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The warehouse is groaning at the seams with new shipments - here are some new arrivals from Italy, with some case discounts to get them moving. We introduce the pretty Pinot Nero fizz of Drusian and the superb (indeed suave!) Soaves of the Mainente family; we bring back the distinctive wines of Filadoro in Campania; and we are really excited about the wonderful reds, from Dolcetto, Barbera and Nebbiolo, being shipped from Taliano and Boasso, our Piedmont growers.

Mixed Cases

Includes two bottles of each of the six wines listed, at a discount of 10%

Code SII17 Summer in Italy **£126.00**
(Four whites and two reds)

Di Filippo, Grechetto, IGT Umbria, 2016
Corte Mainenti, Cengelle, Soave, 2016
Filadoro, Beneventano Falanghina IGT, 2016
Michele Taliano Serni, Roero Arneis, 2016
Michele Taliano, A Bon Rendre, Barbera d'Alba, 2015
Boasso, Dolcetto, 2015

Code ICC17 Italian Celebration Case **£158.50**
(One sparkling wine, two whites and three reds)

Drusian, Rose Mari, Spumante Rosato, Extra Dry, NV
Corte Mainenti, Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, 2016
Filadoro, Greco di Tufo, 2016
Filadoro, Aglianico, Irpinia DOC, 2012
Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d'Alba, 2015
Boasso, Grappoli, Langhe Rosso, 2015

Italian Tasting

Tuesday 11th July, 5.30pm to 8.00pm
Venue: Our shop in Twyford

An informal walk-round tasting of some 20 wines based on the new arrivals in this list.

Classics from Piedmont and Tuscany will sit alongside more unusual, often organically farmed, wines from all over Italy; and there will be fizz, white, red and sweet wines on the table.

10% off all bottle prices for wines in the tasting

Do let us know at 01962 712351 or sales@stonevine.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Di Filippo, Grechetto, IGT Umbria, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £9.95 Case with 10% off £107.46
Code FIL716

Roberto di Filippo is an engaging man, a truly passionate advocate of organic (all wines are certified) and bio-dynamic cultivation, often using a horse to pull a plough across his land. The vineyards, mainly on calcareous soils, lie along the Colli Martani, the line of hills west of the Vale of Spoleto, crossing into the DOC of Montefalco. Our favourite wine in his cellar is his Grechetto. This grape is a speciality of Umbria, not an easy grape to grow or vinify (often over-coloured and even tannic), but it has a lot more personality and finesse than most Italian white varieties.

Pale gold. An open, generous white, showing stone fruit and a hint of fennel. Weighty and rounded, this is characterful and can accompany a wide range of food, from salads to roast chicken. Now-2018

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

Bottle £15.50 Case with 10% off £167.40
Code DRU5NV

We have been listing Prosecco from the Drusian family for 14 years, testament to its popularity with our customers, but this is the first time we have shipped their

pink sparkling wine. It's from 100% Pinot Noir grapes grown in the cool hills of Alto Adige and made in the same way as Prosecco (i.e. in a closed tank) - and it's absolutely delicious.

Very pale pink. Pretty scent of rose petals; and then a gently fizzy glass of red fruit - wild strawberries. Very lightly savoury, this is a classy pink fizz, a perfect summer aperitif. Now-2018



Corte Mainenti, Soave

Soave, from the Garganega grape grown in vineyards east of Verona, is hugely under-rated in this country.

It's one of those wines (like Muscadet) that the supermarket buyers murdered, pushing the growers to produce more and more volume from their pergola-trained vines so that the end result became mean and watery, albeit cheap. But true Soave, from moderate yields in the right sites, is wonderful. We tasted widely before deciding to work with young Davide Mainente, whose family own 12 hectares of vines. These wines have already found favour at tastings and offer outstanding value.

Corte Mainenti, Cengelle, Soave, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code MAI116

From 90% Garganega (with 10% Trebbiano di Soave) on calcareous soils, this displays an enticing scent of white blossom. Overtly fruity - green plums and more exotic fruit hints - and medium-bodied, this offers a ripe and friendly glass. Now-2018

Corte Mainenti, Tovo al Pigno, Soave Classico, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £12.95 Case £147.63 Code MAI316

A top Soave - 100% Garganega grown on red and black volcanic soils in a single vineyard in Pigno, known as one of the best terroirs in the central Classico zone. This is altogether a big step up on the wine above, both more exotic and more steely. Fresh apricot and guava flavours are backed by a mineral spine. Concentrated, perfectly balanced and with impressive length, this is a fine white by any standards - and will keep a year or two as well. Now-2019

Corte Mainenti, Luna Nova, Recioto di Soave, 2015, 14% [37.5cl.]

