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REMNANTS DAY AT THE SHOP: Saturday 26th January, 9.30am-4.00pm

We always have lots of odd bottles - and even cases - left after the first few weeks of the sale so here's a chance to come to the shop, taste a few wines, and tidy up what remains, with a prospect of an additional discount on orders over £100.

Daily Drinking

White

2017 Araldica, Piemonte Cortese, Italy Was: £7.50 Now: £6.75 Code: ARA717

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 84 bottles

2017 Vila Nova, Vinho Verde, Portugal, 2017 Was: £8.50 Now: £7.75 Code: VIL117

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 36 bottles

Great Expectations Chardonnay, Robertson, South Africa, 2017 Was: £9.25 Now: £7.95 Code: GDV117

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

At best: Now- early 2020 Available: 120 bottles

2017 Chauvinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, France Was: £9.95 Now: £8.50 Code: HUC117

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

At best: Now-early 2020 Available: 156 bottles

Rosé

2017 La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne Rosé, France Was: £8.95 Now: £7.25 Code: SAL517

90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, under screwcap. Pale, attractive salmon pink. Light and fresh, very much toward the white wine end of the spectrum. Subtle sense of raspberries. Pretty, understated and refreshing.

At best: Drink this year Available: 68 bottles

2017 Domaine des Dieux, Petit Rosé, Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa Was: £11.95 Now: £9.50 Code: DDD517

Full-flavoured, dry rosé, comparable to Provence styles: about half Mourvèdre, a third Grenache with some Syrah, with a bit of barrel ageing. and then delivers a juicy mouthful of macerated cherries strawberries.

At best: Drink this year Available: 30 bottles

Focus on Château La Grave

We have been buying from the Orosquette family for fifteen years: they unfailingly deliver wines of clarity, bright fruit and value. However our stock is out of balance, so here's a chance to buy their excellent IGP white (and they are the only producer within the IGP of Haut de Badens) and unoaked red Minervois at knockdown prices for excellent current drinking.

2017 La Grave, Le Blanc, IGP Hauts de Badens Was: £9.50 Now: £7.95 Code: GRV817

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Halves of Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay: the former brings volume which is perfectly balanced by fresh citrus notes from the latter. Drink this year

2016 La Grave, Minervois Rouge, Tristan et Julien Was: £9.95 Now: £8.25 Code: GRV116

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

Red

2017 Apaltagua, Gran Verano Carmenère, Valle Central, Chile Was: £7.95 Now: £6.25 Code: APA817

**Juicy wine, a pleasant cocktail of redcurrant, blackberry and raspberry.
At best: Now-2019 Available: 240 bottles**

2014 Las Gavias, Garnacha, Campo de Borja, Spain Was: £7.95 Now: £6.95 Code: GAV114

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 82 bottles

2016 Valle Frio, Merlot, Maule, Chile Was: £8.95 Now: £7.50 Code: FRI116

Juicy red berry and cherry, and a hint of cinnamon: this would appeal to old world drinkers too, with a gentle herbaceous note.

At best: Drink this year Available: 84 bottles

2015 Vicien, Bonarda, Catamarca, Argentina Was: £9.50 Now: £7.50 Code: VIB215

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 72 bottles

2016 La Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, Italy Was: £9.50 Now: £7.95 Code: ROD216

Showing very well, well-made and not tannic example of this masculine southern grape: lively black cherry core. Lovely pasta wine, lots of interest. 2017 follows.

At best: Now-2019 Available: 66 bottles

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2013 Willow Bridge, Dragonfly Cabernet Merlot, Geographe, Western Australia

Was: £9.95 Now: £7.50 Code: DRA113

Geographe is near Margaret River, just 20km from the cool ocean. Ripe, blackcurranty and smooth, but appealingly lively and refreshing too.

At best: Drink this year Available: 35 bottles

2016 Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Terra Vitis, France Was: £9.95 Now: £8.50 Code: ESZ216

Terra Vitis is a sustainable, minimal intervention farming discipline. Grenache with Carignan and Mourvèdre, black-fruited: a total give away at this price.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 30 bottles

2012 Marques de Arviza, Rioja Crianza, Spain Was: £10.95 Now: £8.50 Code: ARV102

Nicely savoury, sweet-oaked (French and American barrels) and traditional style of Rioja

At best: Drink this year Available: 2 bottles

Languedoc-Roussillon – Red

Some fine wine available on temporary discount here.

2015 La Combe Saint Paul, Grés Rouges, La Clape Was: £12.50 Now: £9.95 Code: CSP615

From a vineyard near the sea, with the soil characterised by *grés rouges* (red sandstone), 70% Syrah with 30% Mourvèdre, and only 10% raised in barrels: densely fruity, raspberry and blackberry.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 24 bottles

2016 Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Pays d'Oc Was: £12.95 Now: £10.95 Code: MAB116

With lots of focus on this estate's superb Terrasses du Larzac, it's easy to miss their lovely IGP blend of about 50% Merlot, 30% Grenache with some Syrah; it's a surprisingly successful marriage of Bordeaux and the Rhône. Generous mouthful of brambly fruit, supple and refined, with hints of menthol and liquorice, and subtle tannins. Very aromatic and long. Drinking beautifully. A staff favourite.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 110 bottles

2017 Begude, Pinot Noir, IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude Was: £12.95 Now: £11.50 Code: BEG617

Rationed this vintage so now just a little left of this fresh and pure Pinot. Ripe red and black cherries and blackberries.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 25 bottles

