

STONE, VINE & SUN

WINE MERCHANTS

Wine List

2020/2021



Welcome to our 2020-21 list. We have not been able to travel as much as would have liked this year, for obvious reasons, but we have continued to seek out new estates and wines, particularly in:

- Languedoc: Mas Seren (p.9)
- Bordeaux: numerous additions from the terrific 2015 and 2016 vintages (pp. 15 – 18)
- Burgundy: Huber-Verdereau (pp.22 - 25)
- Tuscany: I Fabbri and Il Cinciole (pp.32)
- Austria: Sax (p.28 - 29)
- South Africa: Piekenierskloof, Paserene and Koelfontein, (pp. 37 – 41)

Note that wines which have never featured before in our annual list are marked as New.

Finally, as last year we sound a note of caution. Whilst we have kept prices very much in line with last year's list, anything could happen to the pound over the next four months, so **all prices may be subject to change during the lifetime of this list.**

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THE STONE, VINE & SUN PRODUCER GUIDE

These symbols represent our way of giving you some pointers as to the character, background 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 turn out powerful 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

NEW denotes wines never featured by us in the annual list

MIXED CASES

We offer many different mixed cases, throughout the year, usually with a discount of at least 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 10%. Please note that vintages may move on, and forgive us if substitutions are necessary or if prices have to change slightly during the year.

MC130 Breaking Stone **£91.25**

Les Chapelières, IGP Tolosan, France, 2019	(p.14)
Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, Spain, 2019	(p.35)
Six Hats, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa, 2019	(p.37)
Les Pradelles, France, 2019	(p.8)
Bajel Pirata, Monastrell, Alicante, Spain, 2018/19	(p.36)
Valle Frio, Carmenère, Maule, Chile, 2019	(p.43)

MC220 Tending the Vine **£113.50**

Las Colinas del Ebro, Garnacha Blanca, Terra Alta, Spain, 2019	(p.35)
Corte Mainente, Cengelle, Soave, Italy, 2019	(p.30)
Great Expectations Chardonnay, Robertson, South Africa, 2019	(p.38)
d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Galets, France, 2018/19	(p.11)
Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, Italy, 2018/19	(p.31)
Vicien Malbec, Argentina, 2017	(p.44)

MC320 Reaching for the Sun **£137.50**

Fichet, Mâcon-Burgundy, Les 3 Terroirs, France, 2018	(p.20)
Tenuta Casali, Cavaliere Bianco, Colli Romagna Centrale, Italy, 2019	(p.30)
Aba de Trasumia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain, 2019	(p.35)
Grand Arc, Reserve Grand Arc, France, 2018	(p.9)
Fiorano, Sangiovese, IGT Marche, Italy, 2018	(p.33)
Apaltagua, Envero Carmenère, Chile, 2018	(p.43)

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, 2019, 12.5%** **SC**

Bottle £8.25 Case with 10% off £89.10 **Code PEP119**

5 litre bag in box £43.50 (equivalent to £6.53 a bottle) **Code BIB619**

The Petit Pont wines are made by the Vic family near Beziers. The white is 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-2021*

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Chardonnay, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 13%** **Code CSP119**

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90

Unoaked, this Chardonnay shows peach, apricot and citrus fruit flavours. Ripe and textured but also fresh and crisp on the finish, it would not be out of place in a flight of Mâcons. *Now-2021*

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Vermentino, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 13%** **Code CSP219**

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60

Open, stone fruited attack gives way to a more gentle, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry - a fine all-rounder. *"It's no surprise that this smartly packaged wine is one of Stone, Vine & Sun's best-sellers. It's whistle-clean and beautifully balanced on the high wire between fruit and acid but, just as importantly, its marine-influenced dried fruit mix of aromas strongly recall Vermentino in its Sardinian homeland in the most agreeable way. This would work beautifully as a house white, drinking well with and without food. GV. 16/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 8th May 2020. *Now-2021*

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 12.5%** **Code CSP319**

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60

As usual this is more on the light, fresh, floral side of Viognier than more obviously weighty or over-ripe examples. Limeflower perfume. True fresh apricot flavour, just a little appealing fat and a good dry finish. As charming as ever, a lovely aperitif when the weather warms up. *Now-2021*

OP **La Grave, Minervois Blanc, Expression, 2019, 13%** **Code GRV619**

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26

A textured and quite concentrated white from 60% Maccabeu, 30% Vermentino and 10% Marsanne, with apple and melon flavours and hints of nuts and white pepper. Deserves to be better known. *Now-2021*

W **Domaine des Creyssels, Languedoc, Picpoul de Pinet, France, 2019, 13.5%** **Code CRE119**

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20

This is the 15th vintage in a row we have shipped of Julie Benau's superior Picpoul from vineyards on clay and gravel soils, which lend greater weight. A touch more texture than usual, fresh and limey, with the merest saline note on the long finish. As appealing as an aperitif as with all types of seafood. *Now-2021*

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Languedoc Blanc, Calcaires d'Ensérune, 2019, 12.5%** **Code CSP419**

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20

From halves of Roussanne and Vermentino (Rolle), grown on limestone soils, and just a little aged in old barrels. That neutral creaminess of the Marsanne is apparent alongside an interesting chalkiness. Understated and more about texture than fruit. *Now-2021*

YD **G** **★ Grand Arc, Veillée d'Equinox, Corbières Blanc, 2019, 14%** **Code DGA619**

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20

An unoaked blend of 40% Grenache Blanc, 25% each of Roussanne and Vermentino, plus 10% Macabeu. Stone fruited aromas follow onto the palate, rich and well-rounded with notes of white pepper and an attractive honeyed accent. The finish offers a refreshing salinity. Such an interesting wine at a fair price. *Now-2021*

G **Météore, Faugères Blanc, Les Léonides 2019, 14%****Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40****Code MET719**

The unoaked Météore white has now reverted to its former name of Les Léonides. A blend of Vermentino (Rolle), Roussanne and Viognier, it's dramatically open, with scent of stone fruit. Then there's a satiny texture to enjoy; and a mineral edge. Plenty of character and complexity, but still lively and fresh. *Now-2022*

G **Begude, Limoux, Chardonnay, L'Etoile, 2019, 13.5%****Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06****Code BEG219**

This is a star barrel-fermented Chardonnay, from very low yields - less than half those in Burgundy. It develops beautifully, with ripe citrus and buttery notes coming to the fore. Lots of volume and grip. *Now-2024*

YD **W** **Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Blanc, 2018, 13.5%****Bottle £17.25 Case with 10% off £186.30****Code FON718**

Half comes from an ancient (1908) replanted vineyard near Tautavel, largely holding Grenache Blanc and Gris plus a little Carignan Blanc, Muscat and Malvoisie; and half from younger Roussanne. With subtly integrated oak, this is a powerful white, with a wonderful gamut of flavours. Scents of pine and herbs; and then a generous mouthful of honeyed stone fruit - peach plus kernel - with hints of almond and liquorice. Creamy, fat and altogether satisfying. *Now-2022*

Rosé

OP **Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 12.5%****SC****Bottle £8.25 Case with 10% off £89.10****Code PEP519**

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-2021*

OP **La Grave, Minervois Rosé, Expression, 2019, 13%****Bottle £10.75 Case with 10% off £116.10****Code GRV419**

From approximate halves of Syrah and Grenache, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity. Pale pink. An appealing and hugely generous gush of strawberries and raspberries. This is a perfect all rounder, fruity enough to enjoy on its own but also dry enough for food. *Now-2021*

NEW **Ferry Lacombe, Mystère, Rosé, IGP Méditerranée, 2019, 12.5%****SC****Bottle £10.75 Case with 10% off £116.10****Code FLA519**

A true Provence rosé bottled under screwcap at a reasonable price, coming from the vineyards of Château Ferry Lacombe, supplemented by grapes sourced from neighbours. 80% Grenache and 20% Caladoc (a 20th century cross of Grenache and Malbec), this is very pale, fragrant, silky, light and fresh, and offers pretty red fruit. *Now-2021*

★ **Les Quatre Tours, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, Signature, 2019, 13%****Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86****Code QUA519****Magnum £27.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £148.503****Code QUA919**

A long-term favourite here, from a small and friendly co-operative just north of Aix; based on Syrah and Grenache with Cinsault. Very pale pink, with generous fruit and restrained elegance: flavours of white peach, berries and cream. Satisfying weight and a fine dry finish. *Now-2021*

W **Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anaïs, 2019, 13.5%****Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86****Code RIB519**

Bandol produces the finest rosés in the world, based on the Mourvèdre grape which thrives on the Mediterranean sunshine and clay soils. Overt aroma of fresh peaches (and sea air?) leap out of the glass; and then there's an excitingly intense gamut of fruit flavours, from pink grapefruit and lemon peel to raspberries and red cherries. Really well-textured, with a characteristic long, mineral and saline finish which tempts one to sip again.

Now-2022

Red - IGP wines

Les Pradelles, IGP d'Hérault, 2019, 12% SC

Bottle £7.75 Case with 10% off £83.70 Code PRD119

Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for parties. *Now-2021*

OP Petit Pont, Rouge, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 12.5% SC

Bottle £8.25 Case with 10% off £89.10 Code PEP619

5 litre bag in box £43.50 (equivalent to £6.53 a bottle) Code BIB219

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-2021*

OP Comtesse de Marion, Merlot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code VIC318

Attractive typicity: aromas of sweet plum with a leafy touch, followed by a supple and lightly creamy, berried palate with barely discernible tannins. Very popular. The 2019 follows. *Now-2021*

La Croisade, Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 13% SC

Bottle £9.75 Case with 10% off £105.30 Code AGW719

With fruit in part sourced from cool Limoux, crisp and classy, blended with riper grapes from the plains, this is a friendly, supple Pinot showing fresh cherries with a touch of vanilla. *Now-2021*

OP Les Hauts de Median, Petit Verdot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2019, 13.5% SC

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code VIC219

Petit Verdot - a Bordeaux grape - ripens late even in the Languedoc: the grapes for this wine are always the last to be harvested from the vineyards near Beziers. Deeply hued, impressive example crafted by Aurélie Trébuchon: classy layers of red and black fruits, subtle tannins, and vivacious acid. *Now-2022*

YD W Fontanel, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2018, 14%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code FON418

From young vines of Syrah and Grenache (plus a little Mourvèdre and Carignan) grown in hot, dry and windy mountain vineyards near Tautavel (so it could actually be labelled as Côtes du Roussillon Villages). gorgeously youthful and vital wine, lacking any bite of tannin, showing vibrant strawberry fruit, seasoned with white pepper. *Now-2022*

G Begude, Le Cerisier Pinot Noir, IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude, France, 2019, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code BEG619

Now renamed the cherry tree, this Pinot from the hills of Limoux is a long term favourite here, fresh and pure (just 10% goes into old barrels). A clean palate with strawberry, raspberry and cherry flavours. Juicy and ripe with more substance than previously. *Now-2022*

G W Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code MAB118

The recipe for this successful marriage of Bordeaux and the Rhône has changed over recent years, with some Mourvèdre (from young vines) included with their old vine Merlot, Syrah and Grenache. A bright and juicy, red-fruited heart. So aromatic and long for a wine at this price – has the aura of a more expensive wine. *Now-2023*

YD Mas d'Agamas, Carignan Bleu, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2018, 14%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code AGA118

Carignan Bleu - a variant of Carignan - is named because of the bluish tint the grapes take on when fully ripe. Vincent's grandfather made a massal selection (i.e. taking cuttings) of their vines to replant to keep this clone alive in their vineyards. It makes for a gorgeous purple colour; a bright scent of berries and plums spiked with vanilla; and a surprisingly (for this occasionally rustic grape) lush, well-textured, fleshy mouthful of black plums and spice. *Now-2023*

NEW YD Mas d'Agamas, Grenache, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2019, 15%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code AGA219

Flagrant purple. Dramatically open and ripe, showing sweet strawberries but also the crunch of redcurrants. Just a little tannin, but gorgeously juicy. *Now-2023*

NEW G W Mas Seren, Lilith, IGP Cevennes, 2019, 12.5%

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 Code MSS319

Unoaked, minimal intervention wine from high altitude, organically farmed vineyards. Halves of Cinsault grown on dolomite, and Grenache from calcareous limestone soils. Really extraordinary fragrance: fraises des bois and floral notes. So silky and fine. *Now-2024*

NEW G W Mas Seren, Mintake, IGP Cevennes, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £22.50 Case with 10% off £243.00 Code MSS418

Named after the dark star from the Orion constellation, 75% Syrah and 25% Grenache, again unoaked. Ripe, black fruits with spice and liquorice, concentrated, with velvety tannins and immense presence. Will age well. *Now-2026*

Red - Appellation wines

OP La Grave, Minervois Rouge, Tristan et Julien, 2018, 13%

Bottle £10.75 Case with 10% off £116.10 Code GRV118

A bright, pleasing and uncomplicated red. From halves of Grenache and Syrah, this shows the strawberry sweetness of the former combined with the black fruit of the latter. So ripe and easy drinking, perfect to accompany anything from casseroles to box set TV watching on the sofa. *Now-2022*

YD G ★ Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, Reserve Grand Arc, 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06 Code DGA218

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. Dark and intense, this delivers a big mouthful of red fruit backed by masses of ripe tannins. *Now-2024*

YD La Combe Saint-Paul, La Clape, Grés Rouges, 2018, 14%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code CSP618

This enticing red is named after the vineyard soils derived from grés rouge (red sandstone). 60% Syrah with 20% each of Mourvèdre and Grenache, basically unoaked (10% in old barrels). Youthful, deliciously ripe blackberry and mulberry core with negligible tannins. A well-priced, smartly presented bottle from this prestigious appellation for enjoying immediately. *Now-2022*

YD G Grand Arc, Corbières, Cuvée de Quarante, 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code DGA318

Based on 45% Carignan with 35% Grenache and 20% Syrah, all in barrel, about 20% new: a blend at the Schenk cellar first made by Bruno when he was forty years old - hence the name. Dark fruited nose with accents of chocolate, dense texture and masses of red fruit on a smooth and silky frame. Bold. *Now-2024*

G Météore, Faugères Rouge, Les Léonides, 2017, 13%

Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code MET117

Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault, unoaked. This always exhibits a lovely, lifted perfume derived from the schist soils: scents of raspberries and violets. Lively and juicy, with blackberry and blackcurrant flavours and a long finish. There's definitely more concentration in this wine than previous vintages, without compromising its local character. *Now-2023*

YD W Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Rouge, 2017, 14%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code FON117

From Syrah, Grenache and Carignan grown on schist near Maury, unoaked, and a classic Roussillon red: youthful, vivid, brambly perfumes and flavours with a peck of spice. Vigorous but supple. *Now-2023*

YD ★ Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis, 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code AGA318

Nostre Mescladis translates as "our blend", reflecting the approximate proportions of vines across the family vineyards: about 40% Grenache, and 20% of each of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan, all given a long maceration to develop great depth of flavour but vinified and bottled unoaked. Stunning: cassis and mulberry heart, gorgeous fruit with very gentle tannins. Young but already so enjoyable. *Now-2023*

YD W Mas d'Amile, Languedoc-Montpeyroux, 2016, 13%

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 Code MDA316

Old vines, 60% Grenache with Carignan, Syrah and Mourvèdre, raised in a mix of old oak. Cherry and brambly notes, super ripe fruit with a hint of liquorice. Such a silky texture with a refreshing acidity. Supple and very long; fine wine. *Now-2022*

YD W Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Cistes, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £18.25 Case with 10% off £197.10 Code FON216

Named after the Cistus, the spring-flowering rock roses growing wild in the scrub. 60% Syrah with 40% Grenache, the former oaked and the latter in tank. Smart, classy oak scents. Gorgeous black fruit, rich, fat and spicy. Lots of texture but velvet smooth, an iron hand in a velvet glove. *Now-2023*

G Météore, Faugères Rouge, Les Perséides, 2016, 14%

Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66 Code MET416

One of the estate's top wines, from old vine Syrah and Mourvèdre with some Grenache, aged 18 months in barriques. Overt oak touches (but not overdone) on the concentrated black fruit heart. Lovely pure blackcurrant note. Fine wine for roast or grilled beef; and should keep beautifully too. *Now-2023*

NEW YD G Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, La Thébaïde, 2018, 14%

Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66 Code DGA718

A new wine for us, from approximate quarters of Cinsault, Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre, well-oaked. Very deep hue. Rich, complex fruit palate of blackcurrant, blackberry and blueberry, with notes of woodsmoke and liquorice. The Cinsault brings grace and freshness. Decant to serve now. Super wine and a keeper. *Now-2026*

SE G W ★ Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac, 2017, 14%

Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 Code MAB217

Consistently the most elegant and ageworthy wine in our Languedoc portfolio; distinguished by the high proportion of Mourvèdre (about half, plus Syrah and Grenache). Seductive, warm Mediterranean perfume of garrigue, autumnal fruit and vanilla oak. Super-smooth palate of cassis and blackberry with a liquorice tinge. Already so sophisticated and will last for years. *Now-2026*

YD La Combe Saint Paul, L'Insoupçonné, Languedoc-La Clape, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 Code CSP716

85% Syrah with Mourvèdre, given 10 months ageing in a mix of new and 2nd fill barrels – and a very limited production wine. Very youthful: blackcurranty flavours tinged with dark chocolate and savoury notes. With great suavity and length, this brilliantly combines power and finesse. *Now-2025*

YD W Fontanel, Prieuré, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £21.95 Case with 10% off £237.06 Code FON316

Based on one parcel on a high, windswept, north facing argilo-calcaire slope, this blend of 85% Syrah with Grenache and Mourvèdre is given 18 months in used barrels from Château Haut-Brion. Dramatic wine, revealing layers of velvety, bittersweet black fruit with spice and mocha. We know this ages like a top northern Rhône. *Now-2028*

W Ribotte, Bandol, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £23.50 Case with 10% off £253.80 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 Limited stock*

RHÔNE

White

G ★ **Espiers, Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Diablotines, 2019, 14%**
Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 Code ESP619
40% of both Clairette and Roussanne and 10% of both Bourbolenc and Viognier, organic and low sulphites. Excellent example: satiny texture; subtle hints of pineapple, straw and citrus; displaying both weight and zip.
Now-2022

NEW **G** **Espiers, Sablet Blanc, Clairette, 9mg., 2019, 14%**
Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60 Code ESP719
100% Clairette – and an extremely low 9mg. of sulphites. Fascinating perfume of chamomile and lemon zest. Dry, incisive and savoury: a natural wine without a squeak of a fault; rather wonderful. *Now-2022*

G **Amadiou, Cairanne Blanc, Haut de Beauregard, 2018, 14%**
Bottle £21.50 Case with 10% off £232.20 Code AMB618
Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Viognier (biodynamic, certified), barrel fermented and aged in a mix of vessels. Ripe yellow peaches and apricot, plus notes of honey, almond and vanilla. Very concentrated and impressive. *Now-2023*

G **SE** **Monier-Perreol, St Joseph Blanc, 2019, 12.5%**
Bottle £29.95 Case with 10% off £323.46 Code MOP819
100% Marsanne from 35 year old vines, aged in two to four year old barrels. Apricot and peach on the nose; and a good weight of stone fruit with waxiness/lanolin. A perfect balance of fruit and acidity. Very pure with a long finish, so typical from this domaine. *Now-2024*

Southern Rhône - Red

★ **Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Galets, 2018, 14%**
Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 Code ESZ118
Juicy, unfiltered blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah: raspberryish mouthful, mildly spicy and very moreish. A long term favourite at SVS. The 2019 follows shortly. *Now-2021*

G **Vignerons d'Estézargues, Organic Côtes du Rhône, 2019, 15%**
Bottle £10.95 Case £118.26 Code ESZ219
From halves of Grenache and Syrah, and altogether more black-fruited and serious than the above, with brambly juiciness and a little more stuffing.
Now-2023

La Pigeade, Ventoux, Les Sables, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £11.25 Case with 10% off £121.50 Code PIG617
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. So pretty; cherry-ripe, lightly spiced with nutmeg; lovely flesh and perfume. *Now-2022* Arriving in October

G **W** **Roussel, Joncier, L'O, Vin de France, 2018, 13.5%**
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code JON218
The latest vintage of Joncier's L'O includes some bought in fruit, also organically grown, from the Costières de Nîmes, hence it being labelled Vin de France. Based on Grenache from 45 year old vines with about 1/3 Syrah. Raspberries on the nose lead to clean pure red fruit and soft tannins. Vibrant.
Now-2022

G **Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, 2018, 14%**
Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code ESP118
Philippe Cartoux's Côtes du Rhône, 60% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 20% Syrah, all from large cement tanks. Red fruits with appealing freshness. Vivid, spicy and hearty and not in the least over-ripe: actually quite elegant.
Now-2023

G ★ Amadieu, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2019, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code AMB119

70% Grenache and 30% Syrah, bio-dynamically farmed (and certified), all in tank, this is youthful, explosively vital, dense and fleshy. Exciting stuff.

