red fruits on the nose. On the palate it has excellent concentration of spicy, jammy fruit with rounded, soft tannins and good acidity. Good structure supporting the ripe fruit character gives it a nice balance and attractive weight.

PIEROPAN Corvina Rosso 'Ruberpan' 2006/08 Bottle £18.95

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Pieropan's estate covers 30 hectares of vineyard, all of which are situated on the stony hills of the Soave Classico zone. The Pieropan family has been producing wines in Soave since the 1860s. Indeed, they were the first producer to bottle a wine with the name Soave on the label, in the early 1930s. Nino Pieropan took over from his father in 1970, and was the first to make a single vineyard wine, Calvarino, in 1971. Nino's two sons, Andrea and Dario, now work with him in running the estate. After almost 80 years of bottling Soave Classico, Nino reluctantly abandoned the Classico appellation from 2008, believing it was time to move to a *stelvin* closure to protect the aromatic characters of his wine. This wine has good depth of colour, and is ageing well, with an elegant, fragrant nose and supple, ripe tannins supporting the soft cherry fruit.

PONTE PIETRA Merlot-Corvina 2010* Bottle **£@** £5.95

This wine is made by Matt Thomson at the Cantina di Monteforte with fruit that is declassified from Soave DOC status. Made from 55% Merlot and 45% Corvina, the quality grape of Valpolicella, this wine has a lovely, vibrant colour and a ripe, fresh nose mingling the cherry blossom perfume characteristic of great Corvina from this area, with a soft, blackberry fruit. Soft and attractive on the palate, it has sufficient weight to partner a wide range of pasta and rice dishes, particularly the risotto dishes for which this area is known. A great value Italian red. Fantastic for parties and glugging!

TANTINI Bardolino Chiaretto DOC 2009 Bottle £11.95

Bardolino Chiaretto is a serious wine. Some producers plant vineyards specifically for Chiaretto, harvesting and pressing the grapes, macerating the must briefly upon the skins, and then racking it into the fermentation tanks when it has achieved the desired color. Others instead bleed off some of the must from the tanks immediately after everything is pressed, before the skins have had time to impart color, and make Bardolino Chiaretto with it while producing the regular red Bardolino from the remainder. Both techniques give good results, producing wines that are light and fruity, and that will drink very well chilled, which is what Bardolino Chiaretto is all about.

TENIMENTI Corvina/Cabernet Sauvignon 'Thesaurum' 2008 Bottle £6.95

In the heart of the beautiful Soave region, Tenementi has a brand new winery with stainless steel at every turn, state-of-the-art analysis labs and screwcap bottling lines - you name it, they've got it. Bibendum's own winemaker Belinda Kleinig works closely with chief winemaker Fabio Bigalin and his team to produce clean, modern - but typically Italian wines that are perfect for the UK market. Perfumed almost floral nose with cherries, violets and cassis. The palate is fresh and bright with deep black olive and blackberry flavours and subtle peppery spice.

Italy - Piedmont

PRUNOTTO Nebbiolo d'Alba 'Occhetti' Famiglia Antinori 2005/06/07 Bottle/NC £16.95

Intense ruby red in colour with garnet reflexes. On the nose, elegant with hints of raspberries and rose. On the palate full and harmonic with a lingering finish. The Nebbiolo Occhetti, being such a round and elegant wine, is very versatile and a perfect match for hot antipasti, first courses and light meat dishes. Ideal serving temperature 16°C.

Barbaresco

GAJA Barbaresco 2007 Bottle £129.95

"All readers need to do is taste the 2007 Barbaresco to get a sense of the promise the vintage holds at Gaja. Soft and seamless on the palate, the Barbaresco shows wonderful integrity in its fruit in an opulent, yet mid-weight style. Fragrant, perfumed aromatics are woven throughout, while an attractive spiciness develops in the glass. There is incredible depth to the fruit and simply phenomenal overall balance. Readers will not want to miss this Barbaresco; arguably Gaja's finest since 1997. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2032" 94 points Antonio Galloni, Wine Advocate, February 2010

Barolo

ALDO CONTERNO Barolo 'Colonello' 2004(05) Bottle/NC £89.95

Parker 94 points - Conterno's 2004 Barolo Colonello reveals a core of ripe dark cherries and a beautifully layered, sweet personality with superb length and a refined, fresh finish. With air the wine's perfumed, spiced qualities emerge to complete this terrific effort. The Colonello vineyard lies on the Monforte border with Barolo, with which it shares several attributes. A higher percentage of sand in Colonello gives the wine its signature aromatics and refined tannins. This is an especially successful vintage for this wine. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2019.

Italy - Piedmont

Barolo

ALDO CONTERNO Barolo 'Romirasco' 2004(05) Bottle £114.95

Parker 95 points - There is no need to taste the 2004 Barolo Romirasco, the nose alone is enough to understand that this is magnificent wine. Aromas of tar, roses, menthol, scorched earth and smoke lead to a core of dark red fruit than unfolds onto the palate with uncommon grace and elegance. As it sits in the glass the wine gradually puts on weight, filling out its considerably structured frame with notable class. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2024.

ALDO CONTERNO Barolo 2004 Bottle/NC £54.95

ROBERT PARKER 90 points - Aldo Conterno's 2004 Barolo is simply beautiful. A medium red, it presents a feminine expression of Nebbiolo in its perfumed, spiced red raspberries and cherries. This is a soft, accessible Barolo ideal for near and mid-term drinking that fully captures the essence of this great vintage. Beginning with the 2004 vintage, this wine includes fruit from 15-year-old vines in Colonnello, a vineyard with sandier soils that lies on the border with Barolo. In the past this fruit was used for the Langhe Favot but now it makes up about 30% of the blend for the Barolo. As a result this bottling now carries the Barolo designation rather than the Barolo Bussia name which was used for previous vintages. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2019.

FONTANAFREDDA Barolo DOCG 'Vigna La Rosa' 2004 Bottle £49.95

100% Nebbiolo The Vigna La Rosa Barolo is harmonious, well-rounded and elegant in taste; its very fine and delicate bouquet is reminiscent of faded roses and, with the ageing process, tends to acquire a pronounced earthy style but with a velvety sort of taste. Food Matching Note: Ideal with rich red meats and medium mature cheeses as a perfect after dinner wine.

FONTANAFREDDA Barolo DOCG 2005/06 Bottle** + £21.95

100% Nebbiolo Classic dark 'tar' and perfumed 'roses' on the nose, light in colour but with great power, concentration and well balanced ripe tannins. This is a wine to match with rich foods and game dishes. Ageing Potential: At its best 4-6 years after the harvest, but this can vary considerably depending on the vintage. Food Matching Note: Ideal with rich red meats and with medium or mature cheeses it is perfect as an after dinner wine.

LUCIANO SANDRONE Barolo Cannubi Boschis 2005 Bottle £84.95

ROBERT PARKER 95 points: Sandrone's 2005 Barolo Cannubi Boschis offers up pretty notes of mint, flowers, spices and dark red berries, with sweet notes of French oak that linger on the finish. This is a decidedly slender Cannubi Boschis that lacks some of the sheer pedigree and explosiveness of the best vintages. The tannins need some time to soften, but this is a wine that has continued to grow in bottle. It could very well turn out to be one of the vintage's surprises. In 2005 the harvest took place at the end of September and the wine was aged in 500-liter barrels (one-third new). Anticipated maturity: 2011-2020.

LUCIANO SANDRONE Barolo Cannubi Boschis 2005 Magnum £169.95

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LUCIANO SANDRONE Barolo Le Vigne 2005 Bottle £72.95

ROBERT PARKER 94 points: The 2005 Barolo Le Vigne opens with fresh, high-toned aromas that meld into a core of perfumed red fruits. There is notable vibrancy to the fruit, and although the 2005 is a relatively small-scaled vintage for this wine, the balance is exceptional. The Le Vigne has more than enough fruit to follow through all the way to the close, where notes of raspberry jam offer a final burst of intensity. Le Vigne is made from a number of parcels in Vignane (Barolo), Conterni and Ceretta (Monforte) and Merli (Novello). Simply put, Le Vigne is a gem of a wine from Luciano Sandrone. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021.

MASSOLINO Barolo 'Margheria' 2005 Bottle/NC £49.95

Parker 95 points - The 2004 Barolo Margheria presents an exquisitely graceful expression of Serralunga terroir as it unfolds on the palate with layers of ripe red cherries, plums, new leather, iron, spices and menthol. It is a big, strapping Barolo, yet it also offers compelling inner sweetness, not to mention stunning overall balance. Tasted blind, it fared exceptionally well among some of the region's more famous wines. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024. 2006 VINTAGE £59.95

MASSOLINO Barolo 'Parafada' 2005 Bottle/NC £49.95

Franco Massolino makes both old-school and modern Barolo, this being in the latter camp, with non-traditional use of French oak to give a silky, seductive texture beneath the high tannins and acidity of Nebbiolo. Excellent depth of colour for Nebbiolo, with garnet ruby lights, on the nose this is restrained but intense, showing good depth of ripe red fruit and a touch of plum and tar. On the palate, its characteristic tannins are ripe and rounded, providing plenty of backbone for the rich fruit character. Tremendous length and power to the finish. Cellar Potential: The winemaking style makes this example approachable young (but do decant in advance). At its peak from 2014.

Red Wine

Italy - Piedmont

Barolo

MASSOLINO Barolo 2006 Bottle/NC £35.95

"This is a superb set of 2006 Barolos from Massolino. The wines show a combination of power and elegance that in some ways recalls 1996. These 2006s will require time, but the investment will be well worth it. Massolino remains very much in the traditional camp. If anything, an increase in the use of cement (especially for the malos) and a greater reliance on large oak for the Barolo Parafada signal a move towards more classicism in the wines. These exceptionally pure, elegant Barolos merit special consideration. I am a big fan of Massolino and often purchase the wines for my own cellar." Antonio Galloni, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Feb 2010

Representing a fantastic price to value ratio, this wine is age worthy and made with an absolute level of finite controls from the vineyard to the bottle. Although quite young, this Barolo shows like many Barolo twice the price.

PRUNOTTO Barolo Classico 'Famiglia Antinori 2005/06/07 Bottle/NC £29.95

From vineyards in the areas of Monforte, Serralunga and Castiglione Falletto. Origins go back to the Tortonian - Messinian era. Rich in calcareous clay and in magnesium and manganese elements. Garnet in colour and on the nose, wide and complex with hints of violet and forest fruit aromas. On the palate, full and velvety and well balanced. Due to its structure and characteristics, it is a perfect match for meat and game dishes, and tasty cheeses. Ideal serving temperature 17°C

RIVA LEONE Barolo 2006/07* Bottle** + £15.95

Many view the red wines from Barolo as Italy's best-so much so that they're sometimes called the 'King' of Italian wines. The Barolo DOCG area lies just southwest of Alba and includes the vineyards on the steep hills around the towns of Barolo, Castiglione Falletto, Serralunga d'Alba, Monforte d'Alba, and La Morra.

Rich full-bodied but elegant and complex with earthy, truffle and chocolate notes and a hint of violets. The perfect companion to a variety of flavourful and strong dishes.

ROBERTO VOERZIO Barolo 'Vigento La Serra' 1999 Bottle £109.95

ROBERT PARKER 95 points 'The 1999 Barolo La Serra has always been a magnificent wine as it is again tonight. I have often felt this Barolo and Voerzio's other 1999s, signal the first move towards a more elegant and finessed style. Sweet, floral aromatics meld into vibrant layers of mineral-infused dark cherries as the wine opens up in the glass. This young, sweeping Barolo is simply magnificent and one of the very finest La Serras Voerzio has made over the course of his career. Though delicious today, the wine promises to drink beautifully for another 15-20 years. It is superb. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025.'

Colli Tortonesi

CA' DEL MATT Barbera d'Asti 2008 Bottle + £5.95

"You have to be a bit mad (matto in Italian, or matt in Piedmontese dialect) to try to make drinkable and affordable Barbera. We liked the challenge, as did our New Zealand winemaker Matt Thompson, who has worked with Barbera in Piemonte for 7 vintages. This Barbera is made from carefully selected grapes grown around the village of Nizza, home of some of the best Barbera vines in Piemonte. Ripe grapes and careful vinification have given a wine with good colour and soft, easy and vibrant fruit. In order to preserve as much of this fruit as possible the wine was subject to minimal treatment and as a result may throw a light but harmless sediment.

TACCHINO Barbera del Monferrato 2008/09 Bottle + £9.45

For more than three generations the Tacchino family has produced superb fresh and modern wines in Castelletto d'Orba in Monferrato, Piedmont. This is perfect wine country, where the hills of Monferrato provide a natural amphitheatre which protects the vineyards from the northerly winds and allows maximum ripeness. The wines are all made without the use of oak to retain freshness and allow maximum expression of the fruit. This results in wines with great purity. The Barbera del Monferrato has deep, velvety red fruit flavours with spicy notes.

WALTER MASSA Barbera 'Bigolla' Colli Tortonesi 2001 Bottle £33.95

Langhe

ANGELO GAJA Langhe 'Conteisa' Nebbiolo 2007 Bottle- NEW £129.50
October 2011

Acknowledged world wide as the greatest producer of Nebbiolo, Angelo has again created spectacular wines from the Langhe district of Barolo. Opulent and elegant with masses of dark fruit and layers of spice, these wines are appealing even now but they will richly reward some patience. There is no question that these wines should have a place in the cellars of all fine wine lovers.

95 points, Antonio Galloni, erobertparker.com

The 2007 Langhe Conteisa is impeccably ripe and silky on the palate, with expressive La Morra red fruits, flowers, mint and spices that emerge from the glass. This is another soft, seamless wine from Gaja, with gorgeous purity in the fruit that carries through all the way to the deeply satisfying, creamy finish. The tannins remain impeccably refined and beautifully balanced with the fruit. The wine is likely to firm up a touch in bottle, but it should be one of the most accessible of Gaja's 2007s. The 2007 is easily among the finest Conteisas ever made. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2027.

Italy - Piedmont

Langhe

ANGELO GAJA Langhe 'Sperss' Nebbiolo 2007 Bottle - NEW £159.50
October 2011

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97 points, Antonio Galloni, erobertparker.com

The 2007 Langhe Sperss is beyond impeccable in the way it combines a powerful expression of Serralunga fruit in a round, enveloping style. Make no mistake about it, there is plenty of intensity and muscle here, but in 2007 Sperss is exceptionally harmonious from the start. The fruit is decidedly darker than the red-toned Conteisa, while an array of licorice, smoke and iron - all typical of Serralunga - add further gravitas. Even as the tannins build on the close, here, too, the finish is utterly sublime. The 2007 Sperss will test readers' patience but it is simply magnificent even today. Readers who can wait will be rewarded with a breathtaking bottle of wine. Anticipated maturity: 2022-2047.

Italy - Tuscany

Bolgheri

ANTINORI Cabernet/Merlot 'Il Bruciato' Guado al Tasso 2007 £17.95
Bottle/NC +

Rich in colour and very structured but soft on the palate, without any astringency. The wine was then transferred to new French oak barrriques (Tronçais and Alliers) where it was racked for blending with different varieties then replaced in barriques for about 8 months, after which it was bottled and aged for 16 months before being released. A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 10% Syrah with some other black grape varieties it is showing a good, intense ruby red colour. Very fruity aromas of red berries with hints of oak are showing in this well structured and lengthy wine, to produce a well-balanced wine with soft tannins and a smooth finish.

ANTINORI Guado al Tasso 2007 Bottle/NC £59.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE Robert Parker 94 points

'The 2007 Guado al Tasso screams of Bolgheri. Sweet grilled herbs, mocha, spices and black cherry jam are woven into a generous, expansive frame. There is a wonderful sense of richness and warmth to the fruit that carries through to the round harmonious finish, where clean, mineral notes add freshness. This is simply gorgeous today, but it is young, and the oak needs to integrate. Still, it is impossible not to admire the 2007 Guado al Tasso. In 2007 Guado al Tasso is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The late ripening Cabernet Franc, used in place of Syrah for the first time in 2007, adds a measure of freshness that had often been missing in previous vintages. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2024.'

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Ornellaia 2007 Bottle £129.95

ROBERT PARKER 93 points

The 2007 Ornellaia is remarkably open and accessible, very much in keeping with the personality of the vintage. Clean, mineral notes frame a core of silky, perfumed dark fruit, mocha, spices, licorice, grilled herbs and leather that impresses for its exceptional length. Tasted next to the 2007 Le Serre Nuove, the 2007 Ornellaia shows more muscle (from the higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon), but in terms of pure quality the wines are very close. The 2007 is not a big, massive Ornellaia, but rather a wine built on elegance and finesse, both of which are on full display. The 2007 should drink well with a minimum of cellaring, but whether it will make old bones remains a question mark at this point. The 2007 Ornellaia is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2022.

Chianti

ANTINORI Chianti Classico 'Peppoli' 2007/08 Bottle/NC £14.95

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Introduced in 1988 with the 1985 vintage, Peppoli Chianti Classico DOCG is the archetypal modern Chianti Classico. In a departure from traditional Chiantis, Peppoli combines the complexity and structure of a well-aged riserva with the fruity fragrance of a young wine. Made from 90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot and Syrah grapes it has intense red fruit aromas with light hints of vanilla and coffee. A well-structured wine with smooth, sweet tannins of nice length with fruity flavors. This wine is made to be enjoyed fairly young, while the fruit is at its fullest expression.

ANTINORI Chianti Classico Reserva 'Marchese Antinori' £17.95
2005/06** Bottle +

Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Reserva is produced, exclusively from the finest, most highly selected grapes grown on the Antinori Santa Cristina, Peppoli and Badia a Passignano estates in the Mercatale Val di Pesa zone in Chianti Classico. Deep ruby red with light garnet hues, it has pronounced cherry and violet fruit with tobacco nuances on the nose. It is a full-bodied and rounded red wine of remarkable depth, structure and length. 90% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and other complementary red varieties.

Red Wine

Italy - Tuscany

Chianti

ANTINORI Solaia 2003/04 Bottle £179.95
Solaia, which means the 'sunny one' in Italian, is a 10 hectares (25 acres) southwest-facing vineyard planted 351-396 metres (1,150-1,300 feet) above sea-level on stony calcareous soil of marl and friable albaese rock. It is located at Santa Cristina, alongside the Tignanello vineyard, which is on the same property, in the Mercatale Val di Pesa zone of Chianti Classico. ROBERT PARKER 93 points (2007) '...reveals the essence of blackberry jam, licorice, cassis, tar and minerals in a super-ripe, heady expression of the vintage. Richly sumptuous on the palate, this beautiful, expansive Solaia offers terrific length as well as stunning balance with plenty of style. It is sure to deliver much gratification over the next decade or so. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018.'

CANTINE LEONARDO Chianti 2009/2010 Bottle @ £7.95
The wine has a clear, ruby-red colour, with reasonable depth and 'legs' indicating good structure. Aromas of cherries and fresh red fruit mingle with spicy, peppery notes. The wine is lively and fresh in the mouth, with soft, rounded tannins. Good intensity, attractive structure and fine, long length. Delicious with almost all kinds of starters and light meat dishes.

DA VINCI Chianti 2006/07/08/09* Bottle + £8.95
Made from grapes sourced entirely from within the Chianti region that ust be a minimum of 75% Sangiovese, the Da Vinci Chianti is deep crimson in color with aromas of cherries and red fruit balanced by soft, round tannins.

SELVAPIANA Chianti Rufina Riserva 'Bucerchiale' 2006/07 Bottle/NC £18.95
Selvapiana is owned by Francesco Giuntini, descendant of the original owner, Michele Giuntini who bought the estate in 1827. His adopted son, Federico Masetti-Giuntini now runs the estate and makes the wines with consultant Franco Bernabei. Federico is the son of the 'fattore' (estate manger) who worked with the Giuntini family all his life. Federico was born on the estate, as was his sister Silvia, who is also involved in running the business. The estate covers 245 hectares of mixed vineyard and olive groves. The wine has perfumes of wild cherries and cedar, with great structure on the read more...palate. Its balance is characteristic of Selvapiana, with firm, ripe tannins and good acidity. The touch of new oak adds a spicy note to the elegant, berry fruit of the Sangiovese.

Colline Lucchesi

TENUTA DI VALGIANO Palistorti Valgiano (Sangiovese) 2006/07 Bottle £19.95
While the 05 remains pacy with red-fruited perfume, this 2006 blend of 70% Sangiovese, 15% Merlot, 15% Syrah is undoubtedly fuller and blacker, decadent almost with a minty, liquorice lift, while violet creams dominate the palate, such is the dense black chocolate texture and character of the palate; a wine that was vinified in 60% oak and 40% cement. Best tucked away for several years before serving with a shoulder of lamb. ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (2009) 91 points 'The 2006 Palistorti is 70% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot and 10% Syrah. This medium to full-bodied, racy Tuscan red reveals gorgeous balance in its super-ripe red fruit. With time in the glass, the wine's inner perfume emerges. The finish is long and sublime. This is a terrific effort at this level, and a wine well worth seeking out. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016.'

IGT Toscana

ANTINORI Rosso di Toscana 'Santa Cristina' 2009 Bottle + £8.95
Made from 90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot Santa Cristina was originally introduced in 1946 as a Chianti Classico by Piero Antinori's father, Niccolò. However, with the passage of the 1984 DOCG laws - spearheaded by Piero Antinori- requiring lower vineyard yields, Chianti Classico grapes became so complex and rich that they required more aging than this fruity fresh wine should have to maintain its style and character. Therefore, with the 1987 vintage Santa Cristina moved away from the Chianti Classico designation, and with the 1994 vintage Antinori began including 10% Merlot to the blend to add soft, open fruit nuances to the wine. Ruby red in colour; on the nose, intense bouquet of mature fruits; on the palate well structured, harmonious, soft and sweet tannins.

MONTELLORI Rosso di Toscana 'Moro' 2005(07) Bottle £10.95
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Alessandro Nieri's estate keeps producing very good Chianti from his property near Fucecchio at a highly competitive price. Attractive ruby red appearance with a youthful purple rim. A full-bodied blend of Sangiovese, Black Malvasia and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Montalcino

ANTINORI Brunello di Montalcino 'Pian delle Vigne' 2005 Bottle/NC £32.95
*The Pian delle Vigne Estate is located six kilometers south of Montalcino, above the Val d'Orcia valley, and it was named for the characteristic 19th century train station situated in the property, which is still in use. There are 30 hectares producing and 30 hectares started to produce between 2002 and 2003. The vineyards which produced the Brunello vintage 1995 are at an elevation of 130 metres sea level, with south east exposure. Brunello di Montalcino is produced exclusively with Sangiovese. DECANTER MAGAZINE August 2006 Highly Recommended **** ROBERT PARKER 92 points (2007) 'This deeply-colored Brunello is made in a round, supple style with dark cherries, violets, tobacco and earthiness. It offers notable concentration in a fairly international style, with building but finessed tannins on the finish. Drink: 2009-2019.'*

Italy - Tuscany

Montalcino

ARGIANO Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Bottle + £29.95
Argiano are one of the best estates in Tuscany, making reliably accessible Brunellos. Robert Parker 90 points 'The 2005 Brunello di Montalcino is a soft, delicate wine with good delineation in its aromas and fruit, qualities that resonate through to the harmonious, refreshing close. Sweet pipe tobacco, licorice and flowers add a sense of lift and refinement to the elegant finish. This accessible, mid-weight Brunello should drink well for another decade or so. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2020'.

ARGIANO Rosso di Montalcino 2008 Bottle + £12.95
Rosso di Montalcino is considered the younger sibling of Brunello and is also made from 100% Sangiovese. The wines from her stunning property continue to improve. Argiano Rosso di Montalcino 2008: 88 points by The Wine Advocate - 'Argiano's 2008 Rosso di Montalcino offers up floral red fruits in a fresh, vinous style. This is one of the more refined Rossos readers will find in 2008 and is among the better wines of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2012.'

LA FIORITA Brunello di Montalcino 2004/05 Bottle £47.95
*La Fiorita provides justification for this DOCG's lofty reputation. It is Chianti with an extra gear: more black fruit, jammy concentration and silky tannins. There is a wealth of complexity on the nose and opulence on the palate synonymous with great red wine. This wine can be cellared with confidence for at least a decade and in top vintages even longer. Decanter Rating: **** (4 Stars) 'Tight, long, elegant. A big, elegant finish. Will be even better in a year or two. Well constructed and well balanced. Very long indeed. Drink from 2010. (16.66 points)'' Dunell's - We showcased this wine at a recent food and wine event at Tassili (Grand Jersey) with Duck and air dried cherries. This wine has the wow factor. Dark, deep and dense with an incredibly enticing nose. Totally stunning and a must buy!*

Montepulciano

EDOARDO VALENTINI Montepulciano 2001 Bottle £129.95
ROBERT PARKER 'Valentini is one of Italy's most iconic producers. Tiny production, fabulous reputation and limited distribution means the wines are very well known and fiercely sought by cognoscenti but otherwise virtually unknown, at least in this country. Fortunately, it looks like that is about to change now that the estate has taken on new US representation. Valentini makes three wines, all along staunchly traditional lines. The Trebbiano is fascinating for its ageability and the way it acquires an oiliness over time that recalls white Burgundy. The Cerasuolo, a rose, needs to be drunk young, but it is one of the finest roses in all of Italy. Valentini's Montepulciano is another magnificent wine that has a track record of aging beautifully for 25 years or more after the vintage. Production is just 4,000 bottles per year and the wine is expensive, but it is also incredibly unique. Valentini's wines can sometimes be awkward when they are first released. In many ways these wines remind me of the Barolos of Giuseppe Mascarello in that they can be a touch disjointed, sometimes even rustic, when young, but then mature spectacularly well with many years in bottle. Proprietor Francesco Paolo Valentini releases his wines only when he is happy with the vintage, which explains the lack of 2006 and 2007 Trebbiano. Readers who can find these wines and have the patience to cellar them (except the Cerasuolo) are in for a treat.'

Super Tuscan

ANTINORI Tignanello 2005/07* (08) Bottle/NC £63.95
92 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: 'Antinori has turned out a very beautiful Tignanello in 2005. The wine possesses perfumed, well-articulated aromatics that meld into a soft, generous core of ripe red fruits. Smoke, mineral, tobacco and spice overtones develop in the glass with air. To be sure, this is a relatively slender Tignanello, and while it doesn't have the qualities of the superb 2004, it does have the balance to age gracefully for the next decade or so. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2020.' (06/08) 92 points

TENUTA SAN GUIDO Guidalberto 2008 Bottle £26.95
Alongside Sassicaia, we are delighted to offer you Guidalberto from the 2008 vintage. Guidalberto, the second wine of Sassicaia, benefits from a significant amount of Cabernet Sauvignon previously destined for Sassicaia. It offers exceptional value and the chance to enjoy the wines of Tenuta San Guido without the need for extensive cellaring.

The 2008 vintage has produced richly flavoured wines with great structure and Guidalberto shows real concentration and depth. The colour is a deep, vibrant purple and the aromas are full and ripe with intense, dark cherry and plum fruits and notes of spice. Wonderfully structured and balanced on the palate with flavours of wild berries and herbs. Maturation in oak barrels for twelve months gives a spicy complexity on the finish. Although this wine is very approachable at the moment, it will certainly improve over the next five years developing in complexity.

TENUTA SAN GUIDO Le Difese 2009 Bottle £14.95
Le Difese has attracted a loyal following since its UK launch two years ago. An immediately approachable and appealing wine, it also offers great value.

A wonderfully harmonious wine which bursts with dark berry and cassis aromas. The palate is rich and expansive with attractive spicy notes. Ripe tannins give structure and depth. This is a very appealing wine with excellent length which is delicious to drink now but it will continue to develop over the next 5 years.

2009 vintage
As during 2008, the winter and spring months saw a good amount of rainfall. However the summer that followed was much warmer, particularly during July and August which did see some particularly hot days. The harvest took place in dry weather which allowed picking from early September until early October and the grapes were brought into the winery in good condition. Fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks followed by 12 months in French and American oak barriques.

Red Wine

Italy - Tuscany

Super Tuscan

TENUTA SAN GUIDO Sassicaia 2008 Bottle

£109.50

Undoubtedly one of the finest vintages ever made. The aromas are incredibly refined with notes of red cherries, herbs and minerals which develop in the glass. The palate has a very elegant structure with exceptional finesse. Firm tannins are balanced by wonderful depth with sweet black cherry and red berry fruits, intermingled with herbs and exotic spices. There is a superb mineral finish and great acidity which gives wonderful balance. This is a magnificent wine which will develop for 30 years or more.

2008 vintage

There was enough rainfall during the winter providing sufficient moisture during the initial growing season. This enabled the buds to develop properly. The spring and summer were cool with plenty of breeze. Temperatures during July and August were not too hot with even temperatures and no scorching hot days. These conditions enhanced the development of the vines and vegetative growth was vigorous so green harvesting was carried out. Harvest started at the end of August. The more delicate grapes were closely monitored until they had reached optimum ripeness before picking. As usual, the grapes were hand-picked with meticulous care before a second selection at the winery to ensure that only the finest grapes were used. Following a very gentle pressing and a careful maceration, each grape variety and vineyard parcel was fermented separately before being blended. After fermentation the wines were matured in French oak barriques for twenty four months before a further six months in bottle.

Tuscany

ISOLE E OLENA Cepparello 2006 (07) Bottle/ST

£39.95

2006 - THE WINE ADVOCATE 93 points
'Isole e Olena's 2006 Cepparello (100% Sangiovese) reveals superb density and richness in a surprisingly medium-bodied style for this vintage. Candied red fruit, flowers, menthol and sweet herbs emerge from the glass with almost liqueur-like sweetness. The wine possesses outstanding balance and a long, sweet finish, with subtle notes of tar, licorice and herbs that make an appearance on the close. This is an elegant Cepparello that combines the ripeness of the vintage in a mid-weight, ethereal style. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2019.'

Lebanon

CHATEAU KA Cabernet-Grenache-Mourvedre, Source de Rouge 2005/06 Bottle/NC

£11.95

A relative newcomer to the scene in the ancient Bekaa Valley but now a serious contender, up there with the revered Chateau Musar. Medium bodied with balanced, red fruit palate, succulent and juicy yet silky smooth and moreish. Chateau Ka, literally meaning "soul for an ancient god", was founded by Akram Kassatly as recently as 2000, with the first release of wines in 2006. Previous attempts to start the wine business had been thwarted by war but this time the winery has flourished. The initial planting of 50 acres, at 1200 metres elevation, is growing and by 2010 there will be some 300 acres in production.

CHATEAU MUSAR (G. Hochar) Beega Valley 1983 Bottle

£49.95

Appealing, softly spicy palate with some fruit sweetness. Nice density of spicy, sweet fruit on the palate. Tasty stuff. Very good/excellent 90/100
11/11/2009 'We tasted this as a team today and it was beautifully smooth, perfectly mature and with all the typical Musar, spiciness and sweetness on the palate. The sample we tasted was clear and had virtually no sediment. An excellent 26 year old wine' NJP

CHATEAU MUSAR (G. Hochar) Beega Valley 2003 Bottle

£23.95

One of the most remarkable Musar vintages of recent years, powerfully ripe and tannic, but lifted with balancing acidity. Just ready now but will keep evolving. A classic tagine, with preserved lemons, dried apricots, prunes and flaked almonds.

TANAIL WINERY Classic Red 'Massaya' 2008 Bottle

£9.45

Made in a more modern style in the heart of the Bekka Valley, with a palette of familiar grape varieties. This is a rich yet very elegant wine with morello cherry, cassis and spice to the fore. Terrifically creamy blackcurrant fruitiness and little notes of anise, grilled meats and floral hints of violet and roses. On the palate it is concentrated and ripe, with plenty of that slightly perfumed, parma-violet character to solid, rich, berry fruits. This has a meaty texture and plenty of substance, with lovely tannins roughening up the edges, and excellent length and balance. There is very fine quality in evidence here.

TANAIL WINERY Gold Reserve Red 'Massaya' 2005/07 Bottle

£24.95

The Gold Reserve red is Massaya's "gamme de garde" - its exclusive new French oak barrels ageing blends in a different dimension. A wine to be put down for special occasions; The black tie wine of Massaya. "The purple look is deep and intense, with garnet red reflection. The nose is clear and powerful with under-wood scents. This is a full bodied wine with aromas of sandalwood and incense." - Winery The Massaya Gold Reserve has the structure, balance and concentration of tannins that makes it perfect for putting down. It can be aged for 5, 10 or maybe 15 years and its added value is between 10% and 30% year. An accompaniment for rich dishes such as red meat in sauce, strong cheese. An ideal companion with roast meats such as leg of lamb. Best served at 19C.

Lebanon

TANAIL WINERY Silver Selection Red 'Massaya' 2005 (07) Bottle

£12.95

Grape Varietals: 40% Cinsaut, 30% Grenache, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Mourvedre. The look is deep, while the edges are bright with cherry hues. This is a charismatic red with warm spices, sweet red fruit, subtle oak and a firm tannic structure. This wine is medium-bodied and well balanced with an elegant and long finish. "The Silver Selection is among the most delicious of the new generation Lebanese Reds, stuffed with strawberries, spices and chocolate." One of Lebanon's most characteristic and affordable reds. Good use of Cinsault from a winery that is proud of how it uses this unfashionable grape. Deep cherry red, with a lovely nose of framboise that is a prelude to rich, cooked fruit and pepper in the mouth, yet supple and soft with decent length. This is where modern Lebanese wine should be going. Jancis Robinson highlighted this wine as one of her top wines to recommend for Christmas 2010 - "Powerful and different. A sort of cross between Ch Musar and St-Emilion."

New Zealand

ATA RANGI Pinot Noir, Martinborough 2008/09 Bottle

£34.95

On the palate, rich cherry stone and delicately spices, ripe plum characters emerge in the glass. Fine tannins run evenly across a full palate. This Pinot Noir is consistently ranked as one of New Zealand's best. The Ata Rangi vineyards are situated in Wairarapa, just north of Wellington.

South, Central Otago

FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir 'Bannockburn' 2009 Bottle - VERY LIMITED

£24.95

Beginning with meticulous site selection and vineyard design started in 1991, Felton Road's story is one of refusal to compromise. A strict 100% estate policy with fully organic and biodynamic viticulture (Demeter certified) ensures that our fruit arrives at the winery as pure as it can be, while our entire estate comes as close to true sustainability as is possible. Already starting to let its perfume emerge. This vintage is spicier, with chocolate and violets overlaying dark cherry and raspberry. The palate is seamlessly plush and richly textural, with significant very fine dusty tannins constructing a framework through the finish. While concentration is abundant, the wine still holds on to its precision. A candidate for long haul keeping as well as enjoying its exuberance in the first few years. In short, a benchmark Felton Road.

FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir 'Block 3' 2010 Bottle

£43.95

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FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir 'Calvert' 2009 Bottle

£29.95

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FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir 'Cornish Point' 2009 Bottle

£27.95

Beginning with meticulous site selection and vineyard design started in 1991, Felton Road's story is one of refusal to compromise. A strict 100% estate policy with fully organic and biodynamic viticulture (Demeter certified) ensures that our fruit arrives at the winery as pure as it can be, while our entire estate comes as close to true sustainability as is possible. As we so often see with Cornish Point, the nose starts with spice and florals: the classic violets, dark rose petals, hints of cinnamon. The palate is voluptuous dark fruit, with a gorgeous open texture, welcoming rather than brooding. The spices dance through the palate with the chunky structure only emerging in the finish of the wine, showing its considerable ageing potential. A classic Cornish Point.

FELTON ROAD Pinot Noir 'Cornish Point' 2010 Bottle

£33.95

DUE SEPTEMBER 2011

MT. DIFFICULTY Pinot Noir 'Roaring Meg' 2007/08/09*(10) Bottle

£14.95

Boutique winery Mt Difficulty was an early pioneer in the region. With their founding vineyards established in 1992, Mt Difficulty owns some of the oldest vines and is one of the most respected producers in Central Otago. Named after and as a tribute to the famous dam on the Kawarau river. The fruit for this wine comes from selected premium Central Otago vineyards. A lovely mix of red and black berry fruits with further complexity gained from oak spice. Tannins rise gracefully out of the mid palate to finish the wine, balanced by the wine's acidity and flavour to produce a long fruit driven finish. Serve with salmon, red mullet, veal, duck, chicken, lamb or pork dishes.

South, Marlborough

ATA RANGI Crimson Pinot Noir 2008/09**/2010 Bottle

£16.95

Crimson 2008 has an enticing nose of dark cherry blended with new season raspberry and wild mulberries. Touches of smoky clove and exotic spice enhance the rich flavours of sweet red plum and black cherry that burst onto the palate. Very fine, supple tannins carry evenly right to the finish. This wine is utterly charming, with an underlying structure that has real weight and power.

Red Wine

New Zealand

South, Marlborough

CAIRNBRAE Pinot Noir 'Wild South' 2008 Bottle £11.95

Cairnbrae Wild South's range of classical varietal wines continues to capture the spirit and character of Marlborough. Each of the wines reflect winemaker Christie Brown's passion for cool climate winemaking by maximising varietal expression and complexity at the same time as over delivering on quality and value. The winery's estate vineyards, situated in the lower reaches of the Waihopai Valley, also play an important role in creating wines that capture the essence of Marlborough, with stony, fast draining alluvial soils; hot sunny days and cool dry nights. A rich earthy bouquet is balanced by nuances of spice, cherry stone and blackberry. Weighty balanced tannins lead to a concentrated finish of bramble and dried herbs. A persistent wine with cellaring potential of 4-5 years.

CLOS HENRI 'Petit Clos' Pinot Noir 2007/08 Bottle + £11.95

For years we have been championing Clos Henri as one of the premium Marlborough Sauvignons. We now welcome its little sister. Strict hand harvesting and fruit selection ensures uniform ripeness of berries. Carefully monitored, the must undergoes a week-long cold soak and plunging regime and a cool fermentation in open top tanks. The Pinot Noir is then aged for ten months in French oak barrels with only 15% new oak used. This gentle, feminine Pinot expresses generous delicate plum and cherry aromas, with hint of cinnamon and cloves on the nose.

CLOS HENRI Pinot Noir 2007/08*Bottle** + £21.95

The natural, unspoiled land that Clos Henri sits upon drew the attention and admiration of the Bourgeois family who have been farming in Sancerre for ten generations. The Clos Henri Pinot Noir expresses generous delicate plum and cherry aromas, with a hint of cinnamon and clove on the nose. This vintage reveals pleasant flinty notes. Its roundness in the mouth provokes delicious sensations. If you are patient enough to age it for a few years before tasting, you will be rewarded and delighted by its beautiful balance.

DELTA VINEYARDS Pinot Noir - Marlborough 2009 Bottle/ST £12.95

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This wine has deep colour with very strong pinot noir aromatic characters. It has very lifted cherry aromas and violet notes. The palate has a silky start and a grainy, mineral-rich finish. It is juicy, but focussed. Robert Parker Notes: The 2007 Pinot Noir is much better, quite a high extraction on the nose with dark cherry and plum with a touch of mulberry, the palate soft and supple with a plush finish tinged with white pepper. 90 Points

GREYWACKE Pinot Noir 2009 Bottle + £25.95

Reminiscent of tree-ripened black cherries and homemade plum jam, ripe fruit aromas intermingle with a sweet-scented floral perfume. The palate blends blackberries and cherry with hints of smoky vanillin oak – seasoned with a sprinkle of dried oregano and cinnamon. This is a deliciously fragrant, finely structured wine with intense varietal expression. Dunell's "This PN is absolutely stonking. So elegant and perfumed it is sure to impress."

KIM CRAWFORD Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2008 Bottle/ST £10.45

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Colour: Bright red with purple and crimson notes. Aroma: An enticingly aromatic wine showing notes of dark cherries and strawberries with the alluring complexity of well integrated oak. Palate: Vibrant, fresh fruit flavours underpinned by nuances of sweet, smoky oak. Good firm tannins give the wine length and weight. You can savour the wine long after it has left your palate. Cellar: Very approachable and enjoyable now, but you can cellar up to 5 years with confidence. Food: Ideal with lamb or pork chops. Suited to most red meats and exceptionally good as a wine to enjoy all on its own!

SPY VALLEY Pinot Noir 2009/10 Bottle** ~+ £13.95

The Pinot Noir is hand-harvested from vines in their Marlborough vineyard, gently separated from the stems and fermented in small, traditional open-top vats. These vats are hand-plunged to extract colour and tannin, and after pressing the wine is aged in French oak barrels. Fruit-driven in style with soft tannins and spicy oak. Tasting: Red fruits, plum and sweet cherry are underpinned with fragrant notes of spice and dried sage. Palate: Fruit forward with a long supple structure, licorice and cocoa notes are typical of their vineyard site. Cellaring potential 3-5 years. 92 Points - Wine Spectator "Digs deep into the spice box, with nutmeg, clove and allspice flavors, that perfectly frame the ripe, supple wild black cherry and raspberry notes. Comes together on a supple frame, with plenty of staying power on the finish." MW

STAETE LANDT Pinot Noir 2006/07 (08) Bottle £14.95

This wine was aged in 25% new French oak barrels and 75% older French oak barrels. This has contributed to the development of a complex and structured wine with powerful and ripe, spicy fruit driven tannins. This Pinot Noir has aromas of ripe black cherries and violets with a lovely earthy complexity underpinned with subtle liquorice characters. This is a full-bodied wine with an elegant tannin structure and a lingering finish. This wine will repay cellaring for three to five years. THE WINE SPECTATOR 90-92 points 'Graceful and fragrant, with a lovely array of raspberry, spice, strawberry and dried herb flavors. Savory mineral and crushed stone accents, cedary oak and a supple structure harmonize in the deft, lingering finish. Drink now through 2010.'

TINPOT HUT Pinot Noir 2008 Bottle \$@ £10.95

Winemaker Fiona Turner has worked with Matt Thomson on many of the most successful wines made in Marlborough. The Tinpot Hut wines are made predominantly with grapes from Fiona's own vineyard in Blind River, in the Awatere, supplemented by fruit from growers that Fiona and Matt work with throughout the year. Lifted aromas of cherries and plums, with a hint of redcurrant. Attractive floral notes also shine through which are nicely integrated with savoury mushroom and toasty oak characters. Classic cherry flavours dominate the palate and are supported by hints of plum and redcurrant. Structurally the tannins are soft and silky, and well balanced acidity ensures good length of flavour. 100% Pinot Noir

New Zealand

Port

Vintage

NIEPOORT Tawny '20 Year Old' Bottle £52.95

The firm of Niepoort is frequently quoted as being the 'Masters of Tawny Port'; from the harmonious simplicity of Niepoort Tawny, to the renowned quality of the 20 year old, and the exquisite 30 year old, there is complexity and elegance to be found at every level. This has a classic, rich fruit cake array of aromas, complemented with cloves and nutmeg. It is rich and luscious with flavours of honey, truffle and caramel. Great integration and depth, finishing with hints of dry smoky wood. Incredibly sweet and unctuous. You won't be able to put it down.

Portugal

Alentejo

HERDADE SAO MIGUEL 'Ciconia' Touriga Nac , Syrah, Aragones £7.95

2010 Bottle \$^^@

Brand New to Dunell's, this wine is knockout! Multi-award winning, this wine has been given the coveted award of Best Value from Wine Spectator, no mean feat that's for sure! Described as "ripe and broad tasting showing focused flavours of berry and red cherry with a touch of currant. Fresh and juicy on the finish which includes notes of molten chocolate." The wine possess a complexity of aromas that suggest spicys and red berries, with some toasted notes as a result of a short period in oak, that in combination with a good structure of bark allows it the presentation of a very rounded and balanced wine in the mouth. Matches with all kind of meat and soft cheeses.

Dao

QUINTA DO CORREIO Dao Tinto 'dos Roques' 2006/08 Bottle £7.45

The regular Tinto, this is 50% Touriga Nacional, and spends 6 months in new French oak. It has a stunning ripe, herby nose with some exotic caramel and menthol notes from the new oak. The palate is rich and tannic with spicy oak and a dry finish. Attractive, but a touch firm at the moment. Very good+.

Douro Valley

NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Douro Tinto Red Wine 2007/08* Magnum £25.95 (Organic)

The idea behind DRINK ME is the creation of a pleasant, easy drinking red wine, yet retaining complexity, mineral notes and great depth found in the classic Douro wines. DRINK ME is produced from vineyards from the Cima Corgo, the main grape varieties being: Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Barroca. It's an intense wine: full of Douro character but with great freshness showing smooth tannins and fruity aromas, the best company at the table.

NIEPOORT 'Drink Me' Douro Tinto Red Wine 2008 Bottle £9.95

(Organic) +
2008 is the third edition of this Douro wine produced for the UK market. The idea behind DRINK ME is the creation of a pleasant, easy drinking red wine, yet retaining complexity, mineral notes and great depth found in the classic Douro wines. DRINK ME is produced from vineyards from the Cima Corgo, the main grape varieties being: Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Barroca. It's an intense wine: full of Douro character but with great freshness showing smooth tannins and fruity aromas, the best company at the table. On the palate it is young, dense, with appealing freshness and juicy tannins, good acidity and attractive structure. ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS

QUINTA DE MACEDOS Pinga do Torto 2005 Bottle £12.95

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Paul Reynolds purchased this ancient 6.5 Ha vineyard in 1998, after many years of despair at observing the neglect to which it was subjected. The Winery and House were duly renovated and the first wine was made at the property in 2000. Helped by his brother Raymond, the wines are "naturally" made by traditional methods (lagares) and allowed to mature at their own pace in new oak barrriques. Tiny yields result in great complexity and intensity. These plots contain at least 16 different local grape varieties. A new 1.5Ha vineyard was planted in 1999 respecting the original varietal mix.

Red Wine

Portugal

Douro Valley

QUINTA DO VALLADO Douro Reserva 2008 Bottle £26.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (2010) 93 points
 'The 2008 RESERVA is 25% Touriga Nacional (from 10-15 year old vines) and 75% an old vines field blend (from 80+ year old vines) aged in new French oak for 17 months. This is a superb Reserva, built for the long haul, with powerful tannins and some astringency on the finish, a worthy competitor to the fine '07 Reserva, making this a formidable one-two punch from Vallado. It has the best mid-palate concentration of this group of wines, and it should hold up to the tannins. The wine is already—partly!—absorbing the oak, and seems better balanced the longer it airs out. It drank nicely the next day. Pointed and likely to develop quite well, this is a rather fine performance from Vallado. There were 15,810 bottles produced. Drink 2012-2026.

The 2008 vintage in Portugal is probably not quite as consistent for reds as the 2007 vintage, and they are certainly differently styled, a little crisper and pointed, but on a winery-by-winery basis, some people did as well or better. Vallado seems to have put together a superb 2008 vintage. The wines seem bright and focused, with the structure to age and develop in the cellar. They are wines worth seeking out'

South Africa

Franschhoek

GRAHAM BECK Merlot 2007 Bottle + £8.45
 Hartenberg Wine Estate, widely regarded as one of South Africa's top Merlot producers, has won a Gold medal for its silky smooth 2007 Merlot for the second consecutive year at the 2010 Veritas Awards. Their 2005 Merlot won the trophy as the world's best Merlot at the 2008 International Wine and Spirits Competition in London and the latest 2007 vintage is forging its own path in the medal stakes. Enjoyed above all for its velvet texture and superb elegance, the 2007 Hartenberg Merlot is an exceptional food wine that just loves game, lamb and beef dishes. Aromas of violets and sugared plum meld on the palate with lingering flavours of roasted spice, prosciutto and a juicy mouth full of plums.

Paarl

DRAKENSBERG Cape Red 2008/10 Bottle + £4.95
 A blend of Cinsaut and Cabernet producing a medium bodied wine with bags of soft fruit and character.

FAIRVIEW Pinotage 2009/10* Bottle/ST ~+ £8.45
 Pinotage is an important part of the Fairview range of wines, with vineyards planted on various soil types in a number of regions. The wine is gently oaked and emphasizes the ripe fruit flavours of the variety. Deep inky colour, with bold aromas of mocha and caramel. Aromas of deep and fleshy fruit, with ripe plums and blackberries. Medium to full bodied, with lovely richness and sweet fruit on the finish. Tannins give lovely structure and oaking is well handled so as not to dominate the fruit.