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2015 Grand Arc, Corbières, Cuvée de Quarante Was: £12.95 Now: 10.95 Code: DGA315

45% Carignan with 35% Grenache and 20% Syrah, all in barrel. Dense, old-viney feel. Vibrant red fruit, elegant and intense.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 36 bottles

2014 Grand Arc, Corbières, Aux Temps d'Histoire Was: £17.50 Now: £13.95 Code: DGA814

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 11 bottles

**La Combe Saint Paul, L'Insoupçonné, Languedoc-La Clape Was: £19.95 Now: £15.95
Code: CSP714**

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

At best: Now-2023 Available: 60 bottles

Rhône and Roussillon – White

2015 Depeyre, Symphonie, IGP Côtes Catalanes Was: £17.50 Now: £13.95 Code: DEP615

Can't understand why we have not sold all of this superb, complex wine, which keeps so well. 2/3 Grenache Gris and 1/3 Grenache Blanc grown in a classic argilo-calcaire terroir near Vingrau and just rounded by barrel ageing. Understated stone fruit and hints of herbs. Satiny finesse. Lightly honeyed but finishes bone dry.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 10 bottles

Rhône – Red

See also our accompanying Rhône list for some temporary discounts and unsplit cases discounted by 15%

2015 La Pigeade, Beaumes-de-Venise Was: £13.95 Now: £11.95 Code: PIG715

Red Beaumes isn't that well known but this, from vines at 300m on the flanks of the Dentelles de Montmirail, is lovely. 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. Showing red and black fruit, quite fresh, smooth and ready.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 60 bottles

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2013 Joncier, Lirac, Les Muses Was: £19.50 Now: £15.50 Code: JON313
80% Mourvèdre, so akin to a Bandol: powerful, savoury and intensely blackfruited with herb and tobacco hints. Biodynamic.
At best: Now-2022 Available: 16 bottles

2014 Roger Perrin, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Bottle was: £23.50 Now: £18.50 Code: PES414
65% Grenache, with Syrah and Mourvèdre and tiny amounts of Cinsault, Counoise, Vaccarese and Cinsault; and about 15% in a mix of oak barrels. Excellent, immediately appealing attack of blackberries and blackcurrants, lush, with just the merest notes of leather and game to indicate its likely evolution. Smooth, honest, textbook Châteauneuf.
At best: Now-2022 Available: 13 bottles

2011 La Barroche, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Signature Was: £35.00 Now: £27.50 Code : BAS211
Profound, hugely powerful, wild and intense. Black and dried fruits, savoury and complex. 2/3 Grenache, with Syrah, Cinsault & others. Old fashioned and dramatic. "...a forward, supple and sweetly fruited beauty that has lots of incense, pepper, licorice and spice in a medium to full-bodied, rounded sexy style....no need to delay gratification here. 91/100", Jeb Dunnock, eRobertParker.com, September 2015.
At best: Now-2023 Available: 48 bottles

2012 Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape Was: £61.50 Now: £55.00 Code CDP112
Always one of the top wines of the appellation, from the master Paul Avril. Cheapest price on **wine searcher**.
At best: Now-2024 Available: 7 bottles

Beaujolais – Red

2015 Granit Doré, Juliéna, Beauverny Was: £13.95 Now: £11.50 Code: GDO115
A Cru Beaujolais for winter drinking , with great concentration and a hefty 14.5%. Dense black fruit, but with crunchy blackcurrant acidity too. Fleshy and balanced – and finishes with a streak of cassis.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 60 bottles

2015 Granit Doré, Juliéna, Marcel's Was: £15.50 Now: £12.95 Code: GDO415
Barrel-aged Gamay, overlaying the bittersweet, sumptuous fruit with vanilla and dark chocolate hints. Extravagantly different.
At best: Now-2022 Available: 22 bottles

Burgundy – White

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Some treasures from our stock here.

2015 Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran Was: £19.95 Now: £16.95 Code: SAU815
Fermented half in tank, half in barrel. Super white Burgundy at a modest price. Ripe and generous stone fruit followed by refreshing citrus, this is well rounded and finishes with a steely, mineral touch.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 72 bottles

2011 Faiveley, Puligny-Montrachet, 1er Cru, La Garenne Was: £57.50 Now: £46.00 Code: FAJ311

How can this masterpiece - top grower, top site - still be with us? Finely honed palate yields ripe pear and lemon with honeyed notes. Poised, and builds to a long mineral finish.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 4 bottles

2011 Lequin-Colin, Corton Charlemagne, Grand Cru Was: £60.00 Now: £50.00 Code: LEQ011

We often end up bin-ending wines when they are at their peak – this is a case in point. Marvellous, incisive Grand Cru, which always needs time to show best.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 2 bottles

Burgundy – Red

See also our wines in the press later in this list for some young reds.

2014 Françoise & Denis Clair, St-Aubin 1er Cru, Sur Le Sentier Du Clou Was: £21.95
Now: £17.95 Code: CLB814

From 45 years old vines on a south facing slope, a very traditional example with bright cherry fruit, plenty of texture and a tad of grip on the finish.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 36 bottles

2014 Faiveley, Blagny 1er Cru, Sous les Bois Was: £28.50 Now: £23.95 Code: FAJ614

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

At best: Now-2025 Available: 48 bottles

2014 Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune Was: £24.50 Now: £20.50 Code: GUI214

A prediction: in the near future you won't see Guillaume Guiton's wines in a sale as they will be fought over! For the moment you can enjoy the benefits of our generous allocation from this young star. Vibrant red fruited aromas. Lovely cherry core with a touch of spice, light, supple and satisfying.

