

STONE, VINE & SUN

WINE MERCHANTS

Christmas

WINES UNWRAPPED



Wines for Christmas and the Holidays

Christmas should be fun – let us send you super wines you can enjoy over the holidays. Do also use us to send presents to family, friends and clients: the mixed cases are understandably popular.

A Happy Christmas from all of us here at SVS,



Simon Taylor
November 2023

Key Information about Delivery – please order in good time!

LAST ORDERS FOR NATIONAL DELIVERY: 12 noon, Tuesday 19th December

We undertake to send all orders out immediately – but we can't guarantee delivery as the couriers may be swamped and they occasionally lose or drop cases.... So the earlier the order the better please!

LAST ORDERS FOR LOCAL CUSTOMERS

If we can deliver ourselves we will. Last guaranteed orders for west of Winchester will be Wednesday 20th, east of Winchester Thursday 21st.

Gifts for Christmas

Do contact us to discuss your specific needs and preferences: we have a knowledgeable and friendly team here to help. We are happy to pack up any choice of wines from this list (or indeed available on our website) in units of 1, 2, 3, 6 or 12 as gifts. If you have favourites you want to share, you want to work to a particular budget, or you know the recipient likes wines from a particular region, just tell us and we can suggest wines to suit. In addition to the price of the bottles our charges for gift boxes for one to three bottles are as follows:

£1.25 for a single bottle gift box (or £4.50 for a wooden box)

£2.25 for a two bottle pack (£7.00 in wood)

£3.50 for a three bottle pack

Our quoted delivery charges (see below) would apply in addition.

To order either call us on 01962 712351 or email sales@stonevine.co.uk. Please ensure you give us the recipient's details, including a contact telephone number, and any message you wish to send with the wine. Do ask for a quote if you plan a large order: delivery will be lower or free if gifts are dispatched to the same address. For deliveries to multiple addresses it is best to email us details of the recipients, messages to accompany the gifts, and delivery instructions.

Gift Vouchers

Vouchers are fun, enabling the recipient to enjoy choosing their own wine. We can offer vouchers to any value in multiples of £10.00 which can be redeemed against the purchase of wine with Stone, Vine & Sun, either by phone or on our website. Just give us the recipient's name and email address, how much you want to spend, and we will email (or post) out the voucher with your message.

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Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Saturday 23rd

9.30am-4pm

Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26th
Closed

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th
9.00am-5.30pm

Saturday 30th
9.30am-4.00pm

Sunday 31st and Monday 1st
Closed

Tuesday 2nd on
9.00am-5.30pm

Delivery Charges to one address are as follows

Free delivery for orders of £120 or more, or over £75 in the Winchester area.

1-5 bottles £12.95

6-11 bottles £9.95

12 bottles £6.95

13-18 bottles £8.50

Note: delivery prices may vary for the Highlands and Islands – please ask us for a quote.

Magnums

We love magnums and always stock a large selection – by all means check our website. They look spectacular, make popular presents and exude generosity when plonked on to a table. We can put them in wooden boxes for an additional £7.50; and delivery charges may apply – see left.

Château Les Gravières de la Brandille, Bordeaux Supérieur, France, 2019

(GRC219) £27.50

Super quality Bordeaux Rouge – see p.13



Château Barréjat, Madiran, Vieux Céps, France, 2021

(BAJ421) £34.50

A powerful wine from ancient vines in | SW France – see p.14



Vieille Dynastie, Lalande de Pomerol, France, 2019

(VID919) £39.95

Left-bank, Merlot based Bordeaux – see p.13



Domaine des Amadieu, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, France, 2020

(AMB920) £40.50

Biodynamic southern Rhône – see p.15



Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Tradition, Brut, France, NV

(HAT9NV) £63.50

Our much-praised house Champagne - see p.5



Even bigger bottles...



Château Barrejat, Madiran, Tradition, France, 2020/21

(BAJ520/21) £97.50

A spectacular five litre jeroobam (equivalent to 6 2/3 bottles) of popular unoaked Madiran.

Château Beausejour, Fronsac, France, 2018

(BEA418) £90.00

A double magnum in a wooden case of this right bank Bordeaux – see p.13

Thomas-Hatté, Champagne, Tradition, Brut, France, NV

(HAT8NV) £170.00

A double magnum of our house Champagne - see p.5

Pre-selected Cases

All pre-selected mixed dozens are discounted by 5%. Our normal delivery charges apply.

Christmas Sixes / Dozens

Either of the two following selections can be sent as a six - one bottle of each of the six wines – or a dozen including two of each.

