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Christmas
Wine List
2023

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wine vs food pairing, wine styles,
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you name it, we can advise it.

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Cases (page 24-26)**

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**Party/Event/Wedding Supply
Sale or Return
Glass hire
Ice (& free tub hire for ice)
Free local uplift**

KEY

⊗	=	screwcap
VEG	=	vegetarian
V	=	vegan
O	=	organic
B	=	biodynamic
N	=	natural

vintages / prices / alcohol levels correct at time of
print

These may change over the next 3 months.

**Mixed cases: we will substitute any wine out of stock
with a lovely wine of same style & at
least equal value.

✦ WELCOME to our Christmas 23 wine list ✦

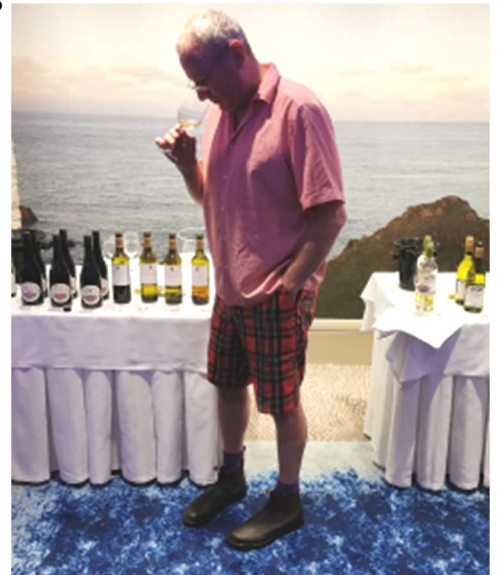
It seems like an age ago, and behold, the calendar doesn't lie. It was a cool crisp March in 1999 that I handed my notice in to Oddbins after a 10 year stint of working for the then pre-eminent national wine merchant. Unfortunately, they went downhill after I left, co-incidence? I think not. 😊😊 Does that mean I need to plan a 25th anniversary celebration, possibly involving wine?

It was almost exactly one month later in April 1999 that my delightful wife announced the joyful news of child number one. A piece of advice, "not ideal timing" apparently isn't the correct repost. I was swiftly corrected. Fraser (child number one) is now adeptly running the Dalkeith Road Great Grog shop. He is currently studying for his Level 4 WSET wine exam, which is considerably trickier than back in my day.

John and Tommy have shifted down to the new grog shop at the Pleasance which we took over from Duncan Smith. Lawrence Smith was Duncan's great-grandfather, and it really is an honour to take on a wine business that was established in 1883. We hope to continue their tradition for many years to come. We have also preserved the old 19th century signage which hopefully Duncan will be pleased with.

Business continues to grow in 2023 and I am very grateful to my customers and my staff for their unstinting tolerance of my oddities, my peculiarities and (almost unknown) failings. Here's to another 25 years (as though).

Cheers, Richard



LAST ORDER DATES FOR DELIVERY

UK wide via courier → Monday 18th December

Glasgow → Wednesday 20th December

Edinburgh → Friday 22nd December

suggested last order dates to 3
ensure we can safely get your wine to you in time





The Best Festive Offers for 2023



Greenhough Organic Sauvignon, NZ

Very fine Estate-bottled passion fruit bomb tempered by an undetectable whisper of oak

16.00 **10.69**



Patria Nueva Reserva Chardonnay, CH

Wow this is gorgeous. Bags of peaches, melon, toast, butter, cream and coconut caramel.

11.69 **10.69**



Circle of Life White, SA

Fresh lime and pear flavours with a creamy texture and great length. Sauvignon-based.

13.49 **11.39**



Vila Nova Alvarinho, PT

Looks like a total bargain when you look at Spanish Albarino! Lime juice, stone fruit, freshness.

12.35 **11.95**



Dom Vedilhan Serica Viognier, FR

Just what you need as the cold nights draw in. Exotic, peachy and perfumed, rich, round and creamy.

11.15 **10.50**



Terrazze Luna Teroldego Rotaliano, IT

Obscure grape but sumptuous, soft & smooth, medium weight and punchy in the flavour dept. Merlot-esque....

10.25 **9.00**



Rippa Dorii Ribera Del Duero Tinto, SP

Big, ripe and toasty Tempranillo full of forest fruit, liquorice and violets. Just the ticket for chilly nights.

12.55 **11.39**



Seguret Rhone Villages, FR

Deep, dark fruit, cracked black pepper, exotic spice and vanilla. As sexy as wine gets.

16.65 **15.30**



Los Haroldos Estate Malbec, ARG

Big, juicy and creamy, just how we like it. High altitude fruit & barrel ageing & winter warmth.

12.65 **11.55**



Fernando de Castilla Antique PX, SP

30 years in solera system, incredibly sweet, Incredibly tasty- coffee, fig, raisin, molasses, yum. LIQUID XMAS!!! Free box too.

38.39 **33.09**



There are lots more delicious wines on tasty festive offer marked in **red** through the list. Others arrive in December. See [our website](#) or get on our email newsletter for last minute deals. richard@greatgrog.co.uk or 0131 555 0222.

✦ SIMON SAYS old bikes & battery acid ✦

What's up with the youth of today?

The eldest son left for university a week or so ago with an Aldi-isle-of-sh*tte toastie machine, some shiny brand-new pants, a very old bike, a variety of Ikea fairy lights, a surprisingly large number of fish fingers & a head full of dreams. What he didn't take was any desire to drink any alcohol whatsoever. This is worrying.

Aside from the fact he's doing a science course and not a decent, honest working man's degree like mine- in painting (fyi not the useful "and decorating" kind)- I don't know what he's going to fill the days with, and more importantly, spend the student loan on. (That last point is of course a joke- the loan doesn't even cover the accommodation!)

Just think- a soft, buttery, crispy fish finger sandwich without a chilled glass of Albarino- the existential horror of that thought is unbearable!

It seems to be the way with a fair few of his peers that wine drinking just isn't on the radar which may well become an issue for us wine professionals further down the line as the generations move up.

Mind you, I had to endure the rancid "if only this was as good as battery acid" whites that the art college traumatized us with at any & every soiree, plus I had to get over my inability to pay over 2.99 for a bottle of Chilean anti-freeze (this lingered on until I accidentally started working in a dark & dusty branch of Oddbins at the end of the last millennium). Despite all this, I managed to soldier on in my Bacchanalian sipping.

The boy can absolutely do what he likes and I'm as proud as punch of him anyway, but I'll be investing in a nice bottle or two this festive period to enhance the foodie delights that await...and I won't even have to share (well, maybe only with the good lady).

These little beauties will definitely figure on the table this winter...

Icare Chardonnay 2021

Why go all Burgundy when you can slum it with this frankly gorgeous creamy, oaky, plump white? The absolute polar opposite of battery acid.

11.95



Toro de Piedra Gran Reserva Carm/Cab 2020

A deep and complex fine wine without the price tag which will always take the edge off an empty nest.

16.15

14.10



Prosecco Conegliano Valdobbiadene Ca'Vittoria Extra-Dry,

Perfect posh peachy Prosecco for your festive frenzy. Plus it's all gold and twinkly, so actually extra-Christmassy.

14.89



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Wine Chat - what does it all mean?



There are a wealth of words used to describe a wine that may leave some of us scratching our heads and asking 'what does it all mean?' Here is our handy guide to Wine Chat which should help shed some light on the most commonly used terms.

ABV - Alcohol by volume. Eg, If a wine is 13% ABV, 13% of the serving is alcohol.

Acidity - The refreshing bit of a drink, makes you come back for more & makes your mouth water.



Appellation - A legally defined and protected region which indicates the style and quality of a wine. Regulations can include grape variety, maximum yields and minimum ageing requirements.

Aroma - The way a wine smells. This can give you a lot of clues about what the wine will taste like.



Balance - Where there is harmony in a wine of the fruit flavours, tannins, acidity, and alcohol. Nothing sticks out too much.

Biodynamic - An alternative, spiritual agriculture model created by Rudolph Steiner that includes various home made preparations and farming by the celestial calendar. A kind of Hyper-Organic.



Blend - A wine made up of different grapes varieties. The grapes are almost always made into wine and aged separately before blending. The exception being a 'field blend.'

Body - The weight and richness of a wine in your mouth. A light bodied wine will feel similar to water whereas a full-bodied wine will feel more like cream.

Carbonic Maceration - A wine making technique that involves putting whole bunches of grapes in a sealed container so the juices ferment inside the grape with no skin contact. This creates softer, fruitier wines with low tannins. E.g. Beaujolais



Complexity - The different types and depths of flavour in a wine. A wine that has layers of flavour is a good indicator of a high quality wine

Fermentation - The chemical process which converts sugar into alcohol and CO₂ through the use of natural yeast on grape skins or via an inoculation



Fining - A process to remove larger particles in wine to stabilize and clarify it. What is used in this process determines if a wine is vegan or not.

Finish - The amount of time the flavour lingers on your palate after swallowing. Longer length is an indication of quality.

Gamey - A term often used for older wines that have developed flavours of game, mushrooms, forest floor and leather.

Grip - The feeling of tannins in your mouth providing texture to the wine, this can indicate a wine ability to age.

Lees - Dead yeast cells left over from fermentation. These add a creamy texture to the wine if stirred through in a process called **Battonage** (literally “beating!”)



Maceration - Where the juice is left in contact with the grape skins after fermentation to extract colour and tannin.

Organic - Wine made from organically produced grapes, no artificial pesticides or fertilisers.

Racking - The process of moving wine from barrel to barrel, leaving the sediment behind.

Skin Contact/ Orange Wine - A white wine that is macerated on the grape skins to add body and tannin. They are generally less fruity and grippier than white wines.

Structure - The major elements of a wine – flavour, sweetness, acidity, tannin, body and alcohol.



Sulphites - Naturally occur in grapes (and many other products) as well as being used in winemaking as a preservative – they stop wine from going bad!

Tannins - The drying texture in your mouth that comes from the grape pips and skins.

Tertiary - The flavours and aromas that come from age. *Leather, game, mushroom, forest floor.*

Terroir - The complete environment a wine is produced in, including soil, topography, aspect, climate, and other factors that make it unique to a particular place.



Vegan - No animal products or derivatives were used in the production or fining of the wine.

Vegetarian - No animal products apart from casein (milk protein) or albumen (egg white) were used in the production of the wine.

Vieilles Vignes - French term for old vines. There is no legal definition of this but generally refers to vines 30+ years old. Old vines result in less grapes with more intense flavour.



Vitis Vinifera - Common Grape Vine is the grape species that (nearly) all wines are made from.

Yeast - A single cell fungus that is crucial to wine making. Eats sugar in grape juice and excretes alcohol. A really, really handy wee beast. Also critical in bread and croissants

Yield - The amount of grapes produced in an area, measured by weight. Many regions restrict yields in order to ensure quality. Lower yield = higher quality.





CHAMPAGNE / white

GOBILLARD NV HALF BOTTLE	15.50	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Miniaturised Tradition...half the size yet all the pleasure of a big bottle.</i>			
ST THOMAS BRUT NV	26.50	12.0	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Gobillards entry level fizz. More fruit, definite berry flavours and a lush creamy mousse.</i>			
GOBILLARD NV	27.50	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Even Champagne can sometimes surprise you with how good it is. This is one of those wines.</i>			
GOBILLARD BLANC DE BLANCS NV	29.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. 100% Chardonnay. Light and crunchy green apple fruit makes for a great aperitif.</i>			
GOBILLARD BLANC DE NOIRS NV	29.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. 100% black grapes - white champagne! Fruity & soft, redcurrant notes with hints of raspberry.</i>			
GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE NV	29.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Absolutely first rate fizz. Great balance between lip licking citrus pizzazz, soft apple & toast.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE 2016	33.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Taut, lithe and adroit - a gymnast of lemon peel, granny smith and tense minerality.</i>			
GOSSET EXTRA-BRUT NV	42.50	12.0	V
<i>AY. 3 years on lees, 5 grams of sugar per litre only. Yummy, zesty, elegant style.</i>			
TAITTINGER NV	46.49	12.5	V
<i>REIMS. One of the best Champagne "grand marques" (big brands). Incredibly it is still family-owned.</i>			
GOSSET GRAND RESERVE NV	52.95	12.0	
<i>AY. Probably needs food it is so rich. Big, toasty, minerally.</i>			
GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE *MAGNUM*	62.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. 2 Bottle size...the ideal format...it actually tastes better from magnum, no word of a lie!</i>			
GOBILLARD CUVÉE 5	69.00	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Unique! 5 grape varieties : Arbane, Petit Meslier, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.</i>			
GOSSET MILLESIME 2015	71.39	12.0	
<i>AY. One of the best wines on the planet. Concentrated, long & delicious if you are lucky enough ever to try it.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE 2014 *MAGNUM*	75.00	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Gorgeous Champagne & even more so for being larger.</i>			
GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE *JEROBOAM* = 3L	160.00	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS 4 bottle size...a termite mound of bubbling joy.</i>			



CHAMPAGNE / pink

GOBILLARD ROSE PRESTIGE *HALF BOTTLE*	17.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. A delicate river trout colour, fruity, expressive and full of flavour.</i>			
GOBILLARD ROSE NV	29.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Great raspberry and red berry scented fizz, a firm Grog favourite.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE ROSE 2018	33.00	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. A delicate river trout colour, fruity, expressive and full of flavour.</i>			
GOSSET GRAND ROSE NV	56.69	12.0	
<i>AY. Simon says this delightful little pink drop is the elixir of beauty.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE ROSE 2014 *MAGNUM*	75.00	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS To be honest, this is the proper format for vintage rose Champagne</i>			
GOSSET CELEBRIS ROSE 2007	148.99	12.0	
<i>AY. Strawberry, raspberry and redcurrant, giving a soft, full mouthful, finishing on notes of grapefruit and lemon.</i>			



SPARKLING / white

JULES LAROSE BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV	8.79	11.0	V / B / O*
<i>FRANCE. Excellent value summer quaffer with lovely floral and citrus. The perfect party fizz!</i>			
PROSECCO AMORI SPUMANTE EXTRA DRY	9.69	11.0	V
<i>ITALY. Easy going sparkler with bright apple, peach and acacia.</i>			
PET-NAT FRERES CAROD NV	9.99	8.5	
<i>FRANCE. 'Method Ancestral'. Light, grapey with floral citrus notes and a lovely mousse. Ideal daytime drinking.</i>			
PROSECCO LE DOLCI SPUMANTE	10.69	11.5	V
<i>ITALY. Ripe, grapey and zesty fizz from the north east of Italy. Green apple and citrus, soft and delicate.</i>			
CAVA CAN XA BRUT NV	11.95	12.0	
<i>SPAIN. High quality Cava with pithy lemons, butter and toasted brioche with an elegant silky finish.</i>			
CREMANT DE LIMOUX SALASAR D'AZUR NV	12.25	12.0	
<i>FRANCE. Intense brioche nose, with honey and hazelnut. Lively and fresh with fleshy white stone fruits.</i>			
CREMANT DE LOIRE BRUT SAUVION NV	12.99	12.0	
<i>FRANCE. Lighter than Champagne but still with yeasty, brioche flavours and lovely fresh, crisp apple fruit.</i>			
DARLING CELLARS MCC BLANC DE BLANCS 2020	13.99	11.5	V
<i>SOUTH AFRICA 100% sparkling Chardonnay with lovely leasy brioche flavours, some citrus and bruised apple</i>			
PROSECCO VALDOBBIADENE CA'VITTORIA	14.89	11.5	V
<i>ITALY. Focussed and fruity, superior Prosecco with generous white peach, grape, pear and a lovely, long finish.</i>			
CREMANT D'ALSACE DOPFF & IRION BLANC DE BLANCS NV	16.20	12.0	v
<i>FRANCE. Lovely light and floral Cremant from a tiny 5 hectare estate.</i>			
CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE 2021 MOILLARD GRIVOT	16.59	11.5	
<i>FRANCE. 100% Chardonnay. Lovely, rich style of cremant, wild flowers, hazelnuts and hints of peach.</i>			
STEENBERG SPARKLING CHARDONNAY 1682	18.15	12.0	V
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Ultra-fine and well-made; vibrant notes of Granny Smith apple, candied lemon & white peach.</i>			
CREMANT BOURGOGNE SIMONNET-FEBVRE	21.50	12.0	
<i>FRANCE. Utterly delightful sparkling Chablis. Fresh pear and brioche and a dreamy mousse.</i>			



SPARKLING / pink

PROSECCO ITA SPUMANTE ROSE EXTRA DRY 2021	10.79	11.5	V
<i>ITALY. Summer berries and a creamy, dreamy mousse.</i>			
PROSECCO LE DOLCI SPUMANTE ROSE 2021	11.65	11.5	V
<i>ITALY. Lovely light fizz, dry but bloomin' fruity.</i>			
CREMANT DE LIMOUX SALASAR ROSE NV	12.25	11.5	
<i>FRANCE. A delicious rose fizz with fresh strawberry and raspberry fruit and a delicate sea spray of saltiness</i>			
BIRD IN HAND SPARKLING ROSE 2021	15.65	12.5	V
<i>AUSTRALIA. Delicate, floral notes, fresh strawberry, red apple and pink grapefruit. Lively with a crisp finish.</i>			



SPARKLING / red

ALASIA BRACHETTO D'ACQUI 2022	9.15	5.5	V
<i>ITALY. Juicy and lightly sparkling sweet red with fresh crushed raspberries, violets and dried rose petals.</i>			
MOLLY DOOKER SPARKLING SHIRAZ 2021	25.35	14.5	V
<i>AUSTRALIA. Vivid maraschino cherry and plum jam that progress into layers of milk chocolate and mocha.</i>			



PARTY WINE and the 11% Line



I'm sure we'll all be in dire need of some sort of shindig or hoe-down with a healthy dollop of craic on top come the end of the year. Got a few pals coming round? Need a wine that's not going to break the bank but will satisfy the discerning drinker? We can point you in the direction of a few....

