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## GALLIC WHITES

Four young and fresh unoaked French whites, all perfect for summer drinking

### LA COMBE SAINT-PAUL, CHARDONNAY, IGP PAYS D'OC,

2019, 13%  
CODE CSP119

BOTTLE £9.25

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £99.90**

Made by young Paul and Line Maury from vineyards beside the Med. near Narbonne. 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*

### MES LIES MELON, VIN DE FRANCE,

2019, 12%  
CODE MEL119

BOTTLE £9.75

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £105.30**

Made by the brilliant, entrepreneurial Jérémie Huchet who saw there was a gap in the market for 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. Ideal warm-weather quaffing.

*Now-2021*

### DOMAINE DE L'AUMONIER, TOURAINNE SAUVIGNON,

2019, 13.5%  
CODE AUM119

BOTTLE £12.50

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £135.00**

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. Exotic fruit aromas of lemon peel tinged with mango. Bold citrus flavours with tropical fruit hints. With understated acidity and nicely rounded, this makes a relaxing aperitif but is equally at home with seafood.

*Now-2021*

### JEAN-LUC MEYER, PINOT BLANC, ALSACE,

2019, 12.5%  
CODE MEY119

BOTTLE £13.25

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £143.10**

A perennial, organic favourite which makes a lovely aperitif but can also be drunk with a wide range of food. Apple 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*

**GALLIC WHITES DOZEN** £120.80

CODE GWD20

Three bottles of each of the four wines above, saving 10% on the bottle prices

# ROSÉS FROM THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

Here are the wines which - from your feedback and repeat purchases - we see as our most successful French rosés this summer; plus we introduce a lovely Côtes de Provence from Saint-Esprit.

**SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FOUR DIFFERENT MIXED ROSÉ CASES WITH 10% OFF.**

**LE PETIT PONT, ROSÉ, IGP PAYS D'OC,** 2019, 12.5%  
BOTTLE £8.25



CODE PEP519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £89.10**

**5L. BAG IN BOX £43.50** CODE BIB519  
(6 2/3 BOTTLES, EQUIVALENT TO £6.53 A BOTTLE)

From Grenache and Cinsault, in the Provençale style, pale, light and refreshing, it offers a scent of red berries and a pretty mouthful of strawberry and cranberry fruit, with a crisp finish. Nothing complicated, just a well-made, dry rosé perfect for regular consumption - and now available also in handy 5l. bag in boxes - just stick one in the fridge with the tap facing out for a glass of thirst-quenching rosé at the push of a button!

*Now-2021*

**LA SALETTE, CÔTES DE GASCogne, ROSÉ,** 2019, 12.5%  
BOTTLE £9.25



CODE SAL519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £99.90**

A lively and pure rosé from the south-west, from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Attractive 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. Certainly the best vintage we have shipped of this elegantly labelled wine from the Duffour family.

*Now-2021*

**CHÂTEAU LA GRAVE, MINERVOIS ROSÉ, EXPRESSION,** 2019, 13%  
BOTTLE £10.50

CODE GRV419

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £113.40**

From approximate halves of Syrah and Grenache, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity - and now comes with a pretty, floral label. Pale pink. Lifted red fruit aromas. Light and elegant, with pretty fraises des bois flavour. This is a perfect all rounder, fruity enough to enjoy on its own but also dry enough for food.

*Now-2021*

**FERRY LACOMBE, MYSTÈRE, IGP MÉDITERRANÉE,** 2019, 12.5%  
BOTTLE £10.75



CODE FLA519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £116.10**

We rightly predicted we would sell a lot of this if we got a decent summer - we are on to our fifth pallet by mid June! It's a true, very pale Provence rosé bottled under screwcap at a reasonable price, coming from the vineyards of Château Ferry Lacombe (see below), supplemented by grapes sourced from neighbours. A blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Caladoc (a 20th century cross of Grenache and Malbec), this is fragrant, silky, light and fresh, and offers subtle red fruit.

*Now-2021*

**LES QUATRE TOURS, COTEAUX D'AIX EN PROVENCE ROSÉ, SIGNATURE,** 2019, 13%  
BOTTLE £12.95

CODE QUA519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £139.86**

MAGNUM £27.50 CODE QUA919  
**CASE OF SIX MAGNUMS WITH 10% OFF £148.50**

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 (even a pleasing hint of strawberry Mivvi). Satisfying weight and a fine dry finish.

*Now-2021*

*"A very evocative wine this one, with a thick scent of wild strawberries and ripe nectarines and a touch of sandalwood on the nose. It's on the pinkly fruity rather than the leanly herbal side of things, but delicious. One for deckchair drinking with a good book",* Victoria Moore, Pick of the Pinks, The Daily Telegraph, 30th May 2020. .

