

STONE, VINE & SUN

WINE MERCHANTS

Wine List

2018/2019



Welcome to our 2018-19 list. Here are some areas where we have been working hard to broaden and strengthen our offering:

- Whites from south-west France - fruit, freshness and levity (pp.14-15)
- Red Bordeaux from the gorgeous 2015 vintage - fill your boots (pp.15-19)
- Germany - especially dry Riesling from top growers (p.27)
- Slovenia - classy wines, local varieties; and a point of difference (p.28)
- Australia - a whole range of fine wines, with Wickhams Road and Hoddles Creek exclusive to SVS (pp.47-49)
- A wide selection of sweet wines - the mark of a good wine merchant - including Tokay and Vin Santo (pp.52-55)

One important note of caution. Whilst we try to keep prices stable by buying foreign currency forward, we anticipate a lot of volatility in 2019, so **all prices may be subject to change during the lifetime of this list.**

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- We offer a no quibble guarantee. If you're unhappy with any aspect of your wine we'll provide a refund or a replacement without fuss, though we reserve the right to make a small charge to cover collection and delivery.
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1-5 bottles	£10.00	6-11 bottles	£8.50
1 case of 12 bottles	£5.95	13-24 bottles	£8.50

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The Stone, Vine & Sun

Producer Guide

These symbols represent our way of giving you some pointers as to the character and philosophy of the men and women who make the wines you buy.

YD Young Dudes

The younger generation who have taken over and are striving to be the best. They have often worked overseas, and have brought new energy and ideas back home.

OP Old Pros

A big category and a wide range of types: some are humble men, content to turn out an excellent product at a reasonable price; others have quietly worked their way to the summit, and their wine may be correspondingly expensive. What they share is experience.

G Greens

Some of these growers have adopted bio-dynamic practice (ultra-organic, with attention to scheduling work in vineyard and cellar by phases of the moon), and most organic: many are certified, some not (as they can't face the paperwork and cost). All work harder in the vineyard to bring in healthy fruit, and wine-making may be as natural as possible.

W Women of Wine

The female touch: which might be as owners, managers or winemakers. No stereotyping here - some oversee big wines!

SE Searchers / Experimenters

Obsessive growers and winemakers who push the boundaries: they may want to harvest at lower yields, pick later than anyone else, and experiment with different wine-making techniques. Sometimes this goes along with unusual behaviour: shy introverts or wildly exciting extroverts, we are fortunate to be able to spend time in their remarkable company.

DG Demi-Gods

A short list: owners of top vineyards with a rare genius for making great wine consistently.

★ A gold star denotes wines which we believe really represent our ethos: expressive of the land and usually excellent value, these range from highly popular stalwarts of the list to esoteric sidelines.

SC in the list is for Screwcap

Mixed Cases

We offer many different mixed cases, throughout the year, usually with a discount of 7-10%: the best place to find them is on our website. Here are three, each including two bottles of six wines, three white, three red, all with a discount of at least 7.5%. Please note that vintages may move on, and forgive us if substitutions are necessary or if prices have to change slightly during the year.

MC118 Breaking Stone £89.50

Les Chapelières, France, 2017 (p.14)

Great Expectations, Chardonnay, South Africa, 2017 (p.36)

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Great Expectations, Crane Red Merlot, South Africa, 2017 (p.38)

Gran Verano, Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Central, Chile, 2017 (p.40)

MC218 Tending the Vine £116.00

La Combe Saint-Paul, Vermentino, France, 2017 (p.6)

Corte Mainente, Cengelle, Soave, Italy, 2017 (p.29)

Cape Atlantic Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa, 2017 (p.36)

Météore, Faugères, Les Léonides, France, 2015 (p.9)

Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, Italy, 2016 (p.30)

Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, Chile, 2016/18 (p.41)

MC317 Reaching for the Sun £150.00

Aumonier, Touraine Sauvignon, France, 2017 (p.19)

Aba de Trasmia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain, 2017 (p.34)

Des Dieux, Chardonnay, South Africa, 2014 (p.36)

Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, France, 2015 (p.18)

Apaltagua, Envero Carmenère, Chile, 2016 (p.41)

Silent Noise, Shiraz, Australia, 2016 (p.48)

The Doorstep Dozen

Our much praised 'Doorstep Dozen' is the easiest way for you to receive our best wines and most exciting discoveries on a regular basis. Pick from four different case prices - from £90 to £150 - and whether you want a dozen every month or every two months. All cases include two bottles of three whites and three reds for current drinking; and each case will arrive with tasting notes on the wines. The price, with all wines discounted by about 10%, also includes free delivery. Just ask us or check the website for details.

Languedoc-Roussillon and Provence

White

OP **Petit Pont, Blanc, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code PEP117

5 litre bag in box £42.95 (equivalent to £6.44 a bottle) Code BIB617

A *tutti frutti* blend of Vermentino with Chardonnay and spiced by other varieties. Fresh, easy-drinking mouthful showing stone fruit and melon with zesty acidity. Now-2019

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Chardonnay, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 13% SC**

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code CSP117

Super this vintage: lively, lots of pear and tangerine fruit, ripe and rounded; everything one could want from simple, unoaked Chardonnay. Now-2019

YD ★ **La Combe Saint-Paul, Vermentino, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code CSP217

Open, stone fruited attack gives way to a more gentle, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry - a fine aperitif wine. Now-2019

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code CSP317

Such a pretty aroma of blossom - this is more on the light, fresh, floral side of Viognier than more obviously weighty examples. Hints of white peach and orange blossom. True Viognier body, and a good dry finish. Now-2019

OP **La Grave, Le Blanc, IGP Hauts de Badens, 2017, 12.5%**

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code GRV817

Halves of Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay: the former brings volume which is perfectly balanced by fresh citrus notes from the latter. Now it comes with the simple name, Le Blanc! Now-2019

W **Creysseles, Languedoc, Picpoul de Pinet, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £10.75 Case £122.55 Code CRE117

Julie Benau makes a top Picpoul. Citrus and herbal aromas, rounded texture and the expected stony finish. It's always a fresh but generously weighted wine. Now-2019

G SE **Grand Arc, Corbières Blanc, Veillée d'Equinoxe, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code DGA617

An unoaked blend of 40% Grenache Blanc, 25% each of Roussanne and Vermentino, plus 10% Macabeu, very successful this vintage, showing pears, stone fruit and lime - plus a lavender accent. Gently silky. Now-2019 *Arriving in October*

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Calcaires d'Ensérune, Languedoc, 2017, 12.5%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code CSP417

From halves of Roussanne and Vermentino (Rolle), grown on limestone soils, and about 10% aged in old barrels, this combines weight and freshness well. It has an attractive white peach character with the slightest accent of marzipan and a dry, chalky character too, making this an excellent accompaniment to even strongly flavoured dishes. Rosemary George, *My Top 30: Languedoc Whites*, **Decanter**, August 2018. Now-2019

OP **G** **Météore, Les Aquarides, Faugères Blanc, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MET717

50% Roussanne with 40% Rolle (Vermentino) and 10% Clairette: a scent of exotic fruit anticipates a wonderful cocktail of flavours; stone fruit and pineapple. Concentrated, fresh and complete. Now-2019

OP G **Météore, Viognier, Les Bootides, IGP Pays de l'Hérault, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MET617

The Bootides are a lesser known meteor shower, visible in late June. We always advise that if one can't afford northern Rhône Viognier (also often grown on schist soils) then try this, from the estate's highest and coolest vineyards up against the plateau of the Cevennes. Peach and pineapple with notes of apricot, a rich and exuberant style of Viognier, delivering concentration and exotic aromatics at a fair price. Now-2019

YD **Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Blanc, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code FON716

From very old vines of Grenache Blanc and Malvoisie, with subtly integrated oak: a powerful white, with a wonderful gamut of flavours; white peach and tangerine, almond, honey, orange blossom and fennel. Creamy, fat and altogether satisfying. Now-2020

G **Begude, Chardonnay, L'Etoile, Limoux, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code BEG216

This is a star barrel-fermented Chardonnay, from very low yields (less than half those in Burgundy). Right now it's a little oaky upfront, but we know that in a few months it will develop beautifully, with ripe citrus and buttery notes coming to the fore. Lots of volume and grip. *"Pretty rich nose and then very fresh, clean, floral nose. Nice chalky finish. Lightly bitter finish again. Very accomplished texture. Impressively long. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, 22nd March 2018. Now-2021

W SE **Depeyre, Symphonie, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2015, 14.5%**

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code DEP615

2/3 Grenache Gris and 1/3 Grenache Blanc grown in a classic argilo-calcaire terroir near Vingrau and just rounded by barrel ageing. Understated stone fruit and hints of herbs. Satiny finesse. Lightly honeyed but finishes bone dry. Thought-provoking. Now-2020

Rosé

OP **Le Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code PEP517

Grenache and Cinsault, grown near Beziers in the Languedoc, but crafted in the Provençale style, pale coloured, a light, dry and refreshing glass of strawberry and cranberry fruit, perfect for regular consumption. Now-2019

OP **Château La Grave, Minervois, Rosé Expression, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code GRV417

From halves of Syrah and Grenache grown near the Aude river, pale pink, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity. Berried aromas leaps out of the glass. Strawberry and raspberry dominates the palate and a pleasing peach accent too. Good purity of fruit and lively acidity make for a moreish finish. Now-2019

Les Quatre Tours, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, Signature, 2017, 13%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code QUA517

Magnum £25.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £147.91 Code QUA917

The characteristic Provençale blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon from a small co-operative just north of Aix. Very pale - a transparent onion skin tint - generous fruit and restrained elegance: flavours of white peach, melon and berries, with satisfying weight and a fine dry finish. Now-2019

W ★ **Domaine de la Ribotte Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anaïs, 2017, 13.5%**
Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code RIB517

Wonderful Bandol rosé, based on Mourvèdre: amazing aromas of peach juice and pink grapefruit leap out of the glass; followed by delectable intensity of peach melba and cream. Really well-textured, with a characteristic long and mineral, even saline, finish. We have lost count of the number of customers who have told us that this wine is the best rosé they have ever tasted. (Note: not for people who want a rosé that doesn't taste of anything!) Now-2020

Red - IGP wines

Les Pradelles, IGP d'Hérault, 2016, 12% SC

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code PRD116

From Carignan and Grenache. Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for parties! The 2017 follows. Now-2019

OP **Petit Pont, Rouge, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code PEP617

5 litre bag in box £42.95 (equivalent to £6.44 a bottle) Code BIB217

Largely from Grenache, Cinsault and a little Cabernet Sauvignon. Bramble fruited but with a lighter, raspberry accent and minimal tannin: a fruity, easy-drinking style. Now-2019

OP **Comtesse de Marion, Merlot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2016, 13% SC**

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code VIC316

This always shows attractive typicity: aromas of sweet plum with a leafy touch, followed by a supple and lightly creamy, berried palate with barely discernible tannins. Now-2019

Montcharme Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code AGW716

Largely sourced from cool Limoux, crisp and classy, blended with some grapes from the plains with riper, sunnier fruit, this is a step up on the last vintage. Juicy palate, true to the grape, showing fresh cherries with a touch of vanilla. The 2017 follows. Now-2019

W **Les Hauts de Median, Petit Verdot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 13% SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code VIC217

Deeply hued, impressive example crafted by Aurélie Trébuchon: classy layers of red and black fruits, subtle tannins, and vivacious acid. Now-2021

YD **Domaine Fontanel, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2016, 14.5%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code FON416

From young vines of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Carignan grown near Tautavel. Gorgeously juicy and vital wine, lacking any bite of tannin, showing a new world lushness and vibrancy of red fruit, spicy and polished - but in an authentically Roussillon idiom. The terrific 2017 follows at £11.50. Now-2020

YD **G** **Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses,**

IGP Pays d'Oc, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code MAB116

From about 50% Merlot, 30% Grenache with some Syrah; and a surprisingly successful marriage of Bordeaux and the Rhône. Generous mouthful of brambly fruit, supple and refined, with hints of menthol and liquorice, and subtle tannins. Very aromatic and long. Now-2021

G **Begude, Pinot Noir, IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code BEG617

A long term favourite here (so it's a real shame it's been rationed this year), a fresh and pure Pinot. Just 10% goes into old barrels. Ripe red and black cherries and blackberries. Long, fresh finish. Now-2021

Red - Appellation wines

OP **La Grave, Minervois Rouge, Tristan et Julien, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code GRV116

From halves of Syrah and Grenache; always an uncomplicated and easy drinking country wine. Some Syrah spice marks the aroma, whilst the palate shows bramble and raspberry over a light tannic structure. Now-2020

G SE **Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, Reserve Grand Arc, 2015, 14.5%**

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code DGA215

One of our staples at SVS, about 50% Carignan, with 35% Grenache and 15% Mourvedre, a splendid barrel-aged wine which can be drunk young or kept. This is vigorous, delivering a gush of brambly fruit with spicy notes and fresh acidity. Now-2021

OP G ★ **Météore, Faugères Rouge, Les Léonides, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code MET115

About 30% each of Syrah and Grenache, and 20% of Mourvèdre and Carignan, unoaked. Lively and refreshing, with ripe blackberry and blackcurrant flavours, plenty of schist character and a long finish. Round and attractive, this is more polished than usual in this superb vintage and should be perfect with grilled beef. Now-2020

YD **La Combe Saint Paul, Grés Rouges, La Clape, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CSP615

From a vineyard near the sea, with the soil characterised by *grés rouges* (red sandstone) hence the name. From 70% Syrah with 30% Mourvèdre, and only 10% raised in barrels, this is an excitingly fruity wine, all juicy raspberry and blackberry, lively and enticing. Pure, silky and fresh with just a savoury edge. The 2016 follows. Now-2021

G SE **Grand Arc, Cuvée de Quarante, Corbières, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code DGA315

Based on 45% Carignan with 35% Grenache and 20% Syrah, all in barrel, about 20% new. Dense, old-viney feel. Coulis of vibrant red fruit, elegant and intense. Coffee notes from the oak. Drinking well and will keep. Now-2021

YD **Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Rouge, 14%**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code FON116

A bright and vital unoaked bottle of Syrah and Grenache: red and black fruit, fresh and juicy, with black olive and savoury notes in the background. Very authentic example. Now-2022

G SE **Grand Arc, Désyrahble, Corbières, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code DGA716

A new wine from the inventive Schenk family, 80% Syrah and 20% Mourvèdre; and like all its cellarmates this over-delivers - bags of Syrah character, from ripe black cherries to black olive and malted flavours. Great substance and fine tannins. Stunning - akin to a top Pic St. Loup. Now-2021 *Arriving in October*

G SE **Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, Aux Temps d'Histoire, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code DGA814

100% Carignan from venerable vines, generously oaked: intensely bright fruit - plum and damson - framed by black chocolate. Stunning wine. Now-2020

OP G **Domaine du Météore, Les Perséides, Faugères, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code MET415

From equal halves of old vine Syrah and Mourvèdre, aged 18 months in barriques, this is grand. With cassis and cedar aromas, this has the blackcurranty and mocha flavours of a fine, well-oaked wine, but with excellent vitality and freshness: it's both darkly concentrated and juicy. Now-2023

YD **G** **Mas des Brousses, Coteaux du Languedoc, Terrasses du Larzac, 2015, 14.5%**

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code MAB215

Mourvèdre grown from cuttings from the famed Domaine Tempier in Bandol, with Syrah and Grenache, grown on the edge of the Cévennes: dense but also high-toned and tense - mountain wine. Generous blackberry and raspberry, savoury and fresh. With just the correct grip on the finish, a classy bottle which is built to age. Now-2024

YD **La Combe Saint Paul, L'Insouçonné, Languedoc-La Clape, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code CSP714

85% Syrah with Mourvèdre, given 10 months ageing in a mix of new and 2nd fill barrels - and a very limited production wine: we take 10%. Bittersweet blackcurranty flavours are tinged with hints of black chocolate and coffee. With great suavity and length, this brilliantly combines power and finesse. Now-2024

YD **Fontanel, Prieuré, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code FON314

From one parcel on a high, windswept, north facing argilo-calcaire slope, this blend of 2/3 Syrah, with Grenache, and a little Mourvèdre is given 18 months in new oak casks. It's always a dramatic wine: revealing layers of black fruit, spice and mocha flavours. Intensely blackcurranty in youth it ages like a top northern Rhône, becoming more complex, meaty and savoury. Now-2022

W **SE** **Depeyre, Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Rubia Tinctoria, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code DEP414

From 90% Syrah plus 10% Grenache, a great unoaked red, offering amazingly deep colour, cassis-like perfume and a striking heart of bittersweet blackcurrants and liquorice with mineral depths. Energetic, velvety wine. Now-2023

W **Ribotte, Bandol, 2014, 13.5%**

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code RIB814

Bandol, based largely on Mourvèdre, is usually backward, but this is already expressive, showing a nose of Asian spice on black fruit; with impressive, inky concentration, well-covered tannin and attractive savoury elements. A traditionally framed example. Now-2024

Rhône

White

G **SE** **Espiers, Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Diablotines, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 ESP616

50% Clairette, 30% Roussanne 10% of each of Bourboulenc and Viognier, half aged in large barrels; the former brings grapefruity zest to this complex, weighty example. Ripe nectarines with a hint of orange peel, good concentration and fat. Now-2019

OP **Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras Blanc, Cuvée Laura, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £188.10 Code COW615

Viognier, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc and Clairette, akin to a white Châteauneuf, a weighty mouthful of stone fruit, apple and a touch of honey. The 2016 vintage follows in the autumn at £18.95. Now-2019

YD **Pichat, Viognier, Vin de France, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code PID816

Superb, lightly oaked northern Rhône Viognier: creamy apricot and peach with a hint of vanilla and satisfying depth. Now-2019

G SE Amadiou, Cairanne Blanc, Haut de Beaugard, 2016, 14%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code AMB616

Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Viognier barrel fermented and aged. Strong peach and citrus character, with rich the apricot and cream in the background. Ripe and fat. Now-2021 *Arriving in October*

