

STONE, VINE & SUN

WINE MERCHANTS

Wine List

2019/2020



Welcome to our 2019-20 list. Here are some areas where we have been travelling to broaden and strengthen our offering:

- Throughout the list: more organic and bio-dynamic wines - I count over 80!
- The Loire, notably reds from Cabernet Franc, benefiting from climate change (pp.18-20)
- Italy, in particular a broader selection of whites (pp.29-30)
- Spain: especially whites and great value Monastrells (pp.34-36)
- Throughout the list: more magnums, from the Rhône, SW France and Bordeaux, Spain, Italy, etc.
- An ever-expanding selection of sweet wines from six countries (pp.52-54)

One important note of caution. Whilst we have successfully kept prices stable by buying foreign currency forward, anything might happen this autumn, so **all prices may be subject to change during the lifetime of this list.**

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- Delivery Charges* to one address are as follows
























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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, 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

Mixed Cases

We offer many different mixed cases, throughout the year, usually with a discount of 10% or more: 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 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.

MC119 Breaking Stone £87.50

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Carinae, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, 2017 (p.43)

MC319 Reaching for the Sun £152.50

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Des Dieux, Chardonnay, South Africa, 2015 (p.37)
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Apaltagua, Envero, Gran Reserva Carmenère, Chile, 2017 (p.41)
Silent Noise, Shiraz, Australia, 2016 (p.47)

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 £95 to £155 - 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, 2018, 12.5%** SC

Bottle £8.25 Case £94.05 Code PEP118

5 litre bag in box £43.50 (equivalent to £6.53 a bottle) Code BIB618

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-2020

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Chardonnay, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code CSP118

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-2020

★ **YD** **La Combe Saint-Paul, Vermentino, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £9.50 Case with £108.30 Code CSP218

Now one of our best sellers. Open, stone fruited attack gives way to a more gentle, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry - a fine all-rounder. Now-2020

YD **La Combe Saint-Paul, Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code CSP318

Such a pretty aroma of blossom - this is on the light, fresh, floral side of Viognier - white peach and orange blossom. True Viognier body, and a good dry finish. Now-2020

OP **La Grave, Minervois Blanc, Expression, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code GRV618

80% old vine Macabeu with Vermentino and Marsanne. Textured and quite concentrated, with apple and melon flavours and a hint of white pepper, but also displaying a nutty / mealy note. Now-2020

★ **W** **Creysseles, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, 2018, 13.5%**

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code CRE118

Julie Benau makes a top Picpoul - this is the 15th vintage in a row we have shipped! Very open, citrus and pine scents. A touch more texture than usual, fresh and limey, with the merest saline note on the long finish. Now-2020

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

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code CSP417

From halves of Roussanne and Vermentino (Rolle), grown on limestone soils, and about 10% aged in old barrels, this combines weight and freshness. Attractive white peach character with an accent of marzipan and a dry, chalky character too. Rosemary George, *My Top 30: Languedoc Whites*, **Decanter**, August 2018. Now-2020

YD **G** **Grand Arc, Corbières Blanc, Veillée d'Equinoxe, 2018, 14%**

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code DGA618

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. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

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

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MET717

50% Roussanne with 40% Rolle (Vermentino) and 10% Clairette: a scent of exotic fruit anticipates a wonderful cocktail of flavours; stone fruit and pineapple. Concentrated, fresh and complete. The excellent 2018, renamed Léonides, follows. Now-2020

Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Blanc, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code FON716

From ancient (1908) complanted vines of Grenache Blanc and Gris plus Roussanne and Malvoisie, with subtly integrated oak, this is a powerful white, offering a generous mouthful of white peach and tangerine, almond, honey, orange blossom and fennel. Creamy, fat and altogether satisfying. Now-2020

G Begude, Chardonnay, Limoux, L'Etoile, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code BEG217

A star barrel-fermented Chardonnay from vineyards in the foothills of the Pyrenees: *"Crisp but with lots of personality and great balance. Not burgundy but definitely French...Good stuff. GV. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, 18 October 2018. Now-2022

Rosé

OP Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £8.25 Case £94.05 Code PEP518

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-2020

OP La Grave, Minervois Rosé, Expression, 2018, 13%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code GRV418

From approximate halves of Syrah and Grenache, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity. Pale pink. Lifted red fruit aromas. 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-2020

Les Quatre Tours, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, Signature, 2018, 13%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code QUA518

Magnum £26.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £151.05 Code QUA918

The characteristic Provençale blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah plus Cabernet Sauvignon and Rolle from a small co-operative just north of Aix. Very pale - a transparent onion skin tint - generous fruit and restrained elegance: flavours of white peach, melon and berries, with satisfying weight and a fine dry finish. Now-2020

★ W Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anaïs, 2018, 13%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code RIB518

Bandol produces the finest rosés in the world, based on the Mourvèdre grape which thrives on the Mediterranean sunshine and clay soils: exciting aromas of white peach and pink grapefruit leap out of the glass; followed by delectable intensity of peach melba and cream. Really well-textured, with a characteristic long and mineral finish. Now-2021

Red - IGP wines

Les Pradelles, IGP d'Hérault, 2018, 12% SC

Bottle £7.75 Case £88.35 Code PRD118

Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for parties! Now-2020

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

Bottle £8.25 Case £94.05 Code PEP617

5 litre bag in box £43.50 (equivalent to £6.53 a bottle) Code BIB218

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-2020

OP Comtesse de Marion, Merlot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code VIC317

Now in a taller bottle and a smarter label, this shows attractive typicity: aromas of sweet plum with a leafy touch, followed by a supple and lightly creamy, berried palate with barely discernible tannins. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

La Croisade, Pinot Noir, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code AGW718

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-2020

W Les Hauts de Median, Petit Verdot, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2018, 13.5% SC

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code VIC218

Deeply hued, impressive example crafted by Aurélie Trébuchon: classy layers of red and black fruits, subtle tannins, and vivacious acid. Now-2022

YD Fontanel, IGP Côtes Catalanes, 2017, 14%

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code FON417

From young vines of Grenache, Mourvèdre and Carignan grown in hot, dry and windy mountain vineyards near Tautavel. Gorgeously juicy and vital wine, showing vibrant strawberry fruit, spiced with white pepper and liquorice. Now-2020

G W SE Mas des Brousses, Chasseur des Brousses, IGP Pays d'Oc, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code MAB116

From about 50% Merlot, 30% Grenache with some Syrah; and a surprisingly successful marriage of Bordeaux and the Rhône. Generous mouthful of brambly fruit, supple and refined, with hints of menthol and liquorice, and subtle tannins. Very aromatic and long. The 2017 follows. Now-2021

G Begude, Pinot Noir, IGP Haute Vallée de l'Aude, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code BEG618

A long term favourite here, a fresh and pure Pinot - just 10% goes into old barrels. Fresh palate with strawberry, raspberry and cherry flavours. Juicy and ripe with a crisp, long finish. Now-2021

YD Mas d'Agamas, Carignan Bleu, IGP Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code AGA117

Carignan Bleu - a variant of Carignan - is named because of the bluish tint the grapes take on when fully ripe. It makes for a gorgeous purple colour, and a very un-rustic, soft, well-textured, fleshy mouthful of black plums and spice. Now-2021

G Météore, Carignides, Vin de France, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code MET317

From a single plot of 55 year old vines : vibrant purple, flamboyantly flavoured with raspberry jelly and dark chocolate, well-textured, this shows how polished and exciting Carignan from old vines can be. Now-2022 *Arriving in October*

Red - Appellation wines

OP La Grave, Minervois Rouge, Tristan et Julien, 2017, 13%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code GRV117

From halves of Grenache and Syrah, showing the strawberry sweetness of the former combined with the briary black fruit of the latter; an uncomplicated, hugely pleasing country wine. Now-2021

G YD Grand Arc, Corbières Rouge, Reserve Grand Arc, 2016, 14.5%
Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code DGA216

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-2022

★ **YD La Combe Saint-Paul, La Clape, Grès Rouges, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CSP617

60% Syrah with 20% each of Mourvèdre and Grenache, basically unoaked (10% in old barrels). Youthful, deliciously ripe - black fruit and herbs, so Mediterranean, with a nice savoury note and gentle tannins. A well-priced, smartly presented bottle from this prestigious appellation. Now- 2022

G YD Grand Arc, Corbières, Cuvée de Quarante, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code DGA316

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 and fruity. Now-2023

G Météore, Faugères Rouge, Les Léonides, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £13.25 Case £151.05 Code MET116

Grenache, Syrah and Carignan, unoaked. This always exhibits a lovely lifted perfume and character derived from the schist soils. Lively and refreshing, with blackberry and blackcurrant flavours and a long finish. Now-2021 *Arriving in October*

YD Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Rouge, 2016, 14%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code FON115

From Syrah, Grenache and Carignan grown on schist near Maury, unoaked, and a classic Roussillon red, with typical notes of pepper, tar and black olives tinging a juicy, brambly and strawberry accented heart. Now-2021

W Mas d'Amile, Terrasses du Larzac, Le Petitou, 2016, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MDA216

From about 50% Grenache plus Syrah and Carignan, a fresh and rounded red, full of cool black fruit and a savoury hint. With moderate alcohol, supple and balanced, it's a crowd-pleaser. Now-2021

★ **YD Mas d'Agamas, Terrasses du Larzac, Nostre Mescladis, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code AGA317

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 entirely unoaked. Supple and melting approach, with delicious flavours of heated strawberries. Juicy but also perfectly poised and refined. Now-2021

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

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 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 Fontanel, Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel, Cistes, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £18.25 Case £208.05 Code FON216

Named after the Cistus, the spring-flowering rock rose. 60% Syrah, well-oaked, with 40% Grenache 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-2022

G W SE Mas des Brousses, Terrasses du Larzac, France, 2016, 14%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code MAB216

Largely Mourvèdre (grown from cuttings from the famed Domaine Tempier in Bandol), with Syrah and Grenache, barrel-aged. This came top among 58 wines of a December 2018 **Decanter** Languedoc blind tasting: "Complex and finely-etched, with a minty dark fruit aroma ceding to a firm and layered yet rounded and refined palate. A wine that's full of resonance, and with ageing potential. 94/100.". Now-2026

YD La Combe Saint Paul, L'Insoupponné, Languedoc-La Clape, 2015, 14.5%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code CSP715

85% Syrah with Mourvèdre, given 10 months ageing in a mix of new and 2nd fill barrels - and a very limited production wine. Polished black fruit with fine grained tannins. Splendid concentration and perfume. La Clape red at its best. Now-2024

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

Bottle £20.50 Case £233.70 Code FON314

From one parcel on a high, windswept, north facing argilo-calcaire slope, this blend of 2/3 Syrah, with Grenache, and a little Mourvèdre is given 18 months in new oak casks. Dramatic wine, revealing layers of black fruit, spice and mocha flavours; and ageing like a top northern Rhône, becoming more complex, meaty and savoury. Now-2022

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

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code DEP414

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

W Ribotte, Bandol, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code RIB814

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

G Météore, St. Chinian, Parangon, 2015, 14%

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code MET215

From one eponymous high and cool plot of Syrah, with a little Grenache. Very deeply hued, delivering wonderful cassis flavours, a hint of black liquorice, an enticing, underlying meatiness - velvety, and all supported by very refined tannins. Great wine by any standards. Now-2025 *Arriving in October*

Rhône

White

G SE Amadieu, Cairanne Blanc, Haut de Beauregard, 2017, 14%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code AMB617

Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Viognier 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-2021 *Arriving in October*

YD Pichat, Viognier, Côtes de Verenay, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes, 2017, 13%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code PID817