Winter Reds

Six £80.10 Code WRS23

Dozen £152.00 Code WRD23

- Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, France, 2021 (p.12)
- Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, Italy, 2021 (p.12)
- Finca Deneza, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, 2020 (p.12)
- Château Beausejour, Fronsac, France, 2019 (p.13)
- Michele Biancardi, Primitivo, Puglia, Italy, 2022 (p.14)
- Piekenierskloof, Pinotage, South Africa, 2021 (p.14)



Franco-Italian Selection

Six £91.40 Code OWS23

Dozen £173.65 Code OWD23

A sparkling wine, two whites and three reds

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Cases including Twelve Different Bottles

Each of these four cases includes twelve different bottles, a diverse selection of styles and grape varieties.

Christmas Stocking

Six whites and six reds

£120.00

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All you need for Christmas Case

One fizz, five whites, five reds and a half bottle of sweet Monbazillac

£143.75

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Traditional Christmas Dozen

Prosecco, five whites, five reds and a bottle of port

£165.50

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Christmas Crackers

A terrific selection: a bottle of Champagne, five whites, five reds, and an 8 year old Vin Doux Naturel

£231.50

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Sparkling Wine & Champagne

Three Méthode Champenois wines – from the Loire, South Africa and Burgundy; our excellent Prosecco from the Veneto; and our much praised “house” Champagne from Thomas-Hatté, also available in halves (for stockings), magnums and double magnums.

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

Bottle £13.75 6 bottles with 5% off £78.38
Case with 10% off £148.50

Code DIA1NV

Sparkling wine from Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay has been produced in Saumur in the same way as Champagne (i.e. with a secondary fermentation in the bottle to create the fizz) since the early nineteenth century. Fine mousse. Ripe, apple fruit, lightly creamy, with a little structure too. Gentle, easy to like, and classier than a lot of Prosecco. Now-2024

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

Bottle £15.75 6 bottles with 5% off £89.78
Case with 10% off £170.10

Code DRU1NV

Our wonderful Prosecco from a family owned producer with vineyards in the heart of the Valdobbiadene. The spangly blue bottle is rather festive too. Deliciously sherberty, light, and with the merest hint of fruity sweetness, this makes a perfect aperitif. Now-2024

Domaine des Dieux, Méthode Cap Classique, Brut, Claudia, Cape South Coast, South Africa, 2016, 12%

Bottle £19.95 6 bottles with 5% off £113.72
Case with 10% off £215.46

Code DDD416

Here is the latest vintage of this superb South African MCC (i.e. made in the same way as Champagne), acknowledged as one of the very best sparkling wines in the Cape. At the 21st Amorim Cap Classique Challenge held on 22nd September 2022 in Cape Town, Claudia 2016 was named best wine overall out of the 126 entries to the competition; and Des Dieux won the show's trophy for best sparkling producer for the third time in eight years. From 76% Chardonnay and 24% Pinot Noir, with six years on its lees, it stands comparison with plenty of far more expensive vintage

Champagnes: yeasty, creamy and with great breadth on the palate. Now-2025

“The quality of MCC on show was high, but this was stunning....rich and honeyed with notes of apricot and lemon pie....a lovely autolytic finish”, Chris Wilson, The Buyer, 10th August 2023.

Clotilde Davenne, Crémant de Bourgogne, Brut Extra, France, NV, 12.5%

Bottle £19.95 6 bottles with 5% off £113.72
Case with 10% off £215.46

Code CLO1NV

A superb zéro dosage Crémant: 60% from Chardonnay, 40% from Pinot Noir (planted in 1973), both off Kimmeridgian soils west of Chablis; and based on the 2019 vintage. Classic, super-clean example, wholly dry, crisp and lightly chalky. This makes a refreshing aperitif or would be brilliant with fish and chips. Now-2025

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

Bottle £28.95 6 bottles with 5% off £165.02

Case with 10% off £312.66

Code HAT1NV

Half bottle £15.95 6 halves with 5% off £90.92

Case (12 x 37.5 cl.) with 10% off £172.26

Code HAT2NV

Magnum £63.50 3 magnums with 5% off £180.98

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £342.90

Code HAT9NV

Double magnum £170.00 Limited stock

Our “house” Champagne, crafted by fifth generation champagne grower Franck Thomas from his family's historic holdings of just 3 hectares of vines around Fleury la Rivière, about 10 kilometres north-west of Epernay. 70% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Noir, and that unusually high proportion of Pinot Meunier lends an early maturing charm, and some of the character of a well-aged vintage Champagne. Splendidly rounded, creamy and mature, with some brioche and nutty nuances. Now-2025



House Whites

The whites you need at hand for any occasion, whether an informal aperitif or a midweek supper.

