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

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Party/Event/Wedding Supply

Sale or Return

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Ice (& free tub hire for ice)

KEY

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V	=	vegetarian
V+	=	vegan
O	=	organic
B	=	biodynamic

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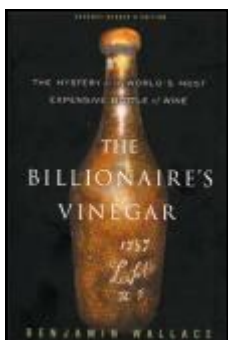


Welcome to our most extensive, exciting Christmas list ever. Bigger doesn't always mean better, but in this case it does. Dive in and have a swim through some of our quirky chat to help make your festive period that little bit tastier.



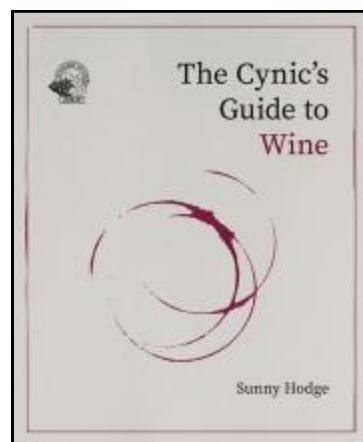
Time Flies by Richard.

I've been reading some excellent wine books recently, ideal sipping reads.



"Billionaire's Vinegar" by Benjamin Wallace is about fraud at wine auctions in the 1980s and an easy read, albeit quite detailed, and requires moderate concentration following some dodgy characters in the wine trade (obviously not Grog).

"The Cynic's Guide to Wine" by Sunny Hodge is about the most informative book I've ever read on wine. It is a fascinating labour of cynical wine love that is right up my street. What creates the flavours in wine? Well, it turns out a huge slice is due to fermenting yeast manipulating fruit flies by attracting them with delicious fruity flavours mimicking real fruit. This is a sort of pollination mechanism that then helps the yeast spread. So, when you detect attractive fruits or citrus in your delicious Christmas Grog, they are real, not imaginary. Turns out pretty flowers and fruity wine aren't for just for our benefit, nice though.



LAST ORDER DATES

UK wide via courier → **Wednesday 17th Dec**

Glasgow → **Wednesday 17th Dec**

Edinburgh → **Tuesday 23rd Dec**

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Suggested last order dates to ensure we can safely get your wine to you in time.





SIMON SAYS CARBO COMA



For the last few years me and the fam have been lucky enough to be invited to a proper Thanksgiving dinner with a couple of American families resident here in Edinburgh. The culture shock of the realising that our main winter feasting traditions are only superficially similar is unsettling. Yes, there's a turkey (we copied them on that one), but last year it was spatchcocked! I tried it at home for Xmas and broke 2 pairs of kitchen scissors trying to crunch through the ribs!! It works really well though, cooking crisp and even.

The cognitive dissonance is more with the many, varied sides and in a detail which many of you may find distressing (I can see faces spluttering and turning puce all over the UK), there are no roasties. Yep, you read that right, NO ROAST-IES. In fact, some of them had never even had one, EVER (the horror).

There is however, a snowy Ben Nevis of soothing mashed potato, a cornice of mashed sweet potato with a candied pecan crust, an avalanche of green beans with a Campbells mushroom soup sauce & crispy onion topping (way better than it sounds btw) and a scree of this kickass Sicilian baked rice stuffing studded with nuggets of spicy Italian sausage. That sounds like a lot, but there's more a rubbly bread stuffing (more fried bread than saucy) and a zesty bracing shredded raw sprout & pomegranate salad for bite & balance. Just as you crawl toward the summit, a raging torrent of meaty gravy & molten gobbets of cranberry sauce wash you away.

Wow - I think I put on weight just thinking about all that. It's different, but it's definitely, decadently, delicious and, let's face it, it's a rare chance to reflect with great pals and an excuse to crack open some fabulous wines whilst putting the world to rights.

P.S. Don't worry, they've all been exposed to roast potatoes & Yorkshire puds now - relax!

P.P.S. Did you know that the official national US Thanksgiving holiday was actually instigated by Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to give thanks for the sacrifices and triumphs of the then still ongoing Civil War? I didn't!

I give thanks for ...

Esporao Private Selection Branco 2022 46.75
PORTUGAL. 30 year old Semillon vines and barrel fermentation give a 1000 rich, waxy, oaky, citrusy, mouthcoating & creamy reasons to be grateful!



Casarena Lauren Cabernet Franc 2021 31.95
ARGENTINA. It's (south) American at least! A bold, sumptuous, velvety expression from single vineyard. Give praise for having a nose and a mouth!



Flotzinger Colamix 50cl 1.45
GERMANY. With 8 kids between us, a soft option is needed. This is AMAZING! Cola & orange together in a proper beer bottle. Unfortunately the kids are now addicted to it!





TOP GROG OF 2025



Richard

Picpoul de Pinet Les Moules, £11.79

A veritable frottage of salty pear & moist melon. Crisp and clean guzzle juice.



Joe

Rioja Vega Tempranillo Blanco, £15.50

Gloriously rich, peaches and cream filled delight. This needs to be in your fridge!



Simon

Chassagne Montrachet Legros, £51.75

Dreamy, creamy, vanilla buttered melons and mango mixed with toasty oak. Decadent.



Clare

Kaapzicht Steytler Pinotage, £57.99

Handcrafted, exceptionally rich red, worth every penny and perfect for Christmas.



Fraser

Terrific with Turkey

Paul Cluver Chardonnay £24.69

Tangerine, brioche, vanilla, toast and winter citrus with amazing length.



John

Longs for Lamb

St Robert Graves Red £14.50

Surprising wine, appearing a bit stuffy & old school, but is intense with vibrant freshness - impressive.



James

Banging with Beef

JJ Hahn Steltzer Merlot £19.15

Soft stewed plums, blackcurrant, cloves and vanilla. Long and plush.



Red

Chants de Closeau Malbec, £10.35

Lush and velvety with intense dark berry fruit and chocolate.



Tobia

Barbaresco Marchesi Di Gresy, 66.95

100% Nebbiolo balancing elegance and power, red cherry, rose petal, and a touch of spice.



Heather

Messmer Weissburgunder, £16.89

Delicious, generous Pinot Blanc full of stone fruits, pithy citrus and gentle spice.





LETS GET FIZZICAL



Do you know your Méthode Ancestrale from your Method Cap Classique? Fizz has never been so popular and there are so many styles, some previously thought obscure and for those in the know, now widely available. Here's our handy guide to knowing your sparklers:

METHODE ANCESTRALE - The oldest form of sparkling where there is just one fermentation which is arrested to retain its petillance. Usually gently frothy rather than fully sparkling and is often on the fruity side due to not fermenting all of the sugar. Pet Nat and Blanquette de Limoux are both made this way.



Pet Nat Freres Carod, 10.25
Soft, juicy and brilliant with cake.

CHARMAT (or tank) METHOD - The secondary fermentation happens in a large pressurized tank called an autoclave making it a quick and economical way of making fizz. The result is an easy drinking fresh, fruit forward sparkler that is perfect for parties. The most famous of this style is Prosecco but if a wine just has 'sparkling' on the label, this is most likely how it's been made.



Prosecco Amori NV, 10.09
Light, breezy and great for parties

TRADITIONAL METHOD - Sparkling wines undergo their secondary fermentation in the bottle. This traps the yeast in the bottle creating more complex, biscuity, brioche notes. Cremant (we sell 8 different ones now!), Cava, Cap Classique, English Sparkling, Franciacorta and of course Champagne are all made using this method.



Franciacorta Ferghettina, 26.95 25.30
Light and citrusy, perfect aperitif.



Gobillard Blanc de Blancs, 31.99
Fresh, zingy & fab with fried treats



Salasar Cremant de Limoux, 12.45
Biscuity delight for your picky bits.



Gobillard Chardonnay 2018, 44.90
Rich, toasty and big enough for chicken

SPARKLING RED - Can be made using Traditional or Charmat method but use red grapes and skin contact for colour and tannins. They can be dry or sweeter in style and are packed with juicy flavours from rhubarb and sour cherry to blackberry and licorice. The most common are Lambrusco, Brachetto D'Acqui and Sparkling Shiraz.



Lambrusco Salamino, 10.89
Juicy, ripe and moreish with Mortadello.



Molly Dooker Sparkling Shiraz, 27.75
Bold & fruity, try with chocolate.

CHAMPAGNE / white

GOBILLARD NV HALF BOTTLE	16.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Miniaturised Tradition...half the size yet all the pleasure of a big bottle.</i>			
ST THOMAS BRUT NV	27.50	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLIERS. Gobillard's entry level fizz. Definite berry flavours and a lush creamy mousse.</i>			
GOBILLARD NV BOTTLE	28.99	12.5	V+
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Classic lemon, lime and gooseberry on a bed of light, soft digestive biscuit and lemon curd.</i>			
GOBILLARD BLANC DE BLANCS NV	31.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. 100% Chardonnay. Light and crunchy green apple fruit makes for a great aperitif.</i>			
GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE NV	31.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Great balance between lip licking citrus pizzazz, soft ripe cox pippin and toast.</i>			
GOBILLARD PUR PINOT NOIR NV	32.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. 100% Pinot Noir - white champagne! Fruity & soft, soft redcurrant notes and raspberry leaf.</i>			
GOBILLARD PUR MEUNIER BRUT NV	35.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Very off-piste Champagne style. Full bodied and interesting. One for the intrepid wine explorer.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE 2018	36.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Taut, lithe and adroit, a gymnast of lemon peel, granny smith and tense minerality - sensational.</i>			
GOBILLARD PRIVILEGE DES MOINES NV	37.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Oak barrel matured Champagne. Very rich but dry and textural.</i>			
GOBILLARD CHARDONNAY 2018 BRUT	44.90	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Full, fine, rich and very tasty. Only made in top vintages with a minimum of 8 years on lees.</i>			
GOSSET EXTRA-BRUT NV	47.69	12	V
<i>AY. 3 years on lees, 5 grams of sugar per litre only. Yummy, zesty, elegant style.</i>			
TAITTINGER NV	49.65	12.5	V+
<i>REIMS. One of the best Champagne "grand marques" (big brands). Incredibly it is still family-owned.</i>			
POL ROGER BRUT RESERVE NV	54.99	12	V+
<i>EPERNAY. A masterclass is top quality wine from one of the few family owned Grand Marques left.</i>			
GOSSET GRAND RESERVE NV	62.19	12	
<i>AY. Probably needs food it is so rich. Big, toasty, minerally.</i>			
GOBILLARD GRAND RESERVE *MAGNUM*	65.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS 2 Bottle size...the ideal format...it actually tastes better from magnum, no word of a lie!</i>			
GOBILLARD CUVÉE 6	71.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Unique and amazing, this is a truly special wine for special occasions.</i>			
GOBILLARD VINTAGE 2016 *MAGNUM*	81.99	12.5	
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Gorgeous Champagne & even more so for being larger.</i>			
GOSSET MILLESIME 2016	92.89	12	
<i>AY. Tangy, fresh and minerally with fresh nectarine and yellow peach, concentrated, long & delicious.</i>			



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CHAMPAGNE / pink

GOSSET CELEBRIS ROSE 2007	19.59	12.0
<i>AY. Strawberry, raspberry and redcurrant, giving a soft, full mouthful, finishing on notes of grapefruit and lemon.</i>		
GOSSET GRAND ROSE NV	32.99	12.0
<i>AY. White flower, citrus, pineapple, redcurrant and peach. An absolute delight.</i>		
GOBILLARD VINTAGE ROSE 2016 *MAGNUM*	37.99	12.5
<i>HAUTVILLERS To be honest, this is the proper format for vintage rose Champagne</i>		
GOBILLARD ROSE PRESTIGE *HALF BOTTLE*	77.59	12.5
<i>HAUTVILLERS. A delicate river trout colour, fruity, expressive and full of flavour.</i>		
GOBILLARD VINTAGE ROSE 2019	81.99	12.5
<i>HAUTVILLERS. A delicate river trout colour, fruity, expressive and full of flavour.</i>		
GOBILLARD ROSE NV	148.99	12.5
<i>HAUTVILLERS. Great raspberry and red berry scented fizz, a firm Grog favourite.</i>		

SPARKLING / pink

PROSECCO LE DOLCI SPUMANTE ROSE 2024	11.35	10.5	V+
<i>ITALY. Lovely light fizz, dry but bloomin' fruity.</i>			
PET-NAT ROSE FRERES CAROD NV	11.50	8.5	V+
<i>FRANCE. Fresh, vibrant Muscat flavours with floral hints and a citrus edge.</i>			
CREMANT DE LIMOUX SALASAR ROSE NV	12.45	11	
<i>FRANCE. A delicious rose fizz with fresh strawberry and raspberry fruit and a delicate sea spray of saltiness</i>			



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

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* up to 5% of any order placed.



SPARKLING / white

JULES LAROSE BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV	9.79	11.0	
<i>FRANCE. Excellent value summer quaffer with lovely floral and citrus. The perfect party fizz!</i>			
PROSECCO AMORI SPUMANTE EXTRA DRY	10.09	10.5	V+
<i>ITALY. Easy going sparkler with bright apple, peach and acacia.</i>			
PET-NAT FRERES CAROD NV	10.25	8.5	V+
<i>FRANCE. Light and grapey with floral citrus notes and a lovely mousse. Ideal daytime drinking fodder.</i>			
PROSECCO CORTE ALTA DOC SPUMANTE NV	10.25	10.5	V+
<i>ITALY. Pleasingly effervescent Italian sparkler with classic flavours of peach, apple and acacia.</i>			
PROSECCO LE DOLCI SPUMANTE NV	10.89	10.5	V+
<i>ITALY. Ripe, grapey and zesty fizz. Green apple and citrus with a soft delicate mouthfeel.</i>			
CREMANT DE LIMOUX SALASAR D'AZUR NV	12.45	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 flavours.</i>			
CAVA CAN XA BRUT NV	13.19	11.5	V+
<i>SPAIN. High quality Cava with pithy lemons, butter and toasted brioche with an elegant silky finish.</i>			
CREMANT DE DIE CAROD FRERES NV	13.49	12.0	
<i>FRANCE. 12 months lees aging. Fine light mousse, with flavours of white blossom and a hint of toast.</i>			
SAUMUR BRUT LA GRANDE MARQUE	14.15	12.5	V+
<i>FRANCE.. Fresh and lively on the palate, with a very elegant aftertaste.</i>			
DARLING CELLARS BLANC DE BLANCS 2023	14.79	11.5	V+
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Sparkling Chardonnay with lovely lees, brioche flavours alongside some citrus and red apple.</i>			
CREMANT DE BOURGOGNE CAVE DE LUGNY NV	14.80	11.5	
<i>FRANCE. Rich and slightly creamy, citrus and apple with a fresh and crisp finish.</i>			
PROSECCO VALDOBBIADENE CA'VITTORIA	15.75	11.5	V+
<i>ITALY. Focussed, fruity and Generous flavours of white peach, grape and pear and a lovely, long finish.</i>			
CREMANT DE SAVOIE CUVÉE 8 NV	16.40	12.0	
<i>FRANCE. Made mostly from the Jacquere grape giving a fresh lively with with fruity notes and a long floral finish.</i>			
CREMANT D'ALSACE DOPFF & IRION NV	17.85	12.0	V+ O B
<i>FRANCE. Lovely light and floral Cremant from a tiny 5 hectare estate.</i>			
FRANCIACORTA FERGHETTINA NV *WAS 26.95*	25.30	12.5	
<i>ITALY. Classy, Champagne method fizz with lemon brioche and toasty. elegant bubbles.</i>			

SPARKLING / red

LAMBRUSCO SALAMINO NV	10.89	10	V+
<i>ITALY. Fresh, juicy sparkling red. 100% Salamino grape for a red cherries, wild strawberries and raspberry finish.</i>			
MOLLY DOOKER SPARKLING SHIRAZ (Red) 2021	27.75	14.5	V+
<i>AUSTRALIA. Brimming with vivid maraschino cherry and plum jam, layers of milk chocolate and mocha.</i>			

ARGENTINA / white

⊗ CHACABUCO VIOGNIER 2024	11.79	12.5	V
<i>MENDOZA. A peach of a wine. Bursting with fruit & juiciness with a zing of refreshing high-altitude acidity.</i>			
⊗ INCA TORRONTES 2024	13.59	13.0	V+
<i>SALTA. Aromatic nose of jasmine, orange blossom and elderflower with honeyed stone fruits and spice.</i>			
⊗ ALMA GEMELA PEDRO XIMENEZ 2023	21.09	13.6	V+
<i>MENDOZA. Cristaline, squeaky clean expressive white with grapefruit peel, kiwi, basil and mint. Ideal for ceviche.</i>			

ARGENTINA / red

⊗ LAS PAMPAS MALBEC 2024	10.89	13.0	
<i>MENDOZA. Soft and supple with damson fruit, vanilla and toast.</i>			
⊗ CHACABUCO MALBEC 2024	11.79	12.9	V+
<i>MENDOZA. Plum, damson and black cherries, smooth and soft with ripe dark berry fruit and warm spice.</i>			
⊗ TESORO ANDES MALBEC/BONARDA 2023	11.85	13.0	V+
<i>MENDOZA. Brooding dark damson and bramble fruit with a twist of gentle spice. Great value.</i>			
GOUGEUNHEIM MALBEC 2022	11.95	13.5	V
<i>MENDOZA. Sweet blackberries, coffee and cherry chocolate with a touch of white pepper and spice.</i>			
⊗ QUARA ESTATE MALBEC 2022	13.29	13.5	V
<i>CAFAYETE. Lightly oaked and very fruity with notes of plum, pepper and spices.</i>			
LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE BONARDA 2022 *WAS 10.09*	12.30	13.5	V
<i>MENDOZA. Complex. Cinnamon, cherry tobacco and plum, blueberry pancakes, sweet smoke and dark fruit.</i>			
⊗ NIETO MALBEC 2024 *WAS 14.25*	13.05	14.0	V+
<i>MENDOZA. Tremendous flavours of plums, figs, and dried fruit with a smoky vanilla character.</i>			
LOS HAROLDOS ESTATE MALBEC 2022 *WAS 14.29*	12.50	14.0	V
<i>MENDOZA. A perfect fusion of high-altitude fruit with mellow spice from oak maturation.</i>			
PIEDRA NEGRA ARROYA GRANDE MALBEC 2024	17.99	13.0	V+ O
<i>UCO VALLEY, MENDOZA: Blackberries and blueberries all meshed together in this velvety soft wine</i>			
LOS HAROLDOS HERMANDAD MALBEC 2021	29.39	14.4	V
<i>MENDOZA. Expertly-made top-notch red. Really incredible. Full bodied, rich, ripe black fruits, violets & vanilla.</i>			
CASARENA AGRELO LAUREN CABERNET FRANC 21 *WAS 31.95*	29.29	14.0	
<i>MENDOZA: Single vineyard, 12 months in French oak. Brightly fruity and floral with a richly spicy palate.</i>			

AUSTRIA / white

⊗ GRUNER VELTLINER DOMAINE BAUMGARTNER 2023	12.05	13.0	V+
<i>WEINVIERTAL. A "drink me now" sort of bottle. Zippy and refreshing and fabulous value methinks.</i>			
⊗ GRUNER VELTLINER-SEPP MOSER 2023	15.99	12.0	V+ O
<i>KREMSTAL. Dry and aromatic, white pepper atop of a pile of white peach and just ripe pear flavour.</i>			

AUSTRIA / red

ZWEIGELT LANDHAUS 2022	12.40	13	V+
<i>BURGENLAND Austrian speciality. Bright, tart, fruity, bit of spice, similar to a good Pinot Noir.</i>			

AUSTRALIA / white

⊗ MURPHY'S CHARDONNAY 2024	9.49	13.5	V+
<i>MURRAY RIVER. Soft and fruit driven daily drinker brimming with nectarine, melon and peach.</i>			
⊗ SOLDIERS BLOCK CHARDONNAY 2024	10.65	12.5	V+
<i>VICTORIA. Vibrant, fleshy chardonnay full of nectarine, melon and citrus fruit. A small portion is oaked.</i>			
⊗ RIVER RETREAT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023	12.59	12.5	V+
<i>MILDURA. Zesty and tropical easy drinking Sauvignon from Anthony Murphy of Trentham Estate.</i>			
⊗ CAPEL VALE DEBUT SEMILLON/SAUVIGNON 2023	14.95	12.0	
<i>MARGARET RIVER. Clean, ripe, racy with lime sorbet and white flowers. Beautifully balanced & layered.</i>			
⊗ CORIOLE FIANO 2023	18.75	12.5	V+
<i>MCLAREN VALE: Floral, fruity number with fresh acidity and great texture.</i>			
⊗ KEITH TULLOCH SEMILLON 2022	20.39	10.5	
<i>HUNTER VALLEY. Super clean zesty lemon and lime laden lower alcohol semillon which will age beautifully.</i>			

AUSTRALIA / red

⊗ MURPHY'S SHIRAZ 2022	9.69	14.0	V
<i>MURRAY RIVER. Our standard bearer and champion wine. Cherry, cassis, mocha , sweet plum and spice.</i>			
⊗ PECULIAR MR PAT MERLOT 2024	10.59	13.5	V+
<i>S E AUSTRALIA. Soft and mellow easy going Merlot with vanilla plums. Highly drinkable!</i>			
⊗ SOLDIERS BLOCK SHIRAZ 2024	11.25	13.5	V+
<i>LANGHORNE CREEK. Great value. Mulberry plums, some herby notes and a lick of vanilla.</i>			
⊗ MCPHERSON 'JOCK'S' CABERNET 2022	12.05	14.5	V
<i>VICTORIA. Great concentration, juicy-bright-fruit and perfume. A racing wine; goes bloody quickly when opened.</i>			
⊗ BELLA LUNA NERO D'AVOLA 2022	13.15	13.0	V
<i>VICTORIA. A whole spectrum of flavour from floral to fruit to spice with some herby notes chucked in too. Yum</i>			
⊗ TRENTHAM MERLOT 2021	14.99	13.5	V+
<i>BIG RIVERS. Soft and velvety with layers of sweet plum, cherry and spice with a touch of mocha and subtle oak.</i>			
⊗ DON'T TELL GARY SHIRAZ 2021	15.25	14.5	V
<i>GRAMPIANS. N. Rhone in style, peppery and aromatic with the pepper totally woven through the soft dark fruits.</i>			
⊗ TRENTHAM NEBBIOLO 2021	15.30	13.5	V+
<i>BIG RIVERS. Effectively a Barolo made in Australia. Blackberry, plum, complex spice, earth and ripe tannins.</i>			
⊗ CORIOLE "MOLLY'S GARDEN" SHIRAZ SANGIOVESE 2022	15.79	14.5	V+
<i>MCLAREN VALE. Spicy Shiraz and juicy Sangiovese is a great combo. Black tea, bay and spicy berries.</i>			
⊗ CORIOLE NERO 2023	18.75	14.5	V+
<i>MCLAREN VALE: Macerated raspberry, cherry cola and strawberry ice cream. A summer fruit bomb.</i>			
⊗ JJ HAHN "STELZER ROAD" MERLOT 2023	19.15	14.5	
<i>BAROSSA VALLEY. Juicy drop of stewed plums, blackcurrant, cloves and vanilla. Long and plush.</i>			
⊗ BREMERTON SELKIRK SHIRAZ 2021	19.15	14.5	V+
<i>LANGHORNE. Deep vibrant colour, lifted pepper aroma, rich, sweet ripe berry fruit and a hint of coconut oak.</i>			
⊗ JJ HAHN "HERMANN'S" SHIRAZ 2022	19.29	14.5	
<i>BAROSSA. Extremely classy red by Rolf Binder. Fine grain tannins, judicious oak, fine fruit, superb length.</i>			
⊗ TRENTHAM HEATHCOTE SHIRAZ 2020	20.29	14.5	V+
<i>HEATHCOTE. Bloody marvellous stuff. Rich, ripe and smooth. Pepper, plum, dark cherry, chocolate & oak.</i>			
⊗ MOLLY DOOKER BOXER SHIRAZ 2021 *WAS 28.15*	21.80	16.0	V+
<i>MACLAREN VALE. Full of spicy red fruit with dark chocolate, plum and cassis with hints of vanilla and oak.</i>			
BREMERTON OLD ADAM SHZ 2021	35.25	14.5	V+
<i>LANGHORN. Exceptional quality expressing rich black and red fruit perfectly integrated with fine oak.</i>			

CHILE / white

⊗ LADERA VERDE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	8.95	13.0	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Crisp and fresh with gooseberry fruit and a zippy limey citrus finish..</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE CHARDONNAY 2024	8.95	13.0	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Brilliant value tropical fruit bomb with nice weight and creaminess. Very sexy.</i>			
⊗ PATO TORRENTE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	8.95	13.0	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Great value, pleasing white. Resistance is futile.</i>			
⊗ SANTIAGO SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	9.39	11.0	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Bright as a button, clean as a whistle with bags of lemon and lime; tastes light and fresh.</i>			
⊗ SANTA ALBA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	9.39	12.0	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Gooseberry, wild herbs and ripe citrus fruits. Light, dry and full of fruit.</i>			
⊗ LOS COCHES VIOGNIER 2025	9.45	12.5	V+
<i>RAPEL / CENTRAL. Ripe and full bodied with plentiful stone fruit, citrus and a touch of honey on the finish.</i>			
PATRIA NUEVA RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2021 *WAS 13.09*	11.99	13.5	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Wow, gorgeous. Bags of peaches and melon, toast, butter, cream and coconut caramel.</i>			
⊗ TABALI GRAN RESERVA VIOGNIER 2023	14.45	13.5	V+
<i>LIMARI VALLEY. Fresh and aromatic with citrus, orange and stone fruit. Subtle but delicious.</i>			

CHILE / red

⊗ PATO TORRENTE MERLOT 2024	8.75	12.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Generously fruity with soft tannins, ideal to drink on its own, or your own. Why share?</i>			
⊗ VICUNA MALBEC 2024	8.75	12.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Medium-bodied and juicy Malbec blend with 3 months oak ageing.</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE MERLOT 2024	8.75	13.0/1 2.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Mellow, plush and plummy. Almost too easy to drink style.</i>			
⊗ LADERA VERDE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2023/24	8.70	13.0/1 2.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Easy drinking and approachable fruity red. Ripe and rounded.</i>			
⊗ LOS COCHES PINOT NOIR 2024	9.05	12	V+
<i>RAPEL / CENTRAL. Full of bright, fresh red berry fruit, cinnamon spice and a touch of vanilla.</i>			
⊗ LOS COCHES CARMENERE 2023	9.25	12.5	V+
<i>RAPEL / CENTRAL. Ripe and smooth with plums, cherry chocolate and spice.</i>			
⊗ SANTA ALBA MERLOT 2023	9.39	12	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Racy little red, soft & juicy day-to-day glugger with black fruits and subtle smoke.</i>			
⊗ SANTIAGO PINOT NOIR 2024	10.19	13.5%	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. "Bletchly Park" level of brilliance. Pale and fresh, cherry, strawberry and hints of sweet spice.</i>			
⊗ SIERRA GRANDE CABERNET 2023	10.89	14	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Really soft and pure Cabernet bursting with blackcurrant, herbs and hints of green pepper.</i>			
SANTA ALBA RESERVE CARMENERE 2023	11.59	13.5	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. Like Merlot with knobs on - rich, velvety plums, dark and luscious with a dark chocolate finish.</i>			
SANTA ALBA RESERVE PINOT NOIR 2024	11.69	13.5	V+
<i>MAULE VALLEY. Wild berries, a note of cinnamon smoke and dark cherries covered in chocolate.</i>			
DANCING FLAME GRAN RESERVA PINOT NOIR 2023	14.49	14	V+
<i>LEYDA VALLEY. Soft and supple with a lovely juicy red berry flavour.</i>			
⊗ ALTO LOS ROMEROS GRAN RESERVE CARIGNAN 2021	14.59	14.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL VALLEY. Complex and mellow red. Extremely good with a splash of tasty, chunky food.</i>			
TORO DE PIEDRA GRAN RES CARMENERE/CAB 22 *WAS 18.09*	16.59	14	V+
<i>CURICO VALLEY. A complex and serious wine, dark fruits, a mix of spices, leather, bitter chocolate and coffee.</i>			



Orange Is The New kid On The Block

- John



Wine lists are becoming increasingly colourful - no longer is it sufficient to have red, white and rosé, now we need a space for orange wines! But what is orange wine? First off, it's not made from oranges, we are still talking about wine made from grapes...

An orange wine is often described as a white wine made like a red wine: to make a red wine (and indeed a rosé wine) there must be contact between the grape skin and the grape juice, as the colour in a wine comes from the skins. The colour intensity of grapes are influenced by the presence and concentration of polyphenolic compounds, especially anthocyanins, which vary by individual grape variety. Red grapes have an abundance of these compounds. White grapes on the other hand, have much less, but do have flavanols, which can cause a yellowish pigment. Time is the most important factor between the grape juice and the skins – the longer the contact, the greater the colour.


The other significant influence of skin contact on a wine is tannins. Tannins are a naturally occurring phenolic compound of which skins are a common source with them also derived from stalks, pips and oak barrels depending on the wine making techniques being employed. They add texture and structure to a wine adding to its aging potential, particularly with red wines. Tannins also add a drying effect to the wine, rather like drinking black tea, which can leave a pleasant, clean, dry sensation to the palate. Tannins are a natural preservative and can help stabilise colour in wines. With red grapes there is a greater understanding of how tannic a wine can be in relation to the grape varieties present in the wine, for instance Cabernet Sauvignon is high in tannins whilst Pinot Noir is low. This understanding is not as well established with grapes used for white wines.

Orange wine is a category of wine like white, rosé or red, with skin contact being the defining difference between it and white wine. However, not all orange wines are particularly orange in colour and not all white wines made with skin contact are categorised as orange. There are no definitive wine rules to regulate between the two and it is a difference in style to more oxidized and savoury that translates to an orange wine. It can get a bit confusing in the world of wine! To help make sense of this, it's often a good idea to do some research of one's own and with that in mind, this selection from our range may (or may not) help to clarify your understanding.



**Principe de Viana
Early Azahar
11.45**

Brilliantly priced and delicious with orange blossom, clemetine skin, chamomile and almonds.



**Domaine de la
Baume
12.20**

A complex wine with gentle tangerine flavours and exotic fruit notes, a dry, cleansing finish.



**If You Know
You Know
11.15**

Intense aromas of bitter oranges, dried flowers and slightly nutty hints.



**Dashbosch
Skin Contact
~~19.25~~ 16.39**

Intense and complex with savoury, nutty flavours, citrus peel, almond and dried apricot.



**Carlomagne
Fiano
10.85**

Full, fruity and fresh tropical fruit with a touch of bitter almond. Limited skin contact for texture.



**Domaine Bergerie
Touraine Sauvignon
13.09**

Ripe and luscious Sauvignon with apples, kiwi and passionfruit. 5 hours skin contact.



ALSACE



Being in the shadow of the Vosges Mountains, Alsace is actually one of the driest places in France, although you wouldn't have thought that on my trip in April earlier this year. Despite the grey drizzly atmosphere, it was still an utterly charming place to visit, full of delightful chocolate box villages and rolling hills. Having been part of both Germany and France several times over the last few centuries it seems to have the best bits of both cultures in terms of food, architecture and, above all, wine.

Dopff & Irion

Our first stop was the lovely town of Riquewihr where we visited the tasting room of Dopff & Irion. Here we sat with the new owner who very kindly talked us through their range and opened some older wines for us to try.



Riquewihr

**Cremant D'Alsace
Dopff & Irion
17.85**

Andre Laurentz (at dinner)

Dinner on the first evening was at a fantastic, traditional Alsatian restaurant called Weinstub Brenner where we had snails, choucroute, pork knuckle and Munster cheese. The wines were all Grand Cru; Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewurztraminer and Pinot Noir which has recently been allowed to be labelled as Grand Cru in 2 of its top 51 sites.



Klipfel (tour)

Our host, Salome, managed to get the keys to the cellars at Klipfel which was a treasure trove of wines. Used for events where they host Sommeliers from all over the world to try some of the extremely old vintages they keep there. They have amazing wines going back to the 20's and 30's.



Klipfel Pinot Noir Futs de Chene, 16.69





After a lunch of flammkuchen we had a walk up the hill to the Grand Cru of Kirchberg de Barr where many of the wines we tried on the trip had their Grand Cru vineyards. Some parts of the hill are walled to delineate a specific plot, these plots are called 'Clos'



Flammkuchen - flatbread topped with a creamy sauce, onions, and bacon.

Viticulture de Colmar

We had a quick tour of the (very wet) vineyards and super high tech winery before heading through to the tasting room to try the full range of Viticulture de Colmar wines, including their 'Hospice' range. Back in the day those in hospital without much cash could pay for their care by donating a hectare (or a few) to the government which were then looked after, harvested and vinified by approved families! They are still owned by the local authorities today!



Colmar 'Hengst' Pinot Gris Gr Cru, **19.19**

