



WINELIST

Welcome to Toke’s Second Wine List

I am delighted to present to you the second wine list from Toke’s. It has been an astonishing first year for us. From our opening in February 2015, business grew steadily throughout the year culminating in a wonderful autumn period and a bumper Christmas. Overall we exceeded our first year budget by about 20%. It has been gratifying to watch the wonderful support from locals grow month on month, combined with an increasing following from further afield. Cheese sales in December were phenomenal and those of wine off the scale! We had been expecting a quieter start to 2016 but sales held up well throughout January & February with a constant flow of locals eating up our home made deli offerings as fast as we could make them and our Rhone & Burgundy offers were very successful.

Our plans for this year include a further expansion of the wine department. This will entail shipping more wines direct from the producers, such as the great 2014 vintage from Burgundy, top class Rhones from Domaine de la Mordoree, and some seriously good Bordeaux. Our first shipment of almost 100 cases from New Zealand’s greatest producer, Kumeu River, arrived in February.

My retail philosophy, learned from previous generations of Bennetts, remains as it was when I started - to sell the highest quality goods at sensible prices, offer genuine discounts, and give friendly and helpful service.

In the shop you will discover some of the finest foods from Britain and Europe: cheeses including Lincolnshire Poacher Cheddar, Charles Martell’s Double & Single Gloucester, Mrs Appleby’s Cheshire, Colston Basset Stilton, Epoisses, Vignotte, Brie de Meaux, Munster, Taleggio, Manchego and Gruyere;

cured meats including whole Parma ham and Suffolk salami; seafood (customers’ special orders can be met on a daily basis); local ready meals from the Cotswold Traiteur; a tempting selection of antipasti; herbs, spices and seasonings from leaders in the market Drogheria & Alimentari; a variety of olives; wonderful oils and vinegars; best British beers; a range of single malts; whisky and gin from the Cotswold Distillery; and, of course, a carefully selected wine list consisting of close on 500 wines from both the old and new world.

In addition to the wines on this list, we are constantly buying parcels of old & rare wines so it is always worth calling in to see what we have available on the shelves. My fine and rare list will change constantly as as these wines are inevitably available in limited quantities. In fact Toke’s is always on the lookout for well-cellared fine & rare wines, so if you have any wine surplus to requirements, which you would like to trade in for either cash or more everyday wines please get in touch.

NB. The letters WA next to a wine and numbers refer to the points out of 100 given to the wine by Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate. Love him or hate him, he has a significant effect on the market, especially of fine & rare wines. WS refers to scores in the rival Wine Spectator.

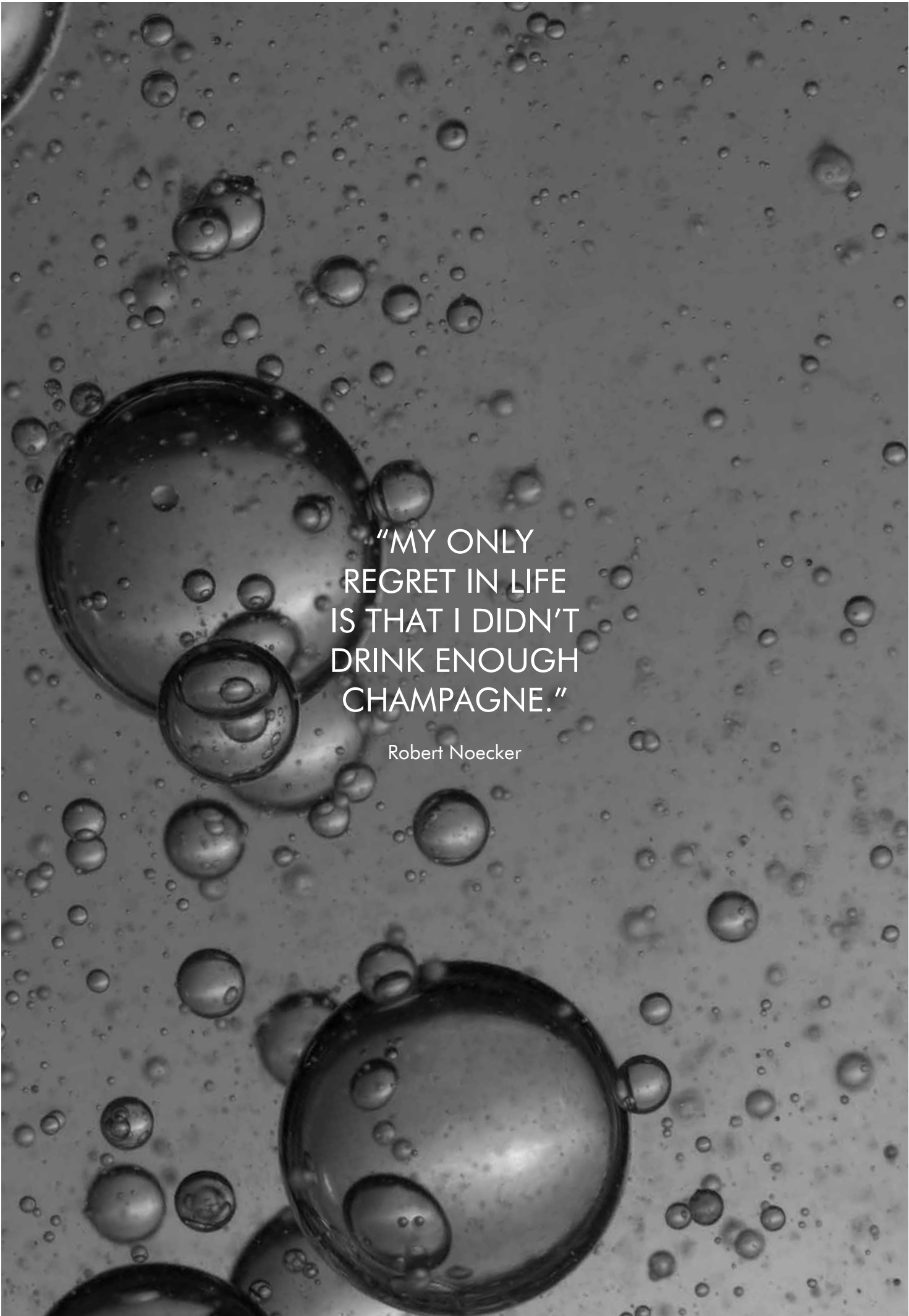
To be certain that your journey is not wasted do email info@tokesfoodanddrink.co.uk or telephone 01386 849 345 to check availability but if you are in the area pop in and you may be the first to see great wines that have just arrived, and to enjoy the experience of shopping at a small specialist independent. My staff and I look forward to welcoming you.

William Bennett.

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“MY ONLY
REGRET IN LIFE
IS THAT I DIDN’T
DRINK ENOUGH
CHAMPAGNE.”

Robert Noecker

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

Bernard Robert



The Robert Family own 30 hectares of vineyards situated around Voigny and six other communes in the north of the Aube region. The soil is chalk & limestone, the average age of the vines is 30 years and the vineyards are planted 80% Pinot Noir & 20% Chardonnay. Every bottle is aged for a minimum of 3 years prior to disgorgement. Their Champagnes are crisp, stylish and classic and develop richness with bottle age. They offer outstanding quality for the price.

Brut Reserve £49.99 £22.99 £12.75

Devaux



The style of this dynamic Champagne house is dictated by their location in the sunnier southern part of the region where Pinot Noir dominates, resulting in wines that are full, rich and expressive, without losing the finesse of classic Champagne. Devaux only use the initial lightly pressed juice (the cuvée) and age all their wines on their lees for at least three years (twice the minimum requirement), giving both complexity of flavour and an integrated fine mousse.

Grande Reserve £70.90 £29.99 £18.25

Cuvée Rosé £36.99

2005 Vintage £40.90

Charles Heidsieck



This is one of the most admired of all the ‘Grande Marques’ Champagnes. Its complex wines have been perfected over the years by one of the most celebrated winemaking teams in Champagne. They have been awarded ‘Sparkling Winemaker of the Year’ an unprecedented fifteen times at the International Wine Challenge. This winemaking legacy, paired with the house’s flamboyant history since its foundation in 1851 by the man who would become known as ‘Champagne Charlie’, makes it unique: a house with great, hand-crafted wines, heritage and proven quality. The 2005 is probably the wine of the vintage.

Brut Reserve £41.25 £22.50

2005 Brut Millesime £71.25

1995 Blanc de Millenaires £139.50

Pol Roger



These wines show enormous finesse and are exceptional value compared with most other ‘Grande Marques’. The Réserve Brut is wonderfully consistent and the vintage wines age magnificently.

Brut Reserve £39.95

2004 £59.95

Louis Roederer



Unlike many Grande Marque Champagnes, who buy in fruit from growers, Roederer owns 200 hectares of vines, which account for over two-thirds of their production. By 1886, the house had achieved such a reputation for quality that the second Louis Roederer was asked by Tsar Alexander II to create Cristal for the exclusive use of the Russian Tsars, and in so doing created the first ever ‘prestige cuvée’ Champagne.

Brut Premier £39.95

2006 Cristal £199.99

Nyetimber



This house is regarded as one of England’s finest wine producers. In 1988, former owners of Nyetimber Stuart and Sandy Moss planted their first vines, and were true pioneers, being the very first producers of English sparkling wine made exclusively from Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay. Today’s owner and Chief Executive Eric Heerema and winemaker Cherie Spriggs are committed to producing wines of a Grande Marque standard, using one hundred percent estate-grown grapes.

Bottle 2009/10 Classic Cuvée £35.99

2009 Rosé £49.99

Hambledon Vineyards



Hambledon is located on the South Downs in Hampshire and is England’s oldest commercial vineyard, originally established by Major General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones in 1952. Ian Kellett and his family bought the property in 1999 and put in place a multi-million pound regeneration of the estate. Intrigued by the properties winemaking heritage Ian undertook extensive research which convinced him that sparkling wines were the future and in 2005 he planted a 10-acre ‘test bed’ of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier to see which of the 27 different combinations of vine clones and rootstocks gave the best results. Today the Hambledon estate comprises 50 acres of vineyards and a new gravity-fed, state-of-the-art winery - the only one of its kind in the UK. The newly released Hambledon Classic Cuvée NV is a Chardonnay (70%) dominated blend with the remainder made up of 20% Pinot Meunier and 10% Pinot Noir from the 2011 and 2010 vintages. The wine was carefully blended under the guidance of one of Champagne’s most renowned Chefs de Caves, Head Winemaker Hervé Jestin. The initial release had 20 months on the lees before disgorgement. Extensive dosage trials finally concluded a low dosage of 8 g/l was most appropriate.

Hambledon Classic Cuvée £28.50

Domaine Stéphane Aladame



Stéphane Aladame makes serious, organic wines that rank among the finest Cremants. At the age of 18, having finished his studies in Beaune, he started renting vineyards to make wine before buying a modest 6.5 hectares of his own. This wine, predominantly Chardonnay with a little Aligote, is aged on its lees for 12-18 months and makes a refreshingly dry aperitif.

Cremant de Bourgogne Brut £17.50

Ca di Alte



The north-east facing vineyards of this estate are located in the Colli Berici hills. These hillside sites experience cool nights, allowing the aromatic compounds of the grapes to develop. A lovely Prosecco and tremendous value for such quality.

Prosecco Spumante £13.99

Azienda Agricola Frassinelli, Mareno de Piave



This 10 hectare estate was founded in the 1960s by Renzo Frassinelli whose children Gianluca & Roberta now run the property. Their enthusiasm and wine-making ability sings out from every bottle.

Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene Frizzante £9.75

Prosecco di Conegliano Spumante Rosé £10.50

Ca` Morlin



This is one of Italy's best producers of Prosecco. As the fashion for Prosecco has increased in the UK, many retailers have sourced poor quality wine in order to compete with the on going price war instigated by the supermarkets. These three wines are in a completely different league and demonstrate just how good Prosecco can be.

Prosecco Frizzante £10.65

Prosecco Rosato Spumante £12.35

Prosecco Superiore Spumante £13.99

Ca dei Frati



The Dal Cero family have over 140 hectares of prime vineyards on the southern shores of Lake Garda, and are the finest producer in Lugana. This delightful wine is mainly Trebbiano di Lugana with a small amount of Chardonnay, and is matured for at least eighteen months before release. A perfect accompaniment to lightly flavoured fish dishes.

2010 Cuvee dei Frati Brut £21.50

Bellavista



This estate makes Italy's greatest sparkling wines from its 190 hectares of vineyard situated in the western part of the Franciacorta zone in a natural amphitheatre. The glacial soil is full of stones, and provides the ideal environment for the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes used in the production of their Franciacorta. They take as their model Roederer Champagne, and have an approach to production that is astonishing in the way it cuts no corners. They start in the vineyard, where intervention is minimal and the approach is sustainable (lotta integrata). The base wine is made from 103 different parcels. Forty percent of their wines are vinified in barrique, the rest in stainless steel. In the May following the vintage, they do tastings of all the base wines to compile the blend. The wine is then bottled where it undergoes the second fermentation. They have a team of 5 riddlers, as all the remuage is done by hand. The wines are then aged on lees for a minimum of 3 years, but they're slowly increasing this to 4 years. Stunning quality.

2009 Franciacorta Brut £37.99

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“AM I THE
ONLY GUY
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INSTRUMENT?”

Jarod Kintz, This is the
best book I've ever
written, and it still sucks.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

Over the last 25 years the quality of the wines coming from the south of France has increased beyond all recognition and now, with careful selection, it is one of the most exciting places in the world of wine.

Les Vignerons de la Vicomte, Les Vigneaux

A group of eight co-operatives making wine from fruit grown on some of the best terroir in the Languedoc, to the north west of Montpellier around the small town of Gignac, a region best known for such highly regarded properties as Mas de Daumas Gassac and Grange des Peres. La Vicomte bottle the best wines from the co-ops in their new state of the art facilities. The white is a blend of the local variety Terret, along with Grenache Blanc & Sauvignon. The red a mix of Merlot, Syrah & Grenache.

2013 Vicomte d'Aumelas IGP Blanc, Bouquet de Nos Vignes £7.25
2013 Vicomte d'Aumelas IGP Rouge, Bouquet de Nos Vignes £7.25

Les Vignes de L`Eglise

Influenced by breezes off the Mediterranean coast, the area around the small town of Pomérols is cooler than much of the Languedoc, giving the wines a purity and elegance that is hard to find at this price. New Zealand winemaker Graeme Paul chooses each parcel of grapes individually, based on flavour and ripeness, and follows each of the ferments carefully, ensuring the flavours he identifies in the grapes are captured in the finished wines.

2015 Vermentino IGP d'Oc £7.60
2014 Rosé de Syrah IGP d'Oc £7.60
2014 Merlot/Grenache IGP d'Oc 7.60

Baron de Badassière

Badassière, another Graeme Paul vineyard, lies near the small town of Pomérols. In the 18th century it belonged to Baron Charles Emmanuel, a colourful character who was rumoured to be the illegitimate son of King Louis XV. Graeme works with consultant Matt Thomson, and produces fresh, aromatic wines with ripe, fruity flavours.

2014 Sauvignon Blanc IGP d'Oc Pay £8.50
2015 Viogner IGP d'Oc Pay £8.50
2014 Syrah IGP d'Oc Pay £8.50
2014 Picpoul de Pinet Coteaux du Languedoc £8.75

Domaine de Saint-Lannes

Domaine de Saint-Lannes, located in the centre of Gascony, has been owned by the Duffour family for several generations. Michel Duffour took over the reigns in 1971 and by reducing yields and working meticulously in the winery he has made this estate one of the best and most consistent in the area.

2014 Cotes de Gascogne £8.50

Château Fontarèche

This property is owned by Arnaud de Lamy who was once oenologist at Château La Conseillante in Pomerol but has now returned to his family's estate in Corbières. Their Viognier is the best we have tasted at the price and the Corbieres has great structure.