YD Pichat, Condrieu, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £41.50 Case £473.10 Code PID617

Wonderful Condrieu, 1/3 in new barrels, with the stone fruit and wonderfully rich texture balanced by bright minerality. Very long. Magnificent, inimitable wine. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

DG Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, 2010, 15%

Bottle £43.50 Case £495.90 Code CDP310

A thrilling wine; using all the permitted varieties, picked late for a fat, tropically fruited style which becomes increasingly mineral and complex with age. Now-2021 *Limited stock*

Southern Rhône - Red

Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Galets, 2017, 14%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code ESZ117

Juicy, unfiltered blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah: raspberryish mouthful, mildly spicy and very moreish. A long term favourite at SVS. Now-2019

Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Terra Vitis, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code ESZ216

Terra Vitis is a sustainable, minimal intervention farming discipline. As opposed to the Galets above this has Carignan and Mourvèdre in the blend too, so is more black-fruited, and has a little more stuffing. The 2017 follows. Now-2019

YD ★ La Pigeade, Ventoux, Les Sables, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code PIG616

From 40% Grenache, 40% Carignan and 20% Syrah grown on sandy soils, this exemplifies Ventoux: different to Côtes du Rhône in its freshness, grace and moderate alcohol level. Brilliant this year, almost candied cherry-ripe, lightly spiced with nutmeg; lovely flesh, perfume and bite. Now-2020

G SE Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, 2015, 14%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code ESP115

70% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 10% Syrah, classic, hearty, black-fruited and savoury CdR from densely planted, low yielding vines around Vacqueyras and Gigondas. The 2016 follows at £12.75. Now-2021

G SE Amadiou, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2015, 14%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code AMB115

70% Grenache and 30% Syrah, dark-fruited, vital, dense and fleshy. Now-2022

G W Joncier, l'O, Côtes du Rhône, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code JON216

l'O not for water but purity in this unoaked, organically and biodynamically farmed and hand-harvested Grenache from 45 year old vines. All raspberries and cherries, energetic, backed by soft tannins. Now-2020

YD La Pigeade, Beaumes-de-Venise, 2015, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code PIG715

From vines at 300m on the flanks of the Dentelles de Montmirail, 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. Showing red and black fruit, quite fresh, and nicely smooth and ready. Very good value. Now-2021

G SE Espiers, Côtes du Rhône Villages, Sablet, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code ESP415

Grenache with about 30% Syrah from vineyards on the slopes above the village: blackberries, and black cherries - with a Kirsch note. Rich and powerful. Now-2022

Joncier, Lirac, Le Gourmand, 2015, 14%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code JON515

Organic and Biodynamic. A mélange of blackberry, raspberry and cassis, very ripe with a lovely texture. *Très gourmand* indeed! Now-2021

G SE Amadieu, Côtes du Rhône Villages, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, 2015, 14%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code AMB315

Magnum £34.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £196.65 Code AMB915

50% Grenache, 20% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre and 10% Carignan, biodynamically farmed, from star grower Yves-Jean Hauser. Opaque. Melange of dark fruit and raspberry, with a touch of vanilla and coffee. Good mass, concentrated, with cooked fruit and raisiny accents, long, warming and complex. The 2016 follows. Now-2023

G W Joncier, Lirac, Le Classique, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code JON114

Magnums [2013 vintage] £33.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £190.95

Code JON913

About 55% Syrah with Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan and, all from older vines and best parcels on the *galets* terraces. Black fruit and a hint of chocolate. As usual this has the estate's trademark flesh and power. Now-2022

OP Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Classique, 2013, 13.5%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code COW113

Old-fashioned southern Rhône, about 65% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre: forest fruit aromas preface an open, supple and juicy mouthful of raspberries and blueberry. Velvety, with splendid depths and subtle spice. Now-2020

G W Joncier, Lirac, Les Muses, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code JON313

80% Mourvèdre, so akin to a Bandol: powerful, savoury and intensely blackfruited with herb and tobacco hints. Now-2022

G SE Espiers, Gigondas, Les Grames, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code ESP315

Magnum £43.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £250.52 Code

Now named after the "*lieu dit*" on which the vines are planted. 2/3 Grenache and 1/3 Syrah, black fruited, intense, with a lovely silky texture and melted tannins. Fat and layered, this is attractive and always ages well. Now-2025

OP ★ Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, 2013, 14%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code COW313

Magnum £45.00 Case (6 x 150cl.) £256.50 Code COW913

Just 8,000 bottles, from about two-thirds 60 year old Grenache and one third Syrah. Intense mass of heated black fruit with meaty, savoury elements. Very powerful - with promise for further development. Now-2023

Jérôme Gradassi, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 Code GRD114

From old vine Grenache with a good slug of Mourvèdre grown in the northern sector of the appellation, very smooth and cultured - in the Clos des Papes idiom - and drinks beautifully quite young; but it has the concentration of the best wines of the appellation too. "*Sweet, spicy start. A very comfortable, relaxed, unforced wine with considerable charm. For early drinking though. The tannins are pretty light but the acid balance is good.*" 17/20", Jancis Robinson MW, November 2015. Now-2023

W Roger Perrin, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code PES414

Magnum £49.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £282.15 Code PES914

65% Grenache, with Syrah and Mourvèdre and tiny amounts of Cinsault, Counoise, Vaccarese and Cinsault; and about 15% in a mix of oak barrels. Excellent, immediately appealing attack of blackberries and blackcurrants, lush, with just the merest notes of leather and game to indicate its likely evolution. Smooth, honest, textbook Châteauneuf. Now-2021

G SE Espiers, Gigondas, Les Blâches, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £26.50 Case £302.10 Code ESP213

Extravagantly flavoured, well-oaked example of tiny volume: Turkish delight - vivid red fruit and chocolate. Now-2021 *Limited stock*

YD La Barroche, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Signature, 2011, 15%

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code BAS211

Profound, hugely powerful, wild and intense. Black and dried fruits, savoury and complex. 2/3 Grenache, with Syrah, Cinsault & others. Old fashioned and dramatic. "...a forward, supple and sweetly fruited beauty that has lots of incense, pepper, licorice and spice in a medium to full-bodied, rounded sexy style.... 91/100", Jeb Dunnock, **eRobertParker.com**, September 2015. Now-2023

DG Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2011, 15%

Bottle £57.50 Case £655.50 Code CDP111

Wonderfully suave example, always one of the top wines of the appellation, from the master Paul Avril. "A wine to spend the evening with. Beautifully balanced. 18/20", Julia Harding MW, **www.jancisrobinson.com**, 4th December 2017. Now-2025

Northern Rhône - Red

YD Pichat, Syrah, Vin de France, 2016, 13%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code PID116

The lightly oaked Syrah, from young vines within the Côte Rôtie appellation (so it could legally be sold as Côte Rôtie) is an oh-so-drinkable example of lowish alcohol, pure, fine, northern Rhône Syrah - with just a little mocha accent from the barrels. Now-2022

G DG Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, 2014, 13%

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code CHA114

Unoaked Syrah of splendid colour, ripeness and concentration: blackberry and blueberry with a touch of blackcurrant, very supple and fragrant and a fresh finish. Now-2020

OP G Monier-Perreol, St Joseph, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code MOP514

Biodynamically farmed. Bittersweet, juicy and crunchy, finely textured, with delicate acidity and hints of vanilla and spice, this is just so correct in its fragrance and grace. Now-2022

G DG Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, Le Rouvre, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code CHA214

From Yann's best parcels on very stony land to the south, this is one of the top wines of the appellation: ripe blackberry and black cherry with a touch of vanilla and dark chocolate, superb tannins, supple and silky. Now-2023

OP G Monier-Perreol, St Joseph, Terres Blanches, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £25.95 Case £295.83 Code MOP114

Early days, but a wine of such finesse, melding vanilla and clove oak aromas with silky blackberry fruit. Now-2024

YD Franck Balthazar, Cornas, Chaillot, 2011, 13%

Bottle £35.00 Case £299.00 Code BAL111

From very low-yielding, ancient vines on the precipitous slope - in a super northern Rhône vintage. Generous black fruit, lots of energy, a backbone for keeping and incipient savoury class. Now-2022 *Limited stock*

YD ★ **Pichat, Côte Rôtie, Champon's, 2012, 13%**

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code PID312

Champon's lies in the northern, schistous sector of the appellation. Silky cherry and raspberry flavours, with very supple tannins. There's a finesse to this which is immediately appealing, but it has taken on lovely mass too. Superb example, drinking perfectly. Now-2024

G **DG** **Yann Chave, Hermitage, 2014, 13.5%**

Bottle £58.50 Case £666.90 Code CHA314

Yann's Hermitage, all in new *demi-muids*, comes from plots in Beaumes (granitic) and Péléal (stony, galets) on the great hill. Ripe blackberry and cassis, beautiful fruit. Great concentration but also very refined; and a very long finish. 2018-2027 *Very limited stock*

South-West France

White

Les Chapelières, IGP Comté Tolosan, 2017, 11.5% SC

Bottle £7.75 Case £88.35 Code AGW317

A best-seller, an easy drinking blend of Ugni Blanc and Colombard with lowish alcohol and refreshing bite. Clean and lemony, with a pleasing pear accent and a flinty freshness. Now-2019

OP **Tariquet, Classic, Côtes de Gascogne, 2017, 10.5% SC**

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code TRR117

Magnum £17.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £99.75 Code TRR917

So brightly delicious, Ugni Blanc and Colombard tweaked with ripe Sauvignon Blanc and waxy Gros Manseng to give a zesty palate, citrus flavoured with notes of passion-fruit and pineapple. Now-2019

OP **Tariquet, Chenin-Chardonnay, Côtes de Gascogne, 2017, 11.5% SC**

Bottle £9.75 Case £111.15 Code TRR317

75% Chenin and 25% Chardonnay, fresh, very melony, with accents of white flowers and pear. Now-2019

★ **Laballe, Sables Fauves, IGP Les Landes, 2017, 11.5% SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code LAB117

The Sables Fauves is a terroir on the edge of the forest of Les Landes. From about 50% Gros Manseng and 30% Ugni Blanc with 10% each of Sauvignon Blanc and Colombard, this delivers both great freshness and intense fruit. Zingy attack dominated by passionfruit and guava; and the juicy palate offers bright fruit, good texture and a distinctive salinity. Now-2019

OP **Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code BAJ617

A little known but delicious aperitif white - from the same area as Madiran, north of Pau - from Gros Manseng, showing exotic flavours of pineapple, apricot and yellow plums. Now-2019

Laballe, Le Chardonnay des Landes, 2017, 12%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code LAB317

There's good Chardonnay in SW France, but this is the only one produced in Les Landes; it's a Mâcon challenger, with citrus and floral flavours and good weight. Now-2019

OP **Tariquet, Amplitude, Côtes de Gascogne, 2017, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code TRR417

A new wine from Tariquet, 100% Gros Manseng: fresh, lightly grassy, with a core of ripe pears; but also gives an impression of honeyed richness with breadth and texture, hence the name. Now-2020

Red

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne, 2016, 12.5% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code SAL616

This is a light red which one could easily serve slightly chilled: the French would call it "frais", fresh. Fresh ripe strawberries and raspberries, a gentle fragrance and minimal tannins. Very easy-drinking, from 40% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and 10% of each of Cabernet Franc and Tannat. Now-2019

OP ★ Barréjat, Madiran, Tradition, 2016, 13%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code BAJ116

Magnums £21.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £122.55 Code BAJ916

Jeroboam - 5 litres £87.50 Code BAJ516

Again superb, offering such vitality and fruit. Deeply hued and concentrated blend of local grape Tannat with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, honest and mildly rustic. A best seller. Now-2021

Cazalet, Raisin Volé, Tursan, 2015, 12.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code CAZ116

Cabernet Franc blended with some Tannat, a light and fragrant wine from Tursan, south of Bordeaux. With crunchy black fruits - blackcurrant with even a hint of menthol - this reminds one of country wines consumed a generation ago - before climate change. Now-2019

OP Barréjat, Madiran, Vieux Céps, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code BAJ316

Magnums £30.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £176.41 Code BAJ416

Old vines indeed, over 80 years and some pre-phyloxera: 80% Tannat plus the Cabernets, well-oaked. Inky purple. Flamboyant flavours of cherry, plum and blueberry, all tinged with mocha. Full-bodied; and plenty of tannin to keep it going - enjoy now or keep for years. Now-2025

OP Barréjat, Madiran, Cuvée de l'Extrême, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code BAJ216

Extreme indeed: the inky, super-dense juice of ancient Tannat vines given 18 months in new barrels. Overt oaky waft. Voluptuous, bittersweet cherries (from candied to sour Morello) and sweet oak remind one of Black Forest gâteau. Hugely concentrated but not heavy. Extravagantly youthful - might last a long time. Now-2027 *Arriving in October*

Bordeaux

White

YD Les Combes, Bordeaux Blanc, Sauvignon-Sémillon, 2017, 12%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code GRC617

Including about 20% Sémillon. Grassy aroma. Limey freshness, but also well-rounded and with a custard creaminess. Now-2019

OP Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, Albertine Peyri, 2015, 13%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code BDU115

Jacque Perromat's top white, 60% Semillon and 40% Sauvignon, all in new barrels. Oak now well integrated, supporting generous lime with cream, beeswax and honey. Keeps very well too. Now-2021

Le Sartre, Pessac-Léognan Blanc, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £25.00 Case £285.00 Code LES115

90% Sauvignon and 10% Semillon, barrel fermented and aged in a mix of new to 3 year old barrels, a classic white Bordeaux. Citrus and nut aromas, followed by a rich but fresh palate of exotic fruit and cream. Long. Already approachable - the oak is integrating nicely - but will develop well. Now-2021

Red - Right Bank

Robin Saint Denis, Bordeaux, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code RSD115

Very correct, Merlot dominated wine from Entre Deux Mers. Berried fruit flavours with a hint of oak influence. Easy drinking. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

Piconat, Bordeaux, 2015, 13%

Bottle £9.75 Case £111.15 Code PIC115

Not just a very pretty (pinkish) traditional label! Appealing red fruit, fresh and balanced, some body and finishes with a flourish. Very successful and complete blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cab. Sauv. and 5% Cab. Franc. Now-2019

La Plage, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2015, 14%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code PLA115

Charmingly labelled blend of 40% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Cabernet Franc, supple, aromatic, red and black-fruited with a proper claret structure. Cracking vintage of this favourite. Now-2021

★ de Marsan, Cadillac, Côtes de Bordeaux, Cuvée Moulin Pasquier, 2015, 13%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code MAR115

From about 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, this offers up extrovert aromas; and on the palate scented vanilla oak accents over juicy ripe berries. A hint of coffee. Rather splendid - tastes like a more expensive name! The 2016 follows. Now-2021

YD Les Gravières de la Brandille, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code GRC115

Magnum £23.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £133.95 Code GRC215

2/3 Merlot with about equal portions of Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, drinking beautifully (and for years); as ever a superbly ripe unoaked Bordeaux with plush red fruit. Now-2022

Beausejour, Fronsac, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code BEA115

Magnum £25.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £145.35 Code BEA915

85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc; and terrific this vintage, delivering ripeness but also lively, red-fruited freshness. Well-textured and complete. Now-2023

Clos des Moisselles, Côtes de Bourg, 2012, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code CDM112

Big and bold wine, based on 45% each of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Malbec, dense, fleshy and luscious but not over-ripe. Really coming into its own now. Now-2021

YD ★ Les Combes, Lussac-Saint-Emilion, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code GRC415

Magnum [2014 vintage] £30.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £176.41

Code GRC714

Simply delicious in this great vintage, this unoaked Merlot-based wine always shows pure red fruit - raspberries and cherries - with fine acid. Supple, aromatic and very winning. Now-2022

G La Justice, Fronsac, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code JUS115

Justice has the same ownership as the historic and famed Fronsac Château de la Dauphine and is also farmed organically (still rare in Bordeaux), with Michel Rolland as consultant. From 100% Merlot, this delivers generous black fruit with a hint of coffee, lots of energy and fine aromatics on the finish: it shows how once Fronsac enjoyed stature to rival Pomerol and St Emilion. Now-2023 *Arriving in October*

YD Les Gravières de la Brandille, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2015, 14%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 GRC315

From 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, and a selection of older vines on prime gravel and clay soils, this has spent 12 months in oak barrels, about 25% new. This is always superb, and is often chosen both by our customers ahead of more prestigious names, and by French critics as one of the very best Bordeaux Supérieurs. Vanilla oak notes before a velvet-textured, concentrated palate with fine-grained tannins. A touch of spice. Decant and tell your friends it's the second wine of a classed growth! Now-2025

YD Rocher-Gardat, Montagne Saint-Emilion, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ROG115

Magnum £34.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £196.65 Code ROG915

90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, grown on thinly-soiled, *argilo-calcaire* slopes, into 30% new barrels. Perfect ripeness: vibrant raspberries and black cherries, youthful and vigorous. Plenty of potential. Now-2024

Clos l'Hermitage, Lalande de Pomerol, 2015, 14%

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code CLH115

Superb deep hue. Lifted perfume with floral notes. Pure red fruits backed by a proper spine of fine tannins. Very long and aromatic. *"Masses of energy and punch. Really quite ambitious. Masses of neat tannin on the finish. This will never be rich but it is well made. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, on www.jancisrobinson.com, 31st March 2016. 2019-2026 *Limited stock*

Perron, Lalande de Pomerol, 2015, 13%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code PEQ115

About 80% Merlot and 10% each of Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon, from vines averaging 65 years old. Charming perfume of fresh red berries. Silky and refined, not that concentrated but all in harmony. Cool red and black fruit. Showing less oak than most 2015s (just 20% new barrels), this already gives a lot of pleasure. Now-2023

Vieux Pourret, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 2012, 13.5%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code VIP112

80% Merlot with Cabernet Franc and a little Cabernet Sauvignon in a modern idiom, a deliciously supple and aromatic mouthful of red berries, with nuances of cedar and tobacco. Now-2022