Superb, lightly oaked northern Rhône Viognier from the same schistous soils as Condrieu: creamy apricot and peach with a hint of vanilla and satisfying depth. Now-2020

YD Pichat, Condrieu, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £41.50 Case £473.10 Code PID617

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

Southern Rhône - Red

Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Galets, 2018, 14%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code ESZ118

Juicy, unfiltered blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah: raspberryish mouthful, mildly spicy and very moreish. A long term favourite at SVS. Now-2021

★ **G Vignerons d'Estézargues, Organic Côtes du Rhône, 2018, 14.5%**

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code ESZ218

More black-fruited than the above, with brambly juiciness and a little more stuffing. Now-2022

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

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code PIG616

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

G SE Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code ESP116

70% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 10% Syrah; hearty, black-fruited, savoury and very superior CdR from densely planted, low yielding vines around Vacqueyras and Gigondas. Now-2022

G W Joncier, l'O, Côtes du Rhône, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code JON217

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

G SE Amadiieu, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2018, 14%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code AMB118

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 *Arriving in October*

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

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code PIG715

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

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.60 Code JON515

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

G SE Espiers, Côtes du Rhône Villages, Sablet, 2016, 15%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ESP416

Boasting a new label stating 9mg, declaring the very low level of sulfites. Grenache with about 30% Syrah from vineyards on the slopes above the village. Lovely red fruited nose, smooth red fruit and soft tannins. Now-2024 *Limited stock*

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code JON114

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

OP **Domaine Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Cuvée Classique, 2014, 13.5%**

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code COW114

About 60% Grenache, with Syrah and Mourvedre. Red-fruited nose, but more black fruit on the palate with a pinch of pepper. Silky and appetising - approachable. *"Earthy, black cherry, mushroom and something granitic too. Finely ground tannins, still plenty of fruit - this shows how a humble appellation deserves to be taken seriously. 17/20"*, Richard Hemming, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 20th December 2018. Now-2020

★ **G SE** **Amadieu, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, 2016, 14%**

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code AMB316

Magnum £36.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £208.05 Code AMB916

50% Grenache, 20% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre and 10% Carignan; about 15% in old barrels: long, warming and complex. *"A touch of mint leaf on the nose, savoury redcurrant fruit on the palate, finishing with spice and black cherry, and perhaps a hint of earthiness. Low tannin, moderate acid and great persistence. 17+/20, drink 2018-2027"*, Richard Hemming MW on jancisrobinson.com, 16th October 2017. Now-2025

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

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code JON315

About 80% Mourvèdre and some Syrah, so akin to a Bandol. Black fruited with black olive, powerful and savoury, with backing tannin. Now-2023 *Very limited stock*

G SE **Espiers, Gigondas, Les Grames, 2016, 14.5%**

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code ESP316

Magnum [2015 vintage] £45.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £259.35 Code ESP915

Named after the vineyard, 2/3 Grenache and 1/3 Syrah. Powerful mouthful of red fruit, almost sweet but with splendid mass and compact tannins. Impressive. Now-2025

OP **Domaine Le Couroulu, Vacqueyras, Vieilles Vignes, 2014, 14%**

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code COW314

The low yielding old vines clearly performed as well as ever in 2014, with perhaps a little more freshness and softer tannins than usual. Sweet black fruit with pepper and touch of vanilla, a correct tannic structure with the wine's trademark savoury tone - think meatiness.

"Interestingly more mature than the 2015, by quite a margin, and gives a vegetal quality as well as garrigue and black cherry fruit. Serious, chunky tannins with a strong vein of acidity giving freshness. Surely this would satisfy the hardened Châteauneuf-du-Pape drinker? 17.5/20", Richard Hemming, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 20th December 2018. Now-2022

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

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 Code GRD114

From old vine Grenache with a good slug of Mourvèdre grown in the northern sector of the appellation, very smooth and cultured - in the Clos des Papes idiom - gentle and complex, but with plenty of concentration too. The 2015 follows at £26.95. Now-2021

G SE **Espiers, Gigondas, Les Blâches, 2016, 15%**

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code ESP216

Extravagantly flavoured, well-oaked example of tiny volume: A chunk of well-oaked Syrah brings mocha touches and glossy fruit - blackberry and cassis. Ripe tannins ensure a long life. Now-2025

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

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code BAS211

Profound, hugely powerful, wild and intense. Black and dried fruits, savoury and complex. 2/3 Grenache, with Syrah, Cinsault & others. Old fashioned and dramatic. Now-2023

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

Bottle £57.50 Case £655.50 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

YD Pichat, Syrah, Côtes de Verenay, IGP Collines Rhodaniennes, 2016, 13%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code PID116

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

G DG Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, 2015, 13%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code CHA115

Youthful nose of blackberry and blueberry. The same fruit character on the palate with a touch of chocolate as well, very supple and fragrant and a fresh finish. Now-2022

★ **G SE** Monier-Perreol, St Joseph, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code MOP515

Biodynamically farmed. Bittersweet, juicy and crunchy, finely textured, with delicate acidity and hints of vanilla and spice, this is just so correct in its fragrance and grace. The 2016 follows. Now-2024

G DG Yann Chave, Crozes-Hermitage, Le Rouvre, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £26.95 Case £307.23 Code CHA215

Magnum £54.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £310.65 Code CHA915

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-Perreol, St Joseph, Terres Blanches, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £27.50 Case £313.50 Code MOP114

A wine of such finesse, melding vanilla and clove oak aromas with silky layers of blackberry and blackcurrant. Great purity, length and perfume. Proof of the efficacy of bio-dynamics? The 2015 follows. Now-2024

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

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code PID312

Champon's lies in the northern, schistous sector of the appellation. Silky cherry and raspberry flavours, with very supple tannins. Appealing savouriness, and satisfying mass. Drinking perfectly. Now-2024

G DG Yann Chave, Hermitage, 2014, 13.5%

Bottle £58.50 Case £666.90 Code CHA314

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

South-West France

White

Les Chapelières, IGP Comté Tolosan, 2018, 11.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £88.35 Code AGW318

A best-seller, an easy drinking blend of Ugni Blanc and Colombard with lowish alcohol and refreshing bite. Clean and lemony, with a pleasing pear accent and a flinty freshness. Now-2020

OP Tariquet, Classic, Côtes de Gascogne, 2018, 10.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code TRR118

Magnum [2017 vintage] £17.95 (Case (6 x 150cl.) £102.32

So brightly delicious, Ugni Blanc and Colombard tweaked with ripe Sauvignon Blanc and waxy Gros Manseng to give a zesty palate, citrus flavoured with notes of passion-fruit and pineapple. Now-2020

OP **Tariquet, Chenin-Chardonnay, Côtes de Gascogne, 2018, 11.5% SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code TRR318

75% Chenin and 25% Chardonnay, fresh, very melony, with accents of white flowers and pear. Now-2020

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

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code LAB117

The Sables Fauves is a terroir on the edge of the forest of Les Landes. From about 50% Gros Manseng and 30% Ugni Blanc with 10% each of Sauvignon Blanc and Colombard, this delivers both great freshness and intense fruit. Zingy attack dominated by passionfruit and guava; and the juicy palate offers bright fruit, good texture and a distinctive salinity. Now-2020

★ **OP** **Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, 2018, 13.5%**

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code BAJ618

A little known - and hard to pronounce - but delicious Gros Manseng from the same area as Madiran, north of Pau. Delivers so much flavour and texture for a wine at this price: red apples, pineapple with mouth-filling weight. Splendid food white. Now-2020

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

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code TRR417

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

Red

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code SAL618

This is a light red which one could easily serve slightly chilled: the French would call it "*frais*". Fresh ripe strawberries and raspberries, a gentle fragrance and minimal tannins. Very easy-drinking blend of 40% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and 10% of both Cabernet Franc and Tannat. Now-2021

OP **Barréjat, Madiran, Tradition, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code BAJ117

Magnums [2016 vintage] £21.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £ Code BAJ916

Jeroboam [2016/17 vintage] 5 litres £87.50 Code BAJ516/7

Deeply hued and concentrated blend of local grape Tannat with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc; an 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-2022

★ **OP** **Barréjat, Madiran, Vieux Céps, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code BAJ317

Magnums [2016 vintage] £31.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £179.55 Code BAJ416

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

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

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code BAJ216

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

Bordeaux

White

YD Les Combes, Bordeaux Blanc, Sauvignon-Sémillon, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £10.75 Case £122.55 Code GRC618

Including about 20% Sémillon. Grassy aroma. Limey freshness, but also well-rounded and with a custard creaminess. Now-2020

★ **OP** Beaugard Ducasse, Graves, Albertine Peyri, 2016, 13%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code BDU116

Jacque Perrotat's top white, 60% Semillon and 40% Sauvignon, all in new barrels. Fascinating and generous palate of lime with cream, beeswax and honey. Keeps very well too. The 2017 follows. Now-2023

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

Bottle £25.00 Case £285.00 Code LES115

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

Red - Right Bank

Piconat, Bordeaux, 2015, 13%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code PIC115

Not just a very pretty (pinkish) traditional label! Appealing red fruit, fresh and balanced, some body and finishes with a flourish. Very successful and complete blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cab. Sauv. and 5% Cab. Franc. Now-2021

La Plaigne, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2016, 14%

Bottle £10.25 Case £116.85 Code PLA116

Charmingly labelled wine, a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon in the superb 2016 vintage; and with greater depth and structure than usual. Showing vigorous black plum and red berried fruit, it's actually rather classic. A long-term favourite at SVS. Now-2023

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

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 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. Offers very good value, as it tastes like a more expensive name. Now-2021

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

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code GRC115

Magnum £24.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £139.65 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. "...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 £142.50 Code BEA116

Magnum [2015 vintage] £25.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £145.35 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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code GRC415

Magnum £31.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £179.55 Code GRC715

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 unoaked wine always shows pure red fruit - raspberries and cherries - with fine acid. Supple, aromatic and very winning. Now-2022

G La Justice, Fronsac, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code JUS115

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

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 GRC315

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

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ROG115

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

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

★ YD Vieille Dynastie, Lalande de Pomerol, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code VID116

Magnum £38.00 Case (6 x 150cl.) £216.60 Code VID916

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

Perron, Lalande de Pomerol, 2015, 13%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code PEQ115

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

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

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code VCH115

Magnum £46.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £265.05 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

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

Bottle £25.00 Case £285.00 Code AIG112

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

Des Pelerins, Pomerol, 2014, 12.5%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code PEL114

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

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

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 Code PRE115

Approximately 3/4% Merlot with Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Carmenère. Dramatically flavoured, delivering sharp black fruits with malty and black chocolate hints. Fleshy and opulent but not in the least over the top. Now-2026 *Very limited stock*

Red - Left Bank

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

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code GDL114

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

★ OP Beaugard Ducasse, Graves, 2016, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code RAZ115

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

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

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code PDM114

Winner of no less than three gold medals (Paris, Mâcon and the Salon des Vignerons Independents), this always delivers value. Deep hue; overt aromas of toasty oak; ripe and robust black fruit with mocha; and decent concentration. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot. The 2015 follows. Now-2024

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

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code BDU615

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

G Le Coteau, Margaux, 2016, 13%

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code CLC116

The Leglise family own 12 hectares of Margaux at Arzac, organically farmed without certification. Based on 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, it remains well-priced, a pretty example, showing red berried fruit and vanilla. Now-2025

W Deyrem-Valentin, Margaux, 2016, 14%

Bottle £32.50 Case £370.50 Code DEY116

50% Merlot, 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, plus 1% each of 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. Now-2028