**SAINT-ESPRIT, CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ,** 2019, 13%  
BOTTLE £13.50

CODE STE519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £145.80**

A discovery this spring: a lovely Côtes de Provence rosé at a fair price. Young Florent Crocé-Spinelli runs this fourth generation family-owned estate of 20 hectares just south-west of Draguignan. The vineyards are in their first year of conversion to organic viticulture. From 60% Grenache, 35% Cinsault and 5% Syrah, this has a lovely scent of peach blossom, and a silky palate of raspberry and white peach. Sophisticated and oh so drinkable.

*Now-2021*

**CHÂTEAU FERRY LACOMBE, CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ, NAOS,** 2019, 12.5%  
BOTTLE £14.95

CODE CFL519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £161.46**

Naos is a Greek temple or shrine. The Pinot family who run this Château, like Greek names for their wines, perhaps because their vineyards lie in the foothills of Mont Olympe (819m.) and the Monts Auréliens. This is one of their best, from 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah grown on argilo-calcaire soils. Very pale. Enticing, lifted strawberry perfume. Appealing velvety concentration, delicate berried flavours lifted by a seductive hint of white peach, enlivened by a frisson of minerality.

So refined.

*Now-2021*

**DOMAINE DE LA RIBOTTE, BANDOL ROSÉ, CUVÉE ANAÏS,**  
BOTTLE £17.95

2019, 13.5%  
CODE RIB519

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £193.86**

Bandol, a small appellation on the coast east of Marseilles and west of Toulon, produces the finest rosés in the world, based on the Mourvèdre grape which thrives on the sunshine and clay soils. It's a historic wine – the Count of Monte Cristo in Alexandre Dumas' great revenge novel of 1844 liked his glass of Bandol rosé "bien frais"! This is the seventh vintage we have shipped of this example made by Laurence Desblaches, the first female winemaker in Bandol, and her son Nicolas. 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.

*"Pale to mid orangey salmon pink. Big and bold – a rosé to drink with food, preferably a strongly garlicky aioli. It's not Tempier but it's pretty good and very much deeper and longer than any Côte de Provence rosé. A wine for serious food enjoyed in warm weather, with impressive persistence. I could imagine this going beautifully with roast beef and salad. For anyone who has visited this blessed corner of France in summer, it will create magical memories. 16.5/20",*  
Jancis Robinson on [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com), 8th May 2020.  
*Now-2022*

## THE UNOAKED CLARETS OF FRÉDÉRIC BORDERIE

When one recalls visits to Bordeaux Châteaux one visualises receding, vaulted cellars, full of oak barrels: the ageing of red Bordeaux in French oak barrels is a given. But Frédéric Borderie doesn't put these three wines in barrel at all. Interestingly, one is hardly aware of this when drinking them: Fred explains that with long maceration (i.e. soaking of the juice with the skins and pips) "some tannins from the ripe seeds give light toasted flavours". But dominant is unadorned, high quality, ripe fruit from a pair of lovely sunny vintages, making these three perfect for summer drinking. Arguably one also gains better value – a new oak barrel adds over £1 a bottle to the production cost of a wine.

Fred now owns and runs three distinct vineyard areas with different labels: Gravières de la Brandille, from vineyards on gravel and clay terraces by the river Isle near St Medard de Guizières; Les Combes on the higher, limestone-based vineyards of Lussac-Saint-Emilion; and Vieille Dynastie, a parcel of six hectares of warm, clayey Lalande de Pomerol bought with this name in 2011. We understand there may not be much of a call for magnums at the moment, but we offer them anyway – the good times for sharing will come back...

**CHÂTEAU LES GRAVIÈRES DE LA BRANDILLE, BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR,**

BOTTLE £11.50

2015, 13.5%  
CODE GRC115

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £124.20**

MAGNUM £24.50  
LIMITED STOCK

CODE GRC215

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

*"And one from the right bank, a sort of baby Pomerol with a medicinal hint and great richness. Drink over the next few years",* Jancis Robinson, MW, FT Weekend Magazine, 30th November 2018.  
*Now-2022*

**CHÂTEAU VIEILLE DYNASTIE, LALANDE DE POMEROL,**

BOTTLE £18.50

2016, 13.5%  
CODE VID116

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £199.80**

MAGNUM £37.50

CODE VID916

**CASE OF 6 MAGNUMS WITH 10% OFF £202.50**

Wonderfully ripe – so 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*

**CHÂTEAU LES COMBES, LUSSAC-SAINT-EMILION,**

BOTTLE £14.95

2015, 14.5%  
CODE GRC415

**CASE WITH 10% OFF £161.46**

MAGNUM £31.50

CODE GRC715

**CASE OF 6 MAGNUMS WITH 10% OFF £170.10**

From one 4.8 hectare plot with thin soils over limestone, among the highest in the appellation. 100% Merlot. Frederic Borderie saluted the terrific quality of his Merlot in 2015, so ripe and exuberant, delectably "confit". This wine always shows lively red fruit – raspberries and cherries – with fine acid. Supple, aromatic and very winning.  
*Now-2022*

