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Here at SVS we are deliberately tilting towards offering more Italian wine. The most important reason is that the proportion of Italian wine we sell grows year on year: we need to go where our customers are buying. Another driver is that our shop in Stockbridge is managed by the Piedmontese Federico Firino, who enthusiastically promotes Italian wines to all! As important, to a business very much focussed on delivering value to our customers, there has unquestionably been less cost inflation coming out of Italy than in France over the last five years. (As an example, in 2016 we offered the Boasso, Barolo, Serralunga d'Alba at £29.50: nine years later it's only increased 10% to £32.50 – remarkable!). There's a clear argument to be made that many of these wines now offer better value against those of their neighbour.

With this growth in mind we offer wines from two new estates in this list: Borgo Paglianetto (p.8), a top estate in the north of the Marche, specialising in Verdicchio di Matelica; and Castel Juval Unterortl (p.18), our first estate from Alto Adige, who deliver scintillating Pinot Bianco and Riesling from stunning mountain vineyards. They join a small but select portfolio of largely small family-owned estates, almost all committed to organic farming, and almost all exclusive to SVS in the UK market – Nostra Italia! The estates are listed approximately from south to north.

Simon Taylor
September 2025







MIXED CASES

All cases include two bottles of each of six wines, with discounts of 13-15%

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Italian Terroirs (Three whites and three reds, interesting and terroir-expressive)		£194.00
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Rossi for the Cantina (Six fine and ageworthy reds, with a 15% discount)		£266.50
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Key to the Wines:  Sparkling  White  Rosé  Red  Fortified  Organic

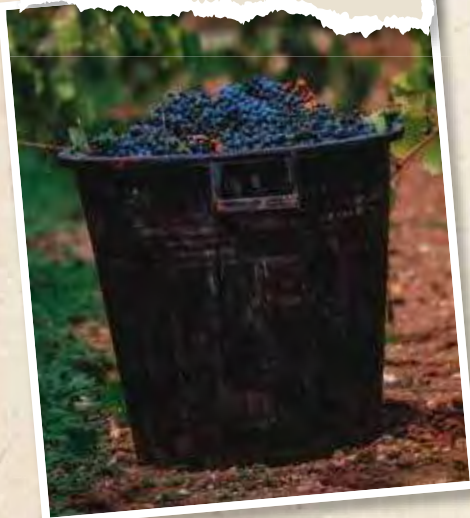
SICILY AND THE SOUTH



Increasing heat (and with it excessive alcohol levels) is the challenge in Sicily and the south of Italy: local grape varieties which can withstand it - Grillo, Inzolia, Fiano, Falanghina amongst whites, Primitivo, Nero di Troia, Negroamaro and Nero d'Avola amongst reds - are invaluable.

Angelo Rocca e Figli

Although the Rocca family is based in Piedmont, it owns vineyards, in particular a large farm at Leverano in Salento, and also buys fruit from all over the south and Sicily.



Guardio dei Mori, Vermentino, Terre Siciliane, 2024

Code: GUA124
Bottle: £10.95 6% off 6: £61.76 12% off 12: £115.63

This Vermentino was one of our best discoveries of last year. It's a real winner - pear and honeysuckle aromas; followed by a fresh, lightly herby mouthful with impressive concentration for a wine at this price. 12.5%. Now-2026

Amoruccio, Grillo, Sicilia, 2024

Code: AMO124
Bottle: £11.25 6% off 6: £63.45 12% off 12: £118.80

Widely planted in Sicily, the Grillo grape has the advantage of retaining freshness, lowish alcohol and character in the Mediterranean heat. Well-textured, lemony freshness and decent follow through. Excellent typicity to this increasingly popular grape. 13%. Now-2026

Rocca, Primitivo, Salento, 2023

Code: ROD723
Bottle: £12.50 6% off 6: £70.50 12% off 12: £132.00

Part of this wine is aged in large, older barrels, just rounding it out. Crushed strawberry scent. Ripe and spicy. Uncomplicated but authentic, equally good for a plate of pasta or a Margherita pizza. 13.5%. Now-2027

Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, 2022

Code: ROD222
Bottle: £11.95 6% off 6: £67.40 12% off 12: £126.19

Well-made example of this masculine southern grape, aged part in stainless steel and part in old oak. Hearty, but with a gentle structure, and ready to drink. Generous black fruit, warming, mildly spicy and wild. 13.5% Now-2027

Michele Biancardi, Cerignola, Puglia

Finding the right partner in Puglia pre-occupied us for many years. It's one of those regions where there's little space between enormous, industrial scale wineries and over-priced "boutique" cellars. We sought out Michele Biancardi because the wines were written up as offering exceptional value in the useful Italian **Slow Wine** guide. His 9 hectares of organically cultivated vines lie near Cerignola, in the north-western sector of Puglia. What distinguishes these wines is a stimulating purity of fruit and moderate alcohol levels - in a very hot region where so many reds in particular are raisiny, coarse and over-alcoholic.