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At best: Now-2024 Available: 59 bottles

2014 Jean Guiton, Volnay, Les Petits Poisots Was: £31.95 Now: £26.95 Code: GUI714
On soil with a high proportion of clay, this is always quite powerful and long-lived. Ripe red fruit, concentrated and slightly gamey with a good acidity and soft tannins.
At best: Now-2025 Available: 39 bottles

2012 Faiveley, Nuits-Saint-Georges 1er Cru, Les Porêts-Saint-Georges Was: £50.00 Now: £45.00 Code: FAJ812
From the mid slope between Premeaux and Nuits, with the oldest vines dating from 1957. Powerful and long-lived example, black cherry with structure and minerality. Looks rather good value!
At best: Now-2024 Available: 5 bottles

SW France and Loire – White

2017 Château Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec Was: £10.50 Now: £8.95 Code: BAJ617
From the same area as Madiran, north of Pau and the Gros Manseng grape; showing exotic flavours of pineapple, apricot and yellow plums.
At best: Now-2020 Available: 72 bottles

2017 Laballe, Le Chardonnay des Landes Was: £10.95 Now: £9.25 Code: LAB317
A Mâcon challenger from SW France, with citrus and floral flavours and good weight.
At best: Now-2020 Available: 14 bottles

Bordeaux, SW France and Loire – Red

2012 red Bordeaux is now drinking very well: a pretty red-fruited vintage especially successful on the right bank.

2015 Cazalet, Raisin Volé, Tursan Was: £10.95 Now: £8.95 Code: CAZ116
Cabernet Franc blended with some Tannat, a light and fragrant wine from Tursan, south of Bordeaux. With crunchy black fruit - blackcurrant with even a hint of menthol – this is mid-weight and refreshing.
At best: Now-2019 Available: 17 bottles

2012 Clos des Moisses, Côtes de Bourg Was: £13.95 Now: £10.95 Code: CDM112
Big and bold wine, based on 45% each of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Malbec, dense, fleshy and luscious but not over-ripe.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 42 bottles

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2015 Château Beauregard Ducasse, Graves Was: £13.50 Now: £11.50 Code: BDU815

Suave and traditional Bordeaux, based on Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a little Cabernet Franc, offering even better value than usual in the outstanding 2015 vintage. Open and generous red fruit, excellent aromatics, and restrained Graves character too. At best: Now-2023 Available: 72 bottles

2015 Wilfrid Rousse, Chinon, Les Galuches Was: £14.75 Now: £11.50 Code: ROT315
Stunning unoaked wine, full of blackcurrant and black cherry flavours, but we have had the odd duff bottle, hence the big reduction.
At best: Now-2019 Available: 8 bottles

2012 Château Vieux Pourret, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Was: £20.95 Now: £17.50 Code VIP112

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

At best: Now-2026 Available: 96 bottles

Alsace – White

2007 André Kientzler, Riesling Grand Cru Osterberg, Alsace, France Was: £22.95 Now: £19.50 Code KIE607

A famed wine from a steeply sloping and south-east facing site above the village of Ribeauvillé, a steely, linear and very persistent dry Riesling.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 11 bottles

Italy

Focus on Fiorano, Cossignano in the Marche

Having visited Fiorano last May, I now understand why the wines, from a beautiful amphitheatre of vineyards on the slopes between the Appennines and the Adriatic, are special. Paolo (formerly a dentist) and Paola (a research pharmacologist) take enormous pains over their organically farmed vines. We hope to welcome them to Twyford in the spring so are clearing the decks ahead of a new shipment.

2016 Fiorano, Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, Italy Was: £15.50 Now: £12.25 Code: FIO616

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Fascinating organic white. Offida Pecorino is a DOCG for wines from Pecorino, an ancient grape of the southern Marche, in the commune of Ascoli Piceno. Fresh pears and lemon with hints of fennel and menthol. Excellent depth - from six months ageing on the lees - but not in the least heavy.

At best: Now-early 2020 Available: 24 bottles

2016 Fiorano, Sangiovese, IGT Marche, Italy Was: £12.95 Now: £11.50 Code: FIO116

Stunning as ever, appealing to all who enjoy youthful and juicy reds. Bright red cherries to the fore, very ripe. Lively, pure and supple; a fast-disappearing bottle.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 10 bottles

2015 Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore Was: £15.50 Now: £13.50 Code: FIO315

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

At best: Now-2022 Available: 96 bottles

2011 Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Ser Balduzio, IGT Marche Was: £21.50 Now: £17.95 Code: FIO411

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

At best: Now-2022 Available: 5 bottles

Italy – Red

2015 Boasso, Dolcetto d'Alba Was: £12.50 Now: £9.95 Code: BOA115

Quite a serious Dolcetto, with a bit of oak. Black cherry and cranberry fruit, fully ripe but also gently spicy.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 29 bottles

2012 Filadoro, Aglianico, Irpinia DOC Was: £13.25 Now: £11.25 Code: FIM612

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 48 bottles

2013 Di Filippo, Sallustio, Montefalco Rosso Was: £14.50 Now: £11.50 Code: FIL513

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Sangiovese based, with Barbera and about 15% Sagrantino, the latter bringing spice and intense black fruit. A chunky and punchy organic wine offering mulberries and blackcurrants and peppery spice, authentic but not without grace and aromatics. A lot of wine for this money!
At best: Now-2020 Available: 32 bottles