Half Bottle £13.50 Case (12 x 37.5cl.) £153.90 Code MAI615

Sweet Recioto di Soave - made from bunches of Garganega dried on racks in the autumn - has an ancient pedigree. Davide makes this lustrous example from a selection of his first picked grapes (for the best condition and good levels of acidity). Perfume of orange peel - and that bitter marmalade orange flavour permeates this opulent sweet wine. There's more than a hint of botrytis, noble rot, too. In the Veneto this style is drunk with cake, but it's delicious with cheese or on its own. Now-2020

Filadoro, Lapio, Irpinia

The vineyards of Irpinia lie across rolling hills at around 500 metres of altitude about 50 kms inland from Naples: the altitude and proximity to mountains mean that breezes and rainfall are generous, allowing the production of white wines of great finesse from the ancient grape varieties of the region, including Falanghina, Fiano and Greco di Tufo. It's also a source of reds from Aglianico, a grape often engendering ageworthy wines of marked tannins and acidity.

Filadoro, Beneventano Falanghina IGT, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £12.75 Case £145.35 Code FIM116

Benevento is the name of the local town. Open, apricot and floral aromas preface a full flavoured, well-textured mouthful of stone fruit. Fresh but with excellent substance; and a bright finish. A good look-alike for a decent Albariño, a nice aperitif or to accompany grilled fish. Now-2018

Filadoro, Greco di Tufo, 2016, 13%

Bottle £14.50 Case £165.30 Code FIM316

Greco (a grape which probably originated in the south of Italy, although it may have arrived with the ancient Greeks) di Tufo is the DOCG for the vineyards around the village of Tufo, on volcanic soils derived (unsurprisingly)

from tuff or tufa. This is a very distinctive style of wine, offering a fascinating spectrum of flavours, from tangerine and apricot to a clear saline note. This builds well, rounded and refreshing, and shows a splendidly long dry finish: it's intense and characterful. Now-2018

Filadoro, Aglianico, Irpinia DOC, 2012, 13%

Bottle £13.25 Case £151.05 Code FIM612

100% Aglianico, and unoaked. Garnet hue. Aromas show some maturity: both cooked and dried brambly autumnal fruit. A gutsy, autumnal wine, textured and evincing plenty of ripe tannins, with savoury notes of leather and game around a blackcurrant and blackberry core. Very aromatic. Now-2020

Filadoro, Taurasi, DOCG, 2012, 14%

Bottle £22.50 Case £256.50 Code FIM812

Taurasi is one of the historic reds of the south, a DOC since 1970. This is again 100% Aglianico, aged in 3 year old French barrels, and only released in top vintages. Very deep and youthful tone. High-toned aromas of ripe black fruit on the nose. Immediately very powerful and grippy, showing intense black fruit, not sweet, with hints of dried fruits and spice. This is an authentic, old-fashioned wine - call it the antithesis of new world Merlot! - a pair to really robust food (wild boar?) and a keeper. Now-2022

Michele Taliano, Montà d’Alba

A visit to see the brothers Alberto and Ezio Taliano, third generation growers, at their cellar in Montà (entered, to some puzzlement, by a simple door on the street) led to a fabulous tasting - and our widest selection yet, including large formats, of their fascinating range of wines. Their 13 hectares of vineyards are largely in Roero, which is just to the north of the river Tanaro, but they also have plots just across the river in Langhe, source of their Nebbiolo d’Alba and Barbaresco. There’s a lack of pretension and superb value in this cellar, from the juicy, stimulating 2015 reds to the terrific Roero Riserva - and don’t forget the frivolous Birbet! See in particular the “If you can’t afford Barolo” mixed case below.