Primitivo Puro, Puglia, 2022

Code: BIA322
Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.43

As the name implies, 100% Primitivo. Such a seductive wine - flamboyant colour; a fragrant fruit cocktail of fresh strawberries, red cherries, blackcurrants and blueberries; plus notes of liquorice, spice and pepper. Juicy enough to drink on its own yet with plenty of concentration for food. Gorgeous vitality and punch. 13.5%. Now-2027

"It's highly unusual to find a Puglia Primitivo at 13.5% (they're usually 15%) so I am not surprised that this wine tastes like it might be off dry. Arrested fermentation, possibly? It doesn't matter. The wine is fresh and juicy. The fruit is honest, full of Puglian warmth and generosity, cooked damsons and strawberries and cranberries. The tannins are as soft as cashmere and you'll want to wrap yourself in them if you're cold and it's dark and rainy outside, or if you have flu. If you like a bone-dry red, you'll recoil. But if you're adventurous and love food as much as wine, you'll nab this as the perfect wine for cold, smoked duck breast served with cranberry sauce; or warm red-cabbage salad topped with caramelised hazelnuts and ricotta cheese and dressed with a cranberry dressing. Foodie wine. GV 16.5/20, 2023-2027", Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, December 2023.

Solo Fiano, Puglia, 2023

Code: BIA623
Bottle: £16.75 6% off 6: £94.47 12% off 12: £176.88

Michele Biancardi only farms local grapes and Fiano leads the way for whites. Very open and perfumed - stone fruit with a twist of mint. Full flavoured, showing fresh apricots and pears with a mineral spine and incisive citric freshness. Plenty of substance too - Michele gives it a little skin contact in the press. It's most akin to a fresh Viognier. Excellent with grilled fish. 12.5%. Now-2026

Uno Piu Uno, Puglia, 2023

Code: BIA123
Bottle: £14.95 6% off 6: £84.32 12% off 12: £157.87

1 + 1 - halves of Nero di Troia and Primitivo. Because the grapes come from the very edge of their vineyards (and therefore exposed to a drift of sprays from neighbours) this wine isn't classified as organic. Fruit and floral aromatics: cherries plus roses. Open and fruity - blackcurrant plus cooked cherries - with an oak accent giving a milk chocolate hint. Very ripe but with plenty of substance and freshness. Perfect drinking with hearty food. 12.5%. Now-2027

MARCHE

Marche is the region along the Adriatic coast, east of Umbria and Tuscany. Wines here are split between white and red: the former from Verdicchio (see p.8), Vernaccia, Passerina, the excellent Pecorino and the ubiquitous Trebbiano; and the latter predominantly from Montepulciano and Sangiovese.

Fiorano, Cossignano

It's been exactly a decade since we started working with Paolo Beretta and Paola Massi and we sell more of their wines every year – so we have added two more in this offer: Scighera, their effervescent Pet. Nat.; and their skin contact (almost orange) white, Giuly. Their wines exemplify perfectly the virtues of small-scale – they tend just 5 hectares of vines – organic cultivation. All exhibit an entrancing purity of fruit, and all are bottled with minimal sulphur levels.

The couple consider their grass-covered vineyards lie in a special spot: about 250-350 metres up on the eastern side of the Apennines, about 15 kms. from the Adriatic, surrounded by their own olive groves, on a mix of clay, limestone and sand.



Scighera, Vino Bianco Frizzante, NV (Crown Cap)

Code: FIO2NV
Bottle: £18.95 6% off 6: £106.88 12% off 12: £200.11

Call it Metodo Ancestrale, Col Fondo or Pet. Nat., this is a fizz which has a naturally occurring secondary fermentation in the bottle (so there's a fine sediment of dead yeast cells in the punt – and it is necessarily cloudy when you pour). From the Pecorino grape – see opposite – this shows juicy conference pear and slightly bitter (in a good way) grapefruit. Almost a tannic edge to the finish too which adds structure and leaves one with the impression of a serious, dry wine. It definitely fizzes when poured but quickly settles into a lighter effervescence. One for adventurous drinkers but a bright, lemony fizz with verve. 12%. Now-2026

Donna Orgilla, Offida Pecorino, 2024

Code: FIO624
Bottle: £18.95 6% off 6: £106.88 12% off 12: £200.11

The Pecorino grape is an ancient grape of the southern Marche, grown pretty much exclusively there: Offida Pecorino is a DOCG for wines made from Pecorino in this commune in the province of Ascoli Piceno. *Decanter* magazine described it as “a very on-trend white wine...undoubtedly hip”. That isn't why we ship it! As *Decanter* also noted, “Stand-out Pecorinos, such as those from Aurora, Fiorano or Pantaleone need a year or two in bottle to show their best”. This has so much personality: a flagrant herbal scent – sage and mint; and then a generously fruited mouthful of fresh pears and lemon with hints of fennel and menthol. Excellent depth – from six months ageing on the lees – but not in the least heavy. A lovely white. 13.5%. Now-2027

Guilia Erminia, Marche Bianco, 2022

Code: FIO722
Bottle: £28.50 6% off 6: £160.74 12% off 12: £300.96

100% Pecorino fermented in 500 litre barrels with no temperature control, with a third of the barrels being new each vintage. Flashes of gold in the glass with notes of camomile and wildflowers. White peach on the palate with just a hint of something buttery. Wonderful concentration and balance with a long, fresh finish. Do try this as an alternative to barrel-fermented, fine white Burgundy: of course it's different but it comes with the same virtues of depth of flavour, concentration, subtle oak and structure – and it keeps well too. 13.5%. Now-2028