Now-2023

G Domaine des Espiers, Sablet, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 9mg., 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00 Code ESP418

75% Grenache and 25% Syrah; labelled 9mg as the wine has just 9 milligrams of free sulphur per litre – negligible. Touch of spice on the nose; red fruits with plenty of heart, supple tannins; and a pure and long finish.

Now-2025

G W Joncier, Lirac, Le Classique, 2015, 14%

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00 Code JON115

Mostly Syrah with Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan; organic and bio-dynamic (certified). Big mouthful of blackberry, fleshy with a hint of chocolate. Good mass of very fine and ripe tannins. On form in this beautiful vintage. Now-2023

G Amadieu, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, 2017, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 Code AMB317

Magnum [2016 vintage] £37.50

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £202.50 Code AMB916

40% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah and Carignan, all bio-dynamically farmed and certified; about 15% goes into old barrels. Raspberry and blackberry, attractive texture with fine tannins, a beautiful mouthfeel and persistence. Now-2024

OP Domaine Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Cuvée Classique, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off £199.80 Code COW115

The principal wine at this estate, named after the curlew which adorns its labels. From about 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, it delivers chunky red and black fruit, spiced with pepper. *“Lovely iodine and leather character here – proper maturity and reach, with a lovely bitter juniper note to finish. Fruit is still ripe and thick. Lovely state of maturity. 17/20”*, Richard Hemming, jancisrobinson.com, 20th December 2018.

Now-2025

G W Joncier, Lirac, Les Muses, 2015, 14%

Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26 Code JON315

About 80% Mourvedre and some Syrah, so akin in blend to a red Bandol. Opaque. Black fruited with black olive, powerful and savoury, with backing tannins. Perfect match for venison. Now-2024

G Espiers, Gigondas, Les Grames, 2017, 14.5%

Bottle £22.95 Case with 10% off £247.86 Code ESP317

Named after the vineyard, 3/4 Grenache and 1/4 Syrah, given eight months in large 600 litre demi-muids. Powerful mouthful of red fruit, almost sweet but with splendid mass and compact tannins. Impressive. Now-2026

OP Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Vieilles Vignes, 2015, 14%

Bottle £23.95 Case with 10% off 258.66 Code COW315

Double magnum £99.50 Code COW515

Very limited stock

The Vieilles Vignes bottling is a very special Vacqueyras, from 60-year-old Grenache and Syrah, based on one plot planted mainly by Guy's grandparents on the plateau amidst the garrigue. Dark robe. Intense black fruit, sweet blackberry and cassis with a touch of liquorice. Dense; and a great keeper.

Now-2026

Jérôme Gradassi, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £26.95 Case with 10% off £291.06 Code GRD115

75% old vine Grenache with a good slug of Mourvèdre and a little Syrah grown in the northern sector of the appellation: intense berry fruit coulis; very smooth and cultured - in the Clos des Papes idiom - but with plenty of concentration too. *“Meaty nose with really jewelrichness. Very savoury and well balanced. Good lift and rosy sweetness. Long and very satisfying already. GV (Good Value). 16.5/20”* Jancis Robinson. Now-2025

G Espiers, Gigondas, Les Blâches, 2018, 15%

Bottle £31.50 Case with 10% off £340.20

Code ESP218

Extravagantly flavoured, well-oaked example of tiny volume. 30% well-oaked Syrah brings mocha touches and glossy fruit - blackberry and cassis - to the otherwise lush raspberry core of Grenache. Really spectacular in the 2018 vintage; and ripe tannins ensure a long life. *Now-2027*

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

Bottle £57.50 Case with 10% off £621.00

Code CDP111

Wonderfully suave example - red-fruited and now becoming more savoury - always one of the top wines of the appellation, from the master Paul Avril. *Now-2025*

Northern Rhône - Red

Pichat, Syrah, Côtes de Verenay, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes, 2017, 13%

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86

Code PID117

Lightly oaked Syrah, from young vines within the Cote Rotie appellation (so it could legally be sold as Cote Rotie) is an oh-so-drinkable example of lowish alcohol Syrah. With pretty black fruit tinged with a mocha accent from barrels. Poised and keeps well. *Now-2024*

G Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, 2018, 13%

Bottle £21.50 Case with 10% off 232.20

Code CHA118

Yann's unoaked Crozes, 100% Syrah from organically farmed grapes. Intense blackcurrant on the nose, concentrated with very ripe black fruit and rounded tannins. This always drinks well young but keeps too, fine and silky with moderate alcohol. *Now-2023*

G SE Monier-Perréol, St Joseph Rouge, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £26.50 Case with 10% off £286.20

Code MOP518

100% Syrah from 30 year old vines near the cellar, into 3-5 year old barrels. Dark black crimson; fragrant, violets on the nose, black fruit, with great purity. Fine acidity, crunchy tannins and very long. "Wonderful, succulent, pretty and detailed. Acid in abundance, with savoury black fruit and tight tannins. Has the presence and fruit intensity to last well. 17/20", Richard Hemming MW, jancisrobinson.com, 20th Nov 2019. *Now-2027*

G Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, Le Rouvre, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £26.95 Case with 10% off £291.06

Code CHA216

From Yann's best parcels on very stony land to the south, this is one of the top wines of the appellation: succulent blackberry and cassis with a sprinkling of vanilla and dark chocolate, supple and silky tannins. *Now-2025*

G SE Monier-Perréol, St Joseph, Terres Blanche, 2018, 14%

Bottle £32.95 Case with 10% off £355.86

Code MOP118

From low-yielding vines on pale limestone/clay parcels of very steeply pitched vineyards. Vanilla and fragrant black fruit on nose; savoury with ripe, juicy black fruit and mouth-coating tannins. Worth laying down for a few years. Approachable, but *best 2021-2028*

Pichat, Côte Rôtie, Champon's, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £38.50 Case with 10% off £415.80

Code PID315

Champon's lies in the northern, schistous sector of the appellation. "Dense cassis and blackberries suggest hints of surmaturité, alongside pink peppercorn and dried herb elements. The tannins are very ripe and the acidity fresh and lively, giving a long, balanced finish. 91/100", **Decanter**, February 2018. Silky cherry and raspberry flavours, with very supple tannins. Appealing savouriness, and satisfying mass. *Now-2027*

Yann Chave, Hermitage, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £58.50 Case with 10% off £631.80

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. *Now-2027 Very limited stock*

SOUTH-WEST FRANCE

White

Les Chapelières, IGP Comté Tolosan, 2019, 11.5% **SC**

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86 **Code AGW319**

A best-seller, an easy drinking blend of 70% fruity Colombard and 30% bright Ugni Blanc, with lowish alcohol and refreshing bite. Clean and lemony, ripe and grassy, with a juicy freshness. *Now-2021*

NEW La Salette, Gros Manseng, Côtes de Gascogne, 2018, 12% **SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 **Code SAL318**

Gros Manseng is one of the workhorse white grapes of the south-west of France, but handled correctly it has personality. There's a nice rounded weight to this, a pretty pear-like ripeness and refreshing finish. An easy aperitif or for fish and chicken dishes. *Now-2021*

Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, 2019, 14% **Code BAJ619**

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26

A little known - and hard to pronounce - but delicious Gros Manseng from the same area as Madiran, north of Pau. Pale gold. This delivers both weight (especially in the hot summer of 2019) and bracing freshness. Bright and tangy palate of ripe apricot and crisp pineapple. Open and exuberant, delightfully fruity yet correctly crisp on the finish, this makes a lovely aperitif or an accompaniment to chicken.

Now-2021

Rosé & Red

★ La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne, Rosé, 2019, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 **Code SAL519**

90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc: salmon pink. Light and easy-drinking, with a charming redcurrant character and a hint of peach. So well-made, such pretty fruit - and very good value. *Now-2021*

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne Rouge, 2019, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 **Code SAL619**

This is a light, deliriously purple-hued wine which one could easily serve lightly chilled with lunch or with spicy food: the French would call it frais, fresh. There's a sense of fresh strawberries and raspberries, a gentle fragrance, plenty of flesh and minimal tannins. Very easy-drinking, a blend of Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. *Now-2022*

★ Barréjat, Madiran, Tradition, 2017, 13%

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 **Code BAJ117**

5l. bag in box [2018 vintage] £55.95 **Code BIBBAR18**

Magnums £21.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £116.10 **Code BAJ917**

Jeroboam [2017/2018 vintage] 5 litres £87.50 **Code BAJ517/8**

Deeply hued and concentrated blend of local grape Tannat with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc; a great value, old fashioned, country wine in its honest combination of vibrant black fruit, bright acid and light tannin. Dry, savoury, terrific with any meat dish, very more-ish and deservedly a best seller.

Now-2023

Barréjat, Madiran, Vieux Céps, 2017, 14%

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code BAJ317**

Magnums £31.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £172.53 **Code BAJ417**

Old vines indeed, over 80 years and some pre-phylloxera, so perhaps over 150 years old: 80% Tannat plus the Cabernets, well-oaked. Inky purple. Flamboyant flavours of cherry, plum and blueberry, all tinged with mocha. Dense, full-bodied; and with plenty of tannin to keep it going - enjoy now or keep for years. *Now-2025*

BORDEAUX

White

NEW Du Closet, Bordeaux Blanc, 2019, 13%

Bottle £9.75 Case with 10% off £105.30

Code CLS119

100% Sauvignon ; a light, fresh, pear and citrus accented example.

A refreshing aperitif. *Now-2021*

SE Les Combes, Bordeaux Blanc, Sauvignon-Sémillon, 2019, 12.5%

Bottle £10.75 Case with 10% off £116.10

Code GRC619

The addition of about 20% Sémillon adds pleasing fat and moderates the grassy Sauvignon character. Herbaceous aroma. Limey freshness, but also well-rounded and with a custard creaminess. *Now-2021*

OP Beaugard Ducasse, Graves, Albertine Peyri, 2018, 13%

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86

Code BDU118

M.Perromat at Beaugard Ducasse only bottles 1000 cases of this top white, named after the former owner of the vineyard, from about 60% Semillon and 40% Sauvignon, all in new oak. Awfully good already, with generous stone fruit, and hints of orange peel and marzipan. Complex and impressively long. This is a wine which ages very well too. *Now-2025*

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

Bottle £25.00 Case with 10% off £270.00

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 well-integrated oak, exotic fruit and cream. Long. *Now-2022*

Red - Right Bank

NEW Du Rival, Bordeaux, 2018, 14%

Bottle £8.50 Case with 10% off £91.80

Code RIV118

The Lafon family farm vines at Coubeyrac in Entre-Deux-Mers. This stood out in a blind tasting of reasonably priced 2018s: for a clean, red-fruited scent; generous fruit accented with cinnamon; a pleasing softness; decent aromatics; and just a little support. Excellent value. *Now-2022*

Piconat, Bordeaux, 2015, 13%

Bottle £10.25 Case with 10% off £110.70

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.

The 2016 follows. *Now-2021*

La Plage, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2017, 14%

Bottle £10.25 Case with 10% off £110.70

Code PLA117

Charmingly labelled blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon - which we have shipped many times before. 2017 isn't a great vintage in Bordeaux but this passed our blind tasting with flying colours, showing toothsome black plum and red berried fruit. A long-term favourite at SVS.

Now-2023

De Marsan, Cadillac, Côtes de Bordeaux, Cuvée Moulin Pasquier, 2016, 13%

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20

Code MAR116

From about 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, this is very open - delivering a flagrant scent of vanilla, cinnamon and heated strawberries; totally consistent with a generous, bright and lightly spicy mouthful of red fruit. *Now -2022*

SE ★ **Les Gravières de la Brandille, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £11.50 Case with 10% off £124.20

Code GRC115

Magnum £24.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £132.30

Code GRC215

Limited stock

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. "...a sort of baby Pomerol with a medicinal hint and great richness. GV 16/20", Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 5th November 2018. *Now-2022*

Beausejour, Fronsac, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00

Code BEA116

Magnum £25.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £140.13

Code BEA915

85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc, handled by top consultant Stéphane Derenoncourt; delivering ripeness but also lively, red-fruited freshness. Well-textured and complete. *Now-2023*

SE **Les Combes, Lussac-Saint-Emilion, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code GRC416

From one 4.8 hectare plot with thin soils over limestone, among the highest in the appellation. 100% Merlot. Vibrant red and black fruit - red cherry and bramble flavours - juicy and bright, backed by smooth fruit tannins. Ready, but perfectly poised so will keep for years. Unoaked but plenty of true Bordeaux character. *Now-2024*

G **La Justice, Fronsac, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46

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*

SE **Les Gravières de la Brandille, Cuvée Prestige, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40

Code GRC316

Magnum £33.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £180.90

Code GRC916

From 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, a selection of older vines on prime gravel and clay soils, given 12 months in barrel, about 25% new. A burst of intense red fruit - raspberry coulis. Silky, and so fine, with the merest suggestion of light tannins. Very persistent and aromatic. Often chosen both by our customers ahead of more prestigious names, and by French critics as one of the very best Bordeaux Supérieurs. Decant and tell your friends it's the second wine of a classed growth! *Now-2026*

NEW **La Guérinière, Saint-Emilion, 2018, 13.5%**

Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26

Code GUE118

90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc from the sandy soils of Saint-Pey-d'Armens and Saint-Hippolyte. Very pure and lush fruit with mocha notes from the barrels. Very youthful and showy now; and will develop well. *Now-2024*

YD ★ **Rocher-Gardat, Montagne Saint-Emilion, 2016, 14.5%**

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06

Code ROG116

Magnum [2015 vintage] £35.00

Code ROG915

Very limited stock

90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, grown on thinly-soiled, argilo-calcaire slopes, into 30% new barrels. Very open aromas, all crushed red fruit. Fleshy, ripe and stimulating. Great drive and length. *Now-2023*

SE **Vieille Dynastie, Lalande de Pomerol, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off £199.80

Code VID116

Magnum £37.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £202.50

Code VID916

60% Merlot with 20% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc; on gravelly soils over a ferrous sub-strata. Wonderfully rich, lush and supple. A sense of liqueur cherries - luxuriant fruit flavours over underlying structure. Only the remarkable purity indicates that this lovely red is unoaked. *Now-2026*

YD Vieux Chantecaille, Saint-Emilion, 2016, 14%**Bottle £22.95 Case with 10% off £247.86****Code VCH116****Magnum [2015 vintage] £46.50 Case (6 x 150cl.)****with 10% off £251.10****Code VCH915**

80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, into 50% new oak.