Du Glana, Saint-Julien, Cru Bourgeois, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 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 £387.60 Code BLL116

Magnum £70.95 Case (6 x 150cl.) £404.42 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**. 2020-2028

Sociando Mallet, Haut Médoc, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £39.50 Case £450.30 Code SOC115

This well-known Château's 2015 was widely applauded: showing dense, concentrated black fruit, classically styled with a solid structure, this is a keeper. *"Rich fruit with lots of depth and potential complexity. Very good middle palate and a fine, firm finish. 90/100"*, Stephen Spurrier in **Decanter** magazine, June 2016. 16.5+/20, Jancis Robinson, MW on jancisrobinson.com, 2nd April 2016. Now-2028. *Very limited stock*

Loire

Sauvignon Blanc

W Les Chardons, Sauvignon Blanc, IGP Vin de Pays de Loire, 2018, 13%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code AUM318

Surprisingly tropical aroma. In this hot vintage this is riper and more rounded than usual, with ripe citrus and hint of pineapple. Refreshing finish. Now-2020

YD Forges, Sauvignon, IGP Vin de Pays du Val de Loire, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code FOR718

Very pale, almost water white. Very correct, bright and zippy. Now-2020

G W l'Aumonier, Touraine Sauvignon, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code AUM118

From organically farmed vines, this is a long-established best-seller here, admired for its overt fruitiness, which is particularly pronounced in the hot 2018 vintage. Well delineated ripe citrus with more tropical fruit hints. Makes a relaxing aperitif. Now-2020

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code BLA117

Always very true to the appellation: bright lemon over a mineral acid thread. Fresh and bone dry on the finish. Pair with simply prepared white fish. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

OP Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre, 2018, 14%

Bottle £16.25 Case £185.25 Code ROS118

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

★ **OP Francis Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Silice, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 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-2022 *Arriving in October*

OP Cherrier Père et fils, Sancerre, L'Essentiel, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code ROS417

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. Explosively open scent of ripe citrus and white flowers; and then an exotically flavoured mouthful of greengages, grapefruit and orchard fruits. In some ways akin to a lightly oaked white Bordeaux, a fascinating and exciting bottle. Now-2021

Other whites

★ **YD Chauvinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2018, 12%**

Bottle £10.25 Case £116.85 Code HUC118

From low yielding vines on the estate's classic granite soils. Open, generous mouthful with stone fruit, textbook zest and balance, and a dry, gently saline finish. Now-2020

YD Clos des Montys, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2018, 12%

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code CDM118

A superior Muscadet, from ancient vines, mostly 80-100 years old, grown on thin, sandy soils over hard metamorphic rock. Apricot and melon permeate the wine, alongside hints of hay and white pepper. Now-2020

de la Guilloterie, Saumur Blanc, Les Perruches, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £14.25 Case £162.45 Code GUL617

A superior, barrel-fermented Saumur Blanc from 50 year old Chenin vines. Scent of honey and orange blossom; and builds expansively on the palate, notes of orange and kumquat, with Brazil nut fatness. Now-2021

YD Forges, Savennières, Moulin du Gué, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code FOR817

Chenin Blanc grown on sand and shale soils and given 11 months in old barrels: it's a wine to enjoy lively and young; mid-weight, poised, with energy and a stony freshness. Now-2023

YD Clos des Montys, Vieilles Vignes 1914, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, 2017, 12%

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code HUC317

From a vineyard planted 105 years ago on a well sited plot of sandstone over amphibolite soils. A Muscadet with a completely unfamiliar depth and concentration: mineral and pear flavours; and a lingering finish. This keeps too. Now-2022

Red

YD Forges, Anjou Rouge, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code FOR418

Pure Cabernet Franc, unoaked. 2018 was a particularly hot summer so this is surprisingly ripe and concentrated. Lively, juicy and energetic - terrific for an unpretentious Anjou Rouge. Now-2021

de la Guilloterie, Saumur Rouge, Affinité, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code GUL117

Unoaked Cabernet Franc from 10-40 year old vines grown on *argilo-calcaire* soils over *tuffeau* (Loire limestone). A correct Loire Cab. Franc - from a strawberryish scent via a juicy, supple core of red fruits to its slatey and savoury hints. Now-2021

★ **de la Guillerie, Saumur-Champigny, Tradition, 2017, 13.5%**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code GUL317

The estate's principal wine: enticingly dramatic purple, with a perfume made up of berries and roses, this is rounded and richly fruited, showing an appealing fatness and lip-smacking drinkability. Lots of life; long and complete. A winner. Now-2022

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code ROT114

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

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

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code ROS617

The Cherriers' pure Pinot Noir, half aged in old barrels, is a bold and ripe wine which looks good value in comparison to Burgundies from over the hills to the east: intense red fruits, bright and jewel-like, a bite of fresh acid and attractive length. Now-2020

White Burgundy

Mâconnais & Côte Chalonnaise

Olivier Fichet, Mâcon-Burgundy, Les Trois Terroirs, 2017, 13.5% SC

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code FIC517

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-2020

Mallory and Benjamin Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy, 2018, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code TAL118

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

★ **Domaine Fichet, Bourgogne Blanc Aligoté, France, 2018, 12.5%**

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code FIC818

Harmonious and silky example from the hot Burgundy summer of 2018. Floral scent; bright attack - with a crisp pink grapefruit accent; a gently creamy mid-palate; and a refreshing, lightly saline finish. Now-2020

G YD Sainte Barbe, Mâcon-Villages, Les Tilles, 2017, 13%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code SAB117

From a small parcel on clay and limestone planted in the late 60s, tended bio-dynamically (certified organic); and just 5% in old barrels. Delivering ripeness and salinity on the nose and showing so much complexity for a Mâcon; with a mouthful of grapefruit and apple, silky and poised. Now-2021

★ **G YD Chazelles, Vire-Clessé, Vieilles Vignes, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code CHZ117

From a 2 ha. sheltered plot on limestone, with vines between 50 and 100 years old; including 30% of Chardonnay Musqué, a more aromatic clone found in the northern Mâconnais. Ripe citrus and apple with a touch of pepper and a zesty finish; successfully combines generosity and tension. Now-2022

G SE Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran, 2016, 13%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code SAU816

From two parcels, one on clay in Davayé and one on limestone near Vergisson; fermented half in tank, half in barrel. Ripe and generous stone fruit followed by refreshing citrus, this is well rounded and finishes with a steely, mineral touch. The 2017 follows at the same price. Now-2023

DG Faiveley, Rully, Les Villeranges, 2016, 13%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code FAJ416

All raised in tank for 11 months on its lees. Attractive exotic aromas followed by a fresh and weighty palate of lemon leading to a creamy finish. The 2017 follows at £21.50. Now-2021

G SE Saumaize-Michelin, St Véran, Les Crèches, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code SAU317

From old vines on the rock of Vergisson, barrel-fermented and aged. Splendid intensity and unctuousness. Complete wine with some ageing potential. Now-2023

DG Faiveley, Mercurey, Clos Rochette, 2017, 13%

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code FAJ117

Clos Rochette is a solely owned vineyard. 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

G YD Sainte Barbe, Viré-Clessé, L'Epinet, Vieilles Vignes, 13.5%

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 Code SAB317

From a very small plot at the top of the slope, planted in the 40s on gravel and red clay soil. A third of the wine goes in 228 litres oak barrels for a year on its lees. Creamy, with apple and stone fruit notes, weighty and complex. Now-2022

G SE Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Pentacrine, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £27.50 Case £313.50 Code SAU715

Named after the 5-sided marine fossils found locally, this wine is selected from several parcels across the estate and raised in larger 600 litre *demi-muids*. Rich - a generous mid-palate of stone fruits - but also very focussed and steely. Now-2023

G SE Saumaize-Michelin, Pouilly-Fuissé, Clos sur la Roche, 2015, 14%

Bottle £30.95 Case £352.83 Code SAU415

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

Chablis

★ **SE d'Elise, Petit Chablis, 2017, 12%**

Bottle £15.25 Case £173.85 Code ELS117

A benchmark, far better than most co-op Chablis: excellent concentration and correctly lactic. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

W Fourrey, Chablis, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code FRR118

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

SE d'Elise, Chablis, 2018, 13%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code ELS218

From vines on the slopes above Milly, on pure white hard chalk soils. Always creamy but with oyster shell Chablis characteristics too. Ripe citrus, a satisfying weight in the mouth, and a long, cool finish. Now-2023

W Fourrey, Chablis, 1er Cru Côte de Lechet, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code FRR717

Magnum £42.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £242.25 Code FRR917

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

W Fourrey, Chablis, 1er Cru Mont de Milieu, 2017, 13%

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code FRR517

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 fruit with a taut mineral streak. Fine and persistent. Now-2025

Côte de Beaune

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

G YD Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, 2017, 12.5% SC
Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code LEQ817

From 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. Now-2021

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

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code LEQ516

All in barrel, 10% new, and crafted in a deliberately old-fashioned way (hence the name), with lots of lees stirring. This is always superb, showing overt ripe fruit, attractively fat, rounded and rich. We ship more and more each vintage - decant it and you can pass it off as something far grander. The 2017 follows. Now-2022

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

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code CLB215

From a very calcareous site, and given 10-15% new oak. Ripe citrus, cream and oatmeal, and so reliable. Both authentic and stylish. The 2016 follows. Now-2022

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Santenay, 2016, 13%

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 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*. Now-2023

★ **W Agnès Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Blanc, 2016, 13%**

Bottle £26.95 Case £307.23 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. Now-2023

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St. Aubin 1er Cru, Les Champlots, 2016, 13%

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code CLB316

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. 18% new oak this year. Combines concentration and freshness with a silky texture and a long finish. Now-2024

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Saint-Aubin Blanc 1er Cru, Sous Roche Dumay, 2016, 13%

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code CLB516

A new wine for us: Sous Roche Dumay is well sited between Champlots and Murgers des Dents de Chien; offers more fat than the Champlots without compromising on freshness. Now-2023

G YD Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Les Charrières, 2017, 13%

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 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, concentrated and generous. Now-2025

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, St Aubin 1er Cru, Murgers des Dents de Chien, 2016, 13%

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 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 YD Lequin-Colin, Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru, Les Caillerets, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £44.50 Case £507.30 Code LEQ316

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

★ **G** Huber-Verdereau, Meursault, En Dressole, 2017, 13%

Bottle £45.00 Case £513.00 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 take on Meursault, featherlight and elegant. "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. Now-2024

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

Bottle £54.00 Case £615.60 FAJ313

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

Red Burgundy

Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune

G YD Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, 2016, 12.5% SC

Bottle £15.25 Case £173.85 Code LEQ616

All the wine goes into barrel, 10% new. More sophisticated than usual in this vintage, fresh and zesty without compromising on ripeness. Juicy red fruit - cherries and *fraises des bois*: this remains good value. Now-2021

YD Françoise & Denis Clair, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge, 2016, 13%

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code CLB616

From 35 year old vines on clay soils above Maranges, unoaked, a pure wine for lovers of old-fashioned fresh Burgundy. Charmingly ripe fruit, silky tannins and already attractive. Now-2022

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

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code GUI115

From four parcels, two in Bligny and two between Bligny and Pommard and given 12 months in barrel, second or third fill. More concentrated and fat than usual in this hot year, cherry and raspberry, soft tannins, supple and finishing with refreshing acidity. Now-2020

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

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code PAQ614

Vinified and aged in oak, 15% new. Pure red and black fruit, supple, with a fine texture and just a little crunchy grip. The 2016 follows at £26.50. Now-2022

G Huber-Verdereau, Bourgogne Rouge, Les Grandes Gouttes, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code HUB517

From bio-dynamically farmed vines planted in the 80s, all in barrel, 25% new. Fragrant nose with aromas of raspberry. The same joyful red fruit on the palate, fleshy and silky. Very classy Bourgogne rouge. Now-2023
Limited stock

G YD Lequin-Colin, Santenay Rouge 1er Cru, La Comme, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £23.95 Case £273.03 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. Now-2024

YD **Françoise & Denis Clair, St-Aubin 1er Cru, Sur Le Sentier Du Clou, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code CLB815

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. The 2016 follows. Now-2023

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

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code FAJ616

Some whole bunch fermentation here and 20% new oak barrels.