Giuly, Bianco Macerato, 2024

Code: FIO924
Bottle: £28.50 6% off 6: £160.74 12% off 12: £300.96

There is an old tradition of making wine using skin contact in the Marche. This is from Pecorino, fermented in open-topped barrels using wild yeasts and given about 30 days on the skins: this delivers a deep gold wine, very rich and concentrated with a fine-grained texture. Flavours of mandarins and Mediterranean herbs accented with salinity. So much drive and interest, a wine to savour; and very long. Perfect pair for roast pork or veal. 13.5%. Now-2027

I Paoli, Sangiovese, Marche IGT, 2023

Code: FIO123
Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.43

Named after the owners/winemakers Paolo and Paola, this has become one of our most popular reds, which would appeal to all who enjoy a juicy and graceful style – for example Beaujolais lovers. Light and fresh, but with plenty of ripe red fruit concentration too. Really exemplifies Sangiovese's enticing cherry flavours. Pure, long finish. 13%. Now-2027



Terre di Globbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore, 2021

Code: FIO321
Bottle: £18.95 6% off 6: £106.88 12% off 12: £200.11

Rosso Piceno Superiore comes from a group of 13 villages near Ascoli Piceno. This example is from 80% Montepulciano aged in old French oak barrels and 20% Sangiovese from stainless steel, adding some freshness. Ripeness and meatiness. Dark-fruited – blackberries and blackcurrants – and potent, with notes of black olive. This big, structured wine demands robust food: one would drink it there with the wild boar of Norcia – but anything slow cooked would be as good here, for example belly of pork. 14.5%. Now-2029

Ser Balduzio, IGT Marche Rosso, 2018

Code: FIO418
Bottle: £27.50 6% off 6: £155.10 12% off 12: £290.40

From a special selection of late-picked Montepulciano grapes, aged in Slavonian oak barrels, 1/3 new. This is a deeply coloured – positively inky – wine, with terrific, lush concentration and smart oak. There are elements of cooked and dried fruits, flavours akin to an Amarone. Dense, with dark chocolate oak accents and deep tannins, it would benefit from decanting, and will last for years. 15%. Now-2031



Borgo Paglianetto, Matelica

NEW!

We first visited Borgo Paglianetto in 2022 in the search for Verdicchio di Matelica. Verdicchio (the grape translates as "the little green one") from Matelica is generally considered superior to that from the much larger Castelli di Jesi zone: the vines enjoy a cooler, continental climate and excellent clay/limestone soils; and yields are lower too. Borgo Paglianetto's organically farmed vineyards are at 350-450m., surrounded by mountains which bring big diurnal changes of temperature. This estate is one of the leaders in this small (only around 200 hectares) DOC. The Verdicchios are so bright and intense – and, as one goes up the scale, extremely ageworthy too. But the Marche Rosso is also fun; we're really pleased to introduce these to our customers.



Vertis, Verdicchio di Matelica, 2022

Code: PAG422

Bottle: £28.95 6% off 6: £163.28 12% off 12: £305.71

XV on the label as the 15th harvest of this top, multi award-winning Verdicchio. This 2022 vintage was acclaimed both as "Meraviglioso" and given the top Tre Bicchieri rating in the 2025 Gambero Rosso; and also as a Top Wine in the 2025 Slow Wine guide. From 40-45 year old vines – and those show in the concentration and texture. Bay and aniseed notes around a firm lemony core. Builds so impressively in the mouth. Both dazzling on the palate and thought-provoking to the cerebellum. 13.5%. Now-2030

Terravignata, Marche Rosso, 2023

Code: PAG623

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

50% Sangiovese, 35% Merlot, 15% Lacrima, all only in stainless steel – just the type of fresh Italian red we love. Lacrima is a strongly perfumed grape – think fragrant rose petals, so 15% is just right to bring attractive violet aromatics. Very well-mannered and sappy, all juicy berries and red cherries. 13%. Now-2027

Terravignata, Verdicchio di Matelica, 2024

Code: PAG124

Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.53

100% Verdicchio. Seductively open perfume of lime and lemon balm. Citrus freshness, but some substance too. Excellent all-rounder, as good with light dishes as enjoyed on its own. 12.5%. Now-2027

Petrara, Verdicchio di Matelica, 2024

Code: PAG324

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

From select parcels, with some vines over 40 years old. Floral and stone fruit notes. Terrific weight, energy and mineral bite – transmitted all the way to a very long finish. Super gastronomic white. 13%. Now-2029

TUSCANY



Tuscany is the world's heart of the Sangiovese grape. Sangiovese makes a great food wine: wholly distinctive in that it often develops a particular savoury flavour. Sometimes this emerges as notes of grilled meat, gravy and cooked mushrooms, but at a subtler level one could compare it to umami, the Japanese term for the fifth basic taste (after sweet, sour, bitter and salty). This savouriness makes Sangiovese a truly wonderful partner to most meat dishes.