Within the selection are some wines under the magic 11.5% barrier, i.e. where the chunky new alcohol duty kicks in. I think the powers that be are trying to make us drink less or at least drink healthier, weaker wine. They certainly expect to collect less money (£115 million less!) in duty even with a 20% increase in duty on most everyday wines. Strange days indeed.

Can you get flavour without alcohol? Yes, but it's hard! It's best when it's naturally low as opposed to partially de-alcoholised which need to go through additional processes during production, stripping out taste.

From our tasting experience, reds are harder to get ripe whilst keeping alcohol low, so 11% is a bit tricky. However, these 2 are great little session gluggers with a reasonably low, party friendly ABV;

Pe Tinto 2022, Portugal, 13%, 8.30

One of our most beloved cheapies. By Esporao, this has a perfect balance of fruit, freshness and flavour with swoonsome smoothness.



Pato Torronte Merlot 2022, Chile, 12.5%, 8.09

Very quaffable, with a lovely tension between juiciness and fruit depth.



Whites are much more succesful with lower alcohol as freshness and a lighter weight are often just what you are looking for. Try these;

Il Traliccio Trebbiano 2022, Italy, 11%, 7.45

Try licking this! The best of a recent low-alc tasting, really fresh and bright with zippy citrus and pear fruit.



Aquiline Sauvignon 2023, South Africa, 11% 7.99

Text-book grassy, fruity style which manages to taste far fuller than its 11% strength would suggest. Really quite Impressive.



El Tesoro Verdejo 2022, Spain, 11%, 8.40

Excellent vibrant, crisp white from Diez Siglos winery. Tangy citrus, passionfruit, green apple and freshly cut grass.



And what's a party without some sparkle?

Jules Larose Blanc de Blancs NV, France, 11%, 8.79

Excellent value quaffer with lovely floral notes, green apple and citrus all rounded out with some richer toasty notes.



Prosecco Amori Extra Dry NV, Italy, 11%, 9.69

Easy going crisp and refreshing sparkler with bright apple, peach and ripe pear





ARGENTINA / white

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| ⊗ CHACABUCO VIOGNIER 2022 | 10.65 | 13.0 | VEG |
| <i>MENDOZA. A peach of a wine. Bursting with fruit & juiciness with a zing of refreshing high-altitude acidity.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ QUARA TORRONTES 2020 | 11.45 | 13.0 | V |
| <i>CAFAYATE. In-your-face elderflower fruit attack. Nectarine, rose petal, honey, warm peach with fresh acidity.</i> | | | |
| ALANDES PARADOUX BLANC NV | 24.99 | 14.0 | V |
| <i>CONSULTA & UCO. A hefty but clean multi vintage blend with complex layers of mineral notes, spice & herbs</i> | | | |



ARGENTINA / red

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| ⊗ ALFONSO THE GRAPE RED 2019 *was 7.80* | 7.00 | 13.0 | V |
| <i>ARGENTINA. An obscure variety, this drinks like a juicy Beaujolais. Not heavy and with lovely freshness.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ LAS PAMPAS MALBEC 2022 | 9.49 | 13.0 | |
| <i>ARGENTINA. Soft and supple with damson fruit, vanilla and toast.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ TESORO ANDES MALBEC/BONARDA 2022 | 10.09 | 14.5 | V |
| <i>MENDOZA. Brooding dark damson and bramble fruit with a twist of gentle spice. Great value.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ CHACABUCO MALBEC 2022 | 10.65 | 13.5 | V |
| <i>MENDOZA. Plum, damson and black cherries, smooth and soft with ripe dark berry fruit and warm spice.</i> | | | |
| GOUGEUNHEIM MALBEC 2021 | 11.35 | 13.5 | VEG |
| <i>MENDOZA. White pepper, spice, sweet blackberries, coffee and cherry chocolate. Full bodied and smooth.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ QUARA ESTATE MALBEC 2021 | 11.45 | 13.5 | VEG |
| <i>CAFAYETE. Lightly oaked, very fruity with notes of plum, pepper and spices.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ NIETO MALBEC 2022 *was 12.00* | 11.25 | 14.0 | V |
| <i>MENDOZA. Tremendous flavours of plums, figs, and dried fruit with a smoky vanilla character.</i> | | | |
| LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE MALBEC 2021 *was 12.65* | 11.55 | 14.5 | VEG |
| <i>MENDOZA. A perfect fusion of high-altitude fruit with mellow spice from oak maturation.</i> | | | |
| LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE BONARDA 2020 *was 12.65* | 11.55 | 14.0 | VEG |
| <i>MENDOZA. Complex. Cinnamon, cherry tobacco and plum, blueberry pancakes, sweet smoke and dark fruit.</i> | | | |
| PIEDRA NEGRA ARROYA GRANDE ORGANIC MALBEC 2022 | 15.99 | 14.5 | V / O |
| <i>UCO VALLEY, MENDOZA: Blackberries and blueberries all meshed together in this velvety soft wine</i> | | | |
| ALTOCEDRO ANO CERO TEMPRANILLO 2021 *was 17.09* | 15.69 | 14.0 | V |
| <i>LA CONSULTA, UCO, MEDOZA. Really juicy, ripe, black cherry fruit with spice and well integrated tannins.</i> | | | |
| ALGODON MALBEC 2016 | 20.90 | 13.5 | VEG |
| <i>MENDOZA. Ripe black fruits, autumn notes, vanilla, cherry liqueur, damson, raisins and soft smoky tannins.</i> | | | |
| LOS HAROLDOS HERMANDAD MALBEC 2020 | 24.59 | 14.5 | V |
| <i>MENDOZA. Expertly-made top-notch red. Really incredible. Full bodied, rich, ripe black fruits, violets & vanilla.</i> | | | |
| ALANDES PARADOUX RED BLEND N.V. | 25.79 | 14.5 | V |
| <i>MENDOZA. STUNNING blend, very, very fine indeed. Lovely, rich blackcurrant fruit and supple, strong tannins.</i> | | | |
| MEG ESCORIHUELA GASCON MALBEC/CAB 2019 | 38.55 | 14.0 | |
| <i>UCO VALLEY. Wafts of violets & orange rind then a juicy unctuous mouthful finishing with subtle creamed oak.</i> | | | |

Karim Mussi - His winery (started in 1999) in La Consulta is regarded as the most exciting of Argentina's wine-growing regions, is a wonderful exhibition of vinification hi-tech from across the ages with ancient basket presses nudging up alongside thermo-vinifiers.

Altocedro Ano Cero Tempranillo 2021

Tempranillo is the second most planted grape in La Consulta, where the cool climate of this high altitude area creates wines that are fruity and expressive in their youth that develop into elegant, more old wine in character with some bottle age. This one fermented in concrete vats to retain freshness and 30% is aged in French oak for ten months. It is ripe, rich and complex and a total steal at this price.



15.69



AUSTRALIA / white

- ⊗ **MURPHY'S CHARDONNAY 2022** **8.65** 13.5 VEG
MURRAY RIVER. Soft and fruit driven daily drinker brimming with nectarine, melon and peach.
- ⊗ **VINTRIGUE PINOT GRIS NV *was 8.99*** **8.19** 13.5
VICTORIA. Complex, textural and slightly savoury with aromatic nuances of pears, lychees and exotic spice.
- ⊗ **SOLDIERS BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2022** **9.29** 13.0 VEG
VICTORIA. Vibrant and full of nectarine, melon and citrus fruit. A small portion is oaked to add weight.
- ⊗ **PICKLES SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021** **10.39** 11.5
VICTORIA: Delightful Sauvignon with classic flavours of passion fruit and papaya with a hint of green pepper.
- ⊗ **RIVER RETREAT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021/22** **11.15** 12.5 V
MILDURA. Zesty and tropical easy drinking Sauvignon from Anthony Murphy of Trentham Estate.
- ⊗ **CAPEL VALE DEBUT SEMILLON/SAUVIGNON 2022 *was 13.55*** **10.19** 13.0
MARGARET RIVER. Clean, ripe, racy with lime sorbet and white flowers.
- ⊗ **MITCHELL WATERVALE RIESLING 2020** **15.49** 12.5 V / O* / B
CLARE VALLEY. Ripe and rich with flavours of honey, jasmine and petrol from a super exposed hill.
- ⊗ **CORIOLE FIANO 2021** **16.90** 13.0 V
MCLAREN VALE: Floral, fruity number with fresh acidity and great texture.



AUSTRALIA / red

- ⊗ **ROWLANDS BROOK SHIRAZ 2021** **8.50** 13.5 V
AUSTRALIA. Big, bold Ozzie Shiraz with velvety tannins, forest fruits and a spicy finish.
- ⊗ **MURPHY'S SHIRAZ 2021** **8.65** 14.0 V
MURRAY RIVER. Our standard bearer & all round champion wine. Cherry, cassis, mocha, sweet plum, spice.
- ⊗ **PECULIAR MR PAT MERLOT 2021** **8.99** 13.5 V
S E AUSTRALIA. Soft and mellow easy going Merlot with vanilla plums. Highly drinkable!
- ⊗ **SOLDIERS BLOCK SHIRAZ 2021** **9.29** 14.0 V
LANGHORNE CREEK. Great value. Mulberry plums, some herby notes and a lick of vanilla.
- ⊗ **MCPHERSON 'JOCK'S' CABERNET 2019** **10.39** 14.0
VICTORIA. Great concentration, juicy-bright-fruit & perfume. Racing wine; goes bloody quickly when opened!
- ⊗ **BELLA LUNA NERO D'AVOLA 2021** **12.35** 13.0
VICTORIA. Spicy, earthy, juicy deliciousness, tons of flavour without being too heavy.
- ⊗ **TRENTHAM MERLOT 2019/21** **12.90** 13.5 V
BIG RIVERS. Soft, velvety red, layers of sweet plum, cherry and spice with a touch of mocha and subtle oak.
- ⊗ **CORIOLE 'MOLLY'S GARDEN' SHIRAZ SANGIOVESE 2021** **13.19** 14.5 V
MCLAREN VALE. Spicy Shiraz & juicy Sangiovese is a great combo. Black tea, bay, berries & ripe tannins.
- ⊗ **TRENTHAM NEBBIOLO 2021** **13.25** 13.5 V
BIG RIVERS. Effectively a Barolo made in Australia. Blackberry, plum, complex spice, earth and ripe tannins.
- ⊗ **DON'T TELL GARY SHIRAZ 2020/21** **14.50** 15.0
GRAMPIANS. Northern Rhone in style, super peppery and aromatic with soft dark fruits.
- ⊗ **CORIOLE NERO 2021** **15.55** 14.5
MCLAREN VALE: Macerated raspberry, cherry cola and strawberry ice cream. Beautiful summer fruit bomb.
- ⊗ **BREMERTON SELKIRK SHIRAZ 2019/20** **15.89** 14.5 V
LANGHORNE CREEK. Brilliant rich and super tasty red, rich, sweet ripe berry fruit and coconut oak.
- ⊗ **JJ HAHN "STELZER" MERLOT 2019** **16.49** 14.0
BAROSSA VALLEY. Juicy drop of stewed plums, blackcurrant, cloves and vanilla. Long and plush.
- ⊗ **JJ HAHN "HERMANN'S" SHIRAZ 2018** **16.49** 14.0
BAROSSA VALLEY. Extremely classy red by Rolf Binder. Fine grain tannins, judicious oak, fine fruit, superb.

⊗ **TRENTAM HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2018/20**

17.49 14.5 V

HEATHCOTE. Marvellous stuff. Rich, balanced, ripe & smooth. Pepper, plum, cherry, chocolate & toasty oak

⊗ **MOLLY DOOKER BOXER SHIRAZ 2021**

26.15 16.0 V

MACLAREN VALE. Full of spicy red fruit with dark chocolate, plum, cassis, vanilla & oak. Rich & intense.



AUSTRIA / white

⊗ **GRUNER VELTLINER-SEPP MOSER 2022**

14.45 12.0 V / O

KREMSTAL. Dry and aromatic, a touch of white pepper atop a pile of white peach and just ripe pears.



AUSTRIA / red

⊗ **SEPP MOSER ZWIGELT 2022**

14.49 12.0 V / O

KREMSTAL. Bright, sappy berry fruit, crunchy acidity, spice, liquorice and herbs.

Sepp Moser Zweigelt 2022

14.49

The Moser family have been pioneers in Austrian wine making for decades and this wine shows what that dedication brings. Organic, complex and delicious. Impressive stuff.



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We'll be asking some of our favourite wine makers to join us live online to chat about the past year and to taste and talk us through a couple of their wines. See our events page for details





CHILE / white

⊗ PATO TORRENTE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	8.39	12.5	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Great value, pleasing white. Resistance is futile.</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE CHARDONNAY 2022	8.49	13.0	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Brilliant value tropical fruit bomb with nice weight and creaminess. Very sexy.</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE SAUVIGNON 2022	8.49	12.5	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Crisp and fresh with gooseberry, zippy limey citrus and melon.</i>			
⊗ SANTA ALBA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	8.80	13.0	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Gooseberry, wild herbs and ripe citrus fruits. Light, dry and full of fruit.</i>			
⊗ SANTIAGO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	8.80	13.0	v
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Bright as a button, clean as a whistle with bags of lemon and lime; tastes light and fresh.</i>			
⊗ SIERRA GRANDE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	8.85	12.5	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Well made, good quality, VERY crisp. Green apples, limes, citrus, kiwi with racy acidity.</i>			
⊗ ADOBE RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 *was 10.25*	9.35	12.0	V / O
<i>CASABLANCA VALLEY. Citrus, grapefruit and lime with a subtle touch of white pepper and delicate herbs.</i>			
⊗ VENTEPURO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021	10.59	13.0	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Full of pure, intense flavours of citrus, tropical fruits and grassy notes.</i>			
PATRIA NUEVA RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2021 *was 11.69*	10.69	13.5	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Wow this is gorgeous. Bags of peaches, melon, toast, butter, cream and coconut caramel.</i>			
⊗ TABALI GRAN RESERVA VIOGNIER 2022	12.55	13.5	V
<i>LIMARI VALLEY. Fresh and aromatic with citrus, orange and stone fruit. Subtle but delicious.</i>			
⊗ VIU MANENT SECRET VIOGNIER 2018	15.19	13.5	
<i>COLCHAGUA VALLEY. Perfumed, silky, elegant. Pear, papaya & apricot. 15% of the blend is a secret. Shh!</i>			
HUMO BLANCO L'ATELIER NARANJO 2022	19.39	12.5	V
<i>LOLOL. Low intervention skin contact wine with mandarin, spiced pear and a nice, grippy texture.</i>			
ARAUCANO CLOS DE LOLOL SAUVIGNON / CHARDONNAY 2017	22.45	14.0	V
<i>LOLOL. Complex tropical pineapple, lychee and floral notes of blackcurrant flower, finishing clean & minerally.</i>			



CHILE / red

⊗ PATO TORRENTE MERLOT 2022	8.09	12.5	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Generously fruity with soft tannins, ideal to drink on its own, or your own. Why share?</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE CAB SAUV 2022	8.49	13.0	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Easy drinking and approachable fruity red. Ripe and rounded.</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE MERLOT 2022	8.49	13.0	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Mellow, plush and plummy. Almost too easy to drink style.</i>			
⊗ VICUNA MALBEC 2021/22	8.65	12.5/13	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Medium-bodied and juicy with 3 months oak ageing adding depth.</i>			
⊗ SANTA ALBA MERLOT 2022	8.80	13.0	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. From a family-owned winery. Soft & juicy glugger with black fruits and subtle smoke.</i>			
⊗ SIERRA GRANDE MERLOT 2022	8.85	13.0	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Juicy, soft and fresh, easy drinking Merlot full of plums, blackcurrant and cranberry.</i>			
⊗ SANTIAGO PINOT NOIR 2022	8.99	13.0	v
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Pale and fresh, cherry, strawberry and hints of sweet spice.</i>			
⊗ SIERRA GRANDE CABERNET 2021	9.20	13.0	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Really soft, pure Cabernet bursting with blackcurrant, herbs and hints of green pepper.</i>			
⊗ DEBAJO DRY FARMED CARIGNAN 2021	9.45	13.5	V
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Juicy bottle of joy with fresh red berry compote and a touch of liquorice.</i>			

