



Opportunities to meet Franco D'Anna and taste his wines

Wednesday 24th September 6.45 prompt-8.00pm
The Greyhound on the Test, 31 High St, Stockbridge, SO20 6EY

A TUTORED TASTING

Franco will take us through all the wines in this offer, plus an older vintage of his 1er Pinot Noir, so eight wines in total. This is the first ever opportunity to hear this master of New World Chardonnay and Pinot speak in this country – about farming and winemaking in Victoria.

Tickets £25 a head, available from stonevine.co.uk or via the office on sales@stonevine.co.uk and 01962712351.

Note: the tasting will take place in the marquee in the Greyhound garden, so if it is a cool evening do dress appropriately.

Afterwards, why not enjoy dinner at The Greyhound on the Test.
Book your table in advance to avoid disappointment - book online at www.thegreyhoundonthetest.co.uk/food-drink or call 01264 810833.

Friday 26th September 6.45pm for 7.30pm dinner
Iford Manor, near Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2BA

WINEMAKER DINNER

Over dinner at the excellent Iford Manor restaurant near Bath, Franco will introduce his Pinot Gris, two Chardonnays and two Pinot Noirs, all paired with suitable dishes.

£110 per head (but see below) to include a four-course dinner and the wines.

For all tickets please book direct with Iford Manor on www.ifordmanor.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/69599.

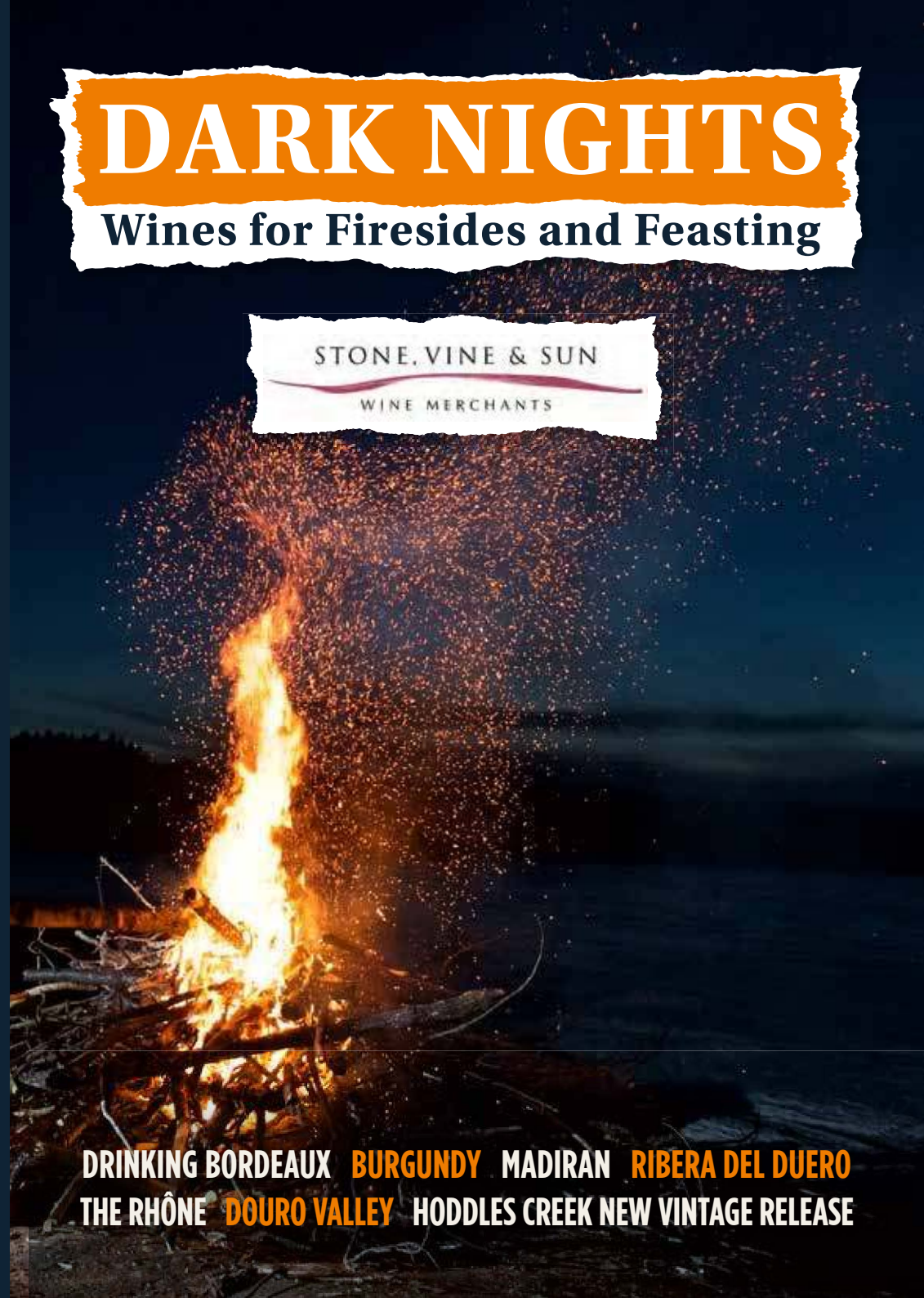
Note: all Stone, Vine & Sun clients can receive a £15 discount per head by using this code online: STONEVINE15

DARK NIGHTS

Wines for Firesides and Feasting

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DRINKING BORDEAUX BURGUNDY MADIRAN RIBERA DEL DUERO
THE RHÔNE DOURO VALLEY HODDLES CREEK NEW VINTAGE RELEASE

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Fireside Dozen

An excellent seasonal selection that averages just £12.50 per bottle and includes our best selling white Burgundy and a red Bordeaux from the very good 2020 vintage, alongside four other SVS staff favourites.

£150.00

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy, 2024	p.6	x2
	Château Barrejat, Pacherenc du Vic Bilh Sec, 2024	p.8	x2
	Garriguettes, Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Fleur de Lune, 2024	p.12	x2
	Comte de Gironde, Bordeaux Rouge, 2020	p.4	x2
	Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Galets, 2022	p.10	x2
	Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Roble, 2024	p.13	x2

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Feasting Dozen

Six seriously good wines in this case, and all will shine on the dinner table this Autumn. A brilliant case for foodies looking to enjoy the very best Autumn ingredients.