GLEN CARLOU Cabernet Sauvignon 'Gravel Quarry' 2007 Bottle £19.95
 A classic Cabernet Sauvignon named after the distinctive gravel soils in which the vines are planted and the old quarry site where the winery stands today. The wine itself is intense colour, dark red verging on purple. The nose is of cassis and sandalwood with waxy forest canopy aromas. The palate has ripe rich blackcurrant flavours and gripping tannins. The finish has a smooth silky elegance which belies the structure and depth of the wine. This pairs well with rare beef, duck, venison or boar. It is a particularly good match for pan fried venison fillet with a cassis sauce or hard cheeses such as a mature cheddar or pecorino.

GLEN CARLOU Grand Classique Rouge 2006 Bottle + £11.95
 A classic blend in the style that Glen Carlou have been making since 1989. This wine is smooth and rich with a prominent fruit character and ripe tannins. It is ideal with rich food and red meat dishes. Enjoy now, but the classic structure will allow the wine to mature well for at least ten years. It is a deep red with an intense and brilliant hue. Aromas are of sandalwood, cloves, fresh blackcurrant and dark bramble fruit. There are ripe tannins and clean flavours of intense blackberries and spice. Lingering and elegant on the finish, with mouth-filling complexity.

GLEN CARLOU Pinot Noir 2009 Bottle + £9.95
 Pinot Noir is an elegant wine, never overpowering, and complements a wide range of foods. This vintage has more structure and power than most previous vintages. Judiciously matured in French oak barrels, their Pinot Noir is rich and outspoken, yet elegant and smooth. Exciting aromas of bramble fruit and spice are beautifully complemented by hints of mulberry and chocolate. On the palate a medley of strawberry and raspberry is subtly complemented by well-integrated oak.

GLEN CARLOU Syrah 2006 Bottle (DIS) + £11.95
 Dark red with purple hue. Pleasing aromas of wild mulberries, spicy black berries, violets, floral notes and toasty oak. Complex layers of new-world fruit with ripe berry flavours on the palate. The finish is rich with fruit-driven flavours and full mouthfeel. Drink now.
 MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS 2006 'Gold Medal' JOHN PLATTERS South African Wine Guide 2005 -'Top Red Wine of The Year'

South Africa

Paarl

GOATS DO ROAM IN VILLAGES Red Shiraz/Pinotage 2006/08* Bottle/ST + £8.45
 A blend of rich spicy Shiraz and a brooding Pinotage. Medium - full bodied, ripe tannins with good length and structure, backed by careful oaking. This wine certainly has the structure and tannin to age for 3 - 5 years. Colour: Dark ruby red. Aroma: Dark fruit, with complex spiciness and pepper aromas. Palate: Full fruit laden palate with good concentration and a rich finish. Subtle oaking elevates the combination of fruit and rich spice. Cellaring: Will drink well now, through to 2010

GOATS DO ROAM Red 2008(09) Bottle/ST + £6.95
 Vibrant ruby red colour. Cedar, anise and fleshy fruit on the nose. Medium bodied palate, but good length and structure carrying to a long finish. Blackberry fruit and supple tannins. The blend is 50% Shiraz 20% Pinotage 10% Cinsault 10% Mourvedre 5% Grenache 5% Carignan grapes. The wine is ready for drinking. Enjoy over the next year or two. The various, predominantly Rhône varieties were harvested ripe and destalked before being fermented at 25 - 28°C.

Robertson

RIETVALLEI Cabernet/Tinta Barocca 'Wild Rush' Cape Red 2009/10* Bottle \$@ £5.95
 The Cabernet vineyards are planted on the highest hill of Rietvallei, called Klippiesdal and are between 3 and 12 years old. The Tinta Barocca vines were established in 1985. These vines thrive in the crisp, clean Klein Karoo air. A blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Tinta Barocca (The famous Portuguese Port vine) this wine has lots of attractive fruit flavours on the nose and which also carries through nicely on the palate with a hint of spiciness. It is smooth and well balanced with a touch of toastiness and lingering aftertaste.

RIETVALLEI StoneDale Shiraz 2009/10 Bottle + £5.95
 This superb family owned wine estate is one of the old farms in Robertson and is situated in the Klaas Voogds area, eight kilometres east of old town of Robertson. The farm was established in 1864 by Alwyn Burger, and today it is under the stewardship of the 5th and 6th generations of the Burger family, Johnny and Kobus. Together father and son oversee the winemaking process with a real hands-on approach both for the viticulture and vinification to produce Rietvallei's prestigious wines. This is a smooth shiraz with lots of berry fruit flavours, a lively spiciness and a touch of toasted oak. A full bodied wine with pleasant ripe tannins and a smooth lingering aftertaste. Dunell's Comments - Great nose filled with nettle and mint tones. Smokey with lots of good berry flavours and balanced toasted oak.

Stellenbosch

BACKSBERG Cabernet/Merlot 'Klein Babylons Toren' 2005/07* Bottle + £9.95
 A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot Klein Babylonstoren is a specially crafted cuvée on the basis of varietal intensity and character. Violets, cassis and dried herb aromas from a complex bouquet hinting at the palate's awaiting intensity. Flavours of blackberry and earthy forest floor elements are neatly meshed by fine, ripe fruit tannins that finishes dry with oak derived characters of cinnamon and vanilla. Rich yet structured, this wine will repay careful cellaring over the next ten years. This Bordeaux inspired blend matches classic evening meals such as roast beef or lamb.

BACKSBERG Family Reserve Red 2005 Bottle + £18.95
 High density vineyards produced grapes with exceptional flavours of cassis, raspberry and tobacco. Extended skin contact and ageing in small French oak barriques have contributed added complexity via cedar and vanilla characters. This blend matches classic evening meals such as roast beef or lamb. Cabernet Sauvignon 34%, Merlot 26%, Cabernet Franc 18%,

BACKSBERG Shiraz 'Pumphouse' 2007(08) Bottle + £11.95
 88% Shiraz and 12% Malbec that have been barrel-fermented for 24 months the Pumphouse Shiraz is a specially crafted cuvée based on varietal character and intensity. Black cherry, raspberry fruits and rich mocha aromas are given added complexity via subtle aniseed and vanillin tones derived from maturation and small French and American oak barriques. The palate has weight and depth due to layers of fruit tannins and sheer flavour intensity. Excellent with savoury dishes such as roasted game and winter stews match this dark brooding wine perfectly.

BEYERSKLOOF Pinotage 2009 Bottle @ £6.95
 A medium to full bodied Pinotage with a dark ruby colour. Bundles of Pinotage fruit on the nose with an intense and lively pallet. Smooth mouth feel that adds to the drinkability of the wine. The wine ends with a soft and sweet finish. A balanced wine that could be enjoyed now or age in the bottle for a few years longer. Food Pairings: This wine can be chilled and enjoyed with seafood or light meat dishes. It also goes well with any red meat, pasta and spicy food.

ERNIE ELS Cabernet-Merlot 'Ernie Els' 2005 Bottle £39.95
 Made from Cabernet Sauvignon 52%, Merlot 33%, Petit Verdot 7%, Cabernet Franc 5% and Malbec 3% it is crisp in texture with a concentrated red colour. Aromatic bouquet, intense dark berry and currant flavours with herbs. Dense and earthy with green pepper, plum and a good extraction of wild berries. An elegant wine, the finish is long and complex with dried fruit flavours lingering. The tannins are crisp and clean with the wine to benefit from further cellaring for up to 20 years.

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ERNIE ELS Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot etc. Eng. Els (Propri. Blend) £20.95

2007/08 Bottle

This wine has a brick red colour and aromas of cedar and pencil shavings with spicy undertones from the Shiraz component. As the wine opens up wildflower aromas can also be found. On the palate black fruit flavours are prevalent with a delightful richness likened to Christmas cake. Soft Shiraz flavours can be found on the mid-palate with hints of farmyard. This is a unique blend of six varieties. Rich and rewarding, a wine that displays a flavour intensity of a truly memorable experience.

DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2006 - SILVER MEDAL INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2006 - SILVER MEDAL

GOOD HOPE WINERY Shiraz 2010 Bottle @ £6.95

Two mature, trellised vineyards, both in the premium Stellenbosch Appellation, on the maritime slopes overlooking False Bay. The soils are composed principally of deposited granite, which give rise to the excellent minerality of the wine, to its sound balance as well as to its spicy flavours. The Winery of GOOD HOPE Shiraz focuses on using natural methods to achieve a balanced style that promotes drinkability, but which releases flavour, spiciness, individuality, balance and freshness. The great innate attributes of Shiraz. The ultimate test is if can you drink a bottle on your own? Answer this when you're onto your second bottle...

HARTENBERG Cabernet Sauvignon - Stellenbosch 2006 (07) Bottle £13.95

Veritas Double Gold Medal winner(2008). Selected for SAA Premium Class (2007/2008). Received 4 Stars in Platters Guide to SA Wines (2008).

Shimmering with black berry and cherry flavours, Hartenberg's 2005 vintage is renowned for its full-bodied and complex richness. Soft and delicious, the king of red wine.

"Textbook cellar-worthy cab; For starters there's cassis, forest floor, ink and gentle oaky notes, then smooth taut tannins and a dense fruit core." - Platters (2007)

Classic match for rich stews, rare lamb, beef or springbok fillet, and other venison dishes.

HARTENBERG Cabernet-Shiraz 2006/07/08* Bottle ~+ £8.95

Peppery and spicy with rich berry aromas and fruit flavours, this wine has style and elegance that belies its price. You'd be pressed to find a better value for money red wine in South Africa.

Independent Tasting Note "Berry fruits, supple tannin, zesty acidity, easy drinking." - Platters (2010) Food Matching: Grilled or roasted game fish (without a lemon-based sauce), pizza (not too much chilli), stews, grills. For pudding - pears in red wine, particularly if the red wine used is this wine.

HARTENBERG Shiraz 'Gravel Hill' Stellenbosch 2005(06) Bottle £79.95

The elite winemakers in South Africa are invited to join the Cape Winemakers Guild and each year they are required to produce a small, limited production to showcase their skills. The resulting wines are sold exclusively at a charity auction for the benefit of underprivileged children in the winemaking districts. One wine has consistently dominated the auctions for fourteen years, achieving the highest price for any Shiraz in 2007 and the second highest price in the auction's history - Gravel Hill.

Gravel Hill is the brainchild of Hartenberg winemaker, Carl Schultz and for the first time ever he has decided to make this flagship wine available to a limited audience outside South Africa (very limited - as he has given the UK only 20 cases!). The wine is offered en primeur, on a strictly first come first serve basis, and will be shipped in January 2010.

"Dark black/red with a ruby rim. Gorgeous black fruit nose with violets, some black pepper and smokiness. Ripe and sweet raspberry and dark fruits with a good dash of spice. Terrific elegance to this with a hugely pleasurable and lingering finish. This can be drunk now but will continue to develop into a blockbuster if left in the cellar for a few years. As the winemakers said it is all iron fist in a velvet glove!" Drinking 2009-2015

HARTENBERG Shiraz 'The Stork' - Stellenbosch 2004 Bottle £32.95

Rated 5 Stars in Platter's South African Wine Guide (2008) and produced on the estate now ranked third in the world for Shiraz (Syrah du Monde), this is Hartenberg at its best. Hand-picked from select vines and solely on taste, expect rich black fruit flavours (dominated by cherries) white pepper, and violets on the nose. "Generous, deeply rich... from vineyards with clay soils to give a contrasting style to Gravel Hill. Awesome depth and concentration." - Platters (2008) Food Matching: Red meats with a savoury-based jus, like lamb with a rosemary crust or ostrich with a french onion dressing.

HARTENBERG Shiraz - Stellenbosch 2006 Bottle + £15.95

Silver Medal at Syrah du Monde (France) 2008 • 4 1/2 Stars in the 2007 John Platter SA Wine Guide • Selected for South African Airways "Premium Class" Service 2007

A voluptuous wine with rich concentrated spice, plumminess and big, but subtle tannins.

Hartenberg's flagship cultivar, with enough credentials to fill a cabinet.

"A highly regarded version, typically with rich fruit, smoky notes, and a fleshy accessibility... The nose a tapestry of spice, lilies, and red currants; tannins assured" - Platters (2008)

Roast duck, meat pasta or risotto, lamb chops, sautéed wild mushrooms.

KAAPZICHT Pinotage 'Steytler' 2007 Bottle + £19.95

Steytler Wines are specially selected bottlings from Kaapzicht Estate. A full-bodied and rich wine.

Very deep plum coloured rim with a dense, opaque centre. Inspired Pinotage with deep layers of rich black fruit, mulberry and spiced plums supported by beautifully integrated oak flavours; harmonious, powdery tannins give definition to the multi-layered fruit; richly textured, yet elegant with the balance to age beautifully. One of the best Pinotage's we have tasted in a long while! Enjoy now for up to 5-8 years from harvest.

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KAAPZICHT Pinotage 2007 Bottle + £10.95

This wine has a bright, pinky red colour and sweet aromas of raspberry and banana fruit topped with soft nutmeg and clove spiciness. The flavour is deep and satisfying with fruit aplenty and a hint of coffee: reminiscent of biting into a ripe berry with the sweet juice oozing, coating the mouth and following this with a cup of coffee latte. The wine's good balance makes it a winner. This is an intense, rich, full-bodied wine with tremendous power and flavour. Drink this wine with beef fillet with green peppercorn sauce, Greek Lamb or Oxtail Casserole.

KANONKOP Pinotage 2007 (08) Bottle £16.95

Full bodied structure and complex wine. Soft ripe tannins with a classic dry finish. A wine that could mature for up to 15 years.

Wine Spectator: Issue Feb 28 2010 - This red combines the dark, briary edge of the grape with rich, ripe plum sauce and notes of crushed currant and fig. A licorice snap note lingers nicely on the plush finish. Should be fun to age a bit.

LAIBACH Merlot-Cabernet 'The Ladybird' 2007/08/09* Bottle £10.95**

+ Fantastic nose, with "oodles" of fruit bursting from the glass. Blackberry, chocolate and spice, with hints of fresh leather make it an exciting experience. The wine is medium bodied with elegance and the typical Laibach "grainy" tannins. Well balanced and integrated wood supports a juicy palate. Enjoy 1 to 5 years from vintage.

Awards: Gold Medal at the South African Veritas Awards 2009 Best Red in the 2009 Nedbank Green Wine Awards (Wine Magazine Dec. 2009 issue)

RADFORD DALE Cabernet/Merlot/Shiraz 'Gravity' 2006/08* Bottle + £19.95

A blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, strived for equilibrium between natural sweetness of fruit and integration of structure. Each varietal contributes its unique facets; the Merlot its deep red-berry fruit and suave mouth-feel, the Shiraz its persevering spiciness and its gutsy, supple body; the Cabernet its blueberry backbone and dense, ripe tannins. All knitted together by patient, careful maturation. This wine bears the hallmark of the region it was reared in and the mineral soils in which it has its roots. "Bright medium ruby. Retentive, slightly reduced nose combines dark berries, plum, tobacco and eucalyptus. Sweet, tactile and deep, with flavors of cassis, chocolate, licorice and mint. Rather claret-like and Old-World in style but with extra sweetness. A broad, mouthfilling wine that's still young but already shows a suave texture."

RUSTENBERG Cabernet Sauvignon 'Peter Barlow' 2006 Bottle £24.95

+ 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from their finest vineyard. The extraordinarily expressive 2005 displays violets, mint, coffee and blackberry dominate the aroma, carrying to the palate, where they combine with smooth layers of fine-grained tannin. The palate is very concentrated and the wine will age for many years. The finest example of South African Cabernet Sauvignon and certainly world-class. Absolutely SUPERB and Robert Parker thinks is the probably the finest red wine from South Africa!

RUSTENBERG Merlot/Cabernet 'John X Merriman' 2007/08* Magnum £26.95

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Malbec. Aged in barrel for 20 months. Plum and Cigar box aromatics prelude a multi-layered palate with an elegant tannin structure. A Bordeaux blend that typifies Rustenberg terroir with good ageing potential, if cellared correctly. 4 1/2 Stars in the Platter Wine Guide 2010. A stunning wine that drinks WELL above its price! You can not fail to be impressed by this wine!

RUSTENBERG Merlot/Cabernet 'John X Merriman' 2008 Bottle @ £10.45

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WATERFORD ESTATE 'The Jem' 2005/06* Bottle + £37.95

JOHN PLATTER 4 1/2****

Strong lead pencil and cassis notes backed by Cedar & spice aromas. Typical Bordeaux structure, fine grained, well integrated tannins, soft and elegant. A long, refreshing and elegant finish which is classically dry. A great vintage with the wine best to drink between 2012 and 2020.

Walker Bay

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON 'Hannibal' (Sangiovese-Nebbiolo) 2007 Bottle £15.95

Vintage 2007 has reverted to receiving a much smaller content of Shiraz than in 2006 - This time 13%. Sangiovese dominates with 52% followed by Pinot noir at 14% then Shiraz 13%, Nebbiolo 9%, Mourvedre 9% and Barbera 3%. This wine has concentrated dark fruit nose with an austere, gentle palate weight. Tannins are velvety and offer a slow-pronounced aromatic finish!

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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON Pinot Noir 'Galpin Peak' Walker Bay 2008/09* Bottle + £20.95

Now we're talking! Wow, this is good. Bouchard Finlayson Pinot noirs are clearly terroir driven by the knowing impact of our heavy Malmesbury Shale soils which impart firm structure and robust flavour statements in each vintage. This flavour quality is further enhanced by our practice of implementing high density closely planted vines to encourage competition between individual vines! This bottling is rich with luscious soft tannins and dark-coloured forest fruits, deftly balanced on a cord of lingering plum and raspberry delights. Expected to age with appealing composure.

Western Cape

LIVING ROCK 'Classic Red' Cinsault-Ruby Cabernet 2009 Bottle + £5.45

The two varietals, Cinsault and Ruby Cabernet ideally complement each other in this most drinkable blend. Ripe redberry and blackcurrant aromas lead on to a rich, soft and fruit driven flavour. Like a good book, its hard to put down! Wonderful with food and equally so just on its own with good friends!

THANDI Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot 2009 Bottle (Fairtrade) + £6.65

The Thandi project was one of the first Black Economic Empowerment projects set up in South Africa, resulting in the workers now owning 2/3 rds of the shares. In February 2004 Thandi met stringent standards of participation, equality and democracy to become the first Fairtrade accredited winery. With close mentorship from leading wine industry figures, the community now exports top class wines to many countries around the world. 'Thandi is a Xhosa word meaning nurture, love and care, a concept that is reflected through their projects, which encapsulate the true spirit of Fairtrade. This classic blend has pleasant cassis and red berry flavours, a concentrated palate and a balanced, rounded finish. Serve at room temperature with roast lamb or beef and rich oxtail stew.

THANDI Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon 2007/09** Bottle (Fairtrade) + £6.65

A stunning Fairtrade wine. Concentrated, full-bodied modern blend with upfront dark berries and smoky aromas, smooth ripe tannins and a lingering aftertaste. This wine can be enjoyed with a range of different meat dishes but is especially suited to modern cooking.

Spain

Almansa

BODEGAS PIQUERAS Marius Reserva 2005/07 Bottle @ £6.75

From the Almansa region which lies 100km inland from Valencia and Alicante, an area of 10,000 hectares. The soil is calcareous and it has an extreme continental climate of hot summers & cold winters, together with mild springs & low rainfall ideal for producing low yield Tempranillo, Monastrell & Garnacha. The bodega was founded in 1915 & is now run by Juan Pablo Bonete & his brother Angel, who aim to produce fine wines in smallish quantities. In 2002 they moved into a brand new winery in Almansa, which bodes well for even more impressive wines.

Catalunya

ALVARO PALACIOS Camins del Priorat 2008 Bottle £14.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (May 2011) 91 points

'Palacios' entry-level, the 2008 Camins del Priorat is composed of 60% Carinena, 30% Garnacha, with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. The wine spent 3-4 months in barrique followed by tank and cask aging. It offers up an alluring perfume of smoke, spice box, incense, black cherry, plum, and blueberry. Intense, savory, and smooth textured, it has the structure and the fruit density to drink well for a decade. However, no harm will come to those who choose immediate gratification. It is a great value in Priorat wine.

Alvaro Palacios established his namesake winery in 1989. The flagship L'Ermite made its debut in 1993. Finca Dofi and L'Ermite vineyards are farmed biodynamically. All of the wines are bottled without filtration.

ALVARO PALACIOS Camins del Priorat 2008 Magnum £33.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (May 2011) 91 points

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La Mancha

Spain

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CASTILLO DEL MORO Tempranillo-Syrah 2008/09*/10 Bottle/ST + £5.95

Castillo del Moro represents the very best of modern Spanish winemaking but draws on a tradition that goes back centuries. Ruby red colour with violet tints showing its youth. To the nose it is fresh and elegant with characteristic aromas of the ripe fruit of this variety. Light, harmonic and round in the taste. Excellent with red and white meats, sauce, legumes and blue fish.

Navarra

BODEGAS PIEDEMONTE Cabernet/Merlot/Temp. 'Gamma' 2008 Bottle £6.45

Equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo, lightly oaked for 3 months. Deep red cherry colour. Aromatic, liquorice nose. Complex red fruits with a touch of spice and herbal flavours. Smooth, rounded with sweet tannins and long persistence. A sophisticated wine of personality. Excellent value.

Priorat

BODEGAS ABANICO Morayma Priorat 2005/06 Bottle £32.95

Morayma was the last Moorish queen of Spain. This wine pays homage to the influence of the Moors on the region of Priorat that today can be seen in the arched windows, terraces and castles that decorate the landscape. Celler del Pont is where Morayma, the wine, was born, and is itself a marvellous place to visit in the heart of the Priorat. Mazuelo 38%, Cabernet Sauvignon 26%, Garnacha Negra 24%, Syrah 12%. Impressive rich and long, this deep coloured wine is great with all game dishes, such as venison, boar. This wine spent 12 months in French Oak.

MAS LA MOLA Garnacha/Carignan/Cab.Sauv., Priorat 2006(07) Bottle/NC £25.95

Mas La Mola Priorat is a wine blended from 65% Garnacha, 25% Carignan and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown in a number of different vineyards on the estate which are situated between 350 and 450m above sea level. The vines are planted in different parcels in the Poboleda district, in a unique terroir of Lliorella slate slopes. Each parcel is different in terms of solar orientation, the unique microclimate that exists there, the varietals which grow and the different root-stocks used. The low yielding Garnacha and Cariñena vines are aged between 35-70 years old with the small percentages of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah produced from younger vines. Dark ruby in colour with aromas of black cherries, blueberries and a hint of spice and smoky minerality. Ripe, concentrated and elegant on the palate with plenty of black cherries and dark berry fruit. Medium to full bodied, the structure offers grippy tannins, mouth-watering acidity and a long, fruit driven finish.

Ribera del Duero

ARROCAL Tempranillo 2008 Bottle pw1 ^+ £9.95

Made in the small village of Gumiel de Mercado in the Ribera del Duero in the family's state of the art winery, this is a fabulous and modern style of Spanish wine. The wine represents great value for money and provide a juicy, black fruit profile with well integrated tannins.

BODEGAS ALION Ribera del Duero 2005 Bottle £46.95

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (June 2009) 94+

'The 2005 Alion has a captivating perfume of smoke, pencil lead, violets, truffle, cherry, and blackberry. On the palate it is medium to full-bodied, firm, sweetly-fruited, layered, and splendidly balanced. It has several years of aging potential and will offer prime drinking from 2013 to 2025. Bodegas Alion was founded in 1991 by Vega Sicilia. Grapes are sourced from vineyards next to the winery and from Vega Sicilia's own vineyards at Valbuena. Eighteen hectares of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) make up the estate.'

BODEGAS ALION Ribera del Duero 2007 Bottle £46.95

Bodegas Alion is owned by the legendary Vega Sicilia; the 2007 offers great complexity with layers of black fruit and a hint of liquorice. Full-bodied structure with some silky tannins; this wine is still very compact but will soften up with time. A must-have in your cellar.

BODEGAS ALION Ribera del Duero 2007 MAGNUM £104.95

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BODEGAS UVAGUILERA Tempranillo 'Palomero' 2005 Bottle £55.95

ROBERT PARKER 92? points

The 2005 Palomero is 100% Tinta Fino sourced from a single vineyard with vines over 80 years of age. It was aged for 23 months in new French oak before bottling without fining or filtration. Opaque purple-colored, it offers an excellent nose of toasty new oak, mineral, and black fruits. On the palate, the wine is tightly wound, brooding, and tannic. There is plenty of fruit but whether it will come into balance or stay hard and austere remains to be seen. This is not a wine for the risk-averse.

FINCA VILLACRECES Tinto (Tempranillo) 2005/06* Bottle/NC £23.95

This stunning property which was purchased by the Anton family of Izadi in 2003 is a mature vineyard on the golden mile of vineyards in Ribera del Duero. The adjoining vineyards are those of Vega Sicilia & Pingus and indeed until 2004 several of the Tempranillo vineyards were leased to Pingus for the production of Flor de Pingus. This wine is made from 86% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Merlot. It spends 16 months in French oak. A superb dark fruit nose, the palate has concentrated rich yet creamy black & cherry fruit with superb length. Great structure and balanced tannins. ROBERT PARKER 95 points (2007) - should evolve for 4-6 years and drink well through 2027.

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Spain

Ribera del Duero

NEO Punta Esencia, Ribera del Duero 2004 Bottle £55.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE 98 points "The 2004 Neo Punta Esencia has nearly as much power as the 2005 but with glossier fruit, a plush personality, and considerable elegance. Give it 6-8 years and it will reward you with a drinking window extending from 2016 to 2034. Drink 2016-2034." Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

NEO Punta Esencia, Ribera del Duero 2005 Bottle £55.95
 THE WINE ADVOCATE 96 points "The 2005 Neo Punta Esencia is a large-scaled behemoth with lots of fruit and the structure to match. It presents a superb aromatic array of toasty new oak, mineral, truffle, violets, licorice, and blackberry. On the palate it is full-bodied, weighty, and powerful leading to a rich, full-flavored finish. It should easily have a 30 year lifespan. Drink 2010-2040." Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

VEGA SICILIA Reserva Especial (2011) 'Unico' Bottle £239.50
 THE WINE ADVOCATE 99 points "The 2011 Release is rich, spicy, and complex. It has impeccable balance and another 20 years of life. It simply does not get any better. When you consider that the Reserva Especial sells for less than half the price of a Bordeaux First Growth (and you don't have to wait for 20 years for it to be approachable) it is one of the great bargains in world-class wine."

VINA PEDROSA Cepa Gavilan 2006/08 Bottle + £12.95
 One of the pioneers of Ribera del Duero, Bodegas Perez Pascuas is also one of the region's most prestigious estates. Huge care is taken in the ageing process to make sure that the wines show perfect integration and harmony, and the result is a range that, from top to bottom, shows refinement, depth, mouth-filling fruit and drinkability. An exuberant wine with a deep, ruby-red colour. Clearly distinguishable aromas of fresh fruit underscored by notes of cedar wood and liquorice with a most elegant mineral touch. Powerful and enveloping in the mouth with a very long finish. To be served over the next 6- 8 years. Grape variety: 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo). Cask ageing: 12 months.

VINA PEDROSA Reserva 2005 Bottle £33.95
 ROBERT PARKER 91 points
 "The 2004 Vina Pedrosa Reserva exhibits a more expansive complex aromatic display including floral elements black cherry and blackberry liqueur. This is followed by a firm full-bodied wine with oak tannin and acidity beautifully integrated. The wine has superb depth and concentration as well as layers of spicy black fruit flavours. It will evolve for another 5-7 years and provide pleasure through 2025."

Rioja

ARTADI Pagos Viejos 2006 Bottle £54.95
 These are phenomenally made wines, having copious fruit and good balance, but they are also exquisitely refined. The grape varieties planted here are the traditional Riojan grapes like Tempranillo and Viura. Yields from old vines are kept extremely low, and the winemaking here is both innovative and deeply traditional.
 ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (2007) 94 points: The 2006 Pagos Viejos is sourced from Tempranillo vines over 75 years of age and aged for 18 months in new French oak. The wine is inky purple with a sublime nose of pain grille, graphite, black cherry, wild blue fruits, and blackberry. This leads to a dense, plush, remarkably elegant wine which is already exhibiting some complexity. While rich enough to be enjoyed now, it will improve for 5-7 years and be at its best from 2015 to 2030.

ARTADI Rioja 'Vinas de Gain' 2006 Bottle £19.95
 Made from 100% Tempranillo on Rioja Alavesa limestone, Vinas De Gain goes from strength to strength. A tricky vintage, very hot in the first week of September, after rather a disappointing August, 2006 was 'rescued' by perfect conditions in the second half of September. The wine exhibits generous notes of hedgerow, wild strawberry and Indian spice, with the French oak affording structure and grip. The ripeness of fruit is tempered by the finely-knit tannins and the acidity is finely balanced. Black fruit and tea feature in my tasting descriptions .A classic and traditional match for suckling lamb.
 THE WINE ADVOCATE (2008) 92 points - "The 2006 Vinas de Gain is old-vine Tempranillo aged in 40% new French oak for 12-14 months. Deep crimson-colored, it offers an alluring perfume of truffle, pencil lead, vanilla, blackberry, and black cherry jam. Full bodied, the wine is opulent yet elegant. It has enough stuffing to evolve for 4-5 years and should drink well from 2012 to 2025."

BENJAMIN ROMEO Contador 2007 Bottle £245.00
 Benjamin Romeo is very ambitious for his wines, determined to produce the very best his land can provide. Rioja based, his wines stand apart from mainstream Rioja in every way possible. A painstaking selection of over twenty plots presents Benjamin with a complex set of ingredients for his blend.
 ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate 98 points - "The flagship 2007 Contador receives the same elvage as the Cueva cuvee, the difference is based entirely on selection. Deep purple in color, it surrenders an already multifaceted perfume of sandalwood, truffle, Asian spices, incense, black cherry, and blackberry. On the palate it exhibits a satin texture, intense flavors, loads of spice, impeccable balance, and an elegant personality in combination with its power. It demands 6-8 years of cellaring minimum and its drinking window will extend from 2016 to 2042."

BENJAMIN ROMEO La Vina de Andres Romeo 2004 Bottle £110.00
 Benjamin Romeo is very ambitious for his wines, determined to produce the very best his land can provide. A painstaking selection of over twenty plots presents Benjamin with a complex set of ingredients for his blend. The vineyards, some ten hectares, excluding Predicador, include a contiguous 3.5ha block, planted with bush vines, which produces La Viña de Andres.
 ROBERT PARKER 98 points - "There are a mere 200 bottles of the 2004 La Vina de Andres Romeo. This wine is tightly wound and remains an infant developmentally. Nevertheless, all the ingredients for greatness are present but it will take a decade of cellaring for them to be fully expressed. This sensational effort should easily drink well for 40-50 years like a great first growth Bordeaux."

Spain

Rioja

BODEGAS LAN Rioja 'Vina Lanciano Reserva' 2004 Bottle £18.95
 Intense garnet colour. Complex and powerful nose with fruity aromas and hints of vanilla. Elegant on palate with good balance and harmony leading to a long pleasant finish. Accompanies fine food especially red meats.
 Robert Parker 91 Points - "Vina Lanciano, a blend of 80% Tempranillo and 20% Mazuelo aged in barrel for 18 months. Purple in color, it sports a captivating nose of toast, tobacco, incense, espresso, lavender, and black cherry. Mouth-filling on the palate, it has layers of fruit, a plush personality, and a sense of elegance. It will continue to blossom for several more years and offer a drinking window extending from 2014 to 2029. Bodegas Lan's latest releases are uniformly first-class."

RAMON BILBAO Rioja Crianza 2007 Bottle \$+ £8.95
 An updated classic wine, that is aged in American oak barrels. It is versatile, fruity and balanced. Aromas of ripe wild berries accompanied by balsamic notes, with a subtle background of vanilla, pepper and bay leaf. Really easy drinking with a velvety mid palate and then a delicious moreish lingering, spicy finish.

RAMON BILBAO Rioja Red 'Monte Llano' (Tempranillo) 2009 Bottle \$+ £6.95
 An approachable soft fruity Spanish red wine, with lovely ripe fruit flavours. Easy drinking in style

VINA ALBERGADA Rioja Crianza 2008 Bottle + £6.95
 Bursting with sweet damson and soft plum fruit this young vines Tempranillo is deliciously easy-drinking and can happily be drunk chilled. Opaque purple-coloured, with layers of fruit the Rioja has an incredibly sweet mid-palate of black fruits intermixed with subtle spice, concentrated yet incredibly soft and elegant on the finish.

Rioja (Alavesa)

ALCORTA Rioja Crianza 2006/07 Bottle @ £7.25
 Made with 100 % Tempranillo Grapes. A perfumed bouquet of red berry fruits, with hints of toasted wood & spices, smooth & full bodied with a long finish.

ALCORTA Rioja Reserva 2005 Bottle @ £8.45
 This wine is made from Tempranillo grapes that are aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels and then a further 18 months in bottle before they are released for you to enjoy drinking. Aromas and flavours of ripe red fruits with vanilla and toasty oak notes create a velvety delicious spanish red. Embracing, velvety and persistent.

VINA IZADI Rioja Crianza (now Reserva) 2005/06* Magnum £23.95
 According to the Wine Spectator: "A chewy texture yields flavours of black cherry, plum, coffee and earth in this red. A bit rustic, but has concentration. Clean finish. Drink now through 2010." (06/08) This is great stuff!

VINA IZADI Rioja Crianza (now Reserva) 2005/06* Bottle/NC** £10.95
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 Vina Izadi is based in Villabuena in Rioja Alavesa, the highest part of Rioja. It was founded in 1987 by Gonzalo Anton in an effort to 'satisfy the needs of our friends over a meal' as they put it. This has clearly gone from strength to strength as the wines they now produce are really modern wines in an international style, but which remain true to their Riojan roots. The 2006 wine has very intense aromas of red berry, plum fruit and cedar wood, with the red fruit coming through very nicely on the palate, balanced by a clean floral structure and nicely rounded tannins. This is certainly a wine that can be drunk now, but will happily keep for another couple of years at least. The tannins are mellow, the fruit beautifully integrated with subtle vanilla and mocha notes.

Rioja (Alta)

BARON DE ONA Rioja Reserva 2004 Bottle £17.95
 High robe dark cherry red, clear and bright, with dark pinkish tones on the edge of the glass. An intense but fresh mentholated aroma with hints of blackberries and cranberries against a balsamic background of "After Eight" chocolate, cedar and liquorice. Well structured and balanced to the palate, with tannins typical of ripe grapes and fine wood. Medium aftertaste reminiscent of noble wood, balsam and liquorice, ensuring a long and elegant bouquet after time in the bottle.

BODEGAS LAN Rioja Crianza 2005(06) Magnum £16.95
 With a very bright ruby colour and a bouquet that shows elegant oak ageing, with fine vanilla touches, this wine has wonderful clean flavours and a persistent finish leaving pleasant memories of a top quality Rioja. Recommended for casual drinking or with starters, vegetables, poultry, meat stews and dry cheeses.

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BODEGAS LAN Rioja Gran Reserva 2003 Bottle + £16.95
 The 2003 Gran reserva from Bodegas LAN is a classic aged Rioja, made from old vine Tempranillo and aged for three years in cask before bottling with additional bottle age before release. This well priced Gran Reserva is mature and elegant. Brick red tint, delicate branried cherry fruit and fully integrated barrel character. Elegant and well balanced in the mouth.

Red Wine

Spain

Rioja (Alta)

BODEGAS LAN Rioja Reserva 'Culmen' 2004(05) Bottle £49.95
14%alc

Only produced in exceptional vintages, the Culmen has a defined, ripe-fruit nose, with hints of plums, cherries and wild berries. Well-balanced and powerful, this delicious red is layered with spiced, dark roasted and mineral nuances. Full-bodied in the mouth with good depth and sweet, mature tannins. Food: The Culmen Reserva is lovely with Spanish charcuterie and cheeses. WINE SPECTATOR 96 points

"This beautiful modern red offers a velvety texture supported by ripe well-integrated tannins and plenty of sweet toasty oak. Plum and boysenberry fruit is ripe and fresh. Very expressive yet with great concentration. Mineral and tobacco notes add complexity. Powerful and complete. Drink now through 2025. 750 cases made."

BODEGAS LAN Rioja Reserva 2004/05 Magnum £22.95

Brilliant ripe black cherry red color with good depth. Fruity aromas with elegant nuances of fine wood. Perfect with stews, spiced dishes, legumes and cured cheeses. Critical acclaim: #52 Wine Spectator Top 100 !A silky texture carries expressive flavours of black plum, violet, licorice and smoke in this focused, balanced red. Has good intensity yet remains vibrant and accessible. Drink now through 2012. 90 Points

BODEGAS LAN Rioja Reserva 2005 Bottle £10.95

From one of the best vintages in recent memory in Rioja, this Reserva spends 12 months in new American oak and 24 months in the bottle before it is released. The amazing raw materials that were given to Bodegas Lan were not wasted here, the wine shows incredible spicy aromatics of sandalwood and liquorice. Fully integrated and bursting with flavour, this is packed with blackberry, cherries, sweet black tea, leather and a subtle peppery spice with hints of chocolate. The wine is finished with clean, unobtrusive oak and has a good, long finish. A good match for beef stew, lamb chops or a nice cheddar cheese.

WINE SPECTATOR 90 points: A silky texture carries expressive flavors of black plum violet liquorice and smoke in this focused balanced red. Has good intensity yet remains vibrant and accessible. Drink now through 2012.

CRIAADORES Rioja Crianza 'Castillo Clavijo' 2006/07* Bottle** @ £6.95

The vineyards surround the village of Clavijo, which lies at the foot of the rocky crag upon which the Castillo de Clavijo is situated. Rioja is the oldest wine appellation in Spain. Microclimate with moderate rainfall. Variety of soils; calcareous, clay, limestone, sandy, stoney. Elegant, well-balanced Crianza Rioja with deep, mulberry, cinnamon and plum fruit. The blend is 90% Tempranillo, 10% Garnacha grapes.

CRIAADORES Rioja Tempranillo 'Castillo Clavijo' N.V. Bottle @ £5.95

Garnet colour with purple glints, the wine has a nose of black cherries. With good intensity and smooth complexity with aromas of ripe red-berries, spices and vanilla, the palate of ripe fruit is soft and creamy with just enough tannin. Long finish in which the ripe fruit dominates.

HERENCIA REMONDO Rioja Crianza 'La Montesa' 2006/07 Bottle** + £12.95

This old family firm has been revitalised by the arrival of Alvaro Palacios who has already made his name, starting from scratch, with his extraordinary Priorato wines. He is now intent on bringing the family Rioja company into the front line. The wines are made from their own vineyards, a rarity in the Rioja region. This is a beautifully made, elegant Crianza, offering sweet, herb-tinged, smoky black cherry and currant fruit, lovely freshness, medium body, silky tannin, and a long, persistent finish. Drink over the next 4/5 years.

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Gran Reserva '890' 1994/95* Bottle £79.95

Made predominantly from the Tempranillo grape (85%) with small quantities of Graciano and Mazuelo this elegant wine is only made in the very best vintages after a very strict grape selection. It is a velvety wine that spends 8 years in cask and 6 years in bottle before being released. ROBERT PARKER 95 points "The 1995 Gran Reserva 890 has a slightly deeper color than the 904. It offers a similar alluring fragrance but more grip, richness, and intensity. The wine is very long with a 60+ second finish, the personification of classic Rioja at its best. Drink it now through 2020. La Rioja Alta continues to be one of the benchmarks for traditionally produced Rioja. What the wines may lack in power, they make up for in finesse and complexity. The winery has just released its first "modern-styled" Rioja, called Marques de Haro, and it is a success.

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Gran Reserva '904' 1997 Bottle + £34.95

Typical red colour, with brick tones on the edge of the glass. Medium robe, clear and brilliant. Long, penetrating and complex bouquet, with hints of spices, balsam and old leather against a background of ripe fruit. Well-structured to the palate, with silky, rich tannins, ending with some acidity so this wine will keep well. Excellent aftertaste, with persistent balsamic and spicy hints. Excellent with main dishes and chocolate desserts.

In a world beguiled by juicy fruit and the vibrancy of youth, this is a classic bottle, accelerated to maturity by five years in the barrel. Mature, gamey nose and concentrated flavour. La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 1997 is a great wine of enormous length.

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Reserva 'Vina Alberdi' 2003 Bottle £13.95

Bright cherry red, with a medium robe and light pinkish highlights in the glass. Intense, very fresh aroma, with hints of wild strawberries and sweet raspberries, perfectly assembled with balsamic hints of cinnamon, roasting, coconut and vanilla. Round and well-bodied to the palate, slightly acid and therefore lively. Smooth, silky tannins, thanks to perfectly ripened grapes and ageing in the cask. Good, slightly acid and fresh after-taste.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Viña Alberdi 2003 is perfect with aperitifs, rice, potato stews, small game and mid-cured cheese.

Spain

Rioja (Alta)

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Reserva 'Vina Arana' 2001 Bottle/NC £18.95

Made mostly with Tempranillo (90%) and also with Graciano grapes. Aged for three years in the barrel and two years in the bottle. It has the typical style which gave the region, and especially the Haro area, its reputation: smooth, fine, elegant, balanced and complex. This wine is soft, spicy and has real power that is delivered in a velvet glove. Mellow and dry on the finish, this shows why Rioja is so special.

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Reserva 'Vina Ardanza' 2000 Bottle £21.95

A blend of Tempranillo (75%) and Garnacha this wine has been aged for 36 months in cask and 24 months in bottle. It is intense with spicy fruit and full and round with a long finish. ROBERT PARKER 'Gets my nod as one of Spain's three top producers. Their great Reservas are the finest in Spain, as well as among the greatest red wines produced in the world. The 2000 Reserva Vina Ardanza has 25% Garnacha blended with the Tempranillo. Light to medium ruby, it delivers an enticing bouquet of cedar, spice box, leather, forest floor, black cherry, and blackberry. This leads to a ripe, moderately dense wine with complex flavors and excellent balance. Drink this tasty effort through 2015'.

LA RIOJA ALTA Rioja Reserva 'Vina Ardanza' 2000 Magnum £45.95

A blend of Tempranillo (75%) and Garnacha this wine has been aged for 36 months in cask and 24 months in bottle. It is intense with spicy fruit and full and round with a long finish. ROBERT PARKER 'Gets my nod as one of Spain's three top producers. Their great Reservas are the finest in Spain, as well as among the greatest red wines produced in the world. The 2000 Reserva Vina Ardanza has 25% Garnacha blended with the Tempranillo. Light to medium ruby, it delivers an enticing bouquet of cedar, spice box, leather, forest floor, black cherry, and blackberry. This leads to a ripe, moderately dense wine with complex flavors and excellent balance. Drink this tasty effort through 2015'.

LUIS CANA Rioja Reserva 'Familia' 2003 Bottle £16.95

A reserva wine specially selected to represent the epitome of great Rioja. Dark garnet red colour with a pronounced bouquet of ripe strawberries and plums. Deep, rich and savoury on the palate showing well integrated tannins, elegant, silky fruit and subtle oak.

Sardon del Duero

ABADIA RETUERTA Rivola Tinto 2009 Bottle ~+ £13.45

Rivola is made from 60% Tempranillo and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, grown on predominantly calcareous soils, with patches of sand and pebbles. This solid red delivers cherry, plum, licorice and mint flavors, a bit austere but fresh and clean. Pretty berry and floral notes emerge on the finish.

This wine arises from a careful selection of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from the best plots on our estate. Aging for twelve months in casks highlights its unique character. Its personality makes it a pleasant, warm, complex wine, perfect for tasting and drinking any time, especially with tapas or lamb.

Toro

CAMPO ALEGRE (Francois Lurton & Michel Rolland) Toro 2007 Bottle £15.95

Second wine of Campo Eliseo. This silky smooth red is packed full of blackcurrant and black cherry fruit, with hints of oak spice and black pepper. It is rich and full bodied, with soft tannins, balanced acidity and a long finish. Delicious now, it has the structure to age 5-7 years from vintage. ROBERT PARKER 90 points

The 2007 Campo Alegre is 100% Tinta de Toro aged for 18 months in French oak. It proffers a classy bouquet of cedar, Asian spices, violets, espresso, and blackberry. Full-bodied and mouth-filling on the palate, it contains enough ripe tannin to evolve for another 2-3 years and should provide prime drinking through 2019. Jay Miller

NUMANTHIA Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo) 2007 Bottle £36.95

Any aspiring collectors should add a case of this to their stash. The vines for this cuvee range from 70-100 years of age with tiny yields of 1 ton of fruit per acre. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in barrel followed by 19 months in new French oak before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. The wine is a glass-coating opaque purple with a killer nose of mineral, pencil lead, wild blueberry, and blackberry liqueur that roars from the glass. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, dense, and already beginning to show complexity within its layers of spicy black fruits. There is immense power, well-concealed ripe tannin, and the well-delineated finish lasts for over one minute. This is a sensational effort which in a perfect world should be cellared for a decade and enjoyed over the following 25+ years.

VEGA SICILIA Bodegas Pintia 'Toro' 2006 Bottle £39.95

ROBERT PARKER 95 points 'Bodegas Pintia is owned by Vega Sicilia. Pintia is located further west along the Duero River inside the warmer D.O. of Toro. The estate owns 96 hectares of land. The first vintage released was the 2001. As for the 2005 Pintia, it is 100% Tinta de Toro aged for one year in new French and American oak. Opaque purple-colored, it offers a complex perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry. This leads to a full-bodied, ripe, layered wine with intense flavors, serious complexity, and exceptional length. It has enough structure to unfold for another 4-6 years and drink well through 2025.'

Red Wine

Spain

Toro

VEGA SICILIA Bodegas Pintia 'Toro' 2007 MAGNUM £88.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93+ points 'The 2007 Pintia was sourced from 50% ungrafted Tinta de Toro (Tempranillo) vines and aged in 100% new French and American oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it shows off a compelling bouquet of wood smoke, scorched earth, mineral, incense, blackberry, and licorice. Already complex on the palate, this full-bodied offering is dense, succulent, and structured. Give this lengthy Toro another 5-7 years of cellaring and drink it from 2016 to 2032, if not longer.

Bodegas Pintia, a 96 hectare estate, is owned by Vega Sicilia. Pintia is located further west along the Duero River inside the warmer DO of Toro.'

VEGA SICILIA Unico 1994 Bottle £295.00

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (June 2005) 98 points 'This bodega has produced many profound wines, but the 1994 Unico Reserva may be the greatest vintage released since their legendary 1970 and 1968. A truly prodigious effort, it boasts an opaque ruby/purple color as well as a gorgeously sweet, expansive bouquet of sweet cherries interwoven with black currant, truffle, licorice, and scorched earth aromas. Full-bodied, potent, powerful, and well-delineated with crisp acidity, sweet but noticeable tannin, a multidimensional, expansive, layered palate feel, and a pure yet refreshing finish, it should be a wine for the history books. Anticipated maturity: now-2035.'

VEGA SICILIA Unico 1999 Bottle £225.00

ROBERT PARKER The Wine Advocate (July 2009) 97 points 'Released after 10 years aging in cask and bottle. Medium to deep garnet-brick colour. The nose is distinctly earthy with notes of loam, forest floor, leather and tobacco leaf complimenting intense fruit aromas of crushed cherries, raspberry compote and plums. The concentrated, full bodied palate reveals elegant crafting with a good intensity of dark berry fruit and savoury, meaty flavours supported by medium+ acidity and a medium level of silky tannins. Very long finish.'

VEGA SICILIA Valbuena 2006 Bottle £97.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE 92 points 'The 2006 Valbuena is in bottle but not yet released. It displays aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, mineral, Asian spices, incense, and blackberry. Savory, structured, and elegant on the palate, it will benefit from another 6-8 years of cellaring and drink well through 2021.'