2014 Vin de Pays d'Oc Viognier £8.99
2014 Vin de Pays d'Oc Corbieres Rouge £9.25

Domaine La Croix Gratiot

The 50-hectare La Croix Gratiot estate has been owned by brothers Yves and Hugues Ricome for over 30 years. After years of selling to the local co-operative, Yves started bottling his own wine in 2005, having built a new cellar in a converted barn in 2004. Today, Yves' daughter Anaïs has taken charge after working for some time in New Zealand with consultant Matt Thomson. The vineyard covers 30 hectares in Montagnac in the Coteaux du Languedoc, the oldest vineyard area in France. Since 1996, the vineyard has been restructured and planted with the varieties best suited to the soil composition and microclimate. The Picpoul grapes are grown on a chalky plateau, with cool maritime breezes from the sea helping to moderate the climate and provide the ideal conditions for the development of their aromatic compounds and lively acidity. It is unusual to find a 100% Roussanne from this area, but Anaïs' example, sourced from a 1.3-hectares vineyard, really shows the potential of the variety. These wines are wonderfully pure and expressive.

2015 Picpoul de Pinet Coteaux du Languedoc £9.50
2014 Roussanne IGP Pays d'Oc £9.85
2013 Pinot Noir 'Les Zazous' Pays d'Oc £13.95

Chateau de Chambert

This property lies 30 km west of the town of Cahors, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Its pure, fruit-forward yet elegant wines, made from the deep-coloured Malbec that traditionally produced the 'black wines' of Cahors, have already garnered considerable attention in France. Wine has been produced at the 12th Century property since 1690. The 100-hectare estate is located high up on the limestone cause (or 'plateau') that is regarded as the best part of the Cahors appellation, and is planted with 90% Malbec and 10% Merlot. The limestone gives freshness and balance to the wines, while the red iron-oxide that cuts through the soils adds deep colour and a powerful intensity. At 300 metres above sea level, the night temperatures are fresh, while the warm September winds that blow northwards from Africa both dry and concentrate the grapes before they are harvested by hand. The winery received Organic certification in 2012, making Château de Chambert the biggest organic estate in Cahors.

2010 Cahors Malbec £18.50



Domaine Jean-Michel Alquier

The undisputed leader of the appellation. Immaculate wine making produces reds as fine and serious as you’ll find anywhere. These wines are much sought after.

2012 Faugeres Les Premieres £17.50

Chateau Bouscasse

This property is the original home of Alain Brumont, widely regarded as the great name of Madiran. The soil here is clay, limestone and grès. The Tour Bouscasses is a blend of 65% Tannat, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10 % Cabernet Franc.

2014 Gros Manseng/Sauvignon £10.50
2013 Tannat/Merlot Chateau Bouscasse £10.50
2010 Madiran Tour Bouscasses £15.25

Chateau Beaulieu

This estate comprises 180 hectares of vines, which lie at an altitude of 400 metres, in the heart of an ancient volcanic crater. The vineyard land had been farmed in the area since Roman times, although the Château itself was built as a stronghold for the French King Henry III in 1576. Today, the estate is run by the Jeanjean family. Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence lies west along the Mediterranean coast from the Côtes de Provence appellation. The sunny, dry, Mediterranean climate ensures ripe, fruit-driven wines. The sea breezes moderate the hot, drying influence of the Mistral, which blows from the North; this means that the vines are not stressed, the balance is better and the wine retains freshness and aroma alongside the fruit. The grapes were pressed and fermented in the same way as a white wine (rather than using the ‘saignée’ method of drawing off part of a red wine early in the fermentation). This minimised the extraction of harsh phenolics, and has led to a more delicate style of rosé than one often encounters in this region.

2014 ‘Cuvee Alexandre” Rosé £11.75

WHITE & ROSE BORDEAUX (DRY)

Chateau Haut Rian

The white wine here is the classic Bordeaux blend of Sauvignon (30%), which gives freshness when young and Semillon (70%), which gives it depth and complexity as it ages. The rosé, always vibrant & juicy, is a blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Franc. It has one night’s maceration, and is then vinified as though a white wine, with a cold fermentation.

2013 Ch Haut Rian Blanc £10.75 £5.99
2014 Ch Haut Rian Rosé £10.75

WHITE BORDEAUX (SWEET)

2011

The Fayau is an old favourite of ours and, being from a less fashionable area, represents tremendous value. The 14 hectare Ch Laville vineyard is located in Preignac overlooking Château Doisy-Védrines on the other side of the Ciron stream in Barsac. The average age of the vines is 40 years, which gives great depth and concentration to the wines. Semillon is the principal grape variety (85%) with Sauvignon Blanc (13%) and a small part of Muscadelle (2%). Although young, it shows incredible complexity and finesse.

Halves
Ch Fayau Cadillac £8.99
Ch Laville £19.95

2010

The 2010 Sauternes are more delicate and restrained than the 2009’s with lower residual sugar and higher acidity.

Ch Fayau Cadillac £15.99
Ch Delmond £24.50

2009

Wonderfully rich wines that can be drunk now but will age superbly. The legendary Ch Rieussec is sensational in this vintage. “Probably the best Rieussec since the astounding 2001” - WA

Ch Rieussec WA 97 £75.00 £39.50

2005

A very good vintage for sweet Bordeaux. Both these wines are drinking beautifully now.

Ch Filhot WS 90 £16.95 (half bottle)
Ch Doisy Daëne WA 94 £36.95

1997

A great vintage in Sauternes. Fully ready.

Ch De Malle WA 90 £45.00

1990

A stunning vintage that produced rich wines that have aged well. Drinking at its best now.

Ch Rieussec WA 94 £85.00

RED BORDEAUX

THE MÉDOC CLASSIFICATION OF 1855

In 1855 the ‘best’ wines of the Médoc were classified into five classes. There were originally only four 1er Crus (or 1st Growths as they are more commonly known) Château Lafite, Château Margaux, Château Latour and Château Haut Brion but in 1973 Château Mouton Rothschild was promoted from 2ème to 1er Cru. This is the only change that has taken place since 1855. In practice there are now 2nd Growths that should be 4th Growths, 5th Growths that should be 3rd Growths etc etc. However the five 1st Growths fully justify their position, if not always their price! Below the five Crus Classés come: Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnels, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur and Cru Bourgeois. N.B. 2nd Growths are not to be confused with second wines that are an entirely different thing.

Most top châteaux produce a second wine that is a result of strict de-selection of vats not considered quite good enough for the grand vin and wine made from the vineyard’s younger vines. These second wines are often superb value (although this is no longer the case with Carruades de Lafite) particularly in great vintages. Some of the most famous are ‘Les Forts de Latour’ (second wine of Latour), Carruades de Lafite (second wine of Lafite), Pavillon Rouge (second wine of Margaux), Clos du Marquis (second wine of Lascases) Alter Ego de Palmer (second wine of Palmer – prior to 1998 it was known as Réserve du General).

THE ST. EMILION CLASSIFICATION

The wines of St.Emilion have a completely separate and different classification system as follows; Dating from 1954 and revised in 1985. Starting from the top there are:

Two ‘Premier Grands Crus Classés ‘A’, (Château Ausone and Château Cheval Blanc)
Nine ‘Premier Grands Crus Classés ‘B’
Sixty Three ‘Grands Crus Classés’
One hundred and seventy (approx) ‘Grands Crus’ (a rank that is reviewed each year after official tastings)

The message then in St.Emilion is, beware of Grands Crus, a rank that might imply it is the highest but in practice is closer to a Médoc Cru Bourgeois. Of course, some Grand Crus are superb.

N B By contrast, in Burgundy the word Grand Cru is of great significance designating the very highest grade of vineyard.

2012

Little better than 2011 in quality but with careful selection there are some good wines to be found at the more modest levels. These listed are all worth buying. But the clear message is, if you are in the market for serious Bordeaux, buy the 2009’s & 2010’s while they are still available.

Ch Haut Rian Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux £9.99
Ch de Fontenille Bordeaux Rouge £11.35

Ch Petit Val St Emilion Grand Cru £19.75

2011

A fairly lacklustre year of, at best, average quality although, as always, decent wines were made by quality conscious producers. This Lalande de Pomerol drinking well and is great value.

Ch La Croix des Moines Lalande de Pomerol £16.99 £10.99
Ch Patache D’aux Medoc £18.50

2010

An Exceptional vintage of wonderfully consistent wines. Lighter wines are drinkable now but top bottles will need time to show their great qualities.

Ch Beaumont Haut Medoc WA 87 £18.95
Ch Patache d’Aux Medoc WS 90 £18.95
Ch Chantegrive Graves WA 90 £19.95
Les Allées de Cantermerle (second wine of Ch Cantermerle) £22.95
Ch La Bernadotte Haut Medoc WA 89 £24.95
Fleur de Fonplegade Saint Emilion £25.95
Ch Lacoste Borie Pauillac (second wine of Ch Grand Puy Lacoste) WA 92 £26.95
Les Fiefs de Lagrange St Julien (second wine of Ch Lagrange) £29.50
Ch Meyney St Estephe WA 90 £35.95
Clos Canon St Emilion (second wine of Ch Canon) WS 92 £36.95
Seglá Margaux (second wine of Ch Rauzan-Segla) WA 93 £38.95
Ch Gloria St Julien WA 93 £49.95

2009

A stunning vintage that produced great, and quite forward wines. Whilst the top wines will need a little more time in bottle to reach their full potential, many are already drinking really well. The Carignan is showing beautifully now, as is the Larose Perganson, given some air. The Branaire is stunningly good.

Magnum/Bottle
Ch Carignan Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux £35.99 £17.99
Ch Larose Perganson Haut Medoc £52.50 £24.95
Ch Tour de By Medoc £19.95
Ch La Bernadotte Haut Medoc WA 89 £24.95
Ch Capbern Gasqueton St Estephe WA 91 £25.95
Clos René Pomerol WA 90 £36.95
Ch Gloria St Julien WA 93 £49.95
Ch Branaire Ducru St Julien WA 96 £69.95

2005

Magnificent vintage. Most wines are drinking well now but the best have the capacity to age another decade.

Ch Chantegrive Graves £19.99
Ch Cambon la Pelouse Haut Medoc £28.95
Ch Reignac Bordeaux Supérieur WA 90 £38.95
Ch D’Issan Margaux WA 95 £89.95

2004

As so often happens, this vintage was over-shadowed by the release of a subsequent great vintage. However, many 2004's are extremely impressive. Those with long memories will recall similar instances: 1981 ignored after the release of the great '82s but in fact delicious and good value wines, and the outstanding '62s that were completely forgotten about following the legendary 1961 vintage, but which gave years of wonderful drinking to those in the know. This stock of Reserve de Leoville was recently shipped direct from the Chateau so is in mint condition, and drinking superbly now.

Reserve de Leoville Barton (second wine of Ch Leoville Barton)
(stock ex Chateau) £34.50

2002

A vintage which did not attract the investors and as a result the wines have never demanded the prices of some more fashionable vintages, although many are superb. This stock of Canon stock came direct from the Chateau and is in perfect condition.

Ch Canon St Emilion (stock ex Chateau) WA 92 £65.50

2000

A truly magnificent vintage that is starting to show its great qualities now. Palmer is probably the most approachable at present and Leoville Barton the most backward but all these are superb and in impeccable condition.

Ch Leoville Barton St Julien WA 96 £99.00
Ch Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien WA 95 £150.00
Ch Palmer Margaux WA 95 £225.00

1999

A sound year that produced well structured wines. With good storage they will last for many years.

Ch Fourcas Dupre Llistrac-Medoc £20.99
Ch Lynch Bages Pauillac WA 92 £126.00

1997

A forgotten about vintage but one that can still be very fine.

Ch Sociando Mallet WA 90 £37.50

1996

Very high acidity in 1996 has enabled the best wines to stay the course well. This Leoville Barton came from excellent cellarage conditions.

Ch Leoville Barton St Julien WA 92+ £72.00

1995

Great wines, which are fully ready now.

Ch Lanenssan Medoc WA 87 £29.95
Ch Calon Segur St Estephe WA 92 £119.50

1989

Beautiful wines that are at their peak now.

Ch D'Angludet Margaux £49.95

1986

Ch Canon St Emilion £69.50

1985

Superb vintage, the best wines of which are drinking beautifully now.

Ch Boyd Cantenac Margaux £59.50

1982

Recognised as one of the greatest vintages of all time, and still going strong.

Domaine de Chevallier Pessac-Léognan £144.00

1978

One of the few good vintages from the 1970's, and the top wines are still hanging on.

Ch Petrus £1,200.00

WHITE BURGUNDY

Domaine Chevallier

We are shipping direct from Claude Chevallier's immaculate Domaine, which is based in the village of Montallery. The village wine is fermented in stainless steel and is crisp and fresh with an underlying richness that makes the wine most attractive from a young age. The Cuvée Prestige grows in stature with each vintage. The 1er Cru also sees a small amount of oak, mostly second year barrels so that it never dominates the wines. Sadly, it is always available in tiny quantities.

2014 Petit Chablis £11.99
2014 Chablis £13.99
2014 Chablis 'Cuvee Prestige' £14.50
2014 Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains' £17.50

Domaine Marcel Couturier

Marcel Couturier has been based in the Maconnaise for many years but prior to 2006 he sold all his production to the local co-operative. As the contracts came to an end he has been taking the vineyards back and now has the all vines back under his own control. They are probably the finest wines from this region and both his 2013's & 2014's are superb.

2013 Mâcon-Loché Les Longues Terres £13.99
2013 Pouilly Loché Le Bourg £17.99
2014 Mâcon-Loché Les Longues Terres £13.99
2014 Pouilly Fuissé Clos Reyssier £17.99

Domaine Eric Forest

Eric is a young vigneron, based in the village of Vergisson, who currently has 4.8 hectares of old vines planted between 1930

and 1979. He has inherited a great knowledge of nature and biodynamics from his grandfather and this has been a major influence in his approach to viticulture and winemaking. All grapes are hand picked and fermented and matured for ten to fifteen months in barriques (225 litre) and demi-muids (600 litre). The wines are hand bottled and usually unfiltered.

2013 Macon Vergisson Sur La Roche £19.25

Domaine Perraud

A fine example of a young producer striking out on his own to create what is destined to become one of the Mâconnais' most respected domaines. This wine shows remarkable elegance, purity and complexity at a modest price for such quality.

2014 Saint Veran £16.99
2012 Saint Veran (limited stock) £16.99

Château de Chaintré

Run by young winemaker Yannick Paquet, the son of Jean-Paul and Monique Paquet, who established themselves in Pouilly Fuissé in 1959. Together the family owns three Pouilly Fuissé domaines and have been making wines since 1971. Yannick's Pouilly Fuissé has a freshness and balance, is not too 'Honeyed', is elegant, and has just the right amount of richness on the palate one expects from the finest Pouilly Fuissés.

2014 Pouilly-Fuisse £21.25

Domaine Olivier

The Bourgogne Blanc from this Domaine is clean, ripe and soft on the palate with considerable depth. The Santenay appellation is one of the most underated in all of Burgundy and is capable, in the right hands, of producing spectacularly good wines. The 'Champs Carafe' has a lovely purity on the nose with rich clean fruit. No oak is used with this cuvée. The 'Coteaux Sous La Roche' is a step up in quality; deliciously ripe palate with great minerality, fine acidity and well handled oak. In short, classy Burgundy at a bargain price.