The big volume Sangiovese-based wine is, of course, Chianti, a wine of variable quality, with any number of subregions around Florence and Siena. With Chianti Classico one is on surer ground. This much smaller DOC, only delimited in 1995, occupies the rolling and often wooded hills between Florence and Siena. Many of the vineyards are quite high – up to 700m. – and that brings finesse and freshness to the wines. Further south in Montepulciano, and especially Montalcino, protected by Monte Amiata, the climate is warmer and Sangiovese shows more power and, usually, higher alcohol levels. Morellino is the name for the clone of Sangiovese grown in the Maremma around Scansano near the southern Tuscan coast, east and south of Grosseto – and it makes a consistently good wine, all ripe cherries and elegance.

Col di Lamo, Torrenieri, Montalcino

Gianna Neri's organically farmed vineyards lie at Torrenieri, northeast of the hill-town of Montalcino. Torrenieri is relatively low in altitude, at 250-300 metres. Soils are sandstone and clay, with some of the alberese, the limestone-rich, schistous land which Sangiovese loves. All of Gianna's wines are very ripe, fleshy and well-textured. The Rosso is splendidly expressive and excellent to drink now, but the Brunello has the power and structure to demand ageing.



Rosso di Montalcino, 2022

Code: CDL122

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

100% Sangiovese, organically farmed, aged in old vats. Soft ruby. Lovely ripe strawberry and cherry flavours, pure and intense; with a little peppery spice and proper tannic support. Definitive mini-Brunello – it needs food, but would drink well with any red meat or mushroom-based dishes. Flowers excitingly; and finishes so well, all red fruit and nutmeg. Ready but will keep too. 14%. Now-2030

Brunello di Montalcino, 2019

Code: CDL319

Bottle: £46.50 6% off 6: £262.26 12% off 12: £491.04

From two plots on sandstone and clay, with alberese. Rich and dense, showing dark fruit spiced with vanilla and cinnamon, this has power and grip – and a very lengthy finish, promising a good future. 14%. Now-2032

Talosa, Montepulciano

Talosa, owned by the Roman Jacorossi family, is a medium-sized estate, among the 70 or so growers in Montepulciano, with thirty-two hectares of vines just north of the town near Pietrose. Their cellars, in the centre of this precipitous hill-side town, are extraordinary. A visit starts in a shop just below the square, and ends three storeys down (via an Etruscan tomb) in a vaulted cellar opening onto a cliff face.



🍷 Rosso di Montepulciano, 2022

Code: TAK122
Bottle: £16.50 6% off 6: £93.06 12% off 12: £174.24
85% Sangiovese, with 15% shared between Merlot and Canaiolo, given eight months in old Slavonian vats: ripe and friendly scent of crushed red fruit with a floral note; generous, offering Sangiovese cherry and berry flavours with plenty of texture and supple tannic underpinning. Fruit returns on the finish. 14%. Now-2028



🍷 Morellino di Scansano, Italy, 2022

Code: LUP122
Bottle: £16.50 6% off 6: £93.06 12% off 12: £174.24
Sangiovese is known as a multi-clonal variety, and the local expression of the grape here tends to be plumper and suppler than in Chianti to the north. This displays a spread of cherry (from sweet Maraschino to sour) and plum flavours, just licked by vanilla from some oak ageing. Bright and fleshy, with classic Sangiovese aromatics and acidity but supple fruit tannins, this is a crowd-pleaser. 13.5%. Now-2028

Le Lupinaie, Montiano

It's not just English people who long to live on a farm in Tuscany - in 1991 Aldo Galimberti, tired of the city, realised the same dream, buying an old farmhouse near Montiano in the heart of the Maremma. Now his family farm 25 hectares of vines on rolling hills just inland from the Tuscan coast. The family's principal wine is their Morellino (= Sangiovese) di Scansano (a town just south-east of Grosseto).

🍷 Chianti Colli Senesi, 2022

Code: TAK322
Bottle: £13.95 6% off 6: £78.68 12% off 12: £147.31
This wine comes in part from the younger vines in Montepulciano vineyards near the hill town; 85% Sangiovese with 12% Canaiolo and 3% Mammolo. At the estate they considered 2022 was an "amazing" vintage, offering grapes of great ripeness and health. This is certainly more concentrated than usual, with generous raspberry, blackberry and red cherry flavours, balance, sappy bite, and an authentic tannic stiffening. But there's lovely perfume to the red fruit too: this is so complete. 14%. Now-2027

I Fabbri, Lamole, Greve

Susanna Grassi's Chiantis are so graceful. Her vineyards in the Lamole subzone of Greve, small patches on the slopes in the prevailing forest, are amongst the highest in Chianti Classico. About 450-680m. of altitude brings freshness to the grapes and lowish alcohol levels. Susanna's wines are crafted in a traditional, low oak style with very gentle extraction, but she is also dedicated to organic cultivation, and we think that combination delivers a rare purity and elegance. These wines, in particular the Riserva, age so beautifully, taking on fat and savoury complexity.