Los Seduras, Sauvignon Blanc, Chile, 2022,

12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.95 6 bottles with 5% off £51.02

Case with 10% off £96.66

Code SED122

To be applauded for its typicity to the grape variety at a fair price. Bright, crisp and fruity; a lightly tropical perfume and then a juicy mouthful of grassy and pineapple flavours, with a refreshing finish. Now-2024

Les Chapelières, IGP Comté Tolosan,

France, 2022, 11.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.50 6 bottles with 5% off £54.15

Case with 10% off £102.60

Code AGW322

An easy drinking blend from south-west France of 70% fruity Colombar and 30% crisp Ugni Blanc, with lowish alcohol and refreshing bite. Clean and lemony, ripe and grassy, with a juicy freshness. Now-2024



Great Expectations, Sauvignon Blanc, Robertson, South Africa, 2022, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.95 6 bottles with 5% off £56.72

Case with 10% off £107.46

Code GDV222

The Du Toits at Goedverwacht were excited that this wine won "Dubbel-Dubbelgoud", double gold medals in both the South African Michelangelo and Veritas wine awards – impressive for a wine at this price. Exotically scented and flavoured – gooseberry, elderflower and passion fruit. Excellent weight, dry and savoury finish. Now-2024

La Combe Saint-Paul, Rolle, IGP Pays d'Oc, France, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £10.75 6 bottles with 5% off £61.28

Case with 10% off £116.10

Code CSP222

As the Italians have somehow persuaded the EU that the name of the Vermentino grape should only be applied to wines from Italy, the Vermentino here has been renamed as Rolle (by which Vermentino is known in Provence). This has become one of our benchmark wines. Open, stone fruited attack gives way to a more gentle, pine-scented, well-textured mid-palate. Fruity but finishes dry. This is a fine all-rounder, as good an aperitif as with Mediterranean fish or vegetable dishes. Now-2024



Light and fresh

All of these make appealing aperitifs – or can accompany seafood and lighter dishes.

Las Colinas del Ebro, Garnatxa Blanca, Terra Alta, Spain, 2022, 13%

Bottle £11.75 6 bottles with 5% off £66.98

Case with 10% off £126.90

Code CDE722

100% organically farmed (and certified) white Grenache from clay/limestone vineyards about 500 metres up (Terra Alta = highlands) in Catalonia. Here the altitude brings cool nights; and a dry wind known as El Cierzo keeps the vines healthy. This has become one of our best regarded sub £12 wines – and it would cost at least 50% more if it came from the Rhône. It's such a useful all-rounder, light enough to enjoy on its own but also not so fruity that one can't enjoy it with a wide range of fish and white meat dishes. Grapefruit scented with herbs - rosemary and bay leaf - with attractive texture and a distinct, lightly almondy finish.

Now-2024

Les Roches Saintes, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, France, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £12.25 6 bottles with 5% off £69.83

Case with 10% off £132.30

Code LRS122

100% Piquepoul from this now-fashionable appellation. Gilles Canton's vines are about five kms. from the Med, where the light sand of the coast give way to argilo-calcaire soils: those bring a bit more weight to the wine. Fresh and limey, with the merest saline note on the long finish. As appealing an aperitif as with all types of seafood. Now-2024

Corte Mainente, Soave, Cengelle, Italy, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £12.50 6 bottles with 5% off £71.25

Case with 10% off £135.00

Code MAI122

Forget the dreadful supermarket Soaves of the past! From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) tended with organics on calcareous soils, Davide Mainente's Cengelle is brilliant this vintage: a hot, dry summer and a couple of days of skin contact have lent it extra concentration and texture. With a glint of green in the glass and a burst of ripe citrus perfume, it's limpidly fresh, redolent of greengages and lime. Floral and exuberantly fruity, this offers a ripe and friendly glass, lovely to drink on its own or with a wide range of light dishes. Now-2024

Domaine de la Chauvinière, Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie, France, 2022, 12%

Bottle £12.50 6 bottles with 5% off £71.25

Case with 10% off £135.00

Code HUC122

Jérémie Huchet's family have run this estate for four generations. This classically fresh Muscadet comes from low yielding Melon de Bourgogne vines on the estate's soils of sand, gravel and pebbles over the granite of Château-Thébaud. Bright and generous mouthful with lemon and pear fruit, crisp and mouthwatering with textbook zest and balance, and a dry, gently saline finish. Now-2025



Wines for Molluscs

Oysters may be a treat for some at Christmas; for others a big bowl of mussels with crusty bread makes a nourishing winter meal. Muscadet from the Atlantic shore and Picpoul from the Med are both perfect accompaniments to molluscs without breaking the bank.

Sauvignon Blanc

Examples of this popular, refreshing wine from the the grape's Loire homeland, South Africa and New Zealand.