2014 Bourgogne Blanc £14.99
2014 Rully Blanc St Jacques £18.50
2014 Santenay 'Clos des Champs Carafe' £20.99
2014 Santenay 'Les Coteaux Sous La Roche' £21.95

Château de Santenay

This magnificent property, which dates back to the 9th century, is also known as Château Philippe le Hardi, as it was once owned by the first Duc of Burgundy, Philippe le Hardi, who was made the Duc by his father, who happened to be the King of France. He is famous as the person who banned the cultivation of Gamay in the Côte d'Or, saying in his edict of 1395 that only Pinot Noir could be used in the production of red wines from the already fabled slopes. Despite its long history, the property had fallen on hard times until it was taken over by the French bank Crédit Agricole in recent years. They

have invested heavily, bringing in a new team and putting the emphasis on quality. Part of the new focus on quality was to move viticulture in the direction of sustainability, so the quality of the fruit is improving with each vintage. They have also extensively renovated and updated the winery. The St Aubin vineyards border both Chassagne & Puligny Montrachet, and the wines are often tremendous value.

2014 Mercurey Blanc £16.95
2014 St. Aubin £23.95

L'Eveil Des Sens - Francis Lechauve

Francis Lechauve is based in the picturesque village of Meissey, a couple kilometers north of St. Romain. He studied at the lycee viticole in Beaune and at the tender age of 17 started working at Bernard Fèvre in St. Romain and then Henri Müssi in Pommard. From 1989 he worked at Douhairet Porcheret in Monthelie for 17 years before starting his own domaine. All his vineyards are harvested by hand and for his reds he uses only 20-35% new oak, so the wood never overpowers his wines. He uses only indigenous yeasts. These are very high quality wines at a sensible price.

2014 Hautes Cotes de Beaune Blanc £17.95
2014 Monthelie £25.50
2014 Meursault £31.95

Domaine Gachot-Monnot - Corgoloin - Nuits St Georges

The recent history of this domain revolves around two women: Marguerite Monot who ran the vineyard alone from 1950 to 1980 and her only daughter, Marie Therese, who, with the help of her husband Jean Pierre Gachot renovated, replanted and gave their name to the Domaine. After completing his wine studies and with 10 months experience in California, Damien Gachot and his wife Lise joined Damien's mother in 1993 working and shaping the domain to its current form. Though the Côte de Nuits-Villages appellation lacks the prestige of neighboring Nuits-Saint-Georges, Damien Gachot's intensive work in the vines produces wines with exceptional complexity. The wines are bottled without filtration.

2014 Cotes de Nuits Villages Blanc 'Les Monts de Boncourt' £17.95

Domaine Etienne Sauzet

This is one of the greatest domaines of Burgundy producing truly outstanding Puligny Montrachet. The Bourgogne Blanc La Tuféra is made from vines all within the village and is essentially 'declassified' Puligny.

2014 Bourgogne `La Tuféra` £25.99
2013 Bourgogne `La Tuféra` (limited stock) £25.99
2014 Puligny Montrachet £55.99
2013 Puligny Montrachet (limited stock) £55.99

Jean-Claude Boisset

Going from strength to strength under the stewardship of Grégory Patriat, Boisset wines have received much critical acclaim over recent years. The generic Bourgogne ‘Les Ursulines’, made from the declassified fruit of ‘better’ Villages to maximise quality, is handled in just the same way as the ‘Cru’ wines. Grégory has access to some of the best vineyard parcels across Burgundy, works largely with organic growers, and focuses much of his attention on ‘lieu-dits’ (small, single vineyards), which accounts for the limited production of his wines. Although not cheap, the St Aubin is spectacular.

- 2013 Bourgogne Chardonnay ‘Les Ursulines’ £15.75
- 2014 Bourgogne Hautes Cote de Nuits £18.95
- 2014 St Aubin Blanc 1er Cru ‘En Remilly’ £42.95
- 2011 Montheilie (limited stock) £28.99
- 2007 Meursault 1er Cru ‘Les Charmes’ (limited stock) £65.00

Domaine Bart

This Marsannay Blanc from Bart is an unusual and beautiful wine. It contains a high percentage of the clone of Chardonnay known as the ‘Musque’ and has a delightfully floral nose reminiscent of Muscat. It is the perfect drink with with asparagus, a food that is not easy to match with wine.

- 2014 Marsannay ‘Les Favières’ £19.95

Patrick Javillier

Patrick is one of the finest winemakers in Burgundy. The Forgets and Oligocène cuvées are as exceptional as ever in this vintage and will drink well from late 2016. The Forgets comes from different parcels in the Bourgogne Blanc appellation situated close to Meursault les Herbeux and les Vaux next to Volnay. The Oligocene is from the les Pellans vineyard (half of which is in the Meursault appellation and the other half in the Bourgogne appellation). His Meursault and Puligny remain benchmark examples of the appellations.

- 2014 Bourgogne Blanc ‘Cuvée des Forgets’ £18.95
- 2014 Bourgogne Blanc ‘Cuvée Oligocène’ £22.50
- 2014 Savigny les Beaune ‘Montchenevoy’ £26.95
- 2014 Meursault ‘Les Tillets’ £39.50
- 2014 Puligny Montrachet ‘Les Levrons’ £45.95

David Moret

David Moret uses a maximum of 20% new oak so as to allow the elegance and minerality of the wines to shine through, as well as highlight the quality of the plots from which he sources his grapes. David purchased his first barrels in the late 1990s, and established the Moret-Nominé label in 2000. Since then, he has continued to buy small parcels of grapes from the top growers of Meursault to press and ferment in his small cellar in Beaune. The Meursault ‘Narvaux’ is a lieu-dit vineyard next to the great 1er Crus Genevrières and Poruzots. This example is outstanding. By common agreement ‘Les Perrieres’ is the greatest of all the 1er crus in Meursault.

- 2014 Bourgogne Aligote ‘Le Grand A’ £13.95
- 2014 Rully Blanc £23.50
- 2014 Meursault ‘Narvaux’ £49.95
- 2012 Meursault ‘Narvaux’ £49.95
- 2014 Meursault 1er Cru ‘Les Perrieres’ £85.95
- 2011 Meursault 1er Cru ‘Les Perrieres’ £88.95

Domaine Borgeot

The 23 hectare Domaine Borgeot is situated in the village of Remigny in the Côte de Beaune. It was created in 1903, and is now run by fourth generation brothers Laurent & Pascal Borgeot. As the saying goes in Burgundy, if you look at the person behind the wines, you will get an idea of the style of wine in your glass. This magnificent Chassagne exhibits the calm restraint of Pascal balanced with the exuberance and liveliness of Laurent. That is the magic of Domaine Borgeot.

- 2014 Chassagne Montrachet Vieille Vignes £36.95
- 2014 Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru ‘Clos St Jean’ £46.95
- 2013 Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru ‘Clos St Jean’ (limited stock) £46.95

Joseph Drouhin

Maison Joseph Drouhin has vineyards both in the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits as well as 39 hectares of Grand and Premier Cru Chablis. With Veronique Drouhin in charge of the winemaking the quality has never been higher. Restrained use of oak, allows it to complement but never dominate the wine. One of their flagship vineyards is the Clos des Mouches, producing both red and white Burgundy. The Cote de Beaune contains some declassified Clos des Mouches in the blend and is superb value.

- 2012 Laforet Bourgogne Blanc £13.75
- 2012 Rully Blanc £18.75
- 2012 Cote de Beaune £23.75
- 2010 Chablis Grand Cru ‘Vaudesir’ £42.50

Francois Carillon

The exceptional purity and finesse of the Puligny-Montrachets from Louis Carillon has long been admired by Burgundy lovers, and now Louis’ son François Carillon has taken over five hectares of the family estate (as well as 1.5 hectares acquired from a neighbour), which represent some of the finest parcels in the appellation. François never uses more than 20% new oak for any of his Cru wines. Outstanding quality from a very great vintage.

- 2010 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru ‘Les Champs Gain’ (limited stock) £65.95

ROSÉ BURGUNDY

Domaine Bart

This Pinot Noir rosé is wonderfully pure and perfumed and perfect for drinking this summer.

- 2014 Marsannay Rosé £13.95

RED BURGUNDY

Domaine Olivier

Good winemaking has produced a delicate, pure and nicely defined Pinot that is not trying to be more than it is. Highly recommended.

- 2014 Bourgogne Rouge £15.50

Domaine Bart

Martin Bart is now working with his nephew Pierre and the wines just keep getting better. In the much respected ‘Revue du Vin de France’ the 2009 Bonnes Mares and Chambertin ‘Clos des Beze’ received the highest ratings in their respective appellations, and when one considers the illustrious growers working in those two appellations that was an astonishing achievement. Those two wines are now extremely difficult to obtain but their other wines, made with the same level of care and attention, are available in larger quantities. Across the range these wines now represent some of the best value in Burgundy.

- 2014 Marsannay ‘Les Finottes’ £18.95
- 2014 Marsannay ‘Les Grands Vignes’ £21.95
- 2014 Fixin £25.95

L’Eveil Des Sens - Francis Lechauve

Francis Lechauve is based in the picturesque village of Meloisey, a couple kilometers north of St. Romain. He studied at the lycee viticole in Beaune and at the tender age of 17 started working at Bernard Fèvre in St. Romain and then Henri Mussi in Pommard. From 1989 he worked at Douhairet Porcheret in Montheilie for 17 years before starting his own domaine. All his vineyards are harvested by hand and for his reds he uses only 20-35% new oak, so the wood never overpowers his wines. He uses only indigenous yeasts. These are very high quality wines at a sensible price.

- 2014 Hautes Cotes de Beaune Rouge £16.95
- 2014 Beaune Vieilles Vignes £28.00
- 2014 Pommard Vieilles Vignes £31.50

Jean-Claude Boisset

This range from winemaker Grégory Patriat shows the remarkable transformation of Jean Claude Boisset from one of the most derided names in Burgundy to one that is widely admired and respected. The ‘Ursulines’ is made from declassified Nuits St Georges and Marsanny.

- 2013 Bourgogne Pinot Noir ‘Les Ursulines’ £16.50
- 2008 Savigny-Les-Beaune (limited stock. 2010 to follow) £24.50
- 2011 Santenay £24.50
- 2012 Chorey-Les-Beaune £23.95
- 2006 Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru £99.50

Château de Santenay

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- 2014 Mercurey Rouge 1er Cru ‘Les Puillets’ £22.50
- 2012 Mercurey (limited stock. 2014 to follow) £18.99

Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret

The Domaine’s wines are outstanding and bear all the hallmarks that mark out the best Burgundy; piercing perfumes, intensity yet elegance on the palate, and a beguiling tannin structure. The Domaine, founded in the 1920s, has 33 hectares of vineyard in 35 different appellations, from Savigny in the south to Fixin in the north, and range from basic Bourgogne to holdings in the Grand Crus of Richebourg, Clos de Vougeot, Echézeaux and Grands Echézeaux. All the wines are made with the same attention to detail.

- 2014 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits ‘La Croix’ £23.75
- 2012 Hautes-Côtes de Nuits ‘La Croix’ £23.75

Domaine Gallois

From a tiny 2.5 hectares estate, this Gevrey-Chambertin, offers exceptional value. Jean Gallois ran the property until 1989 when his son Dominique took over, and the quality continues to climb.

- 2011 Gevrey Chambertin £39.25

Joseph Drouhin

Maison Joseph Drouhin has vineyards both in the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits. With Veronique Drouhin in charge of the winemaking the quality has never been higher. Year on year ‘Les Amoureuses’ is one of Drouhin’s greatest wines, and the 2002 is fully mature now.

2012 Laforet Bourgogne Rouge £14.99
2011 Rully Rouge £17.95
2011 Cote de Beaune £25.35
2002 Chambolle Musigny1er Cru 'Les Amoureuses' £350.00

Domaine Fourrier

Now one of the most sought after names in the whole of Burgundy. Older vintages are almost impossible to find. These are from impeccable storage conditions. I have seen the 1999 Griotte on a brokers list for almost £700! The Clos St Jacques is a Grand cru in all but name.

2002 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru 'Clos St Jacques' £395.00
1999 Griotte Chambertin Grand Cru £399.50

Domaine Michel Gros

The Gros family have been vigneron in the village of Vosne-Romanée since 1830. Domaine Michel Gros was created in 1995 when Jean Gros retired and divided the domaine amongst his three children. Michel inherited some magnificent parcels of vines and now has 18ha under vine. He ensures that yields are kept low, everything is hand-picked, and there is a rigorous sorting prior to total destemming. Racking is kept to a minimum and he uses between 30% new oak, for the village wines, and up to 50-80% for the 1er crus. At its best Chambolle Musigny is perhaps the most beguiling appellation in the whole of Burgundy, and this Chambolle from Gros is sensational.

2010 Chambolle Musigny £47.50
2011 Chambolle Musigny £44.99

Domaine du Comte Armand

The domaine, which is now totally biodynamic, totals 7.5 hectares, 5 hectares of which are the magnificent 1er Cru monopole Pommard 'Clos des Epeneaux', the deepest, richest, intensely concentrated and longest lived wine of the appellation. Under the stewardship of the brilliant régisseur, Benjamin Leroux, some of the finest red wines in the Côte de Beaune are being crafted. Their Volnay has purity, finesse and elegance, combined with enormous structure.

2013 Volnay £43.75

BEAUJOLAIS

Now that Beaujolais Nouveau has been left safely back in the 80s, along with shoulder pads, footballers with perms & excessive slap bass, imbibers can concentrate on the serious wine coming out of Beaujolais. All made from 100% Gamay, the region produces wines which drink well when young & fresh, although Morgan and Moulin-a-Vent can take bottle age.

Domaine De Gry Sablon

Dominique Morel's philosophy is to make wines that he likes to drink; plenty of fruit, good colour, and a rounded mouthfeel. Many of the vines are 70 years old, which accounts for the intensity, perfume and finesse of the resulting wines, which are more akin to the region's Cru wines than village Beaujolais.

2014 Beaujolais Villages £10.99

Domaine de la Madone

Really fine 2013s here as can only be expected from the team of Jean Marc and his son Arnaud.

2013 Fleurie Vieilles Vignes £15.25

Brouilly Château des Tours

This is regarded as the best property in the Brouilly, with very old vines and serious wine making by Michel Proton. Highly recommended.

2014 Brouilly £13.50

Domaine des Fines Graves

Jacky Janodet has had the reputation of being the finest grower in the Beaujolais for over 25 years, making a fine, structured Moulin à Vent that will age.

2013 Moulin a Vent £12.99

ALSACE

The wines of this 'chocolate box' beautiful region were long been regarded as those that the wine trade drank but the rest of the world by and large ignored. Thankfully those times have changed, albeit slowly. The overall quality within the region, even at the co-operatives, is very high and the wines are invariably good value for the quality they deliver.

Cave de Hunawihr

Founded in 1954, Hunawihr may be small for a co-operative, with 110 members and 200 hectares of vineyard, but it is consistently rated as one of France's top five in terms of quality. Their Réserve wines in particular offer excellent value and are sealed under stelvin (screwtop) to retain their alluring aromatics. Much of Hunawihr's success is due to their winemaker, Nicolas Garde, who joined in 2004 and has, year after year, crafted whistle-clean and exciting wines. Eighty percent of the vineyards are located in Hunawihr, with the remaining 20% in the neighbouring villages of Riquewihr and Zellenberg.

2014 Pinot Blanc "Klevner" Reserve £11.25
2014 Riesling Reserve £11.75

2014 Pinot Gris Reserve £12.90
2014 Gewurztraminer Reserve £13.50
2014 Riesling Grand Cru 'Rosacker' £17.95

Rolly Gassmann

A Domaine run on traditional lines with minimum interference. As Pierre Gassman says "You can only destroy what nature has given you, you cannot improve it." Late picking gives richness, weight and concentration, and the wines have superb balance.

2012 Riesling £15.50
2012 Pinot Gris £17.50
2013 Gewurztraminer £18.75

LOIRE

J. Mourat - Fiefs Vendéens

All these wines are good but the rosé is the real star. It is a blend of Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc and Négrette; light, elegant and bursting with fruit. We got through an amazing three shipments of these wines in our first year and expect demand this year to be equally as high if not more so.