YD Vieux Château Palon, Montagne Saint-Emilion, 2012, 13.5%

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code VCP112

Gregory Naulet's only wine, winner of four gold medals plus a *Coup de Coeur* in the 2016 *Guide Hachette*, from 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, mainly in new barrels. Very concentrated and textured, with a heart of cassis and blackcurrant pastilles with hints of coffee and liquorice. Now-2023

YD Vieux Chantecaille, Saint-Emilion, 2015, 15%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code VCH115

80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, into 50% new oak, made by Mickael Moze-Berthon of Rocher Gardat. Mickael has only 1¼ hectares of land within the Saint-Emilion Grand Cru boundary, just across the road from the famed Pomerol property of Le Bon Pasteur, but as his cellar is outside the limits of the St Emilion Grand Cru appellation he can only sell it as Saint-Emilion - so he is delivering wine from a Grand Cru terroir at a modest price. Really classy, svelte and cool red fruit, very pure and harmonious. Decant to drink now. Now-2026

SE Aiguilhe, Castillon, Côtes de Bordeaux, 2012, 14.5%

Bottle £25.00 Case £285.00 Code AIG112

Styled in the modern Saint-Emilion Grand Cru idiom, low-cropped 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, blackcurranty, lush and polished. *“Very flashy and extravagantly ripe nose.... Lovely sweet, glossy palate entry. Finishes dry after an opulent start. Lots of energy. 16.5/20. 2016-2024”*, Jancis Robinson, www.jancisrobinson.com. Now-2023

Des Pelerins, Pomerol, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code PEL114

80% Merlot and 10% of each of the Cabernets: to be commended for true Pomerol power without high alcohol. Lots of flavour and properly persistent. Now-2023 *Arriving in October*

YD Gouprie, Pomerol, 2012, 13.5%

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code GOU112

75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, half in new barrels, half second fill. Intense, sumptuous gush of red and black fruit flavoured with hints of figs and dates. This builds on the palate, velvety and polished. The 2015 will follow at £31.50. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

OP de Pressac, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé, 2015, 15%

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 Code PRE115

Dominique and Jean-François Quenin have been the owners of Pressac, very well-sited on the limestone plateau of Saint-Emilion, since 1997 and their labour was rewarded by the Château's promotion to Grand Cru Classé in 2012. Approximately 78% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec and 1% Carmenère. Attention-getting aromas: pretty, soft red fruits with a lead pencil backnote. This is dramatically flavoured, delivering sharp black fruits with malty and black chocolate hints. Fleshy and opulent but not in the least over the top - there's real bite to the black fruit. Now-2026

La Cabanne, Pomerol, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £39.50 Case £450.30 Code LCA115

95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. Showing ripe raspberry and cassis, this is almost Chilean / Californian in style. Great purity and drive. Fine-grained tannins and plentiful acid to keep it fresh. Rather grand. *“Very dark, then rich and furry and sweet. Very sweet and charming. Intense and jewelley. Very seductive! 17/20”*, Jancis Robinson, MW on www.jancisrobinson.com, 5th April 2016. 2019-2027

Red - Left Bank

Les Graves de Loirac, Médoc, Cru Artisan, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code GDL114

From the Gillet family, grown on gravelly soils in Jau-Dignac et Loirac in the north of the Médoc, this blend of 2/3 Cabernet Sauvignon and 1/3 Merlot was a surprising discovery. It smells ripe, savoury and enticing ; and follows through perfectly, drinking well, with nice fat and even an attractive suggestion of cassis. Scores so well for sheer drinkability. Cru Artisan is an association of 44 privately owned domaines in the Médoc. Now-2021

OP ★ Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code BDU815

From the far south of the Graves near Langon, a splendidly suave and traditional Bordeaux, based on Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Cabernet Franc, offering even better value than usual in the outstanding 2015 vintage. Open and generous red fruit, excellent aromatics, a well-covered structure and restrained Graves character too. Already delivers but will last for years. Now-2023

La Raze Beauvallet, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2015, 13%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code RAZ115

One can barely go wrong with Cru Bourgeois in the perfect summer of 2015. From an estate in Civrac, this Cabernet dominated wine (with Merlot and Petit Verdot) offers smart cigar-box perfume, and then a fleshy, ripe raspberry heart with touches of spice. Distinguished at this price. Now-2024

Pierre de Montignac, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2014, 13%

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code PDM114

We often ship this wine: this latest vintage has won three gold medals (Paris, Mâcon and the Salon des Vignerons Independents) and it always delivers value. Deep hue; overt aromas of toasty oak; ripe and robust black fruit with mocha; and decent concentration. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot. Now-2024

OP Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, Albert Duran, 2015, 14%

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code BDU615

Gruff M. Perromat's top wine, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Petit Verdot, well-oaked. First impression is of great mass; then it suggests a black fruit compôte with dried figs, woodsmoke, spice and liquorice. Old-fashioned but so expressive and with years to go. Now-2025

W Deyrem-Valentin, Margaux, 2014, 14%

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code DEY114

50% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, plus 1% each of Petit Verdot and Carmenère, a splendid example from a small estate run by Jean Sorge with his two daughters. *"Lovely complex palate, silky tannins, refined fruit notes, pencil shaving oak finish. 91/100"*, Silver medal, **Decanter World Wine Awards**, 2017. Now-2026

Sociando Mallet, Haut Médoc, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £39.50 Case £450.03 Code SOC115

This well-known and good sized (85 hectares) Château made wine in 2015 which was widely applauded: showing dense, concentrated black fruit, classically styled with a solid structure, this is a keeper. *"Rich fruit with lots of depth and potential complexity. Very good middle palate and a fine, firm finish. 90/100"*, Stephen Spurrier in **Decanter** magazine, June 2016. 16.5+/20, Jancis Robinson, MW on www.jancisrobinson.com, 2nd April 2016. 2019-28

Loire

Sauvignon Blanc

Les Chardons, Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays de Loire, 2017, 12%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code AUM317

Pale hue. Bright grapefruit and ripe apple aromas with a grassy note. Well judged weight of zesty citrus flavours. Really on form, with a refreshing finish. Now-2019

YD G ★ l'Aumonier, Touraine Sauvignon, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code AUM117

From organically farmed vines, this is a long-established best-seller here, admired for its overt fruitiness. Well delineated ripe citrus with notes of cut grass, with satisfying volume. Now-2019

OP Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Pernetts, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code BLA117

Always very true to the appellation: bright lemon over a mineral acid thread. Fresh and bone dry on the finish. Now-2020

OP **Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code ROS117

Half bottle £8.50 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £96.90 Code ROS217

The latest vintage of this Loire classic and as good as ever: ripe lemon and grapefruit on the palate. Quite fresh and steely now but we know it softens with a few months in bottle. Now-2020

OP **Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Silice, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code BLA217

From a small block on very flinty soils in the heart of the appellation, this is an intense and ageworthy wine. Currently quite tight on the nose - hints of lemon peel and hawthorn blossom - it's textured and steely, with citrus and asparagus notes. A splendidly long finish, with a peppery sense of minerality, indicates its class. Now-2021

Other whites

YD ★ **Chauvinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2017, 12%**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code HUC117

From low yielding vines on the estate's classic granite soils. Open, generous mouthful with stone fruit, textbook zest and balance, and a dry, gently saline finish. Now-2019

YD **Clos des Montys, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2017, 12%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code CDM117

Ancient vines, mostly 80-100 years old. Apricot and melon permeate the wine, though it's otherwise anti-fruity, with hints of hay and white pepper over a stony base. Now-2019

OP **Gaudron, Vouvray Demi-Sec, Les Pierres Rousses, 2014, 12%**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code GAU314

Lovely, off-dry Chenin Blanc: a breadth of passion fruit and pineapple flavours with a delicate sweetness are held in check by a fine acid structure. Perfect with a rich pâté. Now-2019

YD **Clos des Montys, Vieilles Vignes 1914, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2016, 12%**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code HUC316

From a vineyard planted 103 years ago on a well sited plot of sandstone over amphibolite soils. A Muscadet with a completely unfamiliar depth and concentration: mineral and pear flavours; and a lingering finish. This keeps too. Now-2021

Red

YD **G** **Wilfrid Rousse, Chinon, Les Galuches, 2015, 12.5%**

Bottle £14.75 Case £168.15 Code ROT315

Unquestionably the finest vintage we have tasted of this unoaked wine. It's stunning, from its glossy purple hue, via its leaf-accented perfume of black fruit and violets, to a dramatic heart of blackcurrant and black cherry flavours. It's juicy, crunchy and wholly artisanal in its expansive vitality. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

YD **G** **Wilfrid Rousse, Chinon, Les Bois de Beaumont, 2014, 12.5%**

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code ROT114

40 year old vines; into old barrels. Good weight and flesh, archetypal Loire Cabernet Franc. Now-2021

OP **Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre Rouge, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ROS617

The Cherrier's Pinot is no thin and wan example, but a really fruity wine which looks good value in comparison with Burgundies from over the hills to the east: intense red fruits, bright and jewel-like, a bite of fresh acid and attractive length. Now-2020

White Burgundy

Mâconnais & Côte Chalonnaise

YD ★ **Olivier Fichet, Mâcon-Burgy, Les Trois Terroirs, 2016, 13.5% SC**
Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code FIC516

From the northern Mâconnais near Viré, open, generous French Chardonnay, nicely weighted, with hints of grapefruit and almonds. The 2017 vintage follows at £12.75. Now-2019

OP **Mallory and Benjamin Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code TAL117

A Mâcon benchmark, a wine with a loyal following, always offering generous weight, texture, and subtle tropical fruit. Now-2020

YD **G** **Sainte Barbe, Mâcon-Villages, Les Tilles, 2016, 13%**
Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code SAB116

From 40+ year old vines near Montbellet, tended bio-dynamically (certified organic) by young Jean-Marie Chaland, a satiny and classy unoaked Chardonnay with fruit and energy. Now-2020

YD **G** **Chazelles, Vire-Clessé, Vieilles Vignes, 2016, 13.5%**
Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code CHZ116

One of our benchmarks, with an ability to age well. Vire-Clessé is often marked by a ripe apple note, married to splendid texture (those old vines). With further nuances of greengages and cream, this is well-flavoured yet balanced. Now-2020

DG **Faiveley, Rully, Les Villeranges, 2015, 13%**
Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code FAJ415

All raised in tank for 11 months on its lees, a rich, well rounded example, ripe but balanced by zesty citrus. The 2016 follows at £19.95. Now-2020

G **SE** **Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran, 2015, 13.5%**
Bottle £19.95 Case £237.43 Code SAU815

Fermented half in tank, half in barrel. Ripe and generous stone fruit followed by refreshing citrus, this is well rounded and finishes with a steely, mineral touch. Now-2021

DG **Faiveley, Mercurey, Clos Rochette, 2016, 13%**
Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code FAJ116

Clos Rochette is a solely owned vineyard. With 20% fermented in new barrels and 80% in stainless steel, this shows clean oak accents and lively freshness. Ripe, juicy citrus, fresh and moreish. Now-2021

G **SE** **Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Pentacrine, 2014, 13%**
Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code SAU714

Named after 5-sided marine fossils found locally, selected from several parcels and raised in larger 600 litre *demi muids*. Fresh citrus attack followed by a generous mid-palate of stone fruits - and very persistent. The 2015 follows at £27.50. Now-2022

G **SE** **Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos sur la Roche, 2015, 14%**
Bottle £30.95 Case £352.83 Code SAU415

From south facing vines at 380m on the lower slopes of the Roche de Vergisson: toasty nose, good concentration of fruit on the palate with marmalade and peach, bright citrus on a long, fresh finish. Now-2025

Chablis

OP d'Elise, Petit Chablis, 2016, 12%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code ELS116

A benchmark, far better than most co-op Chablis: excellent concentration and correctly lactic. Now-2020

YD Fourrey, Chablis, 2016, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code FRR116

From a brother and sister team; ripe, almost lightly honeyed scents, and then completely consistent flavours of citrus and dairy. A stony and juicy style, but with good weight too. Now-2020

OP d'Elise, Chablis, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £15.95 Case £1181.83 Code ELS216

From vines on the slopes above Milly, on pure white hard chalk soils. Always creamy but with oystershell Chablis characteristics too. Ripe citrus, a satisfying weight in the mouth, and a long, cool finish. Now-2021

YD Fourrey, Chablis Grand Cru, Vaudesir, 2012, 12.5%

Bottle £39.50 Case £450.30 Code FRR612

Grand Cru Chablis is an under-rated pleasure: from a great Chablis vintage, this is moderately oaked, concentrated and complex. Now-2023 *Limited stock*

Côte de Beaune

We also stock more 1er and Grand Cru whites from Lequin-Colin and Faiveley in small quantities - do ask or check the website.

YD **G** Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, 2016, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LEQ816

From vineyards close to the village of Santenay, this is fermented 50% in tank and 50% in barrel, with 10% new oak. Attractive and well rounded, riper than usual, even a hint of tropical fruit, our go-to white Burgundy. Now-2020

YD **G** ★ Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Back to the Roots, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code LEQ516

All in barrel, 10% new, and crafted in a deliberately old-fashioned way (hence the name), with lots of lees stirring. This is always superb, showing overt ripe fruit, attractively fat, rounded and rich. We ship more and more each vintage - decant it and you can pass it off as something far grander. Now-2022

W Agnès Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Blanc, 2015, 13%

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code PAQ215

From vines averaging 85 years of age, aged in barrel, 15% new. Ripe and rounded, with amazing texture - it feels fat but has a real tension. Superb for a village wine. The 2016 follows. Now-2021 *Limited stock*

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Santenay, 2015, 13%

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 Code CLB115

Here the clay soils give real body. Citrus scents with subtle toast. Ripe citrus and lovely texture, round and attractive. Obvious and immediately appealing. Now-2022

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St. Aubin, 2015, 13%

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 Code CLB215

From a very calcareous site, and given 10-15% new oak. Excellent concentration of ripe citrus, cream and oatmeal, but more precise than the Santenay. Both authentic and stylish. Now-2022

YD **Françoise & Denis Clair, St. Aubin 1er Cru, Les Champlots, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £28.95 Case £330.03 Code CLB315

Champlots lies on a south west facing slope above the hamlet of Gamay with calcareous soils that imbue its wines with a definite mineral edge. Combining concentration and freshness with a lovely texture and a attractive length. Now-2023

YD G **Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Charrières, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £33.95 Case £387.03 Code LEQ116

From very old, low yielding vines located 100 metres below the Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru; around 25% new oak is used. Intense citrus with toasty oak, concentrated and generous. Now-2023

YD **Françoise & Denis Clair, St Aubin 1er Cru, Murgers des Dents de Chien, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code CLB415

Sited on the rocky slopes above the Montrachets, this is rightly considered one of the top two Premier Crus in the village. Fragrant nose of citrus and toasty oak. Floral with citrus and oatmeal, textured and fat but not lacking freshness. Now-2026

DG **Joseph Faiveley, Meursault, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £44.00 Case £501.60 Code FAJ215

Opulent and juicy, subtle lemon on the mid-palate with a hint of oatmeal. Attractive ripeness, texture and persistence. Now-2024

YD G **Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Caillerets, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £43.50 Case £495.90 Code LEQ315

We offer this vintage after vintage as it combines honeyed and juicy flavour with the mineral raciness of a very stony "cailloux" vineyard: tense and rich palate with a hint of caramel; but a fresh, steely and long finish. The 2016 follows. Now-2024 *Limited stock*

DG **Faiveley, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru, Champgain, 2013, 13%**

Bottle £54.00 Case £615.60 FAJ313

Light toast, honey and butter, with fine acid cut too. Faiveley Côte de Beaune whites are always so polished. Now-2021

DG **Faiveley, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru, La Garenne, 2011, 13%**

Bottle £57.50 Case £655.50 FAJ311

Finely honed palate yields ripe pear and lemon with honeyed notes. Poised, and builds to a long mineral finish. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

Red Burgundy

Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune

YD G **Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2015, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LEQ615

All the wine goes into barrel, 10% new. This is currently slightly reduced so do decant. Inviting red fruits scents, and a generous, well-textured palate of cherries and *fraises des bois*: this remains good value. Now-2019

YD **Françoise & Denis Clair, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code CLB615

From 35 year old vines on clay soils above Maranges, unoaked, a pure wine for lovers of old-fashioned fresh Burgundy. "Really quite substantial on the nose with some hint of hazelnuts. Crunchy texture. Masses of acidity. Confident wine. Lots going on underneath. 16.5/20" **www.jancisrobinson.com**. Bright red cherry and blueberry, with just a little tannin and acid. Now-2020

YD ★ **Jean Guiton, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2015, 12.5%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code GUI115

Magnum £39.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £225.15 Code GUI415

From four parcels, two in Bligny and two between Bligny and Pommard and given 12 months in barrel, second or third fill. Guillaume Guiton excelled himself in the warm summer of 2015: this has extra richness and flesh to the usual bright raspberry fruit. Superb example of generic Bourgogne. Now-2023

W **Agnès Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Rouge, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code PAQ614

Vinified and aged in oak, 15% new. Pure red and black fruit, supple, with a fine texture and just a little crunchy grip. Now-2022

YD **G** **Lequin-Colin, Santenay Rouge 1er Cru, La Comme, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code LEQ715

From a very well-sited, south-east facing 1er Cru on the border with Chassagne. Black fruited, ripe and fleshy with spice and soft tannins, this is richer and more polished than usual. In this exceptional vintage 5-10% of whole bunches were added for fermentation. Now-2023

YD **Françoise & Denis Clair, St-Aubin 1er Cru, Sur Le Sentier Du Clou, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code CLB814

From 45 years old vines on a south facing slope. Lovely cherry fruit, quite a big mouthful, plenty of texture and a tad of grip on the finish. Very traditional style. Now-2022

DC **Faiveley, Mercurey, La Framboisière, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code FAJ616

Some whole bunch fermentation here and 20% new oak barrels. A classic pale and light Pinot, the perfume and character more *fraise des bois*, or even redcurrants, than the eponymous raspberries; lively and pure. Now-2022

YD **Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code GUI214

Aged in oak for 13 months, 20% new. Vibrant red fruited aromas. Lovely cherry core with a touch of spice, light, supple and satisfying. Now-2024

DC **Faiveley, Blagny 1er Cru, Sous les Bois, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £28.50 Case £324.90 Code FAJ614

Blagny is red wine produced within the Meursault appellation and often offers good value. Attractive nose of ripe red fruits. Sweet cherries but also a hint of black fruit, crunchy but with a good structure. Now-2025

YD **Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune, 1er Cru, Les Hauts Jarrons, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £28.50 Case £324.90 Code GUI614

From old vines first planted 60 years ago on an east-facing slope close to Beaune; about 25% new oak. Very ripe fruit on the palate, great mass, more textured than the village wine. Long. Now-2023

YD **Jean Guiton, Volnay, Les Petits Poisots, 2014, 13%**

Bottle £31.95 Case £364.23 Code GUI714

On soil with a high proportion of clay, this is always rich and opulent. Ripe red fruit, concentrated and slightly gamey with a good acidity and soft tannins. Powerful and built to last. Now-2025

YD **Jean Guiton, Beaune, 1er Cru, Les Sizies, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code GUI515

Magnums £68.50 Code GUI615

Deep ruby. With splendid fruit concentration, this expands on the palate generously. The finish is very long with red fruit lingering on. Even in its youth this makes lovely drinking. Now-2025

YD Jean Guiton, Pommard, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £42.50 Case £484.50 Code GUI915

From three plots - Rue au Port, En Mareau and Les Vignots - situated on either side of the village with different soil and exposure, conferring a distinctive complexity. Deeply coloured. Gorgeous fruit, so much volume and silky tannins. Refined and energetic. 2019-2026

Côte de Nuits

We also stock other top wines, including 1er and Grand Crus, from Cathiard, Faiveley and Fourrier in very small quantities - do ask or check the website.