Mickael Moze-Berthon 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. Showy svelte red fruit, intense and harmonious. Decant to drink now. *Now-2026*

NEW Les Cabannes, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 2016, 14.5%**Bottle £24.50 Case with 10% off £264.60****Code CAB216**

Cabannes is a tiny 5 hectare estate bought by Canadian Peter Kjeilberg in 1997, now planted to 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. The wine goes into 30% new oak (restrained by SEGC standards) ; and that shows in its approachability. Really generous blackcurrant flavour, smooth and harmonious. Fine tannins. *Now-2025*

Des Pelerins, Pomerol, 2014, 12.5%**Bottle £27.95 Case with 10% off £301.86****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*

Red - Left Bank

NEW La Rocaille, Graves, 2016, 13.5%**Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06****Code ROC116**

La Rocaille refers to pebbles (or shells) - and the 18th century decorative style of the Rococo. It implies a lot of the fluvial gravel for which the Graves is famed and this estate at Podensac is indeed close to the Garonne river. 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. Lovely fresh blackberry and raspberry character; smooth and supple; very open and enjoyable. *Now-2023*

OP ★ Beaugard Ducasse, Graves, 2016, 13%**Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66****Code BDU816**

From the far south of the Graves near Langon, a splendidly suave and traditional Bordeaux, 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon with Cabernet Franc; and just 20% in barrels. Open and generous red fruit, excellent aromatics, a well-covered structure and restrained Graves character too. Poised and ready. *Now-2023*

NEW Les Anguilley, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2015, 13%**Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60****Code ANG115**

Les Anguilley is part of the Château Vieux Robin Estate Bégaden from a wine from halves of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from vines averaging about 40 years old. This has none of the coarseness of many Médocs, delivering a lifted perfume; and harmonious red fruit with lots of flesh and ripeness. There's a traditional lead pencil note and a proper left bank structure, but this is ready – and rather impressive. *Now-2024*

La Raze Beauvallet, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2015, 13%**Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46****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. *Now-2024*

Pierre de Montignac, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2015, 13%**Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26****Code PDM115**

This estate, with 25 hectares of vines, is owned and run by the Salette family - and has recently been accorded the rank of Cru Bourgeois Supérieur. Robust black fruit with mocha, and excellent concentration, tannic spine and ripeness - and all with a traditionally moderate 13% alcohol. The blend is usually around 45-50% of each of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, plus about 5% Petit Verdot. *Now-2024*

OP Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, Albert Duran, 2016, 14%
Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66 **Code BDU616**
Gruff M. Perromat's top wine, 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot, well-oaked. Lovely, fine-grained texture; a red fruit compôte plus woodsmoke and spice. Splendid aromatics. Old-fashioned but so expressive and with years to go. *Now-2025*

NEW Haut-Bellevue, Moulis, 2016, 13%
Bottle £21.95 Case with 10% off £237.06 **Code HAU116**
From a tiny 2 hectare parcel owned by Alain Roses: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, into 40% new oak. A robust wine with excellent keeping potential: intense brambly fruit, good freshness and plenty of substance. *Now-2027*

G Le Coteau, Margaux, 2016, 13%
Bottle £27.95 Case with 10% off £301.86 **Code CLC116**
The Légglise family of Le Coteau own 12 hectares (organically farmed, without certification). at Arsac, with some very grand neighbours. 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Very expansive: already showing so well with gorgeous fruit over very supple tannins. So pretty – this doesn't rely on extraction and excessive ripeness for its appeal, just perfect fruit picked at the right moment – note the moderate alcohol. *Now-2026*

W Deyrem-Valentin, Margaux, 2016, 14%
Bottle £32.50 Case with 10% off £351.00 **Code DEY116**
50% Merlot, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petit Verdot; with about 35% new barrels: a splendid example from a small estate run by Jean Sorge with his two daughters. *"Pretty good depth of colour. Heady nose – really rather smart. Obviously youthful but proper sleek, perfumed, satin-textured Margaux. 17/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 2nd July 2019. We also stock the more robust 2015 vintage. *Now-2026*

Du Glana, Saint-Julien, Cru Bourgeois, 2016, 13.5%
Bottle £33.50 Case with 10% off £361.80 **Code GLA116**
56% Cabernet Sauvignon and 44% Merlot, given 12 months in oak, 40% new: suave and already approachable. *"Bright crimson. Plump, ripe, purple-fruit nose. Very flattering. Easy peasy. Super-round and bright. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 2nd April 2017. *Now-2028*

Bellegrave, Pauillac, 2016, 13.5%
Bottle £34.00 Case with 10% off £367.20 **Code BLL116**
Magnum £70.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £383.13 **Code BLL916**
Owned by the Meffre brothers, Bellegrave lies in an enviable spot between the Pichons and Lynch-Bages. From 55% Cabernet and 45% Merlot, this vintage was widely considered to be the best ever made at the Château, very complete in terms of the balance of cassis fruit, body and ripe tannins. *"...a very promising wine. Good St-Julien classicism on display here"*, Jane Anson in **Decanter**. *Now-2028*

LOIRE

Sauvignon Blanc

Les Chardons, Sauvignon Blanc, IGP Vin de Pays de Loire, 2019, 13%
Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 **Code AUM319**
Honest Loire SB at a fair price. Surprisingly tropical aroma. From the second hot vintage in a row in the Loire, this is riper and more rounded than usual, with ripe citrus and hint of pineapple. Refreshing finish. *Now-2021*

G Domaine de l'Aumonier, Touraine Sauvignon, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 **Code AUM119**
From organically farmed vines, this is a long-established best-seller here, admired for its overt fruitiness, which is particularly pronounced in the hot 2019 vintage. Well delineated ripe citrus with more tropical fruit hints. Makes a relaxing aperitif. *Now-2021*

YD OP Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Pernetts, 2018, 12.5%
Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 Code BLA118
Blanchet father and son make such an authentic wine, so true to the appellation, with real bite and stony character, and always at a very fair price. Bright citrus over a mineral acid thread. Fresh and bone dry on the finish. Pair with anything from simply prepared white fish to smoked salmon or eel. Now-2022

OP Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre, 2019, 14%
Bottle £16.25 Case with 10% off £175.50 Code ROS119
The latest vintage of this Loire classic from the Cherrier family in Verdigny is as crisp and bright as ever, despite the unusual summer heat. Intense, irony depth behind ripe citrus. Now-2021

YD OP ★ Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Silice, 2018, 13%
Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 Code BLA218
From a small block on very flinty soils in the heart of the appellation, this is an intense and ageworthy wine. Smelling of citrus peel and hawthorn blossom, it's intensely grapefruity. A splendidly long, steely finish, with a peppery sense of minerality, indicates its class. Now-2023

OP Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre, L'Essentiel, 2018, 13.5%
Bottle £17.25 Case with 10% off £186.30 Code ROS418
L'Essentiel is a selection from a vineyard farmed bio-dynamically, made naturally, left for an extended time on its lees and then bottled without filtration. Open scent of ripe citrus and white flowers; and then a fascinating palate, both green and grassy and also showing greengages, grapefruit and orchard fruits. Now-2022

Other Whites

NEW SE ★ Mes Lies Melon, Vin de France, 2019, 12%
Bottle £9.75 Case with 10% off £105.30 Code MEL119
A light wine made from blending halves of two grapes in plentiful supply in the Loire – the Melon of Muscadet and Sauvignon Blanc. This has an open, grassy SB aroma, and then delivers a zippy, lightly exotically fruited mouthful with plenty of drive and freshness. Now-2021

YD Domaine des Forges, Chardonnay, IGP Val de Loire, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code FOR819
Hand-picked, properly ripe Chardonnay, even offering hints of stone and tropical fruit, yet with enticingly moreish vivacity too. Perfect all rounder, as good on its own as with fish or chicken. Now-2021

SE Domaine de la Chauvinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2019, 12%
Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code HUC119
From low yielding vines on the estate's classic granitic soils - with a little clay. Open, generous mouthful with lemon and pear fruit, crisp and mouthwatering with textbook zest and balance, and a dry, gently saline finish. Now-2022

YD Domaine des Forges, Anjou Blanc, L'Audace, 2019, 14%
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code FOR419
Terrific 100% Chenin, barrel-fermented and inspiringly full flavoured - bittersweet Seville oranges. It's a dry and penetrating example with commendable volume and weight at the price. Now-2022

NEW SE Jérémie Huchet, Muscadet, Les Quinze Hommées, 2019, 12%
Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code HUC419
One of Jérémie's "parcelles", organically farmed, single vineyard wines, from meagre sandy and stony soils over granite bedrock. Exciting – ripe and rounded, but also with a mineral vein, almost an effervescent bite. Intense. Now-2023

YD ★ **Domaine des Forges, Savennières, Le Clos du Papillon, 2018, 14.7%**

Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66

Code FOR918

From the family's three Savennières, this year we chose the Clos du Papillon, from 30-45 year old vines in this celebrated south and south-east facing vineyard shared only by Closel and Baumard. Here there's sand and clay sprinkled with varied volcanic stones and plenty of schist. This opens out dramatically, with flavours of apricots and cream. Very, very long. Excellent match for richly sauced ocean fish or salmon. *Now-2023*

Red

YD **Domaine des Forges, Anjou Rouge, 2019, 12.5%**

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46

Code FOR119

Pure Cabernet Franc, unoaked – we enjoy this crisp and raspberryish wine for its honest, mildly slaty character (weirdly enough it's grown on greyish shale), that mineral expression of Loire Cabernet Franc. So correct and juicy; and very good value. *Now-2022*

OP ★ **Domaine de la Guilloterie, Saumur-Champigny, Tradition, 2018, 14%**

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

Code GUL318

The Duveau family's principal wine at Guilloterie: unoaked, enticingly dramatic purple, with a perfume made up of berries and roses, this is richly black-fruited, silky, with attractive chalky and leafy hints. Long and complete. *Now-2022*

NEW OP **Domaine de la Guilloterie, Saumur-Champigny, Les Loges, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60

Code GUL416

From a plot of 50-55 year old vines. This is attractively aromatic, offering archetypal Loire Cab. Franc flavours of black berries and cherries. With pleasing fat and considerable depth this will keep well too. *Now-2024*

BURGUNDY

White Burgundy - Mâconnais & Côte Chalonnaise

Olivier Fichet, Mâcon-Burgy, Les Trois Terroirs, 2018, 13.5%

SC

Bottle £13.25 Case with 10% off £143.10

Code FIC518

Olivier Fichet's unoaked Chardonnay comes from three plots of vines, some very old, in the excellent terroir of the northern Mâconnais near Viré. This open, generous French Chardonnay is nicely weighted, with hints of grapefruit and almonds. *Now-2021*

OP **Mallory and Benjamin Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy, 2019, 13.5%**

Bottle £13.25 Case with 10% off £143.10

Code TAL119

A Mâcon benchmark, a wine with a long-standing, loyal following, always offering generous texture and intensity. Attractive tangerine notes. In recent hot summers the Talmard family (Mallory and her husband Benjamin) have been careful to preserve freshness, keeping this bright and juicy. *Now-2022*

★ **Olivier Fichet, Bourgogne Blanc Aligoté, 2019, 12.5%**

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66

Code FIC819

Brilliant, silky Aligoté: floral and lightly herby scent; bright attack with a lime accent; a rounded mid-palate; and a refreshing and juicy finish. All in all so complete and correct. *Now-2022*

YD **G** **Jean-Marie Chaland, Mâcon-Villages, Les Tilles, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00

Code SAB118

From a small, half a hectare parcel, on clay and limestone planted in the late 1960s. Bright citrus nose, with sappy fruit and a good balance of acidity. Silky and fine. Certified organic but actually treated with bio-dynamic viticulture. *Now-2023*

YD G ★ Chazelles, Vire-Clessé, Vieilles Vignes, 2018, 13.5%
Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66 **Code CHZ118**

From a two hectare sheltered plot on limestone, with vines between 50 and 100 years old; including 30% of Chardonnay Musqué, a clone found in the Mâconnais responsible for its inimitable aromatic style. Honeyed nose, fresh ripe fruit, citrus and apple, with good structure and poise. *Now-2026*

G Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 **Code SAU817**

From two parcels, one on clay in Davayé and one on limestone near Vergisson, all fermented in barrel. Perfumed nose leads onto a textured mouthful of white peach with a touch of almond. Plenty of texture and finishes fresh. Serious white Burgundy - so superior to over-cropped tank St-Veran. *Now-2022*

DG Faiveley, Rully, Les Villeranges, 2018, 13%
Bottle £21.95 Case with 10% off £237.06 **Code FAJ418**

This wine has become more expensive but also more serious: half is now barrel-fermented and aged in barrel (10% new), giving honeyed notes to the appealingly lemony-fresh fruit. Regular bâtonnage (lees stirring) gives enhanced texture too. Forward and enticing - no need to wait. *Now-2023*

G Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran, Les Crèches, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £22.50 Case with 10% off £243.00 **Code SAU317**

From old vines on the rock of Vergisson. Splendid intensity and unctuousity. Complete wine with some ageing potential. *Now-2023*

DG Faiveley, Mercurey, Clos Rochette, 2017, 13%
Bottle £23.50 Case with 10% off £253.80 **Code FAJ117**

Clos Rochette is a monopole, solely owned by Faiveley. With 20% fermented in new barrels and 80% in stainless steel, this is ripe and generous, delivering a mix of tangerine and apricot, rounded and lightly creamy. *Now-2022*

NEW G Jean-Marie Chaland, Viré-Clessé, Thurissey, 2018, 13.5%
Bottle £25.95 Case with 10% off £280.26 **Code: SAB218**

Just 2,500 bottles made each year from 95 year old vines on a plot north of Viré-Clessé, aged in five year old barrels. Apricot on nose; then a rounded, broad palate, exhibiting that lovely creaminess you can get from a Viré-Clessé, with vibrant acidity and a splendid length. 92/100, **The Wine Advocate**. *2021-2026*

G Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Pentacrine, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £26.95 Case with 10% off £291.06 **Code SAU717**

Named after the 5-sided marine fossils found locally, this wine is selected from several parcels across the estate and raised mainly in a mix of barrels. Ripe with apricot and yellow peach and a refreshing finish. Well balanced. *Now-2024*

G Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos sur la Roche, 2017, 14%
Bottle £30.95 Case with 10% off £334.26 **Code SAU417**

From south facing old vines (1/3 90 years old) at 380m on the lower slopes of the Roche de Vergisson: toasty nose, great concentration of fruit on the palate with marmalade and peach; then bright citrus on a long, fresh finish. *Now-2025 Very limited stock*

Chablis

SE ★ d'Elise, Petit Chablis, 2018, 12%
Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code ELS118**

A benchmark, far better than most co-op Chablis: cool and oyster-shell fresh in the mouth, excellent concentration and correctly lactic. Perfect for simply cooked plaice or cod. *"A firm, dry, flinty nose with elegantly stony fruit on the palate. There's no great depth but it's elegant and fresh. 92/100"*, Rosemary George MW, **Decanter.com**. *Now-2023*

W Fourey, Chablis, 2019, 13.5%**Bottle £17.25 Case with 10% off £186.30****Code FRR119****Magnum £35.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £191.70****Code FRR319**

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-2023*

SE d'Elise, Chablis, 2018, 13%**Bottle £17.25 Case with 10% off £186.30****Code ELS218**

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-2023*

W Fourey, Chablis, 1er Cru Côte de Lechet, 2018, 13%**Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26****Code FRR718****Magnum [2017 vintage, 2018 follows] £42.95****Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £231.93****Code FRR917**

The Fourreys' Côte de Lechet always shows well young, creamy and intense, and exotic fruit hints alongside the citrus. *Now-2023*

W Fourey, Chablis, 1er Cru Mont de Milieu, 2018, 13%**Bottle £21.50 Case with 10% off £232.20****Code FRR518**

From two plots of 30 year old vines owned by the young Fourreys' mother. As usual this is a wine with such finesse, combining ripe stone fruit with a taut mineral streak. Fine and persistent. 2018 was a sweet vintage in Chablis, offering both ripeness and raciness. *Now-2025*

NEW DG Billaud-Simon, Chablis Grand Cru Vaudesir, 2018, 13%**Bottle £69.50 Case with 10% off £750.60****Code BIL418**

A proportion goes into older barrels. This displays breadth and lightly honeyed volume but also a racy, mineral streak – just what one seeks in Grand Cru Chablis as opposed to wines from the Côte de Beaune. Will benefit from cellaring; Grand Cru Chablis like this lasts a long time. *2021-2030*

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.

G Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, 2018, 12.5%**SC****Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26****Code LEQ818**

From organically farmed vineyards close to the village of Santenay, this is fermented 50% in tank and 50% in barrel, with 10% new oak. Rounded Bourgogne Chardonnay, offering ripe and generous fruit and good value. Our go-to white Burgundy: citrusy with hints of almonds; ripe and generous fruit. *Now-2023*

G ★ Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Back to the Roots, 2018, 12.5%**Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60****Code LEQ518**

All in barrel, 10% new, and crafted in a deliberately old-fashioned way (hence the name), with lots of lees stirring. Open, clean and delicately perfumed, with a palate of creamy, ripe citrus. Always very good value. "Sweeter and spicier than this grower's regular Bourgogne Blanc. Mouth-filling and creamy. Lots of acidity. 16/20", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 13th January 2020. *Now-2024*

NEW G SE Huber-Verdereau, Bourgogne Blanc, Pré aux Dames, 2018, 13%**Bottle £24.95 Case with 10% off £269.46****Code HUB118**

Picked early and raised on the lees in 500 and 350l barrels. Expressive and aromatic; rich with citrus notes and good acidity. "Jewel-bright, crisp fruit. Really ticks the boxes: very crystalline and refreshing but with sufficient substance on the mid palate. Bone-dry finish and real Côte d'Or savour. Quite long. VGV for those who are not label drinkers", Jancis Robinson MW, 13th January 2020. *Now-2024*

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Santenay, 2016, 13%**Bottle £25.95 Case with 10% off £280.26****Code CLB116**

A generous style; here the clay soils give real body. Quite fat and round. Citrus seems almost sweet and the finish is very incisive; maybe not sophisticated but rather gourmand. Good value. *Now-2023*

- YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St. Aubin, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £26.50 Case with 10% off £286.20 **Code CLB217**
 From a very calcareous site, and given 10-15% new oak. Ripe citrus, cream and oatmeal, and so reliable. Both authentic and stylish. *Now-2022*
- W Agnès Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Blanc, 2016, 13%**
Bottle £27.50 Case with 10% off £297.00 **Code PAQ216**
 From the oldest plot of vines on the estate, averaging 85 years of age. Matured in oak for 10 months, 15% new. Lovely fragrant nose. As ever, brilliant concentration of fruit with real tension. Superb for a village wine. The 2017 follows at £28.50. *Now-2023*
- YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St. Aubin 1er Cru, Les Champlots, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £32.95 Case with 10% off £355.86 **Code CLB317**
 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. 15% new oak. Lots of fruit and brilliant intensity leads to a stony finish. *Now-2024*
- G Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Charrières, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £35.00 Case with 10% off £378.00 **Code LEQ117**
 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, full-flavoured, concentrated and generous. The 2018 follows at £36.00. *Now-2025*
- YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Sous Roche Dumay, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £35.50 Case £383.40 **Code CLB517**
 Sous Roche Dumay is well sited between Champlots and Murgers des Dents de Chien; Jean-Baptiste's vines are along the border with the latter. Richer, fatter and more extrovert than the Champlots, this is well balanced and, as Jean-Baptiste suggests, "très gourmand". *Now-2024*
- YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St Aubin 1er Cru, Murgers des Dents de Chien, 2016, 13%**
Bottle £38.95 Case with 10% off £420.66 **Code CLB416**
 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*
- G SE Huber-Verdereau, Meursault, En Dressole, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £45.00 Case with 10% off £486.00 **Code HUB217**
 From vines planted in 1957, raised in barrel, a third new. Rich and broad palate with so much citrusy freshness, a silky texture and hint of nuts: a modern, elegant take on Meursault. "Really rather delicate and elegant on the nose. Then really firm and rigorous on the palate. Rather admirable and ambitiously majestic. Very bright fruit with obviously much more complexity to come. Impressive. 17/20", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 17th January 2019. The 2018 follows at £47.50. *Now-2024*
- G Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Caillerets, 2018, 13.5%**
Bottle £48.50 Case with 10% off £523.80 **Code LEQ318**
 We offer this vintage after vintage as it combines honeyed and juicy flavour with the mineral raciness of a very stony "cailloux" vineyard. Well integrated palate of lemon and stone fruits, a touch toasty. "This is a classy Chassagne; already quite open but will age well. Restrained nose from a famous site. Very juicy and pure. Promising. This has all the elements to develop very well. Long. 17/20", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 13th January 2020. *Now-2025*
- DG Faiveley, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru, Champgain, 2017, 13%**
Bottle £68.00 Case with 10% off £734.40 **Code FAJ317**
 Situated next to the hill of Mont-Rachet. Intense nose with hint of orange peel. Explosive start, a mouthful of ripe lemon, with good concentration and fat leading to a finish with notes of lime. Racy. *Now-2027 Limited stock*