🍷 Chianti Classico, Lamole, 2022 🌿

Code: IFA122
Bottle: £23.95 6% off 6: £135.08 12% off 12: £252.91
100% Sangiovese, from some of the highest vineyards at 630-680m. all in concrete tank. A lovely, classic style: beautifully pale; cherry and floral perfume; crushed red berry fruit with some spiced tea notes. Open, youthful and unforced. All in the airy aromatics. Drink with the lightest white meat, for example plain roast chicken, or even simply prepared white fish. 13.5%. Now-2029



🍷 Chianti Classico, Terra di Lamole, 2021 🌿

Code: IFA221
Bottle: £29.50 6% off 6: £166.38 12% off 12: £311.52
90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo, about half in cement and half in French oak. Light and soft hue. Very perfumed red fruit on nose. Structured and serious with Christmas spice, morello cherry and wild plum fruit. Long, sappy finish. Very light on its feet - balletic. Just a little of that Sangiovese savouriness peeping out already. Supporting tannins there. So aromatic - this just flowers in the mouth - all the way to a very long finish. 13.5%. Now-2030

🍷 Chianti Classico Riserva, 2021 🌿

Code: IFA321
Bottle: £39.50 6% off 6: £222.78 12% off 12: £417.12
100% old vine Sangiovese Grosso: a selection from the first-picked grapes given a year in 500l. barrels. Darker tone. Again a classic I Fabbri nose of pretty black cherries, red fruit and flowers. More stuffing and depth here with richer, concentrated black cherry and bramble notes. A hint of very posh balsamic in there too. Savoury spice on the finish. Oaked but not oaky at all. Parpadelle with a game sauce (hare!) would be superb. Super refined and elegant. Angels dancing on a pin. Headily aromatic. 13.5%. 2026-2034

THE VENETO

The Veneto, stretching from Venice in the east to beyond Verona in the west, is a large wine producing zone: whilst Pinot Grigio is the dominant grape, the great success story of the Veneto has been Prosecco. Increasing demand has driven a huge expansion of the permitted area where Prosecco can be produced but ours comes from the historic heart of the region, Valdobbiadene.

In the west of Veneto lie three DOCs whose wines have suffered from the pursuit of volume over quality: Soave east of Verona; and Bardolino and Valpolicella north of Verona and to the east of Lake Garda. However, the trio of growers we have sought out here are outstanding.

Drusian, Bigolino di Valdobbiadene

We have been listing Drusian Prosecco for 22 years now, testament to its popularity with our customers. Drusian is a third generation family owned producer, with very good vineyard holdings, notably on the hill of Cartizze, acknowledged as the best site in the whole of the Prosecco zone.



Tenuta di Cart, Rose Mari, Vino Spumante Rosato, Extra Dry, NV

Code: CAR5NV
Bottle: £17.50 6% off 6: £98.70 12% off 12: £184.80

The Drusian family have recently purchased the Tenuta di Cart estate, with vineyards beside Feltre in the northernmost Belluno sector of the Veneto, in the foothills of the Dolomites. This pink sparkler is not a Rosato Prosecco: Prosecco is made from the Glera grape - this is far superior, being 100% Pinot Nero (Pinot Noir). Made in the same way as Prosecco (i.e. in a closed tank), this is a gently fizzy, very pale pink glass of red fruit - wild strawberries tinged with pear. Fine mousse. Very lightly savoury, this makes a perfect aperitif, and a bottle vanishes very quickly indeed. 12%. Now-2026

Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore, Extra Dry, NV

Code: DRU1NV
Bottle: £15.95 6% off 6: £89.96 12% off 12: £168.43

From 100% Glera grapes, the Extra Dry Prosecco (i.e. not bone dry) is deliciously sherberty. Light, and with the merest hint of fruity ripeness, one can consume this charming example with alarming ease. 11%. Now-2026

Corte Mainente, Soave

We like retro, mildly out of fashion styles here. True Soave (as opposed to the watery stuff purveyed by supermarkets) is so good and in thoughtful young winemaker Davide Mainente we found a real winner. His family own 10 hectares of vines, both near the town (the Cengelle vineyard) and in the Classico hillside sites such as Pigno and Tenda. His wines are winning rave reviews in Italy and here from the UK press and our customers alike. Thanks to his wish to build his sales in this country with us, they remain extremely good value.

Soave, Cengelle, 2024

Code: MAI124
Bottle: £12.95 6% off 6: £73.04 12% off 12: £136.75
Garganega with a little Trebbiano di Soave. From vineyards near the cellar with clay-limestone soils at the foot of the Classico zone. Fresh and vibrant but concentrated too. Not overtly fruity: subtle yellow plum and pear notes. Such a good all-rounder. 12.5%. Now-2026



Soave Classico, Pigno, 2024

Code: MAI324
Bottle: £15.50 6% off 6: £87.42 12% off 12: £163.68
100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in a single vineyard in Pigno, known as one of the best terroirs in the hilly Classico zone and one of the official crus recognised in June 2019. Scent of green melon. A ripe mouthful of lemon and pink grapefruit. Lots of volume and structure. Irony too; and finishes with the characteristic Garganega almond note. Terrific. 12.5%. Now-2027