2015 Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d'Alba Was: £14.50 Now: £12.50 Code: TAN315

Textbook Nebbiolo from a top vintage, a baby Barolo, red-fruited and with floral notes, expansive, with lively acidity and tannin. Dramatic quality at the price.
At best: Now-2023 Available: 44 bottles

2015 Begali, Valpolicella Ripasso, La Cengia Was: £14.95 Now: £13.50 Code: BEF215
2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, crafted in the Ripasso style giving enhanced texture and alcohol. Superb this vintage, enticingly bittersweet, dancing with black cherry and brambly flavours,
At best: Now-2021 Available: 8 bottles

2014 Col di Lamo, Rosso di Montalcino Was: £17.95 Now: £15.50 Code: CDL114
100% Sangiovese, aged in old vats. Warm and friendly aromas preface a forward wine: black cherry and spice, robust and vigorous. The superb 2015 follows at £18.95.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 5 bottles

[2010] Col di Lamo, Lamo, IGT Toscana Was: £22.95 Now: £19.50 Code: CDL210
No vintage on the label (permissible for IGT wines) but from 2010. 70% Sangiovese and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon (lending it a Bordeaux-like accent): luxuriant, and meltingly aromatic core of red and black fruits, both polished and powerful.
At best: Now-2020 Available: 13 bottles

Spain – Red

2015 Herència Altés, Garnatxa Negra, Terra Alta Was: £10.50 Now: £8.95 Code: HER115

Grenache: a generous cherry and strawberry mouthful, a little wild, with bright acid and some grip. Very winning.
At best: Drink this year Available: 44 bottles

2008 Segares, Rioja Reserva Was: £19.50 Now: £15.50 Code: NES408
Though it's great to have some mature Rioja at hand, we seem to be a bit over-stocked of this pure Tempranillo, 40% in new French barrels, 60% in older American oak. Very intense, all ripe and perfumed red and black fruit with complex notes of toast, nutmeg, clove and sealing wax.
At best: Now-2020 Available: 72 bottles

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Our Wines in the Press and Winning Awards

There's some great wines here, from regular favourites such as Aumonier's Touraine Sauvignon and Barréjat's Madiran to rarities such as skin-contact Slovenian white and single vineyard Barolo – and decent quantities of many too. We were fortunate that Jancis Robinson came to our autumn press tasting in London: so there are several of her reviews, either from her website, **jancisrobinson.com** or the **FT Weekend Magazine** [as **FT** below] where she recommended no less than 14 of our wines in the run-up to Christmas; but we also list Burgundy recommended by Tim Atkin, MW in **Decanter**; three from the 100 Best Australian Wines 2018-19 picked by **Matthew Jukes**; and our house Champagne well-rated in **Decanter**.

Discounts last only until Sunday 24th February – or whilst stocks last.

White

2017 Corte Mainenti, Cengelle, Soave, Italy Was: £10.95 Now: £9.75 Code: MAI117

“Yes, good Soave is alive and well in this vaguely lemony wine that would make a charming, refreshing aperitif”, FT, 24th November.

From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) on calcareous soils, this is exceptional in a frost affected, low-yielding vintage. Overtly fruity and floral - white peach with jasmine - and medium-bodied, this offers a delicious glass and has been very well received.

At best: Drink this year Available: 240 bottles

2017 Pasji Rep, Zelen, Vipavska Dolina, Slovenia Was: £13.50 Now: £11.95 Code: PAS117

“Smart label. Smells of gingerbread men! Lots of excitement and some fine tannins. Interesting ... low alcohol too. 16/20”, Jancis Robinson, **jancisrobinson.com**, 5th November.

Zelen, organically farmed here, used to be the grape for the aristocracy in the Vipava Valley. Mid-weight, peach-fruited, creamy, with notes of sourdough and herbs. In some ways Zelen has Viognier and Muscat-like flavours, but it has a personality all of its own and a depth of flavour which belies the 11.5% alcohol.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 84 bottles

2015 Il Palagione, Ori, Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva, Italy

Was: £16.50 Now: £14.50 Code: PAL815

This wine was selected by Susan Hulme MW as one of the top Vernaccias in Decanter magazine, May 2018: *“A distinctive nose with flint, spice, creamy oak and yellow fruit. Fleshy, round, bold palate with spicy oak and a long, leesy finish. 93/100”*.

Vernaccia Riserva is from declared vineyards and is aged in wood. Powerful marriage of creamy oak with greengages and more exotic fruit. Intense and impressive, keeps well - and makes a dramatic alternative to white Bordeaux.

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2016 Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, Back to the Roots, France Was: £18.95 Now: £16.50 Code: LEQ516

“Bone dry and savoury, in the classic Burgundian fashion, at a very fair price for a Côte d’Or wine. Racy and transparent”. Jancis Robinson, FT, 24th November.