DG Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, 2014, 13%

Bottle £40.00 Case £456.00 Code FAJ514

Bold but approachable: lovely nose of raspberries. Deliciously red fruited, soft and ample. A touch of subtle oak and a mineral finish. Lovely wine, on form this year. Now-2025

DG Faiveley, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru, Les Porêts-Saint-Georges, 2014, 13%

Bottle £52.50 Case £598.50 Code FAJ814

From the mid slope between Premeaux and Nuits, with the oldest vines dating from 1957. Red and black cherry on the nose and a touch gamey. Delicious mouthful of red black cherries, very supple and well balanced. Lots of pleasure already and has plenty more to give. 2019-2025

DG Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, 1er Cru, Les Cazetiers, 2014, 13%

Bottle £66.50 Case £758.10 Code FAJ714

The high, perfectly exposed site of Cazetiers is tucked in between Combe au Moine and Clos St Jacques. Sweet and intense nose, all red fruited. Ripe and succulent fruit, very attractive and forward but also complex. Such class and freshness. 2019-2026

DG Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieille Vigne, 2015, 13%

Bottle: £70.00 Case: £798.00 Code FUR115

From vines planted in 1928 to the north of the village. Dense with cherry and spice, plenty of flesh and ageing potential but an overall impression of freshness. Long. Now-2026 *Very limited stock*

DG Sylvian Cathiard Vosne Romanee, 2013, 13%

Bottle £78.00 Case £889.20 Code CAT113

Consistently so elegant, with a masterly melding of classy, toasty oak with dense red fruit. Now-2023 *Very limited stock*

DG Sylvian Cathiard, Chambolle-Musigny, Clos de l'Orme, 2013, 13%

Bottle £90.00 Case £1026.00 Code CAT413

From a vineyard just below the 1er Cru in the midst of the appellation. Vines planted in 1951 - and that old vine fruit always comes through. Very much a Chambolle from a Vosne cellar, with an intensity of red fruit and texture which is beguiling. Now-2024 *Very limited stock*

Beaujolais

W Lagneau, Beaujolais-Villages, 2015, 13%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code LAG115

This is intense for a Beaujolais-Villages, displaying black-fruited perfume, and lots of juicy blackberry fruit over a firm backbone. "GV. 16/20", Julia Harding MW, jancisrobinson.com, 17th August 2016. Now-2019

OP La Chapelle des Bois, Chiroubles, 2016, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code CHB316

From the highest of the Cru Villages, this is brightly refreshing, with red fruit just dancing over lovely, almost floral, aromatics and just a whisper of tannin. Now-2020

W Lagneau, Regnié, Vieilles Vignes, 2015, 14%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code LAG315

Old vines indeed - 65 to 70 years of age. Stunning vivid purple. Terrific attack of red and black cherry and berry flavours. So juicy and wild. Now-2020

YD Calot, Morgon, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code CAL415

Splendid cherry flavours, ripe, concentrated but with mouthwatering juiciness too. *"Lively and cherry-scented but with a balance of rocky minerality. Nicely oak-free (or seems so). Dry, super-fine texture, elegant. GV. 16.5/20"*, Julia Harding MW on jancisrobinson.com, 28th June 2017. Now-2021

YD Granit Doré, Juliéna, Beauverney, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code GDO115

Beauverney is the sector of Juliéna where the cellar is located. Ripe black cherry perfume. Dense black fruit, but with crunchy blackcurrant acidity too. Plenty of substance but also supple, fleshy and balanced - and finishes with a super streak of cassis. Now-2021

YD Calot, Morgon, Tête de Cuvée, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code CAL315

Tiny yields - just 20 hectolitres per hectare from 50 to 75 year old vines on the famous Côte de Puy - for this sensational example. Layers of red and black cherries, ripe and seductive, over supersoft tannins. Now-2023

YD Granit Doré, Juliéna, Marcel's, 14.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code GDO415

We rarely ship a barrel-aged Gamay but were impressed by this example, which overlays the bittersweet, sumptuous fruit with vanilla and dark chocolate hints. Extravagantly different - if decanted, would one even spot it as a Beaujolais? Now-2022.

Alsace

YD **G** Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Blanc, 2016, 12%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code MEY116

A perennial favourite, a bright mouthful of apples and pears: a delicious aperitif, fractionally off dry with just 7 grams of residual sugar. Now-2019

YD **G** Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Gris, 2016, 13%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code MEY216

A little richer than usual in this vintage: sandalwood aroma prefaces a lightly savoury, textured palate. Off-dry, a perfect partner to south-east Asian cuisine. Now-2019

YD **G** Jean-Luc Meyer, Gewurztraminer, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MEY316

A perfect balance between rose-petal aromatics, exotic fruit and spice. Full bodied and flavoursome (13 grams of residual sugar), this is great with spicy food. Now-2020

YD **G** Jean-Luc Meyer, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Eichberg, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code MEY515

From the very hot 2015 vintage, an opulent (32 grams of residual sugar) and concentrated wine, mid gold, showing tropical fruit married with peppery minerality. Now-2023

OP André Kientzler, Riesling Grand Cru Osterberg, 2007, 14%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code KIE607

From a steeply sloping and south-east facing site above the village of Ribeauvillé, a steely, linear and very persistent dry Riesling. Now-2019

Germany

White

More wines, including top Auslese, are available on our website - or call us.

Walt, Riesling, Pfalz, 2017, 11% SC

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code WAL117

The Pfalz region near Alsace is perhaps better known for dry Riesling, but this is in the traditional style, which delivers an appealing balance between refreshing acidity and some residual sugar (about 20 grams a litre here). Grapefruity zip. Now-2021

Guntrum, Louis Dry Riesling, Rheinhessen, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code GUN216

With just under 7 grams of residual sugar, this dry Riesling is nicely balanced, offering citrus and stone fruit. Now-2020

DG Dr Loosen, Estate Riesling, Mosel, 2016, 8% SC

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code DRL116

Loosen's entry level, off-dry Riesling is a benchmark Mosel example, showing classic sweetness and acid balance. Ripe lemon and green apple, fruity and refreshing. Now-2022

YD Leitz, Eins-Zwei-Dry, Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, 2016, 12% SC

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code LEI416

This dry Riesling from Johannes Leitz's south-facing vineyards above the Rhine won the 2018 International Wine Challenge German White Trophy: "*Super clean and tight. Lemon zest aromas, youthful but with lots of potential. Floral, honeysuckle and lime flower aromas and flavours. Creamy mid-palate, fresh, lively, zesty finish*". Now-2021

YD Leitz, Riesling Kabinett, Rheingau, 2011, 10% SC

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LEI111

From Nähe star Johannes Leitz; in the traditional Kabinett style with medium sweetness, showing both delicate floral and tropical fruit notes. Now-2020

DG Dönnhoff, Riesling Qba, 2013, 9.5% SC

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code DON613

Elderflower and pineapple, very pure fruit character, and just off dry. Now-2021

DG Dr Loosen, Erdener Treppchen, Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2016, 8% SC

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code DRL216

From the brutally steep, red slate vineyard. Delicious flavours - elderflower and lemon sherbet, with just a suggestion of spritz. A bottle can vanish awfully quickly. Now-2021

YD Leitz, Rudesheimer Magdalenenkreuz, Riesling Spätlese, 2017, 8% SC

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code LEI217

From this well-sited vineyard high above the Rhine, a classic Spätlese with great depth of flavour: orchard fruits, lovely mid-palate sweetness and a mineral clean finish. Now-2023

DG Dönnhoff, Oberhäuser Leistenberg, Riesling Kabinett, 2013, 9.5% SC

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code DON113

Perfect Kabinett from the top grower in the Nahe: featherlight and delicious. Now-2022

DG Dönnhoff, Tonschiefer, Riesling Trocken, 2016, 12% SC

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code DON516

Tonschiefer = clay slate. From low yields in the Leistenberg and Hanglagen vineyards, a stunning dry Riesling: perfumed and penetrating, with some heft. Now-2022

Slovenia

White

YD G Pasji Rep, Zelen, Vipavska Dolina, 2017, 11.5%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code PAS117

Zelen used to be the grape for the aristocracy in the Vipava Valley - now it's just grown in a few pockets there. This is given lots of lees stirring, malolactic fermentation, and a third goes into old barrels. It's mid-weight, peach-fruited, creamy, with notes of sourdough and herbs - and look at the lowish alcohol. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

OP Zanut, Rebula, Goriska Brda, 2015, 12.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code ZAN115

Rebula is the Slovenian name for the Italian Ribolla Gialla grape, but it's more widely grown in Slovenia than in Friuli. Here it's dry, medium-bodied, concentrated, lightly savoury and very long. "Clean, bracing nose of white peach juice. Bone dry and very pure with masses of fruit but no sweetness. Slightly powdery texture. Long and GV. 16/20", www.jancisrobinson.com. Now-2019

OP Zanut, Sivi Pinot, Goriska Brda, 2015, 14%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ZAN315

Sivi Pinot is the local name for Pinot Gris: satisfyingly rich yet dry, and delivering complex nuances of stone fruit, honey, lavender and spice. Drink with salmon, roast pork or turkey. Now-2020

YD G Pasji Rep, Jebatschin White, Vipavska Dolina, 2016, 13%

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code PAS316

A lightly oaked blend based on 50% Malvasia with 30% Rebula, 10% of Zelen and 10% others. Intense stone fruit, accented by orange blossom, fennel and cereals; rounded and energetic. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

OP Zanut, Jama, Goriska Brda, 2012, 15%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code ZAN515

A single vineyard wine from Friulano = Sauvignonasse, only produced in the best vintages - and just 930 bottles in 2012. Very late picked - on the 23rd-24th October - the grapes were then left in tank to ferment on their skins for twenty days. Deep yellow tone, and satisfying density and complexity. Floral (blossom), fruity (exotic fruits, dried fruit and Seville oranges) and spice flavours are all present; and the wine is hugely aromatic, powerful and structured, with a nip of tannin from the skins. Now-2021

Red

YD G Pasji Rep, Jebatschin Red, Vipavska Dolina, 2016, 14%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code PAS616

Merlot dominated, with Cabernet Franc and a little Barbera, well-oaked, a beautifully ripe and flamboyant wine, delivering polished berried fruit with vanilla. Most akin to a gorgeous super-Tuscan. Now-2022 *Arriving in October*

YD G ★ Pasji Rep, Pinot Noir, Vipavska Dolina, 2016, 14%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code PAS816

The Vipava Valley, open to the Adriatic at the western end and with a cold mountain wind from the north, is a sweet spot for Pinot. Sweet raspberries, ripe and fleshy, concentrated, with a proper spine too. Very high quality Pinot. Now-2022 *Arriving in October*

Italy

White

Ca' di Ponti, Grillo, Sicilia, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £6.75 Case £76.95 Code PON117

Widely planted in Sicily, Grillo retains freshness and lowish alcohol in the Mediterranean heat. Understated melons and pears, subtly almondy, some weight and bite. Now-2019

Araldica, Piemonte Cortese, 2017, 12% SC

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code ARA717

Cortese is perhaps the best known white grape of Piemonte. Pine-scented, yet with an exotically flavoured palate of tropical fruit, herby Vermouth-like hints. Now-2019

Bellamico, IGT Falanghina Beneventano, 2017, 12%

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code BEM117

Named after the town, Benevento, in eastern Campania. Wine from the Falanghina grape is mid-weight, with hints of stone fruit, lime and sherbert. Now-2019

La Battistina, Gavi, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code BAT617

From the Cortese grape; always lively, light, fresh and fruity, showing pineapple and grapefruit. Now-2019

YD ★ Corte Mainente, Cengelle, Soave, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code MAI117

From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) on calcareous soils, this is splendid in a frost affected, low-yielding vintage. Overtly fruity and floral - white peach with jasmine - and medium-bodied, this offers a crisp and juicy glass. Now-2019

G Il Palagione, Hydra, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, 2016, 13%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code PAL616

A stimulating Vernaccia - and one that keeps too: green fruit and melon with zip and a long stony finish. Now-2019

OP Michele Taliano Serni, Roero Arneis, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code TAN617

Arneis is an ancient white grape in Piedmont, a speciality of the Roero. Appealing scent - floral and pine woods; and then a ripe, rounded palate, redolent of lime, cream and herbs. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

OP Filadoro, Beneventano Falanghina IGT, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code FIM116

A full flavoured, well-textured mouthful of stone fruit. Fresh but with excellent substance; and a bright finish. A nice aperitif or to accompany grilled fish. Now-2019

YD Corte Mainente, Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code MAI317

A top Soave, 100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in Pigno, one of the best terroirs in the central Classico zone. Fresh pear and more exotic fruit, with a mineral zip and an almondy finish. Now-2020

OP Filadoro, Greco di Tufo, 2016, 13%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code FIM316

Greco, probably a local Italian grape in origin; Tufo, a village with vines on volcanic soils derived (unsurprisingly) from tuff or tufa. Subtle spectrum of flavours, from tangerine and apricot to a clear saline note. Intense and characterful. Now-2019

G W Fiorano, Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, 2016, 13%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code FIO616

Offida Pecorino is a DOCG for wines from Pecorino, an ancient grape of the southern Marche, in this commune of Ascoli Piceno. Open, herby scent. Incisive mouthful of fresh pears and lemon with hints of fennel and menthol. Excellent depth - from six months ageing on the lees - but not in the least heavy. Classy. Now-2020

G Il Palagione, Ori, Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code PAL815

Vernaccia Riserva is from declared vineyards and is aged in wood. Powerful marriage of creamy oak with greengages and more exotic fruit. Intense and impressive. "Fleshy, round, bold palate with spicy oak and long leesy finish. 93/100", **Decanter**, May 2018. Now-2020

Red - Sicily and Southern Italy

Ca' di Ponti, Nero d'Avola, IGT Terre Siciliane, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £6.75 Case £76.95 Code PON616

Brambly fruit. Honest, mildly rustic and characterful, better with food. Now-2019

Conviviale, Primitivo, IGT Salento, 2015, 14% SC

Bottle £8.50 Case £96.90 Code CNV115

Gutsy grape of Croatian origin (aka Tribidrag), genetically identical to Zinfandel. Bittersweet black fruit, generous, punchy and bold. Now-2019

La Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code ROD216

Well-made example of this masculine southern grape, hearty with some structure but also ready to drink. Lively black cherry core. The 2017 follows at £9.95. Now-2019

La Rocca, Nero di Troia, IGT Puglia, 2015, 14%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code ROD415

A grape which is a Puglian speciality; here the Nero di Troia is part aged in large old Slavonian oak vats. Savoury and aromatic, a nice balance of black fruit and gentle acid. Now-2019

OP Filadoro, Aglianico, Irpinia DOC, 2012, 13%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code FIM612

100% Aglianico, unoaked. A gutsy, autumnal wine, textured and evincing plenty of ripe tannins, with savoury notes of leather and game around a blackcurrant and blackberry core. Now-2020

OP Filadoro, Taurasi, DOCG, 2012, 14%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code FIM812

Taurasi is one of the historic reds of the south, 100% Aglianico. Immediately very powerful and grippy, showing intense black fruit, not sweet, with hints of dried fruits and spice. This is an authentic, old-fashioned wine and a keeper. Now-2022

Red - Tuscany

★ **Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £11.50 Case £124.83 Code TAK316

From the younger vines in Montepulciano vineyards, 85% Sangiovese with 15% mixed between Merlot and local Canaiolo and Mammolo. Juicy and spicy mouthful of red cherry and blueberry; a charmingly light Sangiovese, without excessive alcohol, showing some pleasing fat and a bright, fruity finish. Now-2019

G **Il Palagione, Caelum, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code PAL115

Stunning in this super vintage: luscious black fruits, not sweet but with cut and energy. Honest and concentrated Sangiovese, with proper acid and tannin, given some ageing in old barrels. Now-2020

Talosa, Rosso di Montepulciano, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code TAK116