Les Chardons, Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays de Loire, France, 2022, 13%

Bottle £12.50 6 bottles with 5% off £71.25

Case with 10% off £135.00

Code AUM322

The hot and dry summer of 2022 brings so much ripeness and weight to this humble Vin de Pays. Lacking any aggressive grassiness or excessive gooseberry fruit, this is fresh, balanced and perfectly food-friendly. Now-2024

Cape Atlantic, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa, 2022, 13% [Screwcap]

Bottle £12.50 6 bottles with 5% off £71.25

Case with 10% off £135.00

Code CED622

About two thirds from the young Sauvignon parcels at high altitude Cederberg, plus a third from the Ghost Corner vineyards at Elim near the cool southernmost tip of Africa – hence the gannet on the label. Elderflower perfume. Juicy citrus flavours with an underlying note of nettle. A vibrant and precise Sauvignon with a definite stony finish. Now-2024

Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2022, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £12.95 6 bottles with 5% off £73.82

Case with 10% off £139.86

Code ESK122

From fruit sourced in the Wairau and Awatere Valleys; invariably a juicy and exuberant Kiwi SB. Elderflower and grapey perfume, and then a blast of gooseberries. We have been buying this for years – good to see in the summer that this vintage was declared **The International Wine Challenge 2023** Great Value Champion White Wine. Now-2024

Blanchet, Pouilly-Fumé, Les Silice, France, 2022, 13.5%

Bottle £19.50 6 bottles with 5% off £111.15

Case with 10% off £210.60

Code BLA222

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-2026

Sauvignon for Smoked Fish

Smoked fish - whether trout, salmon or eel - oily, smoky and strongly flavoured - can be a wine destroyer. The best wines to accompany it are wines with bite and acidity to cut the richness; so if not a sparkling wine a crisp Sauvignon Blanc is ideal, for example the Cape Atlantic or Pouilly-Fumé.

Festive Whites

Whites which will stimulate interest - for fruit flavours, texture and volume - and also work well with more strongly flavoured dishes.

Domaine des Forges, Chenin de Loire, France, 2022, 13.5%

Bottle £13.50 6 bottles with 5% off £76.95

Case with 10% off £145.80

Code FOR822

We have been shipping from Domaine des Forges for over twenty years. They make a terrific range of dry and sweet Chenin Blancs (see the back cover for an example of the latter), all offering remarkable value. We loved this unoaked Chenin Blanc, its concentration and fat evidence of the hot and dry summer of 2022. Full of Seville orange and lime flavours, with just a hint of honey on the finish. Very classic and very delicious. Now-2024

Le Tende, Custoza, Italy, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £13.95 6 bottles with 5% off £79.52

Case with 10% off £150.66

Code LET122

From Giuliana Tezza and Mauro Fortuna's 14 hectares of organically farmed vines (certified since 2012) in the heart of the Bardolino zone at Colà di Lazise, near the south-east corner of Lake Garda. Custoza is a Veneto wine which may be blended from about nine named varieties: Le Tende's is about 45% Garganega (the grape of Soave) with Cortese, Trebbiano and Trebbianello (= Tocai Friulano). Pretty scent of citrus and green herbiage; and then builds well on the palate, showing lime and grapefruit with a note of pear. Mid-weight, refreshing, a classic northern Italian white. Now-2024

Château Courbin Héritage, Graves, France, 2022, 13%

Bottle £13.95 6 bottles with 5% off £79.52

Case with 10% off £150.66

Code COU122

White Bordeaux has become a grossly under-rated and under-priced style: look at how we can offer a classy wine from the top terroir of the Graves for under £14. From the Courbin family, 85% Semillon and 15% Sauvignon Blanc, lees aged and with a part in barrel. Ripe pears, orange zest and cream; full-flavoured and weighty. Great for poultry or pork. Now-2025



Secateurs, Chenin Blanc, Swartland, South Africa, 2022, 13% [Screwcap]

Bottle £14.95 6 bottles with 5% off £85.22

Case with 10% off £161.46

Code BAD122

Secateurs is Adi Badenhorst's second label. About 10% of this Chenin goes into old oak barrels for about seven months, gaining volume from the lees rather than oak flavour. So consistent: gently honeyed, sunnily exotic fruit - tangerines, lime, and orange peel - nicely textured and with a refreshing finish. Now-2025

Domaine des Garriguettes, Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Fleur de Lune, France, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £14.95 6 bottles with 5% off £85.22

Case with 10% off £161.46

Code GAR622

From approximately 50% Clairette, 40% Grenache Blanc and 10% Viognier, with about 20% of the wine rounded in old oak barrels, this is a fresh and vibrant white Côtes du Rhône. It charms with a pretty scent of white flowers and then opens out into an exotically fruited cocktail of ripe citrus and pineapple. Note the lowish (12.5%) alcohol level: although 2022 saw a hot and dry summer, the wines here were refreshed by rain on the 15th of August and the start of September - and it's clear that bio-dynamic viticulture, as practiced here, brings a better balance to the wines. Lots of zip and mildly saline. A winner. Now-2025

Michele Biancardi, Solo Fiano, IGT Puglia, Italy, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £15.95 6 bottles with 5% off £90.92

Case with 10% off £172.26

Code BIA622

Fiano may be better known in the Campania, but Biancardi's cellar at Cerignola is just across the Apennines from Avellino. It's an ancient grape, but fickle and low-yielding. This organic wine is grown on calcareous land. 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 Biancardi gives it a little skin contact in the press. It's most akin to a fresh Viognier. Excellent with grilled fish. Now-early 2025



Chardonnay

The great white grape – two unoaked and two barrel-fermented examples.