All in barrel, 10% new, and crafted in a deliberately old-fashioned way (hence the name), with lots of lees stirring. This is always superb, showing overt ripe fruit, attractively rounded and rich. We ship more and more each vintage - decant it and you can pass it off as something far grander. Amazing value at this price. At best: Now-2022 Available: 144 bottles

2016 Hoddles Creek, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Australia Was: £21.95 Now: £19.50 Code: HOD116

“Proof of Australia’s newfound competence with Chardonnay – not overblown, not austere, but just right. Big and rich initially but wonderfully delicate and racy on the finish. This is the stuff to challenge white burgundy! So clean but reasonably profound, too. Convincing chewiness on the finish”, Jancis Robinson, FT, 24th November

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

At best: Now-2023 Available: 96 bottles

2012 Zanut, Jama, Goriska Brda, Slovenia Was: £27.95 Now: £20.00 Code: ZAN515

This is one of Simon’s follies, hence a very big discount. It’s a wonderful wine, but we accept that not everyone wants to drink a hugely powerful (15%), aged, skin-contact, orangey, Slovenian white from an obscure grape at this price! But Jancis Robinson liked it: *“Deep gold. Yes! Very tangy and concentrated on the nose. But fresh as a daisy on the palate. Just the lightest astringency on the end and real depth of flavour. No great heat on the extremely long, dry, clean finish. Like green honey somehow - something waxy about it anyway. Not cheap but very interesting. 17/20”*, **jancisrobinson.com**, February 2018

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

At best: Now-2021 Available: 22 bottles

Red

2016 Barréjat, Madiran, Tradition, France Was: £10.50 Now: £8.95 Code: BAJ116

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“Pure fruit trumps the notorious tannins of the Tannat grape in this bright, energetic, unoaked wine”, Jancis Robinson, FT, December 1st

As ever, superb, offering such vitality and fruit. Deeply hued and concentrated blend of local grape Tannat with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, honest and mildly rustic.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 24 bottles

2016 Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, Italy Was: £11.50 Now: £10.25 Code: TAK316

“Juicy, correct expression of Sangiovese. Very direct and fully ripe but with authentic tanginess on the end”, Jancis Robinson, FT, 1st December

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 120 bottles

2015 Météore, Faugères Rouge, Les Léonides, France Was: £12.50 Now: £10.95 Code: MET115

“Very lively and fresh together with sweet strawberry fruit. Round. 16/20”, Jancis Robinson, **jancisrobinson.com**, 5th November.

About 30% each of Syrah and Grenache, and 20% of Mourvèdre and Carignan, unoaked, from the hills of the Languedoc. Lively and refreshing, with ripe blackberry and blackcurrant flavours, plenty of schist character and a long finish.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 96 bottles

2015 Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, France Was: £14.95 Now: £13.50 Code: LEQ615

“Glowing healthy ruby. Round fruit combines with admirable freshness in beautiful balance. Crunchy fruit in a Santenay way but overall this is sweet and pure. Exceptional value. Note, however, that I tasted this many hours after it had been double decanted because it was looking a bit reduced. Aeration before serving recommended. VGV. 16.5/20”, Jancis Robinson, Seeking Value in Burgundy, **jancisrobinson.com**, 24th October.

All the wine goes into barrel, 10% new. Bottled under screwcap, this is currently slightly reduced so do decant vigorously. Inviting red fruits scents, and a generous, well-textured palate of cherries and *fraises des bois*.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 37 bottles

2016 Errázuriz, Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Costa, Chile Was: £15.50 Now: £13.95 Code: ERR916

Two great reviews last year for this:

“The obsessive work of Errazuriz and Francisco Baettig in Aconcagua Costa has led to simply stellar Pinot Noir. Top-label Las Pizarras [Note: we have this at £70 a bottle] is sensational; this is a more affordable version but still offers outstanding value at this price. Piercing scents and

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fine, poised, classy flavour profile. Drink 2018-2022, 91/100", Peter Richards MW, **Decanter**, February 2018

"Smells almost more of the rock than the fruit! Dry finish but great integrity and GV. Sucky stony end. 16/20", Jancis Robinson, **jancisrobinson.com**, 5th November.

So let's make it even better value! From vineyards on schist at Manzanar, just 12 kilometres from the cool Pacific; and now picked earlier for greater freshness, 2016 is the best vintage yet of this enticing wine, smooth and balanced, offering a light and fragrant mouthful of red and black cherries with minimal tannins. Poised and graceful.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 240 bottles

2015 Cape Rock, Capa Roca, Olifants River, South Africa Was: £17.50 Now: £14.75 Code: CAP615

"Mainly Portuguese varieties with a few international ones. The label gives the full recipe and warns there may be a little sediment over time. Good!

Deep purplish crimson. Correct intensity. Really luscious with a little bit of ocean freshness and a hint of saltiness. Truly complex wine. Great stuff! VGV. 16.5+/20", Jancis Robinson, **jancisrobinson.com**, 5th November.

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 62 bottles

Value Red Burgundy in Decanter magazine

In the pursuit of Value Red Burgundy, Tim Atkin MW tasted over 90 red Burgundies for Decanter magazine, and whittled that down to just 32 wines for the November issue, of which no less than four were shipped by Stone, Vine & Sun. Here are three, with their reviews:

2015 Françoise & Denis Clair, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Was: £16.95 Now: £15.50

"Sweet oak, tangy and attractive, with some fruit sweetness. Pleasant, if light. Subtle reduction. 89/100", Tim Atkin MW.

From 35 year old vines on clay soils above Maranges. Bright red cherry and blueberry, with just a little tannin and acid, a pure wine for lovers of old-fashioned fresh Burgundy.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 23 bottles

2015 Lequin-Colin, Santenay Rouge 1er Cru, La Comme Was: £21.95 Now: £19.95 Code: LEQ715

"Santenay is one of the few villages in the Côte d'Or that can make premier cru wines at an approachable price. This wine underlines the point. It's still comparatively youthful, showing primary fruit flavours and a touch of reduction, but give it time to flower in bottle. Savoury,

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sappy and well defined. 90/100", Tim Atkin MW.