Michele Taliano Serni, Roero Arneis, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £143.40 Code TAN616

Arneis is an ancient white grape in Piedmont, but a speciality of the Roero. Subtle scents of honey, mint and verbena leaf. A punchy, lightly honeyed white, with excellent body and flavours of oranges and green fruit. Fresh and complete. Now-2018

Michele Taliano, A Bon Rendre, Barbera d’Alba, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £12.50 Case £142.50 Code TAN115

About 1/3 of the wine is aged in old vats. Pure perfume of fresh fruit - consistent with a silky and juicy glass, redolent of blackberries, raspberries and red cherries. This pleasure-giving wine oozes freshness and energy. Now-2019

Michele Taliano, Blagheur, Nebbiolo d’Alba, 2015, 14%

Bottle £13.95 Case £159.03 Code TAN315

A *Blagheur*, in the local half-French dialect, is one who exaggerates. This is just rounded by a year of ageing in a mix old vats and used oak French barrels. Soft purple tone. Attention-grabbing aromas of lightly heated strawberries; and the same juicy and bright red fruit comes through. This is textbook Nebbiolo, red-fruited and with floral notes, expansive, with lively acidity and tannin. Dramatic quality at the price, and will certainly age. Now-2022

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

Bottle £19.95 Case £227.43 Code TAN212
Magnum £42.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £233.70
Code TAN212M
Double Magnum (2011 Vintage, in a wooden case) £102.00
Limited stock Code TAN211DM

Named after large ravines which score the Roero hills. Roero Riserva must be aged for a total of 32 months before release, including a minimum of six months in barrel (here about 30% new, 70% old). This wine was lauded by both the 2017 Gambero Rosso **Vini d’Italia** -“davvero brillante il vino roerino di punta dell’azienda”, and the 2017 **slow wine** guide - “vivo e vibrante al palato, con tannino reattivo e contrasto succoso”. Soft, mature tone. Lifted strawberry perfume. Red fruit with blackcurrant notes over a classic Nebbiolo tannic structure, giving a fine grained texture. Very aromatic - lending dramatic length - with hints of leather, pepper and liquorice. This has great keeping potential: we tasted the 2001 vintage and it was terrific - bittersweet and meaty, wreathed with sealing wax. Now-2025

Michele Taliano, Ad Altiora, Barbaresco, 2013, 14.5%

Bottle £25.95 Case £295.83 Code TAN513
Ad Altiora implies aiming higher... This is from 100%

Nebbiolo grown in the calcareous Bris Montersino vineyard, picked late in October for full ripeness. Open, gorgeous perfume - floral and red-fruited. This is a powerful wine, displaying a mix of fresh and cooked red fruits, over a grippy base. Tobacco notes. Can be approached now but best 2018-2024

Michele Taliano, Birbet, NV, 5.5%

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code TAN916
We could not resist again shipping a bit of this frothy red, a speciality of Piedmont and made like a sparkling Moscato, but from the red Brachetto grape. With about 110 grams of residual sugar, this is very sweet, but with refreshing red-fruited bite too. Good for red berries or with light cake. Now-2018

The “If you can’t Afford Barolo” Case

Code CAB17 £178.00

Six bottles of each of Taliano’s Blagheur, Nebbiolo d’Alba, 2015 and Roche dra Bossora, Roero Riserva, 2012, with a discount of 12.5%

Barolo is one of the world’s great wines - but not everyone can afford it. Here’s the answer - a mixed case of two hugely successful Nebbiolos from the same part of Piedmont, both with great keeping potential.

Azienda Agricola Boasso, Serralunga

The Boasso family's cellar, in the tiny hamlet of Gabutti, lies just above the steep slope of their top vineyard, facing the little hilltop village of Serralunga across a deep valley. The cellar is tiny but spotless and perfectly equipped.

Nebbiolos from Serralunga have a famed reputation for quality, but also for firm tannins: these Barolos can be approached now - do decant - but they will arguably improve and will keep for many years. We have shipped their Grappoli blend for the first time - an enchanting wine, guaranteed to impress.

Boasso, Dolcetto, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £11.95 Case £136.23 Code BOA115

Not strictly a new arrival, but this delicious Dolcetto demands an outing: it's youthful and fresh but with plenty of substance, and makes splendid summer drinking. Vivid purple. Intense scent of black cherries. Crisp black cherry and cranberry fruit, fully ripe but also sappy and gently spicy, a little like a ripe Cabernet Franc from the Loire. Perfect with any fatty food, from ham to salami or coarse pâté. Now-2019

Boasso, Grappoli, Langhe Rosso, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £17.95 Case £204.63 Code BOA215

Grappoli are bunches of grapes - one adorning the label of this splendid blend: about 50% Nebbiolo, 40% Barbera and 10% Dolcetto, all grown around Serralunga, given a year in old vats. Like so many 2015 reds this is a delightfully winning wine, with the juiciness of the Dolcetto and ripeness of the Barbera softening the more austere Nebbiolo. Melting red fruit scent; and dominated by cherry flavours, with a suggestion of cherry liqueur. Balanced, silky, wine, refined yet with good supporting structure. Now-2020