Various Other

Georgia

ORVELA Saperavi - Kakheti Region 2005 Bottle £16.95

Georgia, nestling against the backdrop of the Caucasus mountains in the foothills of the Caucasus mountains between the Black and Caspian seas, has produced wine for thousands of years and is the original birthplace or "cradle of wine". A large range of historic grape varieties, resulting in highly individual wines, which intrigue and delight the palate, makes Georgia unique as a contemporary wine producer. The Orvela is a grand wine, a sort of 1er cru Saperavi. The colour is typically opaque and the palate is exuberantly tasty and fruity bearing black mulberry, blackberry and cherry flavours and that characteristic Saperavi acidity. The tannins are pronounced yet velvety and oak maturation complements rather than detracts.

Rose Wine

America

California

REDTREE White Zinfandel 2009 (10) Bottle + £6.95

An off dry pink wine from California from Zinfandel grapes - the first free run juice using the saignée technique, and at the same time making the red wine produced from Zinfandel more concentrated. This wine is crammed with wild strawberries, creamy raspberries and has a delicious, crisp finish.

Australia

South, Barossa Vall.

CHARLES MELTON 'Rose of Virginia' 2010 Bottle \$+ £14.95

A wonderfully rich style. Exotic, almost turkish delight aromatics leap from the glass. The Grenache (46%) shows its true colours in the perfume, and the Cabernet and Shiraz add texture to the palate whilst still allowing the wine to retain a lightness of touch for which the Rose of Virginia is known. A pinch of Pinot Meunier and Mataro add just the merest hint of spice.

Victoria

INNOCENT BYSTANDER Rose 2010 Bottle £9.95

Delicate floral nose with hints of sherbet & musk. Wizz Fizz & fresh rose petals. Palate: Fresh, crisp and dry. Notes of crab apple, gooseberry and cranberries. Food: Trout salad. Cheese platter. Vanilla tart.

Chile

Maipo Valley

CHOCALAN Rose Syrah-Petit Verdot 2010 Bottle + £8.95

Paired with masterful winemaking and careful nurturing for each vine, these are the ingredients of the winery's success. This wine is an eager cherry-red color, Chocalán Rose shows fruity flavors, leaded by raspberries and ripe red fruits with lightly spiced tones. Gentle and fresh with a well-balanced acidity that gives vivacious juiciness and a long finish. This wine does well before, during or after dinner with a variety of cuisines. Serve chilled.

France - Bordeaux

A.O.C. Generic

CHATEAU HAUT RIAN Rose Bordeaux 2010 Bottle + £7.25

This Rose is always a real success, vibrant and juicy. It is made from a blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Franc grapes. Michel Dietrich worked in Australia for 6 years prior to settling in Rions and he has brought all of his winemaking heritage and world wide expertise combined with his immense passion for wine to produce this superb range of wines.

France - Loire

Anjou

ROSE D'ANJOU 'Les Ligeriens' 2009/10 (2010 ST) Bottle + £5.95

A lovely fruity Rosé wine with off dry to medium summer fruit flavours. (Medium in style) Very easy drinking

Chinon

COULY DUTHEIL Chinon Rose 2010 Bottle + £9.50

Made from 100% Cabernet Franc grapes the prestigious Couly Dutheil brand presents a very fruity wine, fine, elegant, delicious and well-balanced perfect with fish and seafood, salad and cheese. The rosé you need for your summer holidays! The Chinon region in the Loire valley with its semi-oceanic climate, sunny, mild days and wonderful terroir, is a winemaker's dream. Couly-Dutheil is a family estate founded in the early 20th century by René Couly and Madeleine Dutheil and The Clos de l'Echo vineyard opposite the castle is owned by descendants of the founders. The gravel strewn terraces of Vienne produce fruity, easy-drinking wines, while the steep clay-limestone hillsides give birth to round, elegant cuvées. A combination of care, attention and expertise has produced some real Chinon classics.

Sancerre

France - Loire

Sancerre

HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre Rose 'Les Baronnes' 2009 Bottle £14.95

An acclaimed producer whose wines exhibit the complexity of the terroir of Chavignol, being chalky with a touch of gunflint, initially steely, then ripeness in the mouth with a broad array of flavours and wonderful length. Sancerre is one of the most famous wines in France. Sancerre is also a very beautiful village with a typical castle in the Loire valley. 'Les Baronnes' comes from the slopes separating the Chavignol from Sancerre, the terroir being an amalgam of clay and limestone chalk and is more vinous and herbaceous than it's white cousins with notes of elderflower and Ivy as well as ripe kiwi fruit. Masses of ripe red berry flavours make this fantastic summer drinking. Try this rosé chilled to accompany a summer picnic - very refreshing.

HUBERT BROCHARD Sancerre Rose 'Collines Blanches' 2009/10 Bottle + £11.95

100% Pinot Noir that has been aged for a short time in cask to add complexity to the palate. Light and bursting with red berry fruit with nuances of spice and liquorice. Best served slightly chilled but not excessively so. It makes a great wine for lunchtime drinking. This brand new vintage is just in and we are delighted with it.

Touraine

BRETON Petillant Naturelle Rose 'La Ritournelle' 2009 Bottle £13.95

Petillant Originel (Pet Nat) sparkling wine, to which sugar and yeast may not be added, is a product of the Loire Valley's Montlouis appellation. A touch pinker it is a blend of Gamay and Pinot Noir, with an endearing suave, savoury, peppery quality and a shade more persistence on the palate intermixed with morello cherry notes. Very small volume wine. Only 900 bottles made!

France - Rhone

Cotes du Rhone AOC

LA VILLASSE Cotes du Rhone Rose 2010 Bottle ~+ £7.95

Winemaker Matt Thompson from New Zealand and St Clair fame sure does get around - he makes this delicious rose in conjunction with local Thierry Caymaris. A blend, classically, of Cinsault & Grenache combine to provide a wine of surprising depth and flavour. Full and smooth with a scent of wild strawberries on the palate. Mouth-filling, fragrant and fresh. Excellent!

PAUL JABOULET AINE Cotes du Rhone Rose 'Parallele 45' 2009 Bottle/NC \$+ £8.95

This Côtes du Rhône takes its name from the 45th North parallel which runs two kilometres from our cellars. In the village of Pont de l'Isère, a monument symbolises this line with an inscription: "The South begins here". This wine has had this name since the beginning of the 1950s. Grape Variety: 50% Grenache ; 40% Cinsault ; 10% Syrah. Colour: Attractive salmon pink colour, with brilliant tint. Bouquet: Intense and rich with very ripe berries. Palate: Ample and generous with tart red berries and an attractive final note of freshness. Matching Food and Wine: Millefeuille of beetroot with fresh goat's cheese, Summer salads / Grilled and exotic foods.

Tavel

PRIEURE DE MONTEZARGUES Tavel Rose 2010 Bottle 13.5%Alc ^^^+ £11.95

This delicious Rose is vibrant salmon-pink in colour, with a superb fruit fragrance offset by slight floral notes. Bone dry, full bodied and succulently fruity on the palate, its lush intensity and depth are balanced by an extraordinarily refreshing acidity carrying into a long, crisp finish with vibrant peppery nuances. The winery specialize in this wine style and only make Tavel Rose and well over 90% is sold locally from the gate, such is their reputation in the area! Drinks beautifully with or without food, a very classy Rose!

France - South of

Cabardes

CHATEAU DE PENNAUTIER Rose 'Classique' 2010 Bottle £7.45

@ Made from Cot 33%, Grenache 33% and Syrah 33% this wine has a bright, rose petal colour and a delicate but powerful nose, reminiscent of small fruits (raspberry, blackcurrant) and liquorice. Good attack on the palate, both round and lively. A lovely fruity wine with a long finish that will drink well with barbecues and white meat dishes.

Corbieres

Rose Wine

France - South of

Corbières

CHATEAU OLLIEUX ROMANIS Rose 2010 Bottle £7.95
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The Château Ollieux-Romanis is a magnificent property, surrounded by old vines and olive trees or 'Ollieux'. It has been owned by the same family since 1860. The oldest Carignan vines were planted in 1896. Wine is an important part of the family history. Jacqueline Bories was probably the first woman to vinify wine in the Languedoc at a time when wine was a man's affair. Avoiding the temptations of fashion, she developed the potential of traditional grape varieties often considered as being of a low quality level: Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache gris, Alicante. This is a rosé with a difference! Bright salmon in colour with ruby shades. Beautifully structured with delicate tannins, this rosé, made from the Cinsault grape is soft and fresh with a touch of spice, black berries and grapefruit. Try this with Méditerranéan or exotic dishes.

Coteaux de Languedoc

DOMAINE DE NIZAS Rose AOC 2009 Bottle #@ £7.95
SYRAH, MOURVEDRE, GRENACHE Part of the domaine's 'Flagship' wines, evoking the Mediterranean in aroma and taste. They perfectly express the terroir treasure of Pézenas and embody the Domaine's style of balance, elegance and complexity. This is crisp with lip-smacking delicate flavours of frozen strawberries. Very dry, but fruit intensity lingers. Lovely. "Firm and powerful, with focus and balance to the dried berry, cherry and plum flavours. Offers interesting hints of white chocolate and spice. Drink now". Kim Marcus - Wine Spectator May 2009

MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC Reserve de Gassac Rose 2008 Bottle £8.95
(Organic) +
A classy rosé! Perfect with barbecues, salad and fruit dessert. Dark pink with ruby glints and aromas of strawberry and cherry with hints of white peach. Good acidity, lively and well balanced with roundness ending with more strawberry notes. Blend of 55% Syrah and 45% Grenache. 35 year old vines.

Cotes de Provence

CHATEAU D'ASTROS Cotes de Provence Rose 2010 Bottle £8.45
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Pale pink-salmon colour, this classic, popular style of French Rose has delicious ripe fruit flavours of soft berry fruits. Ideal as an aperitif.

CHATEAU D'OLLIERES Provence Rose 2009/2010 Bottle £8.95
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Grenache 50%, Cinsault 50% - This pinkish Classic of the Castle of Ollières is a supple and aromatic wine that requires all our attention. Coming from a traditional assembly, it is composed from grenache and cinsault. This is a true rose from Provence - good freshness, delicious floral fruit and refreshing spiciness.

CHATEAU SAINT BAILLON Rose 'Reserve' Cotes de Provence £10.95
2010 Bottle (DIS) +
Located amongst 200ha of vines, orchards and forests north-west of Saint-Tropez this 16th Century Chateau adds a touch of Cote d'Azur glamour to our list. The estate grows Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault and focuses on the production of classic pale pink Provencal rose - a fine way to while away a summer afternoon. Classic Provence rose. Pale pink colour with a lovely nose of delicate red fruits. Plenty of fruit on the palate with balanced acidity and an elegant structure. Very fresh and clean.

DOMAINE LA SUFFRENE Bandol Rose 2009/10 Bottle £12.95
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Consisting of Mourvedre (40%), Cinsault (30%), Grenache (20%), and Carignan (10%), the 2009 Domaine La Suffrene Bandol Rose is so enticing. An attractive salmon pink with a slightly orange tint, the floral nose was packed with fresh red fruits, strawberries, and a touch of citrus. The wines acidity, grapefruit flavors and elegant meaty finish make for a wonderful food wine or as an aperitif. Bandol being the most serious wines of Provence typically are a deep-flavoured, lush red blend dominated by the Mourvedre grape. This southern corner is one of the few parts in France in which Mourvedre, the characteristic grape of Bandol, can be relied upon to fully ripen in the intense heat of the Mediterranean sun.

Vin de Pays d'Oc

LARGESSE Syrah Rose 2009 Bottle + £6.95
A gorgeous pink, refreshing wine. With amazing aromas of strawberry, watermelon & rose petal. A palate of red fresh berry fruit & a slightly herbaceous character. A lovely light easy drinking wine.

Italy

GRAN SASSO Rose Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Cerasuolo 2010 Bottle £7.95

Apulia

Italy

Apulia

A MANO Rosato 2010 Bottle @ £7.95
Mark Shannon and Elvezia Sbalchiero, the duo behind Puglia's A Mano, have worked in the wine business for most of their lives. Elvezia is a northern Italian wine-marketing expert and Mark is Californian winemaker. They fell in love with Puglia, and when they decided to start their own brand, made it their home. Puglia has always been known for its Rosati so it was no surprise when Mark and Elvezia turned their attention to this style. This rosato is bright pink in colour with strawberry and rose petal notes from the Negroamaro and touches of raspberry fruit from the Primitivo. It is a full-bodied rosé with all the flavour of a red wine combined with the delicacy and freshness usually found in white wines.

Friuli-Ven-Giulia

LAMBERTI Pinot Grigio Blush 2009/10***** Bottle fr1 #@ £6.45
A massive hit, this great little number combines the two fastest growing categories in the UK into one wine. Pinot Grigio is a pink skinned cousin of Pinot Noir with just enough colour in the skins to add a pale blush colour to the juice, along with some subtle red berry fruit. The result is a chillable rose with the magic PG on the label and a taste drinkers never seem to tire of. Pale and light with subtle raspberry and strawberry notes adding to classic lemon and apple Pinot Grigio notes. A hint of juicy sweetness on the palate makes it all the more delicious.

Veneto

ALPHA ZETA Rosato 'R' 2009(10) Bottle + £5.75
The grapes for these wines are sourced from vineyards in the Valpantena and Monteforte d'Alpone valleys, both of which are to the east of Verona. Once the grapes arrive at the winery, it is then Matt's job to ensure that these flavours are retained in the finished wine, and this he does admirably. Vibrant pink in aspect, with perfumed aromas of cherry blossom, violets and ripe cherries, leading to a palate of ripe strawberry, red cherry, with some underlying pepperiness. Pair with grilled meats and fish.

CA' DEI FRATI Rosa dei Frati 'Garda Classico' Charetto 2010 Bottle + £12.95
In the not too wide panorama of the Italian rosée wines, the Garda Classico Charetto represent one of the most typical expression of the hinterland of the Garda area. This wine has been always obtained from a cuvée of Barbera, Groppello, Marzemino and Sangiovese grapes, that are vinified with great care, allowing a slight contact of the must with the skins. The Charetto of Cà dei frati, although delicate in its style and particularly suitable to feminine taste, evolves into a wine full of dignity, thanks to a structure which allows it to resist at its best, without yieldings, for at least one year. Served fresh, but not icy, it will surely be a "discovery" if served with sliced salami, "risotti" or pasta with mushrooms or vegetables, as well as with the classic fish recipes of the local cuisine (tench with beans, eel with pears, pike- or carp-rissoles with polenta, etc.)

CASA DEFRA Pinot Grigio Rose 2009/10* Bottle #+ £5.95
A good example of this dry to medium dry white with a touch of pink. Fresh strawberries and peach flavours.

PONTE PIETRA Pinot Grigio 'Rosato' 2010 Bottle #~@ £7.45
When Pinot Grigio is left on the vine until fully ripe the skin takes on a dark pinky hue. Any maceration with the skins will then result in a coppery coloured wine which is traditionally called 'Ramato'. In the UK it has become known as rosato but this can be any type of pink wine. This great wine from Ponte Pietra is made in such a way. It has lovely feminine delicacy and is supremely gluggable even on cold winters nights with a good pasta and fish dish. The fruit is gentle and cherry scented and marries well with the floral nuances of the Ramato style. The palate is easy and fresh with a cut of acidity to the finish. Highly drinkable and a Management favourite!

ROSA BIANCA Pinot Grigio Rosato 2009 Bottle + £6.45
Beautiful coral and salmon pink colour and delicate aromas of strawberry and peach lead to a soft palate of redcurrant, cranberry and stone fruit. The finish is refreshingly dry with a clean citrus fruit. Overall a delicious wine, with enough zest to match antipasta and seafood, & delicious with pan dried scallops. However this wine also drinks beautifully on its own. A lovely summer wine!

Portugal

SOGRAPE Mateus Rose N.V. Bottle 11%alc + £4.90
The grapes from which Mateus Rose is made are carefully selected from the best quality red varieties grown in Northern Portugal. The greatest care is taken at all stages of production, from vintage through to bottling, thus ensuring that the highest possible standards of quality are consistently maintained. A method called "bica aberta" with long fermentation under controlled temperatures is used to achieve the particularly well-balanced, fresh and fruity quality of the wine.

South Africa

Rose Wine

South Africa

Paarl

AVONDALE Dry Rose (Muscat/Mourvedre) 2009 Bottle £7.95

A magnitude of fruit aromas arrest you, jump at you and takes over your nose. They are sweet Muscat flavours of rose petal and potpourri, with complex and interesting Mourvedre flavours following. This adds complexity to the palate. The wine appears sweet, yet it finishes completely dry.

Robertson

RIETVALLEI Cabernet Sauvignon 'Wild Rush' Cape Rose 2010 Bottle \$@ £5.95

Created by Kobus Burger at the Rietvallei Estate in the Robertson region, the Wild Rush rosé uses Cabernet from vineyards planted on the highest hill of the region called 'Klippiessdal' in rich limestone soil. This rosé wine is made by bleeding the juice off the Cabernet skins, a method that preserves delicate aromas and varietal character. It has attractive summer fruit flavours of strawberry and redcurrant and a crisp refreshing acidity. This is the best vintage we have ever tasted from them.

Spain

BODEGAS CASTANO Rosado 2010 Bottle + £7.95

Produced from 90% Monastrell with the rest split equally between Syrah and Cabernet, the 2010 Castaño Rosado is a deep-pink colored, dry rosé with an excellent nose of cassis, red currants and black cherries. These flavours are repeated on the dry, medium-bodied palate with a hint of minerality in the background. With rich, meaty fruit flavors, this is a hearty rosé that should go well with pork and fowl. Drink this excellent value over the next 12-18 months.

Basque

AMEZTOI Txakoli Rosado 2009 Bottle £10.95

Our good friend Tim Wildman MW has been a champion of this distinctive pink Txakoli since its introduction a few years ago and was very keen for the Dunell's team to taste it. This Basque wine, made in the town of Getaria along the coast near San Sebastian is lean and mineral with just a whiff of unripe strawberry aroma. This light, pink, slightly bubbly, utterly refreshing, festively dry rosado is much in demand and hard to find in retail shops. Great to see a wine at 10.5% ABV too so if you fancy a lighter wine, this is for you! The wine is light, flinty, slightly effervescent and grapefruit tart. Food: This is a palate-cleaning wine to accompany bar foods, or to get you ready for whatever's next on the menu. Small salty fish are an appropriate pairing, or fresh, firm-fleshed green olives.

La Mancha

CASTILLO DEL MORO Tempranillo Rosado 2010 Bottle £5.95
13%Alc

This delicious Rosado from southern Spain is crammed full of succulent wild strawberry, raspberry and cranberry fruit. Crisp and well balanced.

Rioja

HONORIO RUBIO Rioja Tremendus Claret 2009/10* Bottle £6.95

The vineyards surround the small town of Cordovin in La Rioja Alta 20km south of Haro, 30km south east of Logroño. This area is famous in northern Spain for making "El Claret de Cordovin", a light refreshing rosé style wine. Cordovin is widely known because of the unique style of Rioja wine produced in the region, the so called clarete. It is mistakenly classified by many as rosé. Clarete visually resembles rosé but the method of production is different. Maceration is on the skins of both white and red grapes before the juice is drawn off and fermentation takes place. This process essentially creates a white wine with a pale pink colour. Bone dry and fresh with subtle red fruit flavours and a pleasant creaminess from lees ageing. Food: This is a kind of Spanish equivalent to Provence pink and it goes well locally with baked fish dishes & South-East Asian cuisine.

Sparkling Wine

Argentina

Mendoza

CATENA 'Alamos' Extra Brut Sparkling N.V. Bottle £7.95

This is a blend of 50% Chardonnay and 50% Pinot Noir, of specially selected clones for sparkling wine production. The grapes were sourced from our vineyards in Tupungato, planted at 5000 feet elevation. The Chardonnay base wine offers intense aromatics and good length. The Pinot Noir counterpart ensures a good acid balance adding structure and complexity to the final blend. The secondary fermentation and "liqueur de tirage" confer a delicate sparkling wine of tiny, persistent bubbles, packed with citrus, white flowers and freshly baked bread aromatics. The mouthfeel is rich, with exceptional structure and a fresh lengthy finish.

LOIS Espumante Malbec Rose 'Blanc de Noir' Brut N.V. Bottle £9.95

When a winery chooses to work with only one grape variety – no matter the variety – the options for producing a range of wines might, on the face of it, seem a tad limited. Enrique Foster has chosen this route with total conviction in the knowledge that his beloved old Malbec vines can produce not one, but a number of exceptionally good, full-bodied reds, each with distinct personalities. Now, with this delicious sparkling wine, the rationale has been extended further. The wine is a beautiful, delicate pale pink colour (quite unusual for Argentina). It is dry and crisp with lovely summer fruit notes on the nose, vivacious on the palate with tightly packed tiny bubbles, finishing with a delicious raspberry lick and a subtle touch of brioche richness.

San Rafael

VALENTIN BIANCHI Extra Brut Sparkling N.V. Bottle £8.95

The Bianchi family winery was founded in 1928 by Italian immigrant Valentin Bianchi and now covers 350 hectares of vineyard. It is now run by the third generation, headed by Enzo Bianchi. Until recently a sleeping giant that was dependent largely on the domestic market, they have undergone a gradual transformation and modernisation in the past few years. The Bianchi Brut is not only one of Argentina's most impressive sparkling wines, but also stands up to the best that the rest of the world has to offer at this price. It has nice biscuity fruit on the nose and good richness on the palate. Fresh and clean, it finishes dry.

Australia

South Australia

GREENPOINT by Moet Brut 'Methode Traditionelle' N.V. Bottle £12.95
12.5%alc

Mid to light straw yellow with floral notes and subtle toasty aromas. The wine has a creamy and soft front palate, which continues to a lingering Brut (dry) finish. Flavours of white peach, honey and roasted nuts blend harmoniously to create a complex wine with a refreshing finish. Green Point Non Vintage Brut is a fresh and delicious sparkling wine, combining rich flavour and superb delicacy. Cool climate grapes provide a delicate fruit core, intertwined with subtle yeast character. A blend of cool regions including Central Victorian Highlands, Strathbogie Ranges, King Valley and Yarra Valley.

South, Coonawarra

HOLLICK Sparkling Merlot 2006/08* Bottle £16.95

The variety Merlot lends itself ideally to wines of this style. Intense fruit flavours and soft structure carry through to the finished wine after secondary fermentation. The base wine is fermented as usual for dry red wine, and matured in two year old French oak for twelve months prior to re-fermentation. The colour is bright violet red in its youth but the wine will develop brick red hues with bottle maturation. The wine displays beguiling aromas of blackberries, mulberries and violets. It displays intriguing texture in the mouth, offering a silky mouthfeel which is enhanced by the delicate bead in the wine. Immediately evident on the palate are sweet fruit flavours of cherries, mulberries and plums. Cellar for 5 to 10 years. It is a perfect party starter and is also an ideal accompaniment to scrambled eggs and smoked salmon for breakfast.

PETALUMA Croser Brut 2007 Bottle £18.95

This is an exceptional Australian sparkler made in the Champagne Method. Made by the maverick Brian Croser, an exceptionally talented, driven and opinionated individual who has arguably done more for the cause of Aussie wine in the last thirty years than anyone. Petaluma is one of Australia's most important producers, famous for seeking out the finest terroirs in South Australia rather than taking a one-size-fits-all approach to its grapes. This is refined, elegant sparkling wine, with smoky, creme brulee aromas backing up the zesty citrus and pineapple flavours.

"One of the finest vintages of Croser to date, this is a fresh, pure sparkling wine with a hint of rose petal perfume on the bouquet and a beautifully clean primary lemon fruit palate. A fine bead and a long finish complete a refreshing aperitif style." 94 Points Tyson Stelzer (Australia), 01 Nov 09

Victoria

Australia

Victoria

INNOCENT BYSTANDER Pink Moscato Sparkling 2010 Half/CC £6.45

5.5%alc fr1+

Great things come in small packages. This tiny little Pink Moscato has become a great big phenomenon. And, why not? It's the very definition of fun. Originating in northern Italy's Piedmont, it is light in alcohol, fantastically fizzy and shows summer fruits, rose petal and Turkish delight. We suggest serving with a straw.

90 PTS STEPHEN TANZER. The '10 Innocent Bystander Pink Moscato has fresh lime, peach and raspberry preserves on the nose; juicy, gently sweet red berry and pit fruit flavors; extremely easy to drink. Only 5.5 Alcohol.

TALTARNI Sparkling Brut 2008 Bottle \$@ £13.95

Traditional method, fermented in this bottle for a minimum of 18 months on lees, an expert blend including components of oak matured reserve and premium Tasmanian base wines. Notice the fine streaming bead and the delightful waft of freshly baked bread that introduces subtle aromas of ripe peach citrus rind and apple. The palate soon fills with these flavours, complemented by the soft, creamy, persistent mousse and a full flavoured, enticing, long lingering finish. Recently disgorged, this is a vibrant superior quality sparkling wine that will enhance any celebration. The ideal aperitif to match most small party bites, freshly shucked oysters or sesame crusted scallops. Drinks equally well right through a meal. Try prawn and mango salad, or roast salmon.

TALTARNI Sparkling Brut Rose 'Tache' 2008/09 Bottle £13.95

A unique rosé sparkling wine crafted from a traditional blend of three varieties- chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier. This premium vintage estate wine delights with its pale onion skin salmon hue and subtle berry and yeast aromas that introduce a creamy delicate palate enriched with gentle strawberry shortcake notes. The ideal match for raw seafood sushi and sashimi, prawns or slow roasted Atlantic salmon. Tingles well with Thai food too. ROBERT PARKER 90 points '...delightful, well-priced sparkling. A dash of red wine liqueur is added to the finished triage wine at disgorgement to create the salmon pink color. The nose offers rose petal, peach, apricot, and wheat thin scents leading to a sparkler with a steady, persistent stream of small bubbles and red berry and nutty flavors. On the palate the wine is dry and refreshing, with a long, clean finish.'

France - Bordeaux

A.O.C. Generic

FAVORY Cremant de Bordeaux Brut Sparkling N.V. Bottle £9.95

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We just had to bring this wine back to Dunell's! Made by our great friend Armand Schuster de Ballwill, this Crémant is a real favourite. It was created in 1990 (and named after one of Armand's spectacular Lipizzaner Stallions), replacing the previous AC Bordeaux Mousseux. Made in the traditional method, producers are allowed to use any or all of these grapes in the blend: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Carmenère, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Colombard, Muscadelle, and Ugni Blanc. Some of the grapes, such as Carmenère, Colombard and Ugni Blanc are planted in Bordeaux strictly for use in fizz. A wonderful meal starter, or enjoy it with your fish course.

France - Burgundy

Bourgogne A.O.C.

ROGER LUQUET Cremant de Bourgogne N.V. Bottle £10.95

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This Cremant (100% CHARDONNAY) receives particular care. Harvesting is done by hand before being carried to the cellar in perforated containers. Slowly and carefully, the grapes are then pressed (on the basis of 150 kg of harvest for 100 litres of juice) and vinified in the traditional method.

100% CHARDONNAY for finesse and elegance, BRUT as well as full-bodied, rich, fruity and supple. Light coloured and pleasant, it is a feast in itself!

This elegant sparkling wine will be welcome at all occasions, from the very simplest to the most formal.

Perfect as an aperitif, it may be appreciated on its own or with a fruit liquor. During the meal, serve it with fish and grilled shellfish. At the end of the meal, it goes particularly well with fruit-based desserts. One last piece of advice : there is no need to age it.

France - Loire

Vouvray

Sparkling Wine

France - Loire

Vouvray

DOMAINE VIGNEAU-CHEVREAU Vouvray Petillant Brut N.V. £10.95

Bottle +

Each time we taste in Michel Vigneau's corridor-like cave cut deep into the hillside above Chançay, we are bowled over by the sheer quality of his immensely pleasurable wines. And this year was no exception – it was almost impossible to tear ourselves away. As the vines have aged, the monopole Clos de Rougemont, from a small vineyard close to Tours, has even greater depth of flavour, and a delicious long dry finish. IA truly stellar Vouvray! The delicious, more forward Vouvray Sec is from heavier, clay soils. The moelleux wines are quite magnificent, and have developed mature, complex flavours. Made from 100% Chenin Blanc this fantastic sparkler is loaded with crisp green apples, key lime pie, hints of apricot and honey on the finish, as a bonus, smooth lively bubbles. All his wines are Biodynamic.

France - South of

Coteaux de Languedoc

MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC Frizant Rose 2007/08*/09 Bottle £13.95

(Organic) +

There are seriously limited quantities of this naturally sparkling wine, produced from young Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown in the Gassac valley. Indeed, we only produce 12,000 bottles each year.

It's simply sumptuous, very fruity, with tiny bubbles and splendidly fresh. The Rosé Frizant de Daumas Gassac is truly an ideal alternative to Champagne.

Italy

Veneto

BISOL Prosecco 'Crede' 2009/10*** Bottle + £13.45

"Beautifully fresh nose, filled with floral and crisp pear fruit, touches of straw and elegant apple notes. Palate filling and medium-bodied, with a nicely soft, but persistent mousse. Lovely sweet-edged fruit quality with white fruits leading into a clean finish with that hint of sweetness washed away by a sweep of acidity."

Producer info Prosecco has been a relentless social climber in recent years; chic, fashionable, attractive, it is Milan to Champagne's Paris. Bisol are one of the leading lights of Prosecco, growing all their only fruit (something of a rarity in this part of the world) and a history stretching back half a millennia. The house style promotes freshness, fruit and elegance – three words we are more than happy to find in any glass of wines, and especially one full of bubbles.

BISOL Prosecco 'Jeio' N.V. Bottle @ £9.65

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BORG DEL COL ALTO Raboso Rosato Vino Spumante N.V. £9.45

Bottle @

This is a soprano glissimo - a delicate sparkling pink wine made from the Raboso grape, grown in fertile vineyards of northeast Italy in the region of Treviso. It is fragrant with summer fruit aromas, fresh and lively on the palate, dry, crisp and all too easy to drink. Perfect as an aperitif, but matches well with fish soups, grilled fish and mushroom dishes.

CANTINA BERNARDI Prosecco N.V. Bottle (Crown Cap) + £8.95

A delicious, easy drinking lightly sparkling style of Prosecco with a mischievous sapidity as an Italian might say. The nose suggests blanched almonds, white flowers and pearskin; the palate is soft and clean with apple and quince fruit flavours with a naturally off-dry finish.

DE STEFANI Prosecco N.V. Bottle + £9.95

For four generations the De Stefani family has had a passion for grape vine growing and the art of producing fine wines. This wine is produced with Prosecco grapes of the "Colvendrame" estate on the hills of Refrontolo, where the wide changes of temperature from day to night preserve the intense fruity aroma of this sparkling wine. It is light, very pleasant and is ideal as an aperitif, with starters and seafood.

VILLA ARMELLINA Prosecco Spumante N.V. Bottle £7.95

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This delicate Prosecco Spumante is pale yellow in colour with fine bubbles. It has gentle floral aromas and apple fruit on the palate with hints of flowers and honey. Crisp and well balanced, it is the perfect aperitif, as well as a good match for fish and seafood.

New Zealand

LINDAUER Brut Rose Sparkling N.V. Bottle (DIS) + £8.95

Made from a blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc and Pinotage grapes grown in the Marlborough, Hawke's Bay and Gisborne regions this sparkling wine shows great power and body; the result of careful blending of the base wines. It has a pinky gold colour, with the hue coming from the black skin of the Pinot Noir grape. On the nose it has a yeasty and toasty bouquet showing excellent maturity from prolonged bottle maturation on lees. It is full on the palate with a pleasant, steady mousse and elegant aroma. The extra tannin from the Pinot Noir and Pinotage grapes makes Lindauer Rosé an excellent choice to accompany lighter red meat dishes.

LINDAUER Brut Sparkling N.V. Bottle (DIS) + £8.95

Made from a blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc grown in the Marlborough, Hawke's Bay and Gisborne regions this wine is full on the palate with a pleasant, steady mousse and elegant aroma. Yeasty and toasty on the nose it shows excellent maturity from prolonged bottle maturation on lees. The palate is crisp, complex and well balanced, with a full flavour and lasting taste. This is a versatile bottle-fermented sparkling wine that can be served as an aperitif or with any style of food.

South Africa

Robertson

GRAHAM BECK Brut Rose N.V. Bottle + £9.95

This finely crafted creation with its charming silver-pink blush and exuberant character is a Cap Classique destined for those who appreciate a fizz with flair. Flirtatious and fun with pin-prick tiny bubbles that burst gently and exhilaratingly on your tongue, it's a single no celebration or sunset should be without.

GRAHAM BECK Brut Rose Sparkling 2008 Bottle fr1 £11.45

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One of the great New World sparklers, this rosé is made from 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Chardonnay using the traditional method made famous in Champagne. Crisp and fresh, but with real depth of fruit (far more than the colder parts of northern France can manage), it is simply a delicious glass of fizz and a perfect celebration wine whether you are toasting the happy couple at a wedding or just the fact it is Friday night. Lots of ripe strawberries from the Pinot Noir on the nose with a creamy Chardonnay fruit playing second-fiddle. The palate explodes with raspberry fruit together with sherberty apples and biscuit notes on the finish.

GRAHAM BECK Brut Sparkling 'Blanc de Blancs' 2006/07* Bottle £11.45

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A 100% chardonnay Méthode Cap Classique made from grapes grown in Robertson's limestone soils. Only the premium juice is selected for this wine, 50% of which was fermented in Piece Champenoise barrels to ensure richness and an added dimension of flavour. After blending this wood-matured wine with chardonnay fermented in stainless steel, the wine was bottled for the second fermentation with yeast contact for at least 48 months. The result is a complex, full-bodied sparkling wine with yeasty aromas and a creamy complexity on the palate. Recent winner at VERITAS (One of South Africa's leading wine competitions) - DOUBLE GOLD

GRAHAM BECK Brut Sparkling N.V. Bottle £9.95

A Graham Beck classic. This Méthode Cap Classique is made at the Robertson Cellar from a blend of 50% chardonnay and 50% pinot noir. The two varieties were blended separately and then crossblended, bottled and left for 24 months to undergo secondary fermentation in the bottle. The wine is characterised by light, yeasty aromas, a rich and creamy complexity, with the fine mousse giving it freshness and finesse. Great with seafood and light meats.

Spain

Alella

TORRE DEL GALL Cava Brut N.V. Bottle + £7.95

The Tower of the Rooster' refers to an ancient guard tower sited along the Roman road, Via Augusta, that runs alongside the vineyards. Both the Brut Reserva and Rosado have been selected by us to represent the quality and value that Cava can offer. The wines are aged for more than 12 months on their lees prior to disgorgement and release for maximum richness and complexity. Clean, crisp fizz with apple and citrus notes on the palate. Aged for more than 12 months on its lees. Grape varietal, Macebeo, Parellada and Xarel Lo. The taste is dry, yet smooth and well balanced.

Various Other

United Kingdom

Sparkling Wine

Various Other

United Kingdom

CHAPEL DOWN Sparkling Brut N.V. Bottle + £17.95

This elegant, traditional method sparkling wine has been carefully vinified from a selection of Rivaner, Reichensteiner and Pinot Noir grapes. Extensive bottle maturation ensures true style and complexity. Serve lightly chilled on its own or with food.

White Wine

America

California

FROG'S LEAP Chardonnay - Napa Valley 2009 Bottle £18.45
"Crisp and clean" are not often ascribed to a California Chardonnay but with a nod to the great white wines of the old world, the 2009 Frog's Leap Chardonnay is just that. Vivid flavours of green apple, citrus and peach are delicately touched with hints of vanilla and toast. The interplay of fresh fruit and bright acidity, marked by notes of wet stone and slate, offer fantastic complexity and drive the wine's clean, refreshing finish. A vibrant wine to sip on its own, the Chardonnay is also a fantastic companion to seafood dishes, freshly shucked oysters and even mild cheeses.

HESS COLLECTION SELECT Chardonnay 2008/09 Bottle £10.95
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Tropical aromas of freshly-cut pineapple and ripe pear. A soft entry of well-balanced fruit and oak persists all the way to a pleasing finish of honeydew melon and crème brûlée. 9 months in French Oak (30% new) This wine's natural acidity complements tangy, spicy foods and will offset the richness of creamier dishes. Enjoy with Asian chicken salad, grilled tuna with melted anchovy butter and lemon, or a creamy pasta dish with Portobello mushrooms.

HESS COLLECTION SELECT Sauvignon Blanc 2007/09 Bottle £10.95
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Aromas of gooseberry and kiwi play nicely with flavors of lychee, lemongrass and ruby grapefruit. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and neutral, 5- to 6-year-old French oak barrels. It was not allowed to go through malolactic fermentation in order to retain its crisp acidity. The bright acidity pairs well with salty and sweet combinations such as prosciutto-wrapped grilled peaches, fresh basil and tomatoes, chopped raw vegetable salads and fresh goat cheese.

HESS COLLECTION Su'skol Vineyard Napa Chardonnay 2008 Bottle £15.95
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Su'skol Vineyard's close proximity to the San Francisco Bay, with its marine influences of morning fog and afternoon breezes, creates an ideal climate for growing Chardonnay. Tasting Notes: The 2008 Hess Collection Su'skol Napa Valley Chardonnay displays Asian pear and honeysuckle aromas with Clementine tangerine on the palate. The wine manages to capture the fruit in an impressive choreography of pleasing acidity and subtle oak by aging it for nine months in 20% new French oak barrels. Winemakers comments: Flavors of lemon and orange zest mix on the palate with ripe tropical fruit flavors of pineapple and apricot, balanced by a hint of French Oak. This medium-bodied wine is floral and aromatic with refreshing acidity on the finish.

RIDGE VINEYARDS Monte Bello Chardonnay 2007 Bottle £51.95
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Intense medley of pear, apple, fig, pineapple. Citrus blossom, creme brulee, crushed rock/mineral, lemon zest. Rich, oily texture. Deep flavors. Firm acidity balanced by sweet fruit. 82% aged in air-dried American oak & 18% French oak barrels (40% new, 41% one and two years, 19% three years old) Aging: Sixteen months in barrel. Enjoyable now for its elegance and rich fruit, this superb - but limited - bottling will continue to develop over the next 7 years.

SHAFER VINEYARDS Chardonnay 'Red Shoulder Ranch' 2007 Bottle £37.95
ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'The 2007 Chardonnay Red Shoulder Ranch is a return to the brilliance of this cuvee. Excellent acidity backs up considerable tropical fruit notes offered in a medium to full-bodied, zesty, substantial format. There is little evidence of oak in either its aromas or flavors. Drink it over the next several years as this is not a style that ages longer than 3-4 years.'

Washington State

CHATEAU SAINTE MICHELE Dry Riesling 2007/09 Bottle £9.95
"We made a special dry Riesling just for the Northwest for the past 15 years. Slowly we started hearing from customers in other parts of the country who wanted this drier style Riesling. Starting with the 2006 vintage, we were able to make it available nationwide. The Chateau Ste. Michelle Dry Riesling is a dry, crisp, refreshing style of Riesling with beautiful forward fruit flavors, crisp acidity and an elegant finish. It offers brisk, Riesling character of white peach and mandarin oranges with a clean finish. For the 2007 bottling, we were looking for even more minerality and citrus character by sourcing more fruit from the cooler Yakima Valley. This is an incredibly versatile food wine and my new favorite with oysters." Bob Bertheau, Head Winemaker

CHATEAU SAINTE MICHELE Eroica Riesling 2007/08** Bottle** £15.95
Truly an intermingling of philosophy, technique and mentality, Old World and New. Eroica is the fruit of a winemaking collaboration between Chateau Ste. Michelle's Bob Bertheau and famed Mosel winemaker Ernst Loosen. It begins in their Columbia Valley vineyards and progresses through every step in the cellar. "This Eroica shows the crisp acidity of the 2007 vintage. The wine delivers mandarin orange and sweet lime aromas and flavors with subtle mineral notes. The cooler September, along with selecting fruit from higher elevation and cooler sites, contributed to the mouth-watering acidity balanced by beautiful Washington Riesling fruit. I have found this wine to be an amazing pairing with sweet, flavorful Dungeness crab." - Bob Bertheau, Head Winemaker GREAT WITH: Asian Noodle Salad

Argentina

Mendoza

Mendoza

CATENA 'Alamos' Chardonnay 2009/10 Bottle + £6.95
The colour is straw yellow with light green hues. The nose is focused and intense with ripe tropical fruit aromas with a hint of mineral. The mouthfeel is bright and crisp with sweet fruit flavours, excellent acidity and light notes of vanilla and toast.

CATENA 'Alta' Chardonnay 2007/08* Bottle** + £18.95
100% barrel fermented and 12 months in French oak. At almost 5,000 feet elevation in the Andean foothills, the Adrianna vineyard's pebble covered soils and cool climate are ideal for growing Chardonnay. The fruit from the Adrianna vineyard has a purity of flavours and a minerality that is particular to this vineyard and can not be found anywhere else in Mendoza. Catena Alta Chardonnay is made from a special lot, rows 5 through 38, of the Adrianna vineyard. This wine undergoes a demanding selection process in both the vineyard and the winery. This is a very limited volume wine, exhibiting the finest white wine making in Argentina. This full and rich Chardonnay has a nose of stone and tropical fruits with background toastiness. A full bodied palate with wonderful rich fruit flavours completes the picture. Wonderful!

CATENA Chardonnay 2008/09** Bottle** + £10.95
Nicolas Catena was the third generation of his family to make wine in Mendoza but the first to see the potential in planting higher and higher vineyards in search of cool climate sites ideal for the production of fine wine. Today, over a decade on from the first Catena Malbec in 1994, he works with his daughter Laura (who extraordinarily juggles her work as an ER surgeon in San Francisco with the family business) in their relentless pursuit of the finest possible quality wines from their unique vineyard lands. The high-altitude and cool climate of the vineyards gives this wine a crisp, elegant style. Apple, melon and nutty peach fruit with a soft, creamy texture - all wrapped up in some tightly wound citrusy acidity.

LUIGI BOSCA Sauvignon Blanc Reserva 2008/09 Bottle £9.45
Greenish yellow with steely tints. Aroma of blackcurrant and grapefruit. Delightful acidity. Velvety texture and marked glycerine. Fresh, with grapey flavour. Excellent with fish, white meat, seafood, oysters and asparagus and with dishes with little seasoning. Serve at between 10°-12°C and consume within 2 years of vintage.

PULENTA ESTATE Pinot Gris - Mendoza 2009/10* Bottle £7.95
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With the love of Pinot Grigio (Pinot Gris is it's clone), it is always great to try out the wonders of this grape variety. Really lovely, fresh, bright and aromatic white. Ripe pear and spice with citrus fruits. Great all rounder and should be a real crowd pleaser. Crisp and tangy with ripe fresh citrus, pear and melon. Very balanced acidity keeping it fresh and clean. Will be great for asian foods or fish. Fabulous presentation too.

Australia

D'ARENBERG Riesling/Sauvignon Blanc/ Marsanne The Stump Jump 08/09 Bottle +** £7.95
The name 'Stump Jump' pays homage to a significant South Australian invention – the Stump Jump plough. As well as clearing the land around McLaren Vale, it was adopted worldwide in the late 19th century because of its ability to ride over stumps and gnarled roots, saving valuable time and energy. The nose is aromatic, fresh and lively with abundance of fruit including pineapple, lemon, melon and green mango. Citrus blossom and a touch of pistachio nut from the Marsanne shine through. The palate is equally complex with gooseberry joining the fruit spectrum. It's a unique blend but it works with Marsanne adding good weight to the palate and the Sauvignon Blanc providing a touch of elegance. It's all framed nicely around the linear acidity and freshness of the Riesling. In summary, it's a cracker.

N.S.W. Murray River

LANTANA Semillon/Chardonnay - N.S.W. Murray River 2009 Bottle + £6.95
The name Lantana wines are named after an exotic plant that thrives in Australia. Anthony Murphy has produced a 'bang for bucks' duo that really do over-deliver fruit and flavour for their price point. This blend has resulted in a fresh fragrant lighter style showing attractive aromas of straw and tropical fruits. The palate is light and soft making the wine very easy drinking. Serve chilled. A wine to drink young and fresh with Asian food especially Thai & Malaysian dishes. Also try with chicken salad or chicken casseroles.

South Australia

REDFIN Semillion/Sauvignon 2010 Bottle + £6.95
Redfn was created by Liberty Wines, working with winemaker Tim James, with the specific aim of producing wines from Australia that once again generated excitement at this price level. 52% of the fruit for this wine is sourced from the Adelaide Hills with the remaining 48% coming from the McLaren Vale. The cool nights in the Adelaide Hills ensures an accumulation of elegant and aromatic fruit flavours in the grapes, something that gives this wine its pungency, while the fruit from the warmer McLaren Vale lends depth and fullness to the wine. Bright, pale lemon green in colour. On the nose intense notes of tropical fruit salad, passionfruit, lychee and mango are balanced by a crisp edge of lime. A lively palate with good fruit intensity and a balanced crispness of refreshing acidity which gives the wine its good length. 63% Semillon, 37% Sauvignon Blanc

White Wine

Australia

South, Adelaide Hill

D'ARENBERG Sauvignon Blanc 'The Stump Jump' 2009/10 Bottle £7.95

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The expressive nose is herbaceous with gooseberries, passionfruit and pear. The palate is all a Sauvignon Blanc should be, clean fresh and full of fruit characters. Passionfruit gooseberries and pear return along with lychee and tropical fruits. With a well integrated backbone the flavours linger as long as you can resist taking another sip.

ONE CHAIN VINEYARDS Sauv-Riesling 'The Opportunist' 2010 Bottle ~@ £6.45

The lovely crisp refreshing white wine is vibrant and grassy, and its grapefruit tinged fruit is testament to the work of an Opportunist. We think this will be superb with Thai or fusion style food or why not just enjoy a glass on its own.

SHAW & SMITH Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills 2009/10****Bottle/ST + £10.95

Made from 100% Adelaide Hills grapes, the wine is unwooded to maximize varietal punch. The aroma has restrained Sauvignon grassiness coupled with riper fruit characters. The palate is fresh and lively with pure varietal flavours and crisp acidity. The Shaw and Smith style is unoaked to maximise its fresh varietal character and overall tangy, zippy flavours. A young refreshing wine with attractive varietal flavours and lively acidity. A benchmark for Australian Sauvignon Blanc.

South, Barossa Vall.

PENFOLDS Chardonnay 'Yattarna' 2008 Bottle/Stelvin £64.95

Launched in 1998 with the 1995 vintage, Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay is the result of one of the most comprehensive, focussed and highly publicised wine development projects ever conducted in Australia. The aspiration and independence of mind across generations of Penfolds winemaking inspired the winery to embark on a program to create a white wine that could one day rival the standards of Penfolds Grange. Selectively sourcing only the very best Chardonnay fruit from cool-climate regions, coupled with sensitive and enlightened winemaking, the style continues to evolve. Yattarna reflects Penfolds' patience and continued commitment to its original goal, its very name being drawn from the Aboriginal language, meaning 'little by little, gradually'. Each vintage provides the opportunity to further raise the quality bar. 5***** "Bright, energetic wine with lively acidity and yet an ethereal texture. Linear and layered - surprisingly Burgundian in style. Multi-flavoured with a myriad of characters emerging with subtlety. Very stylish, a complete Chardonnay."

PETER LEHMANN Riesling 'Art Series' 2008/09/10 Bottle £7.45

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The Barossa has a long and enviable history of being a great producer of Riesling, the white wine variety held by many to be the noblest of all. Most winemakers we know would nominate Riesling as their white wine of choice. Peter Lehmann in fact has often declared on many occasions that Riesling would be his white of choice if he found himself cast away on the proverbial desert island! Bottled immediately and enclosed under screwcap, these wines are wonderfully crisp and refreshing. An attractive pale yellow colour with green tints, it shows delightful citrus characters and hints of nectarine. The palate shows zesty lemon flavours and a taut clean finish.

South, Clare Valley

JEFF GROSSET Riesling 'Polish Hill' 2010 Bottle £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 89 points 'The 2006 Dry Riesling "Polish Hill" offers similar aromatics but has a more austere personality. It has outstanding grip and intensity but is tightly wound at the present. It will certainly live for 10+ years but how much pleasure this intellectually styled Riesling might eventually deliver only time will tell.'