"One of the most reliable wines in the Côte Chalonnaise...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, **Decanter**, November 2018. Now-2024

YD **Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code GUI215

Aged in oak for 13 months, 20% new. Raspberry and a touch of sweet black cherry, light and silky. Showing well now. *"Fresh, sappy, aromatic and floral. Slightly bitter, oaky finish, but savoury and complex with good underlying concentration"*, Tim Atkin MW, **Decanter**, November 2018. Now-2024

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

Bottle £28.50 Case £324.90 Code FAJ614B

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

G **Huber-Verdereau, Monthélie, La Combe Danay, 2017, 13%**

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 Code HUB617

From vines planted in 1981. Lovely red fruited mouthful with a raspberry accent and backed by ripe tannins. Gentle and elegant. *"A really lovely representative of this appellation. Pure Monthélie. Very flirtatious and refreshing..Nicely firm structure but the fruit dominates completely. Really quite accessible already. Neat finish. 17/20"*, Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 17th January 2019. 2020-2024 *Limited stock*

★ **YD** **Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune, 1er Cru, Les Hauts Jarrons, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £32.50 Case £370.50 Code GUI315

From old vines first planted 60 years ago on an east-facing slope close to Beaune; about 25% new oak; and altogether a big step up on the village wine: fleshy, energetic, with appealing fat - and surprising length. Now-2025

YD **Jean Guiton, Volnay, Les Petits Poisots, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £34.50 Case £393.30 Code GUI715

From soils with a high proportion of clay, this is always rich and opulent, darker fruited with black cherry, compact tannins and a long fresh finish. A keeper. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

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

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code GUI515

Magnums £72.50 Code GUI615 *Very limited stock*

With splendid fruit concentration, this expands on the palate generously, almost flamboyantly. Bold, and yet to hit its peak, with red fruit lingering on the finish. Now-2025

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 **Joseph Faiveley, Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, 2015, 13%**

Bottle £43.50 Case £495.90 Code FAJ515

Splendid ripeness this year, with great depth of black and red cherry flavours. Intense but also plentiful freshness; and a lovely finish. Now-2025

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

Bottle £52.50 Case £598.50 Code FAJ814

From the mid slope between Premeaux and Nuits, with the oldest vines dating from 1957. Red and black cherry on the nose and a touch gamey. Delicious mouthful of red black cherries, very supple and well balanced, but there's masculine structure and minerality too. Now-2025

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

Bottle £66.50 Case £758.10 Code FAJ714

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

SE DG Fourrier, Morey-St.-Denis, Clos Solon, 2016, 13%

Bottle £75.00 Case £855.00 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*

SE DG Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin, Aux Echezeaux, 2016, 13%

Bottle £80.00 Case £912.00 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*

SE DG Fourrier, Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieille Vigne, 2016, 13%

Bottle £80.00 Case £912.00 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

W Lagneau, Beaujolais-Villages, Cuvée Jeanine, 2017, 12.6%

Bottle £12.25 Case £139.65 Code LAG117

Jeanine Lagneau is the winemaking mother. This is from ancient (60-100 year old) vines on steep schist and granite slopes in Quincié-en-Beaujolais, one of the best terroirs for Beaujolais-Villages. All black cherry and blueberry, juicy, but with substance too from the old vines. So crisp, alive and energetic. Now-2021

W Lagneau, Regnié, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Gerard, 2017, 13.2%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code LAG317

Gérard is the father. As ever, this is terrific, with a depth of colour and intensity of bramble and black cherry flavours rarely seen in Beaujolais at this price. Juicy and stimulating. Now-2023

YD La Chapelle des Bois, Fleurie, Grand Pré, France, 2017, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code CHB117

Magnum [2015 vintage] £28.50 Case (6 x 150.cl) £162.45

Code CHB915 Limited stock

Bright cherry colour. Rose and red-fruited fragrances. Crunchy cherry and berry mouthful, vivacious, with more than a smudge of palate refreshing tannin, so could accompany even quite rich food. Now-2022

★ **W Lagneau, Côte de Brouilly, Vieilles Vignes, Cuvée Didier, 2017, 13.2%**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code LAG417

Named after 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. Now-2023

Alsace

G Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Blanc, 2018, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code MEY118

Fascinating pink tinge (from the pigmentation in some Pinot Blanc grape skins) to this perennial, organic favourite: fruity but also intriguing non-fruit flavours - brioche and sandalwood. A delicious aperitif, almost wholly dry in this latest vintage. Now-2021

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

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code MEY316

A perfect balance between rose-petal aromatics, exotic fruit and spice. Full bodied and flavoursome (13 grams of residual sugar), this is great with spicy food. Now-2021

★ **G** Jean-Luc Meyer, Pinot Gris, 2018, 13%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code MEY218

A little richer than usual in this vintage: sandalwood aroma prefaces a lightly savoury, textured palate. Off-dry, this makes a lovely aperitif. Now-2021

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

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 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. Now-2023

Germany

White

Walt, Riesling, Pfalz, 2017, 11% SC

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code WAL117

The Pfalz region near Alsace is perhaps better known for dry Riesling, but this is in the traditional style, which delivers an appealing balance between refreshing acidity and some residual sugar (about 20 grams a litre here). Grapefruity zip. The 2018 follows shortly at the same price. Now-2021

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

Bottle £10.75 Case £122.55 Code WOL118

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

Villa Wolf, Gewurztraminer, Pfalz, 2018, 11.5% SC

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code WOL118

Off-dry, 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

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

Bottle £11.75 Case £133.95 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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 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

DG Dönnhoff, Riesling Qba, Nahe, 2013, 9.5% SC

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code DON613

From the top Nahe grower: elderflower and pineapple, and with a pretty sweetness underpinning the incipient petrolly hints. Now-2021

DG Dr Loosen, Erdener Treppchen, Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2017, 8% SC

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code DRL217

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 52 grams of residual sugar, a bottle can vanish awfully quickly. Now-2021

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

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code LEI217

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

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

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code DON518

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

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

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code DON118

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

DG Dr Loosen, Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Riesling Auslese, Mosel, 2011, 7% SC

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code DRL711

Lost in a corner of the warehouse, a jewel. Not tasted recently, but should be poised, full-flavoured and drinking perfectly. Now-2022 *Limited stock*

Austria

White

G Sepp Moser, Organic Grüner Veltliner Classic, Niederösterreich, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code: SEP117

Straightforward example of the grape: fresh citrus tempered by characteristic Grüner vegetable hints. Now-2020

G Sepp Moser, Grüner Veltliner Von den Terrassen, Kremstal, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code: SEP217

Biodynamically farmed and certified Grüner: gently textured, with greengage and grapefruit flavours plus a sprinkle of white pepper. Very true to the grape. The 2018 follows. Now-2021

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

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 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-2022

Slovenia

White

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

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code PAS117

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

"Smart label. Smells of gingerbread men! Lots of excitement and some fine tannins. Interesting ... low alcohol too. 16/20", Jancis Robinson MW on jancisrobinson.com, 5th November 2018. The 2018 follows in the autumn. Now-2020

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

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code ZAN117

Rebula is the Slovenian name for the Italian Ribolla Gialla grape. This wine gains colour, texture and intensity from 12 hours skin contact: it's light gold, well-weighted, dry, concentrated, and lightly savoury. Surprisingly full-bodied, it's a wine to drink with food. Now-2021

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 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

G YD Pasji Rep, Jebatschin White, Vipavska Dolina, 2017, 13%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code PAS317

A lightly oaked blend based on 50% Malvasia with 30% Rebula, 10% of Zelen and 10% others. Intense stone fruit, accented by subtle grain and herbal notes; weighty, rounded and energetic. Now-2021 *Arriving in the autumn*

OP Zanut, Sauvignon, Goriska Brda, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £20.50 Case £233.70 Code ZAN416

This pale, unoaked example, from the estate's highest vineyards, has the intensity of the very best Sauvignons from anywhere in the world. So open and expressive - true SB freshness, but with exotic hints of tangerine and mango. Rich and long. Now-2022

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

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code ZAN515

A single vineyard wine from Friulano, 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

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

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code PAS616

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

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

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 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. Now-2022

Italy

White

Ca' di Ponti, Grillo, Sicilia, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £6.75 Case £76.95 Code PON118

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-2020

Araldica, Piemonte Cortese, 2018, 12% SC

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code ARA718

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. Now-2020

Bellamico, IGT Falanghina Beneventano, 2018, 12%

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code BEM118

Named after the town, Benevento, in eastern Campania. Wine from the Falanghina grape is mid-weight, with hints of stone fruit and lime. A useful all-rounder. Now-2020

G YD Tenuta Casali, Bassamarea Bianco, Bianco Rubicone, 2018, 12%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 TEN118

This pure Trebbiano shows the simple virtues of the grape - citrus and peach flavours, nicely rounded, with a hint of white pepper. Honest, refreshing and tasty. Now-2020

YD Corte Mainente, Cengelle, Soave, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code MAI118

From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) on calcareous soils, this displays an enticing perfume of white flowers and greengages. 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. *"Packed full of flavour.. The first thing that hits you is pungent greengage and peach, white flowers in the background"*, Will Lyons, The **Sunday Times** magazine, August 18th 2019. Now-2020

La Battistina, Gavi, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code BAT618

From the Cortese grape; always lively, light, fresh and fruity, showing pineapple and grapefruit. Now-2020

G YD Tenuta Casali, Cavaliere Bianco, Colli Romagna Centrale, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code TEN317

Named after the vineyard which was planted in 1985, this is 100% Trebbiano (Romagnolo) given about six months on its lees. Pale gold. Rich, full-flavoured - pears and lime - with a hint of spice. Dry and lightly savoury. Now-2020

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

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code TAN617

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

G YD Tenuta Santa Seraffa, Gavi del Comune di Gavi, 2018, 12.5%
Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code SER118

From a historic estate, this pure Cortese is strong: displaying a very open floral and citrus perfume; and then a refreshing, lemony mouthful. Very good length for a wine in this idiom. Now-2020

★ **YD Corte Mainente, Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, 2018, 12.5%**
Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code MAI318

100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in a single vineyard in Pigno, known as one of the best terroirs in the middle of the hilly Classico zone. Well-textured, intense, vivid and fresh, with hints of almond and white pepper on the finish. *"The palate is crisp, precise with a lively mineral edge...the wine builds to a terrific citrus and almond finish"*, Peter Dean in **The Buyer**, 10th May 2019. Now-2021

★ **G Il Palagione, Hydra, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, 2018, 13%**
Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code PAL618

This stimulating Vernaccia is superb in this vintage: an enticingly herbal scent with hints of sage and mint; and then terrific to drink, both rounded and zippy. Lots of intensity and energy - green fruit and melon with a long stony finish. Keeps well too. Now-2021

G YD Tenuta Casali, Valleripa, Albana Secco, Romagna, 2017, 14%
Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code TEN417