Sangiovese, with 15% Merlot, Canaiolo and Mammolo, in old barrels: a big and vital red, offering intense berryed flavour; and there's good tannins there, covered by the fruit. Excellent concentration for a Rosso di Montepulciano. Now-2021

G W **Col di Lamo, Rosso di Montalcino, 2014, 13.5%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code CDL113

100% Sangiovese, aged in old vats. Warm and friendly aromas preface a forward wine: black cherry and spice, robust and vigorous. The superb 2015 follows at £18.95. Now-2020

Talosa, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, 2015, 14%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code TAK215

90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot in largely old oak for two years. Sumptuous in this great Tuscan vintage, fleshy, excitingly aromatic, expansive, big and spicy, with plenty of ripe tannins: "noble" indeed. 2019-2025 *Arriving in October*

G **Il Palagione, Antajr, IGT Toscana, 2011, 14%**

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 PAL311

70% Sangiovese with 15% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with lots of new French barriques. Surprisingly youthful, showy, intense and oaky, with a bittersweet, cassis heart. Lipsmacking, vital, this delivers immediate pleasure yet can be kept for years. Now-2022

G W **Col di Lamo, Lamo, IGT Toscana [2010], 13.5%**

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code CDL210

No vintage on the label (permissible for IGT wines) but from 2010. 70% Sangiovese and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon (lending it a Bordeaux-like accent), aged in old French barrels: luxuriant, and meltingly aromatic core of red and black fruits, both polished and powerful. Now-2020

Talosa, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £25.50 Case £2290.70 Code TAK313

100% Sangiovese. 2013 was a cool vintage, so this is from grapes picked in late October. This combines plenty of power with splendid aromatics - all cooked cherries, asian spice and good tannins. Perhaps best 2019-2023

G W **Col di Lamo, Brunello di Montalcino, 2012, 14%**

Bottle £34.00 Case £387.60 Code CDL312

Dramatic aromatics: red fruits subtly spiced with nutmeg, cinnamon and tobacco. This vigorous, powerful wine builds beautifully on the palate. Good tannins there for keeping too. Now-2024

Red - Umbria and the Marche

G W **Fiorano, Sangiovese, IGT Marche, Italy, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code FIO116

The latest vintage of this Sangiovese is as stunning as ever, appealing to all who enjoy youthful and juicy reds. Bright red cherries to the fore, very ripe. Altogether lively, pure and supple; a fast-vanishing bottle. Now-2020

G **Di Filippo, Sallustio, Montefalco Rosso, 2013, 13.5%**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code FIL513

Sangiovese based, with Barbera and about 15% Sagrantino, the latter bringing spice and intense black fruit. A chunky and punchy wine offering mulberries and blackcurrants and peppery spice, authentic but not without grace and aromatics. Now-2019

G W ★ Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore DOC, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code FIO315

80% Montepulciano and 20% Sangiovese, aged in old French oak barrels. A big wine, punchy and concentrated, but it has the lively cut of blackberry and blackcurrants too. Now-2021

G W Fiorano, Ser Balduzio, IGT Marche, 2011, 14%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code FIO411

From a special selection of late-picked Montepulciano grapes, aged in Slavonian oak barrels, 1/3 new. This is a deeply coloured, huge wine, with terrific concentration and smart oak. Gloriously lush coulis of blackberries, raspberries and blackcurrants. A showstopper. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

Red - Northern Italy

Araldica, Barbera, Piemonte, 2015 12.5%

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code ALA115

Like most reds from the splendid vintage of 2015, this over-delivers in terms of ripeness and flesh. Easy-drinking, cherry and berry. Now-2019

OP Begali, Valpolicella Classico, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code BEF116

2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, offering a pretty and lively mouthful of juicy red cherries. The 2017 follows at £12.50. Now-2019

OP Michele Taliano, Dolcetto d'Alba, Ciabot, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code TAN417

Bright cherry scent - and that red cherry character makes for a lively and juicy wine, perfect to accompany salumi. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

OP Michele Taliano, Barbera d'Alba, A Bon Rendre, 2017, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code TAN117

About 1/3 of the wine is aged in old vats. This is crafted in a supple, easy-drinking style, with pretty raspberry and curranty fruit, creamy, with just a nudge of tannin. A crowd-pleaser. Now-2020 *Arriving in October*

OP Boasso, Dolcetto d'Alba, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code BOA115

Not a light example, but a lively, black cherry and cranberry flavoured wine, lightly oaked, with plenty of substance. Now-2020

OP Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d'Alba, 2015, 14%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code TAN315

A *Blagheur*, in the local half-French dialect, is one who exaggerates. Just rounded by a year of ageing in a mix of old vats and used oak French barrels, textbook Nebbiolo, red-fruited and with floral notes, expansive, with lively acidity and tannin. Dramatic quality at the price, and will certainly keep. The 2016 follows at £14.95. Now-2022

OP Begali, Valpolicella Ripasso, La Cengia, Italy, 2015, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code BEF215

2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, crafted in the Ripasso style by which the wine is left on the skins of the desiccated grapes used after the production of Amarone for about 10-12 days to promote a second fermentation, giving enhanced texture and alcohol. This is superb this vintage, not raisiny but enticingly bittersweet, dancing with black cherry and brambly flavours, crunchy and refreshing. The 2016 follows. Now-2023

OP Boasso, Grappoli, Langhe Rosso, 2015, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code BOA215

About 50% Nebbiolo, 40% Barbera and 10% Dolcetto, all grown around Serralunga, given a year in old vats. Delightfully winning, with the juiciness of the Dolcetto and ripeness of the Barbera softening the more austere Nebbiolo: cherry flavours, with a suggestion of cherry liqueur. Balanced, silky, wine, refined yet with good supporting structure. Now-2021

OP ★ **Michele Taliano, Roche dra Bossora, Roero Riserva, 2012, 14.5%**

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TAN212

Magnum £42.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £242.25 Code TAN212M

Double Magnum [2011 vintage, in a wooden case] £102.00

Code TAN211DM Limited stock

Named after large ravines which score the Roero hills. This wine was lauded by both the 2017 Gambero Rosso **Vini d'Italia** and the 2017 **Slow Wine** guide. Red fruit with blackcurrant notes over a classic Nebbiolo tannic structure, giving a fine grained texture. Very aromatic - lending dramatic length - with hints of leather, pepper and liquorice. This has great keeping potential. Now-2025

OP **Begali, Tigiolo, IGT Veronese, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code BEF314

45% Cab. Sauvignon and Corvina with 5% of Merlot and Rondinella, made using some dried grapes. California Cab meets Amarone - pure, intensely black-fruited, with the bittersweet bite of sharp blackcurrants. Now-2025 *Arriving in October*

OP **Michele Taliano, Ad Altiora, Barberesco, 2013, 14.5%**

Bottle £25.95 Case £295.83 Code TAN513

Ad Altiora implies aiming higher... This is from 100% Nebbiolo grown in the calcareous Bris Montersino vineyard. Open, gorgeous perfume - floral and red-fruited. This is a powerful wine, displaying a mix of fresh and cooked red fruits, over a grippy base. Tobacco notes. Best kept a little longer. Now-2024

OP **Boasso, Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba, 2012, 14%**

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 Code BOA312

From several sites in the commune of Serralunga, this offers a delightfully open perfume of raspberries and roses, and a plush, concentrated but svelte palate of strawberries underpinned by crunchy acidity and good tannins. Textbook example, vital and with a long finish. 2018-2025

OP **Begali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2014, 16%**

Bottle £32.50 Case £370.50 Code BEF414

From one of the grand dynasties of Amarone, made from selected bunches of grapes dried in the autumn on straw to concentrate the sugars and dry extract; therefore high in alcohol but not fortified. Very ripe and concentrated, with blackcurrant flavour tinged with dark chocolate. Super fresh finish. Now-2023 *Arriving in October*

OP **Boasso, Barolo Gabutti, 2013, 14%**

Bottle £36.50 Case £416.10 Code BOA413

From the Gabutti vineyard below the cellar, a one hectare, south-east facing site on calcareous marl at about 330m of altitude. From 100% Nebbiolo, this is part aged in traditional large Slavonian oak vats, with a proportion in smaller French oak barrels. Gorgeous strawberry and cherry core, fleshy, rich and substantial. Plenty of structure but that luscious fruit shines through. Savoury and liquorice notes dance around. Exotic wine. Top *Tre Bicchieri* rating in the 2018 **Gambero Rosso** guide. Now-2028

OP **Begali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Monte Ca'Bianca, 2013, 16%**

Bottle £49.50 Case £564.30 Code BEF513

All in French barrriques, 1/3 new. This has the air of a very fine wine: smart oak, superb aromatics; and intense black fruit cut by stimulating acidity. Stunning. Now-2028 *Arriving in October*

Iberia

White

Vila Nova, Vinho Verde, Portugal, 2017, 11.5% SC

Bottle £8.50 Case £96.90 Code VIL117

Loureiro, Avesso and Arinto, from vineyards in the north of Portugal facing the Atlantic. Zingily fresh and citrusy, an old fashioned pleasure. Now-2019

La Colinas del Ebro, Garnatxa Blanca, Terra Alta, 2017, 14%

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code CDE717

100% white Grenache from clay/limestone vineyards about 500 metres up (Terra Alta = highlands) in Catalonia. Pink grapefruit and white peach, some weight and a stony freshness. Now-2019

★ **Aba de Trasmunia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, 2017, 12.5%**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code TRA117

Albariño is the best known grape and wine of Galicia in Spain's Atlantic north-west. A deliciously open palate of rosemary, apricot and lime. Lively, grassy and with a salty tang, this makes a superb match to any seafood, but an enticing aperitif too. Now-2019

Nestares Eguizabal, Rioja, A Veredas, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £15.95 Case £216.03 Code NES616

Rounded by barrel ageing, well-textured and subtly flavoured with pears and herbs. Understated and expansive, a far cry from oaky, oxydised white Rioja of old. Now-2020

Spain

Red - Rioja and Ribera del Duero

Vega del Rayo, Rioja, Vendimia Seleccionada, 2015, 13%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code VEG216

About 95% Tempranillo and 5% Mazuelo, a cheerful, oaked (American and Russian) Rioja. Clean, raspberry, red and black cherry character, with just a subtle note of sweet oak. Now-2020

Segares, Rioja Tempranillo, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £9.75 Case £111.15 Code NES116

Unoaked example of the *joven* style from 30 year old vines which deliver excellent concentration. Very ripe, pulpy and strawberryish, soft and juicy; a simple pleasure. Now-2020

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera Del Duero, Roble, 2016, 14%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code LAH116

Magnum [2015 vintage] £26.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £151.05

Code LAH915

Our best-selling wine from Lagar de Isilla, a bodega in La Vid, just east of Aranda de Duero. 95% Tempranillo with 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, with just five months in French and American oak barrels. A bold and satisfyingly robust glass full of briary fruit, not sweet, with hints of malt and balsamic vinegar. Now-2021

★ **Segares, Rioja Crianza, 2011, 13.5%**

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code NES311

Magnum £27.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £159.31 Code NES911

Excellent pure Tempranillo Rioja, all cooked strawberries and spice, attractively mellow and drinking very well. Now-2020

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Crianza, 2012, 14.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code LAH412

94% Tempranillo from 40-70 year old vines, with a little Cabernet and Merlot, given fourteen months in French and American oak. Showy and extrovert, showing melting red fruit, vanilla, spice and meaty notes. Great with roast lamb. Now-2020

Segares, Rioja Reserva, 2008, 14%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code NES408

Pure Tempranillo, 40% in new French barrels, 60% in older American oak. It's great to have some mature Rioja at hand. Very intense, all ripe and perfumed red and black fruit with complex notes of toast, nutmeg, clove and sealing wax. Now-2020

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera Del Duero, Reserva, 2014, 15%

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code LAH314

100% Tempranillo, including some parcels 80-90 years old; in French barrels for 18 months. Pure, lifted red fruit perfume on smart oak. Currently very youthful - but immediately approachable - showing svelte primary fruit. Powerful, but all in balance: a long keeper. Now-2025

Red - Rest of Spain

Borsao, Garnacha Joven, Campo de Borja, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code BOR316

Borsao specialises in Grenache-based wines. A sweet, soft, juicy gulp of fresh raspberries. Now-2019

Las Gavias, Garnacha, Campo de Borja, 2014, 14% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code GAV114

Campo de Borja is so good as a source of pretty, well-priced wines based on Grenache / Garnacha. Gorgeous gush of black cherry and raspberry, with a smudge of tannin bringing some substance too. Now-2019

Herència Altés, Garnatxa Negra, Terra Alta, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code HER115

Bright cherry aromas - and a generous cherry and strawberry mouthful, a little wild, with bright acid and some grip. Perfect for cool-weather food - sausages or casseroles. Now-2019

Eternum Viti, Toro, 2016, 14%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code ETE116

From Tinta de Toro, the name for the local variant of Tempranillo in Toro near Valladolid, aged in 70% French and 30% American oak. A showy, powerful Toro with extravagant strawberry and raspberry fruit and classic Spanish oak flavours. Now-2019

Tierra Fuerte, Graciano, Méntrida, 2014, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code TIE114

The Graciano grape makes elegant wine, and is often included in Rioja. Here it's grown in Méntrida in the province of Toledo, crafted by Beatriz Paniagua and given eight months in French oak. Bittersweet, cooked black fruit laced with black chocolate and tobacco: rich and oaky. Now-2020

G L'Olivera, Naltres, Costers del Segre, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code OLI813

Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Trepát and Touriga Nacional, very lightly oaked, this is lively and aromatic. Gush of raspberries and blackberries, very ripe and bright, enlivened by black pepper, vanilla and liquorice. Potent but smooth and not overdone, surprisingly Bordeaux-like. Now-2020

Los Colmillos, Toro, 2011, 15.5%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code COL111

From a vineyard planted in 1870, 100% Tinta de Toro from Zamora, aged in new French oak, this is an extraordinary wine, hugely powerful - the best comparison is an Amarone - with dark and spicy, figgy fruit. Great mass, tannic, and very long. Now-2020

South Africa

White - Single Varieties

Cape Heights, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code CAH117

Bright, citrus and green fruit, with attractive concentration for a wine at this level. Now- 2019

False Bay, Chenin Blanc, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code FAB117

From dry-farmed, bush vines, slowly fermented using only wild yeasts, this is richly textured for a wine at this price, weighty, offering a generous, well-flavoured heart of peach and pineapple. Now-2019

OP Great Expectations Chardonnay, Robertson, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code GDV117

From the Goedverwacht estate, very lightly oaked, gently creamy, with lime and melon flavours and a vanilla hint, this is a very correct, easy-quaffing, generous Chardonnay. Now-2019

DG Cape Atlantic, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code CED617

From the young Sauvignon parcels at high-altitude Cederberg, plus some fruit from cool Elim, this is crisp and precise, showing gooseberry Sauvignon fruit and grassiness with a mineral bite. Now-2019

OP Doring Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, 2017, 14.5% SC

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code FRY317

The second line (with an artful tin can label) of classy seaside winery Fryer's Cove: an intense, green-fruited and zippy SB based on their cool coastal fruit. Now-2019

DG Badenhorst, Secateurs White, Chenin Blanc, Swartland, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code BAD117

From vines in Swartland, many old. 10% goes into old oak barrels, giving volume rather than oak flavour, and the wine gains weight from about seven months on its lees. Sunnily exotic fruit - tangerines and lime - with a hint of marzipan. Very good this vintage. Now-2020

DG Cederberg, Chenin Blanc, Cederberg, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CED117

Almost water white. Mouthwatering entry of pineapple, lime and white peach. Zippy mountain wine - finishes dry and mineral. Now-2019

OP Fryer's Cove, Sauvignon Blanc, Bamboes Bay, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code FRY116

A Cape Pouilly-Fumé - an intense mouthful of gooseberry and passion-fruit, checked by crisp minerality. Some tasters may taste salt in this wine - possible given the proximity to the cold Atlantic. Now-2020

W Lemberg, Hárslevelű, Tulbagh, 2013, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LEM813

Crafted in a deliberately oxydative style, aged in 500 litre French barrels. Apple skin fragrance, and a complex, pungent and savoury palate with notes of dried apples and lime. Now-2019 *Limited stock*

W ★ Des Dieux, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2014, 13%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code DDD114

A full-flavoured, perfectly-ready-to-drink, barrel-fermented and aged (about 30% new oak) Chardonnay of concentration and length. Gold medal in the 2018 **Decanter** World Wine Awards: "Exotic nose of honeysuckle, lemon and lime, wet chalk and creamy biscuit notes. There is subtlety, concentration, and weight of fruit on the palate with fine balance, a lemon-lime cordial intensity and long, mineral finish. Very classy and complex wine. 96/100". Now-2021

YD Blankbottle, Epileptic Inspiration, Elgin 2016, 14%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code BBO216

100% Semillon, barrel aged for a couple of years: fat, creamy and hazelnutty, taut and exciting. Now-2020

DC Cederberg, V Generations Chenin Blanc, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code CHX515

Usually about six barrels only of the estate's top Chenin - and one of the best in the Cape - concentrated, quite oaky in youth, but delivering broad flavours of stone fruit, nuts and splendid weight. Now-2021

OP Ataraxia, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code ATA114

Now acknowledged as a New World classic. Overt buttery oak is cut by limey minerality. Rich, creamy and energetic. Now-2020

YD Chamonix, Reserve Chardonnay, Franschhoek, 2016, 13%

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code CHX716

This seems more restrained than past vintages - more sophisticated? Aromas of high quality barrels and stone fruit. Creamy volume and richness. So complete. Now-2023

White - Blends

OP Nitida, Coronata Integration, Durbanville, 2014, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code NIT314

60% barrel-fermented Sémillon (60%) with tank fermented Sauvignon, winner of the top **Platter** 5 star award. Lime, green fig and more exotic fruit. Intense - can stand up to spicy food, chicken or fish. Now-2019
Limited stock

YD Cape Rock, White, Olifants River, 2016, 11.5%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code CAP116