PETALUMA Chardonnay 2006 Bottle (DIS) £17.95

The fruit smell is crunchy, white peachy, an attractive mealiness. Cool baby pineapple and temperate orchard fruit, bursting in the mouth, yet tight and controlled steely characters keep things together, with mealy, nutty oak expressions. The texture is pure Piccadilly Chardonnay, viscous without oiliness, leading to a dry finish without hardness. An outstanding Petaluma Chardonnay vintage that offers real mouth-watering properties across the palate. "Although similar to a smart white burgundy in aroma and flavour, this will outlive many of those wines!" -Daily Mail UK

PIKES Riesling/Viognier/Chenin/Sauvignon 'The White Mullet' 2009/10* Bottle + £8.75

Gorgeous nose filled with fresh and zingy aromas. Lychees and fruit salad with great viognier touches to bring out the marzipan flavours. Lovely weight and complexity with soft palate leading to a bone dry finish. Great presentation too - love the name. Only 12% alcohol too so great for those who want a lighter style of wine, without foregoing the flavour. An unpretentious wine. Will be wonderful with seafood.

South, Coonawarra

HOLLICK Reserve Chardonnay 'Bond Road' 2007/2010 Bottle £13.45

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An exceptional Chardonnay that is straw yellow in colour with green tinges at the rim. With age it will develop deep golden hues. Rich and lifted aromas of white peach, honey dew and citrus blossom resonate over butterscotch, toasted almond, flint and subtle spice. The full and complex palate of fresh fruit and mineral notes compliment the soft, creamy mouth feel. A succulent and balanced wine with an elegant structure, fine texture and excellent persistence. Cellaring: Cellar with confidence for 3 to 5 years to enhance the wine's richness and complexity.

Australia

South, McLaren Vale

D'ARENBERG Marsanne-Viognier 'The Hermit Crab' 2008 Bottle £9.45

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Clear brilliant appearance with tints of green and yellow suggesting a fresh young wine with little influence of oak. Overall the aromas are a combination of the above with nectarine/peach stone notes, green melon rind, and citrus notes with a freshly ground almond background. The palate is vibrant and expresses plenty of ripe fruit characters with good tightness and control. Flavours range from tropical fruits, nectarine juice, quince, ginger notes with a lovely dry, green melon character. There is plenty of intensity and softness with a hint of lees character to add a little more complexity. The finish has moderate length with good flowery, nutty, mineral notes that complete the wine in a most attractive manner. Chill and enjoy for any occasion. Food Pairings: This wine is great for fusion style seafood dishes.

D'ARENBERG Viognier 'The Last Ditch' 2006/08**** Bottle £10.95

In its youth, d'Arenberg's 'The Last Ditch' Viognier is a brilliant, mid-straw colour with lifted nectarine, white peach and apricot dominated aromas, as well as enveloping rose and ginger. These also dominate the young palate where thick and viscous fruit showing rose, nectarine and white peaches develop into an unctuous long lasting palate showing ginger and spices; a complex wine offering a huge spectrum of flavours. With bottle age, the wine should develop in colour to a richer, bright-gold. The aroma should also develop in complexity to become dominated by yellow peaches and tropical fruits but all still supported by rose, spices and ginger on the nose and palate. In the mouth, an older Last Ditch will maintain peach and apricot fruit-based flavour but also be distinguished with a fine edge of acidity.

Tasmania

TAMAR RIDGE Gewurztraminer 'Keyena Vineyards' 2007 Bottle £13.95

The Keyena Vineyard range of wines offers pristine varietal definition, great purity of fruit character, and the refreshing acidity which is the hallmark of genuine cool climate wine. This is quite a big wine with mouthfilling flavours of tropical fruits and spices. The fruit weight gives it excellent mouthfeel while the finish shows firm tannins and soft acidity.

Victoria

BINDI Quartz Chardonnay 2008 Bottle £49.95

'Bindi', 50 kilometers north-west of Melbourne in the Macedon Ranges, is the family property of the Dhillon family. Their vineyard and winemaking philosophy is to seek balance and purity in the expression of our various individual vineyard sites and this philosophy is applied to farming and conservation at 'Bindi'; the preservation of the natural harmony. Eastendcellars.com wrote "Perhaps the most powerful wine of the vintage. Here the vineyard speaks strongly and the nose is restrained in fruit (citrus with white flowers thrown in). The mineral characters and nuttiness dominate. And the palate is emphatic with enormous volume and mouth feel. It is a very interesting Quartz and is even more than usual about stones and minerals. It should drink particularly well over the next half dozen years and perhaps beyond."

Victoria, Mornington

TEN MINUTES BY TRACTOR Chardonnay 10X 2008/09 Bottle £20.95

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With three exquisitely picturesque vineyards roughly a ten-minute tractor ride from each other, the eponymous Ten Minutes by Tractor winery makes one sit up and take notice. Hailed as a "five star winery" by James Halliday, the wines regularly feature in the recommendations of Australian wine guru, Huon Hooke, not to mention getting full marks from Jancis Robinson M.W. "Palest lemon in colour with a complex nose featuring intense aromas of zested lemon rind, toasted hazelnut, honey and ripe white peach. On the palate, fruit is more restrained; citrus fruit, with secondary notes of rich toasted nuts and honey. The crisp acidity is balanced by mid-palate glycerols and alcohol. A restrained elegant style with complex richness and mineral notes on the finish."

Victoria, Yarra Vall

INNOCENT BYSTANDER Pinot Gris, Yarra Valley 2009/10 Bottle £10.95

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Classic grape from France's Alsace; it's made for food and this new wave white is on everyone's lips. Sauv Blanc and Chardy drinkers are departing in droves for the sexy PG. Its pinky-grey skins produce a crunchy-crisp, appley and textural wine, which adores fish, spicy food and, naturally, Strasbourg sausage. Tasting notes: NOSE: Fresh, Nashi pears, apples, apple crumble, jasmine, pickled ginger.

PALATE: Crunchy texture with zingy, racy acidity, lime zest, Granny Smith apples, fresh celery hearts, crushed Kafir lime leaves, honeydew and finishes with cold slate and minerals. FOOD: California rolls, sushi, sashimi, freshly shucked oysters, chicken salad, tomato and fresh goat's curd bruchetta. CHEESE: White mould, fresh goat's curd.

PHI Chardonnay 'Lusitania Park Vineyard' 2006/07 Bottle £21.95

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De Bortoli and Shelmerdine joined forces to create these single vineyard wines and having been established since 1985, Lusatia Park in the Yarra Valley was chosen for the project. Deriving from the 21st letter of the ancient Greek alphabet, PHI is a symbol of perfect balance and harmony. A lovely hazelnut flavour is blended with a fantastic minerality. This Chardonnay is lean and very European in style. EXCELLENT WITH: White meat dishes, pasta with light sauces and seafood.

Western Australia

White Wine

Australia

Western Australia

HELLFIRE BAY Chardonnay 2009/10** Bottle + £7.95

The name 'Hellfire Bay' was given to the bay by early immigrants to Western Australia after they sailed through St. Elmo's fire. The Hellfire Bay wines 'over-deliver' in every way! The wine is pale straw in colour with fresh perfumes of ripe melon, a hint of grapefruit and lemon peel, balanced by a nutty, toasty creaminess. It is still fresh with nice weight on the palate, but has an attractive fullness with a touch of spicy oak. Fresh flavours and crispness carry through to the finish. It is medium bodied with a great texture.

MAD FISH Sauvignon/Semillon 2010 Bottle/st + £8.95

This wine is pale straw in appearance with tinges of green. With a combination of riper white peach, melon aromas, finer grapefruit and citrus characters the nose exhibits a wonderful aromatic drive bursting with fruity esters. The palate displays complexity with layers of fruit flavours balanced against the leaner, elegant citrus flavours. The finish is generous and long with a clean acid thrust. This wine can be enjoyed immediately but the fine acid structure and balance will reward those who can resist temptation. Cellar this wine for up to three years.

MAD FISH Unwooded Chardonnay 2008/09*** Bottle £8.95

In the glass, the wine appears crisp, displaying fresh green tinges to the pale straw colour. The nose is typical of cool climate Chardonnay - melons and peach supported by finer grapefruit and mandarin aromas. The array of flavours and the fine structure of the palate are an indication of the quality of the vintage, with the lower alcohol in the wine bringing a delicate softness to the palate. Flavours of nectarine and rock melon balance the initial tropical fruit with an elegant, fine citrus finish.

Western, Margaret Rv

CULLEN Chardonnay 'Kevin John' 2005/07*/08 Bottle £33.95
(Bio-Dynamic)

Complexity and texture are hallmarks of this Chardonnay and this is one of the greatest yet produced at Cullen Wines. This wine has a deep straw colour with green/gold tinges and a complex bouquet which is a blend of well integrated citrus lime, pawpaw and vanillin oak. On the palate the quince and lemon fruit flavours, which fill the whole palate, are rich and very attractive and backed by just the right amount of good clean oak. The palate is beautifully long and persistent. Cellar it now to 2010 and drink it with seafood, pasta, chicken and veal.

CULLEN Sauv/Sem/Chard 'Margaret River White' 06/07/09 Bottle £11.95
Bio-Dynamic

The Margaret River White is a light straw colour with green tinges. On the nose it is lightly perfumed, with hints of lemon, lime and a slightly richer, vanilla custard note added by the Chardonnay. On the palate, it is clean and fresh, with a ripe, rounded fruit character given more depth by the high quality and power of the Chardonnay in this vintage which dovetails with the other varieties perfectly. The wine is nicely balanced with an attractive weight lifted by a zesty finish.

CULLEN Sauvignon/Semillon 'Mangan' 2008/09* Bottle £16.95
(Bio-Dynamic)

The Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc comes from the Mangan vineyard. A blend of 60% Sauvignon Blanc (15% of which was fermented in new French oak barriques) and 40% Semillon, it has a vibrant blend of intense lemon, grapefruit, honeysuckle and floral perfumes on the nose which follows through to a crisp, fine lemony fruit character on the palate.

Austria

Langenlois/Kamptal

HIEDLER Gruner Veltliner Speigal Langenlois/Kamptal 2007/09 Bottle £11.95

Firm nose with pomaceous fruit and melon, delicate nutty and light vegetal notes, mineral notes. Elegantly juicy and slightly creamy on the palate, very elegant, lively acidity, peppery notes, light herbs and spices, mineral notes in the background, good persistence, elegant spice and mineral notes on a very good finish. This is a medium bodied, medium dry white. Great food wine and would be ideal for Thai, pork and chicken dishes. Very complex and elegant. Grüner is now starting to get quite a following here at Dunell's.

KURT ANGERER Gruner Veltliner 'Kies' 2010 Bottle £9.95

Kurt really believes this is the best he has made. Kurt is an obsessive with his vineyards, driving through them daily, and was quick to spot any problems. Consequently he had a really good harvest with really ripe fruit and good acidity and no problems. It really is a cracker, tangy, zesty nose with stone fruits, honey and ripe citrus with spice and a hint of white pepper. It's crisp and fresh with lovely pure fruit. Stone fruits, lime citrus and real zest. It's like the 2007 but with extra vitality and lift. Really delicious drinking and versatile with food.

Niederosterreich

Austria

Niederosterreich

LAURENZ V Gruner Veltliner 'Friendly' 2010 Bottle £10.95

Austria's wonder grape puts in another star turn. Now resplendent in bright green livery, the Friendly GV delivers its customary and bewildering array of delicious flavours; peach, apple, pepper, you name it, this wine's got it and we all love it here at Dunell's!

DOMAINE WACHAU Gruner-Veltliner 'Wachau Collection' 2009 Bottle + £7.95

An entry level Gruner from Domane Wachau. It's classic, quite simple but tasty. Typical varietal nose of citrus, pepper and some pear. On the palate it's crisp, lively and fairly dry, citrus fruit with hints of grapefruit, lime and some pear. It's tangy and really refreshing and perfect drinking on a hot Summer's day or with seafood.

Brazil

Rio Grande do Sul

ALISIOS DO SEIVAL Pinot Grigio/Riesling 2009/10**** Bottle £6.95

The quality will speak for itself. Yellow greenish in colour, this is a ripe, explosive Pinot Grigio followed by an amazing textural palate with a mineral twist from the Riesling on the finish, to lift it up and refresh the mouth. There is an elegant and lingering aroma of white stone fruit, pear and apricot, floral complexed with pleasant memories.

Chile

Central Valley

CALBUCO Sauvignon Blanc 2009(10) Bottle + £6.75

Calbuco is a volcano in the Andes, as striking a symbol or Chile as its wine. Sauvignon Blanc is widely planted in Chile and represents 45% of all the fine white varieties planted there. The vineyards are located in Chile's Central Valley, the strip of land between the Pacific and the Andes. 41% of the grapes for this wine were grown in the Rapel Valley, 27% in the Limari Valley and 11% in the Lontue Valley. Clean and fresh, with classic Sauvignon blanc gooseberries and an attractive balance between fruit and zesty acidity.

FINCA EL PICADOR Sauvignon Blanc 2009/10 Bottle £4.95

This wine is made from 100% Sauvignon grapes, fermented at a low controlled temperature to maintain the typical fresh cut grass aromas and ripe gooseberry characteristics on the palate. Dunell's Comments: This is our supplier's single largest selling wine for the last 2 years. Lovely tropical fruit with a sweet edge. Great value.

PALENA Sauvignon Blanc by Valdivieso 2010/2011* Bottle £5.95

The Valdivieso winery in Chile was founded in 1879 by a Spanish wine enthusiast called Alberto Valdivieso. It was he who took the decision to import fine vine stocks from the old world, and to replant them in the highly fertile earth of Chile. A fresh, dry wine with hints of tropical fruits and crisp mouth-watering acidity.

TURI Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle @ £5.95

Turi Sauvignon Blanc has intense and fruity aromas, zesty and crispy in the mouth, with mineral hints and well balanced acidity. It is perfect for appetizers and to be served with seafood and fish.

Colchagua Valley

DE GRAS (by Montgras) Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle £6.95

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Limari Valley

LA PLAYA Sauvignon Blanc 'Sol y Sombra' 2010 Bottle £7.95

The Vina La Playa estate occupies some of Colchagua Valley's most desirable acreage on the western shores of the Tinguiririca river. Hand picked from steep slopes at La Playa's exciting new vineyard programme at their Finca in the cool coastal Limari Valley. Sol Y Sombra translates to Sun and Shadow and the grapes from these plots were picked ten days apart to enhance the Sauvignon's characteristics. The blend is taken 60% from Shadow and 40% from Sun, to create a wine that has vibrant, zesty lemon acidity, fragrant aromas and an invigorating freshness and a mouthwatering finish. EXCELLENT WITH: Summer salads, roasted asparagus, grilled Dover sole and moules marinere.

San Rafael

SAN RAFAEL Sauvignon Blanc 2009/10* Bottle + £4.95

Very pale, light green tinges. Ultra fresh nose with aromas of grapefruit, passionfruit and cut grass. Palate is crisp and clean with fresh acidity, citrus flavours and a honeydew melon finish.

White Wine

Chile

France - Alsace

Ammerschwihr

AUDREY & CHRISTIAN BINNER Riesling d'Ammerschwihr 2009 Bottle/nc ORG ^{^^+} £12.95

As usual, the Binner wines are rich. Beautiful mature grapes. An opulent wine with almost a feeling of slight sweetness but totally dry finish. Beautiful aromas of peach. Great mineral tones that make one side almost peppery and fresh. We absolutely love this wine. Biodynamic, zero sulphur and super delicious! No petroleum type nose that you find on some Rieslings.

Eguisheim

BRUNO SORG Gewurztraminer 2009 Bottle £12.45
Fresh lemony, floral edge to the nose, with an underlying muskiness. Full flavoured, rich palate is still in balance: the spicy-edged acidity helps. Finishes dry. Lovely example of this grape. Very good+

BRUNO SORG Pinot Gris 2006/07/09* Bottle £12.95
Rich, full wine with typical Pinot Gris fatness, honey and spice, but balanced by fresh acidity that gives real poise.

Hunawihr

CAVE DE HUNAWIHR Gewurztraminer Grand Cru 'Schoenenbourg' 2006/07* Bottle £19.95
At the elegant end of the spectrum for this grape variety. Excellent concentration in a very refined style.

CAVE DE HUNAWIHR Pinot Blanc 'Klevner' Reserve 2008/09 (10) Bottle ^{#^+} £8.45
Light and bright in colour, with a clean, peachy nose giving way to a rich but well-balanced palate, with apricot and peach fruit characters tempered by mineral notes. Good length with peachy perfumes on the finish. Grapes for this wine are grown in vineyards running along the south and south-east facing Hunawihr hillside slopes at an altitude of 250-320 m above sea level. The average age of the vines is 25 years old.

CAVE DE HUNAWIHR Pinot Gris Reserve 2008 Bottle £9.95
Light, bright yellow in colour, this wine is full and spicy on the nose, with perfumes of apricots and smoke. On the palate it is relatively full bodied with good balance of nutty, oily fruit and clean acidity despite the level of residual sugar. The clean dry finish prevents the wine from cloying.

CAVE DE HUNAWIHR Riesling Reserve 2008 Bottle £8.95
Light yellow in colour, with lemony lights, this is a clean, perfumes Riesling, with hints of lime on the nose which give way to a crisp mineral palate, with juicy lemon lime flavours. The finish is long and fresh with a hint of minerality. This Riesling is a blend of wines produced from various parts of the vineyards.

MITTNACHT Gewurztraminer 2008/09 (10) Bottle 14.3%Alc £13.25
What an elegant, floral nose that flows seamlessly onto the fruity, lychee enhanced palate that screams 'purity'. Gentle spicy hints on the finish - an excellent aperitif. Christophe and his cousin Marc are 100% biodynamic. They took over from their father and uncle in time for the 1995 vintage and they have progressed each year. We have always felt that they are stars of the future, and every year we are more and more impressed. They now own 20.5 hectares of very well sited vineyards around Hunawihr and Ribeauvillé to the north of Colmar, making fresh light organic whites.

France - Bordeaux

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CHATEAU DOISY-DAENE BLANC SEC 2008 Bottle £15.85
ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Denis Dubourdieu has gifted us a taut, precise Doisy this year. It has a lifted chalky nose with honey, apple-blossom and a touch of kiwi fruit. Good definition. The palate is fresh and lively, well balanced, not a great deal of botrytis but with a refreshing, taut, linear finish of honeysuckle, a dash of apricot and green lemon, although it should put on weight in bottle. Precision, precision!'

CHATEAU TOUR DE MIRAMBEAU Bordeaux Blanc 2008 Bottle £8.95
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Predominant Sauvignon blend. Limey with great acidity and balanced fruit. A great nose. Would be quite happy to have this as an aroma in the home!! Full palate with loads of juicy pear notes and very clean. We all adored this and was the favourite white of the tasting session. Superb and fabulous presentation too!

Entre-deux-Mers

France - Bordeaux

Entre-deux-Mers

CHATEAU DE FONTENILLE Entre-deux-Mers Blanc 2009 Bottle £8.95
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A really delicious new white Bordeaux. Made with Sauvignon Blanc, Sauvignon Gris, Muscadelle and Semillon, unoaked. Lovely aromatic nose with grassy Sauvignon, almost tropical fruits and citrus zest. A touch flowery too. It's crisp and tangy on the palate with loads of stone fruit balanced with fresh acidity and a hint of herbaceousness. It's zesty, crisp and clean, and really alive, quite delicious.

Graves/Pessac Leogna

CHATEAU LATOUR-MARTILLAC Blanc Cru 2007 Bottle £28.95
ROBERT PARKER 90-92 points 'Another excellent vintage for Bordeaux's dry whites, which tend to be vastly underrated and exceptionally long-lived (30-40 years in some cases). The 2005s possess crisp acidity as well as serious weight, richness, and texture. Space constraints did not allow full tasting notes, but this is one of the top 2005 dry white Bordeaux wines.'
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Full, complex, builds on the palate. Citrus spectrum. Clean and fresh. Drink 2008-2016. (17 points)'

CHATEAU OLIVIER Blanc Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan 2005 Bottle £16.95
ROBERT PARKER 86-88 points 'Another excellent vintage for Bordeaux's dry whites, which tend to be vastly underrated and exceptionally long-lived (30-40 years in some cases). The 2005s possess crisp acidity as well as serious weight, richness, and texture. Space constraints did not allow full tasting notes, but this is one of the top 2005 dry white Bordeaux wines.'
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Rich and full but with great poise. Clean, fresh aromatics. Succulent fruit. Defining acidity. Long, fresh and persistent. Drink 2008-2018. (18 points)'

CHATEAU REYNON Blanc 2008 Bottle + £8.95
Grapefruit, lemon grass, white flowers, and a touch of white pepper on the nose. Really crisp, round mouthfeel and good acid structure.

CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE Blanc CC Pessac-Leognan 2007 Bottle/NC £46.95
ROBERT PARKER 94-96 points
DECANTER MAGAZINE 17 points 'Sweet, rich, heady nose. Big and broad and heavy and almost sweet. Good citrus (lime) acidity too. Interesting and not just run of the mill... Massive richness - ambitious! Drink 2010-14'

CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE Blanc Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan 2005 Bottle £49.95
THE WINE SPECTATOR 95-100 points 'Bright and fruity with apple, lemon and tropical fruit character. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and the texture of a red wine. Goes on and on. Blockbuster. Fabulous. Brilliant and fresh. Long.' James Suckling
ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points 'A terrific example.....This may be the finest dry white the Cathiards have produced at this estate.' Robert Parker
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Rich, fat, exotic wine. Ripe and sweet.....Drink 2008-2016. (17.5 points)'
JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points - 'Tingle, excitement, very easy to like.....Drink 2009-12' James Lawther

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Blanc Cru Classe Pessac-Leognan 2005 Bottle £49.95
ROBERT PARKER 91-93 points 'Another excellent vintage for Bordeaux's dry whites, which tend to be vastly underrated and exceptionally long-lived (30-40 years in some cases). The 2005s possess crisp acidity as well as serious weight, richness, and texture. Space constraints did not allow full tasting notes, but this is one of the top 2005 dry white Bordeaux wines.'
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 'Lovely piercing citrus expression. Palate round, intense and soft textured with a burst of acidity that builds through to the finish. Drink 2008-2030. (18 points)'

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Blanc Pessac-Leognan 2007 Bottle £69.95
ROBERT PARKER 92-94 points
DECANTER MAGAZINE 4**** 16.5 points 'Not pronounced, lightly aromatic nose. Crisp and fresh, with nice, sweet fruit and a fine seam of acidity. Appealing, with good fruit sweetness and balance. Long and crisp finish. Understated. Mid-term. Drink 2012-23'

France - Burgundy

Bourgogne A.O.C.

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Bourgogne Blanc 2006/07 Bottle £8.95
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In the matter of wine-making, Domaine des Malandes' main objective consists in leaving a maximum of possibilities to the soil to express itself. Chablis has the good fortune of possessing a unique type of soil called Kimmeridgian which confers to its wine its mineral and vivid tastes.....Constantly during the vegetative period, the Domaine des Malandes' team controls the vine's foliage and fruit, and uses effectively the integrated pest management. So when harvest time arrives, the grapes reach optimal maturities and qualities. In the cellar, a lot of care is taken of vinification. Jean-Bernard Marchive's interventions as a wine-maker do not mark the wines but on the contrary leave them a chance of asserting their own character.

White Wine

France - Burgundy

Bourgogne A.O.C.

JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Les Ursulines' 2008 Bottle £12.95

The Bourgogne Chardonnay is a blend of 50% barrel fermented Ladoix, with 30% coming from the grower in Puligny who supplies the grapes for the award winning Champ Gain. The fruit from Ladoix gives a richness to the wine, while that from Puligny gives a lovely minerality. The wine has an attractive clear yellow in colour with crystalline reflections, and has a very refined nose with notes of white flowers. It is round and delicate in the mouth, with a polished acidity which lends freshness and purity.

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Bourgogne Blanc 2007/08* Bottle £13.95

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Jean-Marie Fourrier is a most convincing wine-maker. In a few years, since taking over from his father - who now willingly appears to take orders from him - he has returned the domaine to the prominence which is deserved by the family's wonderful holdings of old vines, which lie in some of the top crus of Gevrey. He talks passionately and with irresistibly straightforward, simple logic about his wine making beliefs. His unambiguous message, which his wines convey so convincingly, is that purity, elegance, freshness and terroir definition must always dominate over winemaking, oak, or any other 'tricks' available. This wine offers white stone fruit, very clean and is pleasing now. It is really well made and has great length.

JEAN-MARIE FOURRIER Bourgogne Blanc 2009 Bottle £12.95

VINCENT GIRARDIN Bourgogne Blanc Vieilles Vignes 2006 Bottle/'Emotion' 2009 £14.95

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Very vivid aromas of lemon, lime and peach, showing off the depth you get from old vine fruit. The palate is full but steely, very much in the Puligny mould, and offers great length and intensity.

Bourgogne Aligote

HENRI & PAUL JACQUESON Bourgogne Aligote 2009 Bottle £10.95

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This domaine has long been recognised as one of the finest in the Cote Chalonnaise and its wines adorn the lists of many of France's finest restaurants. Extremely proficient winemaking and judicious use of new oak make for beautifully crafted, ripe, intense wines which have the class to belie their origins. Their wines are lightly fined but not filtered.

VINCENT DUREUIL-JANTHIAL Bourgogne Aligote 2009 Bottle £9.95

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The Aligoté grape has a long history in Bourgogne. A fairly vigorous white grape, its berries are larger and more numerous than those of the Chardonnay and, consequently, it is higher-yielding. It can be found almost anywhere in soils which, though good for vines, suit neither the Pinot Noir nor the Chardonnay. The wine made from it isn't sold under the name of the village where it is grown (with the sole exception of Bouzeron), but goes under the official name Bourgogne Aligoté. It can also provide one of the ingredients for sparkling Crémant de Bourgogne.

Chablis

ALICE & OLIVIER DE MOOR Chablis 'a Chablis' 2009 Bottle/NV OR BD £15.95

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Working with organic viticulture techniques in such northern latitudes as Chablis is rare. Of course, there is the higher rainfall to explain that, the region getting something like 700 ml/year, which is much more than the Loire or the Cote d'Or. But other, more cultural reasons explain the difference: Vignerons in this part of Burgundy (Chablis, the Yonne departement) have a different way of thinking, are maybe more reluctant to take some risks, and also the size of the estates here tend to be bigger than in the Cote d'Or part of Burgundy, where smaller surfaces allow more easily ventures into non-chemical farming. This Chablis is biodynamic, and certified organic and is a truly exceptional Chablis. We love it and we're sure you will too. Its style is very atypical of what a good Chablis should taste like.

BILLAUD SIMON Chablis AOC 2009 Bottle £13.95

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A classy Chablis, combining perfect ripeness with excellent balancing acidity. Billaud-Simon's creation has a flinty-fresh aroma, beautiful fruit on the palate and a long, crisp finish.

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaillon' 2009 Bottle £18.95

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This vineyard is located in the very heart of the Chablis country, on the left bank of the Serein River and it benefits from an excellent south-easterly exposure. The soil is made up of kimmeridgien clay, a soil specific to the Chablis region. It is rich in fossil shells of a small oyster, *Exogyra virgula*, frequently found in the Chablis soil. The average age of the vines is 50 years and all harvesting is done by hand, carried by small trailers which unload the grapes by vibration to avoid crushing. Tasting: Bright yellow. Very primary aromas of citrus peel and white pepper; still a hint of fermentation aromas. Then richer and riper in the mouth than the village wine, combining a faint exotic note of green tropical fruits with an edge of lemony acidity. Quite firmly structured but with good buffering material for its 4.7 grams per liter of acidity. (89-90)/ Drink from 2010+ (Steve Tanzer)

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis AOC 2008/09/10 Bottle £13.95

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The generic Moreau 2008 Chablis - as usual for this cuvee - is 60% from the vineyards of a single grower behind Vaulorent, with the rest coming from Pargues. In short, if one believes in location, you can't get much better in AOC Chablis. Furthermore, unusually, the fruit is all hand-harvested. Lime, apricot, mint, and lily-of-the-valley aromas lead into a satisfyingly juicy, zesty, peppery palate and a bright, pointed, chalk-tinged finish. Excellent stuff!

France - Burgundy

Chablis

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis Grand Cru 'Clos des Hospices' 2009 Bottle £46.95

Burghound: 92-94 pts. "This is quite similar to the regular cuve save for the fact that the fruit component is slightly riper. Otherwise, there are the same rich, full-bodied and serious flavors that possess excellent mid-palate density and the same powerful, driving and persistent finish. This is a big yet not inelegant wine that should age well in the context of the vintage."

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis Grand Cru 'Les Clos' 2009 Bottle (not Hospices) £38.95

Moderate wood influence that should integrate quickly still allows the white flower, spiced pear and citrus-infused aromas to shine. The rich, full and serious flavors possess excellent concentration as well as ample amounts of the hallmark minerality on the detailed, energetic and explosive finish.

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis Grand Cru 'Valmur' 2007 Bottle £33.95

Rating: 92/100 - As reviewed by Wine & Spirits Magazine on 10/09. Moreau owns two parcels of older vines in this valley between Le Clos and Vaudésir, one facing northwest (30 acres) and one southeast (70 acres). A portion of the wine ages in barrel, mostly one, two and three-year-old wood, which helps read more...to broaden the texture and lend a toasty hint of walnuts to the flavor. There's an intriguing red fruit character, like the mottled red hue of an apple, and a dry apple and honey savor. The wine feels sturdy and complete, ready to go the distance in the cellar.

FOLLOWED BY 2009 VINTAGE

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis Grand Cru 'Valmur' 2009 Bottle £31.95

A Moreau family exclusivity from within the Grand cru Les Clos. This small plot of Grand cru was purchased from the Hospice in Chablis in 1904. From vines aged 25 years old. Powerful but reticent aromas of citrus peel and crushed stone. Distinctly fatter and sweeter but quite stony in the mouth, then dry on the back, even austere. This seems sweet, notes Christian Moreau, but it's actually very low in residual sugar. Serious, backward wine, finishing stony and quite dry. I'd give this at least five years.

CHRISTIAN MOREAU Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 'Clos des Hospices' 07 Bottle £57.95

FOLLOWED BY THE 2009 VINTAGE

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis 1er Cru 'Cote de Lechet' 2006 Half £8.95

The vineyards which produce the finer wines in Chablis are designated "Premier Cru" and the Chablis 1er Cru 'Cote de Lechet' is a very good example of such a wine. Its typical minerality and wonderful elegance are a reflection of the soil and subsoil of the region. This wine is 'to-the-point', delicate with a good progression of fresh aromas such as grapefruit and white fruit skins. DECANter **** - 'Another elegant wine with a firm flinty nose and palate, and balancing acidity. Keep at least five years.' & 'one of Chablis Key players - Fine quality here; very clean pure wines.'

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis 1er Cru 'Cote de Lechet' 2008/09 Bottle £14.95

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DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains' 2008 Bottle £15.95

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A gold medal winner at the Concours Agricole de Paris 2009 and GOLDLIST Sommelier Wine Awards 2009!! This is a small family domaine who own prime vineyards up to 50 years of age. The fruit comes from 2 small parcels of vines on the eastern hillsides of Chablis. They believe in modern wine making techniques but they also believe in letting the quality of the grapes do the talking. One for the Chablis purists!! - Ideal Foods: Monk Fish, tender chicken dishes.

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis AOC 2007/08 Half £6.95

The vineyards that produce the grapes for this truly remarkable Chablis cover an area of 15 hectares at an altitude varying between 150 to 250 m on soft slopes rich in Kimmeridgien clay. The vines were planted between 5 and 40 years ago and it is the age of the vines, the rootstock and the sub-soil that are the source of the balance and complexity of the wine. When young this wine is excellently crisp with expressive aromas of fresh fruit, in particular peaches, and a wonderful richness and a mineral taste. Serve lightly chilled with fish or white meats.

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis AOC 2008/09* Bottle £11.75

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White Wine

France - Burgundy

Chablis

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Chablis Vieilles- Vignes 'Tour du Roy' £12.95
2007/08* Bottle +

This Chablis 'Vieilles Vignes' from the valley below the 1er Cru vineyards of Vaudeisir is a harmonious wine with fine silky flavours and a palate-cleansing vigour. The vines that produce the grapes for this wine are 50 year old and they produce a wine that is concentrated, mineral and pure.

This cuvee is one of Decanter Wine Magazines BEST VALUE CHABLIS - Profound and minerally. Delicious fruit.

DOMAINE DES MALANDES Petit Chablis 2008/09 Bottle £9.95
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Petit Chablis is really one of the 4 "appellations" of the Chablis vineyard. With floral aromas and a lively taste, this Petit Chablis is an enjoyable wine! To the nose has aromas of linden, fennel and citronella. The palate conveys all these impressions with great regularity, freshness and vividness. It is perfect as an aperitif and goes very well with oysters, mussels, or a nice pâté!

DOMAINE SERVIN Chablis 1er Cru 'Montee de Tonnerre' 2009 £17.45
Bottle +

Montee de Tonnerre is situated next to the Grand Cru vineyards of Chablis. The steep gradient of the slopes here yields fully ripe grapes giving impressive, complex wines. This Chablis Premier Cru offers ripe stone-fruit with perfectly balanced acidity.

DOMAINE SERVIN Chablis 2009 Bottle/ST £11.45
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This is one of a handful of estates in Chablis who only produce wine from their own estate and never sell to negociants - an impeccable guarantee of consistency and quality. The grapes come from old vines grown on a soil mix which gives the wine the typical steely and flinty edge which Chablis is so famous for.

Chassagne-Montrachet

FERNAND & LAURENT PILLOT Chassagne-Mont. 1er Cru £27.95
'Morgeots' 2006 Bottle

92 points from Wine Spectator - "A bright, fresh, citronella-tinged white, whose creamy texture gives way to a lively structure as this winds down on the mouth-wathering finish. Captures all the charm of the place and vintage."

GAGNARD DELAGRANGE Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru £44.95
'Morgeots' 2006/08 Bottle

If ever there was a grower whose vineyards have become a family affair, it is Monsieur Edmond Delagrange and his extended clan. M. Delagrange presides over his family which includes his daughter and her husband and their daughters and their husbands. Their estates also encompass the Montrachets of Blain-Gagnard, Fontaine-Gagnard and Delagrange-Bachelot. While the vineyard ownership and winemaking responsibilities are divided among these three generations, an unerring talent for creating great wine unites them all. Their particular strengths are the three wines from the heart of the commune Chassagne, as well as parcels of Criots and Batard-Montrachet.

A classic combination of minerality and power, with beautiful ripeness and balance. A wine that will keep on giving. Drink from 2010.

PAUL PILLOT Chassagne-Montracher Blanc 1er Cru 'Les £29.95
Caillerets' 05 Bottle

Complex, mineral and restrained, with impressive intensity on the palate and excellent length. Drink from 2010.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Morgeots' £33.95
2007 (08) Bottle

This sumptuous Chassagne-Montrachet Morgeot has a restrained mineral-drive nose. To taste, it's a different story where the creamy, velvety texture wine leads to a complex array of apples, pears, toffee. A very seductive, sexy wine and one to be savoured with special food and a special someone.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 'Abbaye de £33.95
Morgeot' 2009 Bottle

Corton-Charlemagne

PATRICK JAVILLIER Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 Bottle £76.50

Patrick Javillier is now one of Meursault's best growers. An electrical engineer by training, he later studied oenology in Dijon before taking over his father's small Meursault estate in 1976. He gradually expanded the vineyard holdings to over 9 hectares and has been estate bottling his wines since 1990. It would be difficult to find another winemaker with quite such a perfectionist attitude as Javillier, a man who approaches winemaking with the precision of a research scientist, yet is always ready to question his own success. This is Javillier's one Grand Cru - and what a Grand Cru. A huge weight of powerful, dense fruit combines with the sparkling minerality that typifies Corton-Charlemagne and a finish that just goes on and on. Effortlessly superb, this will be a very fine wine for drinking from its fifth birthday onwards.

France - Burgundy

Corton-Charlemagne

VINCENT GIRARDIN Corton-Charlemagne 'Grand Cru' 2006/07 £59.95
Bottle

Wine Advocate wrote: "Girardin has the luxury of fielding two bottlings of 2006 Corton Charlemagne. This first hails from lower-elevation parcels in all three communes that share this grand cru. Lemon, lime, and overt stone and chalk dominate the nose and palate here, and the sheer finishing refreshment of citrus helps ward off the hint of warmth and keep the mineral cast from rendering this impressively-concentrated wine too austere. Still, this will demand some patience, and should cellar well for at least 6-8 years."

VINCENT GIRARDIN Corton-Charlemagne 'Grand Cru' 2009 £59.95
Bottle

Macon

BRET BROTHERS Pouilly-Vinzelles 'Quarts' Domaine Soufrandiere £26.95
2007 Bottle

'Probably from one of the dynamic négociant, this cuvée is made using its own grapes. Lovely purity on the nose with aromas of crisp apple and white peach. Balanced plate with good weight and a persistent finish.' 4/5 stars - decanter.com - Top wines from the Burgundy 2007 tasting 'A magical, stoney minerality flows through the palate of this gorgeous wine with its crisp apple and white peach fruit. Incredibly fine and noble on the nose, this is absolutely brilliant and will offer sublime drinking in a couple more years.' Jasper Morris MW

CATHERINE & DIDIER TRIPOZ Macon-Charnay 'Clos des £9.25
Tournons' 09/10 Bottle/ST F #^@

Didier started bottling his own wine in 1992, when his only customer, a négociant, was taken over and his contract was cancelled. It proved to be a blessing in disguise, and today he makes one of the best value examples of Macon available. Made from the grapes of a single walled vineyard - the 7 hectare Clos des Tournons - this is a beautifully fresh, clean wine with beautifully rich fruit on the palate.

COMTE LAFON Macon-Milly 'Clos Du Four' 2007/08* Bottle + £17.95

In September 1999 the Lafon family of Meursault bought a domaine in the Maconnais at Milly Lamartine, renaming it Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon. In May 2003 a further domaine of 6 hectares in the villages of Uchizy and Chardonnay was bought, including two potential single vineyard sites. The whole operation, based at Milly, is now looked after by Caroline Gon under the supervision of Dominique Lafon. The vineyards were immediately converted to organic and now to biodynamic farming. The best section of the vineyard in Milly, forming a steep sided amphitheatre, mostly east facing, and making concentrated wine with good acidity and a fine mineral feel, capable of some ageing. There is a real sense of energy to the nose of this wine. Ripe fruit flavours prevail, which include baked apple and orange blossom, complemented by excellent acidity.

ROGER LUQUET Macon-Villages 'Clos de Condemine' 2007/08/09 £8.95
Bottle \$@

The CLOS DE CONDEMINES is located in the commune of Charnay-lès-Mâcon, about 3 kilometres from the town of Mâcon. This splendid, gently sloping, 9 hectare site lies between the old borough of Charnay and Mâcon-Loché. Half of the surface area is designated to Chardonnay vines. The 'Clos de Condemine' vineyard faces South/South West and is situated on slightly undulating land. Today 35,000 bottles are produced annually and bottled at Domaine Roger Luquet. This wine is generously fruity and enticing on the palate whilst maintaining plenty of traditional Chardonnay characters. An excellent aperitif or an accompaniment to most entrées, this wine should be drunk young but will keep for 2-3 years.

ROGER LUQUET Macon-Villages 'Trésor du Clos' 2009 Bottle £10.95
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Macon,Pouilly-Fuisse

CHRISTOPHE CORDIER Pouilly-Fuisse 2009 Bottle + £19.95

ROBERT PARKER 'Cordier fashions Pouilly-Fuissés of other-worldly quality that are often far better than Côte de Beaune grand crus yet at a fraction of the price' Pierre Ravani 'Christophe Cordier is now regarded as one of the best winemakers not only in Maconnais but in the entire Burgundy region, his recent vintages have been highly praised in the wine press but he still retains very simple techniques and continues to improve year after year; he is a grower to watch!'

ROGER LUQUET Pouilly-Fuisse 'Au Bourg' 2009 Bottle £14.95
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Right in the heart of the village of Fuissé, seemingly in the grounds of the impressive church, lies the Au Bourg. Planted in 1928 by Maurice Luquet, father of Roger Luquet, the vines now produce a small, yet very concentrated yield. In years such as this, the intense purity is something to behold. Unlike at Château Fuissé, there is no oak ageing at this domaine whatsoever, which enables Patrick Luquet to produce wines that express both fruit and terroir with no interfering dimensions. An attractive golden hue, white flowers and roses on the nose, with flavours of citrus and fresh white fruits.

Macon,Saint-Veran

White Wine

France - Burgundy

Macon, Saint-Veran

J.L. TERRIER St. Veran 'Terres Noires' Domaine Deux Roches £13.95
2008/09** Bottle

Jean-Luc Terrier and Christian Collvray were recently hailed as Burgundy's Winemakers of the Year by the renowned Gault-Millau guide and are better known for their exemplary White Burgundies from Domaine Des Deux Roches. In recent years, however, this quality-conscious duo have been producing an outstanding range of wines from 30-year-old vines on slopes 500 metres above sea level south of Limoux in the Languedoc region. The combination of quality, varietal definition and value persuaded us to take the important step of working with them to produce three of our House wines. We are extremely pleased with the results and hope you agree.

ROGER LUQUET Saint-Veran 'La Grande Bruyere' 2008/09* £10.45
Bottle ~@

Saint-Veran is an underrated source of White Burgundy and deserves greater prominence, which it will find, if its growers maintain the consistency they have demonstrated in several recent vintages. Domaine Roger Luquet is a single estate and the wine, which is 100% Chardonnay, has a pale gold colour. It has a restrained bouquet with some elegant fruit, which develops into citrus characteristics on a palate, which hints of richness. It is one of those wines that can be described as solid and dependable with backbone, a total contrast to many of the overt New World styles. It will suit those with quite dry palates and will be ideal either as an aperitif, or with fish courses and poultry. Amazing value for money and better than many Pouilly-Fuissés that sell at double the price.

ROGER LUQUET Saint-Veran 'Vers les Monts 2010 Bottle £9.95
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The SAINT-VERAN appellation was established by the decree of 6th January 1971. The exclusive grape variety is CHARDONNAY, planted on chalky clay soils. This parcel was planted in 1983. Located in the village of Chasselas, the vineyard is 300 meters above sea level. This is the most stony parcel of our Domaine. This plateau is exposed to the sun all day long, which produces rich, delicate fine wines. Generous citrus notes fill out this round, smoky chardonnay, layering lemon zest and grapefruit pith over ripe apple flavour. SAINT-VERAN should be served at 11° - 13°. It marries well with shellfish and simply-cooked fish, snails, frogs' legs and andouillette sausages, white meat and poultry with cream.

ROGER LUQUET Saint-Veran Vieilles-Vignes 2007/08** Bottle £11.95
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A generous and harmonious wine with a very long length and more fruit than Pouilly-Fuissé's. Supple and rounded with a touch of crispness, it releases aromas of ripe pear, acacia, honey and gunflint. Needs at least two years in bottle to be at its best but can be laid down for 6 to 8 years. Should be served between 12 and 14°C this wine is the perfect accompaniment to delicate food dishes: fish, shellfish, quenelle, snails, white meat and poultry.

Meursault

ARNAUD ENTE Meursault 'Clos De Ambres' 2005 Bottle £39.95

Domaine Arnaud Ente is one of the hottest wine properties in Meursault today and arguably Burgundy's brightest rising star. Stylistically Arnaud's wines lie somewhere between the rich, generous, hedonistic style of Dominique Lafon and the linear, precise, mineral, citrus character of Coche Duru. Arnaud's aim is to do the best possible job from the vineyards he has available to him. He currently exploits 4 hectares with a total workforce of four people: himself, his wife Marie-Odile and two employees. Few, if any, other domaines have as high a ratio of man hours per hectare. Arnaud is every bit as meticulous in the cellar as in the vineyard.

BALLOT-MILLOT Bourgogne Chardonnay 2009 Bottle £11.95
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BALLOT-MILLOT Meursault 1er Cru 'Les Charmes' 2009 Bottle £49.95

The fruit Charles Ballot uses for this wine comes from a parcel of "Les Charmes du Dessus", on the Puligny side of the village. The wine displays very ripe flavours, mostly peach with a little tropical fruit, but still with a fresh acidity that balances out the ripeness. Very seductive for early drinking.

FRANCOIS JOBARD Meursault 'Blagny' 2005 Bottle £42.95

Very open, rich, honeyed nose. Full-flavoured and full-bodied, quite powerful, open, mouth-filling and long. Drink from 2009.

FRANCOIS JOBARD Meursault 'En La Barre' 2005 (08) Bottle £37.95

This is the most forward of Jobard's Meursault's, with juicy peach and apricot fruit, very good ripeness, and a backbone of acidity and minerality.

JEAN-CLAUDE BOISSET Meursault 1er Cru 'Les Charmes' 2006 £49.95
Bottle

Wow, wow, wow! Wine Spectator Score: 92 points - "Rich, with butterscotch, honey and apricot aromas and flavors gliding to a juicy, citrus-tinged finish. Nicely balanced, this could still use some time to integrate fully. There's a lovely toasty aftertaste. Drink now through 2016. 140 cases made."

JEAN-PHILIPPE FICHET Meursault 2007 Bottle £34.95

A completely brilliant, juicy and supple cuvée sourced from the vineyards Clous, Limozin, Narvaux, Criots and Crotois. Superb barrel flavours, lovely weight with nutty aromas and fantastic vibrancy on the finish.

France - Burgundy

Meursault

LATOUR-GIRAUD Meursault 1er Cru 'Charmes' 2004/06 Bottle £30.95

The first wine to display any appreciable amount of wood influence on the ripe orchard fruit aromas, particularly peach and apricot that precede the fresh, intense and notably sweet flavors that possess excellent intensity and first class vibrancy on the generous and mouth coating finish that packs a considerable punch. I like the sense of underlying energy and the dry extract confers an almost chewy quality on the gorgeously long finish. Very solid potential here.

LATOUR-GIRAUD Meursault 1er Cru 'Genevrières' 2006 Bottle £36.95

This estate, located on the Route Nationale in the village of Meursault, should be the poster-child for superb, terroir-specific white wine. The domaine's holdings in premier cru and villages vineyards is impressive, as is their ownership of the largest parcel of 1er cru "Genevrières", one-third of which is over 50 years old. When Jean-Pierre Latour arrived as winemaker in the 1990s, he launched a revolution of upgrades that promoted progressive technology (new pneumatic presses, crusher-de-stemmers and temperature-controlled tanks), sustainable agriculture and a new barrel program. He only uses free-run juice and natural yeasts. Though mildly fined, the wines are not filtered and thus the integrity of the terroir's true expression is beautifully maintained. The happy consequence is an ever-increasing quality niveau, year after year. This is an assertive, almost aggressive wine in its youth, but abundantly full of character. All are bright, aromatic, precise wines even in the relatively warm ripe vintage which was 2006.

PATRICK JAVILLIER Meursault 'Les Tillets' 2007/08 Bottle £36.95

Patrick Javillier is now one of Meursault's best growers. An electrical engineer by training, he later studied oenology in Dijon before taking over his father's small Meursault estate in 1976. He gradually expanded the vineyard holdings to over 9 hectares and has been estate bottling his wines since 1990. It would be difficult to find another winemaker with quite such a perfectionist attitude as Javillier, a man who approaches winemaking with the precision of a research scientist, yet is always ready to question his own success. A lovely bouquet of lime blossom introduces the hillside vineyard of Les Tillets, which provides masses of fresh fruit, albeit combined with Javillier's habitual weight and complex texture.

REMOISSENET PERE & FILS Meursault 1er Cru 'Poruzots' 1995 £48.95
Bottle

The Meursault Poruzots displays aromas of yogurt and honey with dried fig flavours dominant on the palate. Rich and Dry. Superb!