Pandolfi Price, Larkun Chardonnay, Valle del Itata, Chile, 2021, 14%

Bottle £15.95 6 bottles with 5% off £90.92

Case with 10% off £172.26

Code PAP121

It's back at last! One of our most distinctive wines has returned - and the spectacular barrel-fermented Los Patricios Chardonnay too. The climate in Itata is perfect for Chardonnay, being relatively temperate: the harvest is in April and plentiful rainfall means no irrigation is needed. Winemaker François Massoc is probably the most adept in Chile with the grape. Unoaked, but given weight and creaminess by extended ageing on the lees. Beautifully rich and ripe, with accents of tangerine and nuts. Generous weight. Super fresh finish. Such a classy wine. Now-2025

Domaine Begude, Limoux, Chardonnay, L'Etoile, France, 2022, 13.5%

Bottle £16.95 6 bottles with 5% off £96.62

Case with 10% off £183.06

Code BEG222

From organically farmed grapes at 300m. and cooled by proximity to the Pyrenees, this is a star barrel-fermented Chardonnay, from very low yields - at around 28hl./ha about half those in Burgundy. It goes into 500 litre demi-muids, 10% new, and is fermented only with indigenous yeasts. This opens up with tropical fruits, but has plenty of nervous energy, great texture and splendid length. Will drink now but a Burgundy beater if you lay it down as it develops beautifully, with ripe citrus and buttery notes coming to the fore. Now-2028

"Impressively long with a certain richness underneath. Worth seeing how this develops over the next year or two. 16.5/20", Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 6th September 2023.

Clotilde Davenne, Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre, France, 2022, 12.5%

Bottle £18.95 6 bottles with 5% off £108.02

Case with 10% off £204.66

Code CL0822

We sent samples off this June to a Decanter magazine blind tasting of Bourgogne Blanc with a named sub-region. Given that the 89 wines in the tasting included many barrel-fermented whites from grand names (Sauzet, Javillier etc.) we were amazed and delighted when this unoaked wine emerged top equal on 95/100, alongside much more expensive wines from Jean-Noel Gagnard and De Villaine! The three judges' enthusiastic tasting notes are given in full on our website.

From one parcel of 65 year old Chardonnay vines on Kimmeridgian and Portlandian soils near St Bris just west of Chablis, yielding a mere 30 hectolitres per hectare. Unoaked Chardonnay of great interest - similar to, but unlike, both Chablis and Mâcon. Super-pretty perfume of white blossom. Mid-weight and refined; great depth of citrus flavours with a fine vein of acidity. The old vines lend it real presence. Refreshing - this is the essence of mineral Chardonnay grown on marine limestone soils. Now-2026

Domaine Des Dieux, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge, South Africa, 2018, 13%

Bottle £18.95 6 bottles with 5% off £108.02

Case with 10% off £204.66

Code DDD118

From vineyards at the very top of the valley, cooled by breezes and the cloud attracted to the nearby Babylonstoren peak, the Des Dieux Chardonnay has become one of our best-loved wines. The 2015 vintage won the Veritas Vertex Award for the overall champion wine in South Africa's Veritas wine awards, and the 2018 is equally impressive. All barrel-fermented (30% new French oak plus older barrels), but with well-integrated oak flavours, it displays a terrific melding of cream, lime and toast flavours. Now-2027



House Reds

All (possibly bar the Bordeaux) supple reds you can drink without food, and all with a bit of personality.

Bajel Pirata, Monastrell, Alicante, Spain, 2022,

13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.25 6 bottles with 5% off £47.03

Case with 10% off £89.10

Code PIR122

We have been selling this for a few years and we don't think we have given it enough credit. Wines from Monastrell (Mourvèdre) can be so juicy and attractive when the grapes enjoy the heat of Spain. A simple, smooth, easy-drinking quaffer, red and black-fruited, with a little substance, lightly savoury. Now-2024

Les Pradelles, IGP d'Hérault, France, 2021,

12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.50 6 bottles with 5% off £54.15

Case with 10% off £102.60

Code PRD121

Bottled at a smart new co-op at Cébazan in St.-Chinian, this is an easy-drinking blend of Carignan and Grenache from the plains of the Languedoc. Red fruited with a surprisingly good texture, no rough edges, soft, light and juicily berried. Perfect for uncomplicated daily drinking and soft enough to enjoy without food. Now-2024