Albana, a local grape, given about 18 hours skin contact, giving an enticing strong golden hue, aromas of honey and dried appleskin; and a full-flavoured, very lightly tannic palate encompassing yellow plums, dried grapes and a hint of oranges. Complex, dry, savoury and penetrating. Now-2021

YD Corte Mainente, Netroir, Soave, 2017, 14%
Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code MAI417

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 such intensity of stone fruit that it tastes almost like Viognier, and it also evinces ripe melon notes. Powerful and lightly savoury. Now-2021

G Fiorano, Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, 2017, 13%
Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code FIO617

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-2020 *Limited stock*

G Il Palagione, Ori, Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva, 2017, 13.5%
Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code PAL817

Vernaccia Riserva is from declared vineyards and has to be aged in barrel, here half in new barrels and half first fill: the barrels give volume and creaminess. Lovely silky texture; and plentiful greengage and apricot flavours. With a tang of lime and almonds on the finish, this is intense and impressive. Now-2022

Red - Sicily and Southern Italy

Ca' di Ponti, Nero d'Avola, IGT Terre Siciliane, 2017, 14% SC
Bottle £6.75 Case £76.95 Code PON617

Brambly fruit. Honest, mildly rustic and characterful, better with food. Now-2021

Conviviale, Primitivo, IGT Salento, 2017, 14% SC
Bottle £8.50 Case £96.90 Code CNV117

Gutsy grape of Croatian origin (aka Tribidrag), genetically identical to Zinfandel. Bittersweet black fruit, generous, punchy and bold. Now-2020

Vezzani, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £8.50 Case £96.90 Code ROD617

Solid deep garnet. Ripe and fleshy with plenty of substance. Spiced raspberries and plums. Good fresh finish. Perfect pasta wine. Now-2020

Rocca, Nero di Troia, IGT Puglia, 2017, 14%

Bottle £9.75 Case £111.15 Code ROD417

The Nero di Troia grape is a Puglian speciality, here given some ageing in barrel. Cherry-scented; fleshy red-fruited heart with a little spice, nicely expansive. Now-2021

Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code ROD217

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. Crowd-pleaser. Now-2020

Filodoro, Aglianico, Irpinia DOC, 2012, 13%

Bottle £13.25 Case £151.05 Code FIM612

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

Red - Tuscany

Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £11.75 Case £133.95 Code TAK318

The 2016 vintage of their great value Chianti Colli Senesi was praised by Jancis Robinson, MW in the **Financial Times** last December. From the younger vines in their Montepulciano vineyards, this is 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. Now-2020

G Il Palagione, Caelum, Chianti Colli Senesi, 2017, 14%

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 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-2020

Talosa, Rosso di Montepulciano, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code TAK116

Sangiovese, with 15% Merlot, Canaiolo and Mammolo, in old barrels: a big and 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

★ **G W Col di Lamo, Rosso di Montalcino, 2015, 13.5%**

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code CDL115

100% Sangiovese, aged in old vats, with even more punch than usual: first, an open perfume with cigarbox and cinnamon; then a lovely cooked strawberry and clove mouthful, with a little peppery spice and proper tannic support. Definitive mini-Brunello. *"Some nuanced ruby colour. Light and rather delicate and flirtatious with some almost Nebbiolo-like tarriness on the end. Really good wine. Nicely balanced with some evolution. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 5th November 2018. Now-2022

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

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 PAL411

70% Sangiovese with 15% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, into lots of new French barriques. Surprisingly youthful, showy, intense and oaky, with a bittersweet, cassis heart. Now-2022 *Limited stock*

Talosa, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, 2015, 14%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.60 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

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

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code TAK613

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

G W Col di Lamo, Brunello di Montalcino, 2013, 14%

Bottle £35.50 Case £426.00 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. Now-2024

Red - Emilia Romagna and the Marche

G YD Tenuta Casali, Bassamarea Rosso, Sangiovese Rubicone, 2018, 12.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 TEN618

A bright, young, country wine - vivid purple, fresh cherry perfume, all cherries and strawberries with a little fat.

★ **G** Fiorano, Sangiovese, IGT Marche, 2017, 13%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code FIO117

The latest vintage of this Sangiovese is as delightful as ever, appealing to all who enjoy juicy reds. As ever, bright red cherries to the fore, ripe, perfumed and sappy. Pure and supple; a fast-disappearing bottle. Perfect with *salume*. Now-2020

G YD Tenuta Casali, Baruccia, Sangiovese San Vicinio, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 TEN816

Sangiovese from Emilia-Romagna given six months in large, old Slavonian oak vats, a really appealing, exuberant wine: sharply black-fruited, with notes of cherry liqueur and black olive, it's broad, fleshy, rounded and long. With a little grip, it's very food friendly. Now-2023

G Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore DOC, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code FIO316

80% Montepulciano and 20% Sangiovese, aged in old French oak barrels. Always a big wine, concentrated and robust, but with a bright cut of blackberry and blackcurrants too. Now-2022

Red - Veneto and Piedmont

Begali, Valpolicella Classico, 2017, 12.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code BEF117

2/3 Corvina and 1/3 Rondinella, offering a pretty and sappy mouthful of buckets of red cherries. More concentrated than usual, with a twist of cherry stem bitterness. Now-2021

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

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code TAN117

About 1/3 of the wine is aged in old vats. This is crafted in a supple, easy-drinking style, with forward and pretty raspberry and curranty fruit, creamy, with just a nudge of tannin. A crowd-pleaser. Now-2021

★ **OP** Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d'Alba, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code TAN316

A delicious, forward Nebbiolo, just rounded by a year of ageing in a mix of old oak. Soft pale and transparent tone; pretty strawberry scent; and the same juicy and bright red fruit dominates the palate, fragrant and silky. This is bright and classy. Now-2022

Begali, Valpolicella Ripasso, La Cengia, Italy, 2016, 14%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code BEF216

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. Again superb, not raisiny but enticingly bittersweet, dancing with black cherry and brambly flavours, elegant and long. Now-2023

OP DG Boasso, Grappoli, Langhe Rosso, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code BOA215

About 50% Nebbiolo, 40% Barbera and 10% Dolcetto, all grown around Serralunga, given a year in old vats. Delightfully winning, with the juiciness of the Dolcetto and ripeness of the Barbera softening the more austere Nebbiolo: cherry flavours, with a suggestion of cherry liqueur. Balanced, silky, wine, refined yet with good supporting structure. Now-2022

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

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TAN212

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

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

Begali, Tigiolo, IGT Veronese, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 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, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £25.95 Case £295.83 Code TAN513

Ad Altiora implies aiming higher. This is from 100% Nebbiolo grown in the calcareous Bris Montersino vineyard. Open, gorgeous perfume - floral and red-fruited. Powerful wine, displaying a mix of fresh and cooked red fruits with tobacco notes over a firm structure. Now-2024

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

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 Code BOA312

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

Begali, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2014, 16%

Bottle £32.50 Case £370.50 Code BEF414

Very ripe and concentrated, with blackcurrant flavour tinged with dark chocolate. Super fresh finish. Amarone is a wonderful wine to sip with hard cheese (for example aged Cheddar) at the end of a meal, rather like port - but in Verona they will serve a carafe of Amarone with a steak or venison and it's hugely successful. Now-2023

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

Bottle £36.50 Case £416.10 Code BOA413

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

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

Bottle £49.50 Case £564.30 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

Iberia

White

Vila Nova, Vinho Verde, Portugal, 2018, 11.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code VIL118

Loureiro, Avesso and Arinto, from vineyards in the north of Portugal facing the Atlantic. Zingily fresh and citrusy, an old fashioned pleasure. Now-2020

★ **Consentido, Macabeo, Yecla, 2018, 12%**

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code CON118

Macabeo is the same grape as Viura, the principal ingredient in most white Rioja. 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, and a cool label too. Now-2020

Las Colinas del Ebro, Garnacha Blanca, Terra Alta, 2018, 14%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code CDE718

100% white Grenache from clay/limestone vineyards about 500 metres up (Terra Alta = highlands) in Catalonia. A good all-rounder, showing grapefruit scented with herbs - rosemary and bay leaf - with attractive texture and a distinct, lightly almondy finish. Now-2020

K-Naia, Rueda, 2018, 13%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code KNA118

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-2020

Viña Leiriña, Ribeiro Blanco, 2018, 11.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code LEJ118

The maritime-influenced vineyards of Ribeiro lie inland from Vigo in Galicia. This is a super-fresh, unoaked blend of Treixadura, Palomino and Torrontés; sappy, tangerine and stone fruit accented, lightly saline and incisively refreshing. Now-2020

★ **OP Aba de Trasumia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, 2018, 13%**

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code TRA118

Albariño is the best known grape and wine of Galicia. This comes from Viña Moraima, a tiny co-operative near Pontevedra. It's lovely in the latest vintage, delivering 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-2020

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

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code NES616

Barrel fermented and lees aged Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, a modern-style and full-flavoured white Rioja, well-textured, and redolent of orchard fruit and herbs. Grows and expands on the palate impressively - a good foil for any white meat, even richly sauced. Now-2020

Spain

Red - Tempranillo from Rioja and Ribera del Duero

Vega del Rayo, Rioja, Vendimia Seleccionada, 2016, 13%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code VEG216

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

Segares, Rioja Tempranillo, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code NES116

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

★ El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera Del Duero, Roble, 2018, 14%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code LAH118

Magnum [2015 vintage] £27.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £156.75 Code LAH915

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%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code NES312

Magnum [2011 vintage] £28.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £162.45 Code NES911

Excellent pure Tempranillo Rioja, all cooked strawberries, vanilla and spice, attractively mellow and drinking very well. Now-2021

El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Crianza, 2016, 15%

Bottle £18.25 Case £208.05 Code LAH416

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, 2008, 14%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code NES408

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-2021

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

Bottle £24.95 Case £284.43 Code LAH314

100% Tempranillo, including some parcels 80-90 years old; in French barrels for 18 months. Pure, lifted red fruit perfume on smart oak. 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

Bottle £7.25 Case £82.65 Code PIR118

A simple, smooth, easy-drinking quaffer, strawberry-fruited, with a little substance and a hint of meatiness. Now-2020

Borsao, Garnacha, Campo de Borja, 2018, 13.5% SC

Bottle £7.25 Case £82.65 Code BOR318

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-2020

★ **G Finca La Solana, Monastrell (Organic & Vegan), Jumilla, 2018, 14%**

Bottle £9.75 Case £111.15 Code LUZ118

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, 2018, 14%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code LUZ317

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

Viña Leiriña, Mencía, Ribeiro, 2018, 11%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code LEJ618

A light and crunchy unoaked Atlantic red, The Mencía grape is here almost Beaujolais-like, vibrant purple, smelling of blueberries, and exhibiting a blueberry and redcurrant bite. Tangily refreshing. Now-2021

W Tierra Fuerte, Graciano, Méntrida, 2015, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 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

G L'Olivera, Naltres, Costers del Segre, 2013, 15%

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code OLI813

From organically grown Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Trepat and Touriga Nacional, lightly oaked. Gush of raspberries and blackberries, very ripe and bright, enlivened by black pepper, vanilla and liquorice. Potent but smooth - surprisingly Bordeaux-like. Now-2021 *Limited stock*

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

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 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. Also very youthful, so decant. Now-2023

Los Colmillos, Toro, 2011, 15.5%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code COL111

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

South Africa

White - Single Varieties

Cape Heights, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code CAH118

Bright, citrus and green fruit, with attractive concentration for a wine at this level. Now-2020

False Bay, Chenin Blanc, Coastal Region, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code FAB118