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

Bottle £30.50 Case £347.70 Code BOA312

From several sites in the commune of Serralunga, this offer a pale hue; a delightfully open perfume of raspberries and roses, and a plush, concentrated but svelte palate. Lush strawberries underpinned by crunchy acidity and good tannins. Textbook example, vital and with a long finish. 2018-2025

Boasso, Barolo Gabutti, 2013, 14%

Bottle £36.50 Case £416.10 Code BOA413
Magnum £76.50 Case (6 x 150cl.) £436.05
Code BOA913 Limited stock

From the Gabutti vineyard beside the Boasso cellar, a one hectare, south-east facing site on calcareous marl at about 330m of altitude. From 100% Nebbiolo, this is part aged in traditional large Slavonian oak vats, with a proportion in smaller French oak barrels. Luxuriant aromas - cigar box and liqueur fruit. Gorgeous strawberry and cherry core, fleshy, rich and substantial. Plenty of structure but that luscious fruit shines through. Savoury and liquorice notes dance around. Exotic wine. Now-2028



Sauvignon Blancs from the New World

Summer is Sauvignon time. Quite apart from the fact that Sauvignon tends to be bright and refreshing, it accompanies summer food well, from asparagus (about the only wine which goes with it!) to salad lunches and fish - especially oily fish like sardines. Here are six new world examples, two each from Chile, South Africa and New Zealand, all bottled under screwcap to retain that zing - and all with 10% off by the case.

Los Seduras, Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, Chile, 2016, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £7.25 Case with 10% discount £78.30
Code SED116

We introduced this new house Sauvignon this year - and we really approved this it's typicity to the grape variety. It's bright, crisp and fruity with a lightly tropical perfume and then a cheerful mouthful of grassy and pineapple flavours, with a refreshing finish. Now-early 2018

Apaltagua, Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, San Antonio Valley, Chile, 2016, 13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.95 Case with 10% discount £96.66
Code APA616

This is from vineyards on the rolling hills, just 10 kms. inland from the cool Pacific, of recently planted and highly-rated San Antonio, just south of Casablanca. It's good value for the punch it delivers, combining a cool climate grassiness and sense of nettles with elderflower aromatics and that characteristically ripe, almost tropical, Chilean SB fruit. Quite ripe and soft, not steely, so very easy-drinking as an aperitif. Now-2018

Cape Atlantic Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa, 2016, 13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.25 Case with 10% discount £99.90
Code CED616

Although there is no mention on the label (adorned with a gannet's head), this wine is from the young Sauvignon parcels at Cederberg in the mountains, plus some fruit from owner David Niewoudt's Ghost Corner vineyards at windswept Elim, near the windswept southernmost point of Africa. Sourced from these cool vineyards it's always a steely example, clean, precise and well-priced given its pedigree and quality. Grassy and nettle scent. Mouth-wateringly crisp, showing classic gooseberry Sauvignon fruit, with an irony bite. Now-2018

Esk Valley, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2016, 13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £10.50 Case with 10% discount £113.40
Code ESK116

We often list Esk Valley - it's invariably a really open, juicy and friendly Kiwi SB. Overt citrus and gooseberry scent. Generously fruited, and already quite soft and accessible. Easy-drinking aperitif. Now-2018

Waipara Springs, Sauvignon Blanc, Waipara, New Zealand, 2015, 13% [Screwcap]

Bottle £12.25 Case with 10% discount £132.30
Code WAI115

The vines at Waipara Springs were among the first to be planted in the 1980s in the Waipara district near Canterbury on the South Island. 10% of the sauvignon was barrel fermented for weight and complexity. *"Highly Recommended, 91/100"*, in a forthcoming **Decanter** magazine. Really lively character: interestingly tropical aromas, and perhaps a hint of ripe pear, followed by an intensely citrus and gooseberry mouthful. Taut, zesty, and truly dry, so ideal for drinking with grilled fish or salad. Now-early 2018

Fryer's Cove, Sauvignon Blanc, Bamboes Bay, South Africa, 2016, 13.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £12.95 Case with 10% discount £139.86
Code FRY116