Valle Frio, Pinot Noir, Maule, Chile, 2021, 13%

Bottle £9.75 6 bottles with 5% off £55.58

Case with 10% off £105.30

Code FRI321

Valle Frio is an offshoot of a family-owned business with 19th century origins: Maule used to be the old heart of wine production within Chile. Ownership of 300 hectares of vineyards in Maule and their own modern winery deliver total control of production and economies of scale. Many of you have already adopted their supple and fruity Pinot Noir as your go-to Pinot. Pale hue. Pretty strawberry and cherry fruit. Surprisingly authentic – this exhibits both Pinot's aromatics and pleasing lightly savoury hints. Very easy-drinking. Now-2024

Château Berbillot, Côtes de Bourg, France, 2020, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 6 bottles with 5% off £56.72

Case with 10% off £107.46

Code BEQ120

From the Hoclet family at Villeneuve, about 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, a light and graceful claret: pure berried flavours, ripe but fresh and attractively aromatic. The 2019 was a huge hit and this is just as good. Now-2025



Festive Reds

Reds with character and depth.



Les Vignerons d'Estézargues, Côtes du Rhône, Cuvée des Galets, France, 2021, 14%

Bottle £11.25 6 bottles with 5% off £64.13

Case with 10% off £121.50

Code ESZ121

This is the 19th consecutive vintage we have shipped of this deliciously fruity Côtes du Rhône, from this unfailingly reliable co-operative of just ten growers between Avignon and Nîmes. All wines here are from sustainably or organically farmed grapes, made naturally (i.e. without any additives bar the merest bit of sulphur to ensure stability) and bottled unfiltered.

Juicy blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah: raspberryish mouthful, mildly spicy and very moreish. A long term favourite at SVS. Now-2025

Rocca, Negroamaro, Salento, Italy, 2021, 13.5%

Bottle £11.50 6 bottles with 5% off £65.55

Case with 10% off £124.20

Code ROD221

This is always a well-crafted example of this masculine southern grape, so the grapes firm tannins are always well-managed. This is hearty with some structure but also ready to drink. Deep, and lightly hazy. Lively cooked strawberry and black cherry core. Crowd-pleaser. Now-2024

L'Estabel, Languedoc-Cabrières, Grande Cuvée Comtesse, France, 2022, 14%

Bottle £11.75 6 bottles with 5% off £66.98

Case with 10% off £126.90

Code LES622

Few in this country have heard of the appellation of Languedoc-Cabrières. It's not surprising, given it's very small, only 380 hectares, but it was known for good wine as far back as the reign of Louis XIV. It deserves better: like Faugères the soils here are schist-based. This characterful red is based on Grenache and Syrah with Cinsault and Mourvèdre. Soft hue. Melting raspberry fruit, very ripe and supple. Just a little of that appealing lifted, perfumed schist note. Manages to be both authentic and extremely easy-drinking. Now-2025

"Youthful mid crimson...freshness and frank appeal. The Grenache seems the most obvious ingredient but the blend is already well integrated. Really healthy, honest house red with no evidence of playing about in the winery. GV. 16/20," Jancis Robinson, MW, jancisrobinson.com, 11th May 2023.

Finca Deneza, Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina, 2020, 14.2%

Bottle £11.95 6 bottles with 5% off £68.12

Case with 10% off £129.06

Code DEN120

Argentine Malbec is a hugely popular style in this country – but the best has to come from the high altitude vineyards around Mendoza and preferably from old vines. This comes from vines averaging 25 years old in Maipú. Really appealing perfume. Showing red and black-berried fruit with a peck of spice, this is gulpable, graceful even, and certainly supple enough to be enjoyed without food – though it's also perfect with a hamburger! Now-2025

Bordeaux

A bottle of Bordeaux is part of a traditional Christmas: smooth, full-flavoured and food friendly.

Château Les Gravières de la Brandille, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2019, 14%

Bottle £12.75 6 bottles with 5% off £72.68

Case with 10% off £137.70

Code GRC119

Magnum £27.50 3 magnums at 5% off £78.38

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £148.50

Code GRC219

Frédéric Borderie's principal wine, 65% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc, unoaked, and as ever a superb generic Bordeaux. He chose to adopt his grandfather's marvellous traditional black, red and gold label – on which you can count no less than eight different fonts! Dark red core, lush red fruit with present tannins. This is a red Bordeaux you could drink on its own, with huge pleasure, but it's probably better with anything from a slice of hard cheese to roast lamb. Now-2026

Château Beausejour, Fronsac, 2019, 14.5%

Bottle £13.95 6 bottles with 5% off £79.52

Case with 10% off £150.66

Code BEA119

Magnum [2018 vintage] £28.50 3 magnums at 5% off £81.23

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £153.90

Code BEA918

Double Magnum [2018 vintage]

in wooden case £90.00

Code BEA418 Limited stock

The Melet family has owned Château Beauséjour in Fronsac for five generations. Since 2011, the consultant oenologist has been one of Bordeaux's finest, Stéphane Derenoncourt: here the grapes are picked by hand and the wine is aged for eighteen months, two thirds in barrel. 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc; terrific this vintage, delivering ripeness but also lively, red-fruited freshness. Well-textured and complete. Now-2026