⊗ ADOBE RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2022 *was 10.25*	9.35	13.5	O / V
<i>BIO-BIO. Fairly light, delicate and elegant Pinot with fresh, sour cherry notes, strawberry and subtle spice.</i>			
SANTA ALBA RESERVE CABERNET 2021	10.29	13.5	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Mellow for a Cabernet. Nice, juicy, plum fruit, good balance of tannins & fruit. Great value.</i>			
SANTA ALBA RESERVE CARMENERE 2022	10.29	13.5	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Like Merlot with knobs on - rich, velvety, plummy & luscious with a dark chocolate finish.</i>			
SANTA ALBA RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2022	10.39	13.0	V
<i>MAULE VALLEY. Cherries, wild berries, cinnamon smoke, dark cherries in chocolate & vanilla ice cream.</i>			
DANCING FLAME PINOT NOIR 2022	11.35	14.0	V
<i>LEYDA VALLEY. Fragrant and complex with raspberry fruit, vanilla, black pepper and cedar. 12 months in oak.</i>			
PATRIA NUEVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019 *was 11.69*	10.69	14.0	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Juicy, intense, super tasty, dark cherry, strawberry, cedar, licorice, roasted nuts and toast.</i>			
BODEGA VOLCANES DE CHILE RESERVA MERLOT 2020 *was 13.19*	12.05	14.0	
<i>RAPEL VALLEY: Fantastic value higher end Merlot. Deliciously soft with plums and chocolate.</i>			
⊗ ARAUCANO RESERVA CARMENERE 2020	13.30	13.8	
<i>COLCHAGUA VALLEY. The purest, freshly crushed blackcurrant fruit, very smooth and complete.</i>			
⊗ HUMO BLANCO RESERVA SYRAH 2021	15.39	14.0	O
<i>LOLOL. Complex, supple wine with concentrated flavours of black cherries, liquorice and white pepper.</i>			
TORO DE PIEDRA GRAN RES CAB / CARMENERE 20 *was 16.15*	14.10	14.0	V
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Blinder. Complex, serious wine, dark fruits, mixed spice, leather, bitter chocolate & coffee.</i>			
TORO DE PIEDRA CARIGNAN 2020 *was 16.15*	14.10	14.0	V
<i>MAULE VALLEY. Dangerously soft with raspberry and strawberry floral notes, cedar and forest floor.</i>			
VIU MANENT LA CAPILLA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018	24.25	14.0	V
<i>COLCHAGUA VALLEY. Complex, rich yet refreshing mouthful of red fruit, cedar, herbs and black cherry.</i>			
VIU MANENT SAN CARLOS MALBEC 2020	24.25	13.5	
<i>COLCHAGUA VALLEY. Totally delicious elegant malbec with sweet ripe blackberry/currant fruit & floral notes.</i>			

BODEGA ARAUCANO

Francois Lurton is fourth generation Bordeaux royalty and has been producing wine in Chile since the 1990s after seeing it's potential (he also has estates in Argentina, Spain and France). Chile is a country that is ideal for farming organically due to the climate and very few natural diseases. Lurton has gone further and became fully Biodynamic.

Araucano Carmenere 2020

Long mistaken for Merlot, Carmenere is bright, smooth and a little more structured. This perfectly balanced wine is bursting with cassis fruit and spice.

13.30



Humo Blanco Reserva Syrah 2021

Elegant and supple Rhone style, cool climate red with morrillo cherry fruit, white pepper and a touch of smoke.

15.39



Humo Blanco L'Atelier Naranjo 2022

Skin contact wine laced with flavours of quince, beeswax and dried orange peel. Long flavoured with chewy tannins

19.39



Clos de Lolol Sauvignon Chardonnay 2020

Fantastically full bodied and complex wine from Araucano's best plots. Fermented in barrel on it's fine lees with flavours of apricot, nectarine, baked citrus and woody herbs.

22.45





FRANCE / white

Alsace

- ⊗ **TURCKHEIM GEWURZTRAMINER 2019** **14.05** 13.5 V
ALSACE. Medium-dry white with lychee, rose petal and Turkish delight, freshened by zesty grapefruit.
- GEWURZTRAMINER DOPFF & IRION 2020** **14.29** 14.0 V / B / O*
ALSACE. Classically aromatic and off dry with lychee, rose and pineapple. Try with some really funky cheese.
- RIESLING GRAND CRU DOPFF & IRION SCHOEN 2020** **20.79** 13.0 V / B / O*
ALSACE. Fantastically intense Riesling. Rich honeyed citrus but with a seriously mineral finish.
- GEWURZTRAMINER GRAND CRU DOPFF & IRION SPOREN 2019** **24.99** 13.5 V / B / O*
ALSACE. Very impressive. Flavours of melon, white plum, peach, marzipan, peony, ginger and white pepper.

Bordeaux

- CHATEAU CANTELOUDETTE BLANC ENTRE DEUX MERS 2022** **10.65** 12.0 V
BORDEAUX. Fantastic value Entre Deux Mers. Crisp and classic

Burgundy

- ALIGOTE BOURGOGNE DOMAINE ROMANIN 2022** **13.99** 12.5
MACON. Village produced Aligote. Zingy, zesty and zuper tasting.
- AUXERROIS SIMONNET FEBVRE 2018** **14.69** 13.0
AUXOIS: Fruity yet steely, clean and crisp. A fine wine from a very fine producer. Like Chablis, but not quite.
- MACON-SOLUTRE-POUILLY ROMANIN 2022** **14.99** 13.0
BURGUNDY. Chablis-esque in style with a brilliant clean, citrusy quality and creamy texture.
- ST VERAN RESERVE COLLOVRAY ET TERRIER 2022** **18.55** 13.0
BURGUNDY. Fantastic value Burgundy. Fresh cold butter and apple pie notes. Yum yum
- ⊗ **CHABLIS DOMAINE DES MANANTS 2022** **18.79** 12.5 V
BURGUNDY. Clean and crisp unoaked Chablis with fantastic elegance and length.
- POUILLY FUISSE "TERROIR DE FUISSE" ROMANIN 2021** **20.89** 13.0
BURGUNDY. Exotic with hints of grapefruit enriched with nutty, vanilla oak from barrel fermentation.
- CHABLIS DE LA MOTTE VIELLES VIGNES 2021** **21.45** 13.0
BURGUNDY. 50+ year old vines and partially fermented in oak, textured, full & complex baked apple delight.
- POUILLY FUISSE 1ER CRU AU VIGNERAIS 2021** **25.89** 13.5
BURGUNDY: Amazing wine. Premier Crus (top 10% of all the Pouilly vineyards) are a bit of a rarity.
- POUILLY FUISSE DEUX ROCHES COLLOVRAY 2020/21** **26.90** 13.0 VEG
BURGUNDY. Classic Burgundy with a pristine streak of minerality that cuts through the stone fruit and Brioche.
- CHABLIS 1ER CRU MONTMAINS JM BROCARD 2020** **27.79** 13.0 V / O
CHABLIS. Excellent quality Chablis with pristine citrus freshness, steely saline minerality and leesy texture.
- CHABLIS 1ER CRU VAU DE VEY MALANDES 2020** **28.40** 13.0 V / B / O*
BURGUNDY. Full bodied 1er Cru chablis with fresh, soft peachy stone fruits, crisper green apple and citrus.
- CHABLIS IER CRU MONTMAINS SIMONNET FEBVRE 2020** **38.49** 13.0 V
BURGUNDY. Serious 1er cru Chablis with a real sense of terroir. Fruity, supple, round with a mineral touch.
- MEURSAULT VALLET FRERE 2022** **48.05** 13.0 V
BURGUNDY. Top-end, making my mouth water just thinking about it; oak, minerals, hazelnut, ripe fruit, oh my.

Touraine Sauvignon de la Bergerie 2021

A bit like a New Orleans speakeasy - a plain outside gives no sign of the jazzy riot of a rude, ripe passion within! Kiwi slaying style....

11.49



Loire

TOURAINE SAUVIGNON DE LA BERGERIE 2021	11.49	12.5	V
<i>LOIRE. Ripe and luscious Sauvignon with apples, kiwi and passionfruit. Tasty!</i>			
⊗ TOURAINE SAUVIGNON PRE BARON 2022	12.65	13.0	V
<i>LOIRE. Lovely Loire Sauvignon with gooseberries, white peach, lemon peel and white pepper.</i>			
VOUVRAY LA FORCINE 2020	12.79	12.5	V
<i>LOIRE. Delicious, beautifully balanced off dry Chenin with zippy citrus and ripe orchard fruit.</i>			
⊗ MUSCADET TRADITION DOMAINE DE LA COMBE 2022	13.75	12.0	V
<i>LOIRE. Crisp, crunchy thing, the purest citrus juice and a touch of mineral salinity. Made for seafood.</i>			
SANCERRE DOMAINE DAULNY 2022	20.15	13.0	V / B / O*
<i>LOIRE. Great value Sancerre with added texture from partial oak ageing.</i>			
SANCERRE DOMAINE DE LA TONNELLERIE 2021	20.15	13.0	V
<i>LOIRE. Pristine Sancerre with lip smacking gooseberry and blackcurrant.</i>			
SANCERRE PRE SEMELE 2022	22.69	13.0	
<i>LOIRE VALLEY. Great producer. Crisp, crunchy grapefruit and intense lime, mouthwatering and delicious.</i>			
POUILLY FUME PETIT F 2021	22.90	14.5	V
<i>LOIRE: Fresh, lively and with plenty of minerality on the mid palate, gooseberry, lime and smoky flint.</i>			
POUILLY FUME CHATEAU TRACY 2019	24.79	13.0	V
<i>LOIRE. Mouthwatering flavours of mango coulis, blackcurrant leaf, coriander, ripe lemon and grapefruit peel.</i>			
POUILLY FUME LA MOYNERIE 2021	26.19	14.5	V
<i>LOIRE. Fresh green apple, lime and wet stone along with a hint of gooseberry and a smoky flintiness. Intense.</i>			
POUILLY FUME LES CHAMPS DE BILLONS 2020	43.09	15.0	V
<i>LOIRE: Lean, pure with chalky undertones and pristine acidity. Huge ageing potential. An exceptional wine.</i>			

Rhone

⊗ CLAVEL 'REGULUS' WHITE 2022	10.69	12.5	O
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Rolls around the mouth beautifully. Very expressive with exotic white fruit, pears & peach.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD WHITE 2022	14.29	13.5	V / B / O*
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Marsanne, Roussanne & Viognier. A classic aromatic, fruity yet complex Rhone.</i>			
VIDAL-FLEURY COTES D'RHONE WHITE 2021	14.89	13.0	
<i>RHONE: Intense and juicy 100% Viognier with fresh melon, apricots, almonds and white flowers.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD 'CADENE' WHITE 2022	17.95	13.5	V / B / O*
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Impressive mouthfeel, textural yet unoaked. Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne.</i>			
CONDRIEU VIDAL-FLEURY 2020	50.55	13.5	
<i>NORTHERN RHONE: Absolutely world class version of this rare wine. Rich, exotic and intoxicating.</i>			

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FRANCE / white

South

⊗ CUVÉE DU ROY GASCOGNE SEC 2022	7.69	11.0	V
<i>COTES DE GASCOGNE. Crisp, fresh packed with green apple, lemony citrus and a hint of riper passion fruit.</i>			
⊗ LES VIGNERONS BLANC DE BLANC 2022	8.55	12.5	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Refreshing with hints of grapefruit, tropical fruits and lemon with a really clean, zippy finish.</i>			
⊗ BRISE DE FRANCE SAUVIGNON 2022	8.85	11.5	V
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Crisp, clean and aromatic with citrus and floral notes. Hard to ignore at this price really.</i>			
⊗ PARLEZ VOUS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	8.89	12.0	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Fresh, lively and zesty. Very New World in style but with a bit of French elegance.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE TARIQUET CLASSIC BLANC 2021	8.99	10.5	V
<i>COTES DE GASCOGNE. Lip-stinging blend of literally all the white grapes- grapefruit, nettle, citrus zest.</i>			
⊗ ST MARTIN CHARDONNAY 2022	9.55	13.0	V
<i>PAYS D'OC. Classy, slightly oaked white. White flowers, white stone fruits, apple and peach.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE GRAUZAN SAUVIGNON 2021	9.69	12.5	V / B / O*
<i>PAYS D'OC. Great value French Sauvignon with tropical fruits and refreshing citrus.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE VEDILHAN VIOGNIER 2022	10.19	13.0	V
<i>PAYS D'OC. Honeysuckle and abundant ripe apricots with a nice bitter finish and silky texture.</i>			
⊗ LA LISSE SOIE D'IVOIRE CHENIN BLANC 2022	10.45	12.5	V
<i>VALLEE DE L'AUDE. Luscious peach/apricot fruit and a dab of creamy oak behind its fruity ears.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE GRAUZAN VIOGNIER 2022	10.45	13.5	V / B / O*
<i>PAYS D'OC. Fresh and juicy peach of a wine. Generous and fulfilling.</i>			
⊗ PICPOUL DE PINET L'ORMARINE 2022	10.79	12.5	V
<i>LANGUEDOC. One awe inspiring, quincy, juicy, dry, mouthwatering & minerals. Sexy (classic) bottle shape.</i>			
DOMAINE ST PAUL VIOGNIER / MARSANNE 2022	11.09	13.5	V / O
<i>PAYS D'OC. A tropical fruit bomb beautifully textured with creamy lees ageing.</i>			
DOMAINE VEDILHAN SERICA VIOGNIER 2022 *was 11.15*	10.50	13.5	
<i>LANGUEDOC. Barrel Fermented, rich, sleek and silky with spicy stone fruit and bittersweet orange.</i>			
ICARE CHARDONNAY 2021	11.95	14.0	V / B / O*
<i>LANGUEDOC. An instant Grog favourite. Spicy ginger cream, hazelnuts and baked citrus. Oof.</i>			
DOMAINE MAS BELLES GRENACHE BLANC 2020	12.19	13.0	
<i>PAYS D'OC. Big and tasty, appealing sunny white with bags of flavour; pear, banana and candied orange.</i>			
DOMAINE LES ORS LIMOUX BLANC 2019	13.19	13.5	
<i>LIMOUX. Delicious peachy, lemony, custardy white. 10 months in barrel adds notes of vanilla and coconut.</i>			



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FRANCE / red

Beaujolais

FLEURIE LA MADONE 2022	14.99	13.5	V
<i>BEAUJOLAIS. Silky and elegant, crushed berry fruit, morello cherries and dark chocolate.</i>			

Bordeaux

CHATEAU LE PEUY SAINCRIT BORDEAUX 2018	11.65	14.5	
<i>BORDEAUX. A supple, plummy Claret with chocolate and delicate spice that punches above its weight.</i>			
CHATEAU MAYNE VIEIL 2018 *was 14.39*	13.85	14.5	
<i>FRONSAC. Merlot, lots of creamy dark fruit with earthy, rustic flavours, ripe and very drinkable.</i>			
CHATEAU PUY-BLANQUET ST EMILION GRAND CRU 2015	22.85	13.5	VEG
<i>ST EMILION. Delightfully intense, pure Claret that wears it's character with lightness and persistence.</i>			
POMEROL BALLADE DE LA POINTE 2020	28.55	14.0	
<i>POMEROL. Intense nose of fresh black fruit with wood spices and chocolate. Tannins are smooth and velvety.</i>			
ST JULIEN CHATEAU LALANDE 2018	31.45	13.5	
<i>BORDEAUX. Dense, concentrated and cassis-laden with lashings of new French oak.</i>			
PAUILLAC TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE 2015	46.49	13.5	VEG
<i>BORDEAUX. Luscious Left Bank Claret with velvety tannins and rich, dark berry fruit.</i>			

Burgundy

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2022 VALLET FRERES	21.39	13.0	V
<i>BURGUNDY. Traditional red Burgundy with a touch of earth underneath a ripe, sweet fruit core.</i>			
FIXIN 2018 MOILLARD GRIVOT	25.49	13.0	
<i>FIXIN. One of my favourite villages in Burgundy because of the quality vs price ratio. Very fine indeed.</i>			
GEVREY CHAMBERTIN VALLET FRERES 2017	43.69	13.0	V
<i>BURGUNDY. Delicate sweet strawberry fruit, fresh acidity and a clean, vibrant palate. Restrained and elegant.</i>			
BEAUNE 1ER CRU 2017 DOMAINE PARENT	50.79	13.5	O
<i>BURGUNDY. Medium bodied silky Pinot with vibrant, juicy cherry notes and toasty oak.</i>			
NUITS ST GEORGES 2019 MOILLARD GRIVOT	55.05	13.5	
<i>BURGUNDY. Ripe red fruit, spice, wood with a touch of strawberry jam. Assertive tannins linger on the finish.</i>			
POMMARD LA CROIX BLANCHE 2020 DOMAINE PARENT	61.80	13.0	V / O / B
<i>BURGUNDY. Complete and complex with sour cherry, bouquet garni, bergamont and spice. Stunning.</i>			

Loire

TOURAINE GAMAY PRE BARON 2021	12.09	12.5	
<i>LOIRE: Surprisingly dense, loads of cherries.</i>			

Cotes du Rhone

LA GRIVELIERE 2020	10.45	14.0	
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Really cracking grenache-led red. Very deep, full-bodied and slightly spicy.</i>			
LES COTEAUX VILLAGES 2021	11.85	14.0	V
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Brambles, sweet spice, subtle oak. This is a classy and impressive drop.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD RED 2020/21	13.79	14.5	V / B / O*
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Superlatively juicy spicy Rhone bombastic red. Syrah/Grenache at its very best.</i>			
VACQUEYRAS DOMAINE GRANDY 2021	14.59	14.5	V / O*
<i>RHONE. Big and spicy full bodied red with bramble fruits, violets and vanilla.</i>			
SEGURET 2020 *was 16.65*	15.30	14.5	V
<i>RHONE. Deep, dark fruit, cracked black pepper, exotic spice and vanilla. As sexy as red wine gets.</i>			

Cotes du Rhone Cont.