From dry-farmed, bush vines, slowly fermented using only wild yeasts, this is richly textured for a wine at this price, weighty, offering a generous, well-flavoured heart of peach and pineapple. Now-2020

OP **Great Expectations Chardonnay, Robertson, 2018, 13.5% SC**

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code GDV118

From the Goedverwacht estate, very lightly oaked, gently creamy, with lime and melon flavours and a vanilla hint, this is a very correct, easy-quaffing, generous Chardonnay. Now-2020

★ **SE** **Cape Atlantic, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, 2018, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code CED618

From the young Sauvignon parcels at high-altitude Cederberg, plus some fruit from cool Elim, this is crisp and precise, showing gooseberry Sauvignon fruit and grassiness with a mineral bite. Now-2020

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

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code FRY317

Doring Bay is the second line (with an artful tin can label, a nod to the winery's location inside a former canning factory) of Fryer's Cove. An intense, green-fruited and zippy example, based on their cool coastal fruit, punchy and herbaceous. Plenty of concentration and weight. The 2019 vintage follows at £11.75. Now-2020

SE **Cederberg, Bukettraube, Cederberg, 2018, 12.5% SC**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code CED318

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, perfect well-chilled as an aperitif, with liver pâté or Thai-style seafood. Sweet orange attack, Muscat-like grapiness, but with a crisp, irony spine. Now-2021

DG **Badenhorst Family Wines, Secateurs Chenin Blanc, Swartland, 2018, 13% SC**

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code BAD118

An old favourite here: sunnily exotic fruit - tangerines and lime - with a hint of honey. *"The fruit is pristine with discreet pineapple husk, lemon balm and mint notes embedded in the lightly honeyed theme. It is long and vibrant but also crunchy and sour. It can tackle a good plate of grub or just be left to its own devices as a pre-dinner charmer. I love it!"*, Matthew Jukes, **Money Week**. Now-2020

SE **Cederberg, Chenin Blanc, Cederberg, 2018, 13% SC**

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code CED118

From the highest vineyards in the cape, mountain-fresh entry of crisp pineapple, lime and white peach - and finishes dry and mineral. Now-2020

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

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code FRY116

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. The 2017 follows. Now-2020

SE **Blankbottle, Moment of Silence, Wellington, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code BBO117

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

W **Des Dieux, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, 2015, 14%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code DDD115

A full-flavoured, perfectly-ready-to-drink, barrel-fermented and aged (about 30% new oak) Chardonnay of concentration and length, from well-sited, family-owned vineyards at the top of the valley, renowned as a sweet spot for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Now-2021

SE Cederberg, V Generations Chenin Blanc, 2016, 14%

Bottle £23.95 Case 273.03 Code CED516

Just nine barrels this vintage of the estate's top Chenin - always one of the best in the Cape, attested by this vintage being a **Platter** five star winner and a Standard Bank Top 10 Chenin. Concentrated, quite oaky (1/3 new barrels), but delivering broad flavours of stone fruit (in part from a dollop of Viognier), nuts; and plenty of weight. Now-2022

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

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code ATA114

Now acknowledged as a New World classic. Overt buttery oak is cut by limey minerality. Rich, creamy and energetic. Now-2021

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

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code BAD316

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

Chamonix, Reserve Chardonnay, Franschhoek, 2016, 13%

Bottle £25.50 Case £290.70 Code CHX716

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

Red

False Bay, Pinotage, Coastal Region, 2016, 14% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code FAB816

Bittersweet raspberry and bilberry fruit, bold and juicy, with just a smidge of tannin. Now-2020

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

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code GDV418

Juicy red fruit with hints of coffee from oak contact. Always a generous, gutsy Merlot. Now-2021

★ **OP Great Expectations Shiraz, Robertson, 2017, 13.5% SC**

Bottle £9.95 Case £113.43 Code GDV617

Pretty raspberry and vanilla scent. Bright berried fruit with a hint of earthiness. Excellent Syrah / Shiraz typicity. Supple and deservedly popular. Now-2021

DG Badenhorst Family Wines, Secateurs Red, Swartland, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code BAD618

The latest vintage is unusual in being based on 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. Now-2020

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

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code CAP815

Gavin Brand's take on a SGM blend - 36% Syrah, 33% Grenache, 31% Mourvèdre, given a year in old barrels. Crushed strawberry perfume; and vivacious strawberry flavours, enlivened by pepper and spice. A charmer. Now-2020

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 Code DDD813

Made with the assistance of Syrah specialist Niels Verburg of Luddite, about 85% Syrah, full-flavoured and punchy, but also smooth, offering fresh blackberry, a lick of sweet oak and middle eastern spice. Now-2021

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

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code DDD613

From cool vineyards at the top of the Hemel-en-Aarde valley, bold and forward, showing an oak and strawberry aroma, and ripe strawberry and cherry fruit with mocha notes. Depth and fragrance. Now-2021

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

Bottle £17.50 Case £199.50 Code FRY615

Based on fruit from a cool coastal site, an attractively fast-maturing Pinot, so already one enjoys pleasing savoury and undergrowth hints. Supple, strawberry and raspberry scented wine, aromatic, and lightly spicy. Now-2021

★ Chamonix, Cabernet Franc, Franschoek, 2015, 14%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code CHX515

The best vintage we have shipped of this: open, really expressive Cab Franc, perfumed - a hint of violets - and jellied red fruit, but with suave power too. Now-2022

SE Cederberg, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cederberg, 2017, 14%

Bottle £19.50 Case £222.30 Code CED717

From the cool mountain vineyards; a strongly flavoured, blackcurranty 100% Cab., given 60% new oak; a silky, classy palate, with layers of black fruit, backed by fine tannins. Now-2023

SE Cederberg, Shiraz, Cederberg, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code CED816

We have never shipped a wine with so many shiny stickers on it - including double gold in the Veritas awards, SA wine index platinum and gold in the Six Nations wine challenge. Well-oaked (about 60% new barrels), gorgeously fruited wine, all seductive perfume and refinement. Now-2020

Chamonix, Troika, Franschoek, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code CHX214

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

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

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code BBO715

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

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

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code CHX315

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

DG Badenhorst, Family Red, Swartland, 2016, 13%

Bottle £24.50 Case £279.30 Code BAD816

71% Shiraz, 13% Grenache, 11% Cinsault and 5% Tinta Barocca, given a very long post-fermentation maceration. Crafted for perfume, suavity and longevity rather than power, this is always rather Northern Rhône in style, offering complex flavours of blackberry and black cherry with liquorice and black pepper with a decent backbone of svelte tannin. Now-2023

Chile

White

Los Seduras, Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code SED118

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-2020

Karu, Chardonnay, Valle Central, 2017, 13% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code KAR117

Well-made, very lightly oaked, ripe, pineapple- accented Chardonnay. Now-2020

Apaltagua, Pinot Gris Reserva, San Antonio, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code APA918

From new vineyards in the coastal mountains near the cool Pacific: floral character, subtle orchard fruits. Now-2020

Apaltagua, Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, San Antonio, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code APA618

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-2020

Apaltagua, Riesling Reserva, Casablanca, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code APA718

True dry Riesling from cool Casablanca fruit at a fair price - grapefruit with a floral note. Always impresses at tastings. Now-2021

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

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code ERR816

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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code ERR116

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

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

Bottle £22.95 Case £261.63 Code PAP314

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

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

Bottle £55.00 Wooden Case of Six £313.50 Code ERR616

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

Red

Los Seduras, Merlot, Valle Central, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £7.50 Case £85.50 Code SED618

Supple, pretty and very easy-drinking Chilean Merlot. What's not to like? Now-2020

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

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code APA317

True varietal character and balance, showing crisp red and blackcurrants, just a little minty, with an appealing unforced ease. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

Gran Verano Carmenère, Valle Central, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code APA817

A juicy wine, a pleasant cocktail of redcurrant, blackberry and raspberry, with the merest hint of tobacco: just that bit more interesting than a Chilean Merlot. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

Valle Frio, Syrah, Maule, Chile, 2017, 13.5%

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code FRI417

Outstanding value and typicity to the grape - honestly, decant this and you could pretend it was a Crozes-Hermitage from a hot year. Really true Syrah scent; and an appealing fat and rich mid-palate, with lots of flavour and ripeness. Now-2020

★ **Valle Frio, Carmenère, Maule, 2018, 13.5%**

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code FRI218

Brilliant this vintage, so classy, velvety and smart - this tastes like a much more expensive Bordeaux! Black-fruited and aromatic, with characteristic green pepper and tobacco leaf notes - and excellent length. Now-2020

Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, 2018, 13.5% SC

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code FRI318

Now firmly established as a best-seller here: from vines with some age planted in higher sites in the Maule Valley, and surprisingly concentrated for a Pinot at this price. Pretty red and black fruit, just a hint of smoky oak. Now-2020

Apaltagua, Envero, Gran Reserva Carmenère, Apalta Vineyard Selection, Colchagua, 2017, 14%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code APA417

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-2022

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

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code PAP615

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

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code ERR916

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

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

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code ERR214

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

Tutunjian, Entre Valles, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code TUT113

A blend of four grapes, each variety matched to the best sites in different valleys: 54% Carmenère from 60+ year old vines in Apalta; 19% Syrah and 15% Malbec from Maule; and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon from Puente Alto in Maipo. Bold and still youthful, showing lots of vanilla-spiced oak and intense primary black fruit. Extrovert but retains an old world balance and food friendliness. Now-2022

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

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code VOL812

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

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

Bottle £70.00 Wooden Case of Six £399.00 Code ERR716

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

Argentina

White

Carinae, Viognier, Mendoza, 2018, 13.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code CAE718

Viognier is much better suited to the heat of Argentina than Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc. From 16 year old vines, this is a 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-2020

Red

Finca Vista, Malbec, Mendoza, 2018, 13.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code FIN118

Mendoza Malbec at a very fair price; uncomplicated and fruity with sweet oak notes. Now-2020

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

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code VIB117

Is the 2017 the most delicious vintage yet of one of our best-selling wines, a wine we have been shipping for 14 years? From vineyards over 5,000 feet up on the shoulders of the Andes, this is an organically grown Malbec showing beautifully ripe but fresh red fruit, wonderful purity, a silky texture and gentle savouriness on the finish. Now-2021

★ **Carinae, Malbec, Mendoza, 2017, 14%**

Bottle £11.95 £136.23 CAE117

From 90 year old vines at Cruz de Piedra, Maipú, Philippe Subra's unoaked Malbec 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. This is the sort of wine which really wins friends for Malbec. Now-2021

Carinae, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, 2017, 14%

Bottle £11.95 £136.23 Code CAE317

We felt that this wine really hit the spot in this vintage. Fragrant, pure red and blackcurrant flavours, juicy but also dry, savoury and food friendly. No new world fruit bomb, this would be lovely with lamb. Now-2022

Carinae, Malbec Harmonie, Mendoza, 2014, 14.5%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code CAE214

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-2021

Carinae, Malbec, Hommage, Mendoza, 2012, 15%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code CAE412

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. Impenetrable hue. Very perfumed: strawberries and blackberries overlaid with cigar-box oak and spice. 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-2022

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

Bottle £23.50 Case £267.90 Code BRE111

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

Carinae, Prestige, Mendoza, 2012, 15%

Bottle £25.00 Case £285.00 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, spiced with nutmeg. Very long indeed. Now-2023

USA

Red

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

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code BUR116

Hearty and generous at the price, delivering a generous gush of raspberry and spice. Now-2020

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

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 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-2020