Vieille Dynastie, Lalande de Pomerol, 2019, 13.5%

Bottle £18.95 6 bottles with 5% off £108.02

Case with 10% off £204.66

Code VID119

Magnum £39.95 3 magnums with 5% off £113.86

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £215.73

This small appellation adjoins Pomerol to the north, and it is capable of producing wines rivaling those of its illustrious neighbour. 60% Merlot with 20% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc; on gravelly soils over a ferrous sub-strata. This is drinking very well already, showing a lifted elegance and freshness. Cassis and blackberry, very pretty with lush fruit. Good freshness and gentle tannins. Very well-mannered and ready. Now-2027

Château Beauregard Ducasse, Graves, Albert Duran, 2018, 14%

Bottle £19.50 6 bottles with 5% off £111.15

Case with 10% off £210.60

Code BDU618

From the Perromat family - their top wine, 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot, well-oaked. Lovely, fine-grained texture; a red fruit compôte plus woodsmoke and spice. Splendid aromatics. Old-fashioned but so expressive. Now-2025



Bordeaux

Bordeaux – with its characteristic harmony of fruit, tannin and acid, is perhaps the most meat friendly of all reds. Roast lamb is a traditional pairing, but it matches any roast or grilled red meat well.

Hearty Winter Reds

Gamay in summer, Primitivo, Pinotage, Tannat and Montepulciano in winter: here are reds with punch!



Michele Biancardi, Primitivo Puro, IGT Puglia, Italy, 2022, 13.5%

Bottle £15.50 6 bottles with 5% off £88.35

Case with 10% off £167.40

Code BIA322

As the name implies, 100% Primitivo from this organic estate near Cerignola, in the north-western sector of Puglia. Such a seductive wine – flamboyant colour; a flagrant 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 follow through, without excessive alcohol. Now-2026

Piekenierskloof, Pinotage, Piekenierskloof, South Africa, 2021, 14%

Bottle £15.95 6 bottles with 5% off £90.92

Case with 10% off £172.26

Code PIK421

A clean and vibrant example of South Africa's home-grown grape, developed by Abraham Perold in the 1920s as a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault (then known as Hermitage), hence the name. Sombre purple. Flamboyant blackberry and dark plum fruit, heated but not jammy. Peck of spice and dark chocolate hint from oak ageing. Intense. Good backing tannin. Traditional example, perfect to accompany grilled beef. Now-2026

Château Barréjat, Madiran, Vieux Céps, France, 2020, 14.5%

Bottle £16.50 6 bottles with 5% off £94.05

Case with 10% off £178.20

Code BAJ320

Magnums [2021 vintage] £34.50 3 Magnums with 5% off £98.33

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £186.30

Code BAJ421

Vieux Céps = Old vines, and these are dramatically ancient, some over 80 years old and some actually pre-phylloxera, so perhaps over 150 years old. 80% Tannat plus Cabernet Sauvignon and France, well-oaked. Vibrant purple. Flamboyant flavours of cherry, plum and blueberry, all tinged with mocha. Dense, very full-bodied and spicy; with plenty of tannin to keep it going - enjoy now with robust meat dishes or keep for years. Now-2027

Fiorano, Terre di Giobbe, Rosso Piceno Superiore, Italy, 2018, 14%

Bottle £16.95 6 bottles with 5% off £96.62

Case with 10% off £183.06

Code FIO318

From a beautiful, organically farmed (certified) amphitheatre of vines on the eastern slopes of the Apennines; 80% Montepulciano and 20% Sangiovese, aged in old French oak barrels. By far the best vintage we have ever tasted: rich and fleshy, with vigorous raspberry, blueberry and blackcurrant flavours, but also aromatic. Intense without being overpowering. Would be perfect with any strongly flavoured meaty pasta dish, from duck to wild boar. Now-2026

Hearty Dishes, Chunky Wine

A lot of wine and food pairing is about matching wines to the weight and texture of the food. For example a hearty casserole, especially one based on fatty cuts of beef or lamb, cries out for full-bodied, rounded reds. At the same time these wines mustn't be over-ripe and jammy - one needs tannin and acidity to cut the richness of the dish.

Rhône Varieties

The traditional red grape varieties of the Rhône valley - Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Carignan - are perfect for winter drinking, with bold flavours and generous body.