VINCENT GIRARDIN Meursault 'Les Narvaux' 2009 Bottle £26.95

Gorgeous. Powerful, full-bodied white Burgundy, bursting with intense yet refined smoke, toast and ripe fruit aromas. The flavors follow in a densely packed texture, and the seductive finish is exciting.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Meursault 'Les Narvaux' 2009 MAGNUM £56.95

Montagny

DOMAINE FEUILLAT-JUILLOT Montagny 1er Cru 'Les Grappes £14.95
D'Or' 2008/09 Bottle +

Françoise Feuillat-Juillot, daughter of renowned winemaker Michel Juillot from Mercurey, heads this small family run vineyard. After deciding that she wanted to make wine and setting up her own venture, Françoise went into partnership in 1989 with Maurice Bertrand, a small grower in Montagny, giving her access to the quality of vineyard she needed to fulfill her ambition. The Domaine Feuillat-Juillot now consists of 14 hectares of vineyards with a majority of 30-40 year old vines giving wines of incredible finesse and complexity, with a touch of femininity (of course!). Tasting Notes: Still discreet. On opening, the wine expresses aromas of toast which evolve on a subtle mixture of white flowers and anise. The palate is supple and voluptuous. The finish has real personality. GOLD MEDAL Concours des Vins de Macon.

STEPHANE ALADAME Montagny 1er Cru 'Decouverte' 2008 £16.95
Bottle +

Who's more of a superstar in Montagny than Raveneau is of Chablis or Coche-Duru and Lafon of Meursault? Stephane Aladame, that's who. Virtually every top French restaurant carries his wines. Of course, they're expensive by Montagny standards but for white Burgundies of such quality, originality and style, they're a steal. If you haven't tried an Aladame Montagny, you haven't seen what this excellent Cote Chalonnaise village can really do. These are as far removed from the Montagnys you'll see on grocery store shelves as the best Pouilly-Fuisse's from Guffens or Ferret are from that area's ubiquitous industrial swill. Of course, low yields, old vines, top vineyard sites and clean, careful winemaking will always show. And they're worth every penny.

Pernand-Vergelesses

CHANDON DE BRIAILLES Pernand-Verg. Blanc 1er Cru 'Ile de £31.95
Vergelesses' 2008 Bottle

Jancis Robinson 16.5 points - "Very pale straw. Unusually sweet, ripe nose for this wine. Round and mouthfilling – not a trace of skinniness. A rather attractive streak of quinine. Good stuff."

SYLVAIN LOICHET Pernand-Vergelesses BLANC 'Belles Filles' £16.95
2008 Bottle +

This wine is clean and fresh with soft notes of pear and apple and a touch of apricot. Dry on the palate with crisp acidity and a medium body. Some toasty, creamy notes on the palate with a whiff of fragrant vanilla and more soft ripe pear notes. A touch of hazelnut too. Integrated alcohol and long finish. Delicate enough to match to light chicken dishes. Also perfect as an elegant aperitif.

Puligny-Montrachet

White Wine

France - Burgundy

Puligny-Montrachet

FRANCOIS D'ALLAINES Puligny Montrachet 'Tete de Cuvee' £28.95
2007/08 Bottle

Francois D'Allaines started his eponymous wine business in 1996 in the village of Demigny in Burgundy just across the A6 from the famous villages of the Côte de Beaune after a career in the hotel trade and then training at the prestigious Lycee Viticole de Beaune. He specialises in the wines of the Côte de Beaune and the Côte Chalonnaise buying from growers with whom he has built long relationships and who share his respect for the terroir. His wines include a Rully and a Puligny Montrachet (Tete de Cuvee '07).

LOUIS CARILLON Puligny-Montrachet 'Champ-Canet' 2008 £54.95
Bottle

Burghound, June 2010, Score: 89-92 points. 'Here the nose is noticeably finer with an elegant and pure aromatic profile of dried floral notes and ample lemon influence that carries over to the stony, detailed and refined flavors that possess real verve and precision on the solidly persistent finish. This understated effort is Zen-like in its poise and balance.'

LOUIS CARILLON Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Perrieres' £59.95
2008 Bottle

Burghound, June 2010, Score: 90-93 points. 'A green fruit, lemon zest and wet stone suffused nose precedes energetic, intense and beautifully delineated middle weight flavors brimming with a fine minerality on the driving finish that is supported by a firm acid spine. I very much like this as there is a lovely sense of both tension and finesse that contribute to the near perfect balance.'

LOUIS CARILLON Puligny-Montrachet 2008 Bottle £31.95
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Six hectares of vines go into this village wine. Pure, elegant nose. Fresh citrus and crisp minerality with excellent acidity and a touch of oak. Pure and delicious. Drink from 2010. Burghound, June 2010, Score: 87-90 points 'A very fresh and ripe nose offers notes of white flower, citrus and melon that complement rich, naturally sweet and plump middle weight flavors that are delicious, balanced and persistent.'

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatieres' £46.95
2008 Bottle

Styled by Vincent Girardin, his white wines display their quality in finesse, their aromatic purity, and the harmony between richness and vibrancy. His wines demonstrate fullness of structure, with unmistakable grandeur, without any astringency. Thick and ripe, with lots of intensity. Quite grassy, but also rich, sweet fruit, with a minty edge. Medium-bodied with very good length.

FOLLOWED BY 2009 VINTAGE

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Folatieres' £46.95
2009 Bottle

Mingled aromas of malt and toasted brioche with sea breeze, fresh citrus, ripe white peach, and myriad floral perfumes. Vivaciously and brightly brimming with primary fruit, yet silken in texture and suffused with salinity and notes of toasted grain, this finishes with almost startling grip and tenacity. Expect more excitement over the next 7-10 years.

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Referts' £39.95
2006 Bottle

ROBERT PARKER- 90-92 points - "Peaches, lime, and vanilla are the key notes of Girardin's 2006 Puligny-Montrachet Les Referts, which manages to suggest a luscious, citrus cream-filled pastry while preserving a bright refreshing cast. Bitter nips of lime zest and peach kernel along with vanilla, toasted nuts, and wet stone all offer counterpoint, leading to a lingering, gentle finish. As delicious as it is even before bottling, there should be no reason to defer the pleasure of popping a cork, although one would hope for at least 4-6 years of satisfying bottle evolution. Girardin is at pains to press very gently and he did only limited lees-stirring in 2006. He favors 20, 30, and 40% new wood for his village, premier cru, and grand cru wines, respectively."

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles-Vignes 2007 £29.95
Bottle +

ROBERT PARKER - 91 points - "The Girardin 2007 Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles Vignes – assembled from numerous parcels with vines averaging fifty years' age – smells of ripe peach, grapefruit, and lily. Brightly citric and lusciously peachy on the palate, it is underlain by a savory, saline shrimp shell-like mineral tone I often associate with Chablis, and which here contributes to the positively lip-smacking, saliva-inducing finish. This is another delicious expression of vintage virtues: vivacity and refreshment with allied to sense of richness; and forward fruit allied to a distinctively mineral dimension. I would expect it to perform well for a half dozen years." (David Schildknecht) 2009 VINTAGE TO FOLLOW

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles-Vignes 2009 £29.95
Bottle

VINCENT GIRARDIN Puligny-Montrachet Vieilles-Vignes 2009 £59.95
MAGNUM

Rully
HENRI & PAUL JACQUESON Rully 1er Cru 'Gresigny' 2009 Bottle £16.95
+

"Citrus suffused and nicely detailed flavors that culminate in a linear, stony and tension-filled finish." Alan Meadows, 89-91 points.

France - Burgundy

Rully

PAUL JACQUESON Rully 1er Cru 'Gresigny' 2008 Bottle £18.45

"Paul Jacqueson is the best wine producer in the Cote Chalonnaise" Clive Coates. This domaine has long been recognised as one of the finest in the Côte Chalonnaise and its wines adorn the lists of many of France's finest restaurants. They have extremely well sited vines averaging around 35 years old which they prune hard to restrict yields to around 35 hl/ha. Extremely proficient winemaking and judicious use of new oak make for beautifully crafted, ripe, intense wines which have the class to belie their origins. Their wines are lightly fined but not filtered.

VINCENT DUREUIL-JANTHIAL Rully Blanc 'Maizieres' 2007 Bottle £16.95
13%Alc

The immensely talented Vincent Dureuil, only in his mid-30s, produces a stunning range of single-vineyard white and red Burgundies in the Cote-Chalonnaise village of Rully, where his family has been since the 1500s. His tireless vineyard work (he spends 14 hours a day among his vines during much of the growing season, doing most of the vineyard work himself) and his assured but light touch in the cellar make for some of the most surprising and incredible Burgundy values to be found anywhere. Every vintage, he seems to become more and more assured, and his wines become more and more impressive. He has converted entirely to organic viticulture, and never uses chemical pesticides or herbicides of any kind on his vineyards.

VINCENT DUREUIL-JANTHIAL Rully Blanc 'Maizieres' 2009 Bottle £16.95

Saint-Aubin

VINCENT GIRARDIN Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Les Perrieres' 2009 £22.95
Bottle +

VINCENT GIRARDIN Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Murgers Dents de Chiens 2008 Bottle +

"Among the so called satellite villages, the hands down winner is St Aubin, not only for its superb quality but also for amazing value. The quality being achieved there is phenomenal and well worth your attention" This is a wine for those people who do not like overtly fruity whites and prefer a little restraint and complexity in their wines. A sublime example of a village white burgundy. "Rich yet zesty with aromas of citrus fruit and buttered toast. The palate is ripe with hints of smoky oak."

Lots of concentration and ripe fruit in this Saint-Aubin. Delicious and well made from start to finish, with the citrus, honey and passion fruit taking a brisk walk along the edge of the palate, zeroing in on the pleasure spots.

FOLLOWED BY 2009 VINTAGE

VINCENT GIRARDIN Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Murgers Dents de Chiens' 2009 Bottle + £23.95

VINCENT GIRARDIN Saint-Aubin 1er Cru 'Murgers Dents de Chiens' 2009 MAGNUM £49.95

France - Loire

VIGNERONS DE VALENCAY Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle £6.95

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This wine comes from the Valencay co-operative in the Loire Valley and is a Vin de Pays (Country wine). It is made by talented winemaker Sebastian Vaillant and is 100% Sauvignon. It is dry yet aromatic with good depth on the mid palate that makes it highly quaffable. It has a fragrant nettley character and crisp acidity on the finish.

The wine is bottled under stelvin so that it can be enjoyed free from cork taint and in perfect condition.

Chinon

COULY DUTHEIL Chinon Blanc 'Les Chateaux' 2009 Bottle £10.95

An exceptional pure chalky Terrior with a superb exposure permits to elaborate a rarity: The White Chinon. Listed by most of the top gastronomic restaurants, Les Chateaux charms by its fruitiness, freshness, richness and elegance. Small yield and production. Perfect for shellfish. Lobster and scallops in a creamy sauce and prawns. A clean and attractive bouquet of citrus notes with a mineral texture. Lovely!

Pays Nantais

DOMAINE HAUT PEMIONS Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie £4.35
2008/09/10****Half

Christophe Drouard makes classic Muscadet from 16 hectares of vines with an average age of 35 years situated on silican clay around the commune of Monnières. The wine is vinified at 21°in underground glass-lined vats, the malolactic fermentation being disallowed, and the wine rests on its lees (sur lie) throughout the winter. The wine is not fined and just receives a light filtration prior to bottling.

The wines are chosen almost every year by the syndicate of Muscadet growers to represent the 'Finest of Muscadet Sur Lie'.

White Wine

France - Loire

Pays Nantais

DOMAINE HAUT PEMIONS Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie 2009/10**Bottle@** £7.60

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PIERRE PAPIN Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie Dom. du Verger 2009 Bottle + £7.95

If you think that all Muscadet is thin, vapid liquid that tastes of absolutely nothing, then you should taste this. Pierre Papin is the maestro of Muscadet, coaxing all sorts of complexity from the Melon variety in this northerly climate. This is his 'baby' wine (see the Clos Noelles in this section, which is the big daddy), grown on schistous soils south east of Nantes and is full of very subtle citrus and honey flavours with characteristic fresh bread and mineral river stone aromas. Thanks to the 'Sur Lie' technique (the short term ageing of the wine on the dead yeast after fermentation which imparts the aforementioned fresh bread aromas), this has good weight in the mouth. It is a light white wine, but is not too skinny for comfort.

As you would expect from a wine made near the sea, this is superb with all manner of seafood.

Pouilly-Sur-Loire

ALAIN CAILBOURDIN Pouilly-Fume 'Les Cornets' 2009 Bottle £12.95

Domaine Cailbourdin was set up from scratch in 1980 by Alain and Carmen Cailbourdin. They now have 16 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc split between the different crus of Pouilly and a well-earned reputation as one of the most dedicated growers of this appellation, producing wines with great concentration, purity and intensity of style. Vinifying each parcel seperately, Alain tries to bring out the different characteristics of the soil types while emphasising the complexity of the Sauvignon Blanc, a task that starts in the vineyards. A bigger slightly richer style than 'Les Cris' this wine has more palate weight and more obvious mineral hints on the lovely ripe fruit flavours. Fine and elegant mineral notes balanced by rich stoned fruit. The palate reveals an astonishing purity, structure and length.

ALAIN CAILBOURDIN Pouilly-Fume 'Les Cris' 2008 (09) Bottle £13.45

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ANDRE DEZAT Pouilly-Fume 'Domaine Thibault' 2008/09 Bottle + £12.95

André Dezat is one of the characters of Sancerre and he is known locally and throughout most of the Loire as "le p'tit d" ("dieu"). His two very capable sons are in charge, Louis in the cellars and Simon in the vineyards. The white wine is outstanding; mouthfilling, steely and packed with gooseberries. Their 20 hectares are superbly situated around five villages. Again, low yields, and enormous care in the vineyards and cellars make for only the finest wines.

CLAUDE MICHOT Pouilly-Fume 'Les Berthiers' 2009/10** Bottle @** £12.95

Dry, refreshing and crisp, this is textbook Loire Sauvignon Blanc. Restrained and elegant, it has understated green apple and lime fruit with hints of flint and smoke on the finish. A small grower with a real passion for his terroir, Claude Michot produces a wine that is very much of his village, St Andelain - a hamlet made famous by Didier Dagueneau - in that it has a real flinty, almost 'capgun' smoke scented nose and racy, steely acidity.

DIDIER DAGUENEAU Blanc Fume 2008 Bottle £42.95

ROBERT PARKER (August 2010) 90 points
The Dagueneau 2008 Blanc Fume de Pouilly smells of lemon and caraway, which along with nettle, chalk, and salt make for an invigorating, bright, whistle clean and handsomely lean expose of its grape and terroir. This sends shivers up my spine, though it will no doubt be a bit too lean and bracing for some tasters. It should serve well for at least the next 2-3 years.

DIDIER DAGUENEAU Blanc Fume 2009 Bottle £41.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (2010) 91-92+ points - 'There is as usual nothing mundane about the "basic" Dagueneau cuvee, the estate's 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly. This is the sole cuvee at its address to blend across two soil types - Marne chalk and silice - as well as across several far-flung parcels, some of which were hailed on this year, and the parts had not yet been assembled for this 2009 when I tasted in June, so I offer only a composite impression. Smoky red currant, lime, and nettle display an aromatic pungency that coincides with a bright, energetic, silken-textured, very pure palate impression. White peach and wafting florality are conveyed by the (in this vintage, one-third) Marne chalk portion. The suffusion of chalk here is as usual impressive without in any way blocking the mouth-watering flow of fruit, and the same can be said as far as the influence of wood is concerned. This finishes with vibratory intensity and ringing clarity, as though it had been grown in a vintage from which nobody else in the region got to make wine. Expect it to be worth following for at least 6-8 years.'

France - Loire

Pouilly-Sur-Loire

DIDIER DAGUENEAU Pouilly Fume 'Silex' 2009 Bottle £74.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (2011) 93-94+

'From an enclave just outside the cuverie in Saint Andelain, the Dagueneau 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly Silex delivers an almost inordinate diversity of floral, herbal, citrus (predominately grapefruit), and pit-fruit (predominately nectarine) elements, with the bitterness of fruit pits, smoky pungency of red currant and crushed stone, as well as notes of shrimp shell reduction and iodine inflecting a long, bittersweet, yet at the same time vibrant, buoyant finish. This silken textured seducer should gain with time in bottle and be worth following for ten or a dozen years.'

DIDIER DAGUENEAU Pouilly-Fume 'Pur Sang' 2009 Bottle £54.95

THE WINE ADVOCATE (2010) 92-93+ points

'Based primarily on fruit from a relatively clay-rich site in Saint Laurent, the Dagueneau 2009 Blanc Fume de Pouilly Pur Sang smells deliciously of elder flower white peach, and cassis. Vividly peachy and with rock-licking minerality, in the mouth this could be mistaken for a great Riesling. Nettle and grapefruit lend brightness in a long, luscious, vibrant finish that also incorporates rich, saline oyster liqueur and oyster meat-like elements. This is going to be both accessible and at the same time worthy of careful attention to its nuances over the coming decade or so.'

DIDIER DAGUENEAU Pouilly-Fume 'Silex' 2008 Bottle £89.95

ROBERT PARKER (August 2010) 93 points: Ripe pear and white peach along with sage, and fusil, chalky notes of crushed stone rise from the glass of Dagueneau 2008 Blanc Fume de Pouilly Silex. On paper, this reminds one of 1996 (as Benjamin Dagueneau mentions immediately after I make a note of the fact), boasting - assuming you consider that word appropriate to the circumstances - 14.2% alcohol and well over 6 grams acidity. Lime zest and huckleberry notes serve for the sort of bitter concentration one noted in the corresponding Buisson Renard, but here that is imbedded in a far lush, riper context; accompanied by a more refined texture; and without betraying its alcohol in any heat or roughness. "This will be a great keeper," predicts Benjamin Dagueneau, and I would certainly not be surprised if it were worth re-visiting in 10 years+.

DOMAINE ALEXANDRE BAIN Pouilly-Fume 2009 Bottle/NC OR BD + £19.95

After many years working for different estates, Alexandre Bain managed to start his own estate in 2007, by renting 4.90HA of vines in the Pouilly Fumé area, where he is from. In a few years, he's is going to get 5.80HA of vines from his parents, and he'd like to end up with about 13HA of vines. Bain works his land organically and bio-dynamically and plows most of it with a horse. There is no oenological additives in the cellar, except for SO₂, which is used sparingly in order to block the malolactic fermentation and before bottling. This wine shows quite yellow with a slight green rim. It is rich and full flavoured with lots of pear fruit. It is powerful and has a long length. Silky with excellent acidity. 100% Sauvignon.

DOMAINE MASSON BLONDELET Pouilly-Fume 'Villa Paulus' 2008 Bottle + £13.95

Pouilly-Fume is a classic white wine from the upper Loire region. This is an excellent example of the crisp, dry, aromatic white wine produced solely from the Sauvignon grape. This wine is aromatic, clean, vibrant and juicy. Concentrated. Medium weight, long and refreshing. Elegant and poised with a perfect balance of upfront 'smoky' richness and more subtle flavours of gooseberry, acacia and nuts

HENRI BOURGEOIS Pouilly-Fume 'La Demoiselle' 2008/09 Bottle + £20.95

Domaine Henri Bourgeois are one of the most famous producers of Sancerre and Pouilly Fume. They have been wine growers in the village of Chavignol for ten generations, and their winery and cellars dominate the picturesque hill top town. Their wines exhibit the complexity of the terroir of Chavignol, being chalky with a touch of gunflint, initially steely, then ripeness in the mouth with a broad array of flavours and wonderful length.

This Pouilly-Fume 'La Demoiselle' 2008 has great complexity yet remains elegant, an appealing rich nose with lovely aromatics, delicious flavours of citrus fruits, subtle hints of ripe pineapple, beautifully balanced by classic mineral notes.

HUBERT BROCHARD Pouilly-Fume 'Classique' 2008/09 Bottle + £11.95

This wine has a pale gold colour with youthful shadings of silver and green. The nose is floral, with notes of hawthorn complemented by fruity notes of hazelnuts, golden apples and pears. Once open the wine takes on more vegetal notes of fresh grass, nettles and mint. A wine of marked finesse punctuated by a nice mineral aspect. On the palate the wine has a supple attack very quickly punctuated by sharp acidic freshness and is a thirst-quenching, easy-to-drink wine. Very forthright and balanced.

Quincy

DOMAINE DE CHEVILLY Quincy 2010 Bottle 12.5%Alc + £10.45

We first tasted this wine on a recent buying trip to the Loire Valley and immediately wanted to list it. It is made from Sauvignon Blanc grapes and it has the typical Quincy characteristic of fruit flavour, that is showing lovely fruit flavours of 'ripe pears'. It is a crisp and dry white wine, offering rich, concentrated fruit flavours that are long in the mouth, yet it still manages to be elegant and extremely drinkable! Yves Lestourgie gave up Cereal farming 12 years ago to make Quincy, his domaine de Chevilly has 10 hectares of vines, with an average age of 20 years. Yves leaves the wine on its lees in tank right up to the moment of 'assemblage' and bottling to develop concentration and richness.

HENRI BOURGEOIS Quincy 'Haute Victoire' 2008 Bottle £10.95

An acclaimed producer whose wines exhibit the complexity of the terroir of Chavignol. being chalky with a touch of gunflint, initially steely then ripening in the mouth with a broad array of flavours and wonderful length. The Haute Victoire is made from Sauvignon vines which produce grapes of excellent quality.

White Wine

France - Loire

Quincy

Sancerre

ANDRE DEZAT Sancerre Blanc 2009/10 Bottle + £11.95

Andre Dezat is one of the characters of Sancerre. The 20 hectares that the family own are superbly situated, the yields are low and enormous care is taken in the vineyards and cellars creating a superb Sancerre. This wine is outstanding, mouthfilling, steely and packed with gooseberries. It is fermented and matured in only stainless steel retaining the freshness and purity of the fruit.

HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre 'Le M.D.' 2007/08/09* Bottle £18.95

Excellent Sancerre. Clean with a hint of minerality. Fresh grapefruit fragrance. Regal for a sancerre, excellent focus, restrained, but not weedy.

HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre Blanc 'Cuvee Jadis' 2007/08 Bottle £29.95

Jadis is grown on Kimmeridgean Marl (60 year old vines) and is made according to Henri Bourgeois grandfather's recipe. This is a wine of great charisma; very aromatic and concentrated. Complex and well-balanced, Sancerre Jadis reveals aromas of exotic fruits and honey.

HENRI BOURGEOIS Sauvignon Blanc 'Petit Bourgeois' 2008/09*/10 Bottle + £8.95

With 10 generations of expertise, Henri Bourgeois has an impressive reputation spanning continents. The Sauvignon Blanc vines used to make this wine are located just outside Sancerre and share many of its attributes. With bright, gooseberry and mineral notes, this wine has much of Sancerre's class without the price tag. This delicious Sauvignon Blanc has the perfect balance between New World aromatic intensity and Old World restraint. Unoaked, the wine is packed with ripe citrus fruits aromas and flavours. The palate is silky with layers of wonderful pure Sauvignon Blanc flavours. Brilliant!

HUBERT BROCHARD Sancerre Blanc 'Aujourd'hui Comme Autrefois' 2009/10 Bottle @ £12.95

This wine comes from the essentially chalky soils of "Les Garennes". It is made using traditional methods in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks without clarification or filtration. To add depth to the wine, it has been left to age on its lees. Thanks to the early bottling, this wine will keep all its youth, vigour and fruit for many years. Excellent as an aperitif and certainly to be shared. THE DEPOSIT THAT MAY APPEAR IN THIS WINE TESTIFIES TO ITS AUTHENTICITY AND QUALITY AND IS DUE TO ITS TRADITIONAL VINIFICATION WITHOUT FINING OR FILTRATION. IT IS COMPLETELY HARMLESS.

HUBERT BROCHARD Sancerre Blanc 'Collines Blanches' 09/10** Bottle/NC @ £11.75

This wine is produced from 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes, from 30 years old vines, grown in plots around the villages of Saint Gemme, Menetreol, Amigny, Chavignol and Sancerre. The vineyards consist of 40% limestone, 40% flint and 20% clay. Harvesting is done in early October and the wine is vinified in temperature-controlled vats. It can be kept for up to 5 years and is clean, dry and fruity. Best served at 10C and is the ideal accompaniment to seafood, fish in sauces, certain cheeses, in particular Crottin de Chavignol goat's cheese. 3rd PLACE - Top 10 Sauvignons under £10 in the World

HUBERT BROCHARD Sancerre Blanc 'Collines Blanches' 2009/10* Half/NC £6.45

This wine is produced from 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes, from 30 years old vines, grown in plots around the villages of Saint Gemme, Menetreol, Amigny, Chavignol and Sancerre. The vineyards consist of 40% limestone, 40% flint and 20% clay. Harvesting is done in early October and the wine is vinified in temperature-controlled vats. It can be kept for up to 5 years and is clean, dry and fruity. Best served at 10C and is the ideal accompaniment to seafood, fish in sauces, certain cheeses, in particular Crottin de Chavignol goat's cheese. 3rd PLACE - Top 10 Sauvignons under £10 in the World

JEAN-PAUL BALLAND Sancerre Blanc 'Grand Cuvee' 2007/08* (09) Bottle + £16.95

Jean Paul Balland owns some 20 hectares with fine plots on Le Grand Chemarin and Le Chene Marchand. The grapes are partly hand picked and partly mechanically harvested, then fermented at a temperature as low as 15. The wine receives no fining but has a light filtration. This is a classic example of a rich, round style of Sancerre. The Grand Cuvee which can age magnificently, is from the oldest vines and 50% sees maturation in used demi-muids.

Saumur

DOMAINE DES ROCHES NEUVES Saumur Blanc 'L'Insolite' 2009 Bottle £16.95

Thierry Germain comes from a long line of Bordeaux wine makers and did not arrive in the Loire till 1991. Everything is done by hand with minimal chemical use in the vineyards, vinification in small batches and no fining or filtration. This wine is 'something completely different' because complex, properly made Chenin from the Loire is sadly not at all mainstream although we passionately believe that it should be. Perhaps that is because the flavours are often a strange mix of beeswax, honey, searing lemon and floral aromatics. This, made from fruit from 75 year old vines is all those things and more. Some of the grapes are late harvested giving an extra layer of richness and there is oak, so add a creamy spice to the mix as well. One of our favourite whites in the whole world. Please don't serve too cold and do decant before serving.

Touraine

France - Loire

Touraine

DOMAINE DES CORBILLIERES Sauvignon de Touraine 2009/10* Bottle + £8.95

Produced by Maurice Barbou, famous among esteemed growers in Sancerre. Extremely high quality Sauvignon Blanc. Delicate and with a floral aroma, this wine is rich and fruity, well balanced and give a lasting freshness to the palate. Goes well with Asparagus, fish and all shellfish. ROBERT PARKER - "The Barbou family's 2008 Touraine Sauvignon lives up to their long-run track record for generating some of the consistently finest - not to mention best-value - Sauvignon Blancs on the planet. The finish is the epitome of the invigoration and lift that wine from this grape can deliver, leading one to wonder why so many growers and importers - not to mention consumers - so often settle for so much less Sauvignon quality, especially when delivered at a much higher price. This will be a delight for at least the next two years. 90 PTS."

GUY ALLION Sauvignon de Touraine 2008/09*/2010 Bottle £7.45

~+ This domaine with its beautiful Touraine-style house made out of tufa produces first class Sauvignon from vines grown on sandy-clay soil. The estate is managed according to the Terra Vitis programme, a codified system which posits not only respect for the environment but knowledge of the land, parcel by parcel. This sensitivity to the environment means that natural rather than chemical solutions can be pursued in the vineyard. The grapes are picked at maximum and immediately transported to the winery to prevent oxidation. This Sauvignon de Touraine, which in previous years has garnered high praise from the Guide Hachette has lifted aromas of elderflower cordial, Victoria plums and hints of grass come from this wine. The palate is filled with gooseberry fool infused with elderflower and hints of Summer fruit.

HENRI BROCHARD Sauvignon Blanc 'Les Carisannes' 2010 Bottle £7.95

@ The vineyard for the production of this lovely Sauvignon Blanc is located in the commune of Bannay, close to the Sancerre appellation. It is made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc grapes and is crisp, dry and fruity. It is delicious with shellfish, seafood & fish or just enjoy the lovely fresh fruit flavours on its own. Made by the highly regarded Sancerre & Pouilly Fume producer Hubert Brochard.

Vouvray

DOMAINE VIGNEAU-CHEVREAU Vouvray Sec 'Cuvee Silex' 2009 Bottle 13%Alc + £11.65

When Michel Vigneau married Mlle Chevreau, the Domaine Vigneau-Chevreau was created uniting two properties and two families which have been making wine since 1875. Today, they and their sons have 28 hectares of vines, and they produce an impressive array of still, sparkling, sec, demi-sec and moelleux wines. Sec refers to this Vouvray being "dry," and Cuvée Silex refers to the flinty stones that make up a large part of the vineyard's chalky soil, contributing a mineral, almost sea-briny nuance beneath the Vigneau-Cheveau's honeyed apple aroma, wildflower fragrance, and mildly tart, lush, flowing, refreshingly balanced, medium bodied feel on the palate. Wine Spectator: Jane Macquitty, The Times July 18 2009 - "One of the very best dry vouvrais I've ever tasted from fully organic vineyards on ancient chalky slopes and vinified in equally chalky cellars to the east of Tours. Grown on the valley's famed, superior silex, or flint flecked limestone soil, renowned for its gunflint scent, this vouvray has this quality in spades."

DOMAINE VIGNEAU-CHEVREAU Vouvray Sec 'Rougemont' 2008/09 Bottle £12.95

Domaine Vigneau Cheveau's Vouvray Tradition is a Chenin Blanc of uncommon purity; taut, lean & dry with layers of apple blossoms and quince fruit flavours. Biodynamic

LA VALLEE COQUETTE Vouvray (Demi-Sec) 2007 Bottle £7.95

+ This wine, made from 100% Chenin Blanc grapes, has a pale yellow color with green reflections. The nose has wonderful freshness and in the mouth it has a supple attack and a good acidity. Excellent as an aperitif and a good partner to cold meats, white meats and cheeses.

France - Rhone

(N) Condrieu

FRANCOIS VILLARD Condrieu 'De Poncins' 2007(09) Bottle £41.95

Sourced from three vineyards in Saint-Michel-sur-Rhône and aged in 35% new oak, this has a restrained, pure, very mineral nose, while the palate is tight and backward, but with really good concentration and minerality. Complex and long. Drink from 2010. 94 points Wine Spectator: "Very ripe and open, with blood orange, persimmon, heather honey and pear aromas and flavors that course through the rich, lightly smoky finish. A lingering hint of mango adds more length. Drink now through 2011. 980 cases made." (12/09)

ROBERT NIERO Condrieu 'Les Ravines' 2007 Bottle £36.95

Les Ravines is thus named as the grapes are sourced from a series of precipitous vineyards which are separated by something resembling a ravine, albeit of modest proportions. Granite and ancient decomposed limestone are the keys to the success of Viognier in Condrieu.

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

White Wine

France - Rhone

(S) Ch'neuf-du-Pape

DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE CNDP Blanc (White) £36.95
2006/08/09 Bottle

A great success, this unoaked cuvee is made from 40% Clairette, 30% Grenache Blanc, the balance shared between Bourboulenc and Roussanne. A complex wine, which effortlessly juxtaposes the citric and the honied, then adds a note of nutty richness for good measure. Very complete and satisfying en bouche.

ROBERT PARKER (2004) 91 points 'One of the finest white Vieux Telegraphes in recent years is the 2003. A brilliant offering that sees no new oak, it offers superb honeyed citrus intermixed with floral and tropical fruit characteristics in a medium to full-bodied, fresh, substantial style. There are 2,000 cases of the 2003, one of the largest productions of an estate bottled white Chateaufeu du Pape. Drink this knock-out white wine over the next 2-3 years.'

Cotes du Rhone AOC

PAUL JABOULET AINE Cotes du Rhone Blanc 'Parallele 45' £8.95
2008/09/10 Bottle £

This Côtes du Rhône takes its name from the 45th North parallel which runs two kilometres from their cellars. In the village of Pont de l'Isère, a monument symbolises this line with an inscription: "The South begins here". The wine has had this name since the beginning of the 1950s. Grape Varieties: 60% Grenache blanc; 30% Viognier; 10% Bourboulenc. Colour: Pale yellow colour with greenish hues. Bouquet: Aromatic and fresh with white flowers and citrus fruit. Palate: Ample and warm, with an attractive fresh final note. Matching Food and Wine: Curried mussels, brill, salmon and haddock dishes.

France - South of

Cabardes

CHATEAU DE PENNAUTIER Chardonnay de Pennautier £6.95
2008/09/10 Bottle +

Made from 100% Chardonnay grapes this wine has a very bright yellow green colour and a powerful nose dominated by fresh fruit aromas such as grapefruit, pineapple, and lemon zests. You will also notice subtle aromas of fresh hazelnut. This wine is very balanced on the palate: but lively and unctuous at the same time, as it develops a range of citrus fruit flavors. Drink it with fish, seafood or by itself as an aperitif.

MARQUIS DE PENNAUTIER Chardonnay 'Terroirs d'Altitude' £9.45
2007/08* Bottle +

The grapes for this wine, 100% Chardonnay, were from selected harvest, in the first few hours of the day. They were immediately drained and pressed and subject to three weeks fermentation at 16 to 18 C followed by malolactic fermentation in barrels with regular stirring of the lees. The wine was then aged for 10 months in oak barrels before being bottled. The wine has a wonderful golden colour with powerful aromas reminiscent of pineapple, vanilla, passion fruit and apricot. Explosive on the palate, this wine is very fleshy and on the finish, the oak provides it with an exceptional length. It can be kept 3 to 5 years and is the perfect accompaniment to white meats or fish dishes in sauces and foie gras.

Coteaux de Languedoc

MAS DE DAUMAS GASSAC Reserve de Gassac Blanc 2008/09 £8.95
Bottle (Organic) +

Beautiful crisp fresh aromatic yellow stone fruits with white flowers, chalky mineral dusty notes and a long clean finish of aromatic pears and white peaches. Wonderfully fragrant and full bodied and fleshy in a way only Viognier can be. Acids are fresh and precise and frame the wine well. A great effort from Samuel Guibert. The Reserve de Gassac Blanc should not be served too cold. Decant it and witness how the primary pearfruit Viognier aromas melt into the wine to be replaced by an impression of warm butter, pollen and dried fruits. Roll the wine gently in your mouth and you will understand harmony.

Cotes de Gascogne

COMTE TOLOSAN Sauvignon Blanc 'Le Charme' N.V. Bottle £5.95
+

Overt bouquet with classical gooseberry pungency. Refreshing and quenching on the palate. Dunell's Comments: From Gascogne, this is a true Sauvignon. Slightly sweet fruit on the nose with some nice grassiness. 11.5% Alcohol. We all like this wine. Great value!

Cotes du Roussillon

LE ROC DES ANGES Grenache Gris/Macabeo Vieilles-Vignes 2008 £17.95
Bottle/NC OR +

These grapes have a unique personality. They give pure, clean and straightforward juices commanding respect and simplicity in the approach to winemaking. Fermented and aged in concrete vats (60%) and wood (40%), they produce gourmet wines. Flavourful and mineral, Vieille Vignes opens up and expresses itself slowly, a reflection of deep-rooted vines in schist. Grapefruit and lemon on the nose. Complex palate with long nutty finish.

Limoux

France - South of

Limoux

SIEUR D'ARQUES Chardonnay 'Toques et Clochers' 2008 Bottle £11.95
+

The 100% Chardonnay Clochers wines are made from grapes harvested from the most exceptional plots in the four Limoux terroirs. Each Clocher wine bears the name of its village of origin and its winemaker. These are wines meant to be kept which rival with the finest appellations in France. Every year they are the stars of the Toques & Clochers event and auction which attract international connoisseurs and professionals. These prestigious wines are served at the best restaurants in the world and have been unanimously selected and praised by top sommeliers. This Chardonnay is simply wonderful. Well balanced, it evokes the nearby Pyrenees with fresh, mineral tones. This grand Chardonnay will be magnificent as an aperitif or will accompany muscles in cream, skate with capers, salmon with asparagus or grilled prawns.

Vin de Pays d'Oc

LES VIGNES DE L'EGLISE Vermentino 2009 Bottle £5.95
Pale yellow in colour. The nose is fresh and aromatic, with attractive citrus, pear and peach notes. The palate is medium-bodied with good depth and ripeness of citrus and stone fruit which give roundness to the wine on the finish; crisp but balanced acidity ensures the finish is also long and fresh.

Germany

KELLER Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc) 'Selection A Barrique' £29.95
2003 Bottle

Baden

BERCHER Grauburgunder Schlossgarten 2008 Bottle £26.95
This is a fine, fragrant and racy wine from small family vineyards. Sliding well in the mouth, it is fruity and very expressive. Great for light roasts and potato gratin.

Mosel-Saar Ruwer

PAULINSHOF Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett 2009 Bottle £13.95
The name Paulinshof derives from the St Paul's church in Trier which owned vast areas of vineyards in the Mosel as far back as 936. Since 1969 Weingut Paulinshof has been managed by Klaus and Christa Jungling who make a fresh, perfectly balanced wine from the top class Riesling grape. A lovely, pale but vibrant colour. There is an abundance of fresh, ripe fruits on the nose, with tangerine, nectarine and melon, and notes of cream and honeysuckle. This is carried along by fresh acidity, with a creamy, rich, pithy, fleshy texture which reflects the success of the vintage. Flavours of fresh tropical fruits, mirroring those found on the nose. A touch of sweetness, and some grip as well. This is delightful - elegant yet full and ripe. Dunell's Comments: A classic, fresh lemony fragrance and palate, if slightly sweet with botrytised notes. Does finish slightly dry.

Pfalz

ALOISIUSHOF Sauvignon Blanc 'Element' 2010 Bottle £16.95
+

This dry Sauvignon Blanc comes from the "Elements" line. The vines grow in the best locations in St. Martins. The aromatic bouquet shows notes of cassis, gooseberry, citrus, plums, hibiscus, pepper and elderberry. On the palate, juicy, fresh, aromatic, much fruit, delicate spice, mineral, attractive, stimulating and very resonant. Lovely!

BASSERMANN JORDAN Gewurztraminer Auslese 2009 Half £20.95
Exotic aroma and a smoky, peachy palate. A luxurious and intense Gewürztraminer that can be drunk on its own or as an accompaniment to Asian food or strong cheese. It is also great with fruit based desserts without too much acidity or with Foie Gras.

BASSERMANN-JORDAN Riesling Auf der Mauer QbA 2009 Half £14.95
Today, Bassermann-Jordan stands among the top echelon of the world's wine estates. Fermented with wild yeasts, this one gives off a smoky scent that entices the drinker. Lively aromas of white nectarine, honeysuckle and clove. Fresh on the palate, with a soft texture to the delicate apricot fruit. Finishes with succulent spice and pleasant length. An excellent value.

DR LOOSEN Riesling Pfalz 'Wolf' 2008/09**/2010 Bottle + £7.45
A pale clear wine with an aroma of crisp flint and a slight citrus note. The wine is dry with a touch of honeyed grapefruit on the palate.

Rheinhessen

DREISSIGACKER Bechtheimer Riesling 2008/09 Bottle £16.95
Very fragrant nose of peaches and red apples. Elegant with lots of fruit. It is enormously long and has great minerality. An absolute stunner!

WITTMANN Westhofer Morstein Riesling Grand Cru 2009 Bottle £39.95
A wine of impact. Tremendous minerality with subtle tones of white grapefruit, papaya, peach, honeydew melon and pineapple. There are also spicy on the nose, particularly turmeric. Buttery in the mouth. Powerful and long. A gorgeous wine.

White Wine

Germany

Greece

SANTORINI WINERY Assyrtiko 2009 Bottle - AH £12.45

WS 90 points - 'The 2009 SANTORINI "ESTATE" is all Assyrtiko. I have not been a big fan of oak and Assyrtiko, but this makes it work well, the wine developing a more brooding presence at some points in its development, with some bite on the finish, but having none of that "drenched in vanilla" taste or aromatic. Rather, it mostly seems stern and more penetrating. It was a good sign that I liked it more after it warmed up and aired out, but make no mistake about it—how you feel about the oak will very much be a stylistic preference and it did go through different phases. I like to drink the oaked Santorinis on the younger side, as I often find the fruit fades faster than the oak, and I'd recommend that here, too, no matter how long it technically holds. I will say it drank pretty well the next day, and I liked it every bit as much. Drink now-2014.'

Crete

SILENUS White (Vilana) 'Mediterra' 2008/10** Bottle £6.95

In Greek mythology SILENUS was the god of the dance of the wine-press and a companion and tutor to the wine god Dionysus.

Made from a local variety VILANA. Bright yellow colour with green glints, it has a forward open nose with notes of lime & citrus and floral fragrances. On the palate it is crispy and refreshing. The finish is long and pure, defined by its elegant acidity.

Vilana is a white Greek wine grape variety planted primarily in Crete. The grape is a difficult one to cultivate and produces delicate wines rarely seen outside of Greece.

Israel

CARMEL WINERY 'Carmel Ridge' White 2007 Bottle (Kosher Lemahadrin) - £10.95

The white wine is made mainly from Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay grapes, with a little Colombar and Semillon, from the Zichron Ya'acov vineyards. The wine was cold fermented in stainless steel tanks to preserve the aromas of melon, pear and lime. The wine is clean, refreshing with good balancing acidity.

Italy

ALLEGRI Bianco di Salento 2010 Magnum £8.45

A soft, dry, easy drinking white.

DETTORI Bianco 'Dettori' Vermentino IGT Romangia 2006/07* Bottle £23.95

STEFANO INAMA Soave Classico 'Vigneti di Foscari' 2008 Bottle £17.95

Stefano Inama's whites continue to define the Soave terroir. 2008 Vigneti di Foscari is a superb if still tightly wound version of this benchmark wine. It is sourced exclusively from a single hilltop vineyard that is the jewel in this estates crown. An absolutely superb Italian white with an enticing, lifted nose, showing succulent aromas of honey, apricot and herbs. The honeyed palate shows stone-fruit flavours, a slight hint of spice and a long intense finish. This is a complex and powerful Italian white that's not to be missed. Fermented and matured in old French barriques this will age for a decade and is sure to be the biggest surprise for those who feel Italian whites just cannot make the grade. Award: IWSC Silver (Best in Class) 2011.

Abruzzi

EDOARDO VALENTINI Trebbiano D'Abruzzo 2003 Bottle £44.95

This Trebbiano d'Abruzzo reveals compelling notes of earthiness, smoke, spices, honey and ripe peaches and apricots. It offers outstanding length and richness on the palate with finessed tannins and a sweet, resonating finish. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2014.

Valentini is among the handful of producers who continues to make his wines in a rigorously traditional, artisan fashion. Sadly Edoardo Valentini passed away in 2006, but his son Francesco continues to run this small property. The estate's wines have attained a cult status among wine lovers and can be hard to find, not to mention very expensive. At their finest, they offer a very personal expression of Trebbiano and Montepulciano from Abruzzo although bottle variation can be an issue.

Alto Adige

Italy

Alto Adige

ALOIS LAGEDER Pinot Grigio 'Benefizium Porer' 2008 Bottle £15.95 (DIS)

Grape variety: Pinot Gris - Description: Brilliant straw-yellow colour. Very perfumed, rich, slightly smoky, uplifted varietal aroma paired with elegant oak spice. Clean, grapey, full-bodied flavour, quite soft and creamy, delicate and with a fresh finish. Remarkably long and spicy on the palate. Suggested Food: Starters, pâtés and terrines, cold meat, all kinds of fish and seafood, white meat and poultry. Maturation potential: 4 - 6 years.

ELENA WALCH Pinot Bianco Alto Adige 2008/10* £9.95

Grown exclusively in the Kastelaz site on a very steep hillside above Tramin at an altitude of 400 metres above sea level. The vineyard has been recently replanted with newly-built narrow terraces and vines are trained on the international guyot trellising system. The soil is a mixture of sand and clay. Intense pale yellow, this is a concentrated white wine with mild but firm acidity. Elegant and floral on the nose and palate supported by impressive structure. Very fine fruit with a pleasantly dry and long finish.

TENUTA KOFERERHOF Gewurztraminer 'Valle Isarco' 2007 Bottle £18.95

ROBERT PARKER 91 points 'The estate's 2007 Gewurztraminer is another highlight among these new releases. An exotic, varietal bouquet melds seamlessly into a palate of passion fruit, mango, lime peel, minerals and sweet baking spices. This is a fairly taut, dry style of Gewurztraminer that will offer its greatest pleasure at the dinner table. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2012.

This small estate has come on strong in recent years with a number of delicious wines. The 2007s come across as slightly heavy compared to the 2005s and 2006s.'

Apulia

A MANO Fiano/Greccho Bianco 2008(10ST) Bottle £7.25

It is a 50/50 blend of Fiano and Greco di Tufo grown together. The Fiano is very aromatic and the Greco di Tufo is responsible for the body. Interesting stuff! Secret recipe - ripe grapes. Then you de-stem, crush and press. The juice is cold settled and fermented for 3 ½ weeks at 8° C (46°F). The wine was racked, cold stabilized and readied for bottling. No oak, No malolactic, just great crisp and aromatic wine. The wine is a pale yellow appearance. The nose displays aromas of citrus, peach and apricot with a hint of honey and almonds. The palate is refreshing and offers vibrant fruit as well as persistent acidity.

Campania

TERREDORA Fiano d'Avellino 'Terre di Dora' DOCG 2008 £14.45

Intense straw yellow in colour, has elegant and complex aromas of ripe fruit and flowers, including hints of pear, apricot, citrus, toasted hazelnuts, acacia, hawthorn and honey, very aromatic flavor, full body, soft and balanced. Food Pairing: Ideal as an aperitif, with oysters, raw seafood, and shellfish.

VESEVO Sannio Falanghina 2009 Bottle + £9.25

The Vesevo winery is located in the high, mountainous area of Avellino, known as the 'Switzerland of the South'. The vineyards are regularly exposed to a cool breeze that blows in from the Bay of Naples and this same breeze has, over the centuries, blown volcanic ash from Vesuvius inland to give the soil here a volcanic character rich in minerals and trace elements. These have proved fundamental in the production of wines of real character from local grape varieties, one of which is called Falanghina. This stunning 2008 vintage has intense apple and pear flavours on the nose and the palate. It is medium-bodied, fresh and well-balanced and possesses a remarkable depth and persistence of flavour the sort of depth of flavour seldom found in this grape.

Friuli-Ven.-Giulia

ALPHA ZETA Pinot Grigio 'P' 2009/10**** Bottle + £6.95

Made by New Zealand winemaker Matt Thomson, who also makes the wines at Saint Clair estate in New Zealand. His experience with white wines there has helped him get the very best out of Pinot Grigio - lots of flavour, all with Kiwi polish. Dry, crisp, aromatic and spicy with a polished texture on the palate. Utterly gulpable! A good price for a quality Pinot Grigio.

BORGIO DEI VASSALLI Pinot Grigio 2009/10* Bottle @ £8.95

The finest selection of grapes from the vineyards of Cassegliano and San Canzian d'Isonzo are reserved for the "Borgio dei Vassalli" wines. These vineyards are situated south where they are located on richer soil. This wine has a floral nose with a subtle hint of fresh citrus and has aromas of almonds on the retro nasal finish. The palate is long and clean and it has lovely weight on the mid palate towards a full flavoured finish. Very drinkable and superb with food.

CA' LUCA Pinot Grigio 2009/10*** Bottle/ST \$@ £6.45

This Pinot Grigio from northern Italy is a clean well-balanced dry white with delicate perfume and fresh apple fruit. 'Ca' Luca' retains a refined acidity that compliments the subtle peach and pear flavours lingering on the finish. Easy drinking & very enjoyable with or without food.

CORTE GIARA Pinot Grigio by Allegrini 2010 Bottle @ £6.95

This Pinot Grigio is bright straw yellow in colour with a fresh, floral bouquet, reminiscent of acacia flower on the nose. This is an elegant style of wine that is fresh, dry and well-balanced on the palate. Winemaker Franco Allegrini thinks this is the best Pinot Grigio he has ever produced under the Corte Giara label.

I FEUDI DI ROMANS Pinot Grigio 2009/10* Bottle + £9.95

This Pinot Grigio Isonzo DOC is light, bright lemon in colour, it is clean and scented with perfumes of acacia flowers and white blossom, together with the distinctive nutty aroma characteristic of good Pinot Grigio. On the palate it is well-balanced and fresh, with a honeyed but lively fruit and a long, nutty finish.