From a very well-sited, south-east facing 1er Cru on the border with Chassagne.

At best: Now-2023 Available: 18 bottles

2016 Faiveley, Mercurey, La Framboisière Was: £24.95 Now: £22.50 Code: FAJ616

"One of the most reliable wines in the Côte Chalonnaise, so good to see it performing well in a blind tasting. Appealing raspberry fruit, with quite a bit of oak influence, at this price level.

Good focus, length and balance. What's not to like? 90/100", Tim Atkin MW

Just south of Clos Rochette on argilo-calcaire soils, this is another of the domaine's wholly owned (monopole) vineyards. Some whole bunch fermentation here (the latest fashion in Burgundy), and 20% new oak barrels.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 48 bottles

Matthew Jukes' 100 Best Australian Wines 2018-19

A big focus for us last year went on promoting the delicious Wickhams Road Pinot Noir 2017, now sold out, which featured in Matthew Jukes Top 100 Australian wines. We seem to have omitted to inform you that we stock three other wines which made his highly critical cut, so here they are, with most of his quotes in italics and with variable discounts; and an extra discount if you buy a mixed dozen including four bottles of each wine.

2017 Tomfoolery, Young Blood Grenache, Barossa

Was: £19.50 Now: £17.95 Code: TOM317

"Young Blood Grenache is Pinot Noir-shaped, slippery, pale-hued and instantly and immensely attractive. It is spiked with peppercorn freshness and I imagine it will chill well, for spicy dishes as well as working wonders with elite charcuterie and rillettes. Using a clever 30% whole bunches to elevate the aromatics and add a freshness to the finish this wine is all about stepping back from influencing the flavour in any way which will change its natural course. There is a mild oak influence, too, which simply adds texture as opposed to wood notes. I love the stripped back feel of Young Blood and I urge you to track this wine down. It has a holistic appeal that will lift your spirits and also slake your thirst", Matthew Jukes

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.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 36 bottles

2016 Ashton Hills, Pinot Noir, Piccadilly Valley

Was: £29.50 Now: £26.50 Code: ASH116

"My featured Piccadilly cuvée and the 2016 Estate Pinot Noir...show the purity and precision on which this label has built its reputation. The Piccadilly wine is forward, pliable, generous and engaging", Matthew Jukes.

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Based on fruit from the famed home vineyard at Ashton Hills, with grapes from two other nearby farms; no new barrels. Friendly Pinot aromas, just lightly herbaceous and attractively savoury. Lovely texture. Red fruit, very slightly heated, mildly gamey; and appealingly long. Drinking perfectly from now, this tastes like a decent Côte de Beaune at five years of maturity.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 96 bottles

2016 Mac Forbes, Healesville Syrah, Yarra Valley

Was: £35.00 Now: £32.50 Code: MAC516

"I tasted this flawless wine...and it was a revelation. With luxurious fruit and lashings of earth this tremendously expressive Syrah was destemmed halfway through fermentation and this technique has taken the best traits of the stems and then allowed the fruit to billow unfettered until the moment of bottling. Bristling with energy and yet light and fragrant to the touch this is a bewitching wine... One final point – I have no idea how this wine will age but one thing is certain, it is drinking perfectly already, so why hang about?", Matthew Jukes.

Just the second vintage of this, from plots around Healesville, where Mac's cellar is located and note the name – Syrah, indicating Mac's wish to emulate a French model. Vivid purple. Fresh fruit scent. Very intense, bittersweet, with crunchy blackcurrant flavours. Pepper and spice on the finish. Is this a look-alike for Hermitage?

At best: Now-2025 Available: 30 bottles

<p>Matthew Jukes Top 100 Red Mixed Dozen £285.60 Code MJRED100 Four bottles of each of the three reds above, with a 15% discount on their full bottle prices Available whilst stocks last</p>

2013 Boasso, Barolo Gabutti Was: £36.50 Now: £31.50 Code: BOA413

We love this wine - exciting, long-lived Barolo - and so did the writers of the leading Italian wine guide, the 2018 **Gambero Rosso**. They gave this, along with a handful of other Barolos, the top *Tre Bicchieri*, three glasses, rating and described it thus:

"Top spot goes to the Gabutti, which won the three glasses prize thanks to its purest expression of the most classic Barolo qualities, from quinine to raspberry, from blackberry to liquorice; the palate shows power and harmony: unmissable".

The wine comes from the single Gabutti vineyard just below the family 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. Enjoy now or right through to 2028 Available: 72 bottles

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NV Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Tradition, Brut

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Bottle Was: £26.50 Now: £24.50 Buy 6 for £141.00 (so £23.50 a bottle) Code: HAT1NV

Magnum Was: £55.00 Now: £50.00 Buy 3 for £142.50 (so £47.50 a magnum) Code: HAT9NV

The December issue of Decanter magazine reported the results of a 79 wine blind tasting of “Value Champagne, £40 or below”. Our house Champagne from Thomas-Hatté came a commendable 12th equal. Most importantly, there was only one Champagne, marked just one point higher, which was priced lower than Hatté. The Decanter note described it as “*layered and complex if a little honeyed*”. That richness we really applaud. From 70% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir, it’s rounded, creamy and mature.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 240 bottles 10 magnums

Sweet

2016 Corte Mainenti, Luna Nova, Recioto di Soave, Italy Half Bottle was: £13.95 Now: £12.50 Code: MAI616

“Italy is such a treasure trove of wines made sweet by drying grapes. Vin Santo is Central Italy’s most famous version; in this one Garganega grapes usually grown for Soave are dried. This has great apple-skin aroma, masses of sweetness, enough acidity and a grainy texture. It would be lovely with a fruit dessert but it’s probably too fresh and light for chocolate or anything very sweet. Clean and persistent”, Jancis Robinson, FT, December 8th.