On the outskirts of Strandfontein, on the Atlantic coast 300 kilometres north of Cape Town, lies an isolated 6 hectare vineyard just 800 metres from the ocean. The micro-climate is extraordinary - very often the vines here are blanketed in a thick sea-fog, whilst only a few kilometers away inland the sun may be shining and the temperature torrid - and the subsoil is pure limestone, ideal for Sauvignon Blanc. This is one of South Africa's most interesting and characterful Sauvignons, irony and mineral. Smoky, gooseberry and peapod aromas; then an intense mouthful of gooseberry and passion-fruit, checked by crisp minerality. Some tasters claim to taste salt in this wine - which is entirely possible given the proximity to the sea, as the saline sea mist leaves fine salt flakes on the grapes. Now-2019

New World SBs

£110.00 Code NWS17

A dozen including two bottles of each of the six Sauvignons listed above, with a discount of 10%

Coming up Rosés

Six from France, one from the Cape, all pale, dry and stimulating - like a good poet!

Le Petit Pont, Rosé, IGP Pays d'Oc, France, 2016, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £7.75 Case £88.35 Code PEP516

The latest vintage of this best-selling rosé, from Grenache and Cinsaut, grown near Beziers in the Languedoc, but crafted in the Provençale style, pale coloured, light and refreshing. Pale clear pink. Light scent of berries. A refreshing mouthful of strawberry and cranberry. Nothing complicated, just a well-made, dry rosé perfect for parties or daily consumption all summer. Now-2018

Château La Grave, Minervois, Rosé Expression, 2016, 13%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code GRV416

From halves of Syrah and Grenache grown near the Aude, this unfailingly delivers splendid ripeness and intensity. We have shipped every vintage since 2004, testament to its consistency and value. Pale pink. Lifted red fruit aromas. An appealing gush of strawberry and raspberry. This is pleasingly gentle - it doesn't shout at

you - and as such is a perfect all rounder, fruity enough to enjoy on its own but also dry enough for food. Now-2018

Château Les Combes, Bordeaux Rosé, 2015, 12%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code GRC515

We love all of Frederic Borderie's wines; and his fair pricing too. Unlike much Bordeaux rosé, made as a by-product of red production, Fred crafts his rosé carefully, picking his Merlot and Cabernet grapes a little earlier than for red wine to retain freshness of fruit and bite. Pale berried hue. Open, mildly candied red fruit scent. All *fraises des bois* - juicy and bright. Drink this year (The 2016 vintage follows at £9.95).

Domaine du Météore, Faugères Rosé, Les Léonides, 2016, 13.5%

Bottle £10.95 Case £124.83 Code MET516

Simply superb this vintage, the Météore rosé (named, as all the wines from this estate, after meteor showers) is in the popular pale idiom, but its interest lies in the way it expresses the pure schist soils of Faugères: with a lifted fragrance, bright acidity and stony minerality. Very pale salmon. Delicate and pretty red fruit - *fraises des bois* - in an understated style, crisp and refreshing. A fine dry rosé, better than a lot of Provençale examples. Now-2017

Les Quatre Tours, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé, Signature, 2016, 13%

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code QUA516
Magnum £25.00 Case (6 x 150cl.) £142.50
Code QUA916

This fairly-priced Provençale blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, has become a firm favourite - with a lot of repeat orders - among those who like the characteristic Riviera style: pale colour, generous fruit and restrained elegance. Very pale and clear. Light and fresh, offering generous flavours of white peach, melon and berries, with satisfying weight and a fine dry finish. This is so complete and delicious. Now-2018

Domaine des Dieux, Petit Rosé, Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa, 2016, 12.5%

Bottle £11.50 Case £131.10 Code DDD516

We don't often ship Cape Rosé, but couldn't resist this Provençale style blend of 50 % Mourvèdre, 33% Grenache & 17% Syrah. Pale in tone. Open red-berried scent, consistent with a ripe raspberry and peach palate. This is a full-flavoured, dry rosé, a perfect accompaniment to Mediterranean food or a barbecue. Now-2018

Domaine de la Ribotte, Bandol Rosé, Cuvée Anaïs, 2016, 13%

Bottle £16.95 Case £193.23 Code RIB516

Bandol produces the finest rosés in the world. This is the fourth vintage we have shipped of this example made by Laurence Desblache and her son Nicolas. Pale salmon robe. Amazing aromas of peach juice and pink grapefruit leap out of the glass; followed by delectable intensity of white peach and red berries. Really well-textured, with a characteristic long and mineral finish. We have lost count of the number of customers who have told us that this wine is the best rosé they have ever tasted. Now-2019

Coming up Rosés Case

£109.25 Code CUR17

A mixed case of two bottles of each of six wines on these pages (EXCLUDING the Ribotte Bandol Rosé), with a discount of 10%

Crisp, Fruity and Light - Whites from South-West France

We are regularly asked to point our customers at wines, especially whites, with moderate alcohol. Wines from south-west France, with its Atlantic-influenced climate, fit the bill perfectly - these six average under 12%. All are sprightly and fruity wines perfect for summer drinking.