From one complanted vineyard near the Olifants river, a blend of 40% Viognier, 31% Grenache Blanc and 29% Roussanne, barrel fermented, and aged for just a few months in old barrels: very polished, perfectly balanced, showing gentle peach fruit with a hint of fennel. There's lanolin suavity and a dry stony character on the finish. Note the unusual lowish alcohol level. Now-2019

YD ★ Blankbottle, Moment of Silence, Wellington, South Africa, 2017, 14%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code BBO117

Moment of Silence (or MoS for short) is always the best value wine in Pieter Walser's eclectic zoo of mad and bad blends. Chenin Blanc from four different sites, plus Grenache Blanc and Viognier, barrel-fermented and aged on the lees for a year. Bold, full-flavoured and concentrated, intensely stone-fruited with cream and nuts. Now-2020

YD Chamonix, Reserve White, Franschhoek, 2015, 14%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code CHX615

Top Bordeaux-style blend, 79% Sauvignon Blanc and 21% Sémillon, barrel fermented, then into French barrels, 40% new. Lime and passion-fruit, already ready and enjoyable. Now-2020

DC Badenhorst, Kalmoesfontein White Blend, Coastal Region, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code BAD316

25% Chenin Blanc, 16% Grenache Gris, 15% each of Grenache Blanc and Rousanne, 11% Marsanne, 10% Semillon, 5% Viognier, and 3% Colombar, given about a year in large barrels. Simultaneously fat and silky, powerful but lacy. Honeyed Chenin Blanc tone; but also mineral. You don't doubt you are drinking great wine. Now-2021

Red

False Bay, Pinotage, Coastal Region, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code FAB816

Bittersweet raspberry and bilberry fruit, bold and juicy, with just a smidge of tannin. Now-2019

OP Great Expectations, Crane Red Merlot, Robertson, 2017, 14% SC

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code GDV417

The latest vintage is a big step up, fresher and more lifted than in the past, without losing its heartiness and generous plum fruit with hints of coffee and spice. Now-2019

OP Great Expectations Shiraz, Robertson, 2016, 14% SC

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code GDV616

Hugely winning: gush of cherry and raspberry, nicely perfumed, ripe, spicy and youthful but also supple. Deservedly popular. Now-2019

DG Badenhorst, Secateurs Red, Swartland, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code BAD616

56% Shiraz, 22% Cinsault, 21% Grenache and a peck of Tinta Barocca, all just rounded by big old oak vats. Bright black fruit with savoury and spice notes. Now-2020

YD Cape Rock, Amnesty, Western Cape, 2015, 13.5% SC

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code CAP815

Gavin Brand's take on a SGM blend - 36% Syrah, 33% Grenache, 31% Mourvèdre, given a year in old barrels. Crushed strawberry perfume; and vivacious strawberry flavours, enlivened by pepper and spice. A charmer. Now-2019

W Des Dieux, Syrah-Mourvèdre, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2013, 14%

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code DDD813

Made with the assistance of Syrah specialist Niels Verburg, about 85% Syrah, smooth and polished, fresh blackberry, a lick of oak and middle eastern spice. Now-2019

OP ★ Fryer's Cove, Pinot Noir, Bamboes Bay, 2015, 13%

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code FRY615

Based on fruit from a cool coastal site, an attractively fast-maturing Pinot, so already one enjoys pleasing savoury and undergrowth hints. Supple, strawberry and raspberry scented wine, aromatic, and lightly spicy. Now-2020

W Des Dieux, Josephine Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2013, 14%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code DDD613

From cool vineyards at the top of the Hemel-en-Aarde valley, bold and forward, showing an oak and strawberry aroma, and ripe strawberry and cherry fruit with mocha notes. Depth and fragrance. Now-2020

YD Chamonix, Cabernet Franc, Franschhoek, 2014, 14%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code CHX514

Full-on but really expressive Cab Franc, perfumed - a hint of violets - and jellied red fruit, but with suave power too. The extrovert 2015 vintage follows at £17.95. Now-2021

YD Cape Rock, Capa Roca, Olifants River, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code CAP615

Based on Portuguese varieties - 37% each of Touriga Nacional and Souzao - plus Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and others, this is a wonderfully warming and velvety wine, tasting of spiced damsons and plums. A winner. Now-2020

YD Chamonix, Greywacke Pinotage, Franschoek, 2015, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code CHX415

Some bunches, cut but left hanging in the vineyard to dry out, are added in a *ripasso* manner to promote a second fermentation. Vibrant blackberry, damson and liqueur cherry attack, intensely bittersweet, with barrel coffee hints. Now-2020

DG Cederberg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg, 2015, 14%

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code CED715

Picked late at the cool mountain vineyards. A silky, classy palate, with layers of black fruit, backed by fine tannins. Now-2021

DG Cederberg, Shiraz, Cederberg, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code CED815

An award-winning, well-oaked (about 60% new barrels), gorgeously fruited wine, all perfume and refinement. Now-2020

YD ★ Chamonix, Troika, Franschoek, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code CHX214

In this vintage 50% Cabernet Franc, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 10% Petit Verdot and Merlot, given 18 months in barrel, about half new. Superb this vintage, a **Platter** 5 star winner, showing cool black fruit with a hint of menthol, and splendid concentration. Now-2021

YD Blankbottle, Familiemoord, Western Cape, 2015, 14%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code BBO715

It's a long story...of family murder, all explained on the label! With 59% Swartland Grenache, 22% Darling Cinsault and 19% Elgin Pinot Noir, this tastes like a Cape Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Extravagant Grenache aromas of cooked strawberries, and then a voluptuous but aromatic mouthful. Now-2020

YD Blankbottle, Koffer, Bredekloof, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code BBO815

A charming example of the new Cinsault wines from old vines in the Cape: all red fruit. Strawberryish nose, and pretty red berry and red cherry flavours with juicy flesh and a mildly dusty hint. Now-2019

YD Chamonix, Pinot Noir Reserve, Franschoek, 2015, 14%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code CHX315

From the higher and cooler vineyards, this has become more Burgundian - fresher and more red-fruited - in recent vintages without compromising its typical ripeness and intensity. Strawberry, raspberry and blackberry, silky and balanced, with a smoky tinge. Now-2021

DG Badenhorst, Family Red, Swartland, 2015, 13%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code BAD815

52% Shiraz, 21% Grenache, 18% Cinsault and 9% Tinta Barocca, given a very long post-fermentation maceration. Crafted for perfume, suavity and longevity rather than power, this is always rather Northern Rhône in style, offering complex flavours of blackberry and black cherry with liquorice and black pepper with a decent backbone of svelte tannin. Now-2023

DG Cederberg, V Generations Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015, 14%

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 Code CED915

We snaffled a little of this tiny production (less than 300 cases a year) wonder. The fruit is from one vineyard, and then David Niewoudt makes a selection of the best barrels. Crunchy, vivid black fruit, very youthful. Super-ripe tannins. Appealing hint of violets. Now-2024

Chile

White

Los Seduras, Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £7.25 Case £82.65 Code SED117

To be applauded for its typicity to the grape variety. Bright, crisp and fruity; a lightly tropical perfume and then a cheerful mouthful of grassy and pineapple flavours, with a refreshing finish. Now-2019

Karu, Chardonnay, Valle Central, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £7.75 Case £88.35 Code KAR116

Well-made, very lightly oaked, ripe, pineapple- accented Chardonnay. Now-2019

Apaltagua, Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, San Antonio, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code APA617

From rolling hills, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific, just south of Casablanca. Brilliant value, combining cool climate grassiness and sense of nettles with elderflower aromatics and bright fruit. Now-2019

Apaltagua, Riesling Reserva, Casablanca, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code APA717

True dry Riesling from cool Casablanca fruit at a fair price - grapefruit with a floral note. Now-2019

OP Errázuriz, Wild Ferment Chardonnay, Casablanca, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code ERR816

Consistently successful and weighty New World Chardonnay, now in a fresher (earlier picked), less oaked idiom. Good weight, very ripe - a hint of tangerine - and generous. Now-2020

OP Errázuriz, Chardonnay, Aconcagua Costa, 2016, 13%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code ERR116

From a cool coastal vineyard, a brilliant barrel-fermented Chardonnay. Sharp green fruit, hint of chalky bite, nervy and mineral. This keeps well. Now-2022

YD Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios Chardonnay, Valle del Itata, 2014, 15%

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code PAP314

Winemaker François Massoc is acknowledged to craft the finest Chardonnays in Chile. This shows enticing aromas of smart toasty oak and dairy elements; followed by a powerful and well-textured mouthful of green fruit with a smoky note. Hugely impressive - a Chilean Meursault? Now-2021

OP Errázuriz, Las Pizarras Chardonnay, Aconcagua Costa, 2016, 13%

Bottle £55.00 Wooden Case of Six £313.50 Code ERR616

Beautifully balanced, satiny Chardonnay. Less than 20% of the wine went into new barrels; and just 55% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation; so one sees succulent fruit and natural freshness. Stunning, this represents a new level of elegance for Chilean Chardonnay, scored by American wine critic James Suckling in May 2017 at 98/100. Now-2022

Red

Los Seduras, Merlot, Valle Central, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £7.25 Case £82.65 Code SED617

Supple, pretty and very easy-drinking Chilean Merlot. What's not to like? Now-2019

Apaltagua, Gran Verano Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Central, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code APA316

True varietal character and balance, showing crisp red and blackcurrants, just a little minty, with an appealing unforced ease. Now-2019

Apaltagua, Gran Verano Carmenère, Valle Central, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code APA816

A juicy wine, a pleasant cocktail of redcurrant, blackberry and raspberry, with the merest hint of tobacco: just that bit more interesting than a Chilean Merlot. The 2017 follows shortly. Now-2019

Valle Frio, Merlot, Maule, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code FRI116

Big step up on a simple house Merlot: juicy red cherry, a hint of cinnamon and a correct herbaceous note. Fleshy and oh-so-drinkable. Now-2020

Valle Frio, Carmenère, Maule, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code FRI216

So classy, velvety and smart - Bordeaux-like! Black-fruited and aromatic, with hints of green pepper and tobacco leaf - and excellent length. Now-2020

Valle Frio, Syrah, Maule, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code FRI417

Really true Syrah scent; and an appealing fat and rich mid-palate, with lots of flavour and ripeness. Knocks spots off Australian Shiraz at this price point. Now-2020 *Arriving in November*

★ **Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code FRI316

Hugely successful here: from vines with some age planted in higher sites in the Maule Valley, and surprisingly concentrated for a Pinot at this price. Pretty red and black fruit, just a hint of smoky oak. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

★ **Apaltagua, Envero, Gran Reserva Carmenère, Apalta Vineyard Selection, Colchagua, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code APA416

The latest vintage of this deservedly popular wine. From vines averaging 50 years old, this lightly oaked Carmenère - with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon - delivers spectacular value for its concentration, quality and smart presentation. Bittersweet red and blackcurrant fruit with liquorice and tobacco hints over subtle tannins. Now-2022

W Volcanes de Chile, Tectonia Grenache-Petite Sirah-Mourvèdre, Central Valley, 2012, 14%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code VOL212

Sourced from Rapel, Maipo and Maule respectively, so just Central Valley on the label. Winner of a gold medal in the 2015 International Wine Challenge, it's immediately showy, all cassis and brambly fruit with a liqueur richness and hints of woodsmoke and forest floor. Now-2019

YD Pandolfi Price, Larkün Syrah, Valle del Itata, 2015, 14%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code PAP615

Exciting coolish climate Syrah, showing bright blackcurrants, bittersweet and crunchy. Sits perfectly between Northern Rhône and Australian styles. Excellent keeping potential too. Now-2022

OP ★ Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa, Chile, 2016, 13%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code ERR916

Is this the best £15 Pinot in the UK market? From vineyards on schist at Manzanar, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific; 2016 is the best vintage yet of this increasingly Burgundian and wholly enticing wine, smooth, perfumed and balanced, offering a light and fragrant mouthful of red and black cherries with minimal tannins. *"Piercing scents and fine, poised, classy flavour profile. 91/100"*, Peter Richards MW, **Decanter**, February 2018. Now-2022

OP Errázuriz, Carmenère, Aconcagua Alto, 2014, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code ERR214

100% Carmenère aged in French oak, 1/3 new, from the Max V vineyard 600 metres up against the Andes: superb this vintage, smooth blackcurrants scented with nicotine, green pepper and sweet oak. Highly aromatic. Now-2023

W Meli, Vigno Carignan, Maule, 2011, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code MEL311

The Vigno association demands vines at least 35 years old (actually 62 years here in an isolated complanted vineyard); dry-farmed; and at least 65% Carignan (here 100%). Suprisingly youthful, open, rich and velvety, but also beautifully aromatic, with a floral grace. Now-2020

OP Errázuriz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Aconcagua Alto, 2013, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code ERR513

From 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 7% Petit Verdot, from vines grown on stony, colluvial soils. Very textured, blackcurrants, cut by a streak of lead-pencilly graphite. Now-2022

Tutunjian, Entre Valles, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code TUT113

A blend of four grapes, each variety matched to the best sites in different valleys: 54% Carmenère from 60+ year old vines in Apalta; 19% Syrah and 15% Malbec from Maule; and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon from Puente Alto in Maipo. Youthful, showing lots of vanilla-spiced oak and intense primary black fruit. Extrovert but retains an old world balance and food friendliness. Now-2023

W Volcanes de Chile, Parinacota, Syrah-Carignan, Maule Valley, 2012, 14%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code VOL812

82% Syrah and 18% Carignan, largely from old vines, given 12 months in French oak barrels. A big wine, but elegant. Bittersweet cassis fruit, mouth-wateringly refreshing, with a sense of violets. *"Imagine a cliff face hewn from liquorice with seams of juicy black fruit and ground spice - it's that awesome"*, Olly Smith, **Daily Mail** online, 19th March 2016. Now-2021

YD Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios Pinot Noir, Valle del Itata, 2014, 15.5%

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code PAP814

Pinot Noir but not as we know it - extravagantly flavoured, wildly powerful (see the alcohol level), and we couldn't resist it. Black fruited, hints of eucalyptus and spice - possibly not for Pinot purists. Now-2019

OP Errázuriz, Las Pizarras Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa, 2016, 13%

Bottle £70.00 Wooden Case of Six £399.00 Code ERR716

Very Burgundian wine-making: 18% whole bunch fermentation, all into open top fermenters, gentle punch downs and into French barrels - 1/3 new, but you wouldn't know it, so classy is the integration of fine oak and sumptuous fruit. Very lush black fruit but there's a proper structure there too, a backbone which will keep this going for years. Scored at 99/100 by American critic James Suckling in May 2017. Best 2019-2025

Argentina

White

OP **Carinae, Viognier, Mendoza, Argentina, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CAE717

Viognier is much better suited to the heat in Argentina than Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. From 15 year old vines, this is a well-balanced example, showing a heady mix of jasmine, lime, stone fruit and grapey (Muscat-like) characters. Well-textured but with crisp bite, this makes a lovely aperitif but is equally at home with spicy dishes. Now-2019

Red

G **Vicien, Bonarda, Catamarca, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code VIB215

Bonarda, widely grown in Argentina, is genetically identical to Douce Noire, an obscure Savoie variety. Fresh blackberries and blueberries, with cleansing acidity. This is surprisingly aromatic and crunchy. Now-2019

G **Vicien, Malbec, Catamarca, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code VIB115

From vineyards over 5,000 feet up in the Fiambala Valley, an organically grown Malbec of deliciously crisp red fruit, purity and freshness. Now-2019

OP ★ **Carinae, Malbec, Mendoza, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code CAE116

Old vines deliver impressive concentration to this summer-puddingy, unoaked Malbec. Balanced, and with a fresh finish, this leaves one wanting more. Now-2020

OP **Carinae, Cuvée Brigitte, Mendoza, 2014, 14.5%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CAE814

About 60% Malbec and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon: the former brings rich red fruit from old vines and the latter black fruit and structure. A classy bottle. Now-2021

OP **Carinae, Malbec Harmonie, Mendoza, 2013, 14.5%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code CAE213

Definitive oaked Malbec - brambly fruit, concentrated, smooth and opulent - from 90 year old vines in Cruz de Piedra. Demands beef. Now-2021

OP **Carinae, Hommage, Mendoza, 2010, 15%**

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code CAE410

Pure Malbec from plots of ancient vines on the south edge of Mendoza; very inky and concentrated indeed - essence of brambly fruit. Now-2020

OP **Walter Bressia, Profundo, Mendoza, 2011, 15%**

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code BRE111

About 50% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 10% Syrah, aged in French oak barrels. Cassis-flavoured, this wine offers power, elegance and length. Svelte, showing red fruit and floral hints above a velvety structure. Now-2022

OP **Carinae, Prestige, Mendoza, 2009, 15%**

Bottle £26.50 Case £302.10 Code CAE509

About 70% Malbec, with 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, a selection of all the best parcels of the vintage, aged in new barrels for 18 months. Hugely powerful and concentrated, yet balanced. Very lush cherry and cassis core, spiced with cinnamon. Drinking perfectly now. Now-2019

USA

Red

Burlesque, Zinfandel, Lodi, California, 2016, 14.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code BUR116

Sourced from some old vine fruit, this is hearty and generous at the price, delivering a generous gush of raspberry and spice. Now-2020

Avalon, CAB Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi, California, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code AVA116

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 7% Petite Sirah, 5% Zinfandel and 3% Tannat, given a year in mixed French and American oak: open, friendly, berried perfume; and a sweet cherry and vanilla heart, ripe and supple. Now-2020

Avalon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa County, California, 2015, 14%

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code AVA315

The real deal, a plush and concentrated Napa Valley Cab.; opens out slowly but delivers a dense mouthful of ripe black fruit, decent tannins and a long finish. Now-2023

DG Ridge, Lytton Springs, California, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £41.50 Case £473.10 Code RID215