White Wine

Italy

Friuli-Ven.-Giulia

LIVIO FELLUGA Pinot Grigio 2009 Bottle (DIS) £19.95
The Livio Felluga Pinot Grigio is light straw in colour with coppery highlights reflecting the brief period of skin contact. It is full and open on the nose, with perfumes of orange blossom and wild roses. On the palate it has good depth, with tight, restrained flavours of peach and apricot, liquorice and white pepper. It finishes long, dry, clean and fresh. Recently revitalised by Livio's four children (Andrea, Maurizio, Elda and Filippo), the estate is now well on the way to reclaiming its rightful place among the great producers in Italy. The energy injected into the estate by the younger generation has been harnessed by consultant viticulturalist/winemaker Stefano Chioccioli. As a result of their combined work, the whites have acquired more intense and focused flavours, while the reds have a ripeness and suppleness that is seldom achieved in Friuli.

PONTE DEL DIAVOLO Pinot Grigio 2009/10* Bottle £7.95
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The Ponte del Diavolo range takes its name from the spectacular medieval bridge in nearby Cividale. The story goes that the devil struck a bargain with the townspeople, promising to make them a bridge in return for the soul of the first living thing to cross it. The cunning citizens sent a dog or cat across, depending on the variation of the story, thereby saving themselves and gaining a wonderful bridge. **TASTING NOTES:** Bright, light lemon in colour, with a clean, fresh perfume of white fruit, fresh hazelnuts and a touch of citrus on the nose. On the palate it is dry and unoaked, with a lively, lemon/lime character with just a touch of the rich, nuttiness associated with good Pinot Grigio. Lovely fresh finish.

PURE Pinot Grigio N.V. Bottle £5.95
Zing! A delightful expressive, dry wine with refreshing apple and citrus flavours. Produced from vineyards situated in the foothills of the Alps, the days are not too hot and the nights are cool - perfect for producing this fashionable variety.

VIE DI ROMANS Pinot Grigio 'Dessimis' 2007/08/09 Bottle £24.95
Full-bodied and surprisingly rich, the Pinot Grigio has a smoky, nutty character on the nose, which gives way to smooth, almost oily fruit on the palate - characteristic of good Pinot Grigio. The barrel ageing adds richness and depth to the palate, without an obvious spicy oak flavour. The wine was aged for 12 months in barrel before bottling. It was then kept in bottle 7 months before release.

VIE DI ROMANS Sauvignon Blanc 'Vieris' 2007(08) Bottle £24.95
Don't be put off by the price, if you want to taste something very special and unique you can't go wrong here!

Hunawihr

BERA VITTORIO Moscato d'Asti 2010 Bottle £15.95
The vineyards are cultivated using organic production methods: only humus and compost are used; chemical fertilisers, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides banned. Parasites are successfully discouraged using copper sulphate and powered sulphur. In the Azienda Bera vineyards the ecosystem is alive: an abundance of snails is proof of a harmonious environmental balance. The Moscato offers more in terms of flesh and softness than effervescence, combining melon, orange peel and sage on the nose. In the mouth, it is moderately sweet and would complement richer desserts as well as being the dream partner for strawberries. Easy to distinguish this Asti from your Elbling.

Marches

ANGELINI Verdicchio Classico Superiore 2008 Bottle £7.95
This wine from Marche region enhances the fresh aromas and appealing varietal fruit nuances. Crisp, graceful apple and pear aromas and excellent balance leads to an enjoyable finish. Perfect with poultry, grilled vegetables and seafood. Enjoy chilled.

Sardinia

DETTORI Moscato Romagna Bianco 'Moscadeddu' 2007 Bottle £44.45
ROBERT PARKER 94 Points - The 2007 Moscadeddu is a rich, honeyed dessert wine with fabulous intensity and length. Varietal Moscato notes emerge in an expansive, generous style. Apricot jam, tangerine, mint, spices and flowers are woven together in an intricate fabric of notable pedigree. This is a terrific effort from Dettori. Drink: 2010-2017. Alessandro Dettori makes some of the most unique and compelling wines in Sardinia. Minuscule yields from old vineyards, biodynamic farming and a non-interventionalist approach in the cellar. The wines are made with natural yeasts and are neither fined nor filtered prior to bottling. At their best, these are profound wines, but they are also totally natural. Dunell's - We showcased this wine at a recent food and wine event at Tasilli (Grand Jersey) and it was absolutely incredible.

Sicily

AZIENDA BENANTI Pietramarina Etna Bianco Superiore 2007 Bottle £29.95
The Etna Bianco Superiore Pietramarina (Carricante) flows with a rich, textured expression of white peaches, mint and flowers. The fruit shows lovely depth and an attractive roundness that carries through to the finish. The Pietramarina has a track record of developing beautifully in the bottle, and I expect that will be the case here as well. This remains one of the most distinctive, subtle and elegant whites being made in Italy. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2017.

Italy

Sicily

BORGO SELENE Blanco Catarrato 2008/10 Bottle £5.95
The Borgo Selene wines ('Selene' is derived from the word for 'moon' in Greek, an illustration of the influence of the Greeks who also brought the vine to Sicily, have had on the Mediterranean's largest island) are made and blended by Alberto Antonini. Produced from selected grapes grown in the hilly areas in the province of Trapani in Western Sicily. This lovely white blend is a bright straw coloured wine with a fruity bouquet of green apples and pears. Crisp and clean on the palate, it is fresh and medium bodied with a lovely balancing acidity.

DONNAFUGATA Catarratto/Viognier 'Polena' 2009/10 Bottle £9.95
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A blend of 50% Catarratto (a native Sicilian grape) and 50% Viognier. Aromas of mineral, acacia, lemon/lime citrus notes and tropical fruits. Quite full on the palate but with ore of the citrus flavours helping keep the wine fresh. Goes well with both fish/fishcakes and shellfish, risottos and roasted vegetables. The 'signature dish' designed for the winery to go with this wine is a courgette flan with a red pepper sauce. Polena is the Italian for the figurehead that hangs over a ship's bow. Italian Polenas were always female and were supposed to be magical and bring the boat luck. The winemaker/owner at Donnafugata is married to Jose Rallo who is one of Italy's best Jazz singers. As a result of this their marketing has become intertwined with her singing and she has even composed a song to match each of their wines.

DONNAFUGATA Vigna di Gabri 2008(09) Bottle £16.95
The Rallo family have been involved in wine production in Marsala for over 150 years, but were one of the first families to move into the production of high quality table wine when sales of Marsala started to decline. The Vigna di Gabri is 100% Ansonica, one of Sicily's oldest varieties, and really demonstrates the quality of wine that is now coming out of the island, especially using indigenous grape varieties. This wine highlights the special characteristics of the Ansonica variety. The intense, elegant aromas range from apples to acacia and more complex scents of a salty or mineral cast. A structured, mouth-filling flavour that is fresh and sapid with a lingering finish.

VILLA TONINO Inzolia 2009/10 Bottle + £6.95
This white is bright, straw yellow in colour with green tints this wine has a spicy, aromatic character on the nose with notes of citrus, melon, white fruits and flowers. These characters follow through on the palate and give way to rich, rounded fruit on the finish. It is refreshing and individual, and is probably the most exciting and convincing expression of this variety around. Though modern in style, the clarity of the fruit retains a distinctly Sicilian character. A super fresh white that will be superb wine for shellfish dishes, BBQ grilled fish or alfresco lunches.

Umbria

ANTINORI Chardonnay 'Bramito del Cervo' 2008/09/10 Bottle** £13.95
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Intense straw yellow with golden highlights and a fruity bouquet with a clear varietal character. On the palate, it is mellow and balanced, with excellent structure. Food Match: Vegetable flan, vegetable quiche, snails, foie gras, frogs and shellfish. Nick Passmore, businessweek.com (re 2008) - "The Bramito is just packed with the flavors of summer—think apricots and peaches—and rounded out by a toasty minerality with just a hint of vanilla. The latter comes from the judicious use of oak, thanks to the second- and third-fill bariques in which it is aged—unlike the new ones used for Cervaro. This adds the right amount of weight and body to the wine without overwhelming the wonderful, expressive fruit."

ANTINORI Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay 'Conte della Vipera' 2006/08 Bottle + £18.95
Sauvignon Blanc with a small percentage of Chardonnay. At harvest time, a careful selection was made of the best Sauvignon Blanc grapes coming from the vineyards of Castello della Sala this is vinified and then a small quantity of Chardonnay wine was blended with the Sauvignon Blanc. The subsequent wine is then barrel-fermented. The first vintage to be released was the 1997. Intensely fruity aromas deriving from the union of the two grape varieties. On the palate well-structured and velvety with a finish that clearly reflects its aromas.

Valle d'Aosta

LES CRETES Chardonnay Cuvee Frissonniere 2009 Bottle - GO £19.95
The winery was founded in 1989 in Les Crêtes Aymavilles, through the work of Constantine Charrère and is now run by his family, owners of a historic water mill 700 and the ancient cellars of Moulines Road, deals, for five generations, the agricultural food production. The area of cultivation of the vineyards covers 25 hectares along the bank of the Dora Baltea in the communes of Saint Pierre, Aymavilles, Gresham, Sarre, Aosta, and Saint Christophe. ROBERT PARKER "The 2009 Chardonnay from Les Cretes is especially fat and rich in this vintage, yet all of the elements come together beautifully in the glass. Layers of sumptuous tropical fruit meld into butter, smoke and flowers in a seamless, generous style. The expansive, creamy finish makes it hard to resist a second taste. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2014. 91 points"

Veneto

CA' DEI FRATI I Frati 'Lugana' 2010 Bottle ~#^^@ £12.95
This wine comes from the southern shores of Lake Garda and is from a producer that has often been described as a model Italian wine estate. The wine is fresh and zesty with lovely depth on the mid-palate and offers great value for money for this level of quality. This wine has a nose that is clean, delicate and fragrant, with perfumes of fresh white flowers and nettles, apricots and almonds. An attractive acidity gives it an elegant finish and makes it particularly easy to drink. It is a perfect match for cold starters, vegetable soups and steamed or grilled fish.

White Wine

Italy

Veneto

CA' DEI FRATI Pratto 2009 Bottle ~+ £19.95
The light golden colour gives way to perfumes of tropical fruit and a mineral hint characteristic of Ca' dei Frati lead into a dry, rich palate. Made from 60% Lugana with 20% Sauvignon Blanc adding a perfumed lift to the blend, the remaining 20% Chardonnay fruit rounds out the palate, giving it depth and weight. The oak ageing adds a touch of spice to the lingering tropical fruit finish. The Dal Cero family has transformed their Ca' dei Frati property into a model Italian estate over the past decade. When we first began buying their wines in 1987, they had 12 hectares of vineyard; today, they have 50 hectares. This increase in quantity has been matched by an increase in quality, and today they remain the best producers in Lugana, and rank as one of Italy's best producers of white wine.

MONTEFORTE Pinot Grigio/Chardonnay 2009/10 Bottle** £6.45
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The Cantina di Monteforte is situated in the eastern part of Soave Classico and Soave. They have 1200 hectares in total, part in Soave Classico and part outside of Classico. Most merchants in Verona have long held that this co-operative has some of the best vineyards in Soave Classico. 60% of their vineyards are on the hills, and face south and southeast, so have a superb exposition. Light, youthful lemony colour with a clean, fresh perfume of citrus and blossom. Dry and crisp on the palate, with a hint of nuttiness on the finish.

PIEROPAN Soave (Classico) 2009/10* Bottle/st #^^@ £10.45
Pieropan's estate covers 30 hectares of vineyard, all of which are situated on the stony hills of the Soave Classico zone. The Pieropan family has been producing wines in Soave since the 1860s. Indeed, they were the first producer to bottle a wine with the name Soave on the label, in the early 1930s. The Garganega gives structure and acidity to the wines, while the Trebbiano di Soave gives perfume and richness of flavour. Brilliant straw yellow in colour with greenish tints. The nose is delicate and reminiscent of almond blossom and marzipan. There is good depth of fruit on the palate, nicely balanced by a zingy acidity that enhances its long length.

PONTE PIETRA Trebbiano/Garganega 2009/10 Bottle** £5.45
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This is a lovely example of the art of white wine making to maintain crisp fresh fruit. The colour is pale yellow with hints of green and this leads to a surprisingly intense nose of citrus and apple fruit with a distinctly grassy, herbaceous note, (almost Loire Sauvignon Blanc!). The palate is fresh, zippy and lively with the youthful fruit to the fore. The finish is short but clean and zingy! A great wine for lunchtimes, salads or a glass before dinner!

TAMELLINI Soave 'Le Bine de Costiolo' 2008 Bottle ORGANIC £15.95
100% Garganega - organic production. Le Bine is the single vineyard version from pergola grown vines around 40-50 years old, planted in a mix of gravel and rich calcareous rock. Select clusters of grapes are harvested towards the end of October. With richer fruit and strength of flavour; it combines lively apple fruit with notes of plumskin and almond butter and would go well with a mild goat's cheese or griddled spatch-cooked chicken with tarragon butter.

Italy - Piedmont

MARCO PORELLO Roero Arneis 'Camestri' DOCG 2009/10 Bottle £9.95
Light golden colour; delicious aromas of white apple blossom and light citrus fruit. Medium-bodied with good grip and good acidity. Flavors of citrus and grapefruit. Moderate finish on delicious fruit. Can age 3 to 4 years. Ideal with any fish, crustaceans or as an aperitif.

WALTER MASSA Colli Tortonesi 'Derthona' Timorasso DOC 2008/09 Bottle £16.95
DOC Colli Tortonesi. 'Derthona' is the regional dialect for Tortona, the main town nearby. Full bodied but also an acidity that gives the fruit and minerals a focus. Complex, will age, and, for one of the few Italian whites that will age, we've tasted fascinating bottles up to 9 years old. Consistent top award winner in gambero Rosso and other guides. 2009 top Quality / Price Award winner in Gambero Rosso guide.

Gavi
FONTANAFREDDA Gavi Di Gavi 2009/2010 Bottle + £11.95
One of Italy's most fashionable whites, it is noted for acute dryness and fresh, flinty acidity. This is a bright straw-yellow wine with greenish highlights. It has a full, delicate, elegant bouquet which brings flowers and fresh fruit to mind - mostly lemons, lilies of the valley and green apples. Its palate is attractively young, dry, fresh and well-balanced.

LA GIUSTINIANA Gavi di Gavi 'Lugarara' 2008/09 Half £7.95
La Giustiniana produces two single vineyard Gavis, each unoaked so that the character of the vineyard shines through in the wine. The Lugarara is the most open of the two, as befits the sandier soil in the vineyard, but it has good richness on the palate and nicely moderated acidity. The 2006 Gavi di Gavi 'Lugarara' is fresh and clean with good concentration on the palate and mineral and citrus notes. It has good richness and nicely moderated acidity. Enrico Tomalino has transformed La Giustiniana in the past couple of years, and this outstanding estate is now producing Gavi of remarkable character and originality.

Italy - Piedmont

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LA GIUSTINIANA Gavi di Gavi 'Montessoro' 2008/09* Magnum £37.95
Gavi di Gavi is a hugely fashionable wine from North West Italy. Generally, it is a simple wine, but the 'Vigneti Montessoro' really does show what great Gavi is all about!. Clean, rich, intense with a beautiful perfume, this is as good as it gets. The wine is delicate but intense on the nose, with flinty aromas. On the palate, 'Vigneti Montessoro' is elegant, well-structured, and has incredible length. 100% Cortese grapes.

LA ZERBA Gavi di Tassarolo 'Terrarossa' DOCG 2009/10 Bottle £11.95
Made from 100% Cortese, the wine shows a pale yellow color, a delicate and quite elegant bouquet with a pleasing floral scent mingled with honeydew melon. Round on the palate, a nice body and a good balance between acidity and the ripe fruits. The finish is long, clean and persistent. Chilled, it is a nice aperitif and a perfect companion to pastas, cream sauces, white meats, fish and light fried foods.

Lebanon

TANAIL WINERY Classic White 'Massaya' 2009 Bottle £9.45
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A blend of Clairette and Sauvignon Blanc. Fresh crisp nose: fruity with some class. The palate is bright and fresh with good balance and a nice minerality. Good balance is the key here. Very good. The Classic range white; Massaya's "gamme plaisir" - easy going, fruity and casual wine to enjoy wearing jeans with t-shirt.

New Zealand

South, Central Otago
FELTON ROAD Chardonnay 'Bannockburn' 2010 Bottle £20.95
DUE SEPTEMBER 2011
Beginning with meticulous site selection and vineyard design started in 1991, Felton Road's story is one of refusal to compromise. A strict 100% estate policy with fully organic and biodynamic viticulture ensures that our fruit arrives at the winery as pure as it can be, while our entire estate comes as close to true sustainability as is possible. At this early stage of its life the wine is pert and lively with spring flowers and citrus blossom on the nose and a hint of hazelnut. The palate is smooth, racy and seamless, with a full texture, but a lithe and taught structure. It is clean and long in the finish and while delicious now, will take some bottle age to start to evolve the evident complexity that lies in wait.

MT. DIFFICULTY Pinot Gris 'Roaring Meg' 2009/10* Bottle £9.95
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With their founding vineyards established in 1992, Mt Difficulty owns some of the oldest vines and is one of the most respected producers in Central Otago. Situated on the famous Felton Road in Bannockburn, this is a unique and rare area of extremes. Mt Difficulty has harnessed this once brutal terrain to produce premium wines at the forefront of Otago's and some say New Zealand's, finest wine production. A fruit cocktail of aromas on the nose including white pear, passionfruit and melon. Repeats on the palate leading to a lovely rich, textured and off dry finish. A great aperitif, this will go well with grilled chicken and lemon sauce, and lightly grilled snapper. DUNELL'S COMMENTS 'When we tasted this as a team we just sat back and said 'WOW WOW WOW'. This was the white wine star of the night and is absolutely stunning. Great presentation. A fruit cocktail of aromas with a rich, textured off-dry finish.

MT. DIFFICULTY Riesling 'Target Gully' 2007/09(10) Bottle** £11.95
The Target Gully Riesling is a style crafted to balance residual sugar in perfect harmony with the wine's natural acidity. The fruit benefited from the cool summer and autumn of 2009, arriving in perfect condition at the winery. Floral and ripe stonefruit notes compete in the aroma of this Riesling. On the palate these flavours dance in harmony. Residual sugar (35g/L-1) has been retained to balance the high natural acidity. This residual sugar has also fleshed out the mid palate of the wine. This wine will richly reward those who can cellar it.

South, Marlborough

White Wine

New Zealand

South, Marlborough

ASTROLABE Sauvignon Blanc 2008 Bottle £11.95

GOLD - LONDON IWSC Competition. Marlborough Aroma: White and red currant leaf, gooseberry, lemon grass, jalapeno and lime peel aromas. Palate: Medium to full bodied wine with strong gooseberry and currant flavours, a hint of freshly-cut red capsicum, and a refreshingly smooth lingering finish. Cellaring: Best enjoyed when young and fresh, but has the potential to age gracefully, until early 2009.

BRANCOTT Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle/ST (DIS) + £7.45

Ripe capsicum aromas dominate, with hints of passionfruit. The palate has rich fruit intensity with a crisp finish. Grapes are harvested from Montana's renowned Brancott Estate in Marlborough and are produced in a consistent, definitive Marlborough style.

CAIRNBRAE Sauvignon Blanc 'Wild South' 2009/10*** Bottle** £9.75

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Cairnbrae Wild South's range of classical varietal wines continues to capture the spirit and character of Marlborough. Each of the wines reflect winemaker Christie Brown's passion for cool climate winemaking by maximising varietal expression and complexity at the same time as over delivering on quality and value. The Sauvignon Blanc is a fantastic example of the Marlborough style, with the intense aromatic aromas, lively acidity and mineral textures for which this region is renowned. This wine has a pale straw colour and a bouquet of lifted aromas of ripe gooseberry and passion fruit with hints of citrus. On the palate the wine is full bodied and aromatic with ripe tropical flavours, classic Sauvignon expression and balanced acidity. Wild South is the new star on the international wine stage.

CLOS HENRI 'Petit Clos' Sauvignon Blanc 2009* Bottle £10.95

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For years we have been championing Clos Henri as one of the premium Marlborough Sauvignons. We now welcome its little sister. The soils of Clos Henri with its microclimate are particularly well adapted to this vine. The alluvial grounds facilitate the natural drainage and contribute to control the hydration needs for the vine growth during the spring rains until the grape reaches maturity. The arid summers decreases the risk of botrytis or other fungal diseases. This is a blend of the youngest vines on the Clos Henri estate from a mixture of gravel soils. It is from hand harvested fruit and made with the same particular care as the Clos Henri Sauvignon with extended lees contact to create a wine of greater complexity. This is because the gravels give elegance and fruit but not texture and mouthfeel. Showing pineapple, guava and passionfruit aromas on the one hand and chalk, flint on the other which reveals the latent minerality of this wine with the mouth following the nose with surprising weight and richness.

CLOS HENRI Sauvignon Blanc 2008/09* Bottle + £17.95

A complex nose dominated by pineapple, guava on one hand, and chalk, flint on the other hand which reveals the minerality of this wine with a touch of lemon peel and lime. The mouth follows the nose with a superb mouth feeling and richness. The acidity provides the skeleton and gives the wine focus. The dry finish is long, the end of mouth extends with lime and minerality.

CLOUDY BAY Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle + £18.95

Generosity is the defining word for the 2010 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc. Its aromatics encapsulate a broad spectrum of varietal flavours; tropical fragrances of guava and mango to ripe lime/ citrus and sweet herbs. The palate also is juicy and voluminous, combining concentrated flavours with a mineral acidity that leaves a long, fresh, intense finish.

GREYWACKE 'WILD' Sauvignon Blanc (Kevin Judd) 2009 Bottle £19.95

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Greywacke is the exciting new solo venture of Kevin Judd, who was chief winemaker at Cloudy Bay for 25 vintages and instrumental in the international recognition which New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc enjoys today. The debut wine under the Greywacke label was the 2009 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, which sold out almost everywhere. Transformed by naturally occurring fermentations this is a sauvignon blanc of considerable depth and opulence. The bouquet has the lushness of a lemon crème brûlée, with sweet vanillin notes infused with thyme and toasted sesame. The palate is generous and crammed with savoury complexity – a 'wild child' sauvignon that is rich and creamy with a lingering chalky texture.

GREYWACKE Sauvignon Blanc (Kevin Judd) 2010 Bottle £12.95

Greywacke is the exciting new solo venture of Kevin Judd, who was chief winemaker at Cloudy Bay for 25 vintages and instrumental in the international recognition which New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc enjoys today. Tasting Notes: A tangy salsa-like combination of honeydew melon, yellow peach and pawpaw tossed with some red capsicum, a sprig of spicy tomato leaf and a twist of grapefruit zest — this is an intensely aromatic, mouth-filling wine with a refreshingly crisp, flinty finish. Tim Atkin MW tweeted saying "The 2010 Greywacke Sauvignon really is delicious. Even better than Cloudy Bay was at its best. Bravo Kevin Judd."

ISABEL ESTATE Riesling 2008 Bottle £11.45

WINEMAKER'S NOTES - 'A subtle, fine and delicate wine - yet very aromatic and perfumed; distinctively fruity and bright citrus aromas. The palate offers a combination of fresh lemon blossom, peach, apricot and ripe pears. All this follows with a touch of honey and hints of nougat - adding balance, complexity and great mouth feel. Isabel Rieslings are renowned for thier dry and crisp finish matched by richness of texture...with a dash of 'lime margarita'! The '07 is a wine of many layers with serious age-worthiness...but for those of us who can't wait, a perfect pairing now with spicy Thai or Indian cuisine.'

New Zealand

South, Marlborough

ISABEL ESTATE Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle fr1 #^@ £11.95

'Quintessential Marlborough Sauvignon, the nose exhibits intensity of herbal and exotic hints of guava and elder flower. Balanced by the floral notes of geranium, gooseberry and figs, as well as tropical fruits - passionfruit and honeydew melon in particular. Maybe it was wishful thinking, but the first sip was like one of those exotic tropical fruit cocktails at a swim-up bar - 'holiday flavours'. The weighty palate and exquisitely soft texture is rounded out with layers of fresh acidity. Delicious medley of tangy citrus and minerality from the Isabel terroir.' Isabel Estate

KIM CRAWFORD Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2008/10 Half £5.45

Winemaker's notes: "Pale straw with touches of green. Delightful hints of tropical fruits are accented by aromas of citrus and the traditional New Zealand herbaceous notes. Ripe stone fruit, citrus and tropical flavors mingle with the soothing herbaceous notes. Nice acidity with a touch of sweet passion fruit add to the full, crisp finish." Critical acclaim: "Wine Spectator Top 100 of 2008 "Fragrant and complex, with a refreshing burst of lime, guava, grapefruit and grass flavors. Wet stone, passion fruit and oyster shell accents add interest, with bright acidity highlighting the vivid finish. Another outstanding Sauvignon from a perennial success. Drink now." 91 Points Wine Spectator

KIM CRAWFORD Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2009/2010 Bottle+ £9.95

Winemaker's notes: "Lifted aromatics of tropical fruits are accented by the traditional New Zealand herbaceous aromas. An exuberant wine brimming with flavours of pineapple and stonefruit with a hint of herbaceousness. Firm acidity lends to a finish that is fresh and zesty." Good to drink with anyone at anytime. Ideally suited to fresh oysters, asparagus dishes or summer salads.

KUKI Sauvignon Blanc 'Waipara Hills' 2008/09/10* Bottle £9.95

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Kuki (Maori for Cook) offer wines that encapsulate the unmistakable aromas and flavours of the Marlborough region. The label represents the mystical emblem of the Maori landmark, Aoraki, lifted from a tribal New Zealanders face markings. Pungent aromas of tropical guava and passionfruit meet with a hint of freshly cut grass. Rich flavours on the palate of grapefruit meet with refreshing crisp acidity and ends in a long lingering finish.

PAUA BAY Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2010/11 Bottle £7.45

Paua Bay Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from vineyards in New Zealand's Marlborough region. Innovative winemaking has produced a lively, intense wine bursting with flavours of gooseberry, thyme, passionfruit and citrus. The grapes were selected by internationally renowned winemaker Alan McCorkindale creating wines of quality and character.

SATELLITE Sauvignon Blanc from Spy Valley 2009/10* Bottle** £8.95

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From the spy-watching frontier of Marlborough's Waihopai Valley comes the integral link in the Spy Valley portfolio of fine wines – Satellite. Satellite is the vital link that connects people, regions, place and time. A fruit driven range of wines showing varietal typicality with balance and poise. Satellite represents the lighter side of life – mysterious, vivacious and fun. You're not sure exactly why, but you know you definitely want to be a part of it. Bright citrus zest adds to aromas of bell pepper, guava and pineapple. Fresh, sweet fruit and crisp acidity give balance and an elegant structure with a crisp finish.

SPY VALLEY Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle fr1 @ £8.95

Sauvignon Blanc is grown in our Marlborough vineyard on stony riverbed terraces, gently pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks to give intense passionfruit and gooseberry fruit characters. The wine is fruit-driven in style, with complexity from lees ageing for several months in stainless steel tanks before bottling. This wine is a classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with intense flavours and crisp acid in a dry style. Pale straw in colour. Bouquet: Lifted fruit aromas of passionfruit, and grapefruit with a background citrus character. Complex mineral and sweet pea notes add interest. Palate: Generous and supple with abundant tropical fruits. Initial fruit sweetness is balanced by fine acidity to leave a mouth-watering finish.

STAETE LANDT Sauvignon Blanc 2008/09* Bottle £10.95

A complex and intensely aromatic Sauvignon Blanc. This wine is perfumed with aromas of tropical fruit such as mango's, papaya and passion fruit. This sauvignon blanc is full bodied, the pungency of the tropical fruit is dominant, backed by characters of fresh cut grass, red capsicum and an elegant mineral finish. A complex style sauvignon blanc with a crisp ripe attractive acidity. This is a wine for drinking whilst young but has the substance and concentration to develop well over two to five years once the primary fruit aromas have subsided.

TINPOT HUT Sauvignon Blanc 2009/10 Bottle @ £9.45

Winemaker Fiona Turner has worked with Matt Thomson on many of the most successful wines made in Marlborough. Fruit for this wine is sourced from both the Wairau and Awatere subregions of Marlborough. The 2010 Tinpot Hut Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc is light lemon in colour, with youthful green lights and has lovely depth and intensity on the nose with hints of passion fruit and citrus. It has a characteristic Sauvignon pungency that is leavened by an attractive mineral character on both the nose and palate. The wine has been Gold listed at the Sommelier Wine Awards for the past 3 years and, at the 2010 awards it stood out for particular attention.

White Wine

New Zealand

South, Marlborough

WITHER HILLS Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Magnum (DIS) £18.95

Benchmark NZ Sauvignon with intense gooseberry, ripe herbal lime notes underpinned by the classically pungent melon, guava and passionfruit aromatics. Wither Hills was founded in the 1990s, and quickly built up a fantastic reputation, based on its production of just three wines: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The estate has grown in size and stature and is now regarded as one of the finest Marlborough estates. Chief Winemaker Ben Glover oversees a top team of dedicated wine fanatics.

YEALANDS Gewurztraminer 2009 Bottle £8.95

In the harsh growing conditions of the Awatere Valley, Marlborough our low yielding vines produce wines with an intense varietal character. Subjected to low rainfall, high sunshine, cool nights and strong winds, we've nurtured the fruit from our Seaview vineyard with low impact methods, right through production in our leading edge carboNZeroCert™ certified winery. This wine reflects our aim of becoming the most sustainable wine grower in the world, creating premium wines of intensity and purity, in complete harmony with the environment. The 2009 Yealands Estate Gewurztraminer shows intense aromatic notes of ginger and lychee on the nose. The palate is full and weighty, exhibiting notes of spice and rose petal, with a dry finish.

YEALANDS Pinot Gris 2009 Bottle + £8.95

The Seaview vineyard is exposed to some of the toughest growing conditions in Marlborough; high sunshine and wind, cool nights and low rainfall which produces a smaller, thicker skinned berry with intense fruit flavours. The Yealands Estate Pinot Gris is produced exclusively from the Berrysmith clone – some of the first planted in New Zealand. This clone is known for producing smaller more intensely flavoured bunches. Concentrated and perfumed with pear drop and hints of spiced apple. Mouth-filling, silky texture with layers of plump fruit and butter, held together with a refreshing acid structure. Dunell's Comments: A clean, perfumed nose of pears and apples. More mineral Pinot Gris in comparison to our new favourite, Mount Difficulty. Slightly closed and more restrained. More Italian in style. Slightly spicy notes and very refreshing. Very good. 8/10 points.

YEALANDS Pinot Noir 2009 Bottle £10.95

YEALANDS Riesling 2009 Bottle £8.95

The Seaview vineyard is exposed to some of the toughest growing conditions in Marlborough; high sunshine and wind, cool nights and low rainfall which produces a smaller, thicker skinned berry with intense fruit flavours. The Yealands Estate Riesling is produced exclusively from our 'E2 block'. The fruit was hand picked and selected on the basis of its purity of flavour. This dry Riesling shows intense lemon, mineral, lime and apple characters with a refreshingly crisp finish. Dunell's Comments: Lovely nose of dried apricots following through to an explosion of fruit in the mouth. A more muted, elegant Riesling with lemon overtones. Dry with refreshingly crisp finish. Very good.

YEALANDS Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle + £8.95

The Seaview vineyard is exposed to some of the toughest growing conditions in Marlborough; high sunshine and wind, cool nights and low rainfall which produces a smaller, thicker skinned berry with intense fruit flavours. The rolling contours of the vineyard result in significant variation (smaller, more intensely flavoured fruit on the ridges, balanced by lush growth in the gullies). In all, over 50 separate parcels of Sauvignon Blanc were harvested from the Seaview Vineyard, with the bouquet of the resulting wines ranging from intense passion fruit through to tomato leaf and fresh herb characters. Intense lifted mineral and fresh herb characters on the nose. The palate is well structured and elegant; intense mineral characters, with layers of blackcurrant, nettle and wet stone with a lingering zesty citrus finish.

YEALANDS Viognier 2009 Bottle £9.95

The Seaview vineyard is exposed to some of the toughest growing conditions in Marlborough; high sunshine and wind, cool nights and low rainfall which produces a smaller, thicker skinned berry with intense fruit flavours. The Yealands Estate Viognier is produced exclusively from our "F2 block". The fruit was hand picked and selected on the basis of its purity of flavour at optimal ripeness. Dunell's Comments: This Viognier shows subtle textured layers of white peach, nectarine and spice (beautiful aroma). Very well balanced and mouth watering. This is a wine for summer drinking and will be great with seafood. Very good.

ZEPHYR Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Bottle + £9.95

Intensely aromatic with amazing aromas of guava, mango, passionfruit, asparagus and grass which lead through to a palate of richly textured, green tropical fruits. Absolutely Stunning.

South Africa

Cederberg

CEDERBERG Chenin Blanc V Generations 2008 Bottle £18.95

Limited amount of 100 cases production of 3 three selected barrels. Delicate floral and honeyed whispers. Lime with some biscuit aromas. A fat juicy palate, fragrant rich in ripe oaky / lees character. Full length with good acid backbone. Concentrated, structured for longevity. An elegant well crafted wine. Showcased at a recent food and wine dinner at Tassili (Grand Jersey). Very impressed with this wine, beautiful expressive palate and balanced oak. Lovely.

Durbanville

South Africa

Durbanville

SANGOMA ESTATE Chenin Blanc 2008/09*(10) Bottle/ST £5.95

+ This Chenin Blanc is bright, vibrant and perfumed with pure varietal character. It is dry yet rich on the palate with crisp acidity and good length. Sourced from selected vineyards in the Coastal area, the fruit for this wine was protectively handled in order to preserve the fresh apple flavours that characterise good Chenin Blanc.

Elgin

IONA Sauvignon Blanc - Western Cape 2008/09*/10 Bottle £10.45

~@ This wine has a wonderfully aromatic nose showing fine mineral notes, hints of herbs, leaves and a touch of gooseberry fruit. The palate is extremely well balanced with classic sauvignon characters of gooseberry and grapefruit and a long, fine, mineral finish. Very stylish and polished. This is fantastic if drunk with fresh asparagus and seafood dishes but is also enjoyable by itself.

PAUL CLUVER Chardonnay 2009 Bottle + £11.95

This wine is a typical example of a classic Burgundian style Chardonnay, the nose is bursting with aromas of citrus, floral tones, hints of ripe peaches, pineapple, oak and a lovely toasty nuttiness. The palate is gentle and complex with a combination of ripe fruit, citrus and mineral flavours with hints of oak in the background. The aftertaste is long, elegant and lingering. Wow, for those who love a full flavoured Chardonnay, this is the one for you. This wine won the best Chardonnay below £10.00 in the Decanter World Wine Awards 2008. Huge praise. You would expect to pay over £20 for a wine like this from Burgundy.

Groenkloof

NEIL ELLIS Sauvignon Blanc 'Groenkloof' 2010 Bottle @ £10.95

This is a complex, characterful wine that exhibits delicacy and finesse with ripe tropical fruit and subtle herbaceous tones leading to a long, flavourful finish. JOHN PLATTER "South African Wines" 4-5 STARS (OUTSTANDING) - Anticipation of classic Sauvignon Blanc from these Atlantic-influenced vineyards runs high every vintage and reaches spine-tingling levels – similar reaction can be expected to the wine itself: incisively cool, catch-your-breath intensity infused with crisp gooseberry, flinty ripeness and mouth-broadening 13.5% alc. Tops out with full-throttle, wide-angled aplomb. Breathtaking stuff !!!

Paarl

GLEN CARLOU Chardonnay 'Classic' (Green Label) 2009/2010 £8.95

Bottle + The Glen Carlou farm is situated on the northern slopes of the Simonsberg Mountain (the opposite face to Stellenbosch) within the Paarl district and is widely recognised as one of the best producers of wine within the Paarl region. Tasting Note: Fresh lime green in colour, with hints of yellow. Aromas of green fruit with nutty butterscotch notes, ripe apples and hints of toffee and spice. The flavours are refreshing, with a great balance of fruit and acidity. Full bodied with juicy apple flavours, and well integrated oak for a mouth-watering finish. Food Matching Note: Compliments grilled or smoked fish, poultry or pasta. Great with chicken cacciatore.

GLEN CARLOU Chardonnay 'Quartz Stone' 2009 Bottle £14.95

^@ At Glen Carlou, a combination of time-honoured winemaking methods with state of the art equipment, results in wines reflecting the intense fruit flavours distinctive to the region, whilst retaining a unique and individual style. Established in 1985, Glen Carlou has become one of South Africa's leading wine producers. Today it goes from strength to strength under the vibrant management and ownership of Hess Family Estates. This limited-release wine derives its name from a single, mature vineyard planted in soils containing a generous percentage of quartz stone shards. Barrel aged in 100% New French oak for 11 months. Tasting: A buttery-rich wine with an abundance of ripe peach and citrus flavours, complemented by a touch of toasted hazelnut.

Robertson

DE WETSHOF Chardonnay 'Bon Vallon' 2009 (10) Bottle £7.45

#@ In the cellar the wine is tank fermented and then left on its lees (SUR LIE) for a few months. This is a beautifully crafted, elegant wine. It has crisp fresh citrus flavours and a creamy aftertaste with elegant fruit and a long yeasty, nutty finish.

DE WETSHOF Chardonnay 'Bon Vallon' 2009(10) Half £4.95

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RIETVALLEI Chardonnay/Chenin Blanc 'Wild Rush' Cape White 2008/09*/10 Bottle \$@ £5.95

Commencing with an aromatic, vibrant and zing fruit rush which is then tempered by smooth peach notes derived by blending unwooded Chardonnay. A lovely floral bouquet leads to an easy drinking fruit driven and accessible white wine. This superb family owned wine estate is one of the old farms in Robertson and is situated in the Klaas Voogds area, eight kilometres east of old town of Robertson. The farm was established in 1864 by Alwyn Burger, and today it is under the stewardship of the 5th and 6th generations of the Burger family, Johnny and Kobus. Together father and son oversee the winemaking process with a real hands-on approach both for the viticulture and vinification to produce Rietvallei's prestigious wines.

White Wine

South Africa

Robertson

RIETVALLEI Unoaked 'Natural' Chardonnay 2008/09/10 Bottle £6.55

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This superb family owned wine estate is one of the old farms in Robertson and is situated in the Klaas Voogds area, eight kilometres east of old town of Robertson. The fruit for this wine was picked early to retain a good level of lemon acidity. Winemaker Kobus strives to make this wine in as 'natural' and uncomplicated way as possible. It is an elegant, fruity Chardonnay with fresh green apple flavours. The palate is full-bodied and complemented with a lingering nutty aftertaste. This wine would pair perfectly with fresh seafood, salads and poultry dishes.

SPRINGFIELD ESTATE Sauvignon Blanc 'Life from Stone' 2009/10 Bottle £9.95

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If you ever get the chance to go and visit Jeanette and Abrie at Springfield, you'll understand why this single vineyard Sauvignon is called Life from Stone. The rocky, arid terroir looks just about the most inhospitable place a plant could choose to grow. Make no mistake, these vines really struggle for their art. Their efforts are well worth it though, as the hardship seems to push them to ever greater heights. Intense and minerally, this would beat many a top Sancerre in a pepsi challenge. Intense, stony, minerally Sauvignon with lime, gooseberry, freshly cut green pepper and passion fruit notes. Zippy, zesty and mouthwatering. 12.6%

Stellenbosch

BACKSBERG Chardonnay 2008/09** Bottle £8.95

In line with general market demand, this wine is now lightly oaked to retain more vibrant fruit whilst still providing the well known and typical toasty oak finish. Golden coloured with notes of roasted almonds and vanilla on the nose followed by honey and creamy flavours derived from lees contact and barrel ageing. Medium bodied with a long lingering finish.

BACKSBERG Family Reserve White 2009 Bottle £18.95

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A wonderful medley of apricot, peach and aniseed aromas, combined with vanilla and a creamy aftertaste. This extra-ordinary blend goes extremely well with game fish, Asian fusion and mild cheeses. Chardonnay 55%, Roussanne 40%, Viognier 5%

BACKSBERG Sauvignon Blanc 'John Martin' 2009(10) Bottle £8.95

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Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% of which was fermented for 6 weeks in brand new French oak barrels. Gooseberry, green fig and guava aromas with grassy undertones combined with elegance and freshness, adds to the intriguing qualities of this wine. The length and complex aftertaste of the wine creates good memories and is a wonderful partner to cheese, fish and poultry. Also to be enjoyed by itself.

BACKSBERG Viognier 'Babylons Toren' /'Hillside' 2008/09 Bottle £14.95

A great buttery texture, balanced with exotic apricot and peach flavours. Full bodied and weighty on the palate, there is a delightful creamy influence on the finish.

GOOD HOPE WINERY Chenin Blanc 2009/10*** Bottle £6.45

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Chenin is an extremely versatile grape, able to make excellent wines in many different guises, from Late harvest to Straw wine to classic dry Chenin and even Méthode Champenoise. This example is a wonderfully lively, fruity and beautifully balanced dry Chenin Blanc. With flavours of pears, currents and flint there is plenty of leesy mouthfeel and juicy fruit, whilst finishing with a refreshing mineral length. A true noble varietal, Chenin deserves to be taken seriously –even for everyday drinking wines such as this.

HARTENBERG Chardonnay 2008(09) Bottle £9.85

Hartenberg's flagship white. Creamy, complex, and bursting with aromas of citrus. Long lingering flavours with gentle oak finish.

Independent Tasting Note: "marries creamy vanilla oak with brisk lemon aromas/flavours. Hint of mint, savoury complexity on finish." – Platter's SA Wine Guide 2010. Food Matching: Salmon & Leek Quiche or a smoked chicken salad.

HARTENBERG Weisser Riesling, Stellenbosch 2007/09 Bottle £8.65

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The spicy richness on the nose gives way to a taut yet floral and fruity mid-palate that has both richness and complexity. The sugar is barely noticeable and if anything it contributes extra fullness and richness to the palate. This is a quality wine that offers great value and much versatility. It is one of our favourites. Very versatile with food but particularly good with Thai and Oriental dishes, Malay curries, spicy foods and ethnic dishes. Rated 4 Stars in the John Platter Guide to South African Wines and selected for SAA Premium Class.

JOURNEYS END Chardonnay 'Haystack' 2009/10** Bottle £9.95

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This wine has won accolades and medals at wine competitions around the world ever since the maiden vintages of the Cabernet and Chardonnay achieved 4 and 5 star ratings from the prestigious John Platter Guide in 2004. The philosophy in both the vineyards and cellar follows a minimum intervention approach to ensure the quality of the fruit shines through. Winemaker's Notes: The appearance is clean and bright with a pale gold colour. There is a lot happening on the nose, rich citrus, almond and greenage overlaid by fragrant lime. The ripeness of the fruit fleshes out the palate; the creamy taste combines well with the lime acidity and gives freshness, lifting and lengthening the flavours. A definite wood character but complements the wine well. Best enjoyed with cheese, pastas and seafood.

South Africa

Stellenbosch

RUSTENBERG Chardonnay 'Five Soldiers' 2007/08/09 Bottle £24.95

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True single-vineyard wine that possesses a unique character – subtle fruit & oak integration evolves complexity with time in bottle. Wonderful mouthfeel and underlying power on the palate compliments the great fruit flavours. Intense and very well crafted with attractive oak aromatics. Classy, and classic. DECANter WORLD WINE AWARDS 2008 -INTERNATIONAL CHARDONNAY TROPHY OVER £10 - WINNER

RUSTENBERG Roussanne 2010 Bottle £13.95

Fragrant flinty minerals, peach & apricot fruit characters with complex flavours of green apple evident on the palate. Characters of sweeter pineapple flesh out the mid-palate and give weight to the finish.

RUSTENBERG Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle @ £8.95

The inherent Sauvignon Blanc characteristics of green pepper, asparagus and gooseberry with underlying tones of pineapple and passion-fruit are sustained on a fresh, crispy and well balanced palate with prodigious length.

RUSTENBERG Stellenbosch Chardonnay 2009/10 Bottle £10.95

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This wine has a complex array of flavours and aromas which are continuously changing as the wine spends more time in bottle. Currently the nose shows nuttiness and marzipan with underlying citrus (grapefruit, nartjie) and hints of white peach aromatics. A firm palate gives backbone to concentrated fruit and the richness of the wine. This wine will develop in bottle, leading to new nuances and flavours and continual drinking pleasure for years to come.

DECANter WORLD WINE AWARDS 2009 - Winner of Trophy for Best South African Chardonnay over £10

RUSTENBERG Unwooded Chardonnay 2010 Bottle £8.95

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A well-balanced Chardonnay with hints of flint and beautiful mineral notes. Apricot & orange peel aromas are followed by flavours of almond and marzipan.

Walker Bay

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON Chardonnay 'Sans Barrique' 2009/10*** Bottle £10.25

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The name 'Sans Barrique' translated from French, literally means 'without barrel'. This wine was allowed to age on the primary lees for four months and was crafted in a clean, crisp style, unhindered by the taste of oak. The profile is complex and fruity, with creamy pear, tangerine, melon and banana flavours. Big and bold, it holds its focus with a long lingering finish. It is delicious with oysters, shellfish and pasta dishes and will mature for 3-4 years, though eminently pleasing as a young wine.

BOUCHARD FINLAYSON Sauvignon Blanc 'Walker Bay' 2010 Bottle £9.95

The fruit was unblemished and a little extra ripening has produced a wine of slightly higher alcohol than in the past! The nose is notably lively and aromatic with rich guava and pineapple nuances. The palate is gentle with a creamy blanket of ripe structured fruit languishing on an invigorating tide of teasing tastes! Fabulous as an aperitif, but best with food. Delicious with oysters, antipastos and crustaceans and lightly sauced fish dishes.

Western Cape

LIVING ROCK Chardonnay/Chenin Blanc 2009/10* Bottle £5.45

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This blend of Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay grapes evolves into a vibrant and refreshing wine with floral and tropical fruit flavours. Highly drinkable with food and equally delicious just on its own with good friends!

THANDI Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Bottle (Fairtrade) + £6.65

A fresh and crispy wine with a pleasant combination of ripe tropical fruit flavours and hints of green figs, a well balanced mid-palate and a lingering finish. Serve chilled with salmon dishes, risotto and salad.

THANDI Sauvignon-Semillon 2009 Bottle (Fairtrade) + £6.65

A fresh and crispy wine with a pleasant combination of ripe tropical fruit flavours and hints of green figs, a well balanced mid-palate and a lingering finish. Serve chilled with salmon dishes, risotto and salad. Suitable for vegetarians but not for Vegans.

Spain

Rias Baixas/Galicia

BODEGAS TERRAS GAUDA Albarino 'O Rosal' 2009/2010 Bottle £13.95

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O Rosal Terras Gauda is a selective blend of Albariño grapes, together with the indigenous Loureira and Caino Blanco. Its complexity and its minerality are very much reminiscent of a top quality dry Riesling. This is the perfect match to a Galician Mariscada (seafood feast) or any shellfish found on British shores.

White Wine

Spain

Rias Baixas/Galicia

CASTRO MARTIN Albarino A2o 2008/09*****/10 Bottle + £10.95

The delightful Angela Martin and her husband Andrew McCarthy run the Castro Martin estate, in Rias Baixas, on Spain's Galician coast. A one grape winery, this Bodega is all about Albarino and Castro Martin has led the way in the grape's recent revival. Angela was one of the first winemakers to recognise the benefits of cool, temperature controlled fermentations to protect Albarino's delicate, aromatic fruit. Delicate, tongue-tingling, musky apricot fruit with a lingering mineral and spice finish. Albarino has become achingly trendy - and deservedly so. Perfect seafood match.

LAGAR DE CERVERA Albarino (Rioja Alta) 2006/07 Bottle £12.95

Spiced pear, apple, and mineral notes in the nose are backed up on the palate with a finish reminiscent of narcissus flowers. A very fine, benchmark albarino for serious lovers of the grape. Would make a delicious match for oysters or shellfish of any kind.