2015 Collection Rosé £9.25
2015 Collection Blanc £8.99
2015 Collection Rouge £8.99

Caves de la Loire

Les Caves de la Loire is a co-op located in Brissac-Quincé, south of Angers. It was established in 1951 and has 160 growers and 1600 hectares of vineyards, the majority of them located in Anjou. The Sauvignon Blanc is zesty with lively acidity, hints of passion fruit and gooseberry, with great balance and a clean finish. Superb quality for the price.

2015 Sauvignon Blanc du Val de la Loire £8.95

Chateau Du Coing de St Fiacre

This property is located in the village of Saint Fiacre, in the Sèvre et Maine district of Muscadet. The owner and winemaker is Véronique Günther-Chéreau, whose family has been making wine at Saint Fiacre since 1421. Véronique has over 65 hectares of vines, which lie at the meeting point of the Sèvre and Maine rivers. Unusually for négoce-dominated Muscadet, Château du Coing is family run and uses solely estate grown fruit. Only stainless steel was used to ferment and age this wine. However, it qualifies as Muscadet 'Sur Lie' due to the six months' ageing on its fine lees after the fermentation. This adds body, richness and longevity to the pure, citrus fruit; a serious wine with firm structure and good depth results.

2014 Muscadet Sevre-et-Maine Sur Lie £9.95

Domaine Des Ballandors

Founded by Jean Tatin and his wife Chantal Wilk, the Domaine des Ballandors estate produces a Quincy that is a superb value alternative to Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé. A long, slow fermentation ensures the retention of its delicate aromatics, while ageing on fine lees gives a subtle yet fuller mouthfeel that beats many a Sancerre in terms of class and long finish.

2014 Quincy £13.99

Domaine Bel Air

Domaine de Bel Air, in the Mauroy family for at least 10 generations, sold most of its production in bulk until Katia Mauroy began harvesting and vinifying the Blanc Fumé (the local name for Pouilly Fumé) a few years ago. Her arrival on the scene heralded huge improvements in the cellar resulting in a structured yet generous Pouilly-Fumé with delicate Sauvignon Blanc aromatics. It is among the best in the appellation.

2014 Pouilly Fume £15.75 £8.95

Domaine Sautereau

The Sautereau family has been producing wine for nine generations in the village of Crézancy, seven kilometres from the town of Sancerre. The 20 hectares of vineyard are spread over the villages of Crézancy, Bué and Sancerre, ensuring the best of the Sancerre appellation is available for the final blend. Their wines show a lovely purity

2015 Sancerre £15.99

Domaine Jean-Paul Blland

Jean-Paul Blland has handed over the running of his Bué village domaine to his two daughters. Burgundy-trained oenologist Isabelle makes the wines, and Elise runs the business side. With 20 hectares of fine plots on Le Grand Chemarin and Le Chêne Marchand, the wines are full and rich in style and they are regarded as one, if not the, best estates of the appellation.

2013 Sancerre £16.75
2013 Sancerre Rosé £16.75

Sebastien Vaillant

Sébastien Vaillant's Valençay displays a richness and complexity that far belie its price, and is an ideal accompaniment to the appellation's distinctive pyramid-shaped goat's cheese. The addition of 20% Chardonnay adds body, texture and a slightly different flavour profile to the fresh, zesty Sauvignon Blanc, and distinguishes the wine from its more famous neighbours, Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé. Sébastien learnt his winemaking craft as cellar manager for Jean Tatin at Domaine des Ballandors in Quincy. He then returned to his family domaine at Valençay, in the western part of the Loire's Central Vineyards. Valençay only achieved official AC status from the 2002



vintage. Sébastien's 22-hectare vineyard sits in the rain shadow of the nearby forest, which provides dry, healthy conditions for viticulture. The Sauvignon Blanc is grown on the distinctive gunflint soils, which gives the characteristic mineral quality to all the best wines made in the area, while the Chardonnay is planted on sandy lime soils.

2015 Valencay £10.99

JURA

Domaine de La Pinte

This Domaine was first planted in the 19th century but, after the ravages of phylloxera, the vineyards were left untended, and were not replanted until the early 1950s by Roger Martin, a native of Arbois. Roger, a wine enthusiast and geologist, selected Domaine de La Pinte because it is situated on a band of blue marl which runs through Arbois to Château Chalon at an altitude of 400 metres. Twenty hectares were first planted, more than half with Savagnin, and the first harvest was in 1959. Today, Roger's son Pierre runs the property and the vineyards have been farmed organically since 1999 with conversion to biodynamics in 2009. The must from the Savagnin grapes was left to settle for 18 to 24 hours after crushing. Fermentation takes place between 20°C and 24°C in temperature controlled cement vats using indigenous yeast. After an initial racking off the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and then aged in large (up to 8 hectolitres) old French oak barrels for five years. This wine is rich yet lively and utterly delicious. On the nose it gives great complexity, with fresh, conserved and dried fruit aromas, hints of white flowers and beeswax. On the palate, it is silky and has great balance with a mineral finish giving wonderful freshness. A unique wine which bears some resemblance to a very high quality fino sherry. It gives one some idea of the legendary Vin Jaune style at a fraction of the price

2006 Arbois Savagnin £28.50

WHITE RHONE

Domaine de la Mordorée

As always this is probably the finest white Lirac of the vintage. It is a blend of 30 %, Grenache, 15 % Viognier, 15 % Roussanne, and 10 % each of Marsanne, Picpoul, Clairette and Bourboulenc. It shows well young but develops complexity with 12 months in bottle. We sold a large amount of our allocation en primeur but have a few cases remaining.

2015 Lirac Blanc 'Cuvée de la Reine des Bois' £18.95

Maison Nicolas Perrin

This joint venture micro-négociant created in 2009 with the sole aim of producing top quality Northern Rhône wines, brings together the scions of two of the great wine producing families, Nicolas Jaboulet, formerly of the eponymous winery

in Tain, and the Perrin family of Ch. de Beaucastel. Nicolas sources the best fruit and wines from growers and producers that he has formed a long standing relationship with, while the Perrin family bring expertise in winemaking and blending, as well as the use of their cellars.

2014 Viognier £10.50

2014 Condrieu £36.99

Domaine du Chene

This Domaine comprises 16 hectares of vineyard with an average vine age of 35 years. The family are dedicated to producing top quality wines from outstanding estate-grown fruit and are increasingly concerned with sustainability. Half of the wine was fermented in stainless steel vats and half in oak. It then spent eight months in 100% new oak barrels. This is a drier style of Condrieu, but it retains the richness typical to the Appellation. Opulent on the nose, it offers superb aromas of violet, acacia flowers, apricot and dried fruits with a hint of spice. Fruit and acidity are perfectly balanced giving a rich, yet fresh, wine. As with all, Condrieu it is best enjoyed within 4/5 years of the vintage.

2013 Condrieu £37.50

ROSÉ RHONE

Domaine de la Mordorée

The Côtes du Rhône is amazing value being better than most 'run of the mill' Tavel. As always, our allocation sells out pretty quickly.

2015 Côtes du Rhône 'La Dame Rousse' £10.99

RED RHONE

Domaine de la Mordorée

This is one of the 'super star' Domaines of the southern Rhone. The Côtes du Rhône is, always, a hugely impressive wine. You will certainly find cheaper Côtes du Rhône but we are confident you will never find better, and the Liracs are, without doubt, the best wines of the appellation. The Dame Rousse drinks well within 2 years of the vintage whereas the Reine des Bois keeps a decade or more. A 2007 tasted at Christmas was sensationally good. Made for the first time in 2014, the CNDP La Belle Voyageuse has more Grenache in the blend at close to 90%, with the remainder coming from Mourvedre, Syrah, Counoise and Vaccarese. 85% of the wine is aged in stainless steel vats and the remaining 15% in French oak barrels. It is still a serious CNDP but one made for earlier drinking.

2015 Côtes du Rhône 'La Dame Rousse' £10.99

2014 Lirac 'La Dame Rousse' £13.99



Les Terres du Roy

These vineyards are planted on soils covered with pebbles located on hills overlooking the Pujaut plain, seven kilometres north of Avignon. The vines are on average 40 years old and the vineyards are managed sustainably. Located in the South, the wines here are riper and richer with a little more body than found in many Côtes du Rhône.

2014 Cotes du Rhone £8.75

Domaine de l’Espigouette

Here the average age of the vine is not less than 40 years old and vinification is traditional in a mix of a little stainless steel and cement vats, producing delicious, full flavoured old-fashioned wines that are rich and spicy.

2012 Cote Du Rhone £10.75

Domaine Les Pallieres

Arguably the finest estate in Gigondas and certainly one of the best in the Southern Rhône, these 25 hectares of vines, with an average age of 65-70 years, sit in their own elevated hidden bowl, facing northwest, surrounded by 100 hectares of wild garrigue. The wine has always been sold by the top restaurants in France and is increasingly sought after.

2011 Gigondas Racines £26.75

Closerie de Vaudieu

This Château is a splendid 18th century property, once owned by the négociant Gabriel Meffre, and now run by his grandson, Laurent Bréchet. Over the past seven years, Laurent has transformed the estate through substantial investment and an obsession with quality that will yield even higher dividends in the years to come.

2012 `Closerie de Vaudieu` Châteauneuf-du-Pape £21.99

Domaine Roger Sabon

The vines of this domaine have a minimum age of 50 years and are planted in some of the best sites of Châteauneuf - Les Cabrières, La Crau, Courthézon and Nalys; and all have “galets roulés”, (the round pebbles covering the clay soil that retain the heat from the sun). Fermentation takes place in a combination of small cement vats and stainless steel cuvées, with pumping over and a cuvaïson (the maceration process that allows red wines to absorb their pigment and flavors from the grape skins and pips) which lasts for 20 days at a temperature of between 30° and 34°. The wines are matured in 4,500 litre foudres and used barriques, and receive neither fining nor filtration. Great wines.

2012 Lirac £14.99
2011 Chateauneuf-du-Pape ‘Cuvee Les Oliviet’ £23.99

Perrin & Fils (Ch De Beaucastel)

The Hommage à Jacques Perrin cuvee is only produced in exceptional years and always in tiny quantities. The 2007 is a sensational wine fully deserving its 100 point score.

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Hommage à Jacques Perrin
WA100 £395.00

Domaine les Alexandrins

This exciting new venture sees the combined input of three of the Rhone’s most famous names; Jaboulet, Perrin & Sorrel. It was founded in 2009 with Guillaume Sorrel as winemaker and although a young Domaine it is already gaining quite a reputation for the quality of the wines. In late 2015 Maison Nicolas Perrin (see below) invested in the venture. Judicious use of oak allows the great quality of their Syrah shine through. These superb new wines will be with us in June 2016.

2014 Crozes Hermitage Rouge £21.50
2014 St Joseph Rouge £24.75

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2013 Crozes Hermitage Rouge £17.95

Francois & Fils

The François family have been traditional farmers for four generations - their main activity is making farmhouse cheeses from the milk from their twenty-five cows, which they sell at local markets across the Rhône Valley. They began bottling their own Côte-Rôtie in 1991, expanding it further when their son Yoann joined the business in 2004. Today, the family owns four hectares in Côte-Rôtie. These vineyards are situated in the lieu dit of ‘Les Rochains’, ‘La Brosse’, ‘Rochin’ and ‘Le Bourrier’. The vines are low yielding and are harvested by hand due to the steepness of the slopes. Grapes from the young vines are sold off to ‘négociants’ as only the best and most expressive grapes are retained to make their Côte-Rôtie.

2014 Cote Rotie £36.95

Domaine René Rostaing

The source of some of the finest Côte Rôties being produced today. Rostaing owns just over 7 hectares of prime vineyards and makes a modern style of Côte Rôtie, although he is very

restrained over the use of new oak and uses a maximum of 15%. All the wines are bottled unfiltered. Although hard to sell compared to Hermitage or Chateauneuf du Pape, Cote Rotie is perhaps the greatest wine of the Rhone. Over Christmas we drank this wine from both the 1995 & 1996 vintages and they showed how marvelously Rostaing’s wines age.

2005 Côte Rôtie Cuvée Classique WA 92 £52.50

AUSTRIA

Loimer

This estate is located around Langenlois in the sunny Kamptal region of Lower Austria, to the northwest of Vienna. Unlike many Austrian producers who go for a rich, sweet ‘Alsace’ style, Fred Loimer obtains full ripeness in the vineyard yet ferments to dryness. The resulting wines, from the excellent value ‘Lois’ through to the superb single vineyard Rieslings display zest and balance on the palate.

2014 Lois Grüner Veltliner £11.75
2014‘Langelois’ Kamptal Riesling £16.95

Bründlmayer

Willi Bründlmayer’s organically run estate is the source of some of Austria’s finest dry white wines. From his 60 hectares of vines around the town of Langenlois he produces wines that are incredibly complex, with depth, power and vibrant fruit. The Grüner Veltliner shows a complexity that would command a much higher price from a more fashionable region.

2014 Grüner Veltliner Kamptaler £16.99

GERMANY

Dreissigacker

Jochen Dreissigacker has caused a considerable stir both in his native Germany and abroad, winning high praise wherever his wines are sold. His 21 hectares of vineyards are based in the Rheinhessen, which is currently undergoing what might be termed a ‘Rheinhessen revival’ with Jochen at its forefront. From the 2010 vintage, Jochen has used biodynamic methods for much of his estate (although he has chosen not to be certified as such). He has reduced the yields in the vineyard and identified the best parcels of vines in order to vinify each separately. His approach in the cellar is as natural as possible, using only wild yeasts to ferment the must and harvesting only fully ripe organically certified grapes. For anyone who usually dismisses German wines this is the estate to change your opinion! The intense and complex Geyersberg is a revelation and fully worth its price tag.

2014 Estate Riesling £13.60
2013 Bechtheimer Riesling 21.50
2012 Geyersberg Riesling Trocken £43.50

Schloss Vollrads

In 1728, the world’s first Kabinett was produced at Schloss Vollrads, and 300 years on the estate is still going from strength to strength under the watchful eye of Rowald Hepp and his winemaker Ralph Herke. The estate now has 81 hectares of Riesling vineyards located in the heart of the Rheingau, where the quality of Riesling is unsurpassed by any other region in the world.

2014 `Volratz 1573` Riesling Trocken £13.60
2014 Riesling Kabinett Trocken £19.75

HUNGARY

Oremus

Oremus was set up by the owners of Vega Sicilia in 1993. They now own 115 hectares of prime vineyards. This delicious dessert wine has great richness with good balancing acidity.

2012 Noble Late Harvest Sweet Furmint 50cl £16.99

Dobogo

Tokaj is a region bordered by the rivers Bodrog and Tisza in the north-eastern corner of Hungary, 120 miles from Budapest. It consists of 28 villages spread over the Tokaj hills at approximately 220m above sea level. Founded in 1869, the Dobogó estate is in the centre of Tokaj and today belongs to Izabella Zwack, the youngest member of the Zwack family (the producers of Hungary’s famous liqueur, Unicum). Izabella has spent time working alongside Vanya Cullen in the Margaret River and this influence is seen in the purity of the Dobogó wines. The vineyards are farmed using organic methods, and planted with the local Furmint, Harslevelu and Muscat Lunel varieties. The 28 different vineyard sites, including the 30 year old Betsek and Palota vineyards, are situated around the villages of Mad and Tallya and are all classified ‘First Growth’. Dobogó only produce 6 Puttonyos Tokaj Aszú in the best vintages. Tokaj Aszú is made from grapes affected by botrytis (“noble rot”), which dehydrates the grapes and concentrates the sugars, aromas and acidity. Yields for the 6 Puttonyos were restricted to an average of one kilogram of grapes per vine.