Soave, Nettror, 2023

Code: MAI423
Bottle: £18.50 6% off 6: £104.34 12% off 12: £195.36
Because Nettror is made from a selection of Davide's best grapes across all his sites, it's only a Soave rather than a Soave Classico. The bunches are picked late for full maturity - note the higher alcohol - and about a quarter are left in the estate's drying room for a month to desiccate, concentrating sugar and flavour. There's a modicum of skin contact and it's left on its fine lees for a year to develop complexity. Half is in concrete and half is aged in old barrels. Glint of green. Very ripe, with impressive intensity of Mirabelle plum and cream flavours just tinged with subtle oak. Vibrant, textured and powerful. 14.5%. Now-2027

Le Tende, Colà di Lazise

Le Tende's vineyards are near the south-east corner of Lake Garda, between Colà di Lazise and Cavaion Veronese. Crafted by Mauro Fortuna, all the wines are organic and show an entrancing brightness and finesse.



Custoza, 2024

Code: LET124
Bottle: £14.95 6% off 6: £84.32 12% off 12: £157.87

Despite having its DOC since 1971, Custoza has long been in the shadow of wines such as Soave and Gavi, but deserves much better recognition – especially when made this well. A blend of Garganega, Tocai (= Trebbianello) and Cortese, this is fresh, zesty and full of citrus fruit with some mineral notes too. Perfect with seafood, lighter pastas and salads. 12.5%. Now-2026

Chiaretto di Bardolino, Classico, 2024

Code: LET524
Bottle: £14.95 6% off 6: £84.32 12% off 12: £157.87

A charming Chiaretto (the name simply means "pale" in Italian) based on 80% Corvina with Rondinella and Molinara. Very pale – it's just the press juice, given no time on the skins at all. Crunchy redcurrant fruit, vibrant and delicious. Fantastic with Italian-inspired summery food. 12.5%. Now-2026

Bardolino Classico, 2024

Code: LET624
Bottle: £15.50 6% off 6: £87.42 12% off 12: £163.68

The principal wine here, a very superior Bardolino, for two reasons: a high - 80% - proportion of the superior Corvina grape, accompanied by 20% Rondinella; and eight days maceration on the skins gives considerable texture. Quite soft and pale in tone, it offers up a charming perfume of red fruit; and then a pretty mouthful of crushed strawberries and red cherries. Light and juicy, delightfully ripe but not in the least sweet, this has a magical poise and purity. Both the 2020 and 2023 vintages were Tre Bicchieri winners, the top ranking in the prominent Italian Gambero Rosso wine guide, rare for a wine so modestly priced; and the same guide recently scored it 95/100 and named it the best Italian red for chilling. 13%. Now-2027

"Transparent garnet. Bitter-cherry nose. Lovely spread of lightweight fruit across the palate. A perfect summer, lakeside wine? Some rose-petal notes and very soft and gentle but with sufficient acidity to be refreshing. 16.5/20", Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 8th August 2025.

Sabia, Veneto IGT Rosso, Italy, 2022

Code: LET722
Bottle: £16.95 6% off 6: £95.60 12% off 12: £178.99

80% of Corvina, the best local grape, is blended with 20% Merlot – the addition of the latter interloper makes it an IGT Rosso rather than a Bardolino. The Merlot gives it the lightest herbaceous accent on the floral nose, and also some pleasing flesh, but it's otherwise lively in the mouth, silky, perfumed and graceful with a splendidly long finish. Perfect for a lighter chicken or veal dish. 13.5%. Now-2027

"Despite the 20% Merlot, this tastes Bardolino-like – unmistakably a wine from Lake Garda. It has that ping-bright, fire-engine redness of fruit, that nip of dill-and-mint herbs, that little scratch of rain-wet-gravel stoniness. The tannins slightly chalky. It has a long, cool, quenching minerality that reminds me of cold, clear water on a wide stretch of pebbled beach. It's ineffably drinkable.... the kind of wine that will pretty much go with anything, any time. 16.5/20. 2024-28", Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, 20th December 2024

Lorenzo Begali, San Pietro in Cariano

The Begali family is one of the founding members of Le Famiglie Storiche, the historic families of Amarone, an association formed in 2009 to promote high quality Amarone, with its own high standards for production. We offer two examples of this famed style, made from selected bunches of grapes dried in the autumn to concentrate the sugars and dry extract. It's a stunning and unique style. Father Lorenzo, son Giordano and daughter Tiliana – farm 10 hectares just east of Lake Garda. Although small, this is a top Valpolicella estate, having won numerous Tre Bicchieri awards in Gambero Rosso guide.