SANTIAGO RUIZ Albarino 2009/10**** Bottle ~^^@ £10.95

The Santiago Ruiz, is a golden yellow wine with fruit and floral aromas. Fresh on the palate and balanced in both body and acidity. Made from 70% Albarino, 20% Loureiro & 10% Treixadura this wine has a pale colour with lovely clean, bright, green reflections. Very complex and aromatic bouquet with floral and tropical fruit aromas. In the mouth it is very fresh, well-balanced with good acidity and a tasty, persistent finish. Excellent with shellfish and most seafood.

Rueda

FINCA REMENDIO Rueda 2009(10) Bottle £6.95

Located in the region of Valladolid, close to the town of Rueda, some 170 kilometres to the North West of Madrid, the vines of the Finca Remendio vineyards are situated at an altitude of 600 - 800 metres above sea level. Made from a blend of 50% Verdejo and 50% Viura this wine presents in the glass with a pale straw colour. On the nose there are notes of apples, white flowers and pears. The palate is that of rich soft and vibrant apples and white fruits with ample structure and acidity. A great glass of wine on a warm summers day!

Various Other

Japan

HAKASURA Sake Bottle £9.95

Today's Sake has changed much from from early times. It was centuries before they discovered yeast, which greatly increased its alcohol content. The second world war also altered the recipe. Rice shortages forced brewers to develop new ways to increase their yields. By government decree, pure alcohol and glucose were added to small quantities of rice mash, increasing the yield by as much as four times. 95% of today's Sake is made using this technique, left over from the war years, though connoisseurs say that the best sake is still made with just rice, Koji rice and water only and best served hot.

United Kingdom

CHAPEL DOWN Pinot Blanc 2009 Bottle + £14.95

The grapes were whole bunch pressed & fermented using two different yeasts. One a Champagne yeast which tends to give a more neutral nose & the other an aromatic yeast, the two resulting wines then being blended. Cool fermentation with no malo in stainless steel followed by early bottling.

Chapel Down is rapidly establishing itself as a world class premium wine brand and is gaining National and International recognition. It is proud to be the first ever English producer to win a gold medal for sparkling wine at the prestigious International Wine Challenge. And its wines are getting better with every vintage.

Elegant wine, grapey and vinous, subtle and slightly peppery on the palate. This wine is maturing well.

Accessories

BARREL (Chateau Montlau) Each	£75.00
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VOLPAIA Red Wine Vinegar Half Litre <i>This red vinegar ages in large chestnut and oak vats for 10 to 12 months. It is made from Sangiovese grapes, and is aged in barriques previously used for winemaking. It has an intense red colour, intense and fine aromas with notes of oak and is full-bodied on the palate.</i>	£7.95
VOLPAIA White Wine Vinegar Half Litre <i>This white vinegar ages in large chestnut and oak vats for 2 to 3 months and is made from trebbiano and malvesia grapes, and is aged in barriques previously used for winemaking. It has a straw yellow colour, fine and delicate aromas and is full-bodied on the palate.</i>	£7.95

Glassware

Birchgrove BIRCHGROVE 'Merlot' Decanter (Pewter & Glass)	£145.95
BIRCHGROVE 'Symphony' Decanter (With Handle)	£45.95
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Homewares & Accessor

WINESAVE Each <i>We are delighted to announce that Dunell's is the EXCLUSIVE Jersey stockist for winesave™, the must have accessory for keeping opened wine...perfectly! Hailed by decenter.com (read their article) as this year's 'Must Have' accessory and is the official wine preservation system for the 'Ultimate Parker in Asia Event', winesave™. Each canister contains approximately 50 applications. winesave™ keeps opened wine at its peak for weeks after it has first been opened. Oxidation and the resulting spoilage of opened wine is now a thing of the past. winesave protects opened wine by laying a pure, inert and odourless gas called argon (which is heavier than air) across the wine's surface in the bottle, thereby protecting its complex characteristics of colour and taste. For the wine drinker, this means you can enjoy the luxury of wines by the glass at home. It also means that you will never again waste any wine because of oxidation, nor ever feel compelled to finish a bottle just because it has been opened.</i>	£17.95
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Homewares & Accessor

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LABEL PROTECTORS Each	£0.17
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 24 Bottle (4 holes x 6 holes)	£26.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 36 Bottle (6 holes x 6 holes)	£39.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 48 bottle (6 holes x 8 holes)	£53.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 56 bottle (7 holes x 8 holes)	£59.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 72 Bottle (8 holes x 9 holes)	£72.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 81 Bottle (9 holes x 9 holes)	£79.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised 9 Magnums (3 holes x 3 holes)	£11.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain/Galvanised Steel 12 Bottle (3 holes x 4 holes)	£12.00
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain/Galvanised Steel 6 Bottle (2 holes x 3 holes)	£6.95
WINE RACK - Mahogany Stain/Galvanised Steel 9 Bottle (3 holes x 3 holes)	£9.95
WINE RACK - Pine 12 Bottle (3 holes x 4 holes)	£11.95
WINE RACK - Pine 24 Bottle (4 holes x 6 holes)	£25.95
WINE RACK - Pine 36 Bottle (6 holes x 6 holes)	£39.95
WINE RACK - Pine 48 bottle (6 holes x 8 holes)	£51.95
WINE RACK - Pine 72 Bottle (6 holes x 12 holes)	£67.95
WINE RACK - Pine 72 Bottle (8 holes x 9 holes)	£68.95
WINE RACK - Pine 81 Bottle (9 holes x 9 holes)	£77.95
WINE RACK - Solid Oak / Brass 24 Bottle (4 holes x 6 holes)	£75.00
WINE RACK - Solid Oak / Brass 36 Bottle (6 holes x 6 holes)	£115.00
WINE RACK - Solid Oak / Stainless Steel 24 Bottle (4 holes x 6 holes)	£75.00
WINE RACK - Solid Oak / Stainless Steel 36 Bottle (6 holes x 6 holes)	£115.00
WINE RACKING - Mahogany Stain-Galvanised Double Depth Made-to-Measure Bottle Hole	£1.70
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WINE RACKING - Mahogany Stain/Galvanised Made-to-Measure Half Bottle < 59 holes	£1.12
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Wine Racks

WINE RACKING - Oak Stain Made-to-Measure Per Bottle Hole > 60 holes	£0.99
WINE RACKING - Oak Stain Made-to-Measure Per Magnum/Champagne Hole	£1.45
WINE RACKING - Pine Made-to-Measure Per Bottle Hole < 59 holes	£1.07
WINE RACKING - Pine Made-to-Measure Per Bottle Hole > 60 holes	£0.98
WINE RACKING - Pine Made-to-Measure Per Half Bottle Hole < 59 holes	£1.12
WINE RACKING - Pine Made-to-Measure Per Half Bottle Hole > 60 holes	£0.95
WINE RACKING - Pine Made-to-Measure Per Magnum/Champagne Hole	£1.35
WINE RACKING - Solid Oak Made-to-Measure Per Bottle Hole > 60 holes	£1.80
WINE RACKING - Solid Oak Made-to-Measure Per Magnum/Champagne Hole	£2.15

A MANO Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2008 Half Litre £9.95

Mark Shannon and Elvezia Sbalchiero, the duo behind A Mano, have worked in the wine business for most of their lives. Elvezia is a northern Italian wine-marketing expert and Mark is Californian winemaker. They fell in love with Puglia, and when they decided to start their own label, made it their home, producing a range of high quality wines from Puglian varieties, especially Primitivo. The most notable characteristic of the A Mano oil is the sheer intensity of its ripe olive perfume. As with the other great olive oils of Puglia it is bright green/gold in colour with fruity notes, a distinctive roasted nuttiness and a sweet-spicy finish.

ALPHA ZETA Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2009 Bottle £13.95

Alpha Zeta Extra Virgin Olive Oil is a delicate, soft, fruity oil made from the Grignano a Favarol varieties grown in the hills just outside of the beautiful town of Verona in northeastern Italy. It is ideal on fish or in salads and is best used on dishes that won't stand up to the gutsy characters of the greener, more aggressive oils.

CAPEZZANA Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2009(10) Bottle £21.95

Add an authentic touch of Tuscany to salad dressings, sauces and other recipes with Tenuta di Capezzana Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Crafted on a classic medieval estate, this unfiltered, deep green oil is rich and buttery, with a peppery finish. Capezzana's modern centrifugal-decanting process ensures a fruity, full-bodied olive oil prized for its distinctive character and stability. Traditionally used for fettunta (grilled bread drizzled with olive oil), pasta sauces and as a finishing oil.

CASSINI Extra Virgin Olive Oil Half Litre £13.95

The Cassini family has been producing olive oil for seven generations primary for the family's own consumption. The Cassini oil is offered in limited supply, as the entire production is just 10,000 bottles per harvest. The oil is golden green with notes of fresh almonds, white pepper and artichoke on the nose and palette, and a clean sweet buttery finish. This delicate oil lends well to fish and vegetable dishes, and of course, will create the quintessential pesto, a classic of the region. Flavour: Notes of fresh almonds, white pepper and artichoke, buttery finish.

LE FERRE Extra Virgin Olive Oil 'Multi Varietale' Bottle £8.95

Puglian brothers, Luca and Giuseppe Esposito released their first commercially produced Le Ferre oil following the 2000-2001 harvest. Giuseppe Esposito is one of the youngest 'mastro oleario' or master oil makers, in Italy. The brothers have their own olive groves and buy in olives from other high quality growers. Intensely perfumed and fresh, with aromas of fresh almonds. Good colour with a lovely spiciness on the palate and a grassy, fresh finish.

LE FERRE Extra Virgin Olive Oil 'Varieta Coratina' Bottle £8.95

Puglian brothers, Luca and Giuseppe Esposito released their first commercially produced Le Ferre oil following the 2000-2001 harvest. Based in Taranto, in the town of Castellaneta which is famous in Italy as the birthplace of silent movie star Rodolfo Valentino, they are the first in Italy to produce a wide range of single variety olive oils as well as this delicious oil made from a blend of four different varieties of olive. Giuseppe Esposito is one of the youngest 'mastro oleario' or master oil makers, in Italy. The brothers have their own olive groves and buy in olives from other high quality growers. Tasting notes: Rich with perfumes of freshly pressed green olives. Its spiciness stands up to flavoursome dishes. Perfect for drizzling over red and roasted meats.

NUNEZ DE PRADO Extra Virgin Olive Oil Organic Free Run Oil £13.95 500ml

Núñez de Prado's Olive Oil is recognized by connoisseurs as one of the finest organic extra virgin oils in the world. This recognition comes in the form of the many prestigious awards that have been bestowed over the past several decades by the judges of the highest standards in the industry. This Olive Oil has also received many accolades in the press, as food critics, master chefs, and epicureans alike have extolled the virtues of this handcrafted oil from the Núñez de Prado estates in the hills of Baena. This is olive oil the way it's meant to be. A full-flavoured and fruity blend with hints of grassiness, almonds and butter, this oil finishes with oranges and peppers — a near-spellbinding flavor which leaves a pleasant and long lasting aftertaste.

POGGIOTONDO Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2009 Half Litre £14.95

Extra Virgin Olive Oil, which has been produced at Poggiotondo since the start, is an indication of our rich and generous land and it matches with almost any foods. The olive grove is planted to Frantoio and Mignola, the latter variety grown only in the region of Cerreto Guidi, is very small in size, and intense in aroma and flavours. The typical fruity character comes from Frantoio, which together with the intense character of the Mignola, makes theirs a unique olive oil. The oil is green and elegant with an attractive spicy character. It has great purity of flavour and a fine balance.

Sundries

Glassware

CHEF & SOMMELIER 'OPEN UP' Decanter Large (Magnum) 220cl - Each	£79.95
CHEF & SOMMELIER 'OPEN UP' Decanter Medium (Bottle) 140cl - Each	£49.95
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CHEF & SOMMELIER 'OPEN UP' Pro Tasting Glass 32cl - Pack of 6	£39.95
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CHEF & SOMMELIER 'OPEN UP' Universal Tasting Glass 40cl -Pack of 6	£39.95
CHEF & SOMMELIER 'OPEN UP' Warm Tumbler 29cl - Pack of 6	£35.95
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CHEF & SOMMELIER Decanter 'Technica' 140cl - Each	£79.95
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Spirits

Aperitifs/Vermouths

STONES Ginger Wine Bottle (70cl)		£5.65
Bitters		
ANGOSTURA Bitters 10cl Bottle		£3.55
CAMPARI Bitters Bottle (70cl)	25.0%alc	£16.75
UNDERBERG Bitters Pack x 3		£2.69
Cups		
PIMMS No. 1 Gin Litre (100cl) 25.0%alc	\$+	£17.95
PIMMS No. 3 Winter Bottle (70cl)	25.0%alc	£16.45
PIMMS No. 6 Vodka Bottle (70cl)	25.0%alc	£15.75
Vermouth		
CINZANO Bianco Litre (100cl)		£9.75
DUBONNET Red Bottle (75cl)	14.8%alc	£7.95
MARTINI Extra Dry Litre		£8.95
MARTINI Extra Dry Magnum		£12.95
MARTINI Rosso Litre		£8.95
NOILLY PRAT Original French Dry Bottle		£7.95
ST RAPHAEL Gold-Ambre-White Litre		£8.95

Armagnac

1959 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£155.00
1960 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£131.00
1961 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£130.00
1962 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£96.00
1963 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£95.00
1964 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£94.00
1965 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£88.00
1966 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£87.00
1967 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£85.00
1967 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Quarter		£19.95
1968 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£84.00
1969 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£82.00
1970 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£65.00
1970 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Quarter		£22.95
1971 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£63.00
1971 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Quarter		£19.95
1972 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£62.00
1973 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£60.00
1974 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£58.00
1975 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£56.00
1976 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£54.00
1977 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£53.00
1978 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£52.00
1979 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£51.00
1980 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£50.00
1980 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Quarter		£16.95
1981 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£50.00
1981 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Quarter		£14.95
1982 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£49.00
1983 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£48.00
1984 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£47.00
1985 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£46.00
1986 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£46.00
1987 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£45.00
1988 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£45.00
1989 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£44.00
1990 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£44.00
1991 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£44.00
1992 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle		£43.00

Armagnac

1940 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£365.00
1941 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£361.00
1942 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£359.00
1943 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£358.00
1944 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£349.00
1945 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£345.00
1946 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£339.00
1946 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Quarter		£59.95
1947 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£321.00
1947 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Quarter		£57.95
1948 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£305.00
1949 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£299.00
1950 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£295.00
1951 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£234.00
1952 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£224.00
1953 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£219.00
1955 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£204.00
1956 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£188.00
1958 BARON G. LEGRAND Vieil Armagnac Bottle		£166.00

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1993 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle	£43.00
1994 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle	£43.00
1995 BARON G. LEGRAND Bas Armagnac Bottle	£39.95
DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES 20 Year Old Armagnac Bottle (70cl) 40.5%alc	£44.95
DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES 20 Year Old Armagnac Half (35cl) 40.5%alc	£27.95
DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES 5 Year Old Armagnac Bottle (70cl) 41.0%alc	£22.95
DOMAINE DES CASSAGNOLES 5 Year Old Armagnac Half (35cl) 41.0%alc	£13.95
LOUBERE Cuvee Napoleon Armagnac Bottle	£29.95

Brandy

ALLEGRIINI Grappa di Amarone Half Litre (50cl) 43.0%alc	£34.95
ASBACH Rudesheim German Brandy Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc	£21.95
CARDENAL Mendoza Solera Gran Reserva Brandy de Jerez Bottle (70cl) 42.0%alc <i>This unique Spanish brandy is aged, like a sherry, in a solera made from casks that previously held fine Pedro Ximenez and Oloroso sherries, imparting an incredible richness & complexity to the spirit.</i>	£39.95
LA MARE VINEYARDS Jersey Apple Brandy VSOP 70cl Bottle 40%alc	£29.95
THREE BARRELS Brandy Half (35cl) 40.0%alc <i>Three Barrels VSOP Brandy has a distinctive smooth taste. It has set the standard for rare old French brandy. Three Barrels V.S.O.P. Brandy is a good value VSOP brandy with a distinctive smooth taste thanks to gentle ageing in oak casks.</i>	£9.45
THREE BARRELS Brandy Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc <i>Three Barrels VSOP Brandy has a distinctive smooth taste. It has set the standard for rare old French brandy. Three Barrels V.S.O.P. Brandy is a good value VSOP brandy with a distinctive smooth taste thanks to gentle ageing in oak casks.</i>	£21.95
THREE BARRELS Brandy Miniature (5cl) 40.0%alc <i>Three Barrels VSOP Brandy has a distinctive smooth taste. It has set the standard for rare old French brandy. Three Barrels V.S.O.P. Brandy is a good value VSOP brandy with a distinctive smooth taste thanks to gentle ageing in oak casks.</i>	£1.89

Calvados

BUSNEL Calvados 'Vieille Reserve' Bottle (DIS)	£29.95
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 12 Year Old 'Fut No 156' Bottle (70cl) 54.2%Alc <i>This new Château du Breuil Calvados, is an innovative product with a limited quantity (2000 bottles). This Calvados stayed, during its last six ageing years in the Château, in small oak casks that first contained whisky (single malt from the Speyside valley in Scotland). The double maturation confers on this New Style Calvados a really different nose compared to a "standard" Calvados. Moreover subtle flavours of smell, marine air and cereals are coming in the mouth. The oak wood impregnated with whisky gives to this new Château du Breuil product an aspect more aerial and a subtle iodine flavour. To enjoy neat or on ice, this great Calvados of a complex and sophisticated elaboration should attract, fascinate (and definitively convert to Calvados !) the whisky lovers who are sensitive to this pure or single malts' particular note. This exceptional Calvados should also appeal to all the lovers of spirits looking for rare flavours.</i>	£49.95

Calvados

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 41%Alc <i>This Pays d'Auge Appellation Contrôlée Calvados is a blend in which each Calvados has been aged for at least 12 years in the oak casks of Château du Breuil, under the cellar master's watchful eye. It is characterized by its outstanding roundness, leaving the apple, wood and almond flavors to come out fully in a refined, complex blend. This is a harmonious Calvados that strikes a perfect balance between the fruity and woody tastes.</i>	£39.95
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 12 Year Old Half (35cl) 41%Alc <i>This Pays d'Auge Appellation Contrôlée Calvados is a blend in which each Calvados has been aged for at least 12 years in the oak casks of Château du Breuil, under the cellar master's watchful eye. It is characterized by its outstanding roundness, leaving the apple, wood and almond flavors to come out fully in a refined, complex blend. This is a harmonious Calvados that strikes a perfect balance between the fruity and woody tastes.</i>	£21.95
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 12 Year Old Magnum (200cl) 41%Alc <i>This Pays d'Auge Appellation Contrôlée Calvados is a blend in which each Calvados has been aged for at least 12 years in the oak casks of Château du Breuil, under the cellar master's watchful eye. It is characterized by its outstanding roundness, leaving the apple, wood and almond flavors to come out fully in a refined, complex blend. This is a harmonious Calvados that strikes a perfect balance between the fruity and woody tastes.</i>	£109.95
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 12 Year Old Miniature (3cl) 41%Alc	£1.99
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 15 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 41%Alc <i>The Château du Breuil "15 ans d'Age" is a blend of Calvados aged at least 15 years. The small quantity of younger brandy in the blend gives it its fragrant apple bouquet which then gives way to robust tannins of old mature Calvados. A rich and voluptuous Calvados of great depth.</i>	£43.95
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION - Spirit Journal (F Paul Pacult's) - December 2005 SILVER MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2006 and 2008 SILVER MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2010	
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 15 Year Old Magnum (200cl) 41%Alc <i>The Château du Breuil "15 ans d'Age" is a blend of Calvados aged at least 15 years. The small quantity of younger brandy in the blend gives it its fragrant apple bouquet which then gives way to robust tannins of old mature Calvados. A rich and voluptuous Calvados of great depth.</i>	£119.95
HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION - Spirit Journal (F Paul Pacult's) - December 2005 SILVER MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2006 and 2008 SILVER MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2010	
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 2 Year Old 'Fine Calvados' Bottle (70cl) 40%Alc <i>Two years of an aging in oaks casks give a gold color to the fruity taste of its youth. Vigorous and fresh on the palate, it's a product carrying the "Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Pays d'Auge". All the fragrances of Normandy !</i>	£20.95
SILVER MEDAL and BEST IN CLASS - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2008 BRONZE MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2009 SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2010 SILVER MEDAL - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011	
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SILVER MEDAL and BEST IN CLASS - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2008 BRONZE MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2009 SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2010 SILVER MEDAL - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011	
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 2 Year Old 'Fine Calvados' Miniature (3cl) 40%Alc	£1.55
CHATEAU DU BREUIL 20 Year Old 'Reserve des Seigneurs' Bottle (70cl) 41%Alc <i>A very special blend of the most prestigious Château du Breuil Calvados., aged at least 20 years The large tannin content in this very old Calvados gives it a beautiful amber color. Savored at room temperature, "Réserve des Seigneurs" is a full-bodied Calvados with a well balanced aroma.</i>	£54.95
GOLD MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2006 BRONZE MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2009 GOLD MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2010	

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CHATEAU DU BREUIL 20 Year Old 'Reserve des Seigneurs' Half (35cl) 41%Alc £29.95

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The large tannin content in this very old Calvados gives it a beautiful amber color. Savored at room temperature, "Réserve des Seigneurs" is a full-bodied Calvados with a well balanced aroma.

GOLD MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2006
BRONZE MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2009
GOLD MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2010

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 20 Year Old 'Reserve des Seigneurs' Magnum (200cl) 41%Alc £144.95

A very special blend of the most prestigious Château du Breuil Calvados., aged at least 20 years
The large tannin content in this very old Calvados gives it a beautiful amber color. Savored at room temperature, "Réserve des Seigneurs" is a full-bodied Calvados with a well balanced aroma.

GOLD MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2006
BRONZE MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2009
GOLD MEDAL - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2010

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 4 Year Old 'VSOP' Bottle (70cl) 40%Alc £24.95

Four years minimum ageing in oak casks give Château du Breuil Calvados V.S.O.P. softness and balanced amber color. The fruity elegance of an "Appellation Pays d'Auge Contrôlée" Calvados.

SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2009
SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2010
SILVER MEDAL - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 4 Year Old 'VSOP' Half (35cl) 40%Alc £13.95

Four years minimum ageing in oak casks give Château du Breuil Calvados V.S.O.P. softness and balanced amber color. The fruity elegance of an "Appellation Pays d'Auge Contrôlée" Calvados.

SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2009
SILVER MEDAL - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2010
SILVER MEDAL - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 4 Year Old 'VSOP' Miniature (3cl) 40%Alc £1.60

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old 'Reserve de la Chatelaine' Bottle (70cl) 40%Alc £34.95

On behalf of the Châtelaine, the cellar master of the Château du Breuil has created a blending of great Calvados selected for their round and flowery notes. He called this Calvados la Réserve de la Châtelaine, an Appellation Pays d'Auge Contrôlée, hors d'Age Calvados, which offers ladies and their friends the pleasure of enjoying a delicately different Calvados.

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old 'Reserve de la Chatelaine' Miniature (3cl) VC 40%Alc £2.85

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old 'Reserve du Chateau' Half (35cl) 40%Alc £18.95

This "Appellation du Pays d'Auge Contrôlée" Calvados is slowly aged in oak casks and personally controlled for quality by the cellar manager. This fine blend aged at least 8 years, both light and fruity, has a bouquet of walnut, almond and vanilla... an authentic Calvados in the proud Norman tradition.

SILVER MEDAL and BEST IN CLASS - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2008

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old 'Reserve du Chateau' Magnum (200cl) 40%Alc £89.95

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SILVER MEDAL and BEST IN CLASS - International Wine & Spirit Competition - London 2008

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old 'Reserve du Chateau' Miniature (3cl) 40%Alc £1.80

CHATEAU DU BREUIL 8 Year Old Calvados 'Reserve du Chateau' Bottle(70cl) 40%Alc £33.95

This "Appellation du Pays d'Auge Contrôlée" Calvados is slowly aged in oak casks and personally controlled for quality by the cellar manager. This fine blend aged at least 8 years, both light and fruity, has a bouquet of walnut, almond and vanilla... an authentic Calvados in the proud Norman tradition.

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Calvados

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Chocolate Blend Bottle (70cl) 41%Alc £48.95

This Calvados is part of our specialities within our wide range of products.
This product is distinguished and full of character with notes of dried fruits (apricot, quince and prunes) and woody, with subtle flavours of vanilla.
This Calvados offers a round and long finish, with grilles almond and spice aromas, and reveals tobacco leaves and "roasting" notes.
It is sublime and reveals the fullness of its flavours when it is consumed with dark chocolate. Our Cellar Master has worked in close collaboration with Michel Cluizel, the famous Norman chocolatier, to come up with this blend. Among the "1er crus de plantation" chocolates from the range of Michel Cluizel, the "Marulami" and "Vila Gracinda" are particularly appropriate to this Calvados.

MICHEL HUBERT Calvados Pays d'Auge 'Les Vergers de la Moriniere 2000 £31.95

Nestling deep in the lush fertile county of the Pays d'Auge les Vergers de la Moriniere is the idyllic location from which Michel Hubert produces some of the very best farm produced calvados. Michel Hubert controls every aspect of the production his calvados and this knowledge and expertise passed down through five generations has culminated in a product admired for its quality throughout calvados producing community. Michel says that a few pears from the 200 year old tree next to the cellar in his cider helps ensure its quality.

MICHEL HUBERT Calvados Pays d'Auge 'Les Vergers de la Moriniere' 2002 Bottle £29.95

Pommeau

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Pommeau du Normandie Bottle (70cl) 17%alc £9.95

Born from the harmonious combination of apple juice and Calvados, Pommeau de Normandie blazes like autumn in the "Pays d'Auge". The sweetness of the apples and Calvados aged in oak casks makes Pommeau de Normandie an original aperitif drink and an excellent accompaniment for desserts. Served well chilled, it will make you appreciate the tradition of the Calvados Château du Breuil.

SILVER MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2011

Cognac

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD Grande Champagne V.S.O.P. 8-10 Year Old '1er Cru' Bottle £31.95

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD Napoleon 18 Year Old (Tres Rare) Bottle £44.95

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD V.S 4-6 Year Old Bottle £27.95

Chateau Montifaud brings great cognacs on the market, the taste is full, the price is right and quality is excellent by using grapes from the Grande and Petite Champagne-region. The colour: pale yellow. The fragrance: a clear aroma of vine leaf and hints of tea. Light oak flavour. The taste: fruity cognac with hints of pear and apple. The after-taste: not aggressive and a soft, round long aftertaste.

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD V.S.O.P. 8-10 Year Old Bottle £31.95

Was 'Reserve Speciale' - Owned and run by the Vallet family since the early 19th century. A caring and careful approach to products with emphasis on traditional methods. They have the oldest collection of bottles dating back to 1830. The vineyard covers 50 hectares and is in the heart of Fine Petite Champagne. remarkably smooth and mellow with hints of pears, apricots and nuts on the palate. Smooth, satisfying and intensely long. No giant marketing budgets to pay for here, just quality and passion.

CHATEAU MONTIFAUD X.O. 30 Year Old Bottle £58.95

Was 'Reserve de la Famille'

CHATEAU TRIAC Single Vineyard, Fins Bois Bottle £36.95

Chateau de Triac is the home of Braastad Cognac. This Chateau de Triac Single Vineyards Cognac was aged in Tronçais oak for 10 years and is marked by lovely oak flavours with some saltiness.

COURVOISIER V.S. * Cognac Half Bottle (35cl) 40.0%alc** £13.95

Courvoisier VS Cognac is aged longer to give a more distinctive character and a more rounded taste. The Master Blenders tasting notes Courvoisier VS Cognac, A fruity, delicate taste with a bouquet suffused with ripe fruit and spring flowers. The aroma is rich, fresh and oaky balanced with the vigour of a young cognac. The finish is short but very intense and as powerful as the aroma.

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COURVOISIER V.S. *** Cognac Litre (100cl)	40.0%alc	£33.95
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COURVOISIER V.S.O.P. Cognac Bottle (70cl)	40.0%alc	£36.75
<i>A delicate bouquet and excellent balance of oak and exotic flavours. The aroma is subtle and harmonious, with undertones of vanilla and grilled almond and the finish leaves a nice, tender memory. Created from grapes selected from the two finest and most exclusive regions in the Cognac area - and never from the other four. It therefore carries the 'Fine Champagne' designation. COURVOISIER® VSOP is uniquely crafted for higher quality.</i>		
HINE Antique X.O. Premier Cru Bottle (70cl)	40.0%alc	£84.95
REMY MARTIN V.S.O.P. Cognac Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£33.95
<i>A fine Champagne Cognac from Remy Martin which was started in 1724. Darker amber than the VS, the VSOP stands for 'Very Special Old Pale' with a fresh, full nose with notes of vanilla, limousin oak, dried rose and apricot. Very mellow with a short, slightly warm finish. Known by its frosted green bottle, Remy Martins V.S.O.P. is the flagship of the brand. One bottle alone contains hundreds of blend components, ranging from four to fifteen years in age. The brand itself is a Fine Champagne Cognac taken from the two best crus. And with its golden amber colour (old pale), smoothness, complexity and yet balanced, perfectly mature. Consider the fact that one of every three V.S.O.P.s sold in the world carries the name of Remy Martin.</i>		
TESSERON COGNAC 'Lot 29' X.O. Exception Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£279.95
<i>TESSERON COGNAC LOT N°29 EXCEPTION is the rare jewel of the Tesseron collection of Cognacs. A unique blend of legendary Grande Champagne, the cream of our oldest and rarest stocks, lovingly aged for at least three generations. Balancing power and finesse, Exception has a floral bouquet, allied to chocolate and mocha notes. This is complemented by that elusive, ethereal nose which is so typical of only the very best old cognac. THE NOSE : Here again we have that heady, decadent aged nose, followed by layers of honey, figs, plums and exotic fruit laced with oak. Unctuous and silky this retains a wonderful freshness and vitality throughout. THE PALATE : Supremely elegant, this combines macerated dried fruit with hints of mocha and cocoa, refreshed by floral aromatics.</i>		
TESSERON COGNAC 'Lot 53' X.O. Perfection Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£139.95
<i>TESSERON COGNAC LOT N° 53 XO PERFECTION is a blend of our most sublime stocks of Grande Champagne Cognac. It has a sumptuous topaz colour with a bouquet of plums, figs, and chocolate on the palate. This Cognac borders on perfection, finesse and complexity complemented by a refreshing lift on the finish. THE COLOUR : Splendid mahogany. THE NOSE : The wonderful, heady aromatic tang, borne of long wood ageing is immediately compelling. This gives way to hints of wood, dried fruits & tobacco - very rich and generous. THE PALATE: An extremely appetising cognac, opulent, rounded and yet vivacious. Pepper & spices emerge initially before revealing dark chocolate and fresh herbs. Complex, it shows supreme finesse, supple opulence and very good length.</i>		
TESSERON COGNAC 'Lot 76' X.O. Tradition Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£59.95
<i>TESSERON COGNAC LOT N° 76 XO TRADITION is an exceptional blend of reserve stocks of Grande Champagne Cognac, matured to perfection in old casks. Lot n°76 immediately establishes its quality on the nose, which exhibits a wealth of caramelised peaches, almond and candied fruit aromas. This carries on magnificently through to the palate, with rich, delicate flavours of nuts and dried fruits - a wonderful range of tasteful sensations. THE COLOR : Very clear and bright. THE NOSE : Very alluring and expressive, this presents a sensation of fruit compote layered with hints of honey and leather, all lifted by floral tones - very elegant. THE PALATE : Generous on attack, this presents a wonderful, spicy vitality, complementing a harmonious, rounded style.</i>		
TESSERON COGNAC 'Lot 90' X.O. Selection Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£44.95
<i>TESSERON COGNAC Lot N° 90 XO SELECTION owes its freshness and purity to the vivacity of our eaux-de-vies. It displays an especially attractive combination of vigour and complexity, which several ice cubes bring out perfectly - a first encounter with a great cognac. Made from the finest terroirs in Cognac - Grande Champagne, Petite Champagne, Petite Champagne and Fins Bois - Lot n°90's unique character comes from long ageing in oak barrels, which adds richness and complexity. THE NOSE : Very fresh pear & quince notes on attack, give way to herbaceous elements, dried fruits and nuts, fresh, with intriguing hints of almond. THE PALATE: Firm, focussed, powerful, reflecting the aromatics presented by the nose - typical, young, quality cognac.</i>		
TESSERON COGNAC Miniature Pack (Lot- 29, 53, 76 & 90) 4 x 5cl	40%alc	£39.95

Gin

BEEFEATER Gin Litre (100cl)	40.0%alc	£19.45
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE Litre (100cl)	40.0%alc	£26.45
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE Miniature (5cl)	40.0%alc	£1.65
CITADELLE Gin Bottle (70cl)	44.0%alc	£30.95
<i>Citadelle Gin is the only gin in the world made with 19 different botanicals, giving the gin a unique, complex, well-balanced flavour. The secret recipe is known only by the master distiller. In keeping with the traditions of the first European trading captains of the 17th century, only the finest spices are used. Citadelle gin is triple-distilled from wheat and spring water. Before being steeped in neutral alcohol, the botanicals are carefully selected and then placed in a specific bag. This infusion is then distilled to capture each separate aroma, so that the intermingled, complex flavours can develop independently.</i>		
GORDONS Export Gin Litre (100cl)	47.3%alc	£26.95
GORDONS Gin Litre (100cl)	37.5%alc	£21.95
GORDONS Gin Miniature (5cl)	37.5%alc	£1.54
GORDONS Sloe Gin Bottle (70cl)	26.0%alc	£19.95
HENDRICKS Gin Bottle (70cl)	41.4%alc	£29.95
<i>Handcrafted gin with traditional botanicals, juniper, coriander, and citrus peel but the special infusion of cucumber and rose petals creates a unique and unexpected flavour. Despite the possibilities of surprise, most people shrink away from what is odd. But there are those who seek it, individuals who are truly excited by what is strange and different. Made with a free and imaginative spirit.</i>		
MARTIN MILLERS Gin Bottle (70cl)	40.0%alc	£25.95
<i>Excellent small-batch potstill gin, blended with extra-pure Icelandic spring water. Awarded 94 points (Exceptional) by the the Beverage Tasting Institute.</i>		
MARTIN MILLERS Westbourne St.Gin Bottle (70cl)	45.2%alc	£31.95
<i>A deluxe high-strength gin, awarded 97 points and the title 'Spirit of the Year 2003' by the Chicago Beverage Tasting Institute (BTI), the world's largest and most powerful drinks testing organisation.</i>		
PLYMOUTH Gin Bottle (70cl)	41.2%alc	£17.95
TANQUERAY Gin Litre (100cl)	47.3%alc	£27.95
WILLIAM CHASE Gin Bottle	48%alc	£34.95

Liqueurs

ABSINTHE Pernod (68%) Bottle		£34.95
ARCHER'S Peach Schnapps Litre (100cl)	18.0%alc	£18.75
BAILEY'S Hazelnut Litre (100cl)	17.0%alc	£20.95
BAILEY'S Irish Cream Litre (100cl)	17.0%alc	£19.95
BENEDICTINE D.O.M Bottle (70cl)	40%alc	£22.95
BUTTERSCOTCH LIQUEUR De Kuyper Half Litre (50cl)	15%alc	£8.95
CASSANO Limoncello di Sorrento (30%) Bottle		£19.95
CHAMBORD Blackberry Liqueur Bottle (70cl)	16.5%alc	£18.95

Gin

Spirits

Liqueurs

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Calvados & Vanilla 'Coeur du Breuil' Bottle (70cl) 16%Alc £15.95

The union of apple and vanilla is a classic combination in French gastronomy. It has inspired Château du Breuil to create this unique and innovative aperitif, with a strength of 16° only. It is a mix of Calvados (the only alcohol in it), apple juice and vanilla. Coeur du Breuil "Vanilla" (to be served chilled) adds a touch of exoticism to an aperitif, a dessert or after a meal too.

Tasting notes: a beautiful nose of fruity vanilla, a mouth of caramelized cooked apples with notes of natural vanilla pod. The vanilla enhances the flavour of the apple and provides a long finish. This original product is mainly appreciated by young people, ladies or by everyone who wants to discover or appreciate Calvados differently.

GOLD MEDAL - General competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2010

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Liqueur au Calvados 'Coeur du Breuil' Bottle (70cl) 24%Alc £17.95

The number one Calvados-based liqueur, to be taken chilled, having an alcoholic strength of only 24°, this is a liqueur for drinking neat, on ice, or alternatively it is a delicious base for long drinks or cocktails.

A subtle blend of Château du Breuil Calvados (the only spirit going into the drink), apple juice and sugar, its particularly pronounced and refreshingly fruity taste makes it an attractive drink for people who enjoy a light liqueur. It comes in the "Château du Breuil" bottle and is yet another demonstration of Château du Breuil knowhow.

GOLD MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2008 and 2009
SILVER MEDAL and BEST IN CLASS - International Wine and Spirit Competition - London 2009
SILVER MEDAL - General Competition of Paris (Ministry of Agriculture) - 2010 and 2011

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Liqueur au Calvados 'Coeur du Breuil' Half (35cl) 24%Alc £9.95

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CHATEAU DU BREUIL Liqueur au Calvados 'Coeur du Breuil' Miniature 3cl 24%alc £1.80

CHATEAU DU BREUIL Vieille Prune 'Coeur du Breuil' Bottle (70cl) 41%Alc £36.95

It is a plum brandy (French selected greengage, Alsace plum, dark-red plum and cherry plum). This brandy isn't distilled in Château du Breuil, but it matures for there about six years in oak casks, under the watchful eye of our Cellar Master. It is then blended with our greatest care. By ageing, it acquires an amber colour, becomes round and takes its woody and soft taste which is so particular. One can taste it as a brandy after a meal and it is also perfect with a fruit salad. For lovers of racy brandy.

CHERRY BRANDY De Kuyper Half Litre (50cl) 24%alc £10.95

CHERRY Heering Bottle (70cl) 24.0%alc £19.95

COINTREAU Bottle (70cl) 40%alc £21.95

COINTREAU Miniature (5cl) 40%alc £2.10

DISARONNO Amaretto - Bottle (70cl) 28%alc £17.95

DISARONNO Amaretto Miniature (5cl) 28%alc £1.85

DRAMBUIE Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £29.95

DRAMBUIE Miniature (5cl) 40.0%alc £2.22

GALLIANO Half Litre (50cl) 30.0%alc £12.95

GRAND MARNIER Red (with Cognac) Bottle £21.95

GREEN CHARTREUSE Half 35cl 55%alc £11.95

IRISH MIST Bottle (70cl) 35.0%alc £23.30

JAGERMEISTER Bottle 35%alc £21.95

KAHLUA Bottle (70cl) 20.0%alc £13.95

Liqueurs

KIRSCH De Kuyper (Cherry) Half Litre (50cl) 40%alc £15.25

MALIBU Litre £19.65

PERNOD Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £25.95

RICARD Litre (100cl) 45.0%alc £24.45

ST. GERMAIN Elderflower Liqueur Bottle (70cl) 20.0%alc £23.95

THE KINGS GINGER (41% abv) 50cl £19.95

THOQUINO Caipirinha (Ready Mix) Bottle (70cl) 21.0%alc £12.95

TIA MARIA Bottle £13.95

TIA MARIA Litre £17.95

TRIPLE SEC De Kuyper Bottle £17.95

TRIPLE SEC De Kuyper Half Litre (50cl) 40%alc £12.95

TUACA Italian Liqueur Bottle (70cl) 35.0%alc £26.95

TUCANO Cachaca Bottle £16.95

VELHO BARREIRO Cachaca 'Gold' Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £22.95
Tucano Cachaca is a premium Brazilian spirit distilled from ripe sugar cane in small pot stills. Part is then matured in oak casks.

Tucanos smooth taste is the result of blending aged Cachaca with young and fruity Cachaca. It is the basis for many cocktails including the famous Caipirinha.

WARNINKS Advocaat Bottle (70cl) 17.2%alc £11.95

Giffard

CASSIS 'NOIR DE BOURGOGNE' Giffard (Blackcurrant) Bottle (70cl) 20.0%alc £14.95

CREME DE BANANE Giffard (Banana) Bottle (70cl) 25.0%alc £13.25

CREME DE CACAO BRUN Giffard (Brown Cocoa) Bottle (70cl) 25.0%alc £13.95

CREME DE CASSIS D'ANJOU Giffard (Blackcurrant) Litre (100cl) 16.0%alc £12.45

CREME DE CASSIS IMPERIALE Giffard (Blackcurrant) Bottle (70cl) 20.0%alc £11.95

CREME DE FRAISE DES BOIS Giffard (Strawberry) Bottle (70cl) 16.0%alc £10.95

CREME DE FRAMBOISES Giffard (Raspberry) Bottle (70cl) 16.0%alc £10.95

CREME DE MENTHE VERTE Giffard (Green Mint) Bottle (70cl) 21.0%alc £11.95

CREME DE MURES Giffard (Blackberry) Bottle (70cl) 16.0%alc £10.95

CREME DE PECHE Giffard (Peach) Bottle (70cl) 16.0%alc £10.25

CURACAO ORANGE Giffard (Orange) Bottle (70cl) 25.0%alc £13.25

EAU DE VIE DE POIRE WILLIAM Giffard (William Pear) Half Litre (50cl) 43.0%alc £19.95

Ready-Mix

BACARDI Classic Mojito Bottle (70cl) 14.9%alc £21.95

Spirits

Ready-Mix

BACARDI Pina Colada Bottle (70cl) 14.9%alc £21.95

Rum

CAPTAIN MORGAN Black Label Rum Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £22.60

MORGAN'S Spiced Rum Litre (100cl) 35.0%alc £24.95

Anguilla

PYRAT X.O. Planters Reserve Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £42.95

ANGUILLA - This rum is blended to be elegantly smooth and delicious. Its amber color indicates its flavorful sip ability. When drinking it neat, it has a slight heaviness as it tingles across the tongue. But it's on the rocks that this rum truly blooms, transforming the subdued heaviness into a sharper, almost citrusy sensation. It is blended to be enjoyed over ice with a twist of lemon, or combined with almost any high quality mixer.

Australian

BUNDABERG Distillers No. 3 Rum Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £26.95

This truly unique rum is a triple filtered (charcoal, chill and polished), double distilled blend of classic Bundaberg Rum and a reserve blend of Bundaberg White Rum. This three-tiered process guarantees a lighter flavour and a smoother finish. Lighter in colour than UP, Distiller's No. 3 stands distinct from the category as it's developed through know-how (not age).

BUNDABERG Rum Bottle (70cl) 37.0%alc £21.95

Austria

STROH Austrian Rum Bottle (70cl) 54.0%alc £23.95

B.V.I.

PUSSERS 'Blue Label' Rum Bottle 54.5%alc £29.95

The superb rum in this bottle is the same rum that was standard issue aboard their Majesties' ships at the time of the custom's termination in 1970. For centuries, British Navy Jack Tars drank their Pusser's Rum and appreciated this spirit's exceptional quality. Its distinct character is still created from six of the world's finest Caribbean rums which were discovered on their excursions at sea.

Barbadian

MOUNT GAY '1703' Rum Bottle (70cl) 43%alc £103.95

MOUNT GAY 'Eclipse' Rum Bottle (70cl) 40%alc £18.95

MOUNT GAY 'Extra Old' Rum Bottle (70cl) 43%alc £33.95

Bermuda

GOSLINGS Black Seal Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £21.95

In the World Spirits Championship conducted by the Beverage Tasting Institute, Gosling's Black Seal Rum was awarded a Platinum Medal in a blind taste test consisting of an extensive collection of world class rums, Black Seal was rated 96 out of a possible 100 and Best Buy.

Caribbean

SAILOR JERRY Spiced Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £24.95

Based on an original recipe created by the Worlds most famous Tattoo Artist Sailor Jerry Collins. Inside back label features a series of famous Sailor Jerry tattoos, which are fast becoming collectors items. Medium sweet on the nose with vanilla/cream and oak, and powdered spice such as cinnamon, clove and all spice. On the palate it is drier than the nose suggests with hints of Odd fellows sweets, spices and a fizzy almost peppery finish. Finish is long and very clean.

Cuban

BACARDI 'Carta Blanca' White Rum Litre (100cl) 37.5%alc \$ £22.95

BACARDI 'Carta Blanca' White Rum Miniature (5cl) 37.5%alc £1.65

BACARDI Oro/Gold Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £25.75

HAVANA CLUB 3 Year Old Anejo Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £18.95

HAVANA CLUB 7 Year Old Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £23.95

HAVANA CLUB Anejo Blanco Rum Bottle (70cl) 37.5%alc £18.95

Rum

Cuban

HAVANA CLUB Anejo Especial Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95

HAVANA CLUB Anejo Reserva Rum Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £27.95

Trinidad & Tobago

ANGOSTURA White Rum Bottle £17.95

Venezuela

PAMPERO Blanco Rum Bottle (70cl) 37.5%alc £17.95

Sambuca

ANTICA Apple Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £20.95

ANTICA Banana Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £20.95

ANTICA Classic Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £17.45

ANTICA Licorice 'Black' Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £20.95

ANTICA Mandarin Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £20.95

ANTICA Raspberry Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £20.95

ROMANA/LUXARDO Sambuca Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £18.95

Tequila

1800 Anejo Tequila Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £34.95

1800 Blanco Tequila Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £25.95

1800 Reposado Tequila Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £27.95

GRAN CENTENARIO Anejo Tequila Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £39.95

An absolutely top-quality anejo from Gran Centenario that can be enjoyed on its own over ice, as a really smooth shot or in a Margarita. A tequila to savour.

JOSE CUERVO Tequila 'Gold' Bottle (70cl) 38.0%alc £23.95

OCHO Blanco Tequila Half Litre (50cl) 40.0%alc £20.95

OCHO Reposado Tequila Half Litre (50cl) 40.0%alc £20.95

Vodka

British

CHASE (English Potato) Vodka Bottle 70cl 40.0%alc £30.95

SMIRNOFF 'Black Label' Vodka Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £29.95

SMIRNOFF 'Blue Label' Vodka Litre (100cl) 50.0%alc £29.45

SMIRNOFF 'Red Label' Vodka Litre (100cl) 37.5%alc \$+ £21.95

SMIRNOFF 'Red Label' Vodka Miniature (5cl) 37.5%alc £1.37

Spirits

Vodka

Dutch

KETEL ONE Citron Dutch Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £27.95
Ketel One Citroen is made from Ketel One Vodka and natural citrus fruit. Its unique lemon and citrus tang makes it key to the perfect Cosmopolitan. Absolutely the best citron vodka around. Smooth and tangy at the same time, awesome over ice or with lemonade or iced tea!

KETEL ONE Dutch Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £26.95

French

GREY GOOSE French Vodka Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £44.95

Polish

BELVEDERE Black Raspberry Litre £48.95

BELVEDERE Citrus Litre £48.95

BELVEDERE Orange Litre £48.95

BELVEDERE Pink Grapefruit Litre £48.95

BELVEDERE Polish Vodka Litre £44.95

WISNIOWKA Polish Cherry Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £20.95

WYBOROWA 'Original' Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95
Wyborowa is the worlds oldest brand of Vodka & its origins go back over five centuries to the birth of Vodka in Poland. In 1823 after winning the first & most significant taste competition, this rye-distilled elegantly smooth vodka was issued the first trademarked name - Wyborowa this is well suited as it literally means 'Exquisite'.

WYBOROWA Almond Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95
Wyborowa is the worlds oldest brand of Vodka & its origins go back over five centuries to the birth of Vodka in Poland. This smooth Vodka is blended with the rich nutty taste of toasted Almond that is perfect in a mix or a favourite cocktail.

WYBOROWA Apple Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95
Wyborowa is the worlds oldest brand of Vodka & its origins go back over five centuries to the birth of Vodka in Poland. This elegantly smooth Vodka is blended with the crisp taste of luscious apples that is perfect in a mix or favourite cocktail.

WYBOROWA Lemon Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95

WYBOROWA Orange Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95

WYBOROWA Pear Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95
Wyborowa is the worlds oldest brand of Vodka & its origins go back over five centuries to the birth of Vodka in Poland. This elegantly smooth vodka is blended with the taste of ripe, tender pears that is perfect in a mix or a favourite cocktail.