Les Chapelières, IGP Comté Tolosan, 2015, 11.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £6.95 Case £79.23 Code AGW315

A best-seller, an easy drinking blend of Ugni Blanc and Colombard with lowish alcohol and refreshing bite. Clean and lemony, with a pleasing pear accent. Drink this year

Domaine du Tariquet, Côtes de Gascogne Classic, 2016, 10.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.50 Case £96.90 Code TRR116

An old favourite, which deserves to be better known. Brightly delicious, Ugni Blanc and Colombard tweaked with ripe Sauvignon Blanc and waxy Gros Manseng to give a zesty palate, citrus flavoured with notes of passion-fruit and pineapple. Now-2018

La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne Blanc, 2016, 12% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.75 Case £99.75 Code SAL116

This exemplifies the virtues of white Côtes de Gascogne: extravagant perfume, tropical fruit and refreshing bite. From Colombard and Gros Manseng (and only a little

of the more neutral Ugni Blanc), it's very pale and clear but exotically scented, showing passionfruit and guava. Ripe, intense and fresh - but unlike many examples, not too crisp or mean. A zippy aperitif cum thirst quencher! Now-2018

Domaine du Tariquet, Chenin-Chardonnay, Côtes de Gascogne 2016, 11.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £9.25 Case £105.45 Code TRR316

Another wine from the Grassa clan at Tariquet, a blend of 75% Chenin and 25% Chardonnay. Fresh, very melony, with accents of white flowers and pear, this makes excellent summer drinking. Now-2018

Domaine Laballe, Sables Fauves, IGP les Landes, 2016, 11.5%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code LAB116

The Sables Fauves is a terroir on the edge of the forest of Les Landes. From about 50% Gros Manseng and 30% Ugni Blanc with 10% of each of Sauvignon Blanc and Colombard, this is a stunning wine at the price, delivering both great freshness and intense fruit. Lovely scent of white flowers, plus guava. This is surprisingly full flavoured for a wine of such levity (note - just 11.5%),

delivering a spectrum of tangerine, kiwi fruit and guava, with even the merest hint of honey. Bright, juicy, and refined; and there's a detectable mineral sprinkle of white pepper on the finish, which the Laballe family say derives from the tawny coloured sandy soils. A perfect summer aperitif; and an excellent accompaniment to sushi or simply cooked white fish. Now-2018

Château Barrejat, Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, 2016, 13%

Bottle £9.50 Case £108.30 Code BAJ616

A little known but delicious aperitif white - from the same geographical area as Madiran, north of Pau - from Gros Manseng, showing intense and exotic flavours of pineapple, apricot and yellow plums. Now-2018

Crisp, Fruity and Light Whites

£94.40 Code CFL17

Two bottles of each of the six wines listed, with a discount of 10%

Reds for Chilling

Here are a couple of unoaked reds suitable for light chilling - but don't overdo it: 15-20 minutes in the fridge is fine. Both have bright - but properly ripe - fruit and juicy bite; and are perfect to accompany summer lunches.

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La Salette, Côtes de Gascogne Rouge, France, 2015, 12.5% [Screwcap]

Bottle £8.95 Case £102.03 Code SAL615

This is a light red which one could easily serve chilled - and it has the fruit to stand up to spicy food too: the French would call it "*fraî*", fresh. It wouldn't be bad with plain roast chicken either. There's a sense of juicy berries and red cherries, a gentle fragrance and minimal tannins. From 40% of each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and 10% of each of Cabernet Franc and Tannat, it delivers simple, juicy pleasure. Now-2018

Talosa, Chianti Colli Senesi, Italy, 2015, 13.5%

Bottle £10.50 Case £119.70 Code TAK315

This is largely from the younger vines in the estate's Montepulciano vineyards, 85% Sangiovese with 15% mixed between Merlot and local Canaiolo and Mammolo, all in stainless steel. Soft ruby. Ripe aromas. Really juicy and spicy mouthful of red cherry and blueberry. This expresses so well the perfect sunny ripeness of the vintage, without excessive alcohol, showing some pleasing fat and a bright, fruity finish. Life-enhancing liquid, so easy to enjoy. Now-2018