£180.00

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Courbin Héritage, Graves, 2023	p.4	x2
	Clotilde Davenne, Bourgogne Aligoté, 2023	p.6	x2
	Quinta do Convento, Vinho Branco, Douro, 2022	p.14	x2
	Domaine Fichet, Bourgogne Tradition, Pinot Noir, 2023	p.7	x2
	Château Barrejat, Madiran, 2022	p.8	x2
	Domaine des Espiers, Sablet 9mg, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2023	p.11	x2

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Dark Night Reds

Darker nights and colder weather demands more warming wines. These six reds from France, Spain and Portugal fit the brief perfectly and are ideal with heartier slow cooked food.

£180.00

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Château Barrejat, Madiran, Vieux Ceps, 2022	p.8	x2
	Garriguettes, Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Le Béret Bleu, 2023	p.12	x2
	Amadiou, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2023	p.10	x2
	El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero, Crianza, 2021	p.13	x2
	Quinta do Convento, Vinho Tinto, Douro, 2020	p.15	x2
	Château Bellerive, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2016	p.5	x2

All at 15% off our bottle prices

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The Claret Case

Proof that excellent Bordeaux - even with some bottle age - does not need to be expensive. Less than £13 per bottle on average all drinking very well now.

£157.50

Includes 3 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Gravieres de la Brandille, Bordeaux Superieur, 2020	p.5	x3
	Château La Plaige, Bordeaux Superieur, 2023	p.5	x3
	Château Les Combes, Lussac-Saint-Emilion, 2020	p.5	x3
	Château Bellerive, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2016	p.5	x3

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The Madiran Master

Denis Capmartin is a master of Madiran and this is a terrific value case. 4 bottles each of the fresh, crisp Pacherenc white and Denis' two reds: the juicy but structured Tradition and the richer, oakier Vieux Ceps.

£155.00

Includes 4 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Château Barrejat, Pacherenc du Vic Bilh Sec, 2024	p.8	x4
	Château Barrejat, Madiran, Tradition, 2022	p.8	x4
	Château Barrejat, Madiran, Vieux Ceps, 2022	p.8	x4

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Rhône Alone

Two bottles each of six top Rhône wines from our best growers. Two whites and four reds - all ready to go now but with cellaring potential for the two Amadiou Cairannes. A great case to drink some now, some later.

£180.00

Includes 2 bottles of each of the following wines:

	Garriguettes, Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Fleur de Lune, 2024	p.12	x2
	Amadiou, Cairanne Blanc, Haut de Beauregard, 2022	p.10	x2
	Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Galets, 2022	p.10	x2
	Garriguettes, Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Le Béret Bleu, 2024	p.12	x2
	Domaine des Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, 2023	p.11	x2
	Amadiou, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, 2022	p.10	x2

Drinking Bordeaux under £20

Bordeaux's 2024 En Primeur was over before it began this year, the victim of a poor vintage, unrealistic pricing from the Châteaux owners and a saturated secondary market. Buying this way just doesn't make sense – why pay up front when you can pick up the same wine ready to drink for the same price (or less)?

This selection shows the sense in a very different strategy, that of seeking out wines from smaller Châteaux in very good years. Whisper it, but they may just be some of the best value wines in our range.



Courbin Héritage, Graves, 2023

Code: COU123
Bottle: £15.50 6% off 6: £87.42 12% off 12: £163.68
Brothers Franck and Stéphane Courbin farm this 16 ha estate, equally divided between white and red, in Budos, a village about 45km south of Bordeaux within the Graves appellation. This is their best white, a blend of 85% Semillon with 15% Sauvignon Blanc, with a proportion of the blend aged in oak for four months to add some weight and complexity. It is a very serious wine for the price with stone fruit, cream and orange zest notes. Brill with brill as my fishmonger likes to say. 13.5%. Now-2026

Comte de Gironde, Bordeaux Rouge, 2020

Code: CDG120
Bottle: £11.50 6% off 6: £64.86 12% off 12: £121.44
Every list needs a go-to traditionally-styled claret at a good price and this is our current offering. Tasted blind, it couldn't be anything other than a red Bordeaux. Medium-bodied, with cassis fruit and fine tannins, it ticks a lot of boxes. A very good midweek or lunchtime wine. 13.5%. Now-2026

Château La Plaigne, Bordeaux Superieur, 2023

Code: PLA123
Bottle: £13.95 6% off 6: £78.68 12% off 12: £147.31
Made by Frédéric and Lise Naud from vineyards near the Dordogne river. This is the 16th vintage we have shipped – we started with 2005. It's a charmingly blue, red and gold labelled blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon that is ripe and fruit forward with a touch of oak adding depth and structure. A wine that is very popular with our restaurant customers who need a reliable Bordeaux that punches well above its price tag. 14%. Now-2028

Gravieres de la Brandille, Bordeaux Superieur, 2020

Code: GRC120
Bottle: £13.95 6% off 6: £73.04 12% off 12: £136.75
2020 Bordeaux at this price should not be overlooked. 65% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc, it is an unoaked expressive red that should be a staple of all wine racks. A blend of red and dark fruit, with freshness and fine boned tannin. Merlot dominated, this shows real smoothness and charm but also has plenty of body to stand up to food. 14%. Now-2027

Château Les Combes, Lussac-Saint-Emilion, 2020

Code: GRC420
Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.43
100% unoaked Merlot from a single vineyard with thin soils over limestone located at one of the highest points in the appellation. A long term SVS favourites from grower Frédéric Borderie, it has fresh blackberry and plum fruit and there is a stony note on the finish. Fine tannins give structure and support the fruit. Balanced and refined, this is a smart claret for all occasions. 13.5%. Now-2027

Château Bellerive, Médoc, Cru Bourgeois, 2016

Code: BEL116
Bottle: £17.95 6% off 6: £101.24 12% off 12: £189.55
Cru Bourgeois in a top red Bordeaux vintage like 2016 almost always represents a good buy – especially at nine years old. A blend of 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, this is drinking very well. Inviting aromas of black fruit tinged with liquorice and a certain savouriness; and so consistent in the mouth, with dark plum and berry flavours melded with notes of grilled meat and tobacco. Slightly old fashioned – and we absolutely mean that as a compliment – it is very correct with appealing density and attractive maturity. 14%. Now-2028



Brilliant Burgundy

Autumn and Burgundy are a fine combination. The best whites have a weight and gravity that one needs after a summer of ice buckets and rosé; a back-to-school reminder that serious food requires a wine with gravitas and substance.