CHAUME ARNAUD VINSOBRES RED 2018/19	16.79	14.5	V / B / O*
<i>VINSOBRES. Single village wine of immense quality. The wine that created Great Grog in 1999.</i>			
VACQUEYRAS VIDAL-FLEURY 2020	26.09	14.5	VEG
<i>SOUTHERN RHONE. A cacophony of blackberry, heather, rosemary, violet and spice. Silky smooth.</i>			
CROZES HERMITAGE ROUGE VIDAL FLEURY 2021	24.69	13.0	
<i>NORTHERN RHONE: Dark, peppery, spicy brooding syrah with grilled bell pepper, violet and bramble fruit.</i>			
CHATEAUNEUF HAUTS DE BARVILLE 2019	29.15	15.0	V
<i>RHONE. A wild, perfumed bouquet of ripe red berries, passion fruit and incense, with a smoky mineral flourish.</i>			
CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE TELEGRAMME 2020	34.59	15.0	V / O*
<i>COTES DU RHONE. Full bodied, soft and luscious with bramble fruit, spice and leather.</i>			

South

⊗ CUVEE DU ROY ROUGE 2021	8.29	12.5	
<i>COTES DE GASCOGNE. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat. Fantastic value, fruit driven, everyday drinker.</i>			
⊗ LES VIGNERONS GRENACHE PINOT NOIR 2022	8.55	13.5	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE Juicy, easy drinking, fun red wine.</i>			
⊗ BRISE DE FRANCE MERLOT 2021	8.85	13.0	V
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Great value. Pretty rich and soft with loads of soft blackcurranty berry fruit and spice.</i>			
⊗ LES OLIVIERS GRENACHE 2022	8.95	13.0	
<i>PAYS D'OC. Eyebrow lifting quality - soft, medium bodied, red fruit, juicy. No obvious tannin.</i>			
⊗ ST MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2021	9.55	13.0	V
<i>PAYS D'OC. Unbelievably juicy and soft. Not the most complex beast in the world but blindingly gluggable.</i>			
CORBIERES CHATEAU CARBONAC 2021	9.89	13.5	O
<i>CORBIERES. Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, dark, spicy ripe berries and seriously good for the pennies.</i>			
⊗ LES VOLETS MALBEC 2022	10.19	13.0	
<i>VALLEE DE L'AUDE. Crushed blueberries, crème de cassis, parma violets. Red-fruits, cranberries cocoa nib.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE MAS BARRAU CABERNET FRANC 2022	10.60	12.5	V / O
<i>LANGUEDOC. Ticks all my boxes. Soft raspberry, strawberry, cedar and forest floor all mashed together.</i>			
CAHORS, CHATEAU LABARRADE 2020	10.69	13.5	
<i>CAHORS. 100% Malbec. Concentrated blackcurrant, redcurrant, blackberry, soft woody notes, licorice, mint.</i>			
DOMAINE ST PAUL GRENACHE / SYRAH 2021	11.09	14.0	V / O
<i>PAYS D'OC. Juicy soft berry fruits with spicy hints and notes of liquorice and some really quite discrete tannins.</i>			
JAIS NOIR ALO CARIGNAN 2022 *was 11.39*	10.79	14.5	V
<i>COTE CATALANES. Low intervention wine that gives a lot of bang for its buck. Deep coloured and intense.</i>			
ORTOLA ROUGE 2020	11.79	14.0	B / O
<i>LANGUEDOC. 30% Syrah, 30% Grenache, 30% Carignan and 10% Mourvèdre. Soft, juicy, spicy and delicious.</i>			
CUVEE MYTHIQUE RED 2020/21	12.19	13.5	V
<i>PAYS D'OC. Tastes like high-end Rhone. Slightly savoury with ripe fruit, dark chocolate and spice.</i>			
CHATEAU DES JAUME MAURY 2020	15.69	15.5	
<i>MAURY. 70% Grenache, 30% Carignan. Sweet red berry fruit and vanilla, super soft and silky. This is great!</i>			
MINERVOIS LA LIVINIERE THOLOMIES 2017	23.55	14.5	
<i>MINERVOIS Syrah/Grenache. Pretty ultimate red. Peppery vanilla, morello cherry, prune and black olives.</i>			
DOMAINE MAS BELLES RED CARMINE 2020	24.79	15.5	
<i>LANGUEDOC-PEZENAS. Rich and intense black fruit and spice with vanilla and silky tannins.</i>			
CHATEAU SEGUALA ICONE 2020	25.99	15.5	
<i>ROUSSILLON. Phenomenal red from Syrah, Grenache & Carignan. Iconic indeed, will keep for years.</i>			



GERMANY / white

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| ⊗ FRITZ WALTER RIESLING TROCKEN 2022 | 11.35 | 12.5 | V |
| <i>PFALZ. Just delicious, textural, soft and super limey Riesling with a touch of spice and a delicate fruit.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ MESSMER WEISSBURGUNDER 2021 | 14.39 | 12.5 | |
| <i>PFALTZ. Pinot Blanc. Generous mouthfeel with stone fruit, bright ripe lemon fruit and hints of white spice.</i> | | | |
| ⊗ MESSMER RIESLING 2018 | 16.79 | 13.0 | |
| <i>PFALZ. Classy lime and granny smith apple filled dry riesling with pithy acidity.</i> | | | |



GERMANY / red

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| ⊗ MESSMER SPATBURGUNDER 2020 | 16.15 | 12.0 |
| <i>PFALZ. The best red wine I have ever tried from Germany, nuff said. Delicate Pinot Noir at its' very best.</i> | | |



HUNGARY / white

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| ⊗ LITTLE CRICKET GRUNER VELTLINER 2022 | 8.75 | 12.0 |
| <i>PANNON. Green apple, white pepper and citrus.</i> | | |
| KARDOS DRY FURMINT 2021 | 13.95 | 13.0 |
| <i>TOKAJ. Dry, brilliantly crisp and elegant. Grapefruit, lime and pear balanced by a slightly bitter finish.</i> | | |



HUNGARY / red

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| ⊗ DUNAVAR PINOT NOIR 2019/20 | 8.75 | 12.0 |
| <i>PANNON. A juicy, easy drinking Pinot with fresh red berries and crunchy red currants.</i> | | |



GETTING MARRIED?

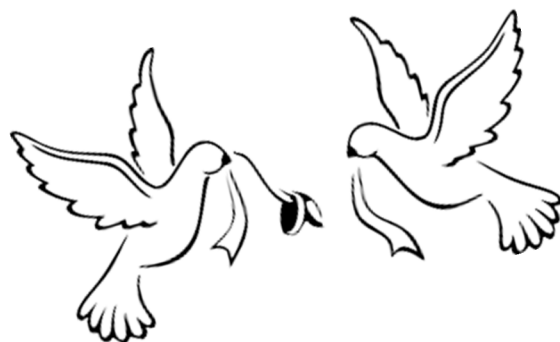


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Get in touch! We are always happy to chat and answer any questions you may have;

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FANCY FRENCH



DOMAINE PARENT - BURGUNDY

Founded in 1803, sisters Ann and Catherine are the 13th generation of winemakers to run this fantastic Domaine. Situated in the heart of the village of Pommard, 1er Crus are their main focus. The estate is fully certified as Organic. Top, top Burgundy.

Pommard La Croix Blanches 2020

Complete and complex Pommard with sour cherry, bouquet garni, bergamot and spice. Stunning.

61.80



Beaune 1er Cru 2017

Medium bodied silky Pinot with vibrant, juicy cherry and toasty oak.

50.79



BORDEAUX TOP PICKS

Clarets with a bit of bottle age can be the ideal companion for your Christmas dinner. Rich, yet mellow. Structured yet soft with ripe, velvety tannins and the perfect combination of dark fruits, cedar, leather and spice.

Tourelles de Longueville Pauillac 2015

Luscious Left Bank Claret with velvety tannins and rich, dark berry fruit. Second wine of one of Bordeaux's most famous Chateaus.

46.49



St Julian Chateau Lalande 2018

Dense, concentrated and cassis-laden with lashings of new French oak.

31.45



St Emillion 1er Cru Puy Blanquet 2015

Delightfully intense and pure Claret that, impressively wears it's character with lightness and persistence.

22.85



MICHEL REDDE ET FILS - LOIRE VALLEY

Highly respected 14th generation wine-maker in the Loire, Michel Redde's wines have a keen focus on terroir. Father, son and grandsons now run the winery together. Intense, elegant wines with a real sense of place.

Pouilly Fume Champs de Billons 2020

Lean, pure with chalky undertones and pristine acidity. Huge ageing potential. An exceptional wine, no overstatement.

43.09



Pouilly Fume La Moyniere 2021

Fresh green apple, lime and wet stone along with a hint of gooseberry and a smoky flintiness. Intense.

26.19



It's worth noting that these are just some of the wines we have in stock but Merchant Vintners also have a very large selection of fine wine we have access to. Just get in touch to chat about your requirements.



CLASS ACTS



CLUNIA

A boutique winery owned by Príncipe de Viana group . The vineyards began to be planted in the 90s when very few believed in the potential of this unique (now popular) terroir at 1,000 METERS ALTITUDE. A chance for their head wine maker to produce small batch wines of the highest quality, marked by character from a hostile climate.

Clunia Malbec 2019

26.79

Humungous and yet very, very fine multi award winning Malbec from a small, high altitude, arid vineyard.



Clunia Albillo 2021

17.79

Fresh and floral with grapefruit and apricot. Intense and rounded from 5 months of oak with a lovely intense finish.



KAAPZICHT

Danie Steytler junior made his first barrel of wine at the tender age of 13 and now at 43, is a world class wine maker. We have been fans for many years and the wines seem to improve with every vintage.

Kaapzicht The 1947 Chenin Blanc 2022

47.85

Kaapzicht's 1947 vineyard is the second oldest Chenin Blanc block in the country. 'We don't do anything to it,' is Danie Steytler's description of the winemaking here, as he rightly allows this amazing 1.1-hectare site to speak for itself. Quince, pear, citrus and white pepper flavours are framed by 50% new wood." Tim Atkin



Kaapzicht Steytler Pinotage 2020

51.05

*Amazing world class wine. Mega-Awarded winery, one of only a handful of ***** star rated. Huge flavours, beautifully balanced..*



TERRE DI VALTER

Small, family winery run by my brother and sister team Roberto and Emanuela. We were impressed enough with the samples they sent to us to start importing from them and their wines seem to improve year on year, these top two wines particularly. One to watch!

Terre di Valter Sciapo Fiano DOCG 2020

16.79

Utterly gorgeous white fermented in (one) large barrel. Intense, grippy, textural and fabulous. It is the business. 100% Fiano from vines grown on the volcanic soils of Avellino.



Terre di Valter Sciapo Red DOCG 2018

28.30

Wonderous, intense red. Tiny production from very old withered Aglianico vines. 12 months in French barriques followed by a few months in bottle. Elegant and dense with great structure and softness.





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Rioja Bagordi Blanco, Spain, £9.69 page 40

Kaapzicht Skemerlig Cabernet, South Africa, 24.75 p37



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Bouchard Finlayson Crocodile Chard, S. Africa, £19.79 p36



False Bay Chenin Blanc, South Africa, £8.95 page 35

Domaine de Tourelles Old Vine Cinsault, Lebanon, 19.59 p31



Principe de Viana Garnacha, Spain, £8.79 page 35

On Borrowed Time Chardonnay, South Africa, 17.25 p41



Rothaus 0% Tannenzapfle Pils 33cl, Germany, £1.75 website only

Harviestoun Schiehallion 50cl, Scotland, 2.85 web



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Groggy Top Tipples Daily Drinking Dozen

- 2 Carlomagno Fiano
- 2 Rioja Bagordi Blanco
- 2 False Bay Chenin Blanc
- 2 Principe de Viana Garnacha
- 2 Primitivo Carlomagno
- 2 Jais Noir Alo Carignan



£116

* 2 bottles of each

24

Groggy Top Tipples Spectacular Six

- 1 Cremant de Limoux Salazar
- 1 Esporao Reserve Branco
- 1 Bouchard Crocodile Chardy
- 1 Puy Blanquet St Emilion
- 1 Domaine Tourelles VV Cinsault
- 1 Kaapzicht Skemerlig Cabernet



£115

* 1 bottle of each



READY MIXED DELIGHTS



Sexy Reds - 6 Bottles

Chaume Arnaud Vinsobres, France
 Esporao Reserve, Portugal
 Rioja Vega Reserva, Spain
 Altocedro Tempranillo, Argentina
 JJ Hann Shiraz, Australia
 Kaapzicht Bottlery Hills, South Africa



Full Fat Whites - 6 Bottles

Greystone Pinot Gris, New Zealand
 Darling Cellars Lime Kilns, S Africa
 Viu Manent Secret Viognier, Chile
 Chaume Arnaud La Cadene, France
 Estival Pablo Fallabrino, Uruguay
 St Veran Collovray et Terrier, France



Fantastic French - 6 Bottles

Gobillard GR 1er Cru Champagne
 Chablis Domaine Manants
 Sancerre Pre Semelle
 Seguret Rhone Villages
 Moillard Grivot Fixin
 Ch. Puy Blanquet St Emilion Gr Cru



Fabulous Fizz - 6 Bottles

Gobillard NV Champagne, France
 Bird in Hand Rose, Australia
 Cava Can XA Brut NV, Spain
 Cremant d'Alsace Dopff Irion France
 Prosecco Valdobbiadene, Italy
 Steenberg Chardonnay, South Africa



Old World Icons - 6 Bottles

Albarino Granbazan Etiqueta, Spain
 Gruner Veltliner Sepp, Hungary
 Pouilly Fuisse Dom Romanin France
 Rioja Vega Gran Reserva, Spain
 Chianti Reserva Uggiano, Italy
 Bourgogne Vallet Freres, France



Modern Classics - 6 Bottles

Algodon Malbec, Argentina
 Trentham Heathcote Shiraz Australia
 Kaapzicht Roiland Pinotage, S Africa
 Forrest Estate Sauvignon N Zealand
 Daschbosch Steen (Chenin) S Africa
 Mitchell Vale Riesling, Australia





READY MIXED DELIGHTS



Big Softy Reds - 12 Bottles

Nero d'Avola Rupe Secca, Italy
Cape Heights Merlot, S Africa
Vergel Monsatrell / Merlot, Spain
Scotto Zinfandel, USA
Chocoholic Pinotage S Africa
Peculiar Mr Pat Merlot, Australia



Sauvignon & Friends - 12 Bottles

Moloko Bay Sauvignon, S Africa
Diez Siglos Verdejo, Spain
Dom Grauzan Sauvignon, France
Vermentino Zagare, Italy
Pickles Sauvignon, Australia
Picpoul de Pinet L'Ormarine, France



Great Glugger - 12 Bottles

Pato Torronte Merlot, Chile
Pleno Tempranillo, Spain
Amanti Sangiovese, Italy
Pato Torronte Sauvignon, Chile
Los Avallenos Viura, Spain
Amanti Pinot Grigio, Italy



Jolly Juicy Reds - 12 Bottles

Smart Dog, Portugal
Handmade Red, S Africa
Vermador Monastrell Blend, Spain
Les Oliviers Grenache, France
Chacabuco Malbec, Argentina
Rioja Bianai Tinto, Spain



Full & Fruity Whites - 12 Bottles

Cape Heights Chenin, S Africa
Patria Nueva Chardonnay, Chile
Dom de Vedilhan Viognier, France
Fiano Carlomagno, Italy
Pe Branco, Portugal
Principe di Viana Ltd White, Spain



A Tad Lower Alc. Mix - 12 Bottles

Aquiline Sauvignon, S Africa (11.5%)
Dom Tariquet Blanc, France (10.5%)
El Tesoro Verdejo, Spain (11%)
Cuvee du Roy Rouge, France (12%)
Sangiovese Ancora, Italy (12.5%)
Dunavar Pinot Noir, Hungary (12.5%)





SNACKS



BRETS CRISPS - 3.15

Intensely flavoured ridged crisps made in France. Available in an array of interesting flavours; Tartiflette, Honey & Mustard, Pesto & Mozzarella, Roast Chicken or Salted.

TORRES CRISPS - 4.59

Hand crafted Spanish crisps that are a snaking delight. We stock : Truffle, Iberico ham and Paprika.

PERELLO GORDAL OLIVES - 2.85/10.50

The most moreish olives you will ever have. Available in small and family size.

EAST COAST CURED CHARCUTERIE

Black Garlic & Oloroso Sherry - 9.75

Try with some Leith Oloroso Sherry and good pals.

Fennel Salami - 6.20

Italian inspired salami. Serve with a big glass of chilled Bardolino.

Saucisson Sec - 6.35

With white pepper and garlic. Ideal snacking salami, fab with a glass or two Champagne Gobillard Rose NV.

Porcini & Truffle Salami - 7.80

Packed with Umami flavours, amazing with wine such as Rioja Vega Gran Reserva, preferably in magnum.