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

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code AVA116

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

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

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 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. "...depth of mixed-berry, savoury, spicy fruit and a decent-length, chocolate finish. Classic old-vine Zin blend from a master craftsman. GV", jancisrobinson.com, 14th June 2019. Now-2022

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

Bottle £21.95 Case £250.23 Code AVA315

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

DG Ridge, Lytton Springs, California, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £46.50 Case £530.10 Code RID216

69% Zinfandel, 23% Petite Sirah, 6% Carignan and 2% Mourvèdre from numerous parcels, based on very old vines, and all aged in exclusively US oak barrels, about 15% new. Dense brambly fruit, with nuances of spice and tobacco. Now-2024 *Limited stock*

DG Ridge, Geyserville, California, 2016, 14.5%

Bottle £46.50 Case £530.10 Code RID116

Superb Zin blend: 73% Zinfandel, 17% Carignan, 7% Petite Sirah and 3% Alicante Bouschet, the Zin from a single site. So exciting young - all cassis, berries, lively spice and perfumed with cedar, but Geyserville also ages extremely well. This is dramatically vibrant and succulent. Now-2027 *Limited stock*

New Zealand

White

Mirror Lake, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code MIR118

Attractively green fruited and lively, with gooseberry and lime, plus elderflower and candy notes. Now-2020

W Orchard Lane, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £10.75 Case £122.55 Code ORC118

The name may suggest orchard fruits, but this is zippily fresh, with juicy gooseberries and a hint of orange. Now-2020

Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £11.25 Case £128.25 Code ESK118

Invariably a juicy and exuberant Kiwi SB. Elderflower and grapey perfume, and then a blast of gooseberries. Now-2020

W Sugar Loaf, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2018, 13% SC

Bottle £11.75 Case £133.95 Code SUG118

Sugar Loaf was founded by young Kate Acland. A pleasingly bright and restrained example: gently leafy aromas, followed by a crisp bite of lime with notes of green pepper and gooseberry. Now-2020

The Edge, Pinot Gris, Martinborough, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code ESC717

The Edge is the second label of 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-2020

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

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code WAI117

Proof that Marlborough is not the only source of top quality Kiwi SB, this is (as ever) so incisive and lively, exhibiting intense pink grapefruit flavour. The 2018 follows. Now-2020

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

Bottle £16.50 Case £188.10 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

G SE Felton Road, Bannockburn Chardonnay, Central Otago, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £27.95 Case £318.63 Code FET116

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

Red

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

W Sugar Loaf, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, 2017, 12.5% SC

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code SUG617

Pinot from a single vineyard in the lower Wairau, wild-fermented in small open-top vats and then aged in a mix of old French barrels. Charmingly ripe, supple and perfumed. Friendly red and black cherry flavours. Now-2021

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

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code JUL616

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

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

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 Code FET616

Magnum £87.50 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. Now-2024

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

Bottle £46.50 Case £530.10 Code FET816

Usually the most precocious of the single vineyard wines: gorgeously ripe; expansive strawberry heart. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

G SE Felton Road, Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £46.50 Case £530.10 Code FET716

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 *Limited stock*

Australia

White

The Listening Station, Chardonnay, Victoria, 2018, 12.5% SC

Bottle £7.95 Case £90.63 Code LIS118

Unadorned, uncomplicated, simple and light Chardonnay - unoaked and no malolactic fermentation. Scent of lime; then a bright and citrusy mouthful. Now-2020

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

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code PIZ316

Arneis, as grown in Piedmont, is an under-rated grape. Here it delivers a stimulating, lively, almost minty scent; and a super-fresh mouthful of citrus, stone fruit and even a hint of guava. Lovely summer aperitif or drink with salad lunches. Now-2020

YD Wickham Road, Chardonnay, Gippsland, 2017, 12.8% SC

Bottle £18.95 Case £216.03 Code WIC117

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

SE Ashton Hills, Riesling, Adelaide Hills, 2017, 11% SC

Bottle £20.50 Case £233.70 Code ASH617

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

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

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code HOD116

Very refined, complete and balanced, with genuine length. *"Big and rich initially but wonderfully delicate and racy. This is the stuff to challenge white burgundy! So clean but reasonably profound too. Convincing chew on the end. GV. 16.5/20"*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 5th November 2018. The 2017 follows at the same price. Now-2022

SE Mac Forbes, Woori Yallock Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code MAC116

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

YD Hoddles Creek, Syberia Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2016, 13.3% SC

Bottle £37.50 Case £427.50 Code HOD316

From a single vineyard, a high cool site in cleared forest in the Upper Yarra. Greater density and punch in this. White peach and floral touches. The best Chardonnay at the estate in this vintage. Now-2025

Australia - Red

Murphy Vineyards, Big Rivers Shiraz, Murray Darling, 2017, 14.5% SC

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code MUR117

Brambly Aussie Shiraz; fruity, friendly and warming. Now-2020

Helmsman, Cabernet Merlot, 2016, 13.5% SC

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code HEL616

Plummy, supple, balanced and easy-drinking blend from the Robert Oatley stable - what's not to like? Now-2020

Thorn-Clarke, Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa, 2017, 14.5% SC

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code THO117

Very deep hue. Typical Aussie Cab. profile of ripe blackcurrant and blueberry tinged with eucalyptus and a herbaceous note. Perfect for roast lamb. Now-2021

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

Bottle £13.50 Case £153.90 Code SIL617

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

Bremerton, Tamblyn, Cabernet Shiraz Malbec Merlot, Langhorne Creek, South Australia, 2016, 14.5% SC

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code BRE116

44%, 37%, 12% and 7% of the named grapes, crafted into a juicy, black-fruit and mint charmer; open, meaty and with a sweet finish. Now-2021

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 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

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 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. Now-2023

★ **YD Wickham Road, Pinot Noir, Gippsland, 2018, 13% SC**

Bottle £18.50 Case £210.90 Code WIC618

Gippsland is an up-and-coming coastal region east and south of Melbourne. As the last vintage, now sold out, this is such a winning wine. Soft plum hue. Open, forward Pinot character: bright red fruit, fresh raspberry and sour cherry. Builds well. Almost opulent. A total bargain at this price! Now-2023

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

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TOM317

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

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

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TOM117

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

YD Hoddles Creek, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2017, 13.2% SC

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code HOD617

From high, cool vineyards in the Yarra. Supple red and black fruit with smoothly integrated oak, incipient hints of sage and savouriness, backed by a correct tannin and acid structure. This shows Burgundian elegance. *"Multiple approaches to vinification have been repaid with exceptional drive, length and focus to its medium-bodied display of zesty, spicy small red fruits, its purity the mark of a glorious vintage, and a great site handled by an exceptional winemaker, Franco d'Anna. 96/100"*, James Halliday, Top 100 Wines of 2018. Now-2022

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

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code ASH116

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

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

Bottle £29.95 Case £341.43 Code TOM516

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

YD Hoddles Creek, 1er Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2017, 13.2% SC

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code HOD817

With a mad pastiche of an old-fashioned Burgundian label, a splendid and complex PN: magnificent fruit intensity - almost a sweet red fruit core - with weight, substance and backing tannin. *"This is the standard bearer for Hoddles Creek's estate-grown pinot noirs. Bright crimson-purple hue of moderate depth; the perfumed bouquet has spice, hints of violets (unexpected so soon but don't complain), cherry and plum, a gathering replayed on the stage of the palate which is wonderfully long. 97/100"*, James Halliday's Top 100 Wines of 2018. Now-2025

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

Bottle £34.50 Case £393.30 Code MAC316

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

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

Bottle £35.00 Case £399.00 Code MAC516

Just the second vintage of this, from plots around Healesville, where Mac's cellar is located and note the name - Syrah, indicating Mac's wish to emulate a French model. Vivid purple. 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 £455.43 Code ASH316

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

Sparkling Wine & Champagne

Sparkling Wine (Note: NV = non vintage)

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

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code TAN916

A frothy sweet red, a speciality of Piedmont and made like a sparkling Moscato, but from the red Brachetto grape. With about 110 grams of residual sugar, this is very sweet, but with refreshing red-fruited bite too. Good for red berries or with light cake. Now-2020

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

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code FOM1NV

Light and fresh Prosecco, citrus and green apple. Now-2020

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

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 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 appley fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Easy to like, and classier than a lot of Prosecco. Now-2020

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

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 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-2020

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

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code DRU1NV

A wonderful, much praised Prosecco from a family owned producer with vineyards in the heart of the Valdobbiadene. Deliciously sherberty, light, and with the merest hint of fruity sweetness, this makes a perfect aperitif. Now-2020

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code LAU315

A blend of 60% Chardonnay with 30% Chenin, 5% Pinot Noir and 5% Mauzac, this is a dead ringer for Champagne, racy and vital, but with some breadly complexity too. Now-2020

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

Bottle £15.50 Case £176.70 Code DRU5NV

From Pinot Noir grown in the cool hills of Alto Adige and made in the same way as Prosecco (i.e. in a closed tank). A gently fizzy, very pale pink glass of red fruit - wild strawberries. Very lightly savoury, this makes a perfect aperitif, and a bottle vanishes very quickly indeed. Now-2020

★ **W** **Domaine des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Brut, Claudia, South Africa, 2012, 12%**

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code DDD412

Multi award winning sparkler: winner last year of the Amorim MCC (Méthode 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. *“Very good autolysis and pretty tart. Clean and fresh. Brioche and masses of acidity. GV. 16.5/20”*, Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 5th November 2018. 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

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

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code ASH811

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

English Sparkling Wine

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

Bottle £28.95 Case £330.03 Code EXT1NV

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

Magnum £62.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £356.25 Code EXT9NV

Made from 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-2020

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

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 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 and given decent ageing in bottle before release. Bready and floral notes, very Champagne-like, but, as it says on the label, “English Effervescence”! Now-2021

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

Bottle £30.95 Case £352.83 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

Exton Park, Bretagne, Rose, NV

Bottle £30.95 Case £352.83 Code EXT5NV

From 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Pinot Meunier. Very pale and slightly coppery. Light red fruit – cranberry and crisp red plum. Perfectly clean and bright. Now-2020

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

Bottle £31.95 Case £364.23 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-2020

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

Bottle £39.95 Case £455.43 Code EXT311

The first release of just 2500 bottles, from the oldest Chardonnay vines planted in 2003, and given three years on the lees. Intriguing nose – lime, a hint of exotic fruit and butter. Has a lovely key lime cheesecake quality, rounded, creamy and complex. A top English fizz. Now-2021 *Limited stock*

Champagne

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

Bottle £26.50 Case £302.10 Code HAT1NV

Half bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code HAT2NV

Magnum £57.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £327.75 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-2021

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

Bottle £28.50 Case £324.90 Code HAT5NV

Based on Pinot Meunier. Pale pink. Red fruit and creamy nougat notes. Gentle and elegant: very good value indeed. Now-2020

OP Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Brut, Millésime 2011, NV, 12%

Bottle £31.50 Case £359.10 Code HAT611

50% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 20% Pinot Meunier, open, bready, and refined. Extraordinary value. Now-2022

W Perrot-Batteux, Champagne, Blanc de Blancs, Brut, Millésime 2007, 12%

Bottle £33.50 Case £381.90 Code PBA407

All Chardonnay, aged for seven years before release. Complex doughy and nutty flavours, yet counterbalanced by a flintiness. Very long. Now-2020 *Limited stock*

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

Bottle £40.95 Case £466.83 Code POL1NV

The classic, white foil cuvée, a blend of roughly equal thirds of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, given about four years ageing before release. Biscuity, generous fruit, dry, yet plenty of weight and a nutty finish. Now-2021

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

Bottle £45.00 Case £513.00 Code TAI3NV

From halves of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, all from the best vineyards classified as Grand Crus, and given a minimum of five years ageing on the lees before release. That extra ageing really shows in the rounded volume and the honeyed hints on the nose and palate. So polished. Now-2022

Pol Roger, Champagne, Vintage Brut, 2006, 12.5%

Bottle £65.00 Case £741.00 Code POL306

The blend for this famously long-lived vintage wine with its retro black and gold label is traditionally 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay from Grand and Premier Cru vineyards. Classic brioche aromas, fine mousse lead to a richly textured palate. Now-2025 *Limited stock*

Sweet & Fortified

Sweet Wines

In order of increasing price of liquid in the bottle - and see also German examples on p26.