Meanwhile the reds, with their sous bois notes of damp earth and forest fruit, are never better than when sipped alongside game and wild mushrooms. Gastronomy at its finest.

Talmard, Mâcon-Uchizy, 2024

Code: TAL124
Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.43

This is one of our best-selling wines for a reason – it is consistent year after year and always offers a proper glass of white Burgundy at a very fair price. It's unoaked but sensitive use of bâtonnage and malolactic fermentation mean it has a hint of butter alongside the lemon and apple fruit with very good concentration given the modest 12% alcohol. A winner. Now-2027

Clotilde Davenne, Bourgogne Aligoté, 2023

Code: CLO623
Bottle: £17.95 6% off 6: £101.24 12% off 12: £189.55

Aligoté is the 'other' white grape in Burgundy. In the wrong hands it is best used in a Kir, but top growers like Davenne produce outstanding wines from it, especially in warmer vintages such as this. It is crisp, energetic and vibrant with saline and crushed oyster shell notes alongside zippy lemon fruit. Oysters would be a classic match but it makes a fine partner for smoked salmon too. 12.5%. Now-2027



Domaine René Lequin-Colin, Bourgogne Chardonnay, 2023

Code: LEQ823
Bottle: £21.50 6% off 6: £121.24 12% off 12: £227.08

The sister wine of François Lequin's ever popular Back to the Roots cuvée. Sourced from the same vineyards, located adjacent to others classified as Santenay village, this sees just 50% oak compared to Back to the Roots' 100%. The result is a more fruit-driven wine that emphasises citrus, white peach and Bramley apple notes with just a splash of jersey cream. If Back to the Roots is roast chicken wine then this is one to match with seafood – seared scallops or skate with black butter would both be superb. 12.5%. Now-2028

Domaine des Crêts, Mâcon Chardonnay, En Bout, 2022

Code: DDC122
Bottle: £22.95 6% off 6: £129.44 2% off 12: £242.35

Just arrived! We tasted this with François Lequin (of Domaine Lequin-Colin above) in Paris in February. It's the top wine from his side hustle in the Mâconnais and we were blown away. Handpicked Chardonnay from vines planted on limestone at 300m above sea level overlooking Tournus. Barrel-fermented with 15% new oak. Intense, balanced and long with green apple and crème fraîche notes (the real thing from Normandy rather than the insipid supermarket stuff). This would be super with a traditional baked ham. 12.5%. Now-2028



Domaine Fichet, Bourgogne Tradition, Pinot Noir, 2023

Code: FIC623
Bottle: £18.95 6% off 6: £106.88 12% off 12: £200.11

We listed this for the first time in the summer and have broken our golden rule of never promoting the same wine in successive offers. Why? Simply because we think this superbly priced, very well made, red Burgundy needs to find as many new fans as possible. It has everything we look for in entry-level red Burgundy: perfumed red fruit, freshness and a savoury edge that distinguishes it from New World Pinot Noir. A superb Sunday wine – try it with a pot roast pheasant. 12.5%. Now-2028

Françoise & Denis Clair, Hautes Côtes de Beaune Rouge, 2021

Code: CLB621
Bottle: £24.95 6% off 6: £140.72 12% off 12: £263.47

We are finding the Hautes Côtes an increasingly happy hunting ground for good value Burgundy. The vines are sited further up the slopes of the Côte d'Or than the village or cru vineyards, and are thus cooler. The wines can't match the concentration and depth of their more celebrated counterparts but do have a wonderful freshness and vivacity. This is a great example; vibrant ruby in the glass, with crushed raspberry and violet fruit. A delightfully traditional expression of cool climate Pinot. 12.5%. Now-2028

Agnes Paquet, Auxey-Duresses Rouge, 2020

Code: PAQ620
Bottle: £37.95 6% off 6: £214.04 12% off 12: £400.75

From two parcels, one of 50 years of age and one planted in 2000. Matured in oak for 12 months, 15% new. A lovely Pinot from a hot and sunny vintage, just coming into its own. There's an attractive synthesis of ripe red and black cherries, some savoury development and subtle tannins. 13%. Now-2029

Château du Bourgneuf, Mercurey Rouge, 1er Cru La Bondue, 2022

Code: BGN622
Bottle: £39.50 6% off 6: £222.78 12% off 12: £417.12

The 1er Cru sites in Mercurey are arrayed on the hills surrounding the village. La Bondue is situated halfway up the hill and is planted on a plot of red calcareous soil. This gives the wine real intensity and drive. This is the most robust of Bourgneuf's 1er Crus and as a result it spends three more months in oak (used 500l. barrels) than the other 1er crus. A wonderful blend of red and dark fruit, the acidity brings it all together. There is structure and power here but it is elegant and aromatic. A wine that delivers satisfaction on many levels. 13%. Now-2030



Mad for Madiran: Château Barrejat

Denis Capmartin is everything we look for in a French vigneron. He speaks quietly in a robust Gascon accent, eschews the crude commercial world of the major international trade fairs and concentrates on what he knows best: caring for his vines and making wines that speak deeply of the soils and terroir. Denis is the 4th generation of his family at the helm and, for all the tradition on show, is a thoughtful winemaker who continues to refine his vineyard and cellar practices with each vintage. The 2022 reds are as good as we can remember Denis making, and given we have shipped every vintage since 2005 that is no mean feat.



Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, 2024

Code: BAJ624
Bottle: £14.50 6% off 6: £81.78 12% off 12: £153.12

Over to Michael for this one: "I cook slow roasted chicken, stuffed with lemon and garlic, smothered in butter and pimentón, on a bed of potatoes, for my family on a Sunday at least once a month and this is the wine that goes with it. Chock full of green fruit and blossom it has the character and interest to match the meal - a south-west brasserie wine with a classic brasserie dish". A little known - and hard to pronounce - but delicious Gros Manseng from the same area as Madiran. Always an exuberant and full-flavoured wine, it shows a pineapple accent, with satisfying texture and concentration. 13.5%. Now-2027

Madiran, Tradition, 2022

Code: BAJ122
Bottle: £12.95 6% off 6: £73.04 12% off 12: £136.75

Madiran has a reputation in some quarters for being old school, dark, tannic and leathery. This blend of local grape Tannat (about 60%) with Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc (20% each) is anything but that: it's beautifully ripe and silky - the best country wine you could imagine. In this sunny vintage it evinces black-fruited aromas followed by a gorgeous mouthful of red and black fruit backed by a weave of supple tannins. Honest, dry and savoury, terrific with any meat dish, very more-ish and deservedly a best seller. Also available in magnums and 5 litre jeroaboams for celebrations. 13%. Now-2028

"Lively blackish crimson. Firm, rich, some but not excessive tannin. Very sappy and refreshing. Arguably more interesting than a red bordeaux at this excellent price. Juicy but structured. Should last well. In fact if you ever needed a snip of a 5-litre bottle for a celebration in 2028, go for this! Long. GV 16.5+/20, 2025-2033, Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 8th August 2025.

Madiran, Vieux Ceps, 2022

Code: BAJ322
Bottle: £17.95 6% off 6: £101.24 12% off 12: £189.55

Nothing to do with wild mushrooms, the Ceps in the name are a local word for vines, and some of the vines here are very old indeed. Most are over 80 years of age and some are pre-phylloxera so could be pushing 150. 80% Tannat plus the Cabernets, well-oaked. That oak shows with overt toast on the nose. 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. Also available in magnums. 14.5%. Now-2030

"Really quite rich and ripe on the nose - quite a surprise for a Tannat-based wine! Sweet start with the Tannat tannins well hidden. This should really appeal to those who like a wine to drink now and cellar. It's not a bordeaux copy but has its own very distinctive local personality. Oakphobes should avoid but even at this early stage there is enough distraction from the oak which should fade GV.16.5+/20, Drink 2024-2030" Jancis Robinson MW, jancisrobinson.com, 25th October 2024.

The Rhône

Domaine Verzier, Chavanay

Philippe Verzier was just 19 years old in 1988 when his father died and he inherited the family's mixed fruit farm near Condrieu, at the time a largely forgotten and unloved appellation. Phillipe believed firmly that the estate's future was in wine and he has slowly built up the estate's vine holdings from 2.5ha to 10ha, with plots in Condrieu, Saint-Joseph and the IGP Collines Rhodaniennes.

Now joined by his son Maxime, the estate is thriving and Matt Walls in *Decanter* recently wrote that "Maxime is making exactly the kind of wines that more and more of us want to drink" praising his low-intervention approach that makes a "suite of St-Josephs that feel transparent. Like a motor with a Perspex lid, you feel like you can see the inner workings within each wine."

St-Joseph Blanc, Granit, 2023

Code: VER723
Bottle: £32.95 6% off 6: £185.84 12% off 12: £347.95

Equal parts Marsanne and Roussanne, 90% aged in barrel and 10% in clay amphorae. Simply stunning and complete in every way; one of the most exciting whites we have introduced in years. 12.5%. Now-2028

"Really delicious oaked, certified-biodynamic northern-Rhône blend of Marsanne and Roussanne. Pungent with notes of mirabelle and peach. Quite a rich start and then a bone-dry, attractively bitter end. A very superior wine!", Jancis Robinson MW, Whites for the 2024 Festive Season, FT Weekend Magazine, 7th December 2024.



Condrieu, Authentic, 2022

Code: VER622
Bottle: £49.95 6% off 6: £281.72 12% off 12: £527.47

Condrieu deserves its reputation as one of France's greatest white wine appellations. Viognier solo in excelsis. The vines here are from a terraced plot named Chante-Perdrix (the singing partridge), "très granitique" as Maxime Verzier says, between 200m. and 330m. on the Izeras hillside. Pale gold. Scent of honeysuckle. Pure heart of apricots and cream. Subtle oak framing. Honeyed and appealingly viscous. Finish just lifted by a saline hint. A wonderful wine to pair with any rich seafood dish, in particular lobster and crab. 13%. Now-2027

St-Joseph, Empreinte, 2021

Code: VER221
Bottle: £29.95 6% off 6: £168.92 12% off 12: £316.27

At four years old this is just beginning to reach its peak. 100% Syrah made in a very pure, unforced style with bountiful fresh fruit - red berries, redcurrant and blueberries - all seasoned with a pinch of ground pink peppercorns. Very perfumed and elegant. A bottle (or two) of this and pan-fried duck breast with pommes anna would make a very fine dinner indeed. 12%. Now-2027

Key to the Wines: Sparkling White Rosé Red Fortified Organic

The Rhône

Domaine des Amadiou, Cairanne

Corrine and Yves Houser bought Domaine des Amadiou in 2007 and quickly set about the task of producing the wines they wanted to drink. They have farmed their 7ha. biodynamically since 2012 and focused on quality rather than expansion. The wines are among the very best in Cairanne, and there are few better across the whole of the Southern Rhône. They have an uncommon lift and vitality; true to their terroir with ripe, sun-baked fruit but energetic and joyful too. We have shipped a small amount of the oaked white Cairanne this year having been very impressed when we tasted it back in February – anyone who enjoys white Châteauneuf should take a close look before we sell out.

Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, 2022

Code: AMB322
Bottle: £21.50 6% off 6: £121.26 12% off 12: £227.04
From 60 year old vines of 40% Grenache with Syrah, Mourvedre & Carignan. Organic and biodynamically farmed, about 15% goes into barrels. The 2020 vintage was stunning and this is a more than worthy successor. Beautiful, inviting nose that draws you in. Deep and spicy on the palate with mouth-watering red berry fruit enhanced with a few twists of the black pepper mill. Very vibrant and energetic with very fine tannins and an impressively long finish. Chapeau. 14%. Now-2030



Vignerons d'Estézargues, Estézargues

This producer needs no introduction to long time SVS customers. A small, quality-focused co-operative near Avignon, Simon first visited them over twenty years ago and loved seeing the locals filling up their jerry cans with Côtes du Rhône from what looked like a petrol pump. We have been importing the wine ever since and continue to delight in the sheer drinkability of the Cuvée des Galets.

Côtes du Rhône, Galets, 2022

Code: ESZ122
Bottle: £12.95 6% off 6: £73.04 12% off 12: £136.75
A paint-by-numbers Côtes du Rhône that works every time. Dry but juicy raspberry fruit with notes of Christmas spices and a smooth, warming finish. It's very good with top-quality sausage and mash but can equally be enjoyed on the sofa with whatever series you are watching on Netflix. 14%. Now-2027

Cairanne Blanc, Haut de Beauregard, 2022

Code: AMB622
Bottle: £21.95 6% off 6: £123.80 12% off 12: £231.79
Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Viognier, barrel fermented and aged in a mix of old oak and clay amphorae. Has the presence of a top white Châteauneuf-du-Pape: opulent and powerful. Ripe stone fruit, with baked apples and a hint of dried orange peel balanced by subtly spiced oak. Structured and serious, this is a wine for fine seafood dishes. 14%. Now-2029

Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2023

Code: AMB123
Bottle: £16.75 6% off 6: £94.47 12% off 12: £176.88
This wine came up the other day in the office as we tasted through some samples of Spanish Garnacha (Grenache). Some were very good but, as we repeatedly said "not a patch on Amadiou's Côtes du Rhône Villages!" 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah and Cinsault, all in tank, it bursts with strawberries and spice on the nose. Very pure and bright with sappy red cherry and cranberry on the palate, whilst maintaining a savoury edge. Brilliant for the price. 14%. Now-2028

The Rhône

Domaine des Espiers, Vacqueyras

Phillipe Cartoux is one of our most genial growers. Tall and broad with a rugby player's handshake he farms seven plots of vines across the Sablet, Cairanne, Côtes du Rhône and Gigondas appellations. All the wines are organic – and have been since the mid-1990s. Now joined in the cellar by his daughter Amélie, Philippe continues to push boundaries in the cellar, in an attempt to make his wines as true to their terroir as possible. The phrase 'Natural Wine' can be emotive and unhelpful at times, but is not out of place here. Philippe's wines are made with minimal intervention but, crucially, he rejects dogma and ensures they are stable and age worthy. The fact he supplies some of the finest Michelin-starred restaurants in France and beyond is testament to the quality here.

Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, 2023

Code: ESP123
Bottle: £17.25 6% off 6: £97.29 12% off 12: £182.16
60% Grenache with 20% of each of Mourvèdre and Syrah, all in concrete only. "Vin Biologique et Nature" it says on the back label, emphasising Philippe Cartoux's commitment to reducing sulphur in his wines. A classic, hearty, black-fruited and savoury red from densely planted, low yielding vines around Vacqueyras and Gigondas. Power but not without elegance. 14%. Now-2029

Sablet, 9mg, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2023

Code: ESP423
Bottle: £21.50 6% off 6: £121.26 12% off 12: £227.04
The 9mg on the refers to the extremely low dose of sulphites in the wine. This is sourced from Philippe's vineyards on the better land on the slopes above the village towards Seguret. Largely Grenache but with about 25-30% Syrah, all raised in stainless steel tanks. Sensational perfume - cassis and roses. Delectable, pure and velvety flavours - heated strawberries with freshness and energy. Is this Philippe's best value wine? It's certainly better than many a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. 14%. Now-2029



Gigondas, Les Grames, 2023

Code: ESP323
Bottle: £28.95 6% off 6: £163.28 12% off 12: £305.71
Les Grames is a single vineyard wine made from 75% Grenache and 25% Syrah, given eight months in large 600l. demi-muids, not to lend oak flavour but just to round it out. So ripe. Penetrating red fruit nose. Gorgeous heart, redolent of strawberry liqueur. Intense but not in the least heavy: this delivers power with grace. Already approachable but with years to go. One for a daube or any hearty slow cooked dish. 15%. Now-2031

The Rhône

Domaine des Garriguettes, Châteauneuf-de-Gadagne

Young Sébastien Clement now runs this family domaine in 'the other' Châteauneuf, Châteauneuf-de-Gadagne, having gained experience in the northern Rhône, Portugal and Australia. He immediately converted to organic and bio-dynamic (certified) viticulture and has built a reputation for producing vibrant, balanced wines, often with much lower alcohol levels than one normally finds in the Southern Rhône. His pair of Côtes du Rhône – the Fleur de Lune white and Cinsault-dominated Béret Bleu red – are two of our best loved and best-selling wines and these new vintages are simply superb.



Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Fleur de Lune, 2024

Code: GAR624
Bottle: £16.50 6% off 6: £93.06 12% off 12: £174.24

From approximately 50% Clairette, 30% Grenache Blanc and 20% Viognier, with about 20% of the wine rounded in old oak barrels, this is a fresh and vibrant Côtes du Rhône. Fantastic balance of ripe stone fruit and racy, citric acidity. Vital and energetic with true clarity of flavour. 13%. Now-2027

Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Le Béret Bleu, 2024

Code: GAR224
Bottle: £15.75 6% off 6: £88.83 12% off 12: £166.32

100% Cinsault – which as far as we know isn't technically allowed for a wine labelled as Côtes du Rhône! Very pure on the nose with pretty, perfumed raspberry fruit alongside some floral notes. The palate follows through with just crushed cherry and red berry galore. The 12% alcohol is remarkably low for this part of France too. Now-2028

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Borne, 2023

Code: GAR423
Bottle: £37.50 6% off 6: £211.50 12% off 12: £396.00

A blend of 95% whole bunch Grenache and 5% Mourvèdre, sourced from old vines that are farmed organically. Aged for 18 months in 600l. old oak barrels. This is a wonderful winter wine. Beautiful in the glass – it is much lighter than many brutish Châteauneufs – with terrific balance between power and fruit. Supple and ripe with classic strawberry Grenache notes alongside wild thyme and warm stones. Will reward cellaring. 14.5%. 2026 – 2036



SPANISH SPOTLIGHT: El Lagar de Isilla, Ribera del Duero

The Zapatero Pinot family were restaurateurs before they were winemakers, owning the highly regarded Lagar de Isilla restaurant in Aranda de Duero. In 1995, they decided to branch out into winemaking and made their first vintage in the cellars under the dining room. So successful were the wines that they quickly outgrew the cellars and the family built a winery and barrel cellar nearby.