Recioto di Soave is made from selected bunches of early-picked (for the best condition and good levels of acidity) Garganega dried on racks in the autumn. Perfume of apricots and orange peel – and those stone fruit and candied orange flavours permeate this opulent sweet wine, cut by lime. There’s more than a hint of botrytis, noble rot, too. In the Veneto this style is drunk with cake, but it’s delicious with cheese or on its own.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 22 halves

South Africa – White

2013 Lemberg, Hárslevelű, Tulbagh Was: £14.75 Now: £11.75 Code: LEM813

The Hungarian grape, crafted in a deliberately oxydised style, aged in 500 litre French barrels. Tasted recently, this shows an apple skin fragrance, and a complex, pungent and savoury palate with notes of dried apples and lime.

At best: Drink this year Available: 22 bottles

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

Was: £16.95 Now: £11.95 Code: CAP116

This was wonderful in its youth (so we shipped lots) and then went through a surly stage, from which it has emerged and is again very good, subtle and polished, showing gentle

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**peach fruit, suavity and a dry stony character on the finish – and it's just 11.5%. It's from one complanted vineyard near the Olifants river, a blend of 40% Viognier, 31% Grenache Blanc and 29% Roussanne, barrel fermented, and aged for just a few months in old barrels
At best: Drink this year Available: 60 bottles**

South Africa – Red

2015 Blankbottle, Familiemoord, Western Cape Was: £22.95 Now: £18.25 Code: BBO715

It's a long story...of a family murder which never happened, all explained on the label! With 59% Swartland Grenache, 22% Darling Cinsault and 19% Elgin Pinot Noir, this tastes like a Cape Châteauneuf. Extravagant Grenache aromas of cooked strawberries, and then a voluptuous but aromatic mouthful.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 36 bottles

2015 Blankbottle, Koffer, Bredekloof Was: £22.95 Now: £17.95 Code: BBO815

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 30 bottles

2014 Badenhorst, Family Red, Swartland Was: £23.95 Now: £19.95 Code: BAD814

56% Shiraz, 17% Grenache and Cinsault and 10% Tinta Barocca, crafted for perfume, suavity and longevity rather than simply power, this offers complex flavours of blackberry and black cherry with liquorice and black pepper with a decent backbone of svelte tannin.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 6 bottles

Chile – White

2015 Errázuriz, Aconcagua Costa Chardonnay Was: £14.95 Now: £12.95 Code: ERR115

We have moved to 2016. Just a few bottles left of this excellent fresh Chardonnay from a cool coastal site.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 6 bottles

Focus on Pandolfi Price, Itata

Enzo Pandolfi Price bought a farm in cool climate Itata, south of Cauquenes and east of Concepcion, in 2002 which included a vineyard planted by a local professor of viticulture on granular, decomposed volcanic soils in the mid 1990s.

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In past vintages we have had huge success - critical and commercial - with these wines. However Los Patricios Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have not been such fast sellers, largely because of their alcohol levels – 15% for the former and 15.5% for the latter. But if you get beyond that, the wines are both impressive, with generous substance and style – and now there's a big temporary discount. The Larkun Syrah is striking, neither French nor Australian in style, but a benchmark expression of specifically Chilean cool climate Syrah.

**2014 Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios Chardonnay, Valle del Itata Was £22.95 Now: £17.95
Code PAP314**

Winemaker François Massoc is acknowledged to craft the finest Chardonnays in Chile. This shows enticing aromas of smart toasty oak and dairy elements; followed by a powerful and well-textured mouthful of green fruit with a smoky note. Hugely impressive
“Hottest year ever. Big and broad on the nose. But manages to have some freshness as well as butteriness on the palate. For those who like old-fashioned Meursault. 16.5/20. To 2020”,
Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, February 2017
At best: Now-2021 Available: 144 bottles

**2015 Pandolfi Price, Larkün Syrah, Valle del Itata Was: £14.50 Now: £11.95 Code:
PAP615**

Exciting coolish climate Syrah, showing bright blackcurrants, bittersweet and crunchy. Sits perfectly between Northern Rhône and Australian styles. Excellent keeping potential too.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 120 bottles

**2014 Pandolfi Price, Los Patricios Pinot Noir, Valle del Itata Was: £24.95 Now: £19.50
Code: PAP814**

Pinot Noir but not as we know it Jim – extravagantly flavoured, wildly powerful (15.5%) and we couldn't resist it. Black fruited, showing hints of eucalyptus and spice, this is possibly not for Pinot purists but undeniably dramatic.
At best: Now-2021 Available: 72 bottles

Chile and Argentina – Red

BIG reductions here –beautifully ready-to-drink, intense reds offering stunning value.