Valpolicella Ripasso, La Cengia, 2022

Code: BEF222
Bottle: £17.50 6% off 6: £98.70 12% off 12: £184.80

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. Fleshy and ripe, red-fruited, well-textured, with hints of tobacco and woodsmoke. La Cengia is the name of the subzone of Valpolicella where the vineyard for this wine lies. 14%. Now-2029

Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Siora, 2021

Code: BEF721
Bottle: £19.95 6% off 6: £112.52 12% off 12: £210.67

From local grape varieties – Corvina, Rondinella etc. – with about a third of the bunches dried for twenty days, so this is halfway to an Amarone. All goes into wood, mainly big old barrels with a small proportion in new French oak, for two years. The oak influence shows, over brambly and ripe cherry fruit flavours. There's a pleasing savoury element; and, like all the Begali wines, attractive freshness. Long, aromatic finish; the whole rich, lush and concentrated without being in the least heavy. 13.5%. Now-2028

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2020

Code: BEF420
Bottle: £33.50 6% off 6: £188.94 12% off 12: £353.76

Here is a lovely – not too raisiny – example of the famed Amarone style, made from selected bunches of grapes dried in the autumn on straw to concentrate the sugars and dry extract. As such it's high in alcohol but not fortified. This is developing nicely, with meaty hints alongside the melting, cooked black fruit and spice notes. Supple and rounded with a tension from juicy acidity. 16.5%. Now-2032

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Monte Ca' Bianca, 2018

Code: BEF518
Bottle: £52.50 6% off 6: £296.10 12% off 12: £554.40

From a blend of Corvina, Corvinone and Rondinella, all grown in the single Monte Ca' Bianca vineyard, and aged in French barriques, 1/3 new. Gentle colour. Extraordinary power and intensity. The flavours of an autumnal compôte of cooked black fruit tinged with cinnamon. Fine acidity dancing a mineral thread. 16.5%. Now-2035

PIEDMONT



The key wine-producing zone in Piedmont is a band south of Milan and Turin. Here a wide variety of historic local grape varieties are grown, from white Cortese, Favorita (Vermentino) and Arneis to the famous red grapes of the region: in particular Barbera, which can vary in style from light and fruity to dense and well-oaked, and, at the summit, Nebbiolo. The latter is one of the world's great red grapes and top Nebbiolo - from Barbaresco or Barolo - somehow achieves a compelling synthesis of great texture and power with aromatic grace and levity.

Fratelli Parisio, Gavi

Alessandro and Davide Parisio only began bottling their own wine in 2020 and now they only choose the best parcels of Cortese amongst their 20 hectares of vines to bottle under their own label. Alessandro is the winemaker - a thoughtful, quietly spoken chap.

Gavi, 2024

Code: PAR124
Bottle: £15.25 6% off 6: £86.01 12% off 12: £161.04

2024 was a cool year in these parts and that's reflected in a very classically styled Gavi: zesty citrus and grapefruit with crisp acidity and a subtle minerality. 12.5%. Now-2027

Gavi, Costa Donnio, 2024

Code: PAR324
Bottle: £16.95 6% off 6: £95.60 12% off 12: £178.99

From the best parcels of hillside vines at 300 metres grown on red soils, marls with iron and patches of marine fossils. The vines average 30 years; and the wine is given about five months of ageing on the fine lees. Both of these factors deliver considerable texture and depth to the wine, and the soils give it an incisive, mineral edge, even though the fruit is exotic - pears and stone fruit with tropical hints. Opulent and exciting. 12.5%. Now-2027



Azienda Agricola Boasso, Serralunga

The Boasso family - Franco and his sons Ezio and Claudio - own seven hectares of vines (and the same of hazelnuts) in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba, split over multiple sites across the rolling hills. From their tiny but super-clean cellar on a ridge facing Serralunga come superb reds - which (see the note in the introduction) offer extremely good value in this premium zone.

Barbera d'Alba Superiore, 2022

Code: BOA622
Bottle: £17.50 6% off 6: £98.70 12% off 12: £184.80

"Superiore" may be added if the wine is aged for a year prior to release, of which at least four months must in barrel. Here the wine goes into traditional large Slavonian oak vats for a year. Arguably this is the best value wine in the Boasso cellar. So much flesh and richness. Vital plum and blackberry flavours. Generous and hearty but not over-ripe. Well-covered tannins. Already delicious. 14.5%. Now-2028

Langhe Nebbiolo, 2022

Code: BOA722
Bottle: £18.50 6% off 6: £104.34 12% off 12: £195.36

Code: BOA822
Magnum (in individual card boxes): £42.50
6% off 3: £119.85 12% off 6: £224.40

Given one year in barrel. Youthful, soft tone. Scent of red berries. Juicy strawberry and raspberry heart, showing just a little of the Nebbiolo grip - and so expansive in the mouth. If one can't afford to drink Barolo often then this is an authentic and impressive substitute. 14%. Now-2029

Barolo, Gabutti, 2020

Code: BOA420
Bottle: £38.95 6% off 6: £219.68 12% off 12: £411.31

Our usual favourite amongst the single vineyard wines, from the steep vineyard below the cellar, a one hectare, south-east facing site on calcareous marl at about 330m. of altitude. Aged only in traditional large Slavonian oak vats. Very open and luxuriant in this hot vintage. Cooked and fresh red fruit elements. Peppery spice. Together but years to go. 15%. Now-2034

Barolo, Serralunga, 2020

Code: BOA320
Bottle: £32.50 6% off 6: £183.30 12% off 12: £343.20

Code: BOA920
Magnum (in individual wooden case): £76.50
6% off 3: £215.73 12% off 6: £403.92

From several sites owned by the Boasso family in the commune of Serralunga, in the south of the Barolo DOCG. 30 months in 25hl. oak barrels. Intense aromas of red fruit with a singed edge. Fleshy, all melting strawberries and candlewax. Gentle structure - so ready for drinking already, though plenty of potential for keeping too. 14.5%. Now-2031

"Developed mid ruby with bright orange tinges. Dark, deep and peppery on the nose. Spice and ripe, red cherry on the palate over chewy, finely grained tannins. Ends almost a little rich but the acidity gives it an edge. Ends a tiny bit hot. 16.5/20, 2023-2030", Walter Speller, jancisrobinson.com, 4th October 2023.