**BORDERIE'S UNOAKED BORDEAUX**

£161.80

CODE BUB20

A mixed case including four bottles of each of the three red Bordeaux above, saving 10% on the bottle prices

# TOP ITALIAN REDS PRE-SHIPING OFFER

Italy has enjoyed a couple of stellar vintages for red wine in 2015 and 2016, so we have jumped in and bought more than usual of the top wines from our partners. Here we list two Sangioveses from Tuscany and four Nebbiolos from Piedmont: six superb wines offered (including duty and VAT) at about **15% LESS** than our future bottle prices.

**ALL WILL ARRIVE FOR DELIVERY NO LATER THAN THE END OF JULY.** Buy now, stick them in a cool corner if you don't have a cellar, and enjoy fabulous drinking in the future – or double decant to drink now with food. All wines are offered by six or twelve only – but please note some may have to be repacked into SVS boxes for delivery.

**TALOSA, VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO, ALBORETO,** 2016, 14.5%  
6 BOTTLES £101.70 CODE TAK216  
12 BOTTLES £203.40

90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot given two years in oak, approximately one third in each of large vats, old 500 litre barrels and newer French oak. Dense (unfiltered) and concentrated. Very ripe berried and brambly fruit. Great flesh and ripe tannins. Expansive, big and spicy, but also already wholly approachable.

Now-2025

**MICHELE TALIANO, ROCHE DRA BOSSORA, ROERO RISERVA,** 2016, 14.5%  
6 BOTTLES £104.40 CODE TAN216  
12 BOTTLES £208.80

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-2024

**MICHELE TALIANO, AD ALTIORA, BARBARESCO, MONTERSINO,** 2016, 14.5%  
6 BOTTLES £141.00 CODE TAN516  
12 BOTTLES £282.00  
3 MAGNUMS £160.50 CODE TAN816  
6 MAGNUMS £321.00

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. *"Mid ruby with orange tinges. Pretty nose of cherry with hints of orange skin and iron. 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

**BOASSO, BAROLO, SERRALUNGA D'ALBA,** 2016, 14.5%  
6 BOTTLES £155.40 CODE BOA316  
12 BOTTLES £310.80

From several of the Boasso family sites in the commune of Serralunga. This is currently absurdly young, but what promise! There's a little overt chocolatey oak apparent upfront, but on the palate this is so exciting, energetic and powerful; fat, savoury and tannic, with a liquorice twist. A total bargain given its potential - we are buying lots.

2021-2027

**BOASSO, BAROLO GABUTTI,** 2015, 14.5%  
6 BOTTLES £186.00 CODE BOA415  
12 BOTTLES £372.00

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. Very open, with that distinctive Nebbiolo perfume of cooked strawberries, cough medicine and tar. Very concentrated and fat, unfolding a compôte of autumnal red and black fruit spiked with cinnamon and that tarry hint again. Silky tannins give correct underlying structure. Exotic.

*"Deep ruby. Intense and sweet dark-fruit nose. Concentrated and finely structured with elevated acidity and a big build-up of proper muscular tannins on the finish. Long and accessible, except for the tannins. 17.5/20"*, Walter Speller, jancisrobinson.com, 25th June 2019. *"The nose is vivid, with redcurrant and raspberry aromas. For Serralunga, the attack is fresh and limpid with nimble tannins, yet it's also concentrated and sturdy, which doesn't preclude approachability, and the finish is long. 90/100"*, Stephen Brook, Decanter.com, January 2019.

Now-2028

**COL DI LAMO, BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO,** 2015, 14%  
6 BOTTLES £193.50 CODE CDL315  
12 BOTTLES £387.00

Gianna de Neri's Brunello comes from two organically farmed plots on the gentle slopes near Torrenieri, north-east of Montalcino and just above the new winery built into the hillside. Soils are sandstone and clay, with some of the alberese, the limestone-rich land which Sangiovese loves. It's always authentic Brunello in its power and structure. Here are a couple of reviews by experienced Brunello tasters:

*"This is a very pretty Brunello that shows fresh red cherries, strawberries, citrus, nutmeg, rose petals and cedar. Great combination of finesse and concentration. Silky tannins and chewy fruit are a winner. Full-bodied and powerful, yet agile. 96/100"*, JamesSuckling.com

*"...silky textures give way to a savory blend of crushed cherry and raspberry, with hints of spicy citrus, rosy florals, and mineral tones developing over a coating of fine tannins...This is a wonderfully pure, balanced and enjoyable expression of the vintage. 94/100"*,

Eric Guido, Vinous.com.

Now-2026