**2014 Carinae, Cuvée Brigitte, Mendoza, Arg. Was: £12.50 Now: £10.50 Code:
CAE814**

About 60% Malbec and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon: the former brings rich red fruit from old vines and the latter black fruit and structure. A classy bottle – perhaps a slow seller because it doesn't have the word Malbec on the front label.
At best: Now-2020 Available: 60 bottles

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2012 Volcanes de Chile, Tectonia Grenache–Petite Sirah–Mourvèdre, Central Valley, Chile

Was: £12.95 Now: £10.95 Code: VOL212

Winner of a gold medal in the 2015 International Wine Challenge; showy, all cassis and brambly fruit with a liqueur richness and hints of woodsmoke and forest floor.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 23 bottles

2011 Meli, Vigno Carignan, Maule, Chile Was: £17.95 Now: £13.95 Code: MEL311

This is vital, open, rich and velvety, but also beautifully aromatic, with a floral grace. Lovely wine from a seventy year old vineyard.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 22 bottles

2013 Errázuriz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Aconcagua Alto, Chile Was: £17.95 Now: £14.95

Code: ERR513

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 7% Petit Verdot: very textured; all blackcurrants cut by a streak of lead-pencilly graphite. Splendid.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 42 bottles

2012 Volcanes de Chile, Parinacota, Syrah-Carignan, Maule Valley, Chile Was: £20.95

Now: £16.50 Code: VOL812

82% Syrah and 18% Carignan, a big wine, youthful, but elegant. Bittersweet cassis fruit, mouth-wateringly refreshing, with a sense of violets. *“Imagine a cliff face hewn from liquorice with seams of juicy black fruit and ground spice – it’s that awesome”*, Olly Smith, Daily Mail online, 19th March 2016.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 60 bottles

2010 Carinae, Hommage, Mendoza, Arg. Was: 21.50 Now: £17.95 Code: CAE410

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 10 bottles

2009 Carinae, Prestige, Mendoza, Arg. Was: £26.50 Now: £21.50 Code: CAE509

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

At best: Now-2020 Available: 19 bottles

New Zealand and Australia – White

2017 Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ Was: £11.25 Now: £9.75 Code: ESK117

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

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At best: Drink this year Available: 60 bottles

2017 Pizzini, Arneis, King Valley, Aus. Was: £14.95 Now: £11.95 Code: PIZ316
Arneis, as grown in Piedmont, is an under-rated grape. Here it delivers a stimulating, lively, almost minty scent; and a super-fresh mouthful of citrus, stone fruit and even a hint of guava. A neglected stack.

At best: Now-early 2020 Available: 60 bottles

2016 Isabel Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ Was: £16.50 Now: £13.95 Code: ISA516

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

At best: Drink this year Available: 60 bottles

New Zealand & Australia– Red

2015 Bramble Lane, Shiraz, Western Aus. Was: £10.50 Now: £8.95 Code: BRA115

Such a typical, honest Australian Shiraz: warming, gutsy, black-fruited, just a hint of earthy interest.

At best: Drink this year Available: 84 bottles

**2014 Te Awa, Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon, Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, NZ Was: £15.50
Now: £13.75 Code: TEA114**

About 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon with some Cabernet Franc, velvet smooth, modern-style, Bordeaux blend.

At best: Now-2023 Available: 16 bottles

Sparkling & Champagne

See also our wines in the press above for an offer on our house Champagne from Thomas-Hatté.

**NV Floriano Cinti, Pignoletto Frizzante, Colli Bolognesi, Italy Was: £11.95 Now: £9.50
Code: CIN1NV**

Pignoletto is the name of the delicious sparkling wine made in the foothills of the Apennines south and south-west of Bologna. From the Grechetto Gentile grape, with the fizz produced in the same way as Prosecco, i.e. in a closed tank, it's delightful and very popular with those who have tried it. Pull the cork with a corkscrew and away you go...lightly foamy, perfectly dry and citrusy, with accents of pears and green apple. Creamy, rounded and with a crisp finish, this makes a lovely aperitif at any time and a perfect party fizz.

At best: Drink this year Available: 180 bottles

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2010 Domaine des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Brut, Claudia, South Africa Was: £17.95
Now: £14.95 Code: DDD4NV

90% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir, made in the Champagne method, and a splendid New World fizz: yeasty, creamy and complex. We have moved to the 2012.

At best: Now-2020 Available: 17 bottles

NV Serge Mathieu, Champagne, Rosé, Brut Was: £31.50 Now: £25.00 Code: MAT5NV

From ripe Pinot Noir grown in the Aube. Salmon pink. Strawberries and cream; quite rich and yeasty in flavour but bone dry. Superb quality - buy now for Valentine's Day!

At best: Now-2020 Available: 36 bottles

Sweet and Fortified

2013 La Haute Borie, Monbazillac, France Was: £14.50 Now: £12.50 Code: HBO113

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. We move to 2014.

At best: Now-2021 Available: 4 bottles

Sanchez Romate Hermanos, Palo Cortado Regente Was: £21.25 Now: £17.95 Code: SRH3NV

Replace you empty sherry cupboard with this elegant Palo Cortado

At best: Drink this year Available: 7 bottles

2010 Sylvain Gaudron, Vouvray, Le Grain d'Or, France 50cl. bottle was: £23.95 Now: £18.50 Code: GAU410

Very late picked, a selection of individual grapes affected by noble rot. This mid-gold coloured wine with 115g/l residual sugar is wonderfully rounded and silky textured, with honey and pure ripe fruit flavours.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 17 50cl. bottles

2011 Pierre-Bise, Quarts de Chaume, France

50 cl. bottle was: £27.75 Now: £23.95 Code: CPB211

Famed wine from a top grower in a great sweet vintage in the Loire.

At best: Now-2022 Available: 5 50cl. bottles