74% Zinfandel, 16% Petite Sirah, 8% Carignan and 2% Mourvèdre from numerous parcels, based on very old vines, and all aged in exclusively US oak barrels, about 15% new. Dense brambly fruit, with nuances of spice and tobacco. Now-2023

DG Ridge, Geyserville, California, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £42.00 Case £478.80 Code RID115

The 50th vintage of this wonderful Zin blend: 70% Zinfandel, 15% Carignan, 12% Petite Sirah and 3% Alicante Bouschet, the Zin from a single site. So exciting young - all cassis, berries, lively spice and perfumed with cedar, but Geyserville also ages extremely well. This is dramatically vibrant and succulent. Now-2027

DG Ridge, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £55.00 Case £627.00 Code RID514

From the famed Monte Bello vineyard in the Santa Cruz mountains: 75% Cab. Sauv., with 14% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 5% Cab. Franc., all aged in American oak barrels, 70% new. This wine is definitely improving by vintage. Very concentrated, supple and velvety, with delicious blackcurrant and brambly flavours tinged with spice. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

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New Zealand

White

Mirror Lake, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code MIR117

Attractively green fruited and lively, with gooseberry and lime, plus elderflower and candy notes. Now-2019

W Orchard Lane, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code ORC116

The name may suggest orchard fruits, but this is zippily fresh, with juicy gooseberries and a hint of orange. Now-2019

Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code ESK117

Invariably an open, juicy and friendly Kiwi SB. Elderflower and grapey perfume. Bright and citrusy - an easy-drinking aperitif. Now-2019

W Sugar Loaf, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code SUG117

Sugar Loaf was founded by young Kate Acland. A pleasingly bright and restrained example: gently leafy aromas, followed by a crisp bite of lime with notes of green pepper and gooseberry. Now-2019

Left Field Albarino, Gisborne, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code LEF116

It makes complete sense to grow the grape of Galicia and northern Portugal in maritime New Zealand. This is stone-fruited, lightly floral and shows a little heft. Good value. Now-2019

OP Escarpment, The Edge Pinot Gris, Martinborough, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £12.25 Case £139.65 Code ESC716

100% Pinot Gris grown on alluvial gravel terraces; crafted in an off-dry style, making it a perfect accompaniment to spicy food. Attractive fruit, weight and texture. The 2017 follows. Now-2019

W Jules Taylor, Pinot Gris, Marlborough, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code JUL116

A dry Pinot Gris (just 2.4 grams of residual sugar per litre), given some lees ageing for enhanced texture. Showing white peach plus subtle sandalwood and white pepper notes, this shows excellent typicity. Now-2020

Waipara Springs, Sauvignon Blanc, Waipara, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code WAI117

Proof that Marlborough is not the only source of top quality Kiwi SB, this is (as ever) so incisive and lively, exhibiting intense pink grapefruit flavour. Now-2020

Isabel Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2016, 13% SC

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ISA516

Exotic palate of grapefruit, mango and stone fruit flavours. Silkily textured, and offering a cool mineral finish, this is elegant and refined - a Kiwi Pouilly-Fumé and as such always shows better after a year or more in bottle. Now-2019

DG Felton Road, Bannockburn Chardonnay, Central Otago,

2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code FET116

Grown on schist gravels. Creamy nose. Understated oak, plenty of volume, cut by lime. Mineral, classy Chardonnay, a match for the Côte de Beaune. Now-2023 *Limited stock*

Red

We also have other Felton Road wines & vintages, including magnums and small quantities of the Block wines - please ask for details.

W Sugar Loaf, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2016, 12.5% SC

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code SUG616

Pinot from a single vineyard in the lower Wairau, wild-fermented in small open-top vats and then aged in a mix of old French barrels. Charming ripe, supple and perfumed. Friendly red and black cherry flavours. Now-2020

Te Awa, Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon, Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, 2014, 14% SC

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code TEA114

About 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon with some Cabernet Franc, all aged in French oak, grown on the famed, free-draining Gimblett Gravels. Velvet smooth, modern-style, Bordeaux blend. Plush black fruit, currants and plums, laced with cedar and cinnamon. A smart wine, smartly presented. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

W Jules Taylor, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code JUL616

Fermented using wild yeasts in open-top vats, and aged part in French oak and part stainless steel. Joyous, fleshy, brambly fruit. Open, lively Kiwi Pinot with just a little tannin. Now-2021

DG Felton Road, Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2015, 14% SC

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code FET615

Magnum £82.50 Code FET615M

A benchmark wine among all New World Pinots, vital and delicious young, all raspberries and strawberries, pure and fragrant, but also age-worthy. Now-2024

DG Felton Road, Calvert Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2015, 14% SC

Bottle £39.50 Code FET815

Usually the most precocious of the single vineyard wines, nevertheless showing great depth of flavour. Very ripe, fat and rich, with dense black fruit. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

DG Felton Road, Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2015, 14% SC

Bottle £39.95 Code FET715

Cornish Point is a vineyard almost surrounded by water, on loess soils over gravel. Owner Nigel Greening refers to the "exoticism" of this wine. So open already, silky raspberries and spice. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

Australia

White

Helmsman, Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc, 2017, 12% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code HEL117

Crafted by Robert Oatley, a lively blend, with the Semillon giving some tropical notes to a zippy, almost mouthwatering, limey palate. Refreshing. Now-2019

OP Pizzini, Verduzzo, King Valley, 2017, 14% SC

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code PIZ117

Verduzzo's home is in Friuli, made there into dry and sweet wines. It delivers real weight: full-flavoured - stone fruit and cream, long and penetrating. Perfect for chicken dishes. Now-2019 *Limited stock*

YD **Silent Noise, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, 2017, 13% SC**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code SIL117

From grapes sourced in the cool Adelaide Hills, this is very much in the fresh modern Aussie idiom. Pale and clear. All barrel fermented, half in new oak, but it's not an "oaky" wine, rather a streamlined, lightly creamy example, lemony and bright. Now-2020

OP **Pizzini, Arneis, King Valley, 2017, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code PIZ316

Arneis, as grown in Piedmont, is an under-rated grape. Here it delivers a stimulating, lively, almost minty scent; and a super-fresh mouthful of citrus, stone fruit and even a hint of guava. Lovely summer aperitif or drink with salad lunches. Now-2019

YD **Wickhams Road, Chardonnay, Gippsland, 2017, 12.8% SC**

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code WIC117

Gippsland is an up-and-coming coolish climate region east of Melbourne. Oak, cream and ripe apple aromas. Richly textured, plenty of flavour, generous heart - expansive Chardonnay. Now-2021

DC **Ashton Hills, Riesling, Adelaide Hills, 2017, 11% SC**

Bottle £20.50 Case £233.70 Code ASH617

A perfect, palate-stimulating balance of ripe peach and apricot flavours, and steely citric cut. 5-7 grams of residual sugar make it so much more enjoyable than more austere examples. Transparent and intense; lovely on its own or drink with oysters, scallops or any seafood. Now-2023

YD ★ **Hoddles Creek, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13.2% SC**

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code HOD116

Restrained and subtle nose but then unfurls flavours of honey and ripe pears. Considerable weight cut by refreshing acidity. Very refined and complete, with genuine length, this is comfortably a match for more expensive white Burgundy. Highly recommended. Now-2022

DC **Mac Forbes, Woori Yallock Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 12.5%**

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code MAC116

From a south facing cool site in the Upper Yarra planted in 1995. Panoply of scents: honeysuckle, marzipan and butter. There is a hint of that honeysuckle exoticism, plus stone fruit notes, in this classy, understated Chardonnay. Some steeliness too - this should keep well. Now-2023

Red

Murphy Vineyards, Big Rivers Shiraz, Murray Darling, 2016, 14.5% SC

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code MUR116

Supple, brambly Aussie Shiraz, friendly and warming. Now-2019

Willow Bridge, Dragonfly Cabernet Merlot, Geographe, Western Australia, 2013, 13.3% SC

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code DRA113

Geographe is a newly minted region of western Australia, near Margaret River. Here the vines are just 20km from the cool ocean, so an excellent area for Bordeaux varieties. Ripe, blackcurranty and smooth. Merest hint of mint on rather elegant aromatics. Now-early 2019

Bramble Lane, Shiraz, Western Australia, 14.5% SC

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code BRA115

Bramble Lane is the second label of Margaret River winery Rosabrook. Such a typical, honest Australian Shiraz: warming, gutsy, black-fruited, just a hint of earthy interest. Now-2019

Earthworks, Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2014, 13.5% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code EAR114

Sourced from small growers in the Barossa, some elegance through being aged in French rather than American oak barrels. Medium bodied, supple, with a juicy core of crushed plum and loganberries. Now-2019

YD **Silent Noise, SGZ, (Shiraz / Grenache / Zinfandel), McLaren Vale, 2017, 14% SC**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code SIL617

An unusual blend; but the Shiraz doesn't dominate, and the fruit character of both the Grenache and Zinfandel comes through well. This is deliberately made in a breezy, up-front style, juicy and lively. Very food friendly - pork ribs or slow roast belly of pork would be perfect. Now-2020

Yalumba, The Strapper, Grenache Shiraz Mataro, Barossa, 2012, 13.5% SC

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code YAL512

40% Grenache, 35% Shiraz and 25% Mataro (Mourvèdre) all from the Barossa Valley in South Australia, so a sort of Châteauneuf blend, but with a bit more obvious oak influence. Powerful and ripe but without being overly big and alcoholic. The Grenache delivers red-fruited sweetness, whilst the other two varieties are more blackfruited. Now-2019

OP **Pizzini, Nonna Gisella Sangiovese, King Valley, 2016, 13.5% SC**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code PIZ616

A very winning wine. Aroma of cooked strawberries; and then it's deliciously ripe and charming, with real berry and cherry fruit concentration. Cries out for any Italian food from lasagne to tagliata. Now-2021

YD ★ **Silent Noise, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, 2016, 14% SC**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code SIL816

Just what we have been looking for: a kick-ass Aussie Shiraz at the right price. Aged half in French and half in American oak barrels, this shows a lovely, deep, youthful colour - and delivers stacks of fresh black fruit - bramble and blueberry. Fine and silky. Definitive wine for carnivores; and should keep very well too. Now-2023

Yalumba, The Cigar, Coonawarra, 2012, 14%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code YAL912

From Yalumba's Menzies vineyard on the famed long (and thus cigar shaped) Coonawarra strip of *terra rossa*. Velvety concentration of blackcurrants and berries with a hint of menthol. Succulent. Now-2021

YD ★ **Wickhams Road, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, 2017, 13% SC**

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code WIC617

Gippsland is an up-and-coming coastal region east and south of Melbourne. Soft plum hue. Open, forward Pinot character: juicy, punchy and crunchy raspberry fruit, already enticingly tinged with hints of that appealing savouriness which is so food friendly (think fowl, veal, mushrooms). Hugely successful and delicious. "...a stunning expression of the Pinot Noir grape...bursting with cherry, plum and hedgerow glamour...mystical elixir", Matthew Jukes, **100 best Australian Wines 2018/19**. Now-2022

YD **Tomfoolery, Young Blood Grenache, Barossa, 2017, 14.3% SC**

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TOM317

Pale and clear dark cherry tone. Textbook Aussie Grenache strawberry perfume. For a wine over 14%, this appears so light, supple and aromatic and spiked with white pepper. Smooth and refined and all in harmony. One of Matthew Jukes' **100 best Australian Wines 2018/19**. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

YD **Tomfoolery, Young Blood Shiraz, Barossa, 2017, 13.9% SC**

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TOM117

Lovely youthful clear ruby. This is deliciously vibrant and exciting. Bright raspberries and spiced cherries with just the right backing of tannin. Juicily stimulating, Now-2021

YD **Hoddles Creek, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13.2% SC**

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code HOD616

Cedar / cigar box accents on a fresh red fruit perfume. Juicy red and black fruit backed by a correct structure. Excellent transparency and intensity. Peck of spice. This has staying power too. Now-2023

DC Ashton Hills, Pinot Noir, Piccadilly Valley, 2016, 14.5% SC

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code ASH116

Based on fruit from the home vineyard, with grapes from two other nearby farms; no new barrels. Friendly Pinot aromas, just lightly herbaceous and attractively savoury. Lovely texture. Red fruit, very slightly heated, mildly gamey; and appealingly long. Drinking perfectly from now, this tastes like a decent Côte de Beaune at five years of maturity. One of Matthew Jukes' **100 best Australian Wines 2018/19**. Now-2022

YD Tomfoolery, Black & Blue Shiraz, Barossa, 2016, 14%

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code TOM516

From a premium vineyard in the northern sub-region of Ebenezer in the Barossa Valley; including 5% Viognier. Wonderful wine: magically combines vibrancy with fragrance, density with grace. Smoky and violet hints dance around a svelte core of black fruit - blackcurrants and blueberries. Now-2025

DC Mac Forbes, Coldstream Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2016, 12%

Bottle £34.50 Case £393.30 Code MAC316

Coldstream is the best-known area of the warmer Lower Yarra; here the Pinot tends to be riper, more forward and opulent. This has an exciting vitality - the red fruit bounces from the glass. Very seductive. Now-2022

DC Mac Forbes, Healesville Syrah, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13%

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code MAC516

Just the second vintage of this, from plots around Healesville, where Mac's cellar is located and note the name - Syrah, indicating Mac's wish to emulate a French model. Vivid purple. Fresh fruit scent. Very intense, bittersweet, with crunchy blackcurrant flavours. Pepper and spice on the finish. Is this a look-alike for Hermitage? Whatever, it's very convincing. One of Matthew Jukes' **100 best Australian Wines 2018/19**. Now-2024 *Limited stock*

DC Ashton Hills, Estate Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, 2016, 14.5% SC

Bottle £39.95 Case £455.43 Code ASH316

From four clones; 30% whole bunch; some new oak on this wine; and bottled without filtration. So generously open and fat, silky and supple with splendid flesh and intriguing spice hints (star anise?). Near perfect structure, complexity and longevity. *"It has amazing purity of rich fruit, showing aromas and flavours of ripe cherry and strawberry, exotic spices and autumn leaves. It's savoury and silky with firm structure and bright acidity. Superb! 94/100"*, Tina Gellie, **Decanter** online. Now-2024 *Limited stock*

Sparkling Wine & Champagne

Sparkling Wine (Note: NV = non vintage)

OP Michele Taliano, Birbet, Italy, NV, 5.5%

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code TAN916

A frothy sweet red, a speciality of Piedmont and made like a sparkling Moscato, but from the red Brachetto grape. With about 110 grams of residual sugar, this is very sweet, but with refreshing red-fruited bite too. Good for red berries or with light cake. Now-2019

Fontessa, Prosecco Spumante, Venezia, Italy, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code FOM1NV

Light and fresh Prosecco, citrus and green apple. Now-2019

OP Floriano Cinti, Pignoletto Frizzante, Colli Bolognesi, Italy, NV, 13%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code CIN1NV

Pignoletto is the name of the delicious sparkling wine made in the foothills of the Apennines south of Bologna; from the Grechetto Gentile grape, with the fizz produced in the same way as Prosecco, i.e. in a closed tank. Pull the cork with a corkscrew and away you go... perfectly dry and citrusy, with accents of pears and green apple. Creamy, rounded and with a crisp appley finish, this makes a perfect party fizz. Now-early 2019

Diamant de Loire, Crémant de Loire, Brut, France, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code DIA1NV

New to our list, an easy-drinking, light, perfectly clean and fresh sparkling wine from Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay - produced in the same way as Champagne (i.e with a secondary fermentation in the bottle to create the fizz). Ripe, gently appley fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Easy to like, and classier than a lot of Prosecco. Now-2019

OP **Domaine J. Laurens, Blanquette de Limoux, Le Moulin, Brut, France, NV, 12%**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code LAU1NV

From 90% Mauzac, the traditional variety of Limoux, with 10% Chardonnay. A crisp style, but with lots of interest: ripe pear, white flowers and stone fruit. Now-2019

OP **★ Drusian, Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore, Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy, NV, 11%**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code DRU1NV

A wonderful, much praised Prosecco from a family owned producer with vineyards in the heart of the Valdobbiadene. Deliciously sherberty, light, and with the merest hint of fruity sweetness, this makes a perfect aperitif. Now-2019

OP **J. Laurens, Cremant de Limoux, Les Graiménous, Brut, France, 2016, 12%**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code LAU315

A blend of 60% Chardonnay with 30% Chenin, 5% Pinot Noir and 5% Mauzac, this is a dead ringer for Champagne, racy and vital, but with some bready complexity too. Now-2019

OP **Drusian, Rose Mari, Spumante Rosato, Extra Dry, Italy, NV, 12%**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code DRU5NV

From Pinot Noir grown in the cool hills of Alto Adige and made in the same way as Prosecco (i.e. in a closed tank). A gently fizzy, very pale pink glass of red fruit - wild strawberries. Very lightly savoury, this makes a perfect aperitif, and a bottle vanishes very quickly indeed. Now-2019

W **★ Domaine des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Brut, Claudia, South Africa, 2010, 12%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code DDD4NV

90% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir, made in the Champagne method, 40 months on its lees, and a splendid New World fizz: yeasty, creamy and complex. Now-2019

DG **Ashton Hills, Blanc de Noirs, Piccadilly Valley, Australia, 2011, 13%**

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code ASH811

100% Pinot Noir from the famed estate's own grapes, from a very cool vintage perfect for sparkling wine production. Enticingly yeasty nose, showing development. Beautifully ready: soft red fruit, but with some structure, bready and savoury. Could be drunk with rich food as much as an aperitif. Now-2020

English Sparkling Wine

YD **Cottonworth, Classic Cuvée, English Sparkling Wine, Brut, NV, 12%**

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code COT1NV

From the classic varieties of Chardonnay (60%), Pinot Noir (27%) and Pinot Meunier (13%), grown in very well-sited, south facing vineyards in the Test Valley. Bready and floral notes, very Champagne-like, but, as it says on the label, "English Effervescence"! Now-2020

W Exton Park, Bretagne, Reserve Brut, NV, 11.5%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code EXT1NV

Half bottle £16.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £193.23 Code EXT2NV

Magnum £63.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £361.95

Made from a blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% of Chardonnay, blended from several harvests but currently based on the 2013 vintage. "Apple, lemon, lovely blossom character and plenty of core concentration. Very dry and savoury, with a long, gradual fade. Excellent stuff - impressive concentration and very graceful balance. 17/20", Richard Hemming, MW, on jancisrobinson.com, 9th May 2016. Now-2019

YD Cottonworth, Sparkling Rosé, English Sparkling Wine, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code COT5NV

Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and a little Pinot Précoce (so called as an earlier ripening variant of Pinot Noir). Pale onion skin tone. Apples and *fraises des bois* character, with a creamy finish. Now-2019

W Exton Park, Bretagne, Blanc de Noirs, NV, 11.5%

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code EXT4NV

100% Pinot Noir - and no barrel ageing. Lightly sherberty scent; this barely shows its red grape character, being pure and refreshing, but also displaying plenty of volume. Now-2019

W Exton Park, Bretagne, Rose, NV

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code EXT5NV

From 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Pinot Meunier. Very pale and slightly coppery. Light red fruit - cranberry and crisp red plum. Perfectly clean and bright. Now-2019.