G Lequin-Colin, Corton-Charlemagne, 2017, 13.5%**Bottle £83.50 Case with 10% off £901.80****Code LEQ017**

From a south facing site, high on the hill overlooking Aloxe-Corton, "un terroir très solaire". Lovely ripeness of fruit with a nutty character, very long, the ripe lemon lingers on. *Best 2021-2028*

Red Burgundy - Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beau**G Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2017, 12.5%****SC****Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26****Code LEQ617**

All the wine goes into barrel but only 10% new. Bottled under screw cap, this wine is all about fruit. Juicy, cherry and raspberry, light and crunchy with very gentle tannins. Lovely to drink already. *Now-2023*

YD ★ Françoise & Denis Clair, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge, 2017, 13%**Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off £199.80****Code CLB617**

In the plateau vineyards of the Hautes Côtes Pinot used to struggle to ripen: however, with climate change these have become a source of great value Pinot. From 35 year old vines on clay soils above Maranges, unoaked, red fruited and light with soft tannins and crunchy texture, no rough edges, uncomplicated and easy to like. The 2018 follows. *Now-2023*

YD Jean Guiton, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2017, 12.5%**Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66****Code GUI117**

From four parcels, two in Bligny and two between Bligny and Pommard, given 12 months in older barrels. Pure, light, red fruit backed by gentle tannins. Classic. "Light crimson. Delicate cherry aroma. Juicy, silky and straightforwardly delicious, 16/20. Drink 2023-2030", Julia Harding MW on jancisrobinson.com, tasted 8th January 2019. "...full of tangy red fruit, fine grippy tannins and herbal complexity", Peter Richards, MW, Decanter, September 2020. *Now-2023*

NEW G SE ★ Huber-Verdereau, Bourgogne Côte d'Or Pinot Noir, Les Constances 2018, 12.5%**Bottle £21.50 Case with 10% off £232.20****Code HUB318**

A new wine for us from two parcels, biodynamically farmed (and certified). Fragrant nose of strawberries. Sappy red fruit on the palate. Great purity and freshness, a lovely Bourgogne Rouge. "Very pretty perfume – nicely judged. Fragrant and floral with notable acidity and a very light charge of fine tannins. Light-bodied. A luncheon burgundy? 16/20", Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, *Now-2025*

G Lequin-Colin, Santenay Rouge 1er Cru, La Comme, 2016, 13.5%**Bottle £24.50 Case with 10% off £264.60****Code LEQ716**

From a very well-sited, south-east facing 1er Cru on the border with Chassagne. Red fruited with spice; quite rich and concentrated, with ripe tannins and has the hallmark fresh finish of the vintage. Looks good value now. *Now-2024*

YD Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune, 2016, 13%**Bottle £25.50 Case with 10% off £275.40****Code GUI216**

Aged in oak for 12 months, 20% new. Lively black cherry, ripe and silky. No lack of substance; and the finish is fresh and appetising. *Now-2024*

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St-Aubin 1er Cru, Sur Le Sentier Du Clou, 2016, 13%**Bottle £25.95 Case with 10% off £280.26****Code CLB816**

From 45 year old vines on a south facing slope. A mouthful of red and black cherries with a smoky note, ripe tannins, round and long; really on form this vintage. *Now-2025*

DG Faiveley, Mercurey, La Framboisière, 2017, 13%**Bottle £26.50 Case with 10% off £286.20****Code FAJ617**

A Faiveley monopole. Some whole bunch fermentation and 20% new oak. Lovely cherry fruit, very ripe and with an attractive freshness on the finish. Moreish. "Juicy, scented and pretty. Soft and gentle but persistent. Lovely. Finishes so fresh and mouth-watering. 16/20", Julia Harding MW on jancisrobinson.com. *Now-2023*

Agnès Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Rouge, 2016, 13%

Bottle £26.95 Case with 10% off £291.06

Code PAQ616

Vinified and aged in oak, 15% new. Pure red and black fruit, supple, with a fine texture and just a little crunchy grip. Classic Côtes de Beaune from a top vintage. *Now-2025*

G SE Huber-Verdereau, Monthélie, La Combe Danay, 2018, 13%

Bottle £30.50 Case with 10% off £329.40

Code HUB618

From vines planted in 1981. Lush ripe fruit, well integrated tannins, stimulating length. A very elegant Monthélie with enough structure to age. *2021-2026*

DG Joseph Faiveley, Blagny 1er Cru, Sous le Bois, 2015, 13%

Bottle £31.50 Case with 10% off £340.20

Code FAJ615B

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, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £32.50 Case with 10% off £351.00

Code GUI316

From 60+ year old vines on a well drained steep slope, east-facing and very close to Beaune, this is given 14 months in barrel, about 25% new. From barrel. more concentration as well; More concentration, flesh and complexity than the village Savigny. Red fruit and ripe tannins - and the fruit lingers. *Now-2027*

YD Jean Guiton, Volnay, Les Petits Poisots, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £35.00 Case with 10% off £378.00

Code GUI716

From soils with a high proportion of clay, this is always rich and opulent. Round and fat. Black cherry fruit is enlivened by spice and the finish expresses power. Good keeping potential. *Now-2025*

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

Bottle £35.50 Case with 10% off £383.40

Code GUI515

With splendid fruit concentration, this expands on the palate generously, almost flamboyantly. Bold, with red fruit lingering on the finish. *Now-2025*

NEW G SE Huber-Verdereau, Pommard, Les Vaumuriens Hauts 2018, 13%

Bottle £41.00 Case with 10% off £442.80

Code HUB418

A new wine for us. Les Vaumuriens Hauts is a lieu dit which lies across the road from the grand 1er Cru Rugiens. 15% in new oak, 100% destemmed. Plum and cherry on the nose. Lovely purity of fruit, great depth of flavour and well-structured. Very complete and harmonious. *2021-2028*

YD Jean Guiton, Pommard, 2017, 13%

Bottle £42.50 Case with 10% off £459.00

Code GUI917

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. Red fruited and juicy with a savoury edge and a good density. Manages to combine finesse and power. *Now-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.

DG Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £43.50 Case with 10% off £469.80

Code FAJ516

Black cherries dominate the textured palate backed by ripe tannins. Typical Gevrey intensity, fleshy, supple and well balanced. *Now-2026*

DG Faiveley, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru, Les Porêts-Saint-Georges, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £61.50 Case with 10% off £664.20

Code FAJ815

From the mid slope between Premeaux and Nuits, very well-sited, with the oldest vines dating from 1957. Intense nose; cherry, a touch vanilla and an earthy note. Fleshy, with a core of red and black cherry; this is powerful and long. With lots of mass, it's a keeper. *Now-2028*

DG Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, 1er Cru, Les Cazetiers, 2014, 13%
Bottle £66.50 Case with 10% off £718.20 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. The 2015 follows. *Now-2026*

DG Fourrier, Morey-St.-Denis, Clos Solon, 2016, 13%
Bottle £75.00 Case with 10% off £810.00 Code FUR816

From half an hectare of 40 year old vines, close to the centre of the village. This always shows lifted and pure fruit, almost jellied cherry and raspberry. *Now-2025 Very limited stock*

DG Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin, Aux Echezeaux, 2016, 13%
Bottle £80.00 Case with 10% off £864.00 Code FUR216

A single vineyard wine, from vines planted in 1928 at the southern limit of Gevrey bordering Morey St-Denis. Such a friendly mid-palate full of plump red fruit and a hint of spice on the finish. *Now-2026 Limited stock*

DG Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieille Vigne, 2016, 13%
Bottle £80.00 Case with 10% off £864.00 Code FUR116

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*

BEAUJOLAIS

NEW Montangeron, Beaujolais-Villages, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £11.25 Case with 10% off £121.50 Code MON119

New model Beaujolais – fully ripe and easy-drinking but with inimitable local character too. Juicy, red and black-fruited, supple but also mildly rustic. Spot on. *Now-2022*

YD Lagneau, Beaujolais-Villages, Cuvée Jeannine, 2019, 13.6%
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code LAG118

This is from ancient (60-100 year old) vines on steep schist and granite slopes in Quincié-en-Beaujolais, in the line of the Crus and one of the best terroirs for Beaujolais-Villages. All black cherry and blueberry, juicy, but with remarkable substance too from the old vines. Crisp, alive and energetic. *Now-2023*

Montangeron, Chiroubles, La Grosse Pierre, 2018, 13.5%
Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code MON318

Chiroubles is the highest of the Cru Villages, and as such is known for a lighter expression of Gamay. Very ripe fruit - raspberries, redcurrants and fraises des bois, so deliciously summer puddingy. Fine and silky, with just a whisper of tannin. *Now-2022*

YD ★ Lagneau, Regnié, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Gerard, 2018, 13.5%
Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code LAG318

One of our long-term favourites, from 60-100 year old vines on the granitic hills just to the south of Morgon. "...their beaujolais is a fine bargain... Rather agreeably splits the difference between sweetly fruity and freshly stony. Quite long with great balance. Good grainy texture on the finish. More luscious and very slightly less fresh than many. GV. 16.5/20", Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, May 2020. Offers a depth of colour and intensity of bramble and black cherry flavours rarely seen in Beaujolais at this price. *Now-2023*

La Chapelle des Bois, Fleurie, Grand Pré, France, 2018, 13%
Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code CHB118

Fleurie has an association with "flowery" – but the best wines can have backbone too. Super in this vintage – lots of black cherry and berry, a hint of violets, and super-fine fruit tannins. Splendid substance, so could accompany even quite rich food. *Now-2023*

YD Lagneau, Côte de Brouilly, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Didier, 2018, 13.8%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60

Code LAG418

Named after Didier, the son who is taking over here. Stunning Gamay: wonderfully intense fruit, showing the sharpness of fresh blackcurrants. Joyous, deep and silky; and very long. The quality of the family's ancient vines shines though. Winner of a gold medal in the 2019 Paris Concours (quite a serious one by French standards). *Now-2024*

NEW Montangeron, Moulin-à-Vent, En Brenay, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40

Code MON418

Moulin-à-Vent ranks amongst the finest of the Cru villages, with vines growing on distinctive soils of crumbling pink granite cut by manganese seams and quartz. En Brenay is a lieu-dit, a named sub-division. Wow: lots of fruit - raspberry coulis - flesh and energy. Already delicious, this could be kept for years. *Now-2024*

ALSACE

G ★ Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Blanc, Alsace, 2019, 12.5%

Bottle £13.25 Case with 10% off £143.10

Code MEY119

A perennial, organic favourite which makes a lovely aperitif but can also be drunk with a wide range of food. Appley scent; and that fits with a vivacious attack – it's like biting into a juicy red apple. As ever, shows attractive weight; and it's almost wholly dry - just 5 grams residual sugar per litre - in this latest vintage. *Now-2022*

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

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66

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. The 2018 follows at £14.25. *Now-2021*

G Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Gris, 2019, 13%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60

Code MEY219

Dry (just 5 grams residual sugar) and lightly savoury: satiny palate, with an understated pear flavor. Firm enough to serve with white meats. *Now-2023*

G Jean-Luc Meyer, Gewurztraminer, Grand Cru Eichberg, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66

Code MEY517

This Grand Cru is always opulent - with about 40 grams of residual sugar - but also delivers remarkable concentration, stone fruit and hints of spice and roses. The 2018 follows. *Now-2023*

GERMANY

White

OP Walt, Riesling, Pfalz, 2018, 11%

SC

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £13.40

Code WAL118

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). *Now-2021*

OP Villa Wolf, Dry Riesling, Pfalz, 2018, 12.5%

SC

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26

Code WOL118

Not bone dry, but a very well-made bottle of crisp, grapefruity Riesling: perfect for shellfish. *Now-2022*

OP Villa Wolf, Gewurztraminer, Pfalz, 2019, 11.5%

SC

Bottle £11.25 Case with 10% off £121.50

Code WOL319

Off-dry (about 18 grams residual sugar), a textbook example of the grape, light, fragrant with rose petals, and delivering a juicy accompaniment to spicy food – think Thai-style seafood. *Now-2022*

OP Dr Loosen, Estate Riesling, Mosel, 2018, 8.5% SC

Bottle £11.75 Case with 10% off £126.90 Code DRL118

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-2023*

Leitz, Eins-Zwei-Dry, Riesling Trocken, Rheingau, 2018, 12% SC

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code LEI418

Dry Riesling from superstar Johannes Leitz's south-facing vineyards above the Rhine. Refreshing, citric but with appealing apple and stone fruit hints too. Well-crafted. *Now-2021 Limited stock*

Louis Guntrum, Riesling Spätlese, Oppenheim Herrenberg, Rheinhessen, 2017, 11% SC

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 Code GUN217

A perfectly balanced example, with a delicate freshness enlivening the lightly honeyed, pink grapefruit and stone fruit palate. Floral touches – very pretty. *Now-2024*

OP Dr Loosen, Riesling Kabinett, Erdener Treppchen, Mosel, 2018, 8% SC

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 Code DRL218

From 60 year old ungrafted vines growing on this brutally steep, red slate vineyard. Delicious flavours of elderflower, white peach and lemon sherbet. With correct low alcohol, refreshing acidity and a charming 45 grams of residual sugar, a bottle can vanish awfully quickly. *Now-2024*

DG Dönnhoff, Riesling Trocken, Tonschiefer, Nahe, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26 Code DON518

Tonschiefer = clay slate. From low yields in the Leistenberg and Hanglagen vineyards, a stunning dry Riesling: perfumed and penetrating, with some heft. The 2019 follows. *Now-2023*

DG Dönnhoff, Riesling Kabinett, Oberhauser Leistenberg, Nahe, 2018, 9% SC

Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26 Code DON118

This wine is always so featherlight and precise, with scintillating citrus fruit. *Now-2025*

Red

NEW Johner, Pinot Noir, Kaiserstuhl, Baden, 2016, 14% SC

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 Code JOH116

Baden may have cold winters but very warm summers – and Pinot thrives there. This rich and velvety, showing plush black cherries with stimulating acidity. Classic PN. *Now-2023*

AUSTRIA

White

NEW YD Sax, Grüner Veltliner, Luftikus, Neiderösterreich, 2019, 11.5% SC

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26 Code SAX119

From fruit grown in Ried Wechselberg on loess over granite. A correct herbaceous scent of Grüner; a touch of spritz; and a nice vein of acidity under the lentil character. This makes a dry and refreshing all-rounder. *Now-2021*

NEW YD ★ Sax, Grüner Veltliner, Zwillinglauser, Kamptal, 2019, 12.5% SC

Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code SAX219

Zwillinglauser translates as “naughty twins” - but based on fruit from Ried Kittmannsberg, a warm south-facing site with granitic soils incorporating feldspar, quartz and mica. These retain heat well, which suits Grüner. Lovely scent of ripe pears – which fits with a fully ripe palate of pears, sherbet lemons and hints of spice. Thrillingly fine acidity. A winner. *Now-2023*

NEW YD Sax, Grüner Veltliner, Ried Panzaun, Kamptal Reserve, 2019, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 **Code SAX319**

From a vineyard on loess soils incorporating lots of slate; and young, so benefits from decanting. Ripe grapefruit and pears - with a fullness in the mouth that is partly satiny and partly akin to creamed cereals. Fully dry, with a mineral edge, but a broad, fruity finish. *Now-2023*

NEW YD Sax, Riesling, Ried Loiserberg, Kamptal Reserve, 2018, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 **Code SAX419**

From a high, terraced vineyard, up to 400m., south-east facing and from 52 year old vines growing on meagre topsoil over slate. Pale gold. Very open perfume of grapefruit zest and white peach. Intense ripe citrus. This is vibrant, racy, dry (just 3 grams of residual sugar) Riesling with mineral zip. *Now-2024*

G YD Bründlmayer, Riesling Terrassen, Kamptal, 2018, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 **Code: BRN118**

From organically farmed (and certified) grapes on terraced vineyards, a young dry Riesling of great purity and intensity. Stone-fruited perfume; and then a mouthwatering, bright attack of crisp grapefruit. Will keep. *Now-2023*

SLOVENIA

White

OP Zanut, Rebula, Goriska Brda, Slovenia, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 **Code ZAN117**

Rebula is the Slovenian name for the Italian Ribolla Gialla grape, but it's more widely grown in Slovenia than in Friuli. Gains colour, texture and intensity from 12 hours skin contact: light gold, well-weighted, dry, concentrated, and lightly savoury. Surprisingly full-bodied, it's a wine to drink with food, especially chicken or white fish in a sauce. See our website for no less than three fulsome reviews. *Now-2021*

OP ★ Zanut, Zakaj, Goriska Brda, Slovenia, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £16.50 Case with 10% off £178.20 **Code ZAN216**

Zakaj (pronounced Zakay), translated from Slovenian, means "why". The grape is what used to be called Tocai Friulano (a name not permitted since Hungary joined the EU), now known as Friulano or Sauvignonasse, originally a Bordeaux variety. Really pretty nose, redolent of lime blossom. Mid weight, this delivers both diverse fruit flavours, peach and tangerine, alongside subtle hints of rose water and white flowers. A brilliant, complex white. *Now-2021*

YD G Pasji Rep, Jebatschin White, Vipavska Dolina, Slovenia, 2018, 13%

Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off 199.80 **Code PAS318**

A lightly oaked blend based on Malvasia from ancient vines, with Rebula and some Zelen, picked late and given six days skin contact. The aromas are of stone fruit and floral oils; followed by a silky palate (no excess of skin contact tannins), lightly creamy with cereal (creamed maize?) and herbal notes. Finishes long, with peppery minerality. *Now-2022*

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

Bottle £27.95 Case with 10% off £301.86 **Code ZAN515**

A single vineyard wine only produced in the best vintages – and just 930 bottles in 2012. Very late picked, the grapes were then left 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 Limited stock*

Red

YD G Pasji Rep, Jebatschin Red, Vipavska Dolina, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 Code PAS617
Merlot dominated, with about 15% Cabernet Franc and a little Barbera, well-oaked in a mix of new and old barrels, a beautifully ripe and flamboyant wine, delivering polished berried fruit with vanilla: akin to a very smart right bank Bordeaux - like a top Lalande de Pomerol for example. *Now-2022*