Barolo, Lazzarito, 2020

Code: BOA520
Bottle: £38.95 6% off 6: £219.68 12% off 12: £411.31

The first vintage of this single vineyard wine. Very rich and spicy. Jewelly red-fruited, alongside a classic structure for keeping. Very long. 15%. Now-2035.

"Just mid ruby with broad orange-tinged rim. Deep spice and mineral nose that is very true to this cru. The palate is juicy, elegant and open-knit and with super-polished, formidable but not overwhelming tannins. Long, concentrated and almost a little heady. 17+ /20. 2024-2034", Walter Speller, jancisrobinson.com, 4th October 2023.

ALTO ADIGE



Alto Adige is barely part of Italy at all: once part of the Germanic Holy Roman Empire, it was only yielded to Italy by the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1919. In the northern part, the Südtirol, where the Venosta Valley (Vinschgau) lies, the majority of the locals speak German as their first language. The local grapes reflect that distinctive history: Pinot Bianco is often labelled as Weissburgunder; and most other local grapes – Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Müller-Thurgau, Lagrein etc. are barely grown elsewhere in Italy.

Castel Juval Unterortl, Venosta Valley, Sud Tirol

NEW!

When we first tasted these wines last year we immediately decided we had to buy them – only to be told there was no wine to be had, so a lot of pleading was needed for this shipment. It's a tiny winery, with just four hectares of vines, now organically farmed (in conversion), clinging to granite soils over gneiss outcrops at 650-820m. of altitude, northwest of Bolzano and near to the border with Austria. This is an extreme terroir – catnip to Stone, Vine & Sun – where steep, south-facing slopes allow sunny exposure to the vines but also where meagre, mineral soils, cool breezes and big diurnal changes of temperature provide perfect conditions for the production of steely, highly aromatic wines. The estate was owned by the legendary climber Reinhold Messner and the land now belongs to his son Simon, but farming and winemaking is now undertaken by Raphael and Christine Burki. Raphael, a graduate in oenology of Geisenheim University, previously worked as a winemaker in Switzerland and New Zealand.



Riesling, Gletscherschliff, Alto Adige Valle Venosta, 2024

Code: JUV124
Bottle: £24.95 6% off 6: £140.72 12% off 12: £263.47

Gletscherschliff translates as the smooth polish left by glacial action on rock faces. This wine includes a little fruit from a neighbour, so not organic. Classic cool climate dry Riesling: lifted fragrance of grapefruit and stone fruit; a heart of citrus and white peach; pretty and delicate, pure and linear with stones and zesty lime, all the way to a lovely dry finish. 12.5%. Now-2029



Pinot Bianco, Alto Adige Valle Venosta, 2024

Code: JUV224
Bottle: £24.95 6% off 6: £140.72 12% off 12: £263.47

From the highest vineyards, at 750-850m. Medium-bodied, concentrated yet limpid. Opens up in the glass with lime, peach and pineapple flavours. Very pure and focused. Subtle, crystalline and elegant rather than showy. Definite finish, dry and aromatic. 13.5%. Now-2028

Pinot Bianco, Himmelsleiter, Alto Adige Valle Venosta, 2023

Code: JUV323
Bottle: £32.50 6% off 6: £183.30 12% off 12: £343.20

Led Zeppelin fans take note: Himmelsleiter translates as Stairway to Heaven. This comes from old vines on the highest site; given lengthy lees ageing and aged in old oak barrels. That time on the lees shows in yeasty and herbal accents, and the old oak adds an extra dimension with a touch of added weight. Airy and bright – like being in a beautifully designed modern building with double height ceilings and huge windows letting in the light. Apricot, red apple and white peach notes. Textured, almost weighty; and lightly savoury. Just what one seeks in a Pinot Bianco to accompany white meats or richly sauced fish. 13.5%. Now-2028

Pinot Nero Riserva, Alto Adige Valle Venosta, 2021

Code: JUV621
Bottle: £35.50 6% off 6: £200.22 12% off 12: £374.88

From the lowest, warmest vineyards at 630-700m; some of the vines 30 years old. Aged part in small French oak and part in a large acacia barrel. A distinctive expression of the grape, refined and delicate; light at first impression but there is lots of substance here too. Reminiscent of a village Chambolle from a cool vintage rather than Gevrey; feminine. Some secondary notes on the nose, and there's a gentle earthiness under the spiced and confit strawberry and cherry flavours. Hints of smoke, dark chocolate and black pepper. Impressive. 13%. Now-2028