2007 Tokaj Aszú 6 Puttonyos 50cl £54.95



ITALY



Piemonte & The North West

La Giustiniana - Gavi

Donato Lanati, one of Italy's best young consultants, began working with La Giustiniana at the beginning of 1998. Lanati's changes in the winery are now matched by improvements in the vineyard, resulting in purer, richer and more balanced wines. Terre Antiche is bottled under stelvino and represents excellent value: scented and delicate, with good zesty fruit. The outstanding single vineyard Gavi di Gavi Montessora is minerally with a great intensity.

2014 Gavi di Gavi Terre Antiche £13.35

2014 Gavi di Gavi 'Lugarara' £15.95

2014 Gavi di Gavi 'Montessora' £21.99

Vigne Marina Coppi - Castellania

Fausto Coppi was voted Italy's greatest sportsman of the 20th century. He was five times winner of the Giro d'Italia, and twice won the Tour de France, and was the first cyclist to win the Giro and the Tour in the same year, and in fact did it twice. His grandson makes these superb wines from his four hectares of vineyard in the hills of Castellania, in south eastern Piemonte. His flagship wine, named after his illustrious grandfather, is made from the relatively little known variety, Timorasso. It is known locally as the grape that makes wines that "have the spirit of a red wine in the body of a white wine". The wine is a sensation. Minerally and intense with a wonderfully complex palate and a finish that seems to go on for ever. It may look expensive but if viewed in the context of 1er Cru white Burgundy or Condrieu (which it easily matches in quality) it is good value. They also make a fabulous and well priced Barbera.

2012 Timorasso Fausto £36.99

2013 'Saint Andrea' Barbera £17.99

G.D Vajra - Barolo

Aldo Vajra is a traditionalist, ageing his Barolo in barrel for three and a half years prior to bottling. He defends his approach, saying, "traditional wines are more elegant, with more delicate perfumes, leaner, somewhat difficult, but offering more pleasure at the table." He blends such old-style winemaking methods with new techniques, and the 'Burgundian' intensity of his wines, and a purity of flavour, makes them stand out in the region. His Dolcetto and Barbera are made with the same care and attention.

2014 Dolcetto d'Alba £15.75

2013 Barbera d'Alba £18.95

2011 Barolo Le Albe £34.95

2010 Barolo Le Albe £34.50

Baudana - Serralunga d'Alba

This small estate has just over 4 hectares of vineyard, all in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba. Their holdings are primarily in the 'cru' of Baudana and the highly regarded Cerretta. After 30 years running the winery, and without heirs to take over the business, Luigi and Fiorina Baudana took the difficult decision to sell. Because of the location of the vineyards, in the heart of the 'golden mile' of Barolo, they were offered some eye-watering sums of money, but they were concerned that the name and estate should continue as is, rather than be absorbed into a larger entity. Luigi visited the Vajra winery incognito one day, and was so impressed with the way they dealt with people and communicated their philosophy that he rang Aldo soon afterwards to ask if he would be interested in buying the estate. A deal was soon done, and the Vajra family have run this estate alongside Luigi and Fiorina ever since. The depth of flavour and intensity that comes from the vineyards has remained, but the Vajra touch in the cellar has brought them to a new level. The Baudana ("the forgotten cru" is what the Vajras call this vineyard) ripens earlier than Cerretta. It is a bit further north but lower in altitude, so the grapes are picked about a week earlier. Elegant and intense, it is accessible now but has the ability to age that marks out the best wines from Serralunga. Cerretta is similarly impressive - but even more so! It is one of the great historic vineyards of Barolo, and one taste of this wine shows why. It combines the power and structure derived from the old Helvetian soils (14 million years old) of Serralunga with an elegance and sweetness of fruit that comes from the poor soils and an altitude of over 300 metres above sea level. These are world-class wines from one of the greatest wine producing regions in the world. A bottle of each would make a fascinating comparative tasting.

2009 Barolo 'Baudana' £53.99

2009 Barolo 'Cerretta' £55.99

Aldo Conterno

Aldo Conterno is one of the historic names of Italian wine. The Conterno family has been making wine in Monforte since at least the 1700s. Aldo's grandfather, Giovanni Conterno, founded his own winery in 1908 which was then run by his son, Giacomo. After a stint in the USA in the 1950s, Aldo worked with his older brother Giovanni in this winery until he decided to strike out on his own in 1969. Aldo's three sons now make the wine (Stefano) and run the business (Franco and Giacomo). Over the years, production has been deliberately reduced and the family now produces 80,000 bottles rather than the 200,000 produced in 1998. Owned by the Conterno family, the Cicala vineyard faces south-south-west and is approximately 50 years old. Its soils are calcareous clay, rich in chalk and iron. The vineyard is planted with Nebbiolo, primarily with the principal sub-variety Lampia, on Rupestris du Lot rootstock. It is always one of the greatest Barolos produced and is spectacular in 2009.

2009 Barolo 'Cicala' £122.95

Massolino - Serralunga d'Alba

This 23 hectare estate has been in the Massolino family since 1896. Winemaker Franco Massolino has done a wonderful job

of marrying change with a respect for tradition, something that sets him apart from most of the younger producers in Barolo today. The Langhe Nebbiolo is declassified Barolo. It has wonderful purity of fruit, and represents tremendous value. The 2010 Barolo is truly outstanding.

2013 Langhe Nebbiolo £22.99
2011 Barolo £38.99

Bruno Rocca - Barbaresco

When his father died in 1978 Bruno, who had been working on the family farm in Alba, was determined to become one of the finest producers in Barbaresco. With his vineyards on the prized hill of Rabaja, he uses modern technology to produce wines with tremendous intensity balanced by the characteristic Piemontese structure and a judicious use of oak. His wines look, smell and taste like real Nebbiolo and he never feels the need to add a certain extra something to deepen the colour or round out the palate.

2012 Barbaresco £42.50

Veneto & The North East

Alpha Zeta - Verona

In 1999 Alpha Zeta was started with the aim of working with growers (rather than buy bulk wine, which is standard practice with most wines at this price), and to obtain ripe grapes (by reducing yields and picking later); then to use leading New Zealand winemaker Matt Thomson’s expertise to preserve these ripe fruit flavours in the finished wines. They are sealed under Stelvin, apart from the Amarone, which remains under cork due to legal stipulations. These are modern, innovative wines that express the real quality inherent in Veronese viniculture.

2015 Soave £7.25
2014 Chardonnay £7.99
2014 Rosato £7.25
2014 Corvina £7.50
2012 Amarone £26.99

Ca di Alte - Vincenza

The north-east facing vineyards of this estate are located in the Colli Berici hills. These hillside sites experience cool nights, allowing the aromatic compounds of the grapes to develop. Great value Pinot Grigio

2015 Pinot Grigio £8.99

Ponte Pietra - Monteforte d’Alpone

The fruit for this wine is grown on vineyards outside Verona where growers have reduced their yields quite considerably

to produce excellent quality fruit. The Pinot Grigio grapes are a copper colour when ripe. In order to retain the ‘coppery’ colour, the skins are left in contact with the juice for about 18 hours in order to give the wine this attractive tint.

2015 Pinot Grigio Rosato £8.99

Cantina di Monteforte Soave Classico

This superb co-operative is situated in the eastern part of Soave Classico and Soave. They have 1,200 hectares in total, part in Soave Classico and part outside the Classico zone. The wines are outstanding value.

2014 Soave Classico Superiore ‘Vigneto Montegrande’ £9.50

Cà dei Frati - Lugana

The secret of the success of the Dal Cero family is that they have over 140 hectares of prime vineyards on the southern shores of Lake Garda, with a high proportion of old vines. Most producers in the zone overcrop but at Cà dei Frati yields are kept low, and the newer vineyards have a higher density of planting. The regular Lugana is lively and scented, the single vineyard Brolettino is barrel fermented, giving a wonderful ‘Burgundian’ character to the wine, and the Rosa, pale pink in colour, dry and scented, is stunning.

2014 Lugana I Frati £16.25
2013 Lugana Brolettino £22.50
2014 Rosa dei Frati £16.25

Allegrini - Valpolicella Classico

All of Allegrini’s impeccable wines are produced from estate-grown fruit from their 100 hectares of vineyards located in the heart of Valpolicella Classico. Across the range and from vintage to vintage, they have superb fruit, balance, intensity, length, elegance, tipicity and, above all, drinkability. The south-east facing vineyards ranging from 150-250 metres above sea level for the Valpolicella to as high as 310 metres at the top of Podere La Grola where the chalky, white La Poja vineyard stretches across 2.65 hectares. Soils are very varied but mostly chalky, of volcanic origin, especially in La Poja where the soil is 78% chalk. The older vineyards are trained using the pergola Trentina system, planted with about 3,000 vines per hectare, whereas the newer ones use the single Guyot system with 5,000 plants per hectare. The vines are 28 years old on average. In short they are some the world’s finest wines. The great value Cortegiara wines are from the negociant arm of the company.

2015 Pinot Grigio Cortegiara £8.99
2015 Bardolino Cortegiara £9.85
2015 Valpolicella £11.99 & £7.99
2012 Palazzo della Torre IGT £17.50 (magnum £35.00)
2012 LA Grola IGT £19.99
2011 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico £54.75

2009 La Poja IGT £56.95
2011 ‘Giovanni Allegrini’ Recioto Classico (50cl) £33.00

Pieropan - Soave Classico

Nino Pieropan believes that excellence derives from assiduous attention to detail ‘from the moment you pick up the secateurs, to the time the cork goes into the bottle’. The Pieropan family has been producing wines in Soave since the 1860s, and were the first producer to bottle a wine with the name Soave on the label, in the early 1930s. Nino Pieropan attaches enormous importance to the quality of fruit produced in the estate’s 30-hectares of vineyards, which are situated in the heart of the Soave Classico zone, just to the east of Verona. Calverino, an unoaked blend of Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave, is round and soft with a great purity of fruit and a great match for asparagus. The multi award winning La Rocca is 100% Garganega matured in large casks to give more depth, richness and ageing potential. The magnificent Colombare is made from grapes dried on straw mats five months. In early spring, the semi-dried grapes are pressed, then the must is fermented and aged in large oak casks for two years. A revelation!

2015 Soave Classico £13.25 & £7.95
2014 Soave Classico £12.99 & £7.95
2013 Soave Classico Calvarino £18.50
2013 Soave Classico La Rocca £24.60
2009/11 ‘Le Colombare’ Recioto di Soave (50cl) £24.99

Franz Haas - Alto Adige

Franz Haas is the seventh generation of his family to grow grapes on this beautiful estate, nestled in the foothills of the Alps. Franz produces wines of rare purity and balance from 50 hectares of vineyards, of which 28 are estate-owned or rented and the balance owned by his long-standing suppliers. Because of the unique landscape, microclimates vary dramatically between vineyards and often within the same vineyard. The Pinot Bianco is exceptionally fine and the Pinot Nero is one of Italy’s best: light in colour yet intensely varietal on nose and palate, with lovely tannin structure.

2014 Pinot Grigio £14.75
2014 Pinot Bianco ‘Lepus’ £17.99
2013 Pinot Nero £23.95

Graziano Specogna - Colli Orientali

The quality of the fruit grown by Graziano Specogna and his family is impeccable. To get as much flavour as possible out of the grapes he macerates the skins in the must for 18 to 24 hours prior to fermentation, ensuring a highly individual Pinot ‘Grigio that is Ramato (coppery) in colour with a remarkable intensity and richness of flavour.

2014 Pinot Grigio Ramato £16.95

Livio Felluga - Colli Orientali

There are few producers who have been more important in defining the quality image of Italian white wines than Livio Felluga. The estate’s vineyards straddle provincial borders, being located in both Colli Orientali and Collio. Their most prized possession is the holding at Rosazzo, where their Merlot, and the grapes used in the fabled Terre Alte blend, are planted. The landmark Terre Alte, a blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Friulano, & Pinot Bianco, was first produced in 1981, and they have continued to make innovative and consistently high quality wines ever since. The Friulano & Pinot Grigio are amongst the finest examples of those varieties produced in Italy, and the Barrel fermented ‘Illivio’ is astonishing. The latter is fermentated in French oak barrels (approximately 50% of which were new) and then matured in oak with lees contact for ten months, followed by a further two months in bottle before release. The fabulous Vertigo, is a blend of 60% Merlot & 40% Cabernet Sauvignon.

The way in which winemaker Andrea Felluga has embraced Stelvin (screw top closure) is another example of his forward-looking outlook. Andrea believes the use of Stelvin will retain the freshness and perfumes that mark his wines out from the crowd. The quality of the range is in large part due to the fact that all the fruit is grown on their 200 hectare property, divided into 300 parcels.

2015 Friulano £21.50
2014 Pinot Grigio £22.95
2014 ‘Illivio’ Pinot Bianco £29.95
2013 Terre Alte £55.75
2013 Vertigo £19.25

Tuscany & Central Italy

Da Vinci

The Da Vinci wines came about through the improvements made in the vineyards at this co-operative in Vinci. The winery has now reached a point where the Da Vinci quality is the ‘standard’ so they’ve stopped the Leonardo label, but retained the Leonardo price. The Chianti is unbeatable value, being better than many a Classico commanding a much higher price.

2013 Chianti £8.99

Isole E Olena - Chianti Classico

‘Isole e Olena’ came about in the 1950s when two adjoining estates, ‘Isole’ and ‘Olena’, situated in the western part of Chianti Classico just north of the village of Castellina, were purchased by the De Marchi family, and combined to form one. The history of both estates dates back many hundreds of years, and the earliest documentation of the village of Olena goes as far back as the 12th Century. During the 1950s, the De Marchi family planted new specialised vineyards and expanded the cellars. Winemaker Paolo De Marchi has run the estate since

1976 and is a world expert on Sangiovese. The 45 hectares of vineyard are situated between 350-450 metres above sea level, and are planted primarily on galestro soil. His Chianti is a benchmark for the zone, while the ‘Super Tuscan’ Cepparello, made from 100% Sangiovesi, is fragrant with great elegance and balance. The 2008 won Sangiovese Tophy in the International Wine Challenge.

The Chardonnay gets better with every vintage and now ranks as one of Italy’s finest. The Vin Santo is a blend of 65% Malvasia and 35% Trebbiano Toscano. A touch lighter in colour, and in body, than the Fontodi but equally sensational. Bewteen them the two estates produce the best Vin Santos on the market.

2014 Chardonnay ‘Collezione Privata’ £35.99
2013 Chiant Classico £21.99
2009 Cepparello £54.75
2008 Cepparello £54.75
2006 Vin Santo £37.50 (Half bottle)

Fontodi

The Manetti family has owned Fontodi since 1969, but has been in Chianti for centuries - their primary business being the production of Chianti’s finest terracotta at their factory in Ferrone. Giovanni Manetti has run Fontodi since 1980, building a new cellar in 1998. Giovanni’s immaculately tended 80 hectares of vineyard, 90% of which are Sangiovese, are situated in the prime ‘conca d’oro’ (golden shell) of Panzano, giving wines of supreme elegance, intensity and longevity. The excellent drainage of the south- facing vineyard encourages the vines to put down deep roots, and the natural amphitheatre shape of the vineyard allows the grapes to ripen fully. Giovanni has converted to organic viticulture in the past six years, and is now following biodynamic principles in order to obtain the best quality fruit. In the winery, his approach is similarly non-interventionist in order to ensure that the quality of the fruit is preserved in the finished wine. The beautiful Merrigio is 100% Sauvignon and the Chianti Classico 100% Sangiovese. We have good stocks of the later from the superb 2010 vintage in magnums. The outstanding Vigna del Sorbo was a 95% Sangiovese 5% Cabernet Sauvignon blend up until and including 2011, but from the 2012 vintage onwards it is 100% Sangiovese. The legendary Flaccianello is produced from the estate’s finest Sangiovese. Their Vin Santo, a blend of 50% Malvasia and 50% Sangiovese, is simply one of the greatest available.