YD G Pasji Rep, Pinot Noir, Vipavska Dolina, 2016, 14%
Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26 Code PAS816
Bright raspberries, very ripe and fleshy, concentrated, with a proper spine too. Very high quality Pinot. *"Vipava's breezy climate suits Pinot Noir. Samo Premrn has recently taken over from his father and focusing on elegance in his wines. This refined version shows youthful raspberry fruit, gentle tannins and good length"*, Caroline Gilby, MW, Balkan Reds, **Decanter**, February 2019. The 2017 follows. *Now-2022*

ITALY

White

Ca' di Ponti, Grillo, Sicilia, 2019, 13% SC
Bottle £6.95 Case with 10% off £75.06 Code PON119
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-2021*

Bellamico, IGT Falanghina Beneventano, 2019, 12%
Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 Code BEM119
Named after the town, Benevento, in eastern Campania. Here the Falanghina grape shows hints of stone fruit, herbs and citrus. Light and fresh. *Now-2021*

YD G Tenuta Casali, Bassamarea Bianco, Bianco Rubicone, 2019, 12%
Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 Code TEN119
This pure Trebbiano shows the simple virtues of the grape – crisp citrus and pear flavours, nicely rounded, with a fresh finish. Honest, refreshing and tasty. *Now-2021*

YD ★ Corte Mainente, Cengelle, Soave, 2019, 12.5%
Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26 Code MAI119
From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) on calcareous soils, this displays an enticing perfume of white flowers and pear. Overtly fruity - green plums with stone fruit hints - and well-rounded, this offers a ripe and friendly glass, lovely to drink on its own or with a wide range of light dishes. *Now-2021*

YD G ★ Tenuta Casali, Cavaliere Bianco, Colli Romagna Centrale, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £12.25 Case with 10% off £132.30 Code TEN319
Named after the vineyard which was planted in 1985, this is organically farmed (in conversion) Trebbiano (Romagnolo) given about six months on its lees. Pale gold. Very ripe stone fruit, lovely bite, with hints of verbena and mint. Dry and well-rounded. A great success. *Now-2021*

OP Taliano, Roero Arneis, Serni, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code TAN619
Arneis is an ancient white grape in Piedmont, but a speciality of the Roero, which is just to the north of the river Tanaro. Herbal notes of sage and bay, around a lively, tangerine-accented palate. Plenty of both weight and freshness. An enjoyable aperitif but also has enough substance for chicken or veal. *Now-2022*

Tenuta Santa Seraffa, Gavi del Comune di Gavi, Italy, 2019, 12%
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code SER119
From a historic estate with 18 hectares of Cortese vines in the hills above the town. Delivers with immediacy: a very open floral and citrus perfume; and then a refreshing, lemony mouthful. Very good length for a wine in this idiom. *Now-2021*

YD **Corte Mainente, Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, 2019, 12.5%** **Code MAI319**
Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80

100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in a single vineyard in Pigno, known as one of the best terroirs in the hilly Classico zone and one of the official crus recognised in June 2019. Stunningly open and delicious Soave: offering a delightful fruit-salad scent; consistent with upfront, ripe flavours of pears, fresh grapes and greengages. But a silky texture, a dry citrusy finish and great persistence indicate its pedigree too. *"This fairly complex wine is still pretty youthful... Classic Italian bite and tang. 16+/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 8th May 2020. *Now-2022*

YD **G Tenuta Casali, Valleripa, Albana Secco, Romagna, 2019, 14.5%**

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 **Code TEN419**

Albana, a local grape, picked late and with considerable skin contact, giving an enticing golden hue; aromas of honey and orange blossom; and a full-flavoured, unfolding palate encompassing tangerines and star fruit. Complex, dry, and well-textured. *Now-2022*

YD **Corte Mainente, Netroir, Soave, 2018, 14%**

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code MAI418**

From a selection of Davide's best grapes across all his sites, so a Soave rather than a Soave Classico. Picked late for full maturity, left on its fine lees for a year to develop complexity, it's ripe and concentrated, with intense stone fruit and ripe melon notes. Powerful and lightly savoury. *Now-2022*

G **Fiorano, Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, 2019, 13.5%**

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code FIO619**

Offida Pecorino is a DOCG for wines from Pecorino, an ancient grape of the southern Marche, in this commune of Ascoli Piceno. From organically farmed grapes, a creamy but incisive mouthful of fresh pears and lime with hints of fennel and menthol. Excellent depth - from a little skin contact and six months ageing on the lees. *Now-2022*

Red - Sicily and Southern Italy

Ca' di Ponti, Nero d'Avola, IGT Terre Siciliane, 2018, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £6.95 Case with 10% off £75.06 **Code PON618**

Brambly fruit. Honest, mildly rustic and characterful, better with food. *Now-2022*

Conviviale, Primitivo, IGT Salento, 2018, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £8.50 Case with 10% off £91.80 **Code CNV118**

Gutsy grape of Croatian origin (aka Tribidrag), genetically identical to Zinfandel. Bittersweet black fruit, generous, punchy and bold. *Now-2022*

NEW Bellamico, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £8.50 Case with 10% off £91.80 **Code BEM618**

A crowd-pleaser: red cherry and strawberry flavours backed by just a little tannin. Easy going Italian red to suit all occasions. *Now-2022*

Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 **Code ROD218**

Well-made example of this masculine southern grape, hearty with some structure but also ready to drink. Deep, and lightly hazy. Lively cooked strawberry and black cherry core. *Now-2022*

Red - Tuscany

★ Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06 **Code TAK318**

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 charming Sangiovese, showing some pleasing fat and a bright, fruity finish. The 2019 follows shortly. *Now-2022*

G Il Palagione, Caelum, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2017, 14%**Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80****Code PAL117**

100% Sangiovese aged in older barrels, this is always a concentrated, powerful example. Perfume of sweet oak and cherries – and then a warming, complete and spicy gush of black cherries and plums. Ripe and chunky.

*Now-2022***Talosa, Rosso di Montepulciano, 2016, 13.5%****Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66****Code TAK116**

Sangiovese, with 15% Merlot, Canaiolo and Mammolo, in old barrels: a big and youthful red from a top Tuscan vintage, offering classic Sangiovese sour cherry and berry flavours; and there are good tannins there too, covered by the lush fruit. Attractively fat on the palate, it offers excellent concentration for a Rosso di Montepulciano and has the stuffing to keep well.

*Now-2023***NEW G W Le Cincirole, Cinciorosso, IGT Toscana, 2018, 13.5%****Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40****Code CIN118**

70% Sangiovese - from the younger vines at this organic Chianti Classico estate in Panzano - plus 15% each of Merlot and Syrah, from cement vat. Vibrant purple. Gorgeous rose petal perfume; splendid richness of raspberry and blackberry fruit; and classic Italian acidity. Exciting but also svelte.

*Now-2023***Talosa, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, 2015, 14%****Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60****Code TAK215**

90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot given two years in oak, the first in 500l, new, first fill and second; and the second year in large vats. Sumptuous in this vintage, fleshy, excitingly aromatic, expansive, big and spicy, with plenty of ripe tannins: "noble" indeed.

*Now-2025***NEW G W I Fabbri, Chianti Classico, Lamole, 2018, 13%****Bottle £19.75 Case with 10% off £213.30****Code IFA118**

Organic estate I Fabbri in Greve, run by 11th generation owner Susanna Grassi, is one of the highest in Chianti Classico: 630m. of altitude brings freshness to Lamole, 100% Sangiovese from concrete tank. A lovely, gentle, classic style: pure cherry flavours with perfectly judged tannins. Ready, delicious.

*Now-2025***G W Col di Lamo, Rosso di Montalcino, 2017, 13.5%****Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46****Code CDL117**

100% organically farmed (in conversion) Sangiovese, aged in old vats. Youthful and a little reticent – so decant to drink soon. Lovely ripe strawberry and cherry flavours, pure and svelte; with a little peppery spice and proper tannic support. Definitive mini-Brunello.

*Now-2025***NEW G W I Fabbri, Chiant Classico Riserva, 2015, 13.5%****Bottle £30.50 Case with 10% off £329.40****Code IFA315**

A selection of the best bunches from the first days of harvest, 95% Sangiovese and 5% Canaiolo aged in French oak. "This opens gradually to reveal a heady tangle of moist soil, violets and rosehip. Ripe but vibrant cherry and raspberry chime in on the palate. It's limpid with a lightness of being though fine, mouthcoating tannins build toward the finish. This has plenty of energy and persistency. 93/100", Decanter.com, February 2019. So expansive, complex - red fruit with fruitcake aromatics - and long.

*Now-2026***W Col di Lamo, Brunello di Montalcino, 2013, 14%****Bottle £36.00 Case with 10% off £388.80****Code CDL313**

Power, and underlying structure, but very elegant this vintage. Svelte red fruit, subtly spiced with cinnamon. Builds beautifully on the palate: the real deal. The superb 2015 follows at £37.50.

Now-2024

Red - Emilia Romagna and the Marche

YD G Tenuta Casali, Bassamarea Rosso, Sangiovese Rubicone, 2019, 12.5%**Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46****Code TEN619**

A bright, young, country wine - vivid purple, fresh cherry perfume, all cherries and red berries with a little fat. Light, fresh and all too pluggable. Could be served cool.

Now-2022

G ★ Fiorano, Sangiovese, IGT Marche, 2018, 13%**Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86****Code FIO118**

“Smells very healthy and lively – so much fruit and freshness that it rather reminded me on the nose of a cru beaujolais. But then the farmyard character of Sangiovese kicks in in a most welcome way. Lovely and natural. Pure Sangiovese fruit with good acidity but quite enough fruit. Without the structure and ambition of a Chianti Classico. Unlike so many Italian reds, you could easily enjoy this without food. No point in ageing it though.

GV. 16/20”, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, May 2020. Red cherries and raspberries to the fore, ripe, perfumed and gently savoury. Very supple; a fast-disappearing bottle, perfect with any lighter Italian dish. Now-2022

G Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore DOC, 2017, 14%**Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off 172.26****Code FIO317**

80% Montepulciano and 20% Sangiovese, aged in old French oak barrels. A big wine, concentrated and robust; liqueur cherries cut by brisk acidity. Perfect for rich meat dishes such as roast pork. *Now-2022*

G Fiorano, Ser Balduzio, IGT Marche Rosso, 2013, 14.5%**Bottle £23.95 Case with 10% off £258.66****Code FIO413**

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-2024*

Red - Veneto and Piedmont

OP Boasso, Dolcetto, 2019, 13.5%**Bottle £12.25 Case with 10% off £132.30****Code BOA119**

Dolcetto, of Piedmont origin, means “little sweet” but the grape is usually vinified dry. Here it’s unoaked but has plenty of concentration. Lots of lively fruit flavour – blackberry and blueberry – backed by a bite of tannin. Bold, crunchy, slightly wild, this needs food; think ham or salume, pork belly or duck. *Now-2023*

Begali, Valpolicella Classico, 2019, 12.5%**Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00****Code BEF119**

2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, offering a pretty and sappy mouthful of red cherries. Juicy and light, with a twist of cherry stem bitterness. *Now-2022*

OP Taliano, Barbera d’Alba, A bon rendere, 2019, 13.5%**Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86****Code TAN119**

A bon rendere – it delivers you goodness. Ripe, juicy and appealing mouthful of red and black cherries, enlivened by a little peppery spice. All in balance and hearty enough for most meat dishes. *Now-2023*

NEW OP ★ Boasso, Barbera d’Alba Superiore, 2018, 14.5%**Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60****Code BOA618**

“Superiore” may be added if the wine is aged for a year prior to release, of which at least four months must in barrel, here traditional Slavonian oak vats. Already this has the air of a fine wine – though it will also keep very well. Lots of flesh, with refined red berry and plum fruit. Highly aromatic: floral touches of pot-pourri and violets. Shows a typical Barbera structure based on acid rather than tannin. Great value, recommended. *Now-2024*

OP Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d’Alba, 2018, 14%**Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46****Code TAN318**

A delicious, authentic Nebbiolo, just rounded by a year of ageing in a mix of old oak vessels. Pretty strawberry scent, tinged with vanilla; and the same juicy and bright red-berried fruit dominates the palate, lightly spicy, fragrant and silky. Soft tannins but a nice bite of acidity. *Now-2025*

Begali, Valpolicella Ripasso, La Cengia, 2018, 14.5%**Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46****Code BEF218**

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. Smoky aroma. Plentiful black cherry flavour, not raisiny but enticingly bittersweet. Savoury, with refreshing bite; elegant and long. *Now-2023*

NEW Begali, Valpolicella Superiore, 2016, 14.5%**Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66****Code BEF716**

A new wine for us – from local grape varieties, 80% dried for twenty days. Super-pure perfume – roses. Intense blackcurrants and blueberries, with figgy, savoury and dark chocolate hints. Dense, powerful and long. Stunning.
Now-2027

OP Michele Taliano, Roche dra Bossora, Roero Riserva, 2016, 14.5%**Bottle £20.50 Case with 10% off £221.40****Code TAN216**

Named after large ravines which score the Roero hills. Soft, old velvet hue. Fine strawberry fruit, rather elegant, and with supple tannins. Builds beautifully on the palate with true Nebbiolo aromatics. Plenty of fine-grained structure to keep this going. *Now-2025*

Begali, Tigiolo, IGT Veronese, 2014, 14.5%**Bottle £22.50 Case with 10% off £243.00****Code BEF314**

45% Cabernet 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. Intriguingly different. *Now-2025*

OP Michele Taliano, Ad Altiora, Barberesco, Montersino, 2016, 14.5%**Bottle £27.50 Case with 10% off £297.00****Code TAN516****Magnum £63.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £342.90****Code TAN816****Limited stock****Double magnum £142.50****Very limited stock**

Ad Altiora implies aiming higher... This is from 100% Nebbiolo grown in the calcareous Bris Montersino vineyard. Lively black fruit with a tarry hint on the nose. Opens up to display abundant strawberry flavours: this is a big, warming wine with plenty of grip for keeping. "Succulent fruit with a firm tannic core that needs more time. Quite powerfully structured but matched by plenty of fruit. 17/20", Walter Speller, jancisrobinson.com, 29th May 2019. *Now-2027*

OP Boasso, Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba, 2012, 14%**Bottle £30.50 Case with 10% off £329.40****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. The very youthful and exciting 2016 follows. *Now-2025*

Begali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2015, 16%**Bottle £32.50 Case with 10% off £351.00****Code BEF415**

The Begali family is one of the founding members of Le Famiglie Storiche, the historic families of Amarone, an association formed in 2009 to promote high quality Amarone, with its own high standards for production Classic, larger-than-life Amarone: very deep tone; savoury aromas of leather and spice over black fruit; and then a rich mouthful of autumnal, black fruit compote. Attractive meatiness and a correct dry finish. *Now-2025*

OP ★ Boasso, Barolo Gabutti, 2013, 14%**Bottle £36.50 Case with 10% off 394.20****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. The 2015 follows. *Now-2028*

Begali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Monte Ca'Bianca, Italy, 2013, 16%**Bottle £49.95 Case with 10% off £539.46****Code BEF513**

From a blend of Corvina, Corvinone and Rondinella, all grown in the single Monte Ca' Bianca vineyard, and all aged in French barriques, 1/3 new. This has the air of a very fine wine – surprisingly like a grand Bordeaux: smart oak, superb aromatics; and intense black fruit cut by fine acidity dancing around. *Now-2029*

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

White

Vila Nova, Vinho Verde, Portugal, 2019, 11.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 Code VIL119
Loureiro, Avesso and Arinto, from vineyards in the north of Portugal facing the Atlantic. Zingily fresh and citrusy, an old-fashioned pleasure. *Now-2021*

★ **Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, 2019, 12%**

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code CON119

Macabeo is the same grape as Viura, the principal ingredient in most white Rioja. "A beautiful white made from the macabeo grape (known as viura in Rioja), this is highly deserving of a place in your fridge. From the relatively uncelebrated region of Yecla in eastern Spain, it tastes of juicy white peaches, greengages and Asian pear and has a refreshing salinity", Victoria Moore, 50 best summer wines in The Daily Telegraph, 11th July 2020. Open, stone-fruited scent; excitingly ripe and weighty mid-palate of white peach and fresh grapes, and a dry, savoury and stoney finish. Terrific at the price. *Now-2021*

G ★ **Las Colinas del Ebro, Garnacha Blanca, Terra Alta, 2019, 13.5%**

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 Code CDE719

100% organically farmed (and certified) white Grenache from clay/limestone vineyards about 500 metres up (Terra Alta = highlands) in Catalonia. This latest vintage is the first made using wild ferments too, just giving it a fraction more interest. Grapefruit scented with herbs - rosemary and bay leaf - with attractive texture and a distinct, lightly almondy finish. *Now-2021*

K-Naia, Rueda, 2019, 12.5% SC

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26 Code KNA119

85% Verdejo with 15% Sauvignon Blanc – delivering plenty of bright and crisp fruit with an orange peel twist. But it also shows that savoury, dry edge which makes Rueda Verdejo so attractive. *Now-2021*

Viña Leiriña, Ribeiro Blanco, 2019, 11.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code LEJ119

The maritime-influenced vineyards of Ribeiro lie inland from Vigo in Galicia. This is a super-fresh, light, unoaked blend of Treixadura, Palomino and Torrontés; sappy, grassy and limey wine with a chamomile accent. Refreshing and would appeal to Muscadet and crisp Sauvignon lovers. *Now-2021*

OP ★ **Aba de Trasmia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain, 2019, 13%**

Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code TRA119

Albariño is the best known grape and wine of Galicia in Spain's Atlantic north-west. This comes from Viña Moraima, a tiny co-operative just 13 growers with vineyards on the slopes of the Salnés Valley. A deliciously open palate of apricot and ripe citrus tinged with floral (lavender?) notes and a saline hint. Albariño makes a superb match to any seafood, but an enticing aperitif too. *Now-2021*

Spain Red - Rioja and Ribera del Duero

Vega del Rayo, Rioja, Vendimia Seleccionada, 2017, 13%

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 Code VEG217

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-2022*

Segares, Rioja Tempranillo, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 Code NES118

The latest vintage of this unoaked example of the joven style is from 30+ year old Tempranillo vines on a plateau at 520-650 metres in Rioja Media. These deliver excellent concentration; and the lush texture is aided by being bottled with minimal filtration. Ripe, pulpy and strawberryish, soft and juicy; a simple pleasure, and hugely popular. *Now-2021*

★ **El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera Del Duero, Roble, 2018, 14%** Code LAH118
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86
A best-seller here, 95% Tempranillo with 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, given precisely 122 days (it says so on the label) in French and American oak barrels. A bold and robust glass full of cranberry, redcurrant and briary fruit, leavened by fresh acidity; and a dry, satisfying finish with a balsamic note. *Now-2022*