OP Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, France, 2017, 13%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code BAJ717

In the medium dry, "Moelleux" style, a gloriously exotic aperitif, or a rich accompaniment to foie gras. Cocktail of passion fruit, pineapple, and tangerines. Deliciously clean and bright. Now-2022

★ **YD Domaine des Forges, Coteaux du Layon St Aubin, France, 2017, 12%**

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code FOR617

Saint-Aubin-de-Luigné lies between the Loire and Layon rivers. This offers absurdly good value for a wine of such richness and weight; and from vines with an average age of forty years too. Pale gold. Wonderfully honeyed nose. Very sweet attack, showing honey over stone fruit, but with marmalade botrytis character too. Now-2023

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

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code HBO114

Half bottle £7.75 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £88.35 Code HBO514

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.) £96.90 Code ARA314

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

OP Barréjat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh, Cuvée de la Passion, France, 2016, 12.5%

50cl. bottle £12.95 Case (12 x 50cl.) £147.63 Code BAJ816

100% Petit Manseng picked by Denis Capmartin in splendid late October conditions, well oaked. Golden tone. Intense apricot and tangerine flavours, with dried fruit and toffee hints. Plenty of balancing acidity. Now-2021

Rustenberg, Straw Wine, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2017, 10%

Half bottle £10.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £124.83 Code RUS817

From 67% Chenin Blanc, 17% Viognier; 16% Crouchen (=Cape Riesling), dried on straw in the Italian *passito* manner to concentrate juice and sugar. Very luscious (an amazing 222 grams of residual sugar per litre); honey-soaked raisins with excellent balancing acidity. Now-2025

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

Bottle £23.50 Case £256.50 Code FOR216

Loire Chenin Blanc from a steep, grassed vineyard beside Quarts de Chaume and near the river, so open to botrytis; and always a long-lived, luscious, barrel aged wine with high levels of residual sugar. Dramatically bittersweet, with barleysugar and pure honey laced with rapier 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.) £181.83 Code MPG215

90% Sémillon, 6% Sauvignon Blanc, 4% Muscadelle skillfully sourced by Ginestet from a Cru Classé property. Fully sweet and rich pudding wine with a good level of botrytis: ripe stone fruit with gingerbread and honey. Now-2022

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

Half Bottle £12.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £147.63 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

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

Bottle £27.50 Case £313.50 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

YD Corte Mainente, Luna Nova, Recioto di Soave, Italy, 2017, 15% [37.5cl.]

Half Bottle £13.95 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £159.03 Code MAI617

Sweet Recioto di Soave - made from bunches of Garganega dried on racks in the autumn - has an ancient pedigree. Davide makes this lustrous example from a selection of his first picked grapes (for the best condition and good levels of acidity). 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. In the Veneto this style is drunk with cake, but it's delicious with cheese or on its own. Now-2021

Broustet, Barsac-Sauternes, France, 2013, 13.5%

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code BRO113

This Deuxième Grand Cru Classé estate is on the up: Seville oranges, dried apricots and barley sugar. *"Sweet, creamy tropical fruit aromas. A tiny bit of leafiness, but it works, and there is plenty of waxy Sémillon character too. Well made - gets all the botrytis complexity, and retains essential balance. 17/20"*, Richard Hemming, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 18th April 2014. Now-2023

OP Pierre-Bise, Les Rouannières, Coteaux du Layon, Beaulieu, France, 2014, 11.5%

50 cl. bottle £20.95 Case (12 x 50cl.) £238.83 Code CPB514

From a vineyard on thin soil over spilite at this famed estate. Mid gold. Rich, but not over-sweet, with tangy citrus cutting the mandarin and lychee flavours. Smoothly honeyed. Now-2022

Kikelet, Tokaji, Late Harvest, Hungary, 2011, 12.5%

50cl. bottle £23.50 Case (12 x 50cl.) £256.50 Code KIK111

Kesői Szüretelésű it says on the label - translated as late harvest. This is a beautifully balanced (70 grams per litre of residual sugar) Tokay from Harslevelu, Furmint, yellow Muscat and Zeta grapes, offering an enticing scent of oranges; and then a lovely mouthful of orange and apricot flavours, with hints of marmaladey botrytis; and a pleasingly fresh finish. Now-2025

OP Pierre-Bise, Quarts de Chaume, France, 2006, 11%

50 cl. bottle £27.50 Case (12 x 50cl.) £313.50 Code CPB206

Quarts de Chaume is literally the best quarter of the village of Chaume in the Coteaux du Layon in the Loire - and one of the top sites for late harvest wines. Lustrous gold; superbly smooth and honeyed, delivering a lovely (and dangerously more-ish) gush of quince and stone fruit. Now-2022

Begali, Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Italy, 2012, 13%

50 cl. bottle £27.95 Case (12 x 50cl cl.) £318.63 Code BEF612

Red Recioto della Valpolicella is made after careful late picking of ripe bunches (of Corvina and Rondinella grapes), which are then left to desiccate in the autumn, thereby concentrating body and sweetness - 122 grams of residual sugar per litre. Morello cherries, intensely bittersweet. Wonderful stuff, equally at home with strong hard cheese as with not-too-sweet chocolate puddings. The 2015 follows. Now-2022

Talosa, Vin Santo di Montepulciano, Italy, 1995, 14%

Half Bottle £23.50 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £256.50 Code TAK895

From a careful selection of the best Trebbiano, Malvasia and Grechetto grapes picked in early October and dried for about four months before long ageing in small barrels. Wonderfully complex toffee, dried dark fruit and nutty flavours. Now-2029 *Limited stock*

SE Balassa, Tokaj, Mézes-Mály, Zeta Late Harvest, Hungary, 2013, 9%

Half bottle £28.95 Case (12 x 37.5 cl.) £330.03 Code BAM313

From a star producer, just 1040 bottles were made from the Zeta grape, picked very late for extreme ripeness. With that lowish alcohol and such purity of flavour it tastes more like a grand *eiswein* than a conventional Tokay. Pale gold. Amazingly luscious attack (it has an extraordinary 223 grams of residual sugar per litre) but cut by a razor-kiss of acidity. Delectable gush of crystallised pineapple. Truly sensational sweet wine. Now-2030

Fortified Wines - Vin Doux Naturel from the south of France

YD Pigeade, Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, 2017, 15%

Half bottle £9.50 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £108.30 Code PIG917

Gorgeously exotic palate of caramelised oranges, honey, and lychees. So light and aromatic for a fortified wine, all freshness, perfume and finesse. Now-2020

YD Domaine Fontanel, Maury Grenat, 2015, 16%

Bottle £20.95 Case £238.83 Code FON615

From one plot of 75 year old vines of Grenache Noir (the Grenat of the name); and winner of a *Coup de Coeur* in the 2019 **Guide Hachette**. This style is well-known for matching chocolate, but it's equally good with cheese. Deep ruby. Invitingly pure scent of puréed red berries; and then a wonderful core of raspberries, cherries and sweet spices. Round and fat, this is very polished. Now-2023

★ **YD Domaine Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, 2008, 16%**

Bottle £21.50 Case £245.10 Code FON908

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). Deep gold, clear and bright. This offers 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 Dry Manzanilla, 15%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code FER2NV

A richly complex palate: nuts, peppery hints. Finishes dry and whistle clean. Now-2020

Lustau, Dry Oloroso, Don Nuño, 20%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code LUS2NV

Deeply coloured and from a fairly old solera. Dry palate of baked prune and damson. Fascinating and understandably popular. Now-2020

Lustau, East India, Solera Reserve, 20%

Bottle £15.95 Case £181.83 Code LUS3NV

Wonderfully rich and creamy sweet sherry. Now-2021

Fernando de Castilla, Pedro Ximenez, 15%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 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-2022

Fortified Wines - Port and Madeira

Krohn, Port, Senador Tawny, Portugal, NV, 20%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code KRO7NV

Since 2013 Krohn has been part of the Fladgate partnership - with Taylor's, Croft and Fonseca. Mid weight, red-fruited and gently nutty. Now-2020

Krohn, Port, Rio Torto Reserva Ruby, Portugal, NV, 20%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code KRO2NV

Two years in large old barrels and bottled unfiltered (so there may be a small deposit), it's correctly rich and plummy. Pure, vigorous red fruit with an attractive smoky nuance. Medium-bodied and lightly spicy. Now-2021

Krohn, Port, LBV, Portugal, 2012, 20%

Bottle £14.95 Case £170.43 Code KRO112

Traditionally made with rich plum and fruitcake character. Now-2022

Ramos Pinto, Quinta de Ervamoira, RP10, 10 Year Old Tawny, Portugal, 20%

50cl. bottle £17.50 Case (12 x 50cl.) £199.50 Code RAP2NV

Selected from one of the four farms that make up the Ramos Pinto estate, aged for ten years in large casks, this is lovely and mellow. Strawberry and hazelnut scents with smooth toffee, caramel and praline flavours. Balanced, complete and persistent. Now-2022

Krohn, Quinta da Retiro Vintage Port, Portugal, 2005, 20%

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 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. Compote of black fruit with milk chocolate (pair with Black Forest gateau?). Unfurls depths of cooked plums, black cherries and Christmas spice. Now-2020

Krohn, Vintage Port, Portugal, 2009, 20%

Bottle £29.50 Case £336.30 Code KRO409

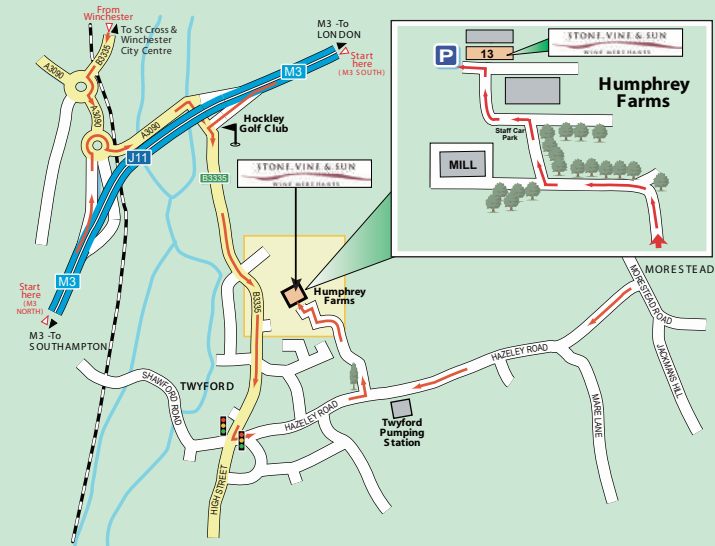
Drinking very well; dense, pruney with cooked red fruit. Now-2026

D'Oliveira 10 year Sweet, Madeira, 19%

Bottle £36.50 Code DOL10YS

50cl bottle £26.50 Code DOL10YS50

From Tinta Negra, a dark, luscious, toffee-flavoured nectar - finishes with a flourish. Bring on some fruit-cake. Now-2020



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