2014 Meriggio £18.50
2012 Chianti Classico £41.50 (2010), £19.99 & £11.99
2011 Chianti Classico Vigna del Sorbo £40.99
2011 Flaccianello della Pieve £57.99
2004 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico £37.50 (Half bottle)

Felsina Berardenga

Felsina epitomizes the powerful style of southern Chianti, where the wines are stylistically more akin to those from Montalcino than the Chiantis of Fontodi or Isole e Olena. Giuseppe Mazzocolin ran the estate from the end of the 1970s until 2011. He is now less involved in the day to day management, but consultant oenologist Franco Bernabei is

still very much at the helm of the winemaking team. Franco is also consultant to Selvapiana in Chianti Rufina, and Fontodi in Chianti Classico.

2013 Chianti Classico £20.99
2010 Chianti Classico (limited stock) £21.99

Selvapiana - Chianti Rufina

The Rufina zone is the smallest of all in Chianti (about 600 hectares of vineyard) but also one of the most special. The cool breeze that blows down the Sieve Valley gives the best wines a finesse and definition that few in Chianti Classico can match. And there is no better producer in Rufina than Selvapiana.

2014 Chianti Rufina £13.75
2011 Chianti Rufina Riserva ‘Vigneto Bucerchiale’ £24.50

Capezzana - Camignano

The estate of Capezzana, situated in the Carmignano DOCG and owned and run by the Conti Contini Bonacossi, has 12 centuries of wine-making history, based on one of the oldest existing documents on wine production. With Benedetta Contini Bonacossi as winemaker Capezzana’s wines have never been better, combining a purity and freshness of flavour with a suppleness on the palate. The great value Barco Reale, a blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Canaiolo and Cabernet Franc, is a junior version of their Carmignano.

2013 Barco Reale di Carmignano £13.75 & £8.50
2012 Carmignano ‘Villa di Capezzana’ £23.99

Poggio San Polo

This estate, situated in the eastern part of Montalcino, produces wines that are classic in style but with a bit more weight than would be found to the north of the zone. Valpolicella producer Marilisa Allegrini purchased the property in 2006 and has continued to invest heavily in the estate and has brought in winemaker Nicola Biasi to build on Poggio San Polo’s already considerable reputation. The Rosso is delicious and drinks well young while the Brunello, a fine example of the modern style, is rich and cedary with fine-grained tannins and excellent length. The 2010 Reserva is quite outstanding.

2014 Rosso di Montalcino £17.75
2010 Brunello di Montalcino £45.75
2010 Brunello di Montalcino Reserva £99.75

Conti Constanti

This is one of the most venerable estates in Montalcino with 10 hectares of vineyards just outside the town. It has been in Andrea Costanti’s family for over 200 years and consultant oenologist Vittorio Fiore has helped modernise production resulting in wines that combine the power of Montalcino with the elegance that comes from vineyards situated at a high altitude in the northern part of the zone, on the ‘galestro’ typical of the area. This friable rock of marl-like soil is also

found in Chianti Classico and is particularly suited to the production of good Sangiovese. Their Rosso is as good as some producers’ Brunello; whilst Andrea’s Brunello is one of Italy’s great wines, and the 2010 Reserva almost indescribably good.

2014 Rosso di Montalcino £23.99
2009 Brunello di Montalcino £46.99
2010 Brunello di Montalcino Reserva £112.00

Tenuta Valdipiatta

Located at the heart of the Vino Nobile zone, Tenuta Valdipiatta is run by Miriam Caporali who in 2010 brought in top Bordeaux oenologist, Eric Boissenot, who consults for Lafite, Latour, Margaux and Palmer. A fine example of Vino Nobile.

2012 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano £20.50

Petrolo

This property, situated on the eastern flank of the Chianti hills, has become one of Tuscany’s most talked about estates in the past few years because of the vibrancy and intensity of the fruit that Luca Sanjust is now getting in his wines. The grapes for this 90% Sangiovese 10% Merlot blend are grown in the low-yielding Torrione vineyard. It has lovely weight on the palate with the well judged oak adding polish and roundness to the structure.

2012 Torrione £31.50

Falesco

Falesco sits on the border between Umbria and Lazio, and has 360 hectares of vineyard in total. The Vitiano Rosso is a blend of equal measures of Merlot, Sangiovese and Cabernet, and the wine has less oak and more freshness than it once had. It is a beautiful wine and represents remarkable value. The Vitiano Bianco, a unique blend of Vermentino and Verdicchio from Umbria. Unoaked, the wine has lovely intensity and depth, its Italianate character a nice counterpoint to the unashamedly international style of the red.

2014 Vitiano Bianco £10.99
2014 Vitiano Rosso £10.99

Cantine Belisario

The 300 hectare Cantine Belisario co-operative was founded in 1971 and is the biggest producer of Verdicchio in the Matelica. Warm days and cool nights give a longer growing season, and lovely aromatic qualities to this dry, tangy white wine with a fine minerality.

2015 Verdicchio di Matelica ‘Vigneti del Cerro’ £12.99

A Mano

By producing wines of quality, Mark Shannon and his partner, Elvezia Sbalchiero, have succeeded in making Primitivo one of Italy’s most talked about grape varieties. By paying high prices for the best grapes (from 70 to 100 year old vines) and focussing solely on quality and a modern style, they have revolutionised the style and quality of the variety. Not only are they getting access to Salento’s best grapes, but their growers have also come to realise that if they want the higher price paid by A Mano, they need to provide even better grapes than in previous years. The quality of the grapes shines through in the resulting wines.

2015 Bianco £9.25
2013 Primitivo di Puglia £9.25
2013 Negroamaro £9.25

Sicily

Cento Cavalli

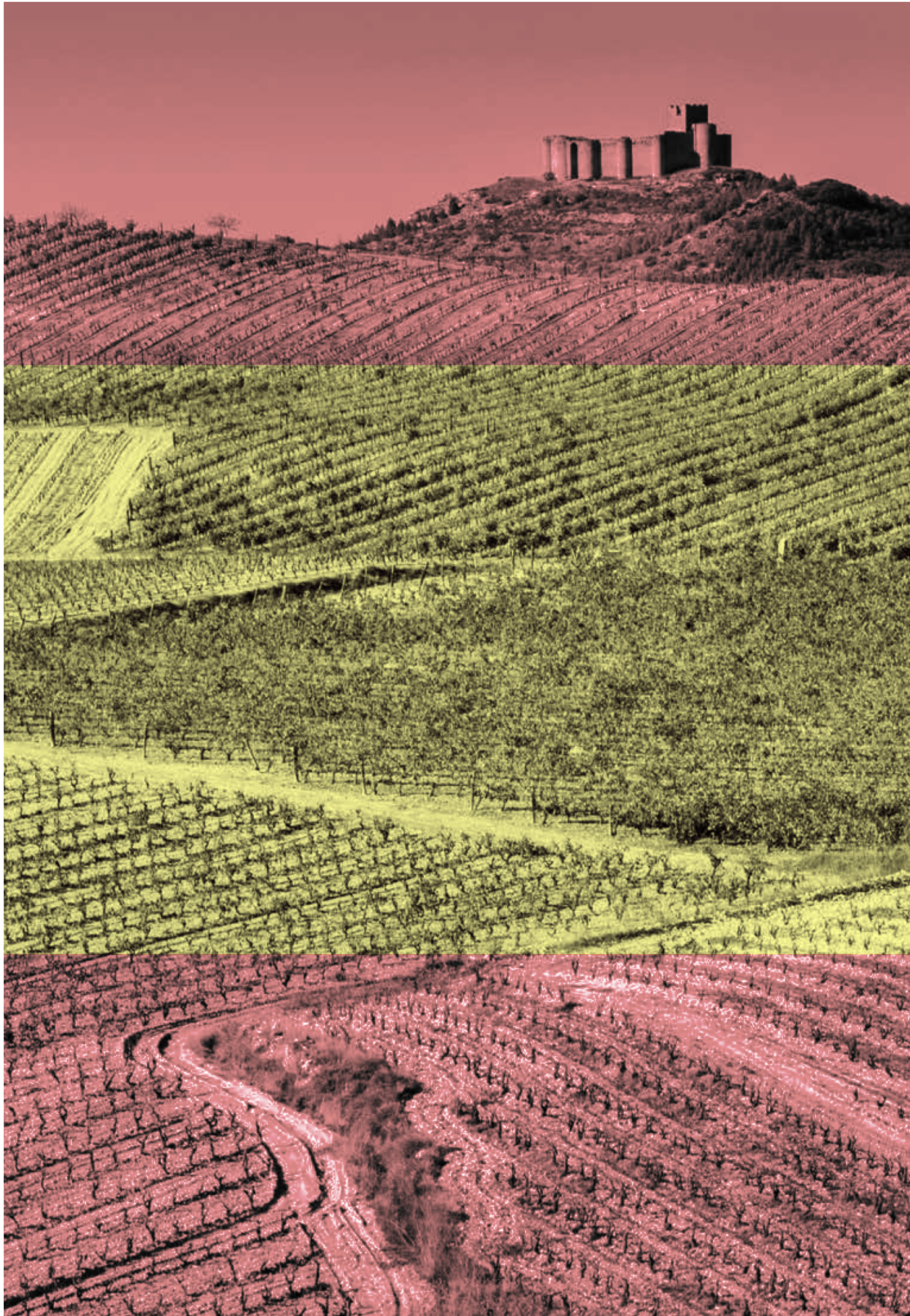
Alana McGettigan and Matt Thomson make these wines at a private modern and well equipped winery in the hills outside of Trapani. The best sites on the estate’s vineyards are reserved for the production of these two wines. The Grillo is an aromatic, delicate yet zesty white wine and Nero d’Avola is full and fleshy with dark plum characters and grainy tannins.

2015 Grillo £8.99
2014 Nero d’Avola £8.99

Donnafugata - Pantelleria

The Rallo family has made wine in Marsala since 1851 and their ancient cellars tunnel beneath the city. They were one of the first families to begin making high quality table wine when sales of traditional sweet Marsala started to decline, launching the Donnafugata label in 1983 and championing some of the region’s native grape varieties. Today, they have two estates in Sicily and 68 hectares on the island of Pantelleria, from where this wine hails. It is a modern take on the classic Moscato Passito, and the name Ben Ryé derives from the Arabic ‘Son of the Wind’, after the wind which sweeps round the island. The Zibibbo vines are planted in the traditional style in hollows in the ground, pruned short and cover 68 hectares. The vines are over 100 years old and are ungrafted. Grapes from the later ripening vineyards were chilled and pressed with dried grapes from earlier picking added at intervals during fermentation, which took place in temperature controlled stainless steel. The wine has delicious aromas of fresh apricots, with candied citrus peel and notes sage and evergreen shrubs. On the palate, it is incredibly intense and sweet, but with a piercing acidity, and a very long finish. It is one of the most beautifully dessert wines you are ever likely to encounter.

2013 Ben Rye Passito di Pantelleria £32.95 (half)



SPAIN



Castillo de Tomás

Rafael Cañizares makes these modern, accessible wines from native Spanish varietals at the Campo Reales co-operative in Castilla La Mancha. The white Verdejo is fresh and lively with clean, supple fruit on the palate. The red Tempranillo has lovely colour and fragrance with soft tannins and pure fruit. Both wines have Stelvin closure to retain their fresh fruit character.

- 2014 Verdejo £7.99
- 2014 Tempranillo £7.99

El Circo - Carinena

This wine is made by the co-operative located in DO Cariñena. A new, modern winery was built in 2002 and the quality of the wines grows with every vintage. The Syrah is very ‘Northern Rhone’ in style

- 2014 Syrah £7.95

Molino Loco

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- £7.95

Montañar

Montañar means ‘mountainous’, and is named for the Serrania de Cuenca in Castilla-La Mancha. The wines come from the family run winery established by the three Parra brothers (Francisco, Javier and Luis) in 1993. Their vineyards have been certified organic since 1997 and biodynamic since 2012, as they feel the get the best fruit this way. The dry and windy climate of La Mancha makes it easier to practice organic and biodynamic viticulture because fungal diseases are unable to thrive in in these conditions. Despite the hot and dry climate, these wines have a freshness derived from the cool nights. Both wines are fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel vats and are bottled without any additional ageing. The Verdejo verges on tropical fruit on the nose but retains a citrus zest on the palate. The Merlot is brimming with dark plums and berry fruit with silky tannins. Both wines are dangerously easy to drink.

- 2014 Organic Verdejo £8.99
- 2014 Organic Merlot £8.99

Martín Códax - Rias Baixas

Martín Códax is the largest producer in Galicia with 450 hectares of vineyard planted with Albariño, which represents 13% of the total Rias Baixas DO. The co-operative was founded

in 1986 by a group of winemakers led by ninth generation winemaker Luciano Amoedo, and currently comprises 2,400 tiny vineyard parcels individually managed by 550 families. This wine is brilliantly fresh with plenty of ripe lemon, grapefruit and green apple character with hints of fresh herbs and touch of minerality.

- 2014 Albarino DO Rias Baixas £12.25

Señorio de Uñuela - Rioja Alta

This wine is produced by a co-operative located in the village of Uruñuela in Rioja Alta. The higher altitude of the vineyards, which range from 450-590 metres, ensures finer, more elegant wines. The co-op’s 200 members have 600 hectares divided into 1500 plots. This Rioja with its vibrant fruit, depth and complexity offers excellent value.

- 2014 Rioja Tempranillo £8.50

Izadi - Rioja Alavesa

Based in Villabuena in the Rioja Alavesa, the highest part of Rioja, this hillside winery was founded in 1987 by Gonzalo Anton. His son Lalo, who now runs the estate, says: “the whole concept of Izadi really started around wanting to produce wine to satisfy the needs of our friends over a meal” and so Izadi produces modern, international wines that are still true to their roots, and a natural expression of the area. The Blanco is made from 80% Viura and 20% Malvasia combining purity of fruit with well judged use of French oak. The Reserva uses only handpicked grapes from 30-40 year old vines and is aged 14 months in top quality American and French oak resulting in a complex, toasty wine with lively red and black fruit flavours with spice notes.

- 2014 Rioja Blanco £13.25
- 2011 Rioja Reserva £12.99 & £7.95

Cien y Pico - Castilla La Mancha

An exciting producer based in Manchuela, a small region in south-eastern Spain. This wine made predominantly from Garnacha Tintorera, along with a little Bobal and Syrah is rich and full-bodied with smooth tannins and a lovely natural acidity. Their debut 2007 vintage was awarded an International Wine Challenge Gold Medal in 2010.

- 2009 Doble Pasta Tintorera £11.99

Vetus - Toro

Lalo Anton (of Izadi and Finca Villacreces) and his family have also invested in the Toro DO, purchasing 10 hectares of Tinta de Toro (the local name for Tempranillo) vines in 2003. The 30 year old, south facing vineyards are located on sandy and clay soils in Villabuena del Puente. Growing conditions in this area are extreme, with cold winters, frost, strong winds and hot summers all providing challenges for the viticulturalist. The poor soils and subsequently low yields result in wines

with excellent flavour and colour intensity, although high temperatures during the growing season and 3,000 sunshine hours per year can bring high alcohol levels if the vine’s canopy is not carefully managed. Their top wine, the brilliant Toro, is well-structured and perfectly balanced with ripe tannins and good acidity.

2010 Toro £17.95

Finca Villacreces - Ribera del Duero

Based at the heart of the Ribera del Duero DO, forming part of the ‘golden mile’ along with its immediate neighbour Vega Sicilia to the west, Pingus and other such high profile estates, this stunning property was purchased by Lalo Anton of Izadi in 2003 and the resulting wines, made by winemaker Angé Ortega, are deep, dark and focused in style. The vineyards are now farmed organically and the myriad combinations of sand, gravel, shingle and quartz soils encourage low yields, producing a superb and complex wine.