Today they farm 40ha of vines, predominantly Tempranillo, on poor clay-sand soils at an altitude of between 828 and 840m above sea level. This altitude ensures the hot summer days are balanced by cool nights, preserving the fruit and freshness in the grapes.

The reds are ripe and full-bodied with judicious use of oak and fine, supple tannins. We have shipped a tiny quantity (just 36 bottles) of their top white wine this year made from the Albillo grape; a daft decision from a commercial perspective but sometimes we taste something and just have to ship a few bottles.

Ribero del Duero, Albillo Mayor Selección de Añada, 2022

Code: LAH522
Bottle: £35.00 6% off 6: £197.40 12% off 12: £369.60

Just 36 bottles are available. Traditionally, Albillo Mayor was added to the reds of Ribera del Duero to soften and add some complexity (much as Viognier was to the Syrah of Côte-Rôtie). We are now seeing a few stand-alone white wines being made from it and they are all the rage with Madrid's top sommeliers. After 16 months in French oak this is a delightful mix of spiced herbs and stone fruit. White peach, fresh apricot, grapefruit and sage all come together to create a wonderful gastronomic and complex wine. 14%. Now-2028

Ribera del Duero, Roble 122, 2024

Code: LAH124
Bottle: £16.50 6% off 6: £93.06 12% off 12: £174.24

A blend of 94% Tinto Fino, 4% Merlot and 4% Abillo Mayor. This has pleasing dark fruit intensity with a nice grip. There is also a slightly floral note along with a good lick of tannin to give some structure. An authentic taste of Ribera del Duero at a superb price. 122 is the number of days that the wine spends in barrel. 14.5%. Now-2026

Ribera del Duero, Crianza, 2021

Code: LAH421
Bottle: £21.95 6% off 6: £123.80 12% off 12: £231.79

To get a sense of what makes Ribera del Duero such a well regarded wine region this is the bottle to try. 91% Tinto Fino, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Garnacha and 1% Abillo are aged in 225l. and 300l. French barrels to create a wine of supreme power and elegance. Glossy blackcurrant and loganberry are sprinkled with baking spices. There is something slightly gamey to this wine with pleasing savoury notes on the finish. Grill yourself a large slab of Galician Beef and enjoy this superb wine in style. 15%. Now-2030

Ribera Del Duero, Matanza de Soria, 2020

Code: LAH620
Bottle: £32.95 6% off 6: £185.84 12% off 12: £347.95

This wine is a brilliant example of the innovation being conducted in Ribera del Duero at the moment. There is a growing focus on terroir and the results are fantastic. This wine is from one single vineyard of 80 year old vines grown at 900m. above sea level. It spends 19 months in barrel before release. There is a thrilling nose of aromatic red fruit, rose petals and ripe plums. The palate is intense, long with more dark fruit and spice appearing. A wine for enjoying now but will age brilliantly. 14%. Now-2032

Deep in the Douro: Whites & Reds from Portugal's top region

The Douro Valley, upriver from Porto, is one of Europe's most beautiful wine regions blessed with steep terraces often planted with a mix of old and unusual grape varieties. It is, of course, famous for being the home of Port but its unfortified table wines are now highly sought after too. Geographic, who make the Lento and Inospito wines, is the brainchild of partners (in life and in wine) Nuno Morais Vaz and Daniela Matias.

To quote Portuguese wine expert Ines Salpico writing in *Decanter*: *"(Daniela's) clear-headedness and low-intervention approach are a clear complement to (Nuno's) winemaking abilities, passion for terroir and bonhomie. Together, they've built an intriguing portfolio of expressive wines, of great purity and typicity."*

Quinta do Convento is located on the steep, granite slopes of Távora Valley, a tributary of the Douro. The vines are planted on north and north-east facing slopes and altitudes of between 320 and 430m. The resulting cool climate produces wines with an elegance and lightness of touch that is a world away from the darker, sweeter, more alcoholic wines produced on warmer sites.



Quinta do Convento, Vinho Branco, Douro, 2022

Code: KRA222
Bottle: £18.75 6% off 6: £105.75 12% off 12: £198.00
Blended from 30% Viosinho, 25% from a field blend of mixed vines, 20% Cercial, 15% Arinto and 10% Gouveio, given 9 months aging, with 10% in second and third fill French oak barrels. An intense, textured white with garden herbs, apples and lemon to the fore. There is a subtle oak note in the background and a little nuttiness too. Slow cooked squid in its own ink springs to mind. 12%. Now-2027



Lento, Vinho Branco, Douro, 2023

Code: GEO423
Bottle: £17.25 6% off 6: £97.29 12% off 12: £182.16
A superb example of a modern Douro White. A field blend of old vines which was foot trodden in concrete lagares before vinification. A vibrant yellow in the glass, this has a nose of herbs and wildflowers with some citrus too. The palate has good weight and is packed with stone fruit and apple flavours with just a little nuttiness to round it out. A perfect partner to poultry or richer seafood dishes. 12.5%. Now-2026

Inospito, Rabigato, Vinho Branco, Douro, 2022

Code: GEO322
Bottle: £22.50 6% off 6: £126.90 12% off 12: £237.60
Inospito translates as inhospitable, a reference to the remote, off the beaten track vineyards Nuno and Daniela farm. 100% old vine Rabigato, a native Douro grape, this is given one year of ageing in a mixture of 500 and 600l. new and old French barrels. The result is a wine that is expressive of the Douro but with a nod to Burgundy. Rich and creamy, the baked apple flavours make it taste like Tarte Tartin before a mineral note comes through to balance it all. There is wonderful fat on the palate, but plenty of acidity to counteract it. Superbly long, an aristocrat of wine that would be perfect with poached chalk stream trout. 14%. Now-2027