Segares, Rioja Crianza, 2012, 13.5% Code NES312
Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66
Excellent pure Tempranillo Rioja, all cooked strawberries, vanilla and spice, attractively mellow and drinking very well. *Now-2022*

NEW El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Gestación, Vinas Viejas, 2017, 14.5% Code LAH717
Bottle £16.25 Case with 10% off £175.50
The Tinta del País (Tempranillo) vines are around sixty years old and the resultant wine is very much at Crianza level in terms of quality, though only given nine months in smart French barrels, as opposed to the minimum of a year in the regulations for a Crianza. Youthful attack - this would benefit from double decanting to serve now - displaying a flamboyant blackcurrant and dark chocolate heart. Very smooth and not in the least over oaky; glossy wine, perfect for rich beef, venison and lamb dishes. *Now-2024*

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Crianza, 2016, 15% Code LAH416
Bottle £18.25 Case with 10% off £197.10
92% Tempranillo from 50-70 year old vines, with Cabernet and Merlot, given fourteen months in French oak. Showy and extrovert, showing intense black fruit, dark chocolate, and a fresh, curranty bite. *Now-2023*

Segares, Rioja Reserva, Spain, 2010, 14% Code NES410
Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60
The Reserva goes into 40% new French barrels, 60% in older American oak. It's wonderful to have some really 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-2023*

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera Del Duero, Reserva, 2014, 15% Code LAH314
Bottle £25.50 Case with 10% off 275.40
100% Tempranillo, including some parcels 80-90 years old; in French barrels for 18 months. Pure, lifted red fruit perfume on smart oak. Still very youthful - but immediately approachable - showing svelte blackcurrant fruit. Powerful, with a backing of smooth tannins, and all in balance: a long keeper. *Now-2025*

Red - Rest of Spain

Bajel Pirata, Monastrell, Alicante, 2018, 12% SC Code BAJ118
Bottle £7.25 Case with 10% off £78.30
A simple, smooth, easy-drinking quaffer, strawberry-fruited, with a little substance and a hint of meatiness. The 2019 follows. *Now-early 2021*

Borsao, Garnacha, Campo de Borja, 2018, 13.5% SC Code BOR318
Bottle £7.25 Case with 10% off £78.30
Bodegas Borsao is a big co-operative, marketing wines from over 600 growers whose land undulates across the Moncayo hills. Garnacha (Grenache), the workhorse grape of the south of France, is dominant, occupying some 70% of plantings. Not a complicated wine: upfront, lifted in style with open raspberry and cherry palate - ripely enjoyable, and soft enough to enjoy on its own. *Now-2021*

G Finca La Solana, Monastrell (Organic & Vegan), Jumilla, 2018, 14% Code LUZ118
Bottle £9.75 Case with 10% off £105.30
This and the next wine are made by Bodegas Luzon in Jumilla. This unoaked, organic red is so bright, juicy and winning, strawberry flavoured but not in the least sweet, vivid and lightly savoury, with lots of energy. Terrific. *Now-2021*

Finca La Solana, Monastrell, Seleccion Especial, 2017, 14.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40

Code LU317

Monastrell given about four months in old barrels, mainly American, giving distinctively Spanish oak accents of coconut, milk chocolate and coffee over ripe, jellied blackberry and blackcurrant fruit. Wow – delivers a lot of punch at the price. *Now-2021*

NEW Montetoro, Toro, 5, 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26

Code MOT118

A new wine for us, from Bodega Ramon Ramos near Zamora, north-west of Madrid. In Toro the Tempranillo grape is known as Tinta de Toro, here given a few months in French oak barrels. Offers a hearty gush of strawberries tinged with vanilla. Merest smudge of tannin, so it's supple enough to drink on its own. *Now-2022*

Tierra Fuerte, Graciano, Méntrida, 2015, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66

Code TIE115

Graciano, a high quality grape usually found blended in Rioja, grown on granitic soils in Méntrida in the province of Toledo, given about a year in 90% French (and 10% American) barrels. Generous perfume of berries and cigar box. With cooked strawberry and blueberry flavours, plus lots of heart and tannin to keep it going, this is a surprisingly classic Spanish red. *Now-2023*

SE Finca Tobella, Negre, Priorat, 2018, 14.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00

Code TOB118

From a recently founded estate in Priorat in Catalonia, a great Spanish terroir, on steep hillsides of slate and mica soils. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache and Carignan, with 40% aged in new French barrels: very deeply coloured; overtly flavoured by the barrels, with expensive, clean, cedary accents, over plush black fruit; polished and smart, concentrated, but with excellent freshness and liquorice hints. *Now-2024*

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Heights, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2019, 12%

SC

Bottle £6.95 Case with 10% off £75.06

Code CAH119

Including dry-farmed bush-vine Chenin from Paardeberg, Paarl and the Drakenstein area, this is surprisingly concentrated for the price. Textbook Chenin nose: white flowers and pears. Bright, citrus and green fruit. *Now-2021*

NEW False Bay, Windswept Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region, 2019, 13.5%

SC

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86

Code FAB319

Using fruit from coastal vineyards, a nettley Sauvignon Blanc with decent mouthfeel and finish. *Now-2021*

False Bay, Chenin Blanc, Coastal Region, 2019, 13%

SC

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86

Code FAB119

From dry-farmed, bush vines, mainly in the Paardeberg and Riebeek Valley, slowly fermented, using only wild yeasts. Lightly honeyed scent. This is richly textured, weighty, offering a generous, well-flavoured heart of white peach and crisp pineapple. *Now-2021*

NEW W Six Hats, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa, 2019, 12.5%

SC

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90

Code SIX119

Six Hats is Piekenierskloof's second label, including fruit not just from the estate but from farmers near Malmesbury too. This is such a winner, exemplifying so perfectly why Chenin is the country's distinctive white success story. It's fresh and bright but has some weight. Both the aromas and the palate show honeyed accents on tangerine and more tropical fruit. This has vivacity and versatility, as easy to drink on its own or with fish and chicken. *Now-2022*

OP **Great Expectations Chardonnay, Robertson, 2019, 12.8%** SC
Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 Code GDV119

A consistently popular wine; from well-drained soils with some limestone, perfect for the grape. The grapes are fermented in tanks holding small French oak blocks; and a couple of months on the lees give the wine a little fat. Gently creamy, with lime and melon flavours, this is an easy-quaffing, generous Chardonnay. *Now-2021*

SE ★ **Cape Atlantic Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, 2019, 13.5%** SC
Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46 Code CED619

About two thirds from the young Sauvignon parcels at Cederberg, plus a third from the Ghost Corner vineyards at Elim – hence the gannet on the label. So clean, precise and well-priced given its pedigree and quality, successfully combining nettle and grassy elements with green and exotic fruit, lots of texture and bright aromatics. *Now-2021*

SE **Doring Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, Coastal Region, 2019, 13.5%** SC
Bottle £11.75 Case with 10% off £126.90 Code FRY319

Doring Bay is the second line of Fryer's Cove. It's an intense, green-fruited and zippy example, based on their cool coastal fruit, punchy and herbaceous. Plenty of concentration and weight. *Now-2021*

NEW **Badenhorst Family Wines, Papegaaï, Palomino / Semillon, Western Cape, 2019, 12.5%** SC
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code BAD219

By European standards this is a strange blend: the Spanish Palomino grape, known for sherry; combined with Semillon, best known for dry and late harvest wines in Bordeaux - but it works. That linear chalkiness of the Palomino cuts the volume and pear flavour of the Semillon. This is very pale and crystal clear, light and fresh, and has a lightly saline finish. *Now-2021*

NEW **W** **Piekenierskloof, Grenache Blanc, Piekenierskloof, 2018, 13.5%** SC
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code PIK118

From bush vines planted in 1987 on koffiekliip and loam; and fermented in old oak vats. Enticingly open scents of ripe citrus and grapefruit pith. Forward and full-flavoured, with tangerine, ripe apple and lime – and a creamy meringue element. Terrific finish; with salinity and just a hint of a palate-cleansing bitter element that makes this a perfect match for Mediterranean cuisine. *Now-2022*

Secateurs White, Chenin Blanc, Swartland, 2019, 13% SC
Bottle £12.75 Case with 10% off £137.70 Code BAD119

10% goes into old oak barrels, giving volume rather than oak flavour, and the wine gains weight from about seven months on its lees. This is just so creamy and textured for the price. Sunnily exotic fruit - tangerines, lime, and orange peel - with nuances of cashew nut and marzipan. *Now-2021*

SE **Cederberg, Bukettraube, Cederberg, 2019, 13%** SC
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code CED319

Bukettraube, a 19th century German cross between Silvaner and the obscure Schiva Grossa, is barely grown outside South Africa, but handled well it makes a delicious medium dry wine (about 22 grams of residual sugar per litre in this vintage), perfect with liver pâté or Thai-style seafood. Nectarine and white peach attack, delicate, but with a crisp spine. *Now-2021*

SE **Cederberg, Chenin Blanc, Cederberg, 2019, 13%** SC
Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code CED119

Always our benchmark wine at this estate - this is the 17th continuous vintage we have shipped. As usual, almost water white. Open, appealing scent of fresh pineapple and lemon zest. Mouthwatering entry of pineapple, lime and white peach. Exotic flavours but zippy; and finishes minerally, with the merest salty note. *Now-2022*

NEW **Koelfontein Chardonnay, Ceres, 2017, 14.5%** SC
Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code KOE117

From a block planted in 1987, and about 1/3 matured in new barrels, 2/3 second fill. Opulent, exotic, full-on example – an old-fashioned Cape Meursault. Ripe melon and a hint of pineapple, well-knit, with notes of cream, caramel and fat nuts. Delivers a lot of power and complexity for the price. *Now-2022*

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

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06

Code BBO117

Moment of Silence 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-2021 Limited stock*

W ★ **Domaine Des Dieux, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2016, 13.5%**

Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86

Code DDD116

Star Chardonnay from vineyards at the very top of the Hemel-en-Aarde valley. Intense and opulent, showing lime and cream, whilst restrained by a chalky note. In short: a classy, full-flavoured, perfectly-ready-to-drink, barrel-fermented and aged (about 30% new oak) Chardonnay of concentration and length. *Now-2023*

SE ★ **Fryer's Cove, Sauvignon Blanc, Bamboes Bay, 2017, 14% SC**

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00

Code FRY117

From an isolated vineyard on calcareous soils, next to the cool Atlantic near Strandfontein, a remarkably intense and ageworthy SB, a Cape Pouilly-Fumé: gooseberry, lime and passion-fruit, checked by crisp minerality. *Now-2021*

NEW SE **Fryer's Cove, Hollebaksstrandfontein, Sauvignon Blanc Fumé, Bamboes Bay, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66

Code FRY417

Less than 200 dozen made of this barrel and clay pot fermented SB, named after the spring in the hollow of Bamboes Bay. Concentrated, rounded and complex, this shows fascinating notes of blossom, gingerbread and marzipan over the creamy heart. *Now-2022*

YD Blankbottle, Epileptic Inspiration, Western Cape, 2018, 14%

Bottle £22.95 Case with 10% off £247.86

Code BBO218

Semillon sourced from Elgin and Baardseerdersbos; picked late for a fuller flavour and rich mouthfeel; and fermented and aged on lees in French oak and clay amphora. Citrus-based, accented with subtle but multiple flavours – chamomile, clotted cream, thai basil and white pepper. Rounded and intense; and with a very long finish. *Now-2022*

SE **Ghost Corner, Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc, Elim, 2018, 13.5%**

Bottle £22.95 Case with 10% off £247.86

Code CED218

From vines on slate, koffiekliip and gravel at cool Cape Agulhas, this is David's top Sauvignon. Complexity is achieved through 50% whole bunch pressing and then all the juice is barrel fermented in French oak (just 12% new) and then given 10 months in barrel. On both nose and palate the oaking is in the background, dominated by amazingly exotic aromatics of mango and quince. Concentrated and opulent but also satiny. *Now-2022*

SE **Cederberg, V Generations Chenin Blanc, 2018, 14%**

Bottle £25.00 Case with 10% off £270.00

Code CED518

Twelve selected barrels were used to produce just 500 dozen of the estate's top Chenin – always one of the best pure Chenins in the Cape. Concentrated, quite oaky (1/3 new barrels), but delivering fascinating flavours of stone fruit, lime and bitter orange; with plenty of weight; and an irony spine. Will keep very well: a structured white to drink with pork or poultry. *Now-2024*

Chamonix, Reserve Chardonnay, Franschhoek, 2016, 13%

Bottle £25.50 Case with 10% off £275.40

Code CHX716

Barrel fermented and aged for 14 months, with 20% matured in expensive Nomblot eggs. In its youth this appeared lighter - the actual alcohol is just 12.6% - than past vintages, but it has now opened up beautifully with flavours of cream, lime, stone fruit and buttery toast. *Now-2021*

DG A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines, Kalmoesfontein White Blend, Coastal Region, 2017, 14%

Bottle £26.50 Case with 10% off £286.20

Code BAD317

The target is consistent, a densely textured, complex wine, based on fruit from the family vineyards on the Paardeberg: in this vintage 32% Chenin Blanc, 19% Roussanne, 12% Grenache Blanc and Verdelho, 8 % Viognier, 6% Grenache [Gris?] and 4% Clairette, all given about a year in large 500 or 600l. old barrels. Dry, concentrated Chenin is always the base note, and the Rhône varieties bring stone fruit and weight. Intense flavours of lemon rind and quince enlivened by Granny Smith appley bite. Terrific, dry savoury finish. Will age superbly. *Now-2024*

Red

False Bay, Pinotage, Coastal Region, 2018, 14.5%

SC

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86

Code FAB818

Plum coloured. High-toned scent of berries. Bittersweet raspberry and bilberry fruit, bold and juicy, with just a smidge of tannin which makes this food-friendly, a good accompaniment to roast pork or the barbecue. This is quite a light and graceful Pinotage. *Now-2021*

OP Great Expectations, Crane Red Merlot, Robertson, 2018, 14%

SC

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66

Code GDV418

Gutsy and lightly smokey, with oaky flavours coming from the suspension of staves in the tank for seven months; but also fresher and more lifted than in the past, without losing its heartiness and generous plum fruit with hints of coffee and spice. *Now-2021*

OP Great Expectations Shiraz, Robertson, 2017, 13.5%

SC

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46

Code GDV617

Hugely winning: gush of cherry and raspberry, nicely perfumed, ripe, spicy and youthful but also supple. Deservedly popular. The 2018 vintage follows at the same price. *Now-2021*

NEW OP Vriesenhof, Grenache / Shiraz / Mourvèdre, Stellenbosch, 2017, 14.5%

SC

Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06

Code VRI117

46% Grenache, 35% Shiraz and 19% Mourvèdre, given nine months in old oak. Traditionally framed wine, showing raspberry and cherry flavours tinged with a mocha hint. Dry, savoury, well-balanced food wine for any hearty meat dish. *Now-2022*

Secateurs Red, Swartland, 2018, 13.5%

SC

Bottle £12.75 Case with 10% off £137.70

Code BAD618

82% Cinsault, with 10% Shiraz and 8% Grenache, just rounded by big old oak vats. The Cinsault makes this so easy drinking, with pretty red fruit backed by savoury and spice notes. Adi says "we've turned the Red Blend a bit upside down... Why? Because Cinsault is a fabulous grape and always a pleasure to drink". The 2019 follows shortly. *Now-2022*

NEW OP Vriesenhof, Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2017, 14%

SC

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

Code VRI317

Burst of juicy, savoury, high-toned raspberry fruit and great depth of flavour – the latter perhaps because it's based on a low-yielding block planted in 1976. Typical beefy notes too. Honest, old-fashioned, vibrant Pinotage with a backbone. *Now-2023*

NEW W ★ Piekenierskloof, Cinsault, Piekenierskloof, 2018, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66

Code PIK618

From vines planted in 1976; half aged in tank and half in old oak. Classic Cinsault perfume composed of floral notes and ripe berries. Velvety, showing intense red fruit, supple with very gentle tannins; this combines the best of sunny new world fruit with old world refinement. *Now-2023*

NEW **G** ★ **Paserene, Midnight, Western Cape, 2018, 14%**
Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code PAR118**
Pure Cabernet Sauvignon from Tulbagh. As the name suggest, very dark and glossy. Delightfully perfumed – cassis. So smooth, polished and velvety. Fine tannins. *“Cerise-edged black vermilion. Intense black currant aromas faint almond whiffs, anise and violet hints concentrated seamless juicy but not simple, delicious now”*, Michael Fridjhon, **The Wine Wizard**, 21st April 2020. *Now-2024*

NEW **W** **Piekenierskloof, Grenache, Piekenierskloof, 2018, 13.5%**
Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code PIK818**
Piekenierskloof has more Grenache planted than any other estate in the Cape, including parcels going back to 1973. All goes into old, effectively neutral, oak. Stimulating aromatics – strawberries and spice. Wonderful purity. Mouthcoating texture. Lovely winegum flavours with notes of clove and pepper. A real Rhône challenger. *Now-2024*

W **Domaine Des Dieux, Syrah-Mourvèdre, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2014, 15%**
Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26 **Code DDD814**
About 95% Syrah in this vintage, full-flavoured and meaty, but also smooth, offering fresh blackberry, a lick of sweet oak and middle eastern spice. *Now-2022*

NEW **Koelfontein, Shiraz, Ceres, 2016, 14.5%**
Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00 **Code KOE616**
Terrific Shiraz, made by Dewaldt Heyns, winemaker at famed Saronsberg and given 20 months in new French barrels; it’s garnered a slew of Cape medals: Veritas and Michelangelo golds and a double gold in the Vitis Vinifera. So bold and vibrant, a gorgeous sweet cassis gush, but also brightened by juicy acidity and backed by plentiful ripe tannins. *Now-2023*

W **Des Dieux, Josephine Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2015, 13.5%**
Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 **Code DDD615**
As the vines here age, this wine is getting more refined: the 2015 is certainly the best vintage we have tasted. French oak, about 28% new. This is a rich, velvety example, with overt raspberry and cherry fruit, wrapped in coffee-scented oak. Fine acid spine. Terrific aromatics on a long finish. Classy and complete. *Now-2023*

SE **Fryers Cove, Pinot Noir, Bamboes Bay, 2017, 12.5%**
Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60 **Code FRY617**
From a calcareous vineyard on the cool Atlantic. Supple, pleasingly fleshy palate with lots of strawberry and raspberry upfront, with subtle oak. Attractively fast-maturing Pinot, so savoury and undergrowth hints are beginning to emerge: a classic expression of Pinot. *Now-2022*