W Exton Park, Bretagne, Blanc de Blancs, 2011, 11.5%

Bottle £39.95 Case £455.43 Code EXT311

The first release of just 2500 bottles, from the oldest Chardonnay vines planted in 2003, and given three years on the lees. Intriguing nose - lime, a hint of exotic fruit and butter. Has a lovely key lime cheesecake quality, rounded, creamy and complex. A top English fizz. Now-2020

Champagne

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Tradition, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £26.50 Case £302.10 Code HAT1NV

Half bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code HAT2NV

Magnum £55.00 Case (6 x 150cl.) £313.50 Code HAT9NV

Our "house" Champagne, crafted by fifth generation champagne grower Franck Thomas from 70% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir, wins many friends. Splendidly rounded, creamy and mature. Now-2020

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Rosé, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code HAT5NV

Based on Pinot Meunier. Pale pink. Red fruit and creamy nougat notes. Gentle and elegant: very good value indeed. Now-2019

Serge Mathieu, Blanc de Noirs, Tradition, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code MAT1NV

100% Pinot Noir from the Bar-sur-Aube, the south of the region and a little warmer, so ideal for Pinot. Always quite deep in colour, well-aged, and offers great breadth of red fruit flavours, mouthfeel and length. Now-2020

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Brut, Millésime 2011, NV, 12%

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code HAT611

50% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 20% Pinot Meunier, open, brady, and refined. Extraordinary value. Now-2020

Serge Mathieu, Champagne, Cuvée Prestige, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 Code MAT4NV

Magnum £65.00 Case (6 x 150cl.) £370.50 Code MAT9NV

70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay, given a minimum of three years ageing. That Chardonnay element shows in a greater creaminess and freshness in the Prestige. Graceful. Now-2021

Serge Mathieu, Champagne, Rosé, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code MAT5NV

Salmon pink. Strawberries and cream; quite rich and yeasty in flavour but bone dry. Now-2019

W Perrot-Batteux, Champagne, Blanc de Blancs, Brut, Millésime 2007, 12%

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code PBA407

All Chardonnay, aged for seven years before release. Complex doughy and nutty flavours, yet counterbalanced by a flintiness. Very long. Now-2020

Pol Roger, Champagne, Champagne, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £40.95 Case £466.83 Code POL1NV

The classic, white foil cuvée, a blend of roughly equal thirds of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, given about four years ageing before release. Biscuity, generous fruit, dry, yet plenty of weight and a nutty finish. Now-2021

Taittinger, Prélude, Champagne Grands Crus, Brut, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £41.50 Case £473.10 Code TAI3NV

From halves of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, all from the best vineyards classified as Grand Crus, and given a minimum of five years ageing on the lees before release. That extra ageing really shows in the rounded volume and the honeyed hints on the nose and palate. So polished. Now-2022

Pol Roger, Champagne, Vintage Brut, 2006, 12.5%

Bottle £65.00 Case £741.00 Code POL306

The blend for this famously long-lived vintage wine with its retro black and gold label is traditionally 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay from Grand and Premier Cru vineyards. Classic brioche aromas, fine mousse lead to a richly textured palate. Now-2025

Sweet & Fortified

Sweet Wines

(In order of increasing price of liquid)

OP Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, France, 2017, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code BAJ717

In the medium dry, "Moelleux" style, a gloriously exotic aperitif, or a rich accompaniment to foie gras. Cocktail of passion fruit, pineapple, and tangerines. Deliciously clean and bright. Now-2021 *Arriving in October*

La Haute Borie, Monbazillac, France, 2013, 12.5%

Bottle £14.50 Case £142.50 Code HBO113

Half bottle £7.50 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £85.50 Code HBO513

60% Semillon, 30% Muscadelle and 10% Sauvignon Blanc, all from old vines, and 1/3 in barrel. Mid gold. Lovely fresh cocktail of barleysugar, lemon and lime meringue. The 2014 follows. Now-2020

Araldica, Palazzina Moscato Passito, Piemonte, Italy, 2013, 13.5%

Half bottle £7.50 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £85.50 Code ARA313

A fair price for a bottle from dried grapes and aged in wood: oranges, candied fruits and caramel with a lively lick of acidity. Now-2019

OP Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, Cuvée de la Passion, France, 2016, 12.5%

50cl. bottle £12.95 Case [12 x 50cl.] £147.63 Code BAJ806
100% Petit Manseng picked by Denis Capmartin in splendid late October conditions, well oaked. Golden tone. Intense apricot and tangerine flavours, with dried fruit and toffee hints. Plenty of balancing acidity. Now-2021 *Arriving in October*

Promesse de Rabaud-Promis, Sauternes, France, 2012, 12.5%

Half bottle £11.50 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £131.10 Code PRP112
The second wine - from the estate's younger vines - at this 1er Cru Classé property in Sauternes. 80% Sémillon and 20% Sauvignon. Lovely rich palate of pineapple and stone fruit but with excellent freshness. Now-2020

Mascaron, Sauternes, France, 2015, 13%

50cl. bottle £15.95 Case [12 x 50cl.] £181.83 Code MPG215
90% Sémillon, 6% Sauvignon Blanc, 4% Muscadelle skillfully sourced by Ginestet from a Cru Classé property. Fully sweet and rich pudding wine with a good level of botrytis: ripe stone fruit with gingerbread and honey. Now-2021

YD Corte Mainente, Luna Nova, Recioto di Soave, Italy, 2016, 14%

Half Bottle £13.95 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £159.03 Code MAI616
Recioto di Soave is made from selected bunches of early-picked (for the best condition and good levels of acidity) Garganega dried on racks in the autumn. Perfume of apricots and orange peel - and those stone fruit and candied orange flavours permeate this opulent sweet wine, cut by lime. In the Veneto this style is drunk with cake, but it's delicious with cheese or on its own. Now-2021

Carmes de Rieussec, Sauternes, France, 2011, 13.5%

Bottle £26.50 Case £302.10 Code CMR111
The second wine of Château Rieussec, named after the Carmes de Langon monks who owned the estate in the 18th century. 85% Sémillon, 10% Sauvignon Blanc and a little Muscadelle: moderate oak, splendid richness and general approachability. Scent of preserved lemons and barley sugar. Very sweet, very concentrated, all oranges and caramel, luscious, smooth and fat. Now-2022

Broustet, Barsac-Sauternes, France, 2013, 13.5%

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code BRO113
This Deuxième Grand Cru Classé estate is on the up: Seville oranges, dried apricots and barley sugar. *"Sweet, creamy tropical fruit aromas. A tiny bit of leafiness, but it works, and there is plenty of waxy Sémillon character too. Well made - gets all the botrytis complexity, and retains essential balance. 17/20"*, Richard Hemming, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 18th April 2014. Now-2023

OP Pierre-Bise, Les Rouannières, Coteaux du Layon, Beaulieu, France, 2014, 11.5%

50 cl. bottle £20.95 Case [12 x 50cl.] £238.83 Code CPB514
From a vineyard on thin soil over spilite at this famed estate. Mid gold. Rich, but not over-sweet, with tangy citrus cutting the mandarin and lychee flavours. Smoothly honeyed. Now-2022

Kikelet, Tokaji, Late Harvest, Hungary, 2011, 12.5%

50cl. bottle £23.50 Case [12 x 50cl.] £267.90 Code KIK111
Kesői Szüretelésű it says on the label - translated as late harvest. This is a beautifully balanced, fully sweet (70 grams per litre of residual sugar) Tokay from Harslevelu, Furmint, yellow Muscat and Zeta grapes, offering an enticing scent of oranges; and then a lovely mouthful of orange and apricot flavours, with hints of marmaladey botrytis; and a pleasingly fresh finish. Now-2025

OP Sylvain Gaudron, Vouvray, Le Grain d'Or, France, 2010, 11.5%

50cl. bottle £23.95 Case [12 x 50cl.] £273.03 Code GAU410
Very late picked, a selection of individual grapes affected by noble rot. This mid-gold coloured wine with 115g/l residual sugar is wonderfully rounded and silky textured, with honey and pure ripe fruit flavours. Now-2022

OP Pierre-Bise, Quarts de Chaume, France, 2006, 11%

50 cl. bottle £27.50 Case [12 x 50cl.] £313.50 Code CPB206

Quarts de Chaume is literally the best quarter of the village of Chaume in the Coteaux du Layon in the Loire - and one of the top sites for late harvest wines. Lustrous gold; superbly smooth and honeyed, delivering a lovely (and dangerously more-ish) gush of quince and stone fruit. Now-2022

OP Begali, Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, 2012, 13%

50 cl. bottle £27.95 Case [12 x 50cl cl.] £318.63 Code BEF612

Red Recioto della Valpolicella is made after careful late picking of ripe bunches (of Corvina and Rondinella grapes), which are then left to desiccate in the autumn, thereby concentrating body and sweetness - 122 grams of residual sugar per litre. Morello cherries, intensely bittersweet. Wonderful stuff, equally at home with strong hard cheese as with not-too-sweet chocolate puddings. Now-2022

Talosa, Vin Santo di Montepulciano, Italy, 1995, 14%

Half Bottle £23.50 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £267.90 Code TAK895

From a careful selection of the best Trebbiano, Malvasia and Grechetto grapes picked in early October and dried for about four months before long ageing in small barrels. Wonderfully complex toffee, dried dark fruit and nutty flavours. Now-2029 *Arriving in October*

SE Balassa, Tokaj, Mézes-Mály, Zeta Late Harvest, Hungary, 2013, 9%

Half bottle £28.95 Case [12 x 37.5 cl.] £330.03 Code BAM313

From a star producer, just 1040 bottles were made from the Zeta grape, picked very late for extreme ripeness. With that lowish alcohol and a such purity of flavour it tastes more like a grand eiswein than a conventional Tokay. Pale gold. Amazingly luscious attack (it has an extraordinary 223 grams of residual sugar per litre) but cut by a razor-kiss of acidity. Delectable gush of crystallised pineapple. Truly sensational sweet wine. Now-2030

Fortified Wines - Vin Doux Naturel from the south of France

YD Pigeade, Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, 2015, 15%

Half bottle £9.50 Case [12 x 37.5cl.] £108.30 Code PIG916

Gorgeously exotic palate of caramelised oranges, honey, and lychees. So light and aromatic for a fortified wine, all freshness, perfume and finesse. The 2017 follows. Now-2019

YD Domaine Fontanel, Maury, 2014, 16%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code FON614

From one plot of 60 year old vines of Grenache Noir. This red fortified wine is well-known for matching chocolate, but it's equally good with cheese. Very pure, cherryish Grenache flavours woven with notes of mocha, spice and cream. Now-2022

YD Domaine Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, 2007, 16%

Bottle £20.50 Case £233.70 Code FON907

One of the most distinctive and exciting wines in our entire stock. From late-picked, 60 year-old vines of Grenache Blanc, with Muscat à Petits Grains, the Ambré - literally amber - tone develops after at least five years of mildly oxidative ageing in barrel. Colour of polished copper: and pure flavours of dates, figs and buttery toffee. Now-2023

Fortified Wines - Sherry

Sanchez Romate Hermanos, Fino, 15%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code SRH1NV

A simple classic with a dry palate and pleasant acidity - the perfect aperitif. Now-2019

Fernando de Castilla, Classic Dry Manzanilla, 15%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code FER2NV

A richly complex palate: nuts, peppery hints. Finishes dry and whistle clean. Now-2019

Sanchez Romate Hermanos, Amontillado, 15%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code SRH2NV

Plenty of life with nutty almond flavours; mildly salty but zippy to balance the sweetness. Now-2019

Lustau, Dry Oloroso, Don Nuño, 20%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LUS2NV

Deeply coloured and from a fairly old solera. Dry palate of baked prune and damson. Fascinating and understandably popular. Now-2019

Lustau, East India, Solera Reserve, 20%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code LUS3NV

Wonderfully rich and creamy sweet sherry. Now-2019

Fernando de Castilla, Pedro Ximenez, 15%

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code FER5NV

Brown, mellow tone. Enticingly fresh scent of figs and toffee. So pure - essence of dried fruits - and refined; so not too treacly. Now-2019

Fortified Wines - Port and Madeira

Krohn, Port, Senador Tawny, Portugal, NV, 20%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code KRO7NV

Since 2013 Krohn has been part of the Fladgate partnership - with Taylor's, Croft and Fonseca. Mid weight, red-fruited and gently nutty. Now-2019

Krohn, Port, Rio Torto Reserva Ruby, Portugal, NV, 20%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code KRO2NV

Two years in large old barrels and bottled unfiltered (so there may be a small deposit), it's correctly rich and plummy. Pure, vigorous red fruit with an attractive smoky nuance. Medium-bodied and lightly spicy. Now-2020

Krohn, Port, LBV, Portugal, 2012, 20%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code KRO112

Traditionally made with rich plum and fruitcake character. Now-2022

Krohn, Quinta do Retiro Novo, Vintage Port, Portugal, 2005, 20%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code KRO605

From the hot summer of 2005, a single Quinta port from the Quinta do Retiro Novo estate in Sarzedinho, in the Rio Torto valley.

Roasted, figgy aroma. Compôte of black fruit with milk chocolate accents. Unfurls depths of cooked plums, black cherries and Christmas cake spice. Now-2021

Ramos Pinto, Quinta de Ervamoira, RP10, 10 Year Old Tawny, Portugal, 20%

50cl. bottle £17.50 Case [12 x 50cl.] £199.50 Code RAP2NV

Selected from one of the four farms that make up the Ramos Pinto estate, aged for ten years in large casks, this is a lovely and mellow. Strawberry and hazelnut scents with smooth toffee, caramel and praline flavours.

Balanced, complete and persistent. Now-2022

Krohn, Vintage Port, Portugal, 2011, 20%

Bottle £30.00 Case £342.00 Code KRO411

One to lay down, from a great port vintage. Dense, pruney and brooding. Now-2028

Krohn, Vintage Port, Portugal, 2003, 20.5%

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code KRO403

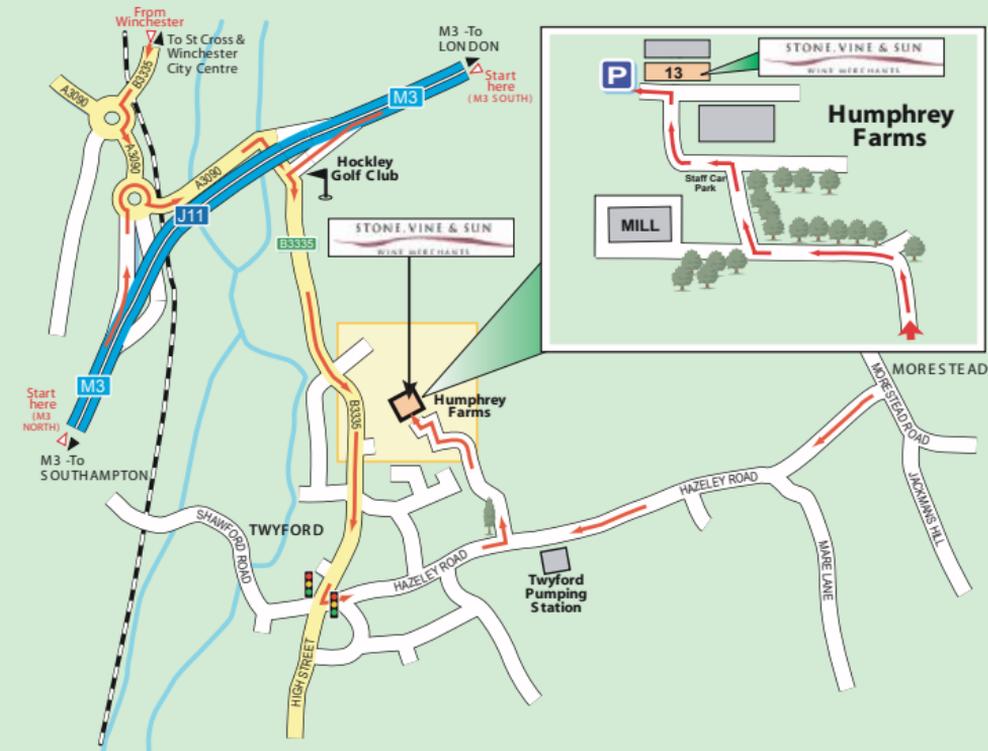
Drinking beautifully, all cooked black cherries and plums, Christmas spice and vanilla. Now-2022 Limited stock

D'Oliveira 10 year Sweet, Madeira, 19%

Bottle £36.50 Code DOL10YS

50cl bottle £26.50 Code DOL10YS50

From Tinta Negra, a dark, luscious, toffee-flavoured nectar - finishes with a flourish. Bring on some fruit-cake. Now-2020



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