Lento, Vinho Tinto, Douro, 2022

Code: GEO622
Bottle: £17.25 6% off 6: £97.29 12% off 12: £182.16
Aiming at a pure and unadulterated taste of the Douro, a blend of Touriga Nacional, Bastardo, Touriga Franca, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Armarela, Tinta Roriz and Tinto Cão from 100-year-old vines on schist soils, all vinified in granite lagares and stainless steel. Fragrant and vital red fruits dominate, with just a note of dusty tannin in the background. This is juicy and delightful. A wine that could be enjoyed on its own but would be delicious with a large plate of charcuterie. 12%. Now-2026

Quinta do Convento, Vinho Tinto, Douro, 2020

Code: KRA420
Bottle: £19.25 6% off 6: £108.57 12% off 12: £203.28
The Douro region specialises in field blends of ancient vines – many estates are currently in the process of having the vines analysed. From granite soils, this is 34% old vine field blend, 31% Tinta Barroca, 21% Touriga Nacional and 14% Tinta Roriz; 70% of which spend 16 months in second and third fill French barrels. Intensely dark profile here, with a delicious core of brambly fruit dominating. There are some subtle gamey notes along with a little cigar box perfume. Rich and velvety with some lifted aromatics. With autumn beginning this is a perfect red wine to get you through this season. 13.5%. Now-2028



Inospito, Vinhas Velhas Almendra, Vinho Tinto, Douro, 2022

Code: GEO822
Bottle: £28.75 6% off 6: £162.15 12% off 12: £303.60
This is an extraordinary wine made in tiny quantities (just 3660 bottles in this vintage). Made from a single vineyard planted in 1850 (that's not a typo) with over 42 different varieties. Aromatic and intense, crushed lavender, rose petal and raspberry hit you out of the glass. The palate is velvety and full of red and dark fruit, sharp blackcurrant, cherry and just a little black pepper. Amazingly it weighs in at just 12% alcohol too. Now-2030
"High acidity ram-packed into masses of dark-red, burly, sassy fruit – crunch and velvet, crackle and silk. Full of integrity and character, mouth-watering sapidity, damson deliciousness. 17/20, Drink 2025-2030". Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, 17th January 2025.

Quinta do Convento, Reserva Tinto, Douro, 2018

Code: KRA618
Bottle: £35.50 6% off 6: £200.22 12% off 12: £374.88
This is the first ever vintage of Convento's Reserva. Made from a 54 year old single vineyard field blend, this is a real 'wow' wine. Concentrated, dark and spicy it is starting to develop some savoury meaty flavours alongside the more primary damson and blackberry fruit. The oak comes through on the palate (the wine is aged in new 300 litre barrels) but it adds a silky veneer rather than any vanilla or chocolate notes. Would be excellent with some old Somerset cheddar or classic roast beef. 13%. Now-2029

New Vintage Releases from Hoddles Creek & Wickhams Road, Australia

"If you love Australian chardonnay and/or pinot noir, then Hoddles Creek in the Yarra Valley is your ground zero. Every year, for the past twenty years, it has been the only must-buy producer of chardonnay and pinot noir on the Australian market....both the quality and the value consistently on offer.... is so striking. A Ten Star Winery", Campbell Mattinson, Australia's Best Wineries, 2025.

Here is what is becoming our annual offer of the latest vintages from Franco D'Anna. These wines are amongst the jewels of our portfolio.

Winemaker Franco D'Anna's wines are hugely applauded both in Australia - see the reviews quoted below - and whenever we send samples to journalists here. All vines are hand pruned and harvested; and all grapes are crushed at the family's winery, constructed for the 2003 vintage.

The family owns ten hectares of Pinot Noir (five clones) and six of Chardonnay, plus Pinot Gris and other reds. Winemaking is determinedly non-interventionist: some whole bunches are put in the tank; almost always fermented with wild yeasts, without additions of enzymes or acid; and bottled without fining or filtration. These are cool climate wines: note the lowish alcohol levels.

All but the Wickhams Road Pinot Noir (13.7%) are between 12.5% and 13.2%, reflecting the influence of both the chilly southern ocean and the altitude on the family's vineyards in the highest district of the Upper Yarra.

Our shipment will dock later this month, so all these wines will be available for delivery shortly. This is a terrific offer, valid only until the end of October, with big discounts on their retail bottle prices - which in turn are flat on current vintages, emphasising the value here. We know you can't compare apples and oranges, but these look even more underpriced now: the Chardonnays are real Burgundy challengers; and the Pinots look great value against the smarter estates in Central Otago, New Zealand.

Note: all wines bottled under screwcap.



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Wickhams Road, Chardonnay, Yea Valley, 2024

Code: WIC124
Bottle: £20.50 10% off 6: £110.70 15% off 12: £209.10

Like the Yarra, the Yea Valley in Victoria is high and cool. Franco says this is "made in exactly the same manner as the Estate range", fermented in older barrels and with "a purity of fruit and a beautiful line of acid". It's certainly the freshest and brightest of his Chardonnays, with all natural acidity. Lime and melon accented. Linear Chardonnay with a racy edge. 13% Now-2029

"Picked a week later than the '23, this brightly coloured wine has a purity and poise you rarely, if ever, find at this price. You will find stone fruits and just a hint of matchstick, while the palate is flavoursome and precise. Remarkable to think this will improve even, over the next 2-3 years. Gold. 95/100", Philip Rich, James Halliday Wine Companion, 17th February 2025.