La Combe Saint-Paul, La Clape, Grés Rouges, France, 2021, 14%

Bottle £13.25 6 with 5% off £75.53

Case with 10% off £143.10

Code CSP621

Named after the vineyard soils derived from grés rouges (red sandstone); 60% Syrah with 20% each of Mourvèdre and Grenache, basically unoaked (10% in old barrels). This shows an unusual depth of flavour and intensity for a wine at this price. Glow of youthful purple. Enticing autumn compôte aromas. Smooth, mid weight and bursting with blackberry and blueberry notes. Subtle fruit tannins. A super wine at a modest price which one could also lay down. Now-2027

Kirrihill Shiraz, Clare Valley, Australia, 2020,

14.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £14.25 6 with 5% off £81.23

Case with 10% off £153.90

Code KIR220

Set up by two friends in 1998, this is a boutique winery that is taking advantage of Clare Valleys' unique microclimate. The cooling altitude really shows in this wine. Warm Oz fruit flavours of black cherry and blackcurrant are balanced with freshness and a little black pepper. Now-2024

Domaine des Espiers, Côtes du Rhône, France, 2022, 14%

Bottle £15.95 6 bottles with 5% off £90.92

Case with 10% off £172.26

Code ESP122

Philippe Cartoux's first red, a very superior organic Côtes du Rhône from 60% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre and 20% Syrah, all from large cement tanks. Defines the style: gorgeous raspberry fruit, perfumed and aromatic, with appealing freshness. Youthful, vivid, spicy, hearty - and not in the least over-ripe. Now-2027



Piëkenierskloof, Grenache Noir, Piëkenierskloof, South Africa, 2021, 13%

Bottle £16.50 6 bottles with 5% off £94.05

Case with 10% off £178.20

Code PIK621

Piëkenierskloof has more Grenache planted than any other estate in the Cape. This is from vines averaging over 25 years old, but incorporating parcels going back to 1973; all goes into old, effectively neutral, oak. Soft red hue. Cherry-scented, dusted with vanilla. Luscious raspberry and red cherry fruit. So expansive – just flowers on the palate. Perfect fresh acidity and very soft tannins. Delightfully transparent; and with that lowish alcohol level, this is so gentle and pleasurable to drink. Now-2026

Domaine des Amadieu, Cairanne, Vieilles Vignes, France, 2020, 14%

Bottle £19.50 6 bottles with 5% off £111.15

Case with 10% off £210.60

Code AMB319

Magnum £40.50 3 magnums with 5% off £115.43

Case (6 x 150cl.) with 10% off £218.70

Code AMB920

Cairanne is now an appellation. The hilltop village has steadily climbed the ladder from Côtes du Rhône Villages in 1923; Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne in 1967; and after eight years of campaigning, stand alone appellation status in 2016, testament to the quality and consistency of its winemakers. Yves-Jean Hauser at Amadieu is typical: he converted to bio-dynamics about a decade ago and is wholly focussed on quality rather than quantity. Even in this hot year Yves-Jean believes the bio-dynamics help achieve balance in his wines. About 50% Grenache, 20% of Mourvèdre and Syrah and 10% Carignan; about 15% goes into old barrels. Ripe cherry scent – and then a gorgeous mouthful of black cherries tinged with Kirsch. Superb ripeness but almost juicy freshness too. Always a wine which lasts beautifully. Now-2028



Sweet and Fortified Wines



Kalian Bernasse, Monbazillac, France, 2017, 13%

Half Bottle £8.75 6 halves with 5% off £49.88

Case (12 x 37.5cl.) with 10% off £94.50

Code KAL117

Organically farmed and certified; from grapes picked in several passages through the Griaud family's vineyards near the Dordogne river. Sweet and rich, barley sugar and peach nectar, smoky hint of botrytis. Classy and concentrated. Now-2026

Krohn, Port, LBV, Portugal, 2016, 20%

Bottle £15.95 6 bottles with 5% off £90.92

Case with 10% off £172.26

Code KRO116

Classic blend of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, and Tinta Barroca, traditionally made and given about five years in barrel before release. Rich plum and fruitcake character. May throw a deposit, so decant. Now-2026

Domaine Fontanel, Rivesaltes Ambré, France, 2015, 16%

Bottle £23.95 6 with 5% off £136.52

Case with 10% off £258.66

Code FON915

One of the most distinctive and exciting wines in our entire stock. From late-picked, 60-year-old vines of Grenache Blanc and Gris, lightly fortified, 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). Pure clear amber hue. This offers intriguing fumes: dried figs and dates with a spicity lift. The sherry-like oxidation is more apparent on the palate - the dried fruit and apricot liqueur notes give way to the nuttiness of an old oloroso. Not over-sweet, but airy and fragrant. This makes a wonderful partner to hard cheese such as aged cheddar, dried fruit and nuts. Now-2027

Domaine des Forges, Coteaux du Layon, 1er Cru Chaume, Les Onnis, France, 2020, 12.5%

Bottle £24.95 6 bottles with 5% off £142.22

Case with 10% off £269.46

Code FOR220

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. Exuberant and moreish. There are notes of tarte tartin, marmalade and barley sugar. The flavour builds to a place of real intensity which is balanced by beautiful, refined acidity. Superb with cheese, especially blue cheese. Now-2029