BIG BOTTLES*limited*



Nothing says 'celebration' quite like a decadently large bottle gleaming on the table. Impress your guests with your generosity and good taste!



Red

CHACABUCO MALBEC 2021

21.89

V

ARGENTINA. Plum, damson and black cherries, smooth and soft with ripe dark berry fruit and warm spice

RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA 2018

24.59

V

SPAIN. A magnum aged wine is frequently a more refined wine and this will be nothing short of awesome.

LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE MALBEC 2020

25.90

V

ARGENTINA. A perfect fusion of high-altitude fruit with mellow spice from oak maturation.

RIPPA DORII RIBERA DEL DUERO CRIANZA 2020

27.65

V

SPAIN. Deliciously rich, complex fruit bomb with bramble, blackcurrant, vanilla, nutmeg and sweet oakly spice.

RIOJA VEGA RESERVA 2017

33.59

V

SPAIN. A magnum not only delivers but also impresses; dark fruit, leather, game, spice and smoke.

POMEROL L'ENCHANTEUR DE VRAI DE GAY 2016

80.99

FRANCE. Gorgeously plush and poised from a fantastic vintage; perfect addition to your Christmas table.



Fizz

GOBILLARD VINTAGE ROSE 2014

75.00

FRANCE. To be honest, this is the proper format for vintage rose Champagne.

GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE 1ER CRU NV

62.99

FRANCE. Absolutely first class fizz, with lip smacking citrus, ripe apple and toast.

GOBILLARD VINTAGE 2014

75.00

FRANCE. Taut, lithe and adroit - a gymnast of lemon peel, granny smith and tense minerality - sensational



ITALY / white

⊗ CA' DI PONTI CATARRATTO 2022	8.05	12.5	V
<i>SICILY. Medium bodied, aromatic honeysuckle, peach and a whiff of fennel balanced by lemony zestiness.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO AMANTI 2022	8.19	12.0	V
<i>ABRUZZO. Crisp and refreshing with peaches and melons. Very, very easy drinking.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ANCORA 2022	8.25	12.0	V
<i>PAVIA. Crisp, delicate, soft peach, zingy lemon zest and superbly clean. Amazing stuff!</i>			
⊗ GPG GARGANEGA/PINOT GRIGIO 2022	8.50	12.5	V
<i>VENETO. Very good, clean, peachy white, lightly aromatic with citrus and baked apple. Fresh and crisp.</i>			
⊗ VERDICCHIO CLASSICO PONTEMAGNO 2022	8.59	13.0	V
<i>MARCHE. Classic flavours of lemon peel and a bitter almond finish in this brilliant value Italian quaffer.</i>			
⊗ VERMENTINO ZAGARE 2022	8.55	13.0	V
<i>SICILY. Light & lemony to start, then ripe pear & peach come through. Very pretty...</i>			
⊗ FIANO CARLOMAGNO 2022	9.79	12.5	V
<i>PUGLIA. Full, fruity and fresh with some nice weight of tropical fruit and a touch of bitter almond.</i>			
⊗ VERDICCHIO RUVIANO CLASSICO AMPHORA 2022	10.29	12.5	V / O
<i>MARCHE. Fresh, zesty, citrus aromas with a touch of nuts, stone fruit flavours, tropical citrus and peach.</i>			
⊗ SOAVE MONTRESOR CLASSICO 2022 *was 10.79*	10.35	12.5	V
<i>SOAVE: Crisp and refreshing with honeysuckle, elderflower and a hint of spice. 100% Garganega</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER FALANGHINA 2021/22	10.89	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Awesomely well made fruity, juicy wine from a tiny family run estate inland from Naples.</i>			
PECORINO ARCHIVIO 2021	11.09	13.5	
<i>ABRUZZO. Grapefruit zest, creamy lemon texture and ripe stone fruit in this stunning Italian wine.</i>			
PECORINO CAPARRONE 2022	11.55	12.5	V
<i>ABRUZZO. Floral, delicate aromas, lemon & apple fruit, light but deceptively intense, really clean and fresh.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER FIANO DI AVELLINO 2021/22	12.79	13.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. Unoaked very tasty white. Tropical fruit but a hint of skin contact to balance it out.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER GRECO DI TUFO 2022	12.79	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Grecos are amongst the best white wines from Italy, and this is a top notch version.</i>			
⊗ GAVI LA BATTISTINA 2022	12.89	12.5	V
<i>PIEMONTE. Aromatic, zesty, sherbety nose with apple, lemon, pear fruit, and a hint of minerality.</i>			
LUGANA BOLLA 2022	15.50	13.0	
<i>LUGANA: Such a delightfully fruity, sprightly, bouncy dry white from near Verona in the North.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER SCIAPO WHITE FIANO 2020	16.79	14.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Utterly gorgeous white fermented in (one) large barrel. Intense, grippy, textural and fabulous.</i>			
VERMENTINO SARAJA GALLURA 'KINTARI' 2021	16.80	14.0	V
<i>SARDINIA. Superb textured but crisp white from the tiny DOC of Gallura. Citrus spiked and herbaceous.</i>			



ITALY / red

⊗ SANGIOVESE AMANTI 2022	8.19	12.0	V
<i>UMBRIA. Soft and juicy wine with fresh plums and black cherries, some toasty oak and nice tangy acidity.</i>			
⊗ PRIMITIVO DI SALENTO AMANTI 2021	8.60	13.0	V
<i>SALENTO. Rich and velvety sun soaked wine with baked damson fruit and baking spices.</i>			
⊗ SANGIOVESE DI PUGLIA ANCORA 2021/22	8.69	12.5	V
<i>PUGLIA. A fresh and lively everyday drinking red with juicy berry fruit, a hint of spice and bright acidity.</i>			
⊗ MONTEPULCIANO CONVIVIALE 2021	8.99	13.5	V
<i>ABRUZZO. Intense vibrant morello cherry fruit, layered up with bramble and a soft, sweet lick of oak.</i>			

⊗ CA' DI PONTI NERO D'AVOLA 2021	9.09	14.0	V
<i>SICILY. Lovely little drop. Delicious smoky, spicy red with ripe, plum, black cherry and bitter dark chocolate.</i>			
NERO D'AVOLA RUPE SECCA 2021	9.45	13.0	
<i>SICILIA. Big, soft & spicy, like a warm hug on a bed of baked plum crumble.</i>			
TERRAZZE TEROLDEGO ROTALIANO 2021 *was 10.25*	9.00	12.5	
<i>TRENTINO. A real burster, explosive even. Exactly what you need. Sweet cherry fruit with vinous structure.</i>			
⊗ PRIMITIVO APPASSIMENTO CARLOMAGNO 2021	10.35	14.0	V
<i>PUGLIA. Big, juicy wine. Rich and ripe with bags of sweet fruit and vanilla from oak ageing.</i>			
CHIANTI DUCA DI SARAGNANO 2021	10.79	13.0	
<i>TUSCANY. Modern, fruit driven Chianti with intense fruit, violet and a nice, dry finish. Ideal for tomato dishes.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER AGLIANICO CAMPANIA 2021/22	11.09	13.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. Phenomenal intensity, complexity, length and just damned tasty. Quality, tiny, family producer.</i>			
⊗ PRIMITIVO VALLONE VERSANTE 2022 *was 11.59*	10.50	13.5	VEG
<i>SALENTO. Ripe succulent plum and dark cherry with warming spice notes.</i>			
BARBERA D'ASTI CROCERA 2019	11.85	14.5	V
<i>PIEMONTE. Rich & full of intense plum, sour cherries & toasty oak with dark chocolate and tangy, juicy acidity.</i>			
BARDOLINO MONTRESOR 2022	11.85	12.0	V / O / B
<i>VENETO. A bright, juicy organic fruit bomb from Corvina, Molinara and Rondinella</i>			
MONTEPULCIANO CAPARRONE 2021	12.55	13.0	V
<i>ABRUZZO. Fairly robust with ripe, spiced red cherry and berry fruit with balanced freshness.</i>			
URBAN PARK MONTRESOR ROSSO 2019 *was 13.09*	11.55	14.0	V
<i>VENETO. Mini-Amarone, dried grapes, 6 months oak, smooth cherry chocolate richness, very pleasing.</i>			
FEUDO MACCARI 'NERE' NERO D'AVOLA 2020	13.35	14.0	
<i>SICILY. Warm, succulent ripe figs, black cherry and plum with smoky leather.</i>			
OTTAVIENELLO TENUTA SERRANOVA 2021	13.59	13.0	
<i>PUGLIA. Ottavienello is actually Cinsault, and this is a dark, sumptuous, velvety, black forest gateau of a wine.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER VENTIDUE MARZO AGLIANICO 2021	14.79	14.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. From a tiny, family producer near Naples. Similar in style to Primitivo. Warm, spicy & cuddly.</i>			
CHIANTI RISERVA UGGIANO FAGIANO 2019/20 *was 15.15*	12.95	13.5	V
<i>CHIANTI. Super-fresh & juicy, with typical cherry, redcurrant, chestnut & spice. Aged in massive oak barrels.</i>			
⊗ COL DI SASSO SANGIOVESE/CABERNET 2021	15.39	13.0	
<i>TUSCANY: Full and soft with bags of concentrated flavours of raspberries and plums. Cabernet & Sangiovese</i>			
VALPOLICELLA CAPITEL DELLA CROSARA 2019 *was 17.19*	15.15	14.0	
<i>VALPOLICELLA. Crunchy yet velvety Morello Cherry fruit bomb with musky ripe plums. 12 months in oak</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER TAURASI DOCG 2019	18.19	14.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. A big red with firm structure and flavours of plum, bitter cherry and summer fruits, super length.</i>			
BAROLO FLORI 2019	20.75	14.0	V
<i>PIEMONTE. Black cherry, truffles and rose petals belie the hefty, grippy tannin filled beast that lurks below.</i>			
CHIANTI BANFI CLASSICO RISERVA 2019	27.39	13.5	
<i>CHIANTI. Complex and beautifully balanced. Plum jam and blackberries mingle with licorice vanilla and leather.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER SCIAPO RED 2018	29.15	15.5	
<i>CAMPANIA, Wonderous, intense red. Tiny production from very old withered Aglianico vines.</i>			
AMARONE VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO LONARDI 2016	34.49	15.5	
<i>VALPOLICELLA. Oof! This is a biggy! Deeply concentrated bramble fruit, dark chocolate and rich spiceyness.</i>			
AMARONE MONTRESOR 'FONDATEORE' 2018	42.49	15.5	V
<i>VENETO. Heady, dried fruit explosion of a wine, thick and glossy. Full of rich, dense dark berry fruit.</i>			



Lebanon - Clare



When Richard kindly offered me a chance to go on a three-day trip to Lebanon, I almost bit his hand off. Persian food is a big favourite of mine and ever since starting work at Grog I have been a huge fan of Domaine des Tourelles wines and Fouzi's passion for making wine that showcases the country he loves.

Accompanying us for much of our time there was Fouzi's business partner, Emile, who kindly acted as our guide and was incredibly knowledgeable about Lebanon's history, of which there is an awful lot! Our diver for the trip was endlessly calm Hassan, (which I was eternally grateful for as there don't appear to be any rules on the roads and it can get a little hairy, think Naples and then some!).

We packed a lot into those three days - Byblos, Ouadi Qadisha, Baalbek, the world famous Hotel Palmyra, the beautiful seaside resort of Jounieh and Beirut, where we were based.

As you might expect, throughout all of this we ate *incredibly* well. BBQ squid served with tabbouleh packed with herbs for lunch, Manousheh (flat bread with cream cheese and honey) for breakfast at a roadside café. A beautiful spread made by Fouzi's sister at the winery of lamb with onions, crisp bread with Za'atar, Fattoush, Baba ghanoush and much, much more. All of which was washed down with Faouzi's fabulously food-friendly wines.



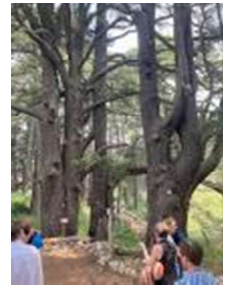
Our view for lunch in Jounieh. Not too shabby



The view from one of Fouzi's vineyards in the Bekaa Valley, 1000masl



The ruins at Baalbek date back 9,000 years. This is Bacchus Temple



The ancient holy cedar forest of Ouadi Qadisha

Fouzi studied agriculture and viticulture in Beirut before doing a stint with Rene Rostaing in Cote Rotie and Chateau Margaux. His plan was to spend some time in different wineries all over the world when fate took him down a different path and he found himself back in Lebanon at the age of 25 making his first solo wine and running the show at Tourelles. When he took over in 2009 the wine side of the business was not in a good way, but, he is now one of the rising stars of the wine world.

As you can imagine, there are many challenges here - an economy in free fall, a corrupt and unstable government, the huge explosion at the port in 2020 being just a few. There are also a huge amount of positives, not least the people, who are adept at dealing with anything that is thrown their way.

Although they may have many barriers, in many ways there could not be a better place to make wine.

As Fouzi said to us 'God gave us the worst government with the best weather and food. We can't have everything. We can't have a country that is free of political problems with rainy summers and cloudy springs!'

These days he makes a range of 9 core wines now with others in the pipeline

Despite the country's turmoil, Faouzi has recently planted another 40 hectares of vines (mainly with Merweh, Obeidi and Syrah) as he has complete faith in the success of his business and the future of Lebanon, which is very exciting indeed.



The perfect conditions for growing grapes

Iconic 150yr old concrete tanks



The entrance to the Winery

Newly planted vineyards on land similar to his beloved Cote Rotie



The Wines

At the winery we had the chance to try some older vintages as well as some new wines that will be coming onto the market . It was really insightful to taste the evolution of the wines and of Faouzi as a wine maker.

Sadly, none of the 1976 is available to buy but we have managed to secure a small parcel of the Estate red from 2009 - Faouzi's first vintage back at his family's winery and 2014 - the year he won gold at the International Wine Challenge and began to put Tourelles on the map.



Domaine des Tourelles 2009 *Fouzi's 1st Vintage

*Gorgeously soft and velvety with baked damson fruit, gar-
rique herbs and sweet spice. At peak drinking right now.*

£28



Domaine des Tourelles 2014 *Champion IWC Award

*Scented - wild and aromatic with notes of Mediterranean
herbs, bramble and sweet strawberry fruit framed by subtle
oak. Silky and beautifully balanced.*

£28



One of the highlights of the whole trip for me was trying the **1976 Cinsault**. Made with natural yeasts in the same concrete tanks Faouzi uses today, using whole bunch fermentation and no oak. The colour was a gorgeous pale ruby and it was so expressive and bursting with fruit for it's age. Very impressive indeed. I have bought 6 of the current Cinsault (made in the same concrete tank with some whole bunch fermentation and no oak). I'm going to open one every few years I'll let you know in 40 years if it tastes as good. My guess is it will be even better!



LEBANON / white

DOMAINE TOURELLES WHITE 2022

14.29

13.0

V / O

BEKAA VALLEY. Fresh, elegant and perfumed with spiced white peach fruit.



LEBANON / red

DOMAINE TOURELLES RED 2020

14.29

14.0

V / O

BEKAA. Morello cherries mix with cedar, earthy cloves and sweet spice with fine tannins and lovely length.

DOMAINE TOURELLES V V CARIGNAN 2019 *was 19.59*

16.69

14.0

V / O

BEKAA VALLEY. Ripe fig, bright cranberry and raspberry fruit with notes of liquorice - generous and pure.

DOMAINE TOURELLES V V CINSULT 2019 *was 19.59*

16.69

14.0

V / O

BEKAA VALLEY. So concentrated and tasty it beggars belief. Intense, hefty and yet so dangerously drinkable.

DOMAINE TOURELLES MARQUIS DES BEYES 2015

26.00

14.5

V /

BEKAA VALLEY. Densely packed and sumptuous, blackcurrants, chocolate with a pure, crunchy, fine core.

CHATEAU MUSAR GASTON HOCHAR ROUGE 2016

43.30

14.0

V

BEKAA VALLEY. Legendary wine from Lebanon. Figgy pudding, plums with notes of woody herbs and spice.