SE **Cederberg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg, 2017, 14%**
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 **Code CED717**
Cabernet here enjoys a long ripening period, excellent for aromatics: this isn’t picked until March, two months after the harvest starts in warm regions in the Cape. From twenty year old vines on largely west-facing plots, this goes into French oak, 60% new, 40% second fill. Youthful purple. Classic blackcurrant Cabernet perfume, just tinged with a little leafiness (2017 was a cooler vintage than usual) and that follows onto a perfumed palate, with layers of black fruit, and fine tannins for keeping too. *Now-2025*

SE **Cederberg, Shiraz, Cederberg, 2017, 14.5%**
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 **Code CED817**
Magnums [2016 vintage]£45.00
Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £243.00 **Code CED416**
David’s Shiraz is unfailingly spectacular: given plenty of extraction and 60% new oak, it’s deeply coloured, concentrated and well-structured but also delivers exuberant raspberry and black fruit. It’s a lovely pair for roast beef. This vintage was a Platter Five Star winner: *“So much to love about 17. Classic New World shiraz flavours of black fruit, smoked meat, coriander & cloves with smoky oak. Supple & silky tannins & fresh acidity keep interest going right through to lengthy finish”*. *Now-2025*

NEW **OP** **Vriesenhof, Kallista, Stellenbosch, 2016, 13.5%**
Bottle £25.50 Case with 10% off £275.40 **Code VRI416**

A beautiful Bordeaux blend given ageing in plenty of new barrels, 40% Cabernet Franc, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot. Very fragrant, cassis with a leafy hint. The palate is all about melting flavours, generous red fruit and refinement; and on the finish the Cab Franc aromatics return, all raspberry and violets. Already perfectly approachable, this will develop nicely for years. *Now-2027*

DG **A.A. Badenhorst Family Wines Family Red, Swartland, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £26.50 Case with 10% off £286.20 **Code BAD817**

The blend is always based on Syrah, 59% in 2017, plus 17% Cinsault, and Grenache and 7% Tinta Barocca, given a very long post-fermentation maceration. Very youthful aromas and attack: vital red fruit with stimulating freshness and vigour – lifted by the strawberry Cinsault note. Opens out boldly, all classy aromatics and rather Northern Rhône in style. Very smooth tannins. *Now-2023*

SE **Cederberg, V Generations Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg, 2017, 14.5%**

Bottle £41.00 Case with 10% off £442.80 **Code CED917**

The top red here, based on a barrel selection from one parcel of vines producing small berries. The grapes are given lots of extraction - punch downs and pump overs and 18 days of skin contact - but it's never just a blockbuster. The intensity of cassis fruit tinged with mint, woodsmoke and vanilla is balanced by scintillating acidity; and the sheer perfume of the wine is gorgeous. *Now-2025*

CHILE

White

Los Seduras, Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, 2019, 12.5% **SC**
Bottle £7.50 Case with 10% off £81.00 **Code SED119**

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-2021*

Karu, Chardonnay, Valle Central, 2018, 12.5% **SC**
Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86 **Code KAR118**

Well-made, very lightly oaked, ripe, pineapple- accented Chardonnay. *Now-2021*

W **Apaltagua, Pinot Gris Reserva, San Antonio, 2019, 13.5%** **SC**
Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 **Code APA919**

From new vineyards in the coastal mountains near the cool Pacific: floral character, subtle orchard fruits. *Now-2021*

W **Apaltagua, Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, San Antonio, 2019, 13.5%** **SC**

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 **Code APA619**

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-2021*

W **Apaltagua, Riesling Reserva, Casablanca, 2018, 13%** **SC**
Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 **Code APA718**

True, almost totally dry Riesling from cool Casablanca fruit at a fair price – grapefruit with a floral note. *Now-2021*

Red

Los Seduras, Merlot, Valle Central, 2019, 13.5% **SC**
Bottle £7.50 Case with 10% off £81.00 **Code SED619**

Supple, pretty and very easy-drinking Chilean Merlot. What's not to like? *Now-2021*

Gran Verano Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Central, 2019, 13.5% SC
Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86 Code APA319

True varietal character and balance, showing crisp red and blackcurrants, just a little minty, with an appealing unforced ease. *Now-2021*

Gran Verano Carmenère, Valle Central, 2019, 13.5% SC
Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86 Code APA819

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. *Now-2021*

Valle Frio, Syrah, Maule, Chile, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 Code FRI419

Outstanding value and typicity to the grape. Really true Syrah scent; appealing strawberry flavour, fresh acidity and a liquorice hint so typical of Syrah. Great with simple beefburgers. *Now-2022*

★ **Valle Frio, Carmenère, Maule, 2019, 13.5%**
Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code FRI219

As ever, this is so classy, velvety and smart - it tastes like a much more expensive Bordeaux! Lush and ripe, red and black-fruited, with the characteristic leafy edge of the grape - and excellent length. *Now-2022*

Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, 2019, 13.5% SC
Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% off £99.90 Code FRI319

The latest vintage of a hugely successful wine here: from vines with some age planted in higher sites in the Maule Valley, and surprisingly concentrated for a Pinot at this price. Bright strawberry and red cherry fruit, with a hint of pretty rose petal aromatics. Showing true Pinot character, this is so charming and wins a lot of friends. *Now-2021*

NEW Valle Frio, Jardin Privado Merlot, Maule, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40 Code FRI617

A big step up on a house Merlot, and we like the fact that it's not over-ripe and jammy, but rather retains some herbaceous notes around the supple, plum and vanilla accented heart. *Now-2021*

W Apaltagua, Envero, Gran Reserva Carmenère, Apalta Vineyard Selection, Colchagua, 2018, 14%
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code APA418

The latest vintage of this deservedly popular wine. From 60+ year old vineyards - rare in Chile - in the famed Apalta valley, this lightly oaked (60% in French and US barrels) 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-2023*

NEW W Apaltagua, Envero, Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Curicó Valley, 2018, 14%
Bottle £13.50 Case with 10% off £145.80 Code APA218

Classic Chilean Cab. Blast of blackcurrant and eucalyptus. Glossy cassis fruit, very pure and polished. Plenty of freshness - excellent example. *Now-2024*

NEW Valle Frio, Red Blend, Reserva Especial, Maule, 2014, 14%
Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code FRI814

A well-crafted blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Carmenère, 10% Syrah and 5% Petit Verdot, this is very plush, open and nicely ready to drink. Black-fruited, very complete, with intriguing, leafy (Bordeaux-like) hints from the Carmenère. *Now-2022*

OP Errázuriz, Syrah, Aconcagua Costa, 2016, 13.5%
Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code ERR316

A wine crafted with huge care - 16 months in French oak (15% new, 75% older) and 10% in concrete eggs - at a fair price. Supple, gently spicy core of red fruits but with backbone too. *Now-2023*

OP Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa, 2019, 13.5%
Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 Code ERR919

Again, a brilliant example from vineyards on schist at Manzanar, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific. Combines the virtues of superclean, ripe Chilean fruit with a burgundian freshness, restraint and tannin/acid spine. Perfumed cherries and raspberries. *Now-2023*

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

Bottle £70.00 Case with 10% off £378.00 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. *Now-2025*

ARGENTINA

White

Carinae, Viognier, Mendoza, 2019, 13.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 Code CAE719

Viognier is much better suited to the heat of Argentina than Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. Well-balanced example: a lightly floral perfume prefaces a fresh and refreshing palate, more citrus than stone-fruited. Refreshing, with a saline hint. A bright aperitif or alternatively a good pair for spicy dishes. *Now-2021*

Red

Finca Vista, Malbec, Mendoza, 2019, 13.5%

SC

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86

Code FIN119

Mendoza Malbec at a very fair price; uncomplicated and fruity with sweet oak notes. *Now-2021*

G ★ Vicien, Malbec, Catamarca, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £10.75 Case with 10% off £116.10

Code VIB117

Is the 2017 the most delicious vintage yet of one of our best-selling wines, a wine we have been shipping for 15 years? From vineyards over 5,000 feet up on the shoulders of the Andes, this is an organically grown Malbec (without certification) showing beautifully ripe but fresh red fruit, wonderful purity, a silky texture and gentle savouriness on the finish. *Now-2022*

Carinae, Malbec, Mendoza, 2018, 14%

Bottle £11.95 Case with 10% off £129.06

Code CAE118

From 90 year old vines at Cruz de Piedra, Maipú, Philippe Subra's unoaked Malbec, which always shows the enticing perfume of the grape: crushed blackberries, plums and hint of spice. Blackberry and strawberry heart, not sweet, juicy, lively and fragrant. Merest smudge of backing tannins. The sort of wine which really wins friends for Malbec. *Now-2023*

NEW Carinae, Cuvée Philippe, Mendoza, 2017, 14%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

Code CAE917

A sumptuous, lightly oaked blend of thirds of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Each grape brings something special to the party: the Malbec brings blackberry juiciness; the Cabernet sharp blackcurrant; and the Syrah a blueberry note. As a whole it's tinged with oak spice from the barrels and shows really classy aromatics; bold but elegant. *Now-2022*

★ Carinae, Malbec Harmonie, Mendoza, 2016, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66

Code CAE216

Very deep and inky. Lovely open perfume of cherries, berries and vanilla. With silky, classy, brambly fruit, tinged with chocolatey oak, this is concentrated and delicious. Superb at this price. *Now-2024*

Carinae, Malbec, Hommage, Mendoza, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £22.5 Case with 10% off £243.00

Code CAE413

Amazing old-vine Malbec from 93 year old vines in a high altitude vineyard at Calle Cobos, Perdriel in Luján de Cuyo, just south of Mendoza; tiny yields, a strict grape selection, aged in new and second fill French barrels. Concentrated, with fine-grained tannins, offering autumnal fruit - with a seductive, liqueur element - spiked with hints of mocha, nutmeg and tobacco, this offers a fantastic bottle of wine. *Now-2023*

Carinae, Prestige, Mendoza, 2012, 15%

Bottle £25.00 Case with 10% off £270.00

Code CAE512

About 75% Malbec, with 17% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Syrah, a selection of the best grapes of the vintage, aged in new barrels for 18 months. Inky. Mocha and caramel aromas on intense red fruit. Hugely powerful and intense, yet balanced - does the Syrah just give it some lift? Very lush cherry and cassis core. Very long indeed. *Now-2023*

USA

Red

Burlesque, Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi, California, 2018, 14%

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66

Code BUR118

Hearty and generous at the price, delivering a generous gush of raspberry and spice. *Now-2021*

Scotto, Zinfandel, Lodi, California, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26

Code SCO116

This includes a dollop of old vine fruit: it's lively and fruity, with flavours of red cherry, rhubarb and even peach nectar. Rather fun. *Now-2021*

NEW McManis, Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi, California, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

Code MCM218

Deep and opaque. Scent of black fruit and oak notes. Blackcurranty attack, very ripe but fresh and not cooked. Not subtle but a Ronseal wine – does what it says on the tin. *Now-2022*

SE Bedrock Wines, The Whole Shebang! Twelfth Cuvée, California, NV, 14%

Bottle £16.50 Case with 10% off £178.20

Code SHE1NV

A cross vintage blend (bottled off a solera system to ensure consistency) of about eight different grape varieties - Zinfandel and Mediterranean - grown in Sonoma and given some ageing in French oak. Black-fruited, aromatic, hints of tar and spice, and long. *Now-2023*

NEW G Field Recordings, Wonderwall Pinot Noir, Central Coast, California, 2018, 12.9%

Bottle £22.95 Case with 10% off £247.86

Code FIE118

It's been too long since we listed a Californian PN. Here's Andrew Jones's seductive and forward example, from an organically farmed, cool coastal site, with flavours of strawberry ripple and sous-bois. For a US Pinot this offers value too. *Now-2023 Arriving late October*

DG Ridge, Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2017, 14.8%

Bottle £46.50 Case with 10% off £502.20

Code RID217

74% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah, 9% Carignane and 2% Mataro (Mourvèdre) from numerous parcels, based on very old vines, and all aged in exclusively US oak barrels, 10% new in this vintage. Dense brambly fruit, with nuances of spice and tobacco. *Now-2026 Limited stock*

DG Ridge, Geyserville, California, 2017, 14.5%

Bottle £46.50 Case with 10% off £502.20

Code RID117

Superb Zin blend: in this vintage 68% Zinfandel, 18% Carignane, 12% Petite Sirah, 2% Alicante Bouschet, the Zin from a single site. All aged in US oak, 16% new. 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 Limited stock*

NEW ZEALAND

White

Mirror Lake, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2019, 13% **SC**
Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60 **Code MIR119**

Now with a smarter label. Attractively green fruited and lively, with gooseberry and lime, plus elderflower and candy notes. *Now-2021*

NEW Mount Riley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2019, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £10.95 Case with 10% off £118.26 **Code MOU119**

Blended from numerous sites within Marlborough, including the Awatere and Wairau Valleys. Crisp, bright and zippy. From a family-owned winery. *Now-2021*

Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2019, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £11.25 Case with 10% off £121.50 **Code ESK119**

Invariably a juicy and exuberant Kiwi SB. Elderflower and grapey perfume, and then a blast of gooseberries. *Now-2021*

OP The Edge, Pinot Gris, Martinborough, 2018, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 **Code ESC718**

The Edge is the second label of Larry McKenna's Escarpment estate. 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. *Now-2021*

Waipara Springs, Sauvignon Blanc, Waipara, 2019, 12.5% **SC**

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 **Code WAI119**

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-2021*

W Jules Taylor, Pinot Gris, Marlborough, 2018, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40 **Code JUL118**

Jules Taylor sources top quality fruit to make a precious range of wines. This is excitingly open, offering up a mix of tropical and orchard fruits; a rich texture and satisfying breadth. Dry; perfect for rich fish or light poultry dishes. *Now-2023*

Isabel Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2018, 13% **SC**

Bottle £16.50 Case with 10% off £178.20 **Code ISA518**

Penetrating, intensely green-fruited, this is restrained, silkily textured, and very long: a Kiwi Pouilly-Fumé and as such always shows better after a year or more in bottle. *Now-2021*

NEW OP Greywacke, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2019, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 **Code GRE119**

The creation of Kevin Judd, who was the winemaker for Cloudy Bay, and named for the high prevalence of rounded greywacke sandstones in the soils of the vineyard. Very high quality, showing considerable ripeness and concentration, lots of tropical and exotic flavours but also zingy. *Now-2022*

G DG Felton Road, Bannockburn Chardonnay, Central Otago, 2018, 13.5% **SC**

Bottle £27.95 Case with 10% off £301.86 **Code FET118**

Grown on schist gravels. Creamy nose. Understated oak, kind volume, cut by lime. Mineral, classy Chardonnay, a match for the Côte de Beaune. *Now-2024 Limited stock*

Red

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

NEW ★ **Mount Riley, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2019, 13.5%** SC
Bottle £13.75 Case with 10% off £148.50 Code MOU619

We were really impressed by the generous raspberry and cherry fruit, just smoothed with a lick of oak. Decent concentration and ripeness. Now-2022

W **Jules Taylor, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2018, 13.5%** SC
Bottle £17.95 Case with 10% off £193.86 Code JUL618

Very ripe, complete and refined for a Marlborough Pinot, with proper oak buttressing, lush raspberry and red cherry fruit and an appealing polish. Now-2023

G **DG Felton Road, Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2016, 13.5%** SC

Bottle £37.50 Case with 10% off £405.00 Code FET616
Magnum £87.50 Very limited stock Code FET616M

A benchmark wine among all New World Pinots: heated raspberries and strawberries with a hint of coffee; supple and perfumed, already delicious but also ageworthy. The 2017 follows shortly. Now-2024

G **DG Felton Road, Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2018, 14%** SC

Bottle £46.00 Case with 10% off £496.80 Code FET718

Cornish Point is a vineyard almost surrounded by water, on loess soils over gravel. Owner Nigel Greening refers to the "exoticism" of this wine. Poised, very fragrant and harmonious, silky raspberries, vanilla and spice. Now-2025

G **DG Felton Road, Calvert Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2016, 13.5%** SC

Bottle £46.50 Case with 10% off £502.20 Code FET816

Usually the most precocious of the single vineyard wines: gorgeously ripe; expansive strawberry heart. The 2017 follows. Now-2025

AUSTRALIA

White

The Listening Station, Chardonnay, Victoria, 2019, 12.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case with 10% off £85.86 Code LIS119

Unadorned, uncomplicated, simple and light Chardonnay – unoaked and no malolactic fermentation. Scent of lime; then a bright and citrusy mouthful. Now-2021

Helmsman, Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc, 2019, 11% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 Code HEL119

Crafted by Robert Oatley, a very light and lively blend: grassy, almost mouthwatering, citrusy palate. Now-2021

YD **Silent Noise, Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, 2018, 13%** SC

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code SIL118

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, orchard fruited and bright. Now-2021

SE **Wickham Road, Chardonnay, Gippsland, 2019, 13%** SC

Bottle £17.50 Case with 10% off £189.00 Code WIC119

Gippsland is an up-and-coming coolish climate region east of Melbourne. A different style this vintage; much fresher. Ripe and refined, with an interesting tangerine accent. Lively, perfect for simply cooked white fish. Now-2022

SE ★ **Hoddles Creek, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2017, 13.2%** SC

Bottle £19.50 Case with 10% off £210.60 Code HOD117

Restrained but fresh fruit aroma with harmonious oak undertone. Attractive weight and shape but also crisp and refined. Anthithesis of caricature Aussie Chard of old. Two top plaudits for a wine at this price: Halliday, Top 100 wines of 2018, 95/100; James Suckling, no. 30 in 100 best wines under US\$30. The 2018 follows. Now-2024

SE Ashton Hills, Riesling, Adelaide Hills, 2017, 11% **SC**
Bottle £20.50 Case with 10% off £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 Limited stock*

OP Mac Forbes, Woori Yallock Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 12.5%
Bottle £33.50 Case with 10% off £361.80 **Code MAC116**
From a south facing 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*

SE Hoddles Creek, Syberia Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13.3% **SC**
Bottle £37.50 Case with 10% off £405.00 **Code HOD316**
From a single vineyard, a high, cool (hence the name) site in cleared forest in the Upper Yarra. Great density and punch, and a terrifically complete mouthful of oak, fruit and acid. White peach and floral touches. The best Chardonnay at the estate in this vintage. The 2018 follows. *Now-2025*

Red

Murphy Vineyards, Big Rivers Shiraz, Murray Darling, 2018, 14.5% **SC**
Bottle £6.95 Case with 10% off £75.06 **Code MUR118**
Brambly Aussie Shiraz; fruity, friendly and warming. *Now-2021*