WYBOROWA Rose Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £19.95
Wyborowa is the worlds oldest brand of Vodka & its origins go back over five centuries to the birth of Vodka in Poland. This elegantly smooth Vodka is blended with the delicate flavour of fragrant roses that is perfect in a mix or a cocktail.

ZUBROWKA Polish Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40%alc £19.95

Russian

RUSSKY STANDART 'Original' Russian Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £21.95

Russky Standart is a genuine vodka, which is distilled to the Tsar's premium quality standard established in 1894. By bringing together traditional manufacturing processes and state of the art technology, they have been able to revive a recipe that their forbears took pride in. Russky Standart owes its quality to selected golden grains of wheat from Russia's heartlands and pure glacier water from the frozen North. It's distillation is a painstaking and costly process that demands exceptional control and expertise.

RUSSKY STANDART 'Platinum' Russian Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £21.95

Russky Standart Platinum marries the traditions of the highest quality Russian Vodkas with modern distillation Methods. As a product of tradition, it fully complies with the strictest requirements of the classical recipe developed by Dmitry Mendellev in 1894 at the request of the Imperial Court of St. Petersburg. For best results, do not freeze Platinum. Only inferior vodkas require freezing in order to mask the pungency and odours of poor distillation. Enjoy Russky Standart Platinum chilled, not frozen.... or on the rocks.

SMIRNOFF Blueberry Vodka Bottle (70cl) 37.5%alc £17.95

SMIRNOFF Green Apple Vodka Bottle (70cl) 37.5%alc £17.95

Vodka

Russian

SMIRNOFF Lime Vodka Bottle (70cl) 37.5%alc £17.95

STOLICHNAYA 'Blue Label' Russina Vodka Bottle (70cl) 50.0%alc £19.95

STOLICHNAYA 'Orange' Russian Vodka Bottle (70cl) 35.0%alc £14.95

STOLICHNAYA 'Original' Russian Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £16.95

STOLICHNAYA 'Vanilla' Russian Vodka Bottle (70cl) 35.0%alc £14.95

Swedish

ABSOLUT Swedish Vodka 'Citron' Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £29.95

ABSOLUT Swedish Vodka 'Rasberri' Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £29.95

ABSOLUT Swedish Vodka 'Vanilla' Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £29.95

ABSOLUT Swedish Vodka Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £22.95

PINKY Swedish Vodka Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £34.95

Getting its beautiful pink hue naturally from a blend of twelve delicately balanced flavours, Pinky is a singular experience with numerous layers of complexity. Pinky is the most beautiful vodka you will ever try. Each batch is hand-blended by champion wine tasters using natural and luxurious ingredients, including rose petals, violets and wild strawberries. It was created to enhance the taste, look and nose of any vodka-based drink. Although Pinky is obviously blessed with good looks; it is its unique taste profile that holds its audience captive. After all, true beauty comes from within.

Whiskey

American

BENCHMARK Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottle £16.95

BUFFALO TRACE Bourbon Bottle (70cl) 45%alc £26.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 94 POINTS - 'Sharp rye screams above the complex corn, citrus and oak: seriously absorbing; stupendous, softly oiled mouthfeel with the corn absorbing some prickly rye and spice; sweet, remains oily with some cream toffee. The small grains re-emerge for a last battle with the corn; I simply adore this whiskey: the weight is just about perfect as is the corn-oak, bittersweet harmony. The small grains add great colour and complexity. A whiskey gem of the world.'
 WINE ENTHUSIAST 93 points

ELIJAH CRAIG 12 Year Old American Whiskey Bottle (70cl) 47.0%alc £30.95

Elijah Craig 12-year-old is a true Small Batch premium Bourbon, and had that distinction before the term even existed. Bottled exclusively from a dumping of 100 barrels or less, the brand carries the name of Rev. Elijah Craig, the Baptist minister widely considered the "Father of Bourbon." He discovered the method of making true Kentucky Bourbon when his stored his wares in barrels that had been charred in a fire. Whiskey expert Stuart MacLean Ramsay writes, "Rich, full bodied and warming with sweet oak, caramel and rye flavors; thick finish with notes of licorice and vanilla."

JACK DANIEL'S 'Old No. 7' Half Bottle (35cl) 40.0%alc £10.95

JACK DANIEL'S 'Old No. 7' Litre (100cl) 40%alc \$+ £29.50

JIM BEAM American Bourbon Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £23.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 85 POINTS - 'charmingly floral with a soft rye undercurrent; sweet corn arrival then soft oaky-vanilla notes; hints of soft liquorice and then much drier mouthwatering vaguely malty tones; this whiskey has improved enormously in recent years. Still light and easy going, there appears to be an element of extra age, weight and complexity.'

KNOB CREEK Bourbon Bottle (70cl) 50.0%alc £33.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 90 POINTS - 'Marmalade on slightly burnt toast, beautiful, sweet fruit, mainly pears, and then a dash of soft rye and an edge of saltiness, some honey as a side-dish; softly spiced, oaky, busy start; then a powerful delivery of natural toffee. A playfully biting, tastebud-nipping character tries to add momentum; chocolate toffee balances out the vanilla and ensures a dry, slightly oily and long finish; the best aroma from the JBB Small Batch selection; softer on the tastebuds than the previous bottlings, but still a power player.'

Spirits

Whiskey

American
OLD FITZGERALD 8 Year Old Bourbon Bottle (75cl) £25.95
45.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 90 POINTS - 'Ethereal corn and wheat; lush and sweet arrival with a mixture of sugar and honey on the corn; the wheat fizzes around the roof of the mouth; remains sweet with a late citrus surge and then drier vanilla tones; light yet big. The sweetness is enormous but avoids going OTT thanks to excellent oak balance. A delight and the best of the Old Fitz range by a country mile.'

SOUTHERN COMFORT American Liqueur Whisky Litre (100cl) £26.95
35%alc

WILD TURKEY Rare Breed Bottle (70cl) £46.95
54.1%alc
A brand that stands for American heritage and pride, Wild Turkey is the world's top-selling premium Bourbon. As it's advertising states: 'Not the latest thing, the genuine thing!'

WOODFORD Reserve Bottle (70cl) £30.95
43.2%alc
*Woodford Reserve is a super-premium small batch bourbon with roots at the Labrot & Graham Distillery (circa 1812), a National Historic Landmark in the bluegrass region of central Kentucky. It is a bourbon of exceptional depth and character, with a complex, full-bodied taste and uniquely smooth finish. Since it's inception, Woodford Reserve has developed an international following, culminating in its coveted Gold Medal award at the 2001 International Wine & Spirits Competition in London.
 It is already the best selling super-premium bourbon in Kentucky, the homeland of bourbon.*

Canadian
CANADIAN CLUB Canadian Rye Whiskey Litre (100cl) £21.95
40.0%alc
Still made and bottled in Walkerville Canada, Canadian Club is the only Canadian whiskey that is 'barrel-blended' prior to aging in white oak barrels to allow the flavours to marry. Aged six years (twice the period of required by Canadian law), Canadian Club is a true, quality Canadian whiskey that has not changed with time.

CROWN ROYAL Canadian Rye Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £24.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'Seriously big rye offers a hard and fruity edge to the soft corn and oak; rock-hard and crisp mouth arrival thanks to the early rye, softens for the corn and then the rye sends some fruity shockwaves around the palate; bitter and booming; big controlled oak finale on gentle oil; this has definitely changed in the last seven or eight yers, as all blends must. It has a slightly larger rye dependency than of old but the mouthwatering effect is sublime. An international great.'

Indian
AMRUT Indian Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £23.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 82 POINTS - 'The press picked this up and made a point of saying that experts can't tell between this and top Scottish malt Interesting. Certainly this can be easily mistaken for an old Scotch single malt, though not a top one. That said, this is enjoyable stuff especially when considering the Indian distiller's perennial problem of overcoming the fierce temperatures that make maturation such a nightmare. With Amrut there is profound oak on both the nose and finish, giving the impression of a Speysider at about 35 or 36 years.'

Irish
BUSHMILLS 'Black Bush' Irish Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £22.95
40%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 91 POINTS - 'amazingly spicy - a bit like the old 1608! - with clean but lively sherry and freshish malt. This is one crackerjack nose; stunning: the sweetness is exemplary as its sits snugly between the enormity of the fruit and the clarity of the malt. Somewhere in there is a raisiny sheen; dropped points for a toffee - caramel finale, which undermines some of the complexity. Even so, the sherry remains lip - smacking and the spices behave themselves; the quality of the sherry used boggles the mind. Remains a true classic.'

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BUSHMILLS 10 Year Old Irish Malt Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £26.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 82 POINTS - 'A beefed up, sherried number compared to a few years back; attractive but in need of finding some complexity from somewhere.'

BUSHMILLS 16 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) £52.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'A basket of ripe fruit, with apples, pomegranates and grapes to the fore. Just so delicate! Seismic waves of spicy fruit, juicy and salivating in effect; vanilla and a sprinkling of cocoa represents the moderate oak presence; this has become the leader of the Bushmills tribe. Few whiskies can maintain this degree of sophistication. Love it!'

Whiskey

Irish
GREEN SPOT Irish Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £35.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 92 POINTS - 'mouthwatering and fresh on one level, honey and menthol on another; crisp, mouthwatering with a fabulous honey burst, alarmingly sensuous; faint coffee intertwines with the pot still. The thumbprint thread of honey remains; has remained in this honey sate for a few years now, once previously a bit sharper. Soft yet complex throughout. Unquestionably one of the world's greatest branded whiskies.'

GREENORE Single Grain 15 Year Old Irish Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £59.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 89 POINTS - 'Soft, sweet corn, delicious hints of bourbon; rich, soft oils, melt-in-the-mouth grain and just a hint of barley for good measure; crisps up as the oak returns; just a lovely grain whiskey from one of the world's finest grain distilleries'

JAMESON Irish Whiskey Litre (100cl) £23.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 95 POINTS - 'Crisp pot still bounces off some firm and clean grain. Fresh sherry offers a softer dimension; melt-in-the-mouth sherry is the prelude to brilliant pot-still sharpness. A real mouthful that you can suck and chew at the same time with some real bite in there: vanilla, fruit and some prickly spice; from a pretty boring bit-of-a-nothing whiskey to a sheer classic in the space of a decade: not bad going. The inclusion of extra pot still is one thing; getting the balance as fine as this is something else. Truly magnificent: this is the current Irish masterpiece.'

KNAPPOGUE CASTLE 1994/95 Bottle (70cl) £32.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 94 POINTS - 'Heavy oil and rich with a hint of spice, enormously intense with a vague stratum of honey. Big and well structured, strengthened by the massive depth of malt; big oily arrival on the palate ensures a biscuity maltiness and a slightly molassed sweetness clings to the roof of the mouth. Lush, chewy and deep with a subtle bitter-sweet balance. Delicate peppers make for a teasing but controlled middle; the lingering spice tends to play peek-a-boo with the oily, almost unbelievably intense maltiness. At the death dries fabulously to show surprising age.'

THE TYRCONNELL Single Malt Irish Whiskey Bottle (70cl) £29.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 89 POINTS - 'Oranges and cedar, clean malt and courteous oak; blemish free, so clean and mouthwatering but with a hint of something almost salty; pretty long with the malt continuing to buzz around the palate. The vanilla also begins to show well; this is easily the best Tyrconnell yet. Enormous thought and work has gone into the cask selection.'

Japanese
NIKKA Pure Malt 'Black' Half Litre (50cl) £35.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 95 POINTS - 'An exquisitely crafted nose; studied peat in luxuriant yet deft proportions nestling amid some honeyed malt and oak. The balance between sweet and dry is faultless. There is neither a single off-note nor a ripple of disharmony. The kind of nose you can sink your head into and simply disappear; for all the evident peat, this is a medium-weighted, the subtlety encashed in a gentle cloak of oil; long, silky, fabulously weighted peat running a sweet course through some surging malt and liquorice tones with a bit of salt in there for zip.'

NIKKA Pure Malt 'White' Half Litre (50cl) £35.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 92 POINTS - Massive, Islay-style peat with a fresh sea kick thanks to brine amid the barley; again, the peat-reek hangs firmly on the tastebuds from the word go, the sweetness of the barley tempered by some drying oaky notes suggesting reasonable age. Lots of subtle oils bind the complexity; liquorice and salt combine to create a powerful malty-oak combo. An oily, kippery smokiness continues to the very end; a big peaty number displaying the most subtle of hands.'

NIKKA YOICHI 10 Year Old Single Malt Bottle (70cl) £64.95
45.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'Big oak influence: bourbony in character with ripe plums, too. One assumes local oak has been used; seriously big bourbon character: massively sweet, rich deep barley and the lightest rumble of peat; gentle, oily with some molassed sugar on the rolling smoke; this is a seriously big whiskey for the serious whiskey drinker. Amazingly high-quality malt where the wood plays the dominant role but leaves space enough for malt development.'

Welsh
PENDERYN Single Malt Bottle (70cl) £36.95
46.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 89 POINTS - 'A sharp freshness from the Madeira casks is very apparent; there is a boiled sweet fruitiness also while the malt is ethereal; big malt weight defies the nose, clean yet pleasantly cluttered; the fruit returns here for a surprisingly chunky contest with thick malt; exceptional balance and charisma for a whiskey so young.'

Whisky (Scottish)

Blended
BELLS 8 Year Old Blended Whisky Litre (100cl) £23.75
40.0%alc
£+

FAMOUS GROUSE Whisky Litre (100cl) £22.95
40.0%alc

Spirits

Whisky (Scottish)

Blended

JOHNNIE WALKER Red Label Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £22.95
Johnnie Walker Red Label, with its distinctive and exuberant flavour was created to be drunk as a long drink - a favourite choice for celebrating every day. It was originally known as Extra Special Old Highland Whisky, and was introduced as Red Label in 1909 to suit a new generation of whisky drinkers. The world's best selling whisky is still going strong. Red Label is a powerful combination of spicy, smoky malts, such as Talisker, and lingering, lighter grains. Its robust qualities are what make it so good for drinking long.

SILVER BARLEY Blended Scotch Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £15.95
Very young, drying hay. Quite refreshing with a minty whiff. A hint of butterscotch. Smooth and sweet at start. Leafy. Green wood takes over, developing on bitter notes. Quite short, not especially elegant. A very young, new-make like whisky.

DeLuxe

DIMPLE HAIG 15 Year Old De Luxe Whisky Bottle (70cl) £28.95
40.0%alc
A classic deluxe blend that has stood the test of time. Based on Glenkinchie with traces of other more northerly distilleries, Dimple benefits from an extended marrying period. Rich, smooth and complex.

JOHNNIE WALKER Green Label Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £30.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 92 POINTS - 'This is one of the best vatted noses on the market: superb complexity, relatively peatless but still boasting big weight amid some fresher Speyside notes; bingo! Serious flavour explosion which leans towards malty sweetness with a gradual fade-in of drier oak; now some oils arrive, plus a little mint suggesting good age; this is easily one of the best vatted malts in the market, pretty sweet, too.'

Highland

ARRAN 'First' Malt Bottle (70cl) 46.0%alc £35.95

ARRAN Malt Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £30.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 87 POINTS - 'Buttery, fresh, soft a pinch of coke-smoke, very complex, with some apples thrown in; sweet, silky, natural cream-toffee and vanilla: the malt intensity is phenomenal, the weight on the palate confident and rewarding; remains gentle with further vanilla which is chewy and long. Some really tantalising spices make a late extra addition; an immensely soft and soothing dram showing rich creamy style. I have tasted the last two bottlings, the last of which was in march 2003. And I have to say it is getting better and better.'

CLYNELISH 14 Year Old Malt Quarter (20cl) 46.0%alc £11.95

DALMORE 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £32.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 91 POINTS - 'Big, fruity, firm, a threat of smoke, weighty; well-muscled malt surge followed by clean fruity tones, immaculate mouth-presence and bitter-sweet balance; long, tapering fruit-malt residue, some brown sugar coating and uncomplicated oak; simply one of the great Highland malt whiskies at just the perfect age: what I would do to see this unplugged at 46% minimum and no bottling hall interference.'

DALWHINNIE 15 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £29.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 94 POINTS - 'Sublime stuff: a curious mixture of coke smoke and peat-reek wafts teasingly over the gently honied malt. A hint of melon offers some fruit but the caressing malt stars; that rarest of combinations: at once silky and malt intense, yet at the same time peppery and tin-hat time for the tastebuds, but the silk wins out and a sheen of barley sugar coats everything, soft peat included; some cocoa and coffee notes, yet the pervading slightly honied sweetness means that there is no bitterness that cannot be controlled; a malt it is hard to decide whether to drink or bath in: I suggest you do both.'

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GLENFIDDICH 12 Year Old Reserve Malt Bottle (70cl) £27.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 80 POINTS - 'Delicious malt but perhaps a touch too much caramel subtracts from the otherwise juicy maltiest. Just not the same as the old (younger) version. Much flatter and less fun than its predecessor.' The first spirit flowed from the stills at The Glenfiddich Distillery on Christmas Day 1887. Since then, the quality of Glenfiddich Special Reserve has been sustained by never compromising the traditional standards of production - Glenfiddich is the only Highland single malt to be distilled, matured and bottled at its own distillery.

GLENFIDDICH 15 Year Old 'Solera Reserve' Bottle (75cl) £31.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'A marriage of citrus notes (especially oranges) subtle spices and oak; honey leads the way with balancing spices and oak. The malt remains fresh and refreshing; medium to long with soft sherry and gently building cocoa; this is one of my regular drams, and the one I immediately display to people who rubbish Glenfiddich.'

Whisky (Scottish)

Highland

GLENFIDDICH 18 Year Old Ancient Reserve Bottle (75cl) £43.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 92 POINTS - 'Blood oranges, apples, the most gentle of smoke and oaky saltiness: delicate, complex and enormously sexy; those oranges are there again as the malt melts in the mouth. Quite salty still but sherry and sultanas to fatten things up, brown sugar sweetens things a little; a dry finale of medium length with unsweetened mocha: clean, chewy and well-defined; another nail in the coffin of those who sniffily insist that Glenfiddich can't make good whisky.'

GLENMORANGIE 10 Year Old Single Malt Litre (100cl) £38.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 94 POINTS - 'Perhaps the most enigmatic aroma of them all: delicate yet assertive, sweet yet dry, young yet oaky: a malty tone poem; flaky oakiness throughout but there is an impossibly complex toastiness to the barley which seems to suggest the lightest hint of smoke; amazingly long for such a light dram, drying from the initial sweetness but with flaked almonds amid the oakier, rich cocoa notes; remains one of the great single malts: a whisky of uncompromising aesthetic beauty from the first enigmatic whiff to the last teasing and tantalising gulp. Complexity at its most complex.'

GLENMORANGIE 18 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £69.95
Glenmorangie 18 Years Old slips like silk over the tongue with a full, rounded flavour, starting with grapefruit & orange. The palate is then entranced with an accord of melting honey, creamy malt and aromatic florals that segue into the warm, syrupy nuttiness of hazelnuts and walnuts from the Oloroso sherry casks in which the whisky is matured. Savour the rich, sticky date and fig flavours as they are heightened by the unexpected caress of woodsmoke. Lingering and enticing with the subtle sweetness of dried fruit and the nutty dryness of sherry.

GLENTURRET 10 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 86 POINTS - 'Firm honey thread, exceptionally clean malt with the most teasing hint of ginger; rich Glenturret mouthfeel, as if lots of copper has been used in the process. Again the malts are clean and slick; mild hints of something spicy enlivens the malt-honey procession; those of you into Lochnagar will recognise this style of rich, intense whisky. Amazing coppery mouthfeel, softened by the trademark honey: very well-made whisky, indeed.'

ISLE OF JURA Superstition Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £30.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 86 POINTS - 'Busy, peat and spice-led. Seems young despite some distinguished oak: very unusual; a beguiling array of soft barley and oak tones pinned to the tastebuds by green peat; much thinner and more relaxed than the intense mouth arrival; a rare case of where the whole is better than the parts. A malt that wins through because of a superb balance between peat and sweeter barley. Distinctive to the point of being almost unique.'

OLD PULTENEY 12 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95
Deep amber, red gold colour, with a slight pink hue. The nose has medium to high intensity and complexity. Dry with a hint of sea air. On the palate it is medium bodied and smooth with a clean, dry finish: faintly salty with a slight sherry notes.

THE MACALLAN 10 Year Old 'Sherry Oak' Bottle (70cl) £34.95
40.0%alc
Macallan's unflinching obsession with selecting the finest casks and distilling sublime spirit brings an unsurpassed, timeless quality to The Macallan. Distilled at their distillery in Speyside, this legendary Single malt is carefully matured for a minimum of 10 years. The unique combination of Bourbon and Sherry oak casks produces a particularly smooth, delicate and light whisky. The nose is complex, with hints of fruit and heather honey. On the palate it is soft, with a maltiness, balanced with oak and fruit with a lingering finish with hints of oak and fruit.

THE MACALLAN 15 Year Old 'Fine Oak' Bottle (70cl) £47.95
43.0%alc
Matured in Bourbon & Sherry Oak Casks. This range has been around for a few years now and seems to have weathered the storm it caused amongst the faithful when it was initially released. This one is probably the pick of the (Fine Oak) bunch. "Takes time to open but worth the wait. The complete package and arguably the best. Full aroma with hints of rose and cinnamon. Intense rich chocolate, with hints of orange and raisins on the palate finishing with lingering chocolate, hints of orange and dried fruit.

Islay

ARBEG 10 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 46.0%alc £37.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'Oily, slapped-on-all-over-with-a-trowel-peat that leaves nothing uncoated. A lovely salty tang gives an extra tweak; sweet, equally oily arrival with a massive malt surge. When that has passed the serious work of picking out the intense seaweedy, oaky complexity begins; stupendous spices add an extra dimension to the already complex story unfolding on the palate; close your eyes and enjoy!'

ARBEG Uigeadail Bottle (70cl) 54.2%alc £60.95
A fine drop of Ardbeg bottled at cask strength. A marriage of Ardbeg from bourbon barrel and sherry butt which gives a sweet and smokey finish to this malt. Uigeadail is the loch from which all Ardbeg water flows. This year's batch of Uigeadail has more sherry influence and is an absolutely stunning whisky. The undiluted nose is deep and rounded - chocolate caramels and barley sugar combine with dates, raisins and smooth sherry notes. Later, you find leather and linseed oil. With water the sweetness gives way to malted honeycomb, with flowering currants emerging through the smoky sweetness of a well-fired fruit pudding.

Spirits

Whisky (Scottish)

Islay

BOWMORE 12 Year Old Litre (100cl) 40.0%alc £32.95
Subtle notes of lemon and honey are bound together with the distinctive Bowmore smokiness. Warm and delicious with subtle dark chocolate and peat smoke.

BOWMORE 17 Year Old Malt Bottle £45.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'The peat could be made from helium, so light it is. Even so, it remains the dominant feature in a complex aroma; sweet peat at first, then juicy malt; long, fragile with the peat lingering but refusing to undermine the complexity; a masterpiece. Back to its old self: an exercise in understatement and refinement. Always my favourite aged Bowmore of them all - with only Voyage offering something more extraordinary and beautiful - and this bottling shows exactly why. Sublime.'

BRUICHLADDICH 12 Year Old '2nd Edition' Bottle (70cl) £38.95
46.0%alc
Bottled on Islay at 46% strength using Islay's legendary spring water, without colouring or chill-filtering. Bruichladdich's tall stills and slow distillation produce the most sophisticated Islay whisky. Passion fruit, pear, gooseberry, apple, apricot, butterscotch, sweet malted barley, vanilla and thyme. Layers of green fruits, citrus fruits and vanilla cream - the perfect aperitif.

CAOL ILA 12 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £39.95

CAOL ILA 12 Year Old Malt Quarter (20cl) 43.0%alc £11.45
Caol Ila is one of the lighter Islay whiskies, pale in colour, with peaty, floral and peppery notes. The 12-year received two double gold, three gold, and one silver medal from the San Francisco World Spirits Competition between 2005 and 2010.

LAGAVULIN 16 Year Old Classic Malt Bottle (70cl) £46.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 88 POINTS - 'The peat, though full, is also unusually linear and lacking its trademark complexity: much more gristy than normal; exceedingly soft with a quick surge of vanilla followed by some fruity notes. The sweet peat, of course, is everywhere; slightly oilier than usual and bitter, too; a bit unfair to pass judgement on this bottling: looking at my notes since year 2000, the average mark runs out at a fraction under 92... !!'

LAGAVULIN 16 Year Old Classic Malt Quarter (20cl) £12.75
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LAPHROAIG 10 Year Old 'Cask Strength' Bottle (70cl) £43.95
55.7%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'Explosive peat, sweet malts as well and no shortage of dry vanilla; a mouthful of this is one of life's little treasures: a stunning unravelling of peat at various levels of intensity, sometimes accompanied by brine, other times by subtle oils or vanilla; gristy and sweet, with long, pounding waves of soft smoke and iodine. Salty to the end... and that end is a long time in coming; a home without one of these around is barely worth visiting. This is Laphroaig nutshelled: wild and windswept yet calm and controlled. Marvellous malt.'

LAPHROAIG 10 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) £29.95
Impossible not to nose this and think of Islay: no other aroma so perfectly encapsulates the island - clean despite the rampaging peat-reek and soft oak, raggy coast-scapes and screeching gulls - all in a glass; one of the crispiest, peaty malts of them all, the barley standing out alone, brittle and unbowed, before the peat comes rushing in like the tide: iodine and soft salty tones; the peat now takes control for a sweet, distinguished finish; quite light compared to of old with the peat taking a more subdued, harmonious stance. But it is every bit as good if not better simply because there is now clearer definition and shape.

Lowland

AUCHENTOSHAN 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £31.95
In common with other Lowland (and Irish) whiskies, Auchentoshan malt whisky is distilled three times (as opposed to most Scottish malt whisky, which is distilled twice). This triple-distillation has the effect of softening the flavour and body of the end product. The 12 year old is smooth, fresh and nutty with a golden honey appearance. It has a Crème Brulee smell with a burst of citrus and the signature nuttiness and green leafiness of Auchentoshan. To taste the palate is smooth and sweet with hints of tangerine and lime. To finish, it is a gingery and slightly drying with a pleasant lingering nuttiness.

AUCHENTOSHAN 18 Year Old 'Oloroso Sherry' Bottle (70cl) £79.95
55.8%alc
This 18-year-old expression has been matured in first and second fill Oloroso Sherry butts, and is limited to just 4,800 bottles. Undiluted, the nose offers pear drops and distinctive fruit notes (fresh raspberries?), with more malt coming through when water is added. Elegant and eminently drinkable, even at cask strength, this Auchentoshan is fruity yet quite dry and nutty, with liquorice developing late on. The finish is progressively drying, with the fruitiness remaining right to the end, ultimately becoming akin to Rowntree's Fruit Pastilles.

Whisky (Scottish)

Lowland

AUCHENTOSHAN 3 Wood 43% Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £42.95
Founded by Irish refugees in 1825 on the outskirts of Glasgow, Auchentoshan is one of the last active distilleries in the Lowlands. In common with other Lowland (and Irish) whiskies, Auchentoshan malt whisky is distilled three times (as opposed to most Scottish malt whisky, which is distilled twice). This triple-distillation has the effect of softening the flavour and body of the end product. The Three Wood is intense, sweet and complex with a rich golden bronze appearance. It has a blackcurrant, brown sugar, orange, plum and raisin aroma with a fruit and syrup taste. The finish is fresh and fruity with long lasting oaky sweetness.

GLENKINCHIE 12 Year Old Classic Malt Bottle (70cl) £30.95
43.0%alc
The Glenkinchie 10 Year Old has a rich gold, almost Chardonnay colour and fresh, citric (tangerines) aromas. Green grass, with some moss, hay and light cereal notes and also faintly floral - like summer meadows with a delicate whiff of smoke. It has a good balance of primary flavours. Fresh and clean with hints of Sugar Puffs (brand) but the overall impression is dry. There is an interesting hint of ginger in the finish, which is dry.

GLENKINCHIE 12 Year Old Classic Malt Quarter (20cl) £11.45
43.0%alc

Oban

OBAN 14 Year Old Classic Malt Whisky Bottle (70cl) £41.95
43.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 84 POINTS - 'Slick and fruity, you can close your eyes and think of Jerez. Oban seems a long way away. A very decent dram, I grant you. But I want my old, bracing, mildly smoky, fruitless Oban back!!! Those who prefer malts with a sheen, sweet and with enormous fruit depth won't be disappointed.'

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Orkney

HIGHLAND PARK 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 92 POINTS - 'Sublime: the peat is almost sprinkled on by hand in exact measures, the honey and vague molasses guaranteeing controlled sweetness, salt, old leather and apples in there, too; moderately weighty mouth arrival, sweet yet young enough oak to offer some bitter complexity. This fabulous bitter-sweet balance pans out in favour of the honey though there is enough peat around to add extra weight; long, spicy, some earthy heather and more oak than usual. Excellent cocoa hangs about with the peat; it defies belief that an international brand can maintain this quality.'

HIGHLAND PARK 18 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £49.95
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 95 POINTS - 'An empty honey jar which once held peaty embers. An enormous nose of excellent consistency, with salty butter and burnt honeycomb is always present; beautifully sweet, in some ways sweeter than even the 12-y-o thanks to some manuka honey, which is accentuated against the drier oaky tones and rumbling peat towards the back of the palate: beautifully chewy, a touch oily and wholly substantial; some citrus, heathery notes, controlled oak and outstanding cocoa and peat: long and rewarding; a consistent dram of enormous weight and complexity.'

Premium

CHIVAS REGAL 12 Year Old Premium Scotch Bottle (70cl) £28.95
40.0%alc
Distinguished by its light, lingering aroma, full, smooth palate and balanced flavour with a hint of smoke, Chivas Regal is a Scotch of subtle and complex character. From its origins at Strathisla - the oldest operating distillery in The Highlands - this blend of the finest malt and mature grain whiskies deserves the accolade 'Scotland's Prince of Whiskies'.

THE BAILIE NICOL JARVIE Scotch Whisky Bottle (70cl) £23.95
40.0%alc
JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'As fruity and mouthwatering as a riesling. Green, grassy and youthful with almost perfect grain balance; tart and biting, the nose translates to palate with mouthwatering Speyside malt in harmony with exquisite flinty grain. It rarely gets better than this; more grain here as the malt slowly wanders off and late oak adds to length with a brush of cocoa; poetry in solution: a must-have blend for every cabinet.'

Skye

TALISKER 10 Year Old Classic Malt Bottle (70cl) 45.8%alc £30.95
Full gold, bright and shot with pink with pungent and complex aromas that are sweet overall. When served neat there is noticeable peat smoke and even iodine. Very light sulphur, toffee and faintly fishy. When diluted sherry and kippers; wax paper and candlewax; iodine, hemp and pine resin are apparent. Full bodied, the primary taste is sweet and salty, with a powerful peat-smoke 'catch' in the finish, which is relatively short. Other flavours are of resin and burnt butter.

Spirits

Whisky (Scottish)

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TALISKER 18 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 45.8%alc £64.95

With an amber colour, the nose is rich and fruity - Victoria plums, greengages, perhaps dried orange peel - with some butterscotch or rum toffee and a thread of smoke behind. With water, appropriately, maritime characteristics and smokiness of an unstruck match emerge. The palate is sweet up front, then more assertive, with a whiff of smoke. The overall effect is warming.

Speyside

ABERLOUR 10 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95

Aberlour is a pure single highland malt from Speyside. Aberlour was founded in 1826 by James Gordon and Peter Weir at the feet of Ben Rinnes, from whose slopes it draws its water and said to be an important characteristic of its distinctive flavour.

ABERLOUR abunadh Bottle (70cl) 59.9%alc £45.95

A 19th-century-style whisky matured exclusively in Spanish oak Oloroso sherry butts, then bottled at cask strength. Dark, luxurious and powerful; a superb after-dinner malt. It has a deep, rich amber colour and an intoxicating aroma of mixed spices, praline and spiced orange, harmonising with rich, deep notes of Oloroso sherry. On the palate it shouts of oranges, black cherries, dried fruit and ginger, spiked with dark bitter chocolate and enriched with sherry and oak. Full-bodied and creamy. The finish is robust and intense, with bitter-sweet notes of exotic spices, dark chocolate and oak.

BALVENIE 15 Year Malt Single Barrel Bottle (70cl) £53.95
47.8%alc

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 93 POINTS - 'Cracking vanilla-malt split. Complex, intriguing, something to really get your nose into. Quite maltings-floorish; massive malt surge is invigorating and mouthwatering. Glorious; keeps clean and relatively oak-free; just one of those drams that should be within touching distance at strategic points around the house. Being single barrel the bottlings do change quite regularly; fortunately the magnificence of the quality rarely does.'

BENRIACH Over 20 Years Old Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £56.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 94 POINTS - 'Superb, understated buttery peat: like sticking your nose in the grist mill; an avalanche of honeyed peat, highly unusual and distinctive; hard and flinty on the palate; spices drift over the palate as the peat enters into cocoa mode; unique: never come across such a bone-hard onslaught of peat and honey in one glass.'

CARDHU 12 Year Old Single Malt Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £32.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 90 POINTS - 'Just about the cleanest, most uncluttered, pure, sweet malt you will ever find, a touch of apple, perhaps, giving an extra dimension; again the malt is pure and rich, just a thread of oak adding some dryness and depth; vanilla and malt.'

CRAGGANMORE 12 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95

Full gold colour with amber notes and a moderately intense aroma, with some pugency and nose prickle. When served neat there is a whiff of brimstone to start, accompanied by a singed or charred notes. Toffee in the background. When diluted Oloroso sherry, some turpentine or pine essence, with cider apples; some sandalwood and indeterminate floral scents become apparent. Leather and burnt matches are just detectable. Mouthfilling with a full, sweet start, followed by some astringency and a short bitter finish. Some herbal flavours and dry sherry.

CRAGGANMORE 12 Year Old Malt Quarter (20cl) £12.95
40.0%alc

GLEN MORAY 8 Year Old Malt Bottle (75cl) 43.0%alc £23.95

On the nose it is light and fresh with delicate fruit and malt, grassy. On the palate it is light and smooth. Well balanced with oak, vanilla, malt, citrus fruits with a long delicate but complex finish.

GLENFARCLAS 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £34.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 90 POINTS - 'Honeycomb and barley concentrate; just about perfect mouthfeel: a touch oily but gloriously sweet barley, a dash of fruit and drying vanilla; much less demonstrative, but the oak is sublime, the length eternal; it is unlikely Speyside offers a much better 12-year-old.'

GLENFARCLAS 15 Year Old Malt Bottle (70cl) 46.0%alc £43.95

Dark, sherried malt from one of the best distilleries in Speyside. As always it remains one of the best value malts on the market, especially compared to Macallan. On the nose we find fruitcake, raisins, honey, crystallised ginger, orange marmalade, mixed peel, heather and cake spices like cinnamon and clove. The palate is medium-full and silkily-textured and continues with the flavours from the nose all on a base of polished oak, leading to a very smooth, long finish.

KNOCKANDO Malt Whisky Bottle (70cl) 43.0%alc £28.95

JIM MURRAY'S WHISKY BIBLE - 83 POINTS - 'The most fruity Knockando I've come across with some attractive salty notes. Dry, but a little extra malty sweetness these days.'
'The distillery of Knockando which in Gaelic means "little black hill" lies in the heart of Speyside. Knockando possesses the classic elegance and complexity of the finest Speyside malts, with a unique delicacy and fruitiness.'

Whisky (Scottish)

Speyside

MONKEY SHOULDER Triple Malt Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £28.95

Crafted in small batches of just 27 casks, Monkey Shoulder's smooth and rounded taste has accents of malty sweetness, vanilla, marmalade and barley sugar. The iconic bottle design, complete with three brass monkeys - each representing one of the constituent single malts - on the bottle's shoulder, is sure to attract confident, liberal minded people with discerning taste and ensures it's not one to hide away in the drinks cabinet!

THE GLENLIVET 12 Year Old Bottle (70cl) 40.0%alc £26.95

One of the most famous malts in the world, perhaps on account of the story of George Smith, an illegal distiller in Speyside who went legit when he obtained the first license to legally distill whisky in 1824. For many years afterwards he had to carry a pair of pistols to protect himself and his family from his aggrieved erstwhile colleagues, the moonshiners, but the quality of his spirit quickly made him and his distillery famous and set a precedent that sparked the birth of the industry as we know it today. It is remarkably flowery, clean & soft with a light to medium, firm, smooth body, flowery, peachy, notes of vanilla, delicate balance between sweetness & malty dryness.

Soft Drinks & Mixers

BELVOIR Elderflower Sparkling Presse 25cl Bottle	£1.15
BELVOIR Elderflower Sparkling Presse 75cl Bottle	£2.35
BOTTLE GREEN Elderflower Sparkling Presse Bottle	£2.45
BOTTLE GREEN Ginger & Lemongrass Cordial Half Litre	£3.45
BOTTLE GREEN Pomegranate & Elderflower Cordial Half Litre	£3.45
BOTTLE GREEN Red Grape Sparkling Juice Bottle	£2.89
BOTTLE GREEN White Grape Sparkling Juice Bottle	£2.89
BRECON Still (Plastic) Case x 12 Magnums	£7.25
BRECON Still (Plastic) Case x 24 Half Litres	£7.45
BRITVIC Orange Juice Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£10.95
BRITVIC Tomato Juice Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£10.95
CANADA DRY Ginger Ale Case x 12 Litre (100cl) Plastic	£15.95
CANADA DRY Ginger Ale Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
COKE Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
COKE Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£8.95
COKE Case x 6 Two Litre (200cl) Plastic	£10.65
COKE ZERO Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95
CRABBIES Original Alcoholic Ginger Beer CASE (12 x 500ml) Bottle 4%alc	£23.95
DIET CAFFEINE FREE COKE Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95
DIET COKE Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
DIET COKE Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£8.95
DIET COKE Case x 6 Two Litre (200cl) Plastic	£10.65
EVIAN Still Case x 30 Half Litres Plastic	£12.95
EVIAN Still Case x 6 Magnums Plastic	£5.25
FANTA Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95
FENTIMANS Ginger Beer 275ml Bottle	£1.25
FENTIMANS Shandy 275ml Bottle	£1.25
FENTIMANS Victorian Lemonade 275ml Bottle	£1.25
GINGER BEER Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95
HATTERRALL RIDGE Natural Spring Water Sparkling CASE x 12 Glass Bottles (75cl)	£8.95
HATTERRALL RIDGE Natural Spring Water Sparkling CASE x 24 Glass Halves (33cl)	£9.95
HATTERRALL RIDGE Natural Spring Water Still CASE x 12 Glass Bottles (75cl)	£8.95
HATTERRALL RIDGE Natural Spring Water Still CASE x 24 Glass Halves (33cl)	£9.95
HIGHLAND SPRING Sparkling Case x 12 Magnums (150cl) Plastic	£9.45
HIGHLAND SPRING Still Case x 12 Magnums (150cl) Plastic	£8.95
HYDR8 Naturally Sourced Water Case x 24 Half Litre - British	£4.95

Soft Drinks & Mixers

LILT Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95
LUCOZADE SPORT Orange Case x 12 Half Litres Plastic	£13.95
ORANGE JUICE Sun Magic Case x 12 Litres Cartons	£11.95
ORANGINA Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£11.45
PANNA Still Mineral Water Case x 12 Bottles (Glass)	£12.95
PERRIER Sparkling Water Case x 12 Bottles (Glass)	£12.95
RED BULL Case x 24 Cans (250ml)	£25.95
ROBINSONS Apple & Blackcurrant Sugar Free Cordial Bottle	£1.25
ROBINSONS Orange & Mango Sugar Free Cordial Bottle	£1.25
ROBINSONS Summer Fruits Sugar Free Cordial Bottle	£1.25
SAN PELLEGRINO Aranciata Sparkling Orange CASE x 24 Cans (33cl)	£16.95
SAN PELLEGRINO Limonata Sparkling Lemon CASE x 24 Cans (33cl)	£16.95
SAN PELLEGRINO Sparkling Case x 12 Bottles Glass	£12.95
SCHWEPPES Lemonade Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
SCHWEPPES Lemonade Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.30
SCHWEPPES Lemonade Case x 6 Two Litre (200cl) Plastic	£7.95
SCHWEPPES Low-Calorie Lemonade Case x 6 Two Litre (200cl) Plastic	£7.95
SCHWEPPES Slimline Tonic Water Case x 12 Litre (100cl) Plastic	£15.95
SCHWEPPES Slimline Tonic Water Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
SCHWEPPES Soda Water Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
SCHWEPPES Tonic Water Case x 12 Litre (100cl) Plastic	£15.95
SCHWEPPES Tonic Water Case x 24 Cans (15cl)	£7.70
SIROP DE CANNE BRUN Giffard (Brown Cane Sugar) Bottle (70cl)	£4.95
SIROP DE CAMEL Giffard Bottle (70cl)	£5.45
SIROP DE FRAISE Giffard (Strawberry) Bottle (70cl)	£5.45
SIROP DE FRUITS DE LA PASSION Giffard (Passionfruit) Bottle (70cl)	£5.45
SIROP DE GRENADINE Giffard Litre / Bottle (70cl)	£4.95
SPA Sparkling Case x 12 Magnums (150cl) Plastic	£10.25
SPA Still Case x 12 Magnums (150cl) Plastic	£8.75
SPEYSIDE GLENLIVET Sparkling Case x 12 Bottles Glass	£10.95
SPEYSIDE GLENLIVET Sparkling Case x 24 Halves Glass	£10.95
SPEYSIDE GLENLIVET Still Case x 12 Bottles Glass	£10.95
SPEYSIDE GLENLIVET Still Case x 24 Halves Glass	£10.95
SPRITE Z (Diet) Case x 24 Cans (33cl)	£9.95

Beer, Lager & Cider

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LA ROBELINE Dry Cider Bottle (750ml) - Jersey	£4.45
LA ROBELINE Medium Cider Bottle (750ml) - Jersey	£4.45
LA ROBELINE Mulled Dry Cider With Spices Pouch Bottle - Jersey	£4.95

Ale

BASS Draught CASE x 24 Cans (500ml) - British 4.4%alc	£25.95
BELLHAVEN Scottish Ale 3.9% CASE x 12 Half Litre (500ml) Bottles	£22.95
COOPERS Pale Ale 4.5% (Green Label) CASE x 24 Bottles (375ml) - Australia	£27.95
INNIS & GUNN Original Oak Aged Beer CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - Scotland 6.6%alc	£35.95

Innis & Gunn oak-aged beer is like no other. Their pioneering production process is unique to them, a world first. In fact, it was discovered by accident! Using oak to age beer is unheard of. But, the flavours imparted by the oak barrels (previously used to mature bourbon) lend an incredible depth of taste. Think vanilla, toffee and orange aromas, with a malty, lightly oaked palate; soothing and warm in the finish. There is nothing like this among mass produced beers. Try it and see for yourself...

MORLAND Old Speckled Hen 5.2% CASE x 12 Half Litres (500ml) - British	£21.95
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Bitter

BODDINGTON'S Draught Bitter - British CASE x 24 Cans (440ml) 3.5%alc \$	£28.95
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Cider

BROTHERS Bittersweet Cider 5.5%alc CASE x 12 Half Litres - British \$	£21.95
BROTHERS Lemon Pear Cider CASE x 12 Half Litre Glass - British \$	£19.95
BROTHERS Pear Cider 'Tutti Frutti' 4%alc CASE x 12 Half Litre - British \$	£19.95
BROTHERS Pear Cider 4.7%alc CASE x 12 Half Litre - British \$	£21.95
BROTHERS Strawberry & Pear Cider 4%alc CASE x 12 Half Litre \$	£19.95
HENRY WESTON'S Vintage Reserve Cider 8.2% CASE x 12 Half Litres -British	£23.95

REKORDERLIG Apple Cider CASE x 15 Half Litres 4.5%alc	£26.45
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Freshly cut apple nose, Semi-sweet palate with strong fresh apple notes finishing with almost no acidity. Serve over ice to reduce sweetness.

REKORDERLIG Pear Cider CASE x 15 Half Litres 4.5%alc	£26.45
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Fresh pear nose. Semi-sweet palate with strong fresh pear notes and hints of vanilla finishing in a Semi-tart back palate with low acidity. Serve over Ice to reduce sweetness, add lemon to promote tart back palate or Lime to induce strong vanilla tones.

REKORDERLIG Strawberry-Lime Cider CASE x 15 Half Litres 4.0%alc	£26.45
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The nose of fresh market strawberry's. On the palate, these two flavours combine perfectly for an amazingly refreshing taste. Semi-sweet and pouring pink into the glass Rekorderlig Strawberry & Lime should be tried over Ice, with fresh mint.

SAVANNA Dry Cider CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - South Africa	£35.95
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SHEPPY'S Oak Matured Vintage Cider CASE 12 x Bottles (500ml) 7.4%alc	£24.95
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A fine full-flavoured sparkling vintage cider in a medium taste, created from the apples of a single harvest here at Three Bridges Farm. Winner of the prestigious Quality Drinks Award for cider category in both 2009 and 2010, and overall winner of this drinks competition in 2010.

STRONGBOW Dry Cider CASE x 24 Cans (500ml) - British 5.3%alc	£28.95
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WESTON'S Organic Pear Cider 6% CASE x 12 Half Litre - British	£23.95
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WESTON'S Stowford Press CASE x 8 Half Litre Bottle 4.5%alc	£13.95
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Beer, Lager & Cider

Cider

WESTONS Cider Maker's Choice ASSORTED CASE x 12 Half Litre	£24.95
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This is a mixed presentation box of 12 premium ciders in 500ml bottles (3 x Old Rosie 7.3% abv, 3 x Henry Westons Vintage Reserve 8.2% abv, 3 x Westons Premium Organic 6.5% abv, 3 x Stowford Press Export 6.00% abv).

WESTONS Strong Organic Cider 6.5% CASE x 12 Half Litre Glass -British	£22.95
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Lager

BECK'S Bier - German CASE x 24 Bottles (275ml) 5.0%alc \$	£22.95
BRAHMA Brazilian Lager (UK Brewed) CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 4.3%alc \$	£28.95
BUDWEISER "Bud" (UK Brewed) CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 5.0%alc \$	£30.95

CARLING Lager CASE x 24 Cans (500ml) - U.K. Brewed	£22.95
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COOPERS Sparkling Ale 5.8% (Red Label) CASE x 24 Bottles (375ml) - (DIS)	£32.95
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COORS LIGHT CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - U.K. Brewed	£22.95
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CORONA Lager CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - Mexican	£24.95
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DESPERADOS (Tequila Flavoured) Lager CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 5.9% - France	£29.95
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Desperados a highly refreshing gold coloured and full bodied lager beer with the extra kick and the exotic imagery of the tequila flavouring. Consumption from the bottle is highly recommended. Desperados is not Mexican but is produced by Brasserie Fischer in France. 5.9% Alc.

GROLSCH Premium Lager CASE x 24 Cans (500ml) - U.K. Brewed	£26.95
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NASTRO AZZURO Peroni - Italian CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 5.1%alc \$	£25.95
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PERONI Gran Riserva - Italian CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 6.6%alc	£28.95
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SAN MIGUEL "Especial" CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - Spanish	£21.95
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STELLA ARTOIS Lager (UK Brewed) CASE x 24 Bottle (330ml) 5.0%alc \$	£24.95
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STELLA ARTOIS Lager (UK Brewed) CASE x 24 Cans (440ml) 5.0%alc \$	£30.95
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TIGER Beer CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) - Singapore	£22.95
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TYSKIE Lager CASE x 20 Bottles (500ml)	£24.95
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VICTORIA BEER Imported CASE x 24 Bottles (375ml) - Australian	£24.25
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WINDHOEK Imported from Namibia CASE x 24 Bottles (330ml) 4.0%alc \$	£24.95
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Non-Alcoholic Lager

BECK'S BLUE Non-Alcoholic CASE x 24 Bottle (275ml)\$	£19.95
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KALIBER CASE x 24 Can (440ml)	£17.95
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Stout

GUINNESS Draught Stout CASE x 24 Can (440ml) 3 x 8 Pack 4.1%alc \$	£31.95
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