NEW ZEALAND / white

⊗ TOPUKU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	11.60	12.5	VEG
<i>MARLBOROUGH. A grassy mouthfull at a fair price from the heartland of Sauvignon Blanc.</i>			
⊗ PASK GIMBLETT GRAVEL CHARDONNAY 2020	11.65	14.0	V
<i>HAWKES BAY. Rich, full flavoured and beautifully rounded with tinned pineapple, peach and spicy oak finish.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT SAUVIGNON 2022	14.69	12.0	V
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Herbaceous and citrusy with passion fruit and hints of pomegranate.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT CHARDONNAY 2020	15.05	14.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Rich with hints of ripe, juicy melon and pear and subtle, well integrated toasty French oak.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT RIESLING 2021/22	15.05	12.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. A limey, zesty style of dry Riesling with mouth-watering citrusy fruit.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT PINOT GRIS 2022	15.05	12.5	V
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Honey-suckle, dew drop melons and vanilla marshmallow, like a summer stone fruit cocktail.</i>			
⊗ GREENHOUGH "RIVER GARDEN" SAUVIGNON 2022 *was 16.00	10.69	12.5	O
<i>NELSON a small organic estate wine, AMAZING VALUE. Green and grassy with a tiny bit of oak for texture.</i>			
⊗ FORREST ESTATE SAUVIGNON 2022	17.49	12.5	
<i>MARLBOROUGH Incredible vibrancy. Intense flavours packed into a beautiful bottle.</i>			
⊗ ESCARPMENT GRIS 2020	18.25	13.0	
<i>MARTINBOROUGH. Brilliant, Burgundian style, barrel fermented white. Soft ripe pears and white stone fruit.</i>			
⊗ GREENHOUGH "ROAD BLOCK" CHARDONNAY 2019 *was 19*	13.45	13.0	
<i>NELSON. Deliciously fresh yet creamy with lovely stone fruit and citrus..</i>			
⊗ GREYSTONE PINOT GRIS 2020	19.39	13.5	V / O
<i>NORTH CANTERBURY. Generous, rich and concentrated. Luscious white peach, kiwi and a touch of salinity.</i>			
⊗ PYRAMID VALLEY SAUVIGNON 2019	21.99	13.5	N
<i>CANTERBURY. Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand in the richer, fuller, more intense vein.</i>			
GREYSTONE BARREL FERMENTED SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	25.79		
<i>WAIPARA. A complex, luscious mix of tropical apricot, kiwi, rich creamy peaches and lychee. Stunner.</i>			



NEW ZEALAND / red

⊗ SILENI PINOT NOIR 2021	14.10	13.5	
<i>HAWKES BAY. Intense berries, soft and creamy with light tannins. Would also work chilled.</i>			
⊗ WAIPARA SPRINGS PINOT NOIR 2021	15.79	13.0	V
<i>WAIPARA: Gorgeously silky Pinot with bright red fruits and a slight savoury character</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT PINOT NOIR 2020	18.29	13.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Awesome. A conflux of deliciously fruity, yet savoury, flavours with wee splash of spicy oak.</i>			
FORREST ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019	18.75	13.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Earthy, savoury and fruity.</i>			
⊗ ESCARPMENT NOIR 2020	19.49	13.5	
<i>MARTINBOROUGH. Pale, almost like a dark rose. Fruit/Tannin/acidity/oak on a tightrope.</i>			
⊗ GREENHOUGH "STONES THROW" PINOT NOIR 2019 *was 20*	15.09	13	
<i>NELSON Hand harvested, french oak, subtle, intense, well balanced- perfect for the Xmas turkey!</i>			
⊗ SCOTT BASE PINOT NOIR 2020	21.79	13.5	V
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. Complex, soft, juicy, spicy, long-flavoured and unbelievably good value (for an Otago!).</i>			
⊗ ESCARPMENT PINOT NOIR 2020	25.95	13.5	V
<i>MARTINBOROUGH. Exceptional Pinot Noir with great mellow fruit and sweet, spicy oak.</i>			



PORTUGAL / white

- ⊗ **PE BRANCO 2022** **8.30** 12.5
ALENTEJO. A blend of local grapes (Antao Vaz, Perrum & Arinto since you ask), unoaked fruity, crisp, clean.
- ⊗ **VINHO VERDE VILA NOVA 2022** **9.49** 11.0 V
VINHO VERDE. Floral, citrus and gently tropical with sherbet lemon, a touch of mango and a mineral finish.
- VINHO VERDE AMARELO 2022** **9.79** 11.5
VINHO VERDE. Light & Lemon zesty, citrusy freshness in a glass.
- ⊗ **MONTE VELHO WHITE 2022** **10.05** 13.0 V
ALENTEJO. Dry with soft and fruity with flavours of apricot. Stainless steel fermented (no oak). Jolly juicy.
- ASSOBIO DUORO WHITE 2021** **12.15** 12.0
DUORO. Very good indeed. Wicked fruit (tropical), but mostly it is minerally, dry and textured.
- ⊗ **ALVARINHO VILA NOVA 2022 *was 12.35*** **11.95** 12.5 VEG
VINHO VERDE. Fresh, lively palate with ripe, limey flavours, textural stone fruit and an appealing softness.
- ESPORAO RESERVE BRANCO 2022** **16.59** 13.5 V
ALENTEJO. Intense with citrus and white peach aroma nicely integrated with toasty and spice notes.



PORTUGAL / red

- ⊗ **PE TINTO 2022C** **8.30** 13.0
ALENTEJO. Bright ruby red blend (Moreto, Castelao & Trincadeira), ripe red fruits, pretty full-bodied- no oak.
- ALIANCA BAIRRADA 2021** **9.75** 13.0 V
BAIRRADA. Intense berry, plum and cherries with licorice and spice. A wee bit rustic in style.
- ALIANCA DAO 2018** **9.90** 14.0 V
DAO. Ripe and dark with juicy berries and chocolate. 12 months in oak.
- SMART DOG SYRAH/TRINCADEIRA 2021** **9.95** 13.5 V
ALENTEJO. Juicy, floral, generous juice that is packed full of berry flavours and spice.
- ⊗ **MONTE VELHO RED 2022** **10.05** 13.0 V
ALENTEJO. Soft and juicy all the way, Portugal's biggest selling wine domestically!
- ASSOBIO DUORO RED 2021** **12.15** 13.0 V / O
DUORO. Really hefty, quality red from Port grapes (unfortified). Please decant if possible for max pleasure.
- BARAO DA VARZEA DO DOURO TINTO 2020 *was 12.19*** **10.85** 13.5
DUORO. Soft and juicy bramble soup
- BARAO DA VARZEA DO DOURO RESERVA 2020 *was 15.29*** **14.00** 14.0
DUORO. Rich and ripe with hedgerow fruits, pepper and spice
- ESPORAO RESERVE RED 2020** **19.59** 14.0 V
ALENTEJO. Fantastic. Silky, full flavoured, rich, red berry fruit, light spice, cocoa & lovely smooth toasty oak.



ROMANIA / red

- ⊗ **LAUTERAL PINOT NOIR 2022** **8.60** 12.5 V
ROMANIA. Easy drinking and beautifully elegant Pinot Noir, soft and smooth tannins.



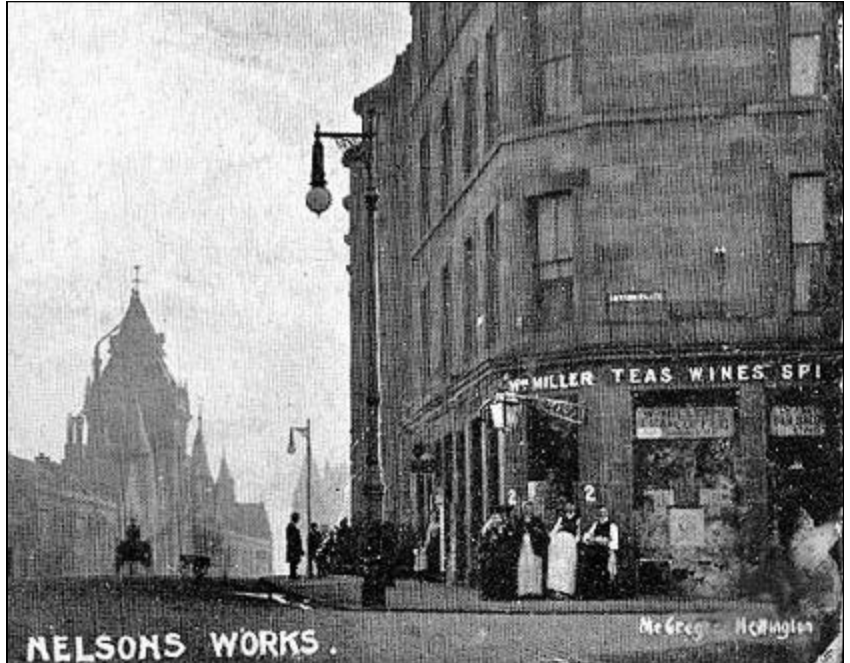
A Tale of Two Shops



2023 has been a momentous year in the history of Great Grog with the opening of the 2nd retail shop following hot on the heels of the 1st, established at 2 Dalkeith Road in November 2005 (are we expanding too fast? Time will tell!) What will intrigue and interest you is that both sites have a surprisingly long history of wine merchantery (could be a word?).

Great Grog Shop 2005 2 Dalkeith Road.

This Newington institution was bought from the Logan Brothers following their retirement (that followed a rumoured falling-out & wrestling bout in the shop!). The Logan Bros Wine Merchants had traded since the 1950s. The picture here is from 1903 or so and shows Miller Teas & Wines on the site. The tower in the background is Nelsons Printworks (the largest in Europe at the time, printing 200,000 books a week!). It was demolished in 1968, and replaced with the soon-to-be partly demolished Scottish Widows Building.



Great Grog Pleasance 2023 61 The Pleasance.

The shop started life in 1883 when founded by Laurence Smith and traded as a wine & spirits merchant until we came along this year.

Laurence's great-grandson Duncan Smith decided to retire and we couldn't resist. Laurence Smith were also founder members of Merchant Vintners, the largest collective buying group of independent UK wine merchants. We were honoured to inherit Duncan's place which has given us access to a swathe of exclusive wines essentially at ex-cellars prices but available from the UK warehouse. A win-win for all of us!



I found this photo in the national archive from 1929, taken just before the old tenements/slums were pulled down. LS of course survived and stayed roughly in the same spot when it was rebuilt in the 1930s, going from no 75 to no 61.



SOUTH AFRICA / white

⊗ AQUILINE SAUVIGNON 2023	7.79	11.5	
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Breeze driven, citrusy Sauvignon from the hills of Western Cape.</i>			
⊗ WIDE RIVER CHENIN 2022	8.29	12.5	V
<i>ROBERTSON. Reasonably priced, just on the dry side of Medium-Dry, day-to-day quaffer.</i>			
⊗ FREEDOM CROSS CHENIN 2022	8.65	12.5	V
<i>FRANSCHOEK. Fruity, youthful and packed full of juicy tropical fruits and honey.</i>			
⊗ FORGE MILL CHENIN BLANC 2022	8.65	12.5	
<i>WESTERN CAPE. An excellent easy-drinking, fruity dry white with tropical fruit and cleansing acidity.</i>			
⊗ CAPE HEIGHTS CHENIN BLANC 2022/23	8.85	12.5	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Quite how they can cram so much fruit into a bottle at this price is a bit of a mystery to me.</i>			
⊗ CAPE HEIGHTS VIOGNIER 2022	8.85	12.5	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Rich, vibrant and textured with fresh apricot fruit and citrus.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY CHENIN BLANC 2022	8.95	13.0	V
<i>COASTAL REGION. A slow ferment using wild yeasts gives a herbal, savoury character with gorgeous texture.</i>			
⊗ MOLOKO BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021 *was 9.45*	8.19	12.5	
<i>COASTAL REGION: Tastes EXACTLY like a NZ Sauvignon. Passionfruit, nettles and citrus, it's all there.</i>			
⊗ INDABA CHENIN BLANC 2020/21	10.79	13.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Fresh and clean with soft citrus & honey notes. Incredibly tasty.</i>			
⊗ CIRCLE OF LIFE WHITE 2021 *was 13.49*	11.39	14.0	V / B
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Fresh lime and pear flavours with a creamy texture and great length.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE CHENIN BLANC 2023	11.69	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Ripe quince, pineapple and stone fruit, with a hint of sweetness and balancing crunchy acid.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022/23	11.69	12.5	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Green apple, freshly cut grass and lime with punchy tropical fruit and fresh figs.</i>			
⊗ KAAPZICHT CHENIN BLANC 2022	14.05	13.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Terrific version of a much overlooked grape.</i>			
CIRCUMSTANCE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	14.15	14.0	V / B
<i>STELLENBOSCH: Very slow, large oak barrel fermentation lead to a fullsome wine with a whack of flavour</i>			
⊗ BOUCHARD FINLAYSON BLANC DE MER 2021	14.49	13.0	VEG
<i>HERMANUS. Super-fruity, not-too-dry white. Fragrant and citrus fresh with peaches, roses and melon.</i>			
⊗ CATHERINE MARSHALL RIESLING 2022	14.69	12.0	V
<i>ELGIN. Ripe, juicy limes, green apples and bright acidity with just a touch of spice.</i>			
⊗ CATHERINE MARSHALL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022	14.69	14.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Limes, passion fruit, ripe mangoes and a lengthy grapefruit finish.</i>			
⊗ CATHERINE MARSHALL 'JONO'S WAVE' AMATRA CHENIN 2022	14.69	12.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Fleshy stone fruits backed up by green apple acidity and granite undertones.</i>			
DARLING LIME KILNS CHEN/VIOG/CHARD 2019	14.79	14.0	
<i>DARLING; Seriously rich and complex wine full of ripe peach and honeycomb.</i>			
⊗ ERNIE ELS BIG EASY WHITE 2022	15.45	13.5	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Super lush and fruity, apples, grapefruit, spice and lime all wrapped up in a soft bubble.</i>			
⊗ RUSTENBERG CHARDONNAY 2022	15.69	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Rich, ripe and fleshy (oo-er) with apricot and mango fruit cut with apple and citrus.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER VILLAGE RIESLING 2022	16.05	11.5	V
<i>ELGIN. Meticulously made, perfectly balanced, off dry Riesling. Spankingly clean and taut as fiddle string.</i>			
⊗ LEMBERG LADY 2021	16.25	14.0	V
<i>TULBUGH. Delicate orange blossom with hints of pear, fleshy yellow peach, and roasted almonds.</i>			
DARLING CELLARS HANNUWA AMPHORA SAUVIGNON 2022	16.99	13.0	
<i>DARLING. Cantaloupe melon, nettle, pink grapefruit, lovely sophisticated wine with great texture and length.</i>			

⊗ BOUCHARD FINLAYSON SAUVIGNON 2022	17.15	13.0	V
<i>HERMANUS. Lively and aromatic with rich guava, lime and grapefruit.</i>			
ON BORROWED TIME CHARDONNAY 2022	17.25	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH: Honeysuckle, verbena and passion fruit with the whisper of oak.</i>			
DASCHBOSCH SKIN CONTACT 2022	17.55	12.5	V
<i>BREEDEKLOOF: Intense and complex with savoury, nutty flavours, citrus peel, almond and dried apricot.</i>			
DASCHBOSH MOSSIEDRIFT STEEN 2020 *was 17.95*	16.95	13.5	V
<i>BREEDEKLOOF: Aromas of wet stone, ripe citrus, spice. Concentrated with taut acidity and a lingering finish.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON CROCODILE CHARDONNAY 2021	19.79	13.5	
<i>HERMANUS. Spicy citrus aromas lead onto a stone fruit and pear palate and finishing with refreshing salinity.</i>			
KAAPZICHT KLIPRUG CHENIN BLANC 2022	20.19	14.0	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Rich, deep, complex, creamy white peach, honeyed pineapples and leesy yellow fruits.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2018/19	21.65	13.0	V
<i>ELGIN. Tangerine, brioche, vanilla, toast, winter citrus, 9 months in new French oak. Yum yum yum</i>			
⊗ CATHERINE MARSHALL FERMENTED IN CLAY CHENIN 2021	24.59	14.0	V
<i>WESTERNSCAPE: A world class Chenin, intense and complex; 'peaches on a wet stone', says Cathy</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON MISSIONVALE CHARD 2020	27.79	13.0	V
<i>HERMANUS. Mango, pear, vanilla and yeasty notes; like adding a bit more fuel to white burgundy.</i>			
KAAPZICHT THE 1947 CHENIN BLANC 2021/22	47.85	13.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Superlative. Pear, citrus, white peach, a little pineapple, flowers, dried herbs, spice & vanilla.</i>			



SOUTH AFRICA / red

⊗ FREEDOM CROSS PINOTAGE 2021	8.35	13.5	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Bright violets, bramble fruit and sweet cherries.</i>			
⊗ CAPE HEIGHTS MERLOT 2021	8.50	14.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Lush and juicy with plenty of ripe plums and hints of chocolate.</i>			
⊗ PERCHERON SHIRAZ/MOURVEDRE 2021	8.69	13.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Rich and dark with warm dark berry fruit, chocolate and savoury spice.</i>			
⊗ FORGE MILL SHIRAZ/CINSAULT/MOURVEDRE 2021	8.69	13.5	
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Smooth, juicy red berry fruit and a touch of spice.</i>			
⊗ PERCHERON OLD VINE CINSAULT 2021	8.69	13.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Red fruits, cherry and spice with a gently creamy, fresh finish.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY 'OLD SCHOOL' SYRAH 2022 *was 9.05*	8.15	14.5	VEG
<i>COASTAL REGION. Full yet elegant slightly savoury red with brambles and refreshing acidity.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY PINOTAGE 2022	9.05	14.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Not your average Pinotage! Mediumish in body, hints of mulberry, spice and juicy plum.</i>			
⊗ SILVERMYN ARGENTUM 2021	9.29	14.5	VEG
<i>BANGHOEK. Quite chunky, full-bodied red, dark, crunchy and blackcurranty. Merlot / Cabernet / Petit Verdot.</i>			
⊗ WIDE RIVER SHIRAZ 2022	9.35	13.0	
<i>ROBERTSON. Red and black fruits allied to a subtle peppery, smokey note. Very juicy.</i>			
⊗ DARLING CAPEMAN SMG 2021	10.05	14.0	V
<i>DARLING: Lovely fresh, plump and juicy wine full of cherries, plums, candy floss and black pepper.</i>			
⊗ INDABA MERLOT 2021/22	11.19	13.5	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Rounded and soft with plummy mocha & a twist of smoky spice.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE RED BLEND 2020	11.69	14.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Easy drinking red with a core of sweet berry fruit wrapped in gentle spice.</i>			
⊗ DARLING CELLARS CHOCOHOLIC PINOTAGE 2020	11.99	14.0	V
<i>DARLING. It's all in the name. Surprisingly elegant, ripe, soft with toasty oak, plum and of course, chocolate!</i>			