Helmsman, Cabernet Merlot, 2018, 13.5% **SC**
Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% off £96.66 **Code HEL618**
Charmingly ripe nose; plum and blackcurrant accented, supple and easy-drinking blend from the Robert Oatley stable – what's not to like? *Now-2021*

Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, 2017, 14.5% **SC**
Bottle £12.50 Case with 10% off £135.00 **Code THO117**
Very deep hue. Typical Aussie Cab. profile of ripe blackcurrant and blueberry tinged with eucalyptus and a herbaceous note. Juicy and very tasty – perfect for roast lamb. *Now-2021*

YD Silent Noise, Shiraz, McLaren Vale, 2016, 14% **SC**
Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 **Code SIL816**
A kick-ass Aussie Shiraz at the right price. Aged half in French and half in American oak barrels, 25% new, this shows a lovely, deep, youthful colour – and delivers stacks of fresh black and blueberry fruit. Fine and silky. Definitive wine for carnivores; and should keep very well too. The 2017 follows. *Now-2023*

OP Pizzini, Nonna Gisella Sangiovese, King Valley, 2016, 13.5% **SC**
Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 **Code PIZ616**
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*

Bird in Hand, Shiraz, Mount Lofty Ranges, 2018, 14.5% **SC**
Bottle £16.95 Case with 10% off £183.06 **Code BIH118**
From the Adelaide Hills, this is a big Shiraz chock full of flavour. The nose contains aromas of black cherry, blueberry, liquorice and eucalyptus. Dark fruit abounds on the palate, along with a pleasing spice note. A youthful, powerful but balanced wine that will reward those who match it with hearty red meat dishes. *Now-2023*

SE ★ Wickham Road, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, 2020, 13% **SC**
Bottle £18.95 Case with 10% off £204.66 **Code WIC620**
Gippsland is an up-and-coming coastal region east and south of Melbourne. Untasted as yet, but we anticipate this will have the same approachable Pinot character as its predecessors: bright red fruit, strawberry and cherry; supple and friendly. *Now-2023 Arriving late November / early December*

YD Tomfoolery, Young Blood Grenache, Barossa, 2017, 14.3% SC
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 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-2022 Limited stock

SE Hoddles Creek, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2018, 13.2% SC
Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 Code HOD618
From high, cool vineyards in the Yarra. Classic structure but also very forward: fragrant red berries fruit with a herby hint of sage; gently bosky; and with a lovely finish. One Aussie merchant described it thus "*One of the best Pinot Noir buys anywhere. Absolutely no brainer territory*". Quite. Now-2024

SE Ashton Hills, Pinot Noir, Piccadilly Valley, 2016, 14.5% SC
Bottle £29.50 Case with 10% off £318.60 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 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

OP Rolf Binder, Heysen Shiraz, Barossa, 2016, 14% SC
Bottle £29.95 Case with 10% off £323.46 Code BIN416
From a plot planted by Rolf and his father in 1972. So deeply hued and concentrated, with intense mulberry, blackberry and blueberry flavours, plenty of supporting tannin and a terrific finish, with fruit returning with a flourish. Becoming an Australian classic. Now-2025

SE Hoddles Creek, 1er Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2018, 13% SC
Bottle £31.50 Case with 10% off £340.20 Code HOD818
With a mad pastiche of an old-fashioned, Burgundian label, a splendid and complex PN, using about 25% whole bunch fermentation. Currently not that open on the nose; but opens out magnificently on the palate, with a panoply of red fruit, savoury and mineral nuances. Tannins very subtle, but also a good thread of acidity. Really lasting finish. Winemaker Franco d'Anna felt that "*the 2018 1er Pinot Noir will go down as one of the classics, with lots of perfume and structure*". Best 2021-2027

OP Mac Forbes, Healesville Syrah, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13%
Bottle £35.50 Case with 10% off £383.40 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. Very intense, bittersweet, with crunchy blackcurrant flavours. Pepper and spice on the finish. Is this a look-alike for Hermitage? One of Matthew Jukes' **100 best Australian Wines 2018/19**.
Now-2024 Limited stock

SE Ashton Hills, Estate Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, 2016, 14.5% SC
Bottle £39.95 Case with 10% off £431.46 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

SPARKLING WINE & CHAMPAGNE

Sparkling Wine - (Note: NV = non vintage)

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

Bottle £9.50 Case with 10% off £102.60

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-2021*

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

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% off £113.40

Code FOM1NV

Light and fresh Prosecco, citrus and green apple. *Now-2021*

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

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

Code DIA1NV

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 apple fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Easy to like, and classier than a lot of Prosecco. *Now-2021*

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

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46

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-2021

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

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60

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-2021*

OP J. Laurens, Cremant de Limoux, Les Graiménous, Brut, France, 2018, 12%

Bottle £15.75 Case with 10% off £170.10

Code LAU318

A blend of 60% Chardonnay with 30% Chenin, 5% Pinot Noir and 5% Mauzac, this is a dead ringer for Champagne, racy and vital, showing ripe orchard fruits but with some breadly complexity too. *Now-2022*

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

Bottle £15.95 Case with 10% off £172.26

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-2021*

W ★ des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Brut, Claudia, Cape South Coast, South Africa, 2013, 12%

Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off £199.80

Code DDD413

The previous vintage of this South African fizz won two major awards: the Amorim MCC (Methode Cap Classique) Challenge in Cape Town; and the trophy for best South African Sparkling Wine in the prestigious Champagne and Sparkling Wine World Championships 2018. The 2013 is just as good! From 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Noir, made in the Champagne method, with four years on its lees and another under cork, it stands comparison with plenty of far more expensive vintage Champagnes: yeasty, creamy and with great breadth on the palate. *Now-2021*

NEW **W** **des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Rosé, Rose of Sharon, Walker Bay, South Africa, 2011, 11.5%**

Bottle £18.50 Case with 10% off £199.80

Code DDD411

Named after the biblical story of Solomon, who compared his love to the blossoming of the Rose of Sharon, this is from 58% Pinot Noir and 42% Chardonnay, given six years ageing on the lees before release. Very pale partridge eye hue. This has a lovely, clean Chardonnay character: there's gentle red fruit, but it's otherwise refined, dry and savoury.

Now-2021 Limited stock

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

Bottle £31.50 Case with 10% off £340.20

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-2022*

English Sparkling Wine

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

Bottle £28.95

Code EXT1NV

Magnum £62.50

EXT9NV

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-2021*

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

Bottle £30.50 Case with 10% off £329.40

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-2022*

NEW The Grange, Pink, Dry English Sparkling Wine, Hampshire, NV, 11.5%

Bottle £30.95 Case with 10% discount £334.26

Code GRA5NV

The Grange rosé fizz comes from one well-sited, south facing slope above the river Itchen near Alresford – about 7 miles as the crow flies from our warehouse. This, from about 58% Pinot Meunier, 40% Pinot Noir and 2% Chardonnay, is largely based on the 2015 vintage, the Baring family's first proper harvest. Very pale salmon. Stunning fruit, hinting at white peach and redcurrants. Of course this is pretty fresh - as all English fizz is - but it's elegant, perfectly clean and attractively long. *Now-2022*

Exton Park, Bretagne, Blanc de Noirs, NV, 11.5%

Bottle £30.95

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-2021*

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

Bottle £31.95 Case with 10% off £345.06

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-2021*

Exton Park, Bretagne, Blanc de Blancs, 2011, 11.5%

Bottle £39.95

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 pie quality, rounded, creamy and complex. A top English fizz.

Now-2021 Very limited stock

Champagne

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Tradition, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £26.95 Case with 10% off £291.06 Code HAT1NV

Half bottle £13.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £159.03 Code HAT2NV

Magnum £57.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £310.50 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-2022*

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Rosé, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £28.50 Case with 10% off £307.80 Code HAT5NV

Based on Pinot Meunier. Pale pink. Red fruit and creamy nougat notes. Gentle and elegant: very good value indeed. *Now-2021*

Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Brut, Millésime 2012, 12%

Bottle £31.50 Case with 10% off £340.20 Code HAT612

50% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 20% Pinot Meunier: open, full-flavoured and rich; and attractively bready. Extraordinary value. *Now-2022*

Pol Roger, Champagne, Champagne, Brut, NV, 12%

Bottle £41.50 Case with 10% off £448.20 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-2022*

Taittinger, Prélude, Champagne Grands Crus, Brut, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £48.50 Case with 10% off £523.80 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, 2012, 12.5%

Bottle £68.50 Case with 10% off £739.80 Code POL312

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 Limited stock*

SWEET WINES

In order of increasing price of liquid in the bottle

OP Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, France, 2018, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case with 10% off £150.66 Code BAJ718

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-2023*

YD ★ Forges, Coteaux du Layon St Aubin, France, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code FOR618

Saint-Aubin-de-Luigné lies between the Loire and Layon rivers. Wonderful perfume of oranges steeped in honey - it reminds me of that darkly handsome French man in the old Cointreau ads growling about "oranges ripening under a tropical sun". Sweet attack, showing honey over stone fruit, rich and concentrated, but also cut by a vein of acidity. Considerable marmalade botrytis character in the 2018 vintage. *Now-2025*

G La Haute Borie, Monbazillac, France, 2014, 13%

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46 Code HBO114

Organically farmed and certified: 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. *Now-2022*

Araldica, Palazzina Moscato Passito, Piemonte, Italy, 2014, 13.5%

Half bottle £8.50 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £91.80 Code ARA314

From dried grapes and aged in wood: oranges, candied fruits and caramel with a lively lick of acidity. *Now-2021*

Rustenberg, Straw Wine, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2019, 9.5%

SC

Half bottle £10.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £118.26 Code RUS819
From 81.5% Chenin Blanc and 18.5% Viognier dried on straw in the Italian passito manner to concentrate juice and sugar. Very luscious (an amazing 226 grams of residual sugar per litre); honey-soaked raisins with excellent balancing acidity. We are told this is the last vintage of this sumptuous, great value sweetie. *Now-2025*

YD Forges, Coteaux du Layon Chaume, Les Onnis, 2016, 11.5%

Bottle £23.50 Case with 10% off £253.80 Code FOR216

From a steep, grassed vineyard beside Quarts de Chaume and near the river, so open to botrytis; and always a long-lived, barrel-aged wine with high levels of residual sugar. Dramatically bittersweet, with barleysugar and pure honey laced with ravier acidity. Very intense, already complex, yet so well balanced, and so long. *Now-2027*

Mascaron, Sauternes, France, 2015, 13%

50cl. bottle £15.95 Case (12 x 50cl.) with 10% off £172.26 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-2022*

OP Escarpment, Hinemoa Riesling, Martinborough, New Zealand, 2015, 10%

SC

Half Bottle £12.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £139.86 Code ESC915

From the Te Muna road vineyard a luscious, super-concentrated, late harvest Riesling, all caramelised oranges and barley sugar, very pure – apart from a whiff of diesel – and with the 200 grams of residual sugar cut by classic Riesling acidity. Sure to impress. *Now-2024 Limited stock*

Rieussec, Carmes de Rieussec, Sauternes, France, 2011, 13.5%

Bottle £27.50 Case with 10% off £297.00 Code CMR111

The second wine of Château Rieussec, named after the Carmes de Langon monks who owned the estate in the 18th century. 85% Semillon, 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-2023*

Corte Mainente, Luna Nova, Recioto di Soave, Italy, 2017, 15%

Half Bottle £13.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £150.66 Code MAI617

This Recioto di Soave is made from bunches of a selection of the first picked - for the best condition and good levels of acidity - grapes of Garganega, dried on racks in the autumn to concentrate the sweetness. Perfume of orange peel – and that bitter marmalade orange flavour permeates this concentrated and opulent sweet wine with around 135 grams of residual sugar per litre. There's more than a hint of botrytis, noble rot, too. *Now-2021*

NEW Suduiraut, Lions de Suduiraut, Sauternes, France, 2015, 14%

Half Bottle £13.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £150.66 Code LDS115

A rich (a healthy 124 grams r.s) but forward style, from 92% Semillon and 8% Sauvignon Blanc. Tangerines and toffee. *Now-2023*

Broustet, Barsac-Sauternes, France, 2013, 13.5%

Bottle £29.95 Case with 10% off £323.46 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 Limited stock*

SE Kikelet, Tokaji, Late Harvest, Hungary, 2011, 12.5%

50cl. bottle £23.50 Case (12 x 50cl.) with 10% off £253.80 Code KIK111

Kesői Szuretelésu it says on the label - translated as late harvest. This is a beautifully balanced, 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 Limited stock*

★ **Begali, Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, 2015, 13.5%**
50 cl. bottle £27.95 Case (12 x 50cl cl.) with 10% off £301.86 Code BEF615
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. Just superb in this hot vintage, with a dramatically bittersweet attack of Morello cherries, strawberries and raspberries. Beautiful jellied fruit. Wonderful stuff, equally at home with strong hard cheese as with not-too-sweet chocolate puddings. *Now-2026*

SE Balassa, Tokaj, Mézes-Mály, Zeta Late Harvest, Hungary, 2013, 9%

Half bottle £28.95 Case (12 x 37.5 cl.) with 10% off £312.66 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 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

Pigeade, Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, 2017, 15%

Half bottle £9.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £107.46 Code PIG917
Gorgeously exotic palate of caramelised oranges, honey, and lychees. So light and aromatic for a fortified wine, all freshness, perfume and finesse. The 2018 follows *Now-2021*

YD Domaine Fontanel, Maury, 2017, 16%

Bottle £20.95 Case with 10% off £226.26 Code FON617
From one plot of 75 year old vines of Grenache Noir. This style is well-known for matching chocolate, but it's equally good with cheese, especially blue cheese, in a manner akin to a very fruity and forward port. Deep ruby colour. Inviting scent of puréed red berries; and then a wonderfully rich, sweet and fleshy core of raspberries, cherries and sweet spices. There's a lovely floral note too. Pure and fresh finish. Terrific drop. *Now-2025*

YD ★ Domaine Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, 2010, 16%

Bottle £21.50 Case with 10% off £232.20 Code FON910
One of the most distinctive and exciting wines in our entire stock. From late-picked, 60 year-old vines of Grenache Blanc and Gris, the Ambré - literally amber - tone develops after at least five years of mildly oxidative ageing in barrel (and here it's kept a lot longer before bottling). This offer intriguing fumes, dates, cooked autumnal fruit, a hint of sherry-like oxidation. Dried fruit flavours dominate, with accompanying subtleties, including coffee and caramelised oranges. A wonderful partner to hard cheese, dried fruit and nuts. *Now-2023*

Fortified Wines - Sherry

Fernando de Castilla, Classic Fino, 15%

Bottle £12.75 Case with 10% off £137.70 Code FER3NV
As the label calls it, classic fino: dry, nutty and lightly savoury. *Now-2021*

Fernando de Castilla, Classic Manzanilla, 15%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86 Code FER2NV
A richly complex palate: nuts, peppery hints. Finishes dry and whistle clean. *Now-2021*

Fernando de Castilla, Classic Amontillado, 17%

Bottle £14.50 Case with 10% off £156.60 Code FER4NV
After three years under flor this fino was refortified and then had a further two years exposed to the air to develop greater richness, complexity and that lovely amber tone. *Now-2021*

Fernando de Castilla, Pedro Ximenez, 15%

Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46 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-2024*

Fortified Wines - Port and Madeira

Krohn, Port, Rio Torto Reserva Ruby, Portugal, NV, 20%

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% off £139.86

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-2021*

Krohn, Port, LBV, Portugal, 2012, 20%

Bottle £14.95 Case with 10% off £161.46

Code KRO112

Traditionally made; with rich plum and fruitcake character. May throw a deposit, so decant. *Now-2022*

NEW Grahams, Late Bottled Vintage Port, 2014, 20%

Half bottle £9.50 Case (12 x 37.5 cl.) with 10% off £102.60 Code GRALBVH

Smooth, drinking well, full of black fruit and dark chocolate flavours.

Now-2022

Krohn, Quinta da Retiro Vintage Port, Portugal, 2005, 20%

Bottle £19.95 Case with 10% off £215.46

Code KRO605

From the hot summer of 2005, this is a single Quinta port from the Quinta do Retiro Novo estate in Sarzedinho, in the Rio Torto valley. Deep and opaque. Roasted, figgy aroma. Compôte of black fruit with milk chocolate (pair with Black Forest gâteau?). Unfurls depths of cooked plums, black cherries and Christmas spice. Good value. *Now-2021*

Ramos Pinto, Quinta de Ervamoira, RP10, 10 Year Old Tawny, Portugal, 20%

Bottle £29.50 Case with 10% off £318.60

Code RAP1NV

Selected from one of the four farms that make up the Ramos Pinto estate, aged for ten years in large casks, this is lovely and mellow. Strawberry and hazelnut scents with smooth toffee, caramel and praline flavours. Balanced, complete and persistent. *Now-2022*

Krohn, Vintage Port, Portugal, 2009, 20%

Bottle £29.50 Case with 10% off £318.60

Code KRO409

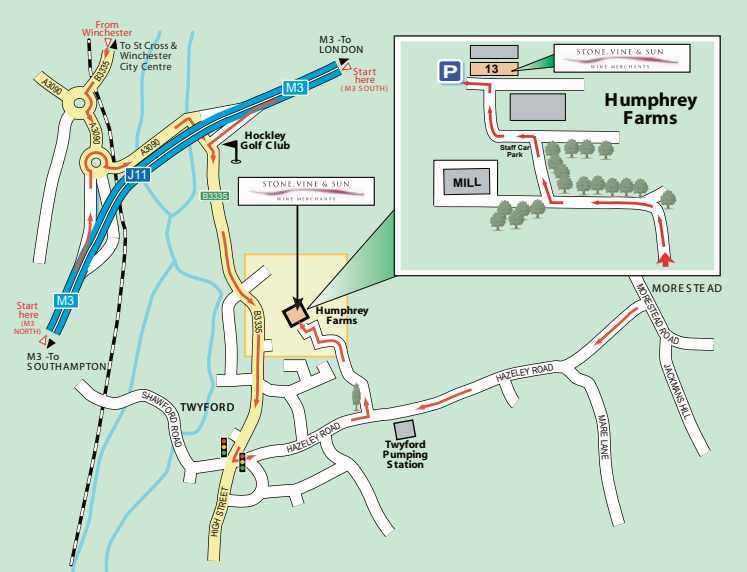
Drinking very well; dense, pruneey with cooked red fruit. The 2011 vintage follows. *Now-2021*

D'Oliveira 10 year Sweet, Madeira, 19%

Bottle £36.50

Code DOL10YS

From Tinta Negra, a dark, luscious, toffee-flavoured nectar – finishes with a flourish. Bring on some fruit-cake. *Now-2022*



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