2011 Finca Villacreces Ribera del Duero £27.50

PORTUGAL



Quinta de la Rosa

The table wines from this great port producer are very impressive. Owner, Sophia Bergqvist has invested significantly over the last few years at La Rosa with the construction of a new winery, which involved the purchase of new granite lagares, fermentation tanks and an automatic basket press. The scale of this project indicates Sophia’s vision for this family Quinta, whilst she has maintained the integrity of the old building and the charm of a family estate in the Douro.

2014 Dourosa Branco £11.99
2012 Dourosa Tinto £11.99
2012 La Rosa Tinto £15.75

Azamor - Alentejo

Azamor uses a mixture of local varieties, such as Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca, as well as international ones such as Petit Verdot, Syrah and Merlot, to produce bold yet elegant red wines that are packed with juicy fruit and ripe tannins. Alison and Joaquin Luiz Gomes bought the Azamor estate in 1998 and planted their first vineyard in 2001.

Known as the “bread basket” of Portugal, the Alentejo has staked a claim as one of the country’s most important red wine regions and is renowned for its consistency of good quality, excellent value, fruit driven wines. Relatively far south, the Alentejo climate is known for its dry, hot summers, when the temperature can easily rise to 40-45°C. Azamor’s 27 hectares of vineyards, however, are the most densely planted in the region and lie at 350m above sea level on low vigour, clay and schist slopes. The resulting wines have an elegance, concentration and depth of flavour that is rare in the region.

2013 Azamor £11.50

CHILE



Montes

Established in1988 by Aurelio Montes, Douglas Murray, Alfredo Vidaurre and Pedro Grand, with the aim of producing the best wines in Chile. Montes illustrates the potential this country has to produce outstanding wines if yields are contained and the grapes are picked when fully ripe.

2015 Villa Montes Sauvignon Blanc £7.99
2013 Villa Montes Cabernet Sauvignon £7.99
2014 Montes Curico Valley Chardonnay £8.50
2014 Montes Colchagua Merlot £8.50
2014 Montes Colchagua Malbec £8.50
2014 Montes Alpha Casablanca Chardonnay £12.50
2012 Montes Alpha Colchagua Cabernet Sauvignon £12.50

Nativa

In 1999 Nativa became the first Chilean wine to be made with certified organic grapes. Felipe Ramíez, a native of Chile, who has been the head winemaker at Nativa since 2009, worked in Alsace, Burgundy, Bordeaux and the USA before bringing his skill, and his passion for the environment, back home.

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon £9.50

ARGENTINA



Valentin Bianchi

The Valentin Bianchi estate lies in San Rafael, in the most southern part of the Mendoza wine-growing region. The ‘Finca Los Primos’ wines are pure, aromatic, and excellent value,

2015 Finca Los Primos Chardonnay £9.10
2015 Finca Los Primos Malbec £9.75

Bodega Colomé

Established in 1831 by the Spanish Governor of Salta, Nicolás Severo de Isasmendi y Echalar. In 1854, his daughter Ascensión, who was married to José Benjamín Dávalos, brought the first French pre-phylloxera Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon vines to Colomé. These are impressive wines.

2015 Torrontes £10.95
2013 Estate Malbec £16.99

Altos Las Hormigas

Altos Las Hormigas is based in Luján de Cuyo which is one of the region’s premier vine growing areas. Known as a Malbec specialist with a reputation as one of the country’s top five

producers of this variety,Altos Las Hormigas spearheaded the revival of Malbec in Argentina in the 1990s, while many others were insistent on planting and vinifying Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Alberto Antonini and fellow Tuscan friend and business partner, Antonio Morescalchi first visited the vineyards in 1995 and were so impressed that they persuaded a few friends to join with them in buying this estate. The estate covers 216 hectares, of which 40 hectares are planted to vine. At around 900m, the altitude is slightly higher than on the plains of Mendoza, which, combined with the sunny climate, gives excellent ripeness in the wines. Whilst all their wines are good this Reserve is exceptional.

2013 Valle de Uco Malbec Reserve £24.94

AUSTRALIA



Western Australia

Omrah

The Omrah wines are also produced at Plantagenet from varietals that are best suited to the cool-climate Great Southern region. They have nicely focused fruit with lifted perfumes and good balance, and are excellent quality for the price with a forward, easy drinking style.

2014 Sauvignon Blanc £12.30
2013 Unoaked Chardonnay £11.75
2012 Cabernet/Merlot £12.75
2013 Pinot Noir £12.99

Plantagenet

The debut vintage at Plantagenet, the first winery in the Great Southern region of Western Australia, was in 1975. In 2007 John Durham joined from Cape Mentelle where he had been winemaker twenty-one years, and his impact on the Plantagenet style and quality was been substantial. Plantagenet’s 126 hectares of vineyards are located on gravelly loam soils over a base of clay, sand or ironstone rock to the south and west of the Mount Barker township. Proximity to the Southern Ocean enables premium cool climate wine production: the slow ripening of the grapes enhancing the aromatic qualities of the fruit.

The Museum Release Riesling has been stored at the property, and therefore in perfect conditions, prior to the late release. It is a small premium to pay for accessing this superb mature wine when fully ready to drink.

2014 Great Southern Riesling £14.99
2006 Great Southern Riesling Museum Release £16.99
2013 Great Southern Chardonnay £17.99
2013 Mount Barker Cabernet Sauvignon £21.99
2010 Mount Barker Shiraz £27.50

South Australia

Mount Horrocks

This Clare Valley winery was established in 1982 and purchased by winemaker Stephanie Toole in 1993. Production is kept to approximately 4,500 cases per annum in order to achieve exceptional quality and single vineyard expression. Stephanie has made significant improvements to the wines, vineyards and winery, and describes her wines as ‘hand made food wines with an emphasis on structure as well as generous fruit flavours’. All grapes are 100% estate grown and hand picked from three separate vineyard sites. The Cordon Cut Riesling ranks among Australia’s best sweet wines, and has twice won the Regional Sweet Trophy for wines over £10 in the Decanter World Wine Awards.

2014 Watervale Semillion £18.55
2015 Cordon Cut Riesling Half Bottle £20.99

Shaw & Smith

Established in 1989 by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith, these wines are made from a number of sites throughout the Adelaide Hills, ensuring they reflect the best qualities of the grape variety and the terroir of the region. Martin specialises in varieties suited to the cooler climate, such as Sauvignon Blanc, which is sourced predominantly from their own vineyards at Woodside and Balhannah. For the Shiraz, the warmer sub-area of Macclesfield gives structure and richness, whilst the Balhannah vineyard contributes spiciness and perfume. Shaw and Smith wines show wonderful fruit composition, natural acid balance and overall finesse. Comments such as “easily the best Sauvignon Blanc in Australia” (Matt Skinner) show that they are getting worldwide recognition for elegant, well-made wines.

2015 Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc £14.99
2014 Adelaide Hills M3 Chardonnay £23.99
2013 Adelaide Hills Shiraz £23.50
2013 Adelaide Pinot Noir £27.99

Grosset

Jeffrey Grosset, who makes some of Australia’s best Riesling, established his stylish and functional winery in 1981 in the historic township of Auburn, Clare Valley, 100 kilometres north of Adelaide. Jeff handpicks and is meticulous not only in his selection but also in the way he treats the grapes once they arrive at the winery: no oak, no malolactic fermentation, no lees contact; it is all down to the fruit and the way it is treated and interpreted. Jeff is best known for his iconic Rieslings and has almost single-handedly been responsible for the renaissance of Clare Riesling.

The ‘Springvale’ vineyard on limestone soil, situated in the North Eastern part of this sub-region, at its highest point, is classic Clare - elegant and restrained. The Polish Hill vineyard, situated at an altitude of 460m above sea level on a low vigour, shale site produces berries that are smaller and more concentrated, and the harvest usually takes place in early

April, a few weeks later than Watervale, resulting in a Riesling that is more powerful and intense. The impressive Pinot Noir has a tight structure, strong varietal character, and a savoury lingering finish.

2015 Springvale Riesling £23.50
2015 Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling £28.99
2010 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir £37.99

Peter Lehmann

With 33 vintages already ‘under his belt’, Peter started his own winery in 1979. Since then it has become one of the Barossa’s most outstanding producers. Layers white is a blend of Semillon, Muscat, Gewürztraminer & Pinot Gris. The layers red, one of Shiraz, Tempranillo, Mourvedre & Grenache.

2014 Layers White £10.50
2014 Layers Red £10.50
2010 Wigan Riesling £13.99
2010 Mentor Cabernet Sauvignon £24.50
2011 Botrytis Semillon half bottle £10.50

Charles Melton

Charles Melton Wines has produced premium Barossa red wines since 1984. Recognising the value and tradition of the Barossa Valley’s old-vine Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre vines, Charlie and a small band of Barossa winemakers convinced farmers to keep their historic vineyards rather than plant more fashionable varieties. Charlie’s iconic wines were initially styled on those from the Rhône but are now considered leading examples of the varieties in their own right, having wonderful balance and freshness. The grapes are dry grown, chemical free, and harvested from the winery’s own 50 acres.

2015 Rose of Virginia £19.50
2012 Nine Popes £31.90
2012 ‘Voices of Angels’ Adelaide Hills Shiraz £36.99
2012 ‘Grains of Paradise Barossa Valley Shiraz £36.99

John Duval

A legendary name, John Duval is only the third winemaker to be entrusted with the making of Australia’s most famous wine, Grange. He worked for Penfolds for 28 years (including 16 years as chief winemaker) until his departure in 2002. Plexus is a blend of the varieties that excel in the Barossa - Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Outstanding value for such quality. The fruit for the Entity & Eligo is sourced from some of the oldest vineyards in the Krondorf, Tanunda, Light Pass and Eden Valley regions of the north and east Barossa.

2012 Plexus Barossa £25.99
2012 Entity Barossa Shiraz £27.99
2012 Eligo Barossa Shiraz £61.99

Mitolo

McLaren Vale based Mitolo was established in 1999 by Frank Mitolo whose Italian family roots inspired his early interest and enthusiasm for good food and great wine. The vineyard has heavy grey loam over sandstone soil with black cracking Biscay clay. Afternoon ocean breezes and cool nights help produce fruit with good acid levels and complex flavours. Winemaker Ben Glaetzer became a partner in the business in 2001. The fusion of Frank’s knowledge of the land and his business acumen, and Ben’s winemaking talent has resulted in one of Australia’s most awarded wineries: from the approachable Jester range to the high-point scoring premium wines. Serpico is made from dried grapes in the style of Amarone.

2013 Jester McLaren Vale Shiraz £13.50
2013 Jester McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon £13.50
2012 GAM McLaren Vale Shiraz £25.75
2011 Serpico McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon £34.99

Balnaves

The Balnaves’ family vineyard is situated at the southern end of the famous Coonawarra Terra Rossa strip. Planted in 1975, the vineyard is now 58 hectares in size (70% planted with Cabernet Sauvignon) and has been in the family for three generations. Balnaves’ status and quality was recognised when top wine writer James Halliday named them ‘Winery of the Year’ in his 2008 Guide.

2010 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon £26.50

Rodney & The Horse

This beautiful Clare Valley Riesling was made by Darryl Catlin from grapes grown in the Mocandunda vineyard in the central Clare Valley. The grapes were given skin contact for several hours and then de- stemmed and pressed. The free run juice was taken (no pressings used) and then left to ferment naturally over a three week period at around 14 degrees, using only wild yeasts; it fermented to dryness with no malolactic fermentation. The wine was then left on its yeast lees for three and a half months to develop mid palate weight and complexity. And the name? Well, it was produced exclusively for my friend and ex colleague, Charlie Young and his business partner Brett Wooton. Which, depending on how well you know them, may, or may not, give you a hint. We are the only stockists outside London.

2014 Clare Valley Riesling £13.95

Victoria

Innocent Bystander

Founded in 2004 by Phil Sexton, Innocent Bystander is a Yarra Valley based estate producing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay alongside several other emerging varietals and blends. Phil has a long history in wine and brewing and Innocent Bystander takes the quality and regionality message very seriously, but manages to have fun along the way.

2015 Yarra Valley Pinot Gris £13.50
2013 Yarra Valley Syrah £15.50
2015 Moscato £14.99

By Farr

From their base in Geelong, around eighty kilometres southwest of Melbourne, Gary Farr and his son Nick make small quantities of single vineyard Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that rank with Australia’s best. Gary Farr has made wine in Australia (at Bannockburn) and Burgundy (he worked for ten vintages at Domaine Dujac) since the early 1980s. All his fruit is handpicked and, as at Dujac, he uses a high percentage of whole bunch fermentation for the Pinot Noirs, which lifts the aromas and gives a lovely grainy tannin structure on the palate. The Farris are staunch supporters of cork, believing that the natural closure enhances the development of, and suits the style of, their wines. By Farr have three vineyards planted with Pinot Noir – Sangreal, Farrside and Tout Pres. The Sangreal site was planted in 1994 on a north facing slope, with red iron stone colouring on the surface and a limestone base. The Chardonnay fruit is also sourced from here. Although lying just 300 metres from Sangreal, the differing conditions of the Farrside vineyard mean that it is harvested 10-12 days later. The clones are a mixture of the Bernard clones from Dijon (114, 115, 777 and 667) and Australia’s own MV6.

2013 Geelong Chardonnay £46.99
2012 Farrside Geelong Pinot Noir £46.99

William Downie

Such is Bill Downie’s passion for Pinot Noir, that it is the only wine he makes, one from Mornington, one from Yarra and one from Gippsland. Bill established his own label in 2003 after several years living and working in Burgundy. He is fanatical about the quality of his fruit and where it comes from, so where possible sources fruit from vineyards which use biodynamic and organic viticultural practices. By taking the best elements from the Burgundian producers he most admires and allying these to a more technocratic Australian approach, Bill has been able to develop his own style making him one of the most sought after producers of Victorian Pinot Noir. Bill was the Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine Young Australian Winemaker of The Year for 2006.The Gippsland Pinot is made with fruit grown on red soil in a vineyard planted in 1990 with a density of 6,500 vines per hectare.

2015 Gippsland Pinot Noir £44.50

Chambers

This venerable winery, started in 1858 by William Chambers, is one of the most fabled in Rutherglen. This charming, northeastern Victorian town, the sort of place that time forgot, still speaks of the gold rush that led to the town’s foundation, and the development of the wine industry, in the 1850s.Their 50 hectares of vines (some of which are over 100 years old) lie on the north-west fringe of the Rutherglen town. The Muscat (19% abv) is made from the darker skinned Muscat à Petits Grains Rouge variety. Fermentation takes place in closed stainless steel tanks to preserve the grapes’ perfumes and stopped when the potential alcohol reaches 14.5-15.5 Baumé

by adding neutral grape spirit. The wines are then transferred to old oak casks (from 10-100 years old and from 225-5,000 litres in size) and matured as single vintage and vineyard blocks until required for blending. A wonderful alternative to Tawny port.

Chambers Rosewood Rutherglen Muscat Half Bottl £12.99
Chambers Rosewood Old Vine Rutherglen Muscat Half Bottle £24.99

Canberra District

Clonakilla

This one of the leading estates in Australia, with a mission to create distinctive, hand-crafted wines. Clonakilla means ‘meadow of the church’ in gaelic and is the name of the founder’s grandfather’s farm in County Clare, Ireland. In 1971, Dr John Kirk founded Clonakilla vineyard at Murrumbateman, 40 kilometres north of Canberra, after his scientific curiosity led him to question why vines were not being grown in this area. His research showed that the soil and climate seemed suited to certain varieties. In 1991 Tim Kirk, the fourth of John’s six sons, travelled to the Rhone Valley, where he tasted a number of inspirational Shiraz wines including Marcel Guigal’s single vineyard blends of Syrah (Shiraz) and the white grape Viognier. Inspired by those wines they began including a small amount of Viognier in the Clonakilla Shiraz as of 1992. Tim took over responsibility for winemaking at the 12 hectare family farm in 1997. Clonakilla now produces about 10,000 cases per year, which sell out year on year. Their top wine, the Shiraz/Viognier may look expensive but it is a dead ringer for top quality Cote Rotie.

2013 Canberra District Shiraz/Viognier £72.50

NEW ZEALAND



Snapper Rock - Marlborough

Great value, classic Marlborough Sauvignon

2015 Sauvignon Blanc £9.25

Stopbanks

These wines are made by Fiona Turner of Tinpot Hut. The same care that makes the Tinpot Hut wines so successful goes into making the Stopbanks wines. The fruit, meticulously sourced by Fiona, comes primarily from the Wairau while Tinpot Hut is more dependent on Blind River fruit for its character. As a result, the style of the Stopbanks Sauvignon Blanc is less mineral and more gooseberryish. It is classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc and offers superb value. The Pinot Noir is fresh, lifted and forward.

2014 Sauvignon Blanc £10.99
2011 Pinot Noir £10.25

Tinpot Hut - Marlborough

Fiona Turner's Tinpot Hut began in 2003 when she and husband Hamish established their fifty-acre vineyard in the emerging sub-region of Blind River, just south of Marlborough's Awatere Valley. Fiona has over 15 years of experience in New Zealand and overseas in viticulture and winemaking.

2015 Sauvignon Blanc £12.25

Two Rivers - Marlborough

Founder and winemaker David Clouston aims to capture and emphasise the intense flavour for which Marlborough is famous while adding complexity and elegance to the wines through traditional winemaking techniques. We are the principal stockist in the Cotswolds of these excellent and good value wines.

2015 Convergence Sauvignon Blanc £12.99
2014 Pinot Gris £13.99
2014 Juliet Riesling £13.99
2013 Clos des Pierres Chardonnay £18.99
2012 Pinot Noir £18.99

Greywacke - Marlborough

The exciting solo venture of Kevin Judd, who was formerly the chief winemaker at Cloudy Bay for twenty-five vintages, and was instrumental in the international recognition which New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc enjoys today. The name 'Greywacke' was adopted by Kevin for his first Marlborough vineyard located in Rapaura in recognition of the high prevalence of rounded greywacke river stones in the soils there. The Sauvignon displays the hallmarks of Kevin's famed style: ripe fruit, fine balance, great concentration and superb varietal intensity. Grapes come from prime, low yielding vineyard sites in and around Marlborough's Southern (Brancott and Ben Morven) Valleys, and are vinified using 'non-interventionist' techniques. The Wild Sauvignon is similar in style to top quality white Graves. He also makes a great Pinot Gris, and increasingly fine Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

2015 Sauvignon Blanc £16.25
2014 Pinot Gris £18.60
2014 Wild Sauvignon Blanc £23.99
2013 Marlborough Chardonnay £27.50
2013 Marlborough Pinot Noir £28.95

Isabel Estate

I'm delighted to put this old favourite on the list. Isabel Estate is nestled in the heart of the Wairau Valley in Marlborough. The Wairau Valley receives the full benefit of extended sunshine hours combined with a long, relatively cool growing season. Long, brilliantly sunny, mild autumns allow for the development of intense flavours and aromas in the fruit. Isabel Estate has some of the oldest vines in Marlborough producing exceptional quality grapes and wines.

2014 Sauvignon Blanc £15.99

Ata Rangi - Martinborough

Clive Paton planted the bare, stony home paddock at the edge of Martinborough in 1980 and, in doing so, was one of a handful of people who pioneered grape growing in the area. Ata Rangi's first vineyard covered less than five hectares of thin, well-drained alluvial soil. Clive and his wife Phyll, together with Clive's sister Alison and winemaker Helen Masters are now, according to UK wine writer and MW Tim Atkin, 'widely regarded as New Zealand's top Pinot Noir producers'. And the award 'Premier Producer of Pinot Noir', given to Ata Rangi, is a uniquely New Zealand one, combining terroir with winemaking philosophy and consistent quality. It can only be achieved with vine age, proven wine quality, authenticity and undoubted global recognition.

2014 Crimson Pinot Noir £21.75

Wild Earth - Central Otago

Established in 1998 by Quintin Quider, an expatriate Californian who spent many years living in the South Island, Wild Earth Wines owns 35 hectares of vineyards in two of Central Otago's finest locations. Quintin has gathered together a small, dedicated team to run his winery, which shot to world-wide acclaim when his wines won an impressive five Trophies at the International Wine Challenge and Decanter Awards in 2008, including the International Pinot Noir Trophy from the IWC and the New Zealand Pinot Noir Trophy from Decanter.

2012 Pinot Noir £20.99

Kumeu River - West Auckland

I have been involved in selling these astonishing wines for over 15 years. Widely acknowledged as one of the world's leading producers of quality white wines, no vintage of their Estate or 'single vineyard' Chardonnays has ever scored less than 90 in the Wine Spectator reviews. Something no other New World producer (and not many in the Old World!) could claim. Winemaker Michael Brajkovich MW, regards 2014 as their greatest vintage to date. The Coddington, Hunting Hill, and Mate's are quite outstanding and on a par with top flight White Burgundy, although the Estate wine is not far behind and in many ways is the 'best value' wine in their portfolio. New this year is the 'Village' Pinot Gris, which is sensational for the money. The 'Village' Chardonnay was once described by influential US wine writer Robert Whitley as "the world's finest Chardonnay for the money." The reds have always been slightly in the shadow but they are serious wines and very Burgundian in character. The 'Village' Pinot Noir is superb value.

2014 'Village' Pinot Gris £11.25
2014 'Village' Chardonnay £11.99
2014 'Village' Pinot Noir £11.99
2014 Estate Chardonnay WA 91 £19.50
2013 Estate Chardonnay (limited stock) WA 91 £19.50
2009 Estate Pinot Noir (limited stock) £16.95
2014 'Coddington' Chardonnay WA 93 £23.95
2014 'Hunting Hill' Chardonnay WA 94 £26.95
2013 'Hunting Hill' Pinot Noir £22.95
2014 'Mate's Vineyard' Chardonnay WA 94+ £32.50

UNITED STATES



Oregon

Domaine Drouhin

Domaine Drouhin is one of the top vineyards in Oregon and we consider their Pinot Noir to be the most consistent and impressive produced in the state. Laurene, named after Veronique Drouhin's elder daughter, is their top cuvee of Pinot Noir and is hugely impressive. It has been named one of the "Great Wines of America" by Paul Lukacs in his book of the same name. The Chardonnay is part tank-fermented to enhance the fresh, minerally characteristics.

2013 Chardonnay 'Cuvée Arthur' £23.25
2012 Pinot Noir 'Cuvée Laurene' (limited stock) £38.95

California

Bonny Doon

Based in the Santa Cruz mountains south of San Francisco but with fruit sourced from various areas, Bonny Doon produce a fine range of wines which are also, by Californian standards, great value. The Contra is 'Rhone' blend, being mostly Carignane, with some Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, and Cinsault.

2011 Contra £16.99

Au Bon Climat – Napa Valley

For over 30 years Jim Clendenen has made beautiful hand-crafted wines from some of the Napa's best vineyards. The Chardonnay is rich and complex with a smack of new oak. The Pinot is intense and long with good acidity to give balance.

2013 Chardonnay £20.75
2008 Pinot Noir £TBC

Qupe – Santa Barbara County

Bob Lindquist was one of the first and best of the 'Rhone Rangers'. This Central Coast Syrah is a tremendous ripe and spicy wine very much in the Northern Rhone style.

2012 Syrah £TBC

Seghesio

The Seghesio Zinfandels have been scooping Gold medals and Trophies in the Decanter Awards and International Wine Challenge for a number of years now, proving to an international market that their Zins not only measure up to the

competition, but are in the top rank. Seghesio remains focused on its family roots, with Pete Seghesio overseeing viticulture and his cousin Ted making the wines. The astonishing concentration of flavours which they manage to achieve in their wines can be attributed to the age of their vineyards, some of which were established as far back as 1895.

2012 Sonoma County Zinfandel £20.50 / £14.75

PORT

Quinta do Infantado

From the finesse and concentration of their unfiltered LBV to the tremendous depth, richness, structure and balance of their Vintage Ports, a hallmark of the Quinta do Infantado style is their continued practice of traditional foot treading to extract flavour and tannin.

Dry White Port £13.95
2011 Quinta do Infantado LBV unfiltered £17.99
Quinta do Infantado 10 year old Tawny £13.50 (Half Bottle)

VINTAGE PORT

The superb 2007s need keeping a while but both the Warre & Dow '97 are approachable now, and the Dow '85 is fully ready.

2007 Croft WA 93 £49.50
2007 Taylor WA 97 £64.99
2007 Fonseca WA 94 £64.99
1997 Dow WS 95 £55.99
1997 Warre WS 94 £59.95
1985 Dow WA 92 £65.50

MADEIRA

If sherry is perhaps the 'best value' fine wine on the market, then Madeira must be the fine wine world's best kept secret. It is a brilliant alternative to port and has the great advantage that, even once opened, it keeps better than any other wine. Justino's is one of the oldest producers of Madeira, having been in existence since 1870, when it was known as Justino Henriques They source fruit from all around the island, selecting the best areas and vineyards for the different grape varieties All their Madeiras are fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks in order to ensure pristine base wines.

The Tinto Negro grapes from the1996 harvest were of exceptional quality due to excellent weather conditions during the growing season. The abundance of perfectly ripe grapes from both the north and south coasts allowed the growers to reserve the maximum 10% permitted of total Tinta Negra production to be classified as Colheita. With fruit sourced from a single harvest, this wine took the coveted 'Masters' title in the 2013 Fortified Masters tasting, topping all other Madeira

entries. Deep amber in the glass, its elegant aromas create a rich, ripe nose with hints of grapefruit and roast walnut notes. The palate combines caramel, almond, orange peel and toffee apple notes before a very round and complex finish. A truly stunning wine.

Justino's Reserve 5 Year Old Fine Rich £17.35
Sercial 10 Year Old £28.95
Malvasia 10 Year Old £28.95
1996 Colheita £18.99 (Half bottle)

SHERRY

Valdespino

One of the oldest of the few family-owned bodegas left in Jerez, Valdespino has a history of sherry producing going back six centuries: in 1264 Alfonso Valdespino was one of 24 knights who fought for the city of Jerez with King Alfonso X, against the Arabs. As a reward for his efforts he was given land in the Jerez region. Today Valdespino belongs to the Estevez family who purchased the bodega in 1999.

These are sherries of the highest class and outstanding value for the quality they deliver. The Bodega is also renowned for their VOS (Very Old Sherries) with over 20 years of ageing.

Manzanilla Deliciosa £12.25 £6.55
Fino Inocente £14.99 £8.35
Amontillado Tio Diego £17.99
Pedro Ximenez El Candado £18.85 £10.25
Oloroso Solera 1842 VOS £18.99 (Half bottle)

GIN, VODKA & GRAPPA

Gin

Cotswold Distillery Gin £37.99
Cotswold Vodka £39.99
Bramley & Gage 6 o'clock Gin £29.99
Bramley & Gage Sloe Gin half bottle £15.99
Grappa Di Schiava Pilzer £32.99
Grappa Di Traminer Pilzer £32.99
Grappa Di Pinot Nero Pilzer £32.99

Brandy

Premiere Saveurs 6 Carats Cognac Leopold Gourmel £44.50
Single 8 yr Old Armagnac Samalens £36.00

Whisky

We stock a range of Scottish single malt whiskies that change throughout the year but usually include the following;

Glenrothes Select Reserve, Dalwhinnie 15 YO
Royal Lochnagar 12 YO
Talisker 10 YO
Bowmore 12 YO
Bunnahabhain 12 YO
Ledaig 10 YO
Tobermory 10 YO
Balvenie Doublewood 12 YO

BEERS & CIDERS

We stock a large range of local Beers & Ciders from the following Producers

Cotswold Lager Co.
Cotswold Springs Brewery
Donnington
North Cotswold Brewery
Hook Norton
Muddy Wellys
Stroud Brewery
Five Valley
Pearson's
Seven Cider

OILS & VINEGARS

We stock a superb range of Italian, Spanish & Greek Extra Virgin, Olive Oils & vinegars including

Oils

A Mano
Alpha Zeta
Fontodi Organic
Selvapiana
Cappezana
Nuñez de Prado
Castelines
Colonna
L'Estornell
Illiada
Ravida
Viola

Vinegars

A L'Olivier
Casa Rinaldi Balsamic
La Vecchia Dispensa PGI
Valdespino Sherry





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We hold regular tastings throughout the year. We will be hosting private tastings for new wines, and holding larger tastings with guest speakers from our partners around the globe. If you would like to know more about our events, and to join our wine club, you can do so at our website:

tokesfoodanddrink.com

Terms and Conditions

Prices

All prices in this list are per bottle and include duty and VAT unless stated otherwise. Please allow for this when comparing prices, particularly of old and rare wines, which often appear on brokers lists & online exclusive of duty and VAT. Prices are subject to market and currency fluctuations, changes in duty and VAT, and stock remaining unsold.

Discounts: The following discounts apply to collected orders only;

1-4 Cases	5%
5-9 Cases	7.5%
10 Cases and over	10%

Some old and rare wines are not subject to quantity discounts however they may be included in the bottle count for discounts.

Description/Quality

We undertake the proper safekeeping and storage of wines in our possession and will act in good faith when purchasing wine, but we will not be responsible for the state and condition of wines or whether the wine corresponds to the qualities which might be expected from its description. At our complete discretion, we will consider replacing the remainder of any case sold which is not drinkable.

Payment

We welcome payment by cash, Visa, and Mastercard.

Value Added Tax

Invoices showing VAT inclusive prices are suitable for tax purposes, however please advise us if you require an itemised invoice showing VAT separately.

Excise duty

Toke's reserves the right to pass on in full any duty changes that may be announced during the life of this list.

Force Majeure

The company will not be liable for failure to meet agreed obligations due to prevailing circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

Deliveries

Local delivery for a minimum of one case of wine (12 bottles) is free. Nationwide UK delivery (excluding Highlands and Islands) to one delivery address when spending £200 or more is free of charge. Under a £200 spend our normal delivery charges apply which are £6.00 per case (12 bottles) with a minimum charge of £12.00 inclusive of VAT.

Claims

Customers are requested to carefully check all goods at the time of delivery. The delivery or carrier's note should be signed noting any shortages or breakage. We regret we cannot accept claims for shortages or breakages not recorded in this way. In every instance claims must be made to Toke's within three days of delivery.

Liabilty

The company takes considerable pride in the accuracy and diligence of its employees and will endeavour to satisfy customers' requirements wherever possible. So far as the law permits however the company shall not be liable for consequential loss or damage in any respect.

Law

All contracts are governed by English law and jurisdiction.

Title

The goods shall remain the Seller's property until the Buyer has paid all sums due from it to the Seller. Until that time the Buyer shall hold them as Bailee, store them in such a way that they can be identified as the Seller's property, and keep them separate from the Buyer's own property and the property of any other person. Although the goods remain the Seller's property until paid for, they shall be at the Buyer's risk from time of delivery and the buyer shall insure them against loss or damage accordingly, and in the event of such loss or damage shall hold the proceeds of such insurance on behalf of the Seller as trustee for the Seller. In accepting delivery of the goods the Buyer undertakes to indemnify the Seller against any losses and expenses incurred by the Seller, arising from the Buyer's breach, howsoever caused.

Withdrawal

Customers have a seven day right of withdrawal from mail order contracts. Notice of cancellation must be given in writing and will be effective upon receipt at Toke's registered office. Please note that in the event of a cancelled order, a charge may be levied to cover the cost of collecting the goods.

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