⊗ ROAN RANGER CINS/GREN/MOURV 2018	12.29	13.5	V
<i>DARLING. Juicy red berry and spice, raspberry, pepper and plum.</i>			
⊗ CIRCLE OF LIFE RED 2020 *was 13.49*	11.39	14.0	V / B
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Big, full, rich and rounded, strange that. Syrah 73% , Merlot 16% , Petit Verdot 11%</i>			
⊗ SERIOUSLY COOL CINSULT 2021	13.95	12.5	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Bursting with fresh cherries and fynbos this clean, juicy wine would be very nice chilled.</i>			
⊗ GLENELLY GLASS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019	15.05	13.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. French-style. Cassis, blackcurrant, cherry, a touch of spices and chocolate; An artform.</i>			
⊗ CATHERINE MARSHALL OREADS AMATRA RED 2019	15.09	13.0	V
<i>WESTERN CAPE: Bright, fresh black plums, purple fruits and a vibrant thread of pencil shavings.</i>			
⊗ DEMORGENZON SYRAH 2018	15.10	14.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Full and youthful with layers of berry fruit, violet, pepper, vanilla and clove.</i>			
KAAPZICHT BOTTELARY HILLS ESTATE BLEND 2020	16.09	14.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. An evolution of the much loved Bin 3. Packed full of kirsch, dark berries and spice.</i>			
KAAPZICHT SKRAALHANS PINOTAGE 2022	16.15	13.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Fresh cherries dominate with plush tannins and a clean finish. Lovely a wee bit chilled.</i>			
⊗ RUSTENBERG JOHN X MERRIMAN 2021	16.99	14.0	VEG
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Awesome, Old World in stylistic aspiration. Cassis, black cherry, coffee beans and liquorice.</i>			
CATHERINE MARSHALL PINOT NOIR SANDSTONE SOIL 2020/21	18.90	13.0	V
<i>CAPE SOUTH COAST. An opulent and intense berry core with a fine, elegant and subtle fruit structure.</i>			
ERNIE ELS BIG EASY RED 2018	19.59	14.0	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Silky, ripe & rich sweet red cherry fruit, cassis, mulberry and redcurrant with a zing of spice.</i>			
KAAPZICHT ROOILAND PINOTAGE 2020	20.19	14.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. One of the most complex and tasty wines ever made from this fickle grape.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2020	21.65	13.0	V
<i>ELGIN. Super sophisticated luminous pinot noir with toasty bramble and savoury notes.</i>			
KAAPZICHT SKEMERLIG CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020	24.75	14.5	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Powerful & elegant with perfumed notes of blackcurrant and herbs and fine grained tannins.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON HANNIBAL 2020	28.89	14.0	V
<i>HERMANUS. Extraordinary wine. A crazy Sangiovese blend. Rich black plum with strawberry undertones.</i>			
RUST EN VREDE ESTATE RED 2019	32.95	14.0	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Sweet plum and dark berry fruit, liquorice, coffee beans and spice.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR 2020/21	33.40	14.0	V
<i>HERMANUS. Explosive nose of red fruits and infused cherry, with cranberry, plum and smoky strawberries.</i>			
KAAPZICHT STEYTLER PINOTAGE 2020	51.05	14.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Amazing world class wine. Mega-Awarded winery, one of only a handful of ***** star rated.</i>			





A big part of our portfolio for many years with an impressive range of wines at a wide variety of prices. South Africa has a history of wine making dating back to 1659. It's the eighth largest wine producer internationally and the sixth largest exporter, producing 1.13 billion litres of wine annually with about 81% consumed domestically...we do our best with the 19% they export!

Pretty much all wine production occurs in the Western Cape on the Atlantic coast. Two factors contribute to this; the Benguela Current and the Cape Doctor. The first is an oceanic current that brings cool air from the Antarctic and the second is a strong persistent wind that reduces humidity and thus the risk of fungal diseases. However, it can also be strong enough to cause damage. But for these two factors, the Cape would be too warm for quality wine production.

South Africa has a long history of vine cultivation with various influences, including from French, Portuguese and German immigrants, resulting in a wide choice of grape varieties. In addition, there are a significant number of well established, old vines, some dating back to 1900! Wines from old vines tend to have more concentration, complexity and depth than from younger vines, though with much lower yields. This special quality of old vines is now celebrated and promoted by Rosa Krugger who has created the Old Vine Project (vines over 35 years old) to preserve suitable vineyards. This started in South Africa but the Old Vine Project is now worldwide.



WATERKLOOF,
LOOKING TOWARDS
FALSE BAY

The grape varieties most associated with South Africa are Chenin Blanc and Pinotage. Chenin is often called Steen locally and although these vines were originally brought over from the Loire Valley, they are now distinct from the Loire varieties, maybe it should be called Chenin ZA!

Pinotage on the other hand, is a crossing created in South Africa by Prof A.I. Perold when he crossed Cinsaut with Pinot Noir back in 1925. This is a wine that typically has smoky flavours along with dark fruit like damsons and brambles. However, there is a growing trend to make wines that honour the parentage of the grape, making lighter, fresher wines that would suit being served at a cooler temperature.

Of course, South Africa produces many more wines than Chenin Blanc and Pinotage. It is a country that has a wide range of micro climates to exploit, matching grape varieties to environment but also experimenting to see what will work best in the area. Wine making in South Africa is dynamic with producers making wines to appeal to modern tastes, and with a distinct South



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African edge to things. They are passionate about the wines they make, proud of their efforts and always looking to improve. There are way too many excellent wines to give individual attention to but the following selection gives an idea of the variety and quality available with something to suit every-

one.

South Africa distinguishes its wine areas into regions, districts and wards. Regions are wide areas covering several districts whereas wards are particular areas of note within districts that exhibit a level of *terroir*—here are two wines that show off the uniqueness of Elgin and Bottelary

Cath Marshall Riesling 2022

Elgin is a cooler area, perfect for Riesling. In addition, the grapes are sourced from red slate vineyards, the ideal soils to allow Riesling to show off its racy, mineral-lime freshness. This is a perfect example of just how good Riesling gets.

14.69



Kaapzicht Bottelary Estate Red 2020

This blend from Kaapzicht is establishing the ward of Bottelary as a red wine area. This is a plush, well-structured wine with supple tannins and warming spice

16.09



Pinotage in two styles—one fuller with hints of smoke and dark fruit, the other lighter with fresher and more elegant.

False Bay Pinotage 2022

From a single vineyard of unirrigated bush vines. Naturally fermented and full of soft, spicy, smoky flavours and plush tannins

9.05



Kaapzicht Skraalhans Pinotage 2022

Just three hours of skin contact and a cooler ferment give a completely different character to this fresh and juicy wine that's more Pino than tige!

16.15



From bubbles to dessert, South Africa has a wine to suit any occasion or dish, whether celebrating or snacking, cooking or relaxing, there's a bottle of something from the Cape for the moment!

Darling Cellars Bl d Blancs Brut 2020

Tastes just like and older Vintage Champagne, all bruised apples, warm buttered brioche and soft bubbles. Brilliant

13.99



On Borrowed Time Chardonnay 2022

From a tiny block on a steep, stony slope. This barrel fermented Sauvignon from Waterkloof is intense and complex. Only 1800 bottles made.

17.25



Silvermyn Argentum 2019

Delicious, fruit forward red, crammed full of dark crunchy fruit that is fantastic value for money. From Bordelaise specialists, Zorgvliet.

9.29



Daschbosch Old Vine Hanepoot 2017

When they say old, they mean REALLY old. The vines pre date the first records which began in 1900. This rare beauty is rich, complex and very intense. Sultanas, candied peel and sweet mandarin. Wow!

14.35





SPAIN / white

⊗ LOS AVELLANOS / PLENO VIURA	7.85	12.0	V
NAVARRA. Clean, fresh, fruity, juicy un-oaked. What's not to like?			
⊗ CRISTATUS WHITE 2022	8.19	13.0	
ALICANTE. Light, dry, entry level Spanish easy-quaffer.			
⊗ VERDEJO EL TESORO 2022	8.40	11.0	
CASTILLA Y LEON. Lighter in alcohol but full of tangy, tingly treats. Made by Diez Siglos.			
⊗ RIOJA BIANAI WHITE 2022	8.90	12.5	V
RIOJA. Delightful dry, unoaked fruity white from Rioja Vega (Viura/Tempranillo)			
⊗ VERMADOR AIREN/MACABEO 2022	8.99	12.5	V / O*
ALICANTE. Big Co-op, little price for organic wine. Nice and crisp; free run juice; belies its warm origin.			
⊗ VERGEL AIREN/SAUVIGNON 2022	9.69	13.0	V / O*
ALICANTE. Old vine Airen and zippy Sauvignon marry well; lots of lees ageing; ripe peachy style; no oak.			
RIOJA BAGORDI BLANCO 2022	9.69	13.0	V / O
RIOJA. 50/50 Garncha Blanca/Sauvignon make up the blend in this zingy, easy drinking organic wine.			
DIAPIRO WHITE 2021	10.25	12.5	
ALICANTE. Fascinating white, Grapefruit, fennel, mint and peach and very subtle wood.			
⊗ DIEZ SIGLOS VERDEJO 2022 *was 10.49*	9.95	13.0	
RUEDA. Tasty and minerally, stone fruit, tangerine and citrus, with notes of grass, fennel and aniseed.			
PRINCIPE VIANA WHITE LIMITED EDITION 2022	10.79	13.0	V
NAVARRA. Box fresh white packed full of grapefruit, lime pineapple and apricot. 50% Chard and 50% Sauv.			
PRINCIPE VIANA EARLY AZAHAR ORANGE WINE 2022	10.79	13.5	V
NAVARRA. Brilliantly priced tasty orange wine with clemetine skin, chamomile and almonds.			
RIOJA VEGA TEMPRANILLO BLANCO 2022	13.49	14.0	V
RIOJA. A gorgeous peaches-and-cream ripe, rich white made from albino Tempranillo grapes.			
TESELA BY CLUNIA ALBILLO 2021	13.79	13.5	
CASTILLA Y LEON. Fresh and zesty with floral peaches, minerality, white grapefruit and gooseberry.			
ALBARINO ALBA VEGA 2022	13.79	12.0	V
RIAS BAIXAS. Superb version of this amazing grape. Dry, zingy, fresh, fruity. A delight of salty lime goodness.			
⊗ MENADE ORGANIC VERDEJO 2022	14.39	13.0	V / O
CASTILLA Y LEON. OMG this is so fruity and so drinkable and still refreshing.			
⊗ ALBARINO ORBALLO 2022	15.25	12.5	V
RIAS BAIXAS - Galician name for fine rain which falls regularly. Fresh limes, melon and minerality.			
CLUNIA ABILLO 2021	17.79	13.5	
CASTILLA Y LEON. Fresh and floral with grapefruit and apricot. Intense and rounded from 5 months of oak.			
ALBARINO GRANBAZAN ETIQUETA 2021 *was 21.05*	18.65	12.5	VEG
RIAS BAIXAS. Top quality single estate Albarino full of tropical and stone fruit with a salty tang on the finish.			



SPAIN / bag in box 3L

CRISTATUS BAG IN BOX AIREN WHITE 3L	27.55	13.0
ALICANTE. Big, bargain & beautiful. Light, quaffable and fits in your fridge door!		
CRISTATUS BAG IN BOX MONASTRELL RED 3L	27.55	14.0
ALICANTE. Enormously drinkable, full of fruit and great for day to day drinking.		



SPAIN / red

⊗ BORGIA GARNACHA 2021	8.15	13.5	VEG
<i>CAMPO DE BORJA. Jolly juicy fruit, plum, blackberry and bramble. Good swigging Spanish red.</i>			
⊗ CRISTATUS MONASTRELL 2021 / 22	8.19	14.0	
<i>ALICANTE. Rather decent red from the Pinoso chaps. Very good value.</i>			
⊗ PLENO RED 2021	8.39	14.0	V
<i>NAVARRA. A really good robust, fruity red. Excellent value.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA BIANAI RED 2022	8.75	13.5	V
<i>RIOJA. A scrummy Joven (young & un-oaked) Rioja. Loads of fruit with a lovely depth of flavour.</i>			
⊗ PRINCIPE VIANA GARNACHA 2021	8.79	14.0	V
<i>NAVARRA. This is a great example of how juicy, smooth, tasty and red-fruited Grenache can be.</i>			
⊗ VERMADOR MONASTRELL/PETIT VERDOT 2022	8.99	14.0	V / O*
<i>ALICANTE. Big flavour, little price! No oak, big, purple-y and juicy.</i>			
PINOSO MONASTRELL CEPA 50 2022	9.55	14.5	V / O*
<i>ALICANTE. Unoaked style with cooler ferment to preserve the expressive fruit from 50 year old vines- blinding.</i>			
VERGEL MONASTRELL/MERLOT 2022	9.69	14.5	V / O*
<i>ALICANTE. A liquid M&M, vivid, soft youthful red of no inconsiderable charm.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA DEL RAYO SELECCIONADA 2020 *was 9.90*	9.49	13.5	V
<i>RIOJA. Soft, squooshy, mellow relaxer. Warmly spicy, plums, cherries and a smokey hint. 6 Months in oak.</i>			
DIAPIRO ROBLE 2021	10.25	14.5	
<i>ALICANTE. Oak-aged for 4 months in new french oak- coffee, cacao, raisin, toast, herb, vanilla.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA 2019	10.75	14.0	V
<i>RIOJA. Exceptionally smooth and complex, 18 months in oak.</i>			
PRINCIPE VIANA CRIANZA RED LIMITED EDITION 2019	10.79	14.0	V
<i>NAVARRA. Fantastic fruit and vanilla bomb that slips down a treat. Unbelievably supple and soft.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA DEL RAYO RESERVA 2016	12.19	13.5	V
<i>RIOJA. Rich & spicy, this classic combines ripe plum & dried fruit characters with cinnamon & vanilla.</i>			
RIPPA DORRIL ROBLE 2021 *was 12.55*	11.39	14.5	
<i>RIBERA DEL DUERO. Big, ripe and toasty Tempranillo full of forest fruit, liquorice and violets.</i>			
PRIOS MAXIMUS ROBLE 2020	13.05	14.5	V
<i>RIBERA DEL DUERO. Smooth & elegant with ripe red fruit, cherries, blackberries toasty nuts and chocolate</i>			
RIOJA VEGA TEMPRANILLO COLECCION RED 2021	13.49	14.0	V
<i>RIOJA. Pretty chunky say Richard, presumably describing the wine....Awesome, top-quality, limited edition.</i>			
TESELA BY CLUNIA SYRAH/TEMPRANILLO 2020	13.79	14.5	
<i>CASTILLO Y LEON. Aromatic, soft, complete, easy-going, autumnal, medium-bodied, high altitude freshness.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA LIMITED EDITION CRIANZA 2019	13.79	14.0	
<i>RIOJA. From the best barrels of the vintage, kept for a further two months in cask. Rich, robust and delicious.</i>			
MENCIA PAZO DE MONTERREY 2019	15.65	13.0	V
<i>MONTERREY: Floral and fragrant with hints of berries and spice - elegant and subtle in style</i>			
RIOJA VEGA RESERVA 2017	15.79	14.0	V
<i>RIOJA. Unctuous, spicy, ripe and soft with bags of fruit, toast, toffee and vanilla. More medals than Mr T!</i>			
BORSAO TRES PICOS GARNACHA 2020 *was 17.69*	16.89	15.5	VEG
<i>CAMPO DE BORJA. intense flavours of brambles, liquorice, strawberry jam, smoky vanilla and spice</i>			
RIOJA VEGA GRAN RESERVA 2015	19.59	14.0	
<i>RIOJA. Super-smooth mature and mellow. Growing old gracefully. Powerful, well balanced and expressive.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA CON GRACIANO 2017	19.99	14.0	
<i>RIOJA. Really intense and dark but soo smooth. A very serious wine that will age beautifully.</i>			
ALBRET LA VINA DE MI MADRE RESERVA 2018	21.39	13.5	
<i>NAVARRA. Subtle, complex, black fruit jam, cassis, blackberry, vanilla, liquor chocolate and tobacco.</i>			



SPAIN / red continued

CLUNIA MALBEC 2019

26.79 14.5

CASTILLA Y LEON. Humungous and yet very, very fine Malbec from a small, high altitude, arid vineyard.

RIOJA VEGA 135 ANNIVERSARY RESERVA 2011

28.29 14.0

RIOJA. Very ripe fruit, chocolate liqueur, jam, apple sauce, coconut, toast aromas, cedar wood.