Hoddles Creek, Pinot Gris, Yarra Valley, 2024

Code: HOD424
Bottle: £23.50 10% off 6: £126.90 15% off 12: £239.70

A fascinating wine, with great flavour, energy and tension, and a bit of tannin - as it's in part vinified more like a red than a white. The salmon pink hue (not orange) comes from the natural rosy pigmentation in the skins of the Pinot Gris grape. Almost all of the blend is handpicked into tanks and foot stomped to release the juice so it can be in contact with the skins. No sulphur is added and the wine is chilled down to 12 degrees to wait for fermentation to begin. Near the completion of fermentation, it's pressed and the juice goes into old oak barrel to finish. A small proportion of the blend is destemmed - but not crushed - and left to soak for 24 hours at 12 degrees; fermentation kicks off naturally. This is then pressed after about seven days on skins: this more tannic component is effectively treated as a red wine. 12.5%. Now-2027
"70% fermented on skins for three days with the balance on skins for 14 days. A bright and enticing pale salmon. Aromatic with its bouquet of poached white pear, red apple and jasmine. Gently textured with just the right amount of grip to balance. A beautifully made and interesting pinot gris to pair with everything from cheese to grilled fish and chicken. Gold 96/100", Philip Rich, James Halliday Wine Companion, 9th September 2024.

Hoddles Creek, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2024

Code: HOD124
Bottle: £23.50 10% off 6: £126.90 15% off 12: £239.70

All fruit is hand-picked in the morning and immediately de-stemmed and lightly crushed before fermentation in barrel, with only a small proportion of new French oak. Lovely scent of stone fruit. Rounded on the palate, with hints of lemon, white peach and a creamy note. Long finish. Such a reliably excellent wine - just delicious, with perfect acid balance. 13.2%. Now-2030
"Juicy white fruit, grapefruit, aniseed, a little struck match, almond paste, cinnamon and clove spice. It's packed with flavour, white nectarine and nutty spicy characters, a flinty grip to texture, quite some intensity and power here, and in some respects it seems more Beechworth than Yarra, or so I think. Pear and citrus, lime rind, with excellent length of flavour. It's elemental as at now, and a little raw, though I reckon it will deliver with a couple of years in bottle. It's a cracking release. 95/100 and Top Value", Gary Walsh, The Wine Front.





Hoddles Creek, Road Block. Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2021

Code: HOD221
Bottle: £37.50 15% off 6: £191.25

A new single vineyard wine (just six barrels made), from a block originally planted to Sauvignon Blanc, then pulled out and replanted with the Mendoza clone of Chardonnay. It's a cool east-facing block, only seeing the morning sun and steep enough to be terraced. The Mendoza clone gives a very forward flavour, with plenty of ripeness and richness even when picked early. This is a different animal to the Estate or Syberia Chardonnays. Some creaminess on the nose, but lovely acidity on the palate. Full-flavoured. Franco thinks this should age gracefully for 7-10 years. 12.5%. Now-2031

"With a bright light-yellow appearance, this charming wine has a fragrant bouquet with slaty/mineral, honey and green melon aromas, plus a creamy lees overlay. In the mouth, it's restrained and delicate, with honeydew melon, nectarine and grapefruit nuances that linger with length and purity. An outstanding chardonnay. 95/100, five stars", Huon Hooke, The Real Review.

Hoddles Creek, Syberia, Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, 2022

Code: HOD322
Bottle: £37.50 15% off 6: £191.25

From a single vineyard, a high, very cool site (hence the name), planted to five clones, in cleared forest in the Upper Yarra. The vine rows run east west, minimising exposure of the bunches to the sun. The fruit is picked early in the morning, whole bunch pressed to tank, left to settle overnight and then transferred into barrel. Bright colour. Intense nose which is a little riper than usual. More generous than usual in this warmer vintage. Finesse and freshness. 12.8%. Now-2030

"A super bright green gold. Tensile with aromas of just-ripened white peach, lemon verbena, wild honey and some struck match. Just as good on the saline, powerful and beautifully balanced palate. The acidity is spot-on, meaning that, while it's approachable now, I would give this another two to three years, at least. Excellent. Gold. 97/100", Philip Rich, James Halliday Wine Companion, 13th February 2025.

Wickhams Road, Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2024

Code: WIC624
Bottle: £20.95 10% off 6: £113.13 15% off 12: £213.69

Made by Franco at Hoddles Creek from a combination of bought in Upper Yarra Valley fruit and some experimental blocks on the estate. Franco leaves about 20% whole bunches in the ferment, as he states "to give spice and fine tannins" - and some complexity - and gives it about 20 days on the skins. It's bottled without fining or filtration. As Franco says, this is "more forward than the Estate range", always bold and juicy when young. Black cherries and raspberries with plenty of vivacity, depth and subtle tannins. 13.7%. Now-2029

"When it comes to making (and pricing)...Franco D'Anna is truly 'The Mailman!' He always delivers. 90% of the fruit comes from Hoddles Creek, which makes this even better value than normal. A light, bright crimson red, there is an appealing hint of reduction which soon gives way to a core of red fruits and some floral notes. ...this will still be looking good 5-8 years from now. Bravo! Gold. 95/100", Philip Rich, James Halliday Wine Companion, 20th January 2025.

Hoddles Creek Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley, 2024

Code: HOD624
Bottle: £23.50 10% off 6: £126.90 15% off 12: £239.70

All de-stemmed with no crushing. Some batches given 4-5 days cold soak. Some pigéage and pumping over to aid extraction. Then into 30% new, 30% one year old and the rest in older barrels. Good bright colour. Perfumed with cherries and a hint of exotic spice from the oak. gorgeously fruited, all cherries and brambly fruit. Pure and elegant, with substance and backing for keeping. Long, with an attractive savoury note on the finish. 13.2%. Now-2031

"A very light, bright crimson red. Pure fruited, with aromas of freshly crushed raspberries, summer flowers and a touch of spice. Just as good on the light- to medium-bodied, brightly fruited and silkily structured palate. A wine, as always, to buy by the case and enjoy over the next three to four years! Gold. 95/100", Philip Rich, James Halliday Wine Companion, 4th August 2025.

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Code: FW124 £277.10

Four bottles of each of the Wickhams Road Chardonnay and Hoddles Creek Estate Chardonnay; plus two bottles of each of the Roadblock and Syberia Chardonnays at 15% off saving £48.90.

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