Rioja Vega 135 Anniversary Reserva 2011

Tempranillo, Graciano and Mazuelo aged in barrel and bottle for like ages! Bright, deep ruby red in colour. Aromas on the nose show ripe red fruit with elegant roasted cacao and cedar wood. The mouthfeel is rich and full bodied, velvety smooth, with a long, lingering finish of real elegance. Will be drinking phenomenally yet still has a couple more years of ageing, if you really want.

28.29



URUGUAY / white

⊗ **ESTIVAL GEWURZ/CHARD/MOSCATO 2022**

16.99 14.0 V/ N/ B

CANELONES. Early-picked Chardonnay gives a lemony freshness to the weightier aromatic varieties.



URUGUAY / red

⊗ **NOTOS NEBBIOLO 2020**

15.69 13.5 V/ N/ B

ATLANTIDA. Brilliantly bright cherry fruit and spice with a rose petal edge. 90% Nebbiolo, 10% Tannat



USA / white

THREE THIEVES CHARDONNAY 2019

13.59 13.5

CALIFORNIA. Packed with pineapple, candied lime and creamy butterscotch all balanced with fresh citrus.



USA / red

⊗ **SHOWDOWN 'MAN WITH AXE' CAB SAUV 2021**

11.25 13.5 V

CALIFORNIA. Ripe blackcurrant, wild berries, sweet vanilla oak, rich cassis and black cherries. Soft & Juicy.

⊗ **SCOTTO FAMILY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2017**

11.95 13.5 V

LODI. Brilliant wine! Sweet, succulent blueberries, cola, cherry, craberry and black liquorice. Ripe, juicy, spicy.

CLINE CELLARS LODI ZINFANDEL 2020 *was 16.25*

15.90 14.5 V

SONOMA. Classy Zin. Luscious, ripe, toasty, big, bold, beautiful with sweet fruit and silky tannins.



COFFEE

Delicious single Estate Arabica coffee from Terra Santa in Brazil - rich, dark and aromatic with distinct dark chocolate notes.

1kg Bag Coffee Beans £12.40 250g Ready Ground Coffee £4.35

⊗ ANGELS FLIGHT WHITE ZINFANDEL 2021	7.89	10.5	
<i>USA. Packed full of fresh strawberry and watermelon flavours. Very easy to drink</i>			
⊗ PATO TORRENTE ROSE 2022	8.09	12.0	V
<i>CHILE. Off dry, super fruity rose that's great with spicy food.</i>			
⊗ BORGIA ROSE 2022	8.15	13.0	
<i>SPAIN. So so juicy, it's like strawberry ice cream. Not bone dry.</i>			
⊗ CRISTATUS ROSE 2022	8.19	13.5	
<i>SPAIN. Dry rose from Monastrell grapes. Floral with strawberry and raspberry fruit.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ROSE AMANTI 2021	8.19	12.0	V
<i>ITALY. Soft and light with juicy strawberry fruit and ripe peach. Easy going and gluggy.</i>			
⊗ BIG TOP WHITE ZINFANDEL ROSE 2020	8.35	10.0	V
<i>USA. Medium-dry, but crucial balancing freshness make it a total glugger. Like raspberry ripple ice cream.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA VEGA ROSE 2021/22	8.55	13.5	V
<i>SPAIN. Totally yummy in my tummy. Strawberry & raspberry jam & yet it is dry! How do they do that?</i>			
⊗ LES VIGNERONS GRENACHE/MERLOT 2022	8.55	12.5	
<i>FRANCE. Like a punnet of summer fruit with a lingering creamy finish.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ROSATO ANCORA 2022	8.69	12.0	V
<i>ITALY. Light, dry and frisky with loads of sumptuous fruit</i>			
⊗ ANCORA CHIARETTO ROSE 2022	8.69	12.5	V
<i>ITALY. Barbera rose! Fresh, succulent strawberries, as crisp and clean as they come.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY ROSE 2022	8.95	12.5	V
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Pale and juicy, a delicate Provence style rose from the Cape.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA BAGORDI ROSADA 2022	9.69	13.0	V / O
<i>SPAIN. A sprightly young and fruity wine that stands out for its juicy palate.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE L'OLIBET ROSE 2022	10.09	12.5	V
<i>FRANCE. Like taking a stroll in a spring meadow, abundant ripe fruit, lifted by a natural zing.</i>			
⊗ ROSE D'ANJOU LES ROSERAIS 2022	10.19	11.0	V
<i>FRANCE. Rich, spicy rose with fresh, ripe strawberry and raspberries alongside a touch of toffee and liquorice.</i>			
⊗ CHACABUCO MALBEC ROSE 2022	10.65	12.5	VEG
<i>ARGENTINA. Hugely fruity and incredibly drinkable, creamy strawberries and cherries with a lightweight feel.</i>			
⊗ CLAVEL 'REGULUS' ROSE 2021	10.69	12.5	O
<i>FRANCE. Very Pale delicate rose from 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 20% Cinsault.</i>			
CERISIERS ROSE 2022	11.19	13.0	
<i>FRANCE. Elegant, textured pink from Southern Rhone. Delicate and berry filled with raspberry freshness.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER IRPINIA ROSATO 2022	11.79	13.5	V
<i>ITALY. Delicate Provencal in style, soft, strawberry and raspberry fruit.</i>			
CAP AU LARGE PROVENCE ROSE 2022	12.79	13.0	
<i>FRANCE. Attractive pale pink, dry rose with a bright character (& label!) which absolutely nails the style.</i>			
CIRCUMSTANCE CAPE CORAL ROSE 2022	13.95	13.5	
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Classsy, Bandol style rose with pomegranate fruit, spice and a good streak of minerality</i>			
BANDOL ROSE LAFRAN-VEYROLLES 2021	20.85	13.5	V / O
<i>FRANCE. Probably the best rose ever? Soothing sun warmed herb, white pepper and raspberry.</i>			



Marvelous Malts



John and Fraser have taken the hard work out of choosing a Christmas malt with this enticing selection. All are available for pre order from our shops, please get in touch for details.

ARRAN 10YO

Founded in 1995 in Lochranza. Lush citrus fruits on the nose, with a rich vanilla sweetness and a touch of cinnamon to give a spicy edge on the palate. Ends with an apple citrus sweetness. It hasn't been chill filtered which keeps all the flavour.

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KILCHOMAN MACHIR BAY

Founded in 2005, it's the first new distillery on Islay for 124 years. They are a farm distillery which means they grow all the barley on Islay for the whisky. The whisky is matured in bourbon and sherry casks. On the nose you get lemon zest, vanilla and elegant peat smoke. Sherried fruit, dried raisin and a hint of crushed black pepper with layers of peat smoke.

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GLENGOYNE 10YO

Founded in 1833 in Dumgoyne, just north of Glasgow. Using barley that has been air dried, so not a hint of peat at all and matured in sherry casks. The nose is sweet with toffee and popcorn aromas, leading on to a palate of green apples, grass, soft oak and a slight nuttiness.

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TAMDHU 12YO

Dating back to 1897 and situated in Knockando in Speyside. Matured in 1st and refill Oloroso casks. The nose is rich and enticing with cinnamon buns, candied orange and raisins. There is a silky texture in the mouth with malty biscuits, ground spice, dried fruit and Scottish tablet. Finishing with the slightest hint of peat smoke. Just check out that elegant retro bottle!

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TORABHAIG LEGACY SECOND EDITION "ALLT LEANN"

Torabhaig is the second ever licensed distillery on Skye since Talisker was established in 1830. I was incredibly surprised by this one. We had a tasting in the shop in August. Such a powerful malt for a young whisky. Big and bold with lashings of complex peat notes but plenty of sweet fruit, vanilla oak and lemon zest. Think of a bonfire on the beach with smoked shellfish and a salty sea breeze in the air. Adding a splash of water to this will open up a whole new dimension of OMG!

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BENROMACH ORGANIC

Built in 1898 and revived in 1993 by the Urquhart family (Gordon & Macphail), it is situated just outside Forres. We had a tasting of the 10yo, 15yo and the Organic and the Organic was the stand out by far for me. Start to finish and matured in virgin American oak giving a nose of sweet vanilla, ripe fruits and citrus zest. Toasted malts leads to green apple. The palate is creamy with soft pepper and butterscotch. Freshly ground coffee develops alongside dried banana and a subtle herbal edge.

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DESSERT / FORTIFIED WINE

⊗ TRENTHAM NOBLE TAMINGA 2015	9.45	10.5	V	375ml
AUSTRALIA. Taminga is a crossing of Sultana and Gewurztraminer; super-tangy orange, apricot and toffee.				
MOSCATO PASSITO PALAZZINA 2016	10.29	14.0	V	375ml
ITALY. The classic passito wine from dried Moscato grapes, simple yet immense, nectarine, apricots and honey.				
RUSTENBERG RED MUSCADEL 2019	11.49	16.0		375ml
SOUTH AFRICA. Aromatic lychee, pomegranate & elderflowerly muscat juice fortified with spirit.				
BEAUMES DE VENISE INSTANS COYEAUX 2016	11.69	15.5	VEG	500ml
FRANCE. Beautifully balanced sweet wine with honeyed apricots and a refreshing finish.				
TORO DE PIEDRA LATE HARV SAUV/SEM 2021	11.75	14.0	V	375ml
CHILE. Stone fruits, orangey citrus, honey and nectarine with good freshness to keep it clean.				
MONBAZILLAC GRANGE NEUVE 2019	12.70	12.5	V	500ml
FRANCE. Along the river from Sauternes comes this great wine, tangerines, marmalade and candied peaches.				
BEAUMES DE VENISE VIDAL-FLEURY 2020/21	14.25	15.0		375ml
FRANCE. Fresh, bright fruit, delicate natural sweetness.				
DASCHBOSCH OLD VINE HANEPOOT 2017	14.35	17.5	V	375ml
SOUTH AFRICA. Complex and multi-layered with honey, orange blossom, candied peel and fruitcake.				
PRINCIPE VIANA LATE PICK CHARDY 2019	15.05	14.0		500ml
SPAIN. Luscious late harvest white with candied peaches, marmalade and cream. Nice bottle too.				
SAUTERNES PETIT GUIRAUD 2020	17.19	13.5	O	375ml
FRANCE. A classy drop. Opulent, yet precise with gorgeous marmalade and honey flavours and complexity.				
TOKAJI ASZU 5 PUTTONYOS TOKAIBOR 2013	22.29	11.5	VEG	500ml
HUNGARY. Old and beautiful, intense golden nectar of the gods. Full on dessert option (for cheese too).				
RATAFIA GOBILLARD	23.00	17.0		700ml
FRANCE. Champagne grape juice fortified with Champagne brandy. Sweet and delightful.				
ALCYONE FORTIFIED TANNAT NV	24.99	16.0	V	500ml
URUGUAY. A dessert wine from 100% tannat, fortified with brandy and aromatised with herbs and spices.				
PINEAU DES CHARENTES CH D'ORIGNAC	26.59	18.0	VEG	750ml
FRANCE. If Ratafia and cognac had a baby this would be it. Rich, caramelly and a lovely spiced nut finish.				



PORT

MERCHANT VINTNERS RUBY PORT	14.35	20.0
DUORO. A soft and mellow "own label" made by Fonseca for us. Good Value.		
KROHN RUBY PORT *was 15.10*	14.45	20.0
DUORO. Rich, full and soft with fresh plum and cherry fruit.		
KROHN LAGRIMA WHITE PORT *was 19.39*	16.45	20.0
DUORO. Complex and nutty, rich and honeyed with a long tangy finish. Try with soda and a slice of orange!		
KROHN LBV PORT 2016 *was 21.25*	17.30	20.0
DUORO. Deep ruby colour with spicy black fruit aromas. vibrant plum and blackberry characters.		
LEITH TAWNY PORT	22.10	19.0
DUORO. Youthful, easy-drinking tawny with bags of molasses and nutty flavours.		



SHERRY

MARSALA MEDIUM-SWEET	12.99	17.0	
<i>MARSALA. Fortified, baked fruit and caramel</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC FINO *was 16.79*	15.19	15.0	V
<i>JEREZ. Just a great drink- dry as a bone, nutty and fresh. Pour a proper wine-glass full & get some lovely food.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC MANZANILLA	17.29	15.0	V
<i>JEREZ. Fino made in the port of Sanlucar de Barrameda - saltier, tangier and a bit more nutty.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC OLOROSO	18.79	18.0	V
<i>JEREZ. Earthy, dry and aromatic with loads of walnut, spice and orange peel notes.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC CREAM *was 18.39*	16.89	17.0	V
<i>JEREZ. Rich and sweet with dried fruit and nuts</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC AMONTILLADO	18.39	17.0	V
<i>JEREZ. Dryish style with a slightly sweet finish. One of the best food wines on the planet.</i>			
LEITH MANZANILLA SHERRY 75CL	20.59	15.0	
<i>JEREZ. Fino style sherry made in the port of Sanlucar de Barrameda. Bone dry with nutty and doughy flavours.</i>			
LEITH OLOROSO DRY SHERRY 75CL	20.59	17.5	
<i>JEREZ. A refreshing style of Oloroso, with zingy citrus notes, dried fruit, and a beautiful array of nutty flavours</i>			
MADEIRA D'OLIVEIRAS SWEET 70cl	20.99	19.0	
<i>MADEIRA. A rich, sweet style from one of Blandy's sub-labels. Good value caramelly character.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC PEDRO XIMINEZ 70CL	24.59	15.0	V
<i>JEREZ All the dried raisins and fig flavours you'd ever want. Rich and concentrated</i>			
FERNANDO ANTIQUE PEDRO XIMINEZ 50CL *WAS 38.39*	33.09	15.0	V
<i>JEREZ .30 years in solera system, incredibly sweet, incredibly tasty- coffee, fig, raisin, molasses, yum, yum.</i>			



WHITEBOX COCKTAILS

In the mood for bar quality cocktails without having to leave your house? Then these fantastic pre mixed cocktails are for you! Produced in Edinburgh and brought to you by an extremely experienced team with years of hands on bar experience, these dinky little cans need nothing more than a bit of fridge time and are ready to go. 100ml single serves.



COCKTAIL WHITEBOX CLASSIC COSMO

4.25

Vodka, Cranberry, Lime, Triple Sec

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX POCKET NEGRONI

4.50

Porter's Gin, Italian Bitter Aperitif, Sweet Vermouth

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX PRET A BOIRE BOULEVARDI

4.50

Bourbon Whiskey, Italian Bitter Aperitif, Sweet Vermouth, Orange Zest

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX SQUEEZYS MARGARITA

4.50

Tequila, Lime, Triple Sec, Salt

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX FREEZER MARTINI

4.75

Porter's Gin, Dry Vermouth, Lemon Zest

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX TINY TEE'S DIRTY MARTINI

4.75

Vodka, Dry Vermouth, Olive Brine

COCKTAIL WHITEBOX CHIPPER'S OLD FASHIONED

6.85

Virgin Oak Whisky, Cherrywood Bitters, Gum Sugar





Fraser's Belgium Beer Detour



Picture the scene, a sunny September week staying in deepest Flanders with occasional forays across the border to follow Scottish Rugby & its short-lived World Cup travails. There's a real dearth of wine around these parts, as is to be expected, how would Richard survive? A quick Google to try to find J.M. Gobillard's "Belgian fizzy wine" outpost was a no-go, the Belgians drink it all for themselves even at twice the price of Champagne. Nevertheless, this was a great opportunity for us to sample some great Barley-related Belgian produce we stock.

The connectivity is great in this part of the world, and we seamlessly made our way to Brussels via the Eurostar. The centre is very touristy, however, walking out of the Southern station you make your way past multitudes of multicultural neighbourhoods which would not look out of place in any metropolis.



Plonked in the thick of this we found the historic **Cantillon** brasserie, with Richard remarking that it was something which they sold back in his halcyon Oddbins Queensferry Street days. The dusty barrels and cobwebs lining the walls create a unique ambient lambic yeast blend - beer's version of terroir - while the piles of big bottles ageing slowly resemble the cellars of a Champagne house. They macerate wine grapes in their lambic, with Cinsault, Carignan, Grenache Blanc and Barbera grapes plus long ageing in barrel giving certain beers a superb winery feel.



This was followed by a couple of nights in Ghent which also has a very Bohemian beer scene, and plenty of "Canny Man's" type characters manning the bars.

Finally, over to Bruges & the **De Halve Man** (Half Moon) brewery tour yielded an unfiltered and unpasteurised version of their blond beer accompanied by a traditional Flemish stew. Sublime. They've even built a 3.2 KM beer pipeline 37m deep under the city pumping the likes of *Brugse Zot* (Bruges Clown) blond beer to their bottling plant outside the city.

The trip has provided plenty of inspiration for some continental beer to compliment my Christmas dinner. I'm thinking.....

Brugse Zot Blonde 33cl, 6.0%, 2.80

Might ask if they can extend the pipeline to my Edinburgh flat. If we can build the HS2 link then we can do this...oh, hang on....A well-balanced easy-drinking beer with character, the only beer brewed in Bruges' town centre. It's brewed with 4 different kinds of malt and 2 aromatic varieties of hop which give its unique taste.



La Chouffe Blonde 75cl, 8.0%, 9.20

Might as well go big or go home on the big day! Sit down and start slowly sipping this total classic. It's a big strong one so you don't have to keep going back and forth to the fridge all the time. Clove and coriander with some fruity/floral sweetness are among the wholesome flavours of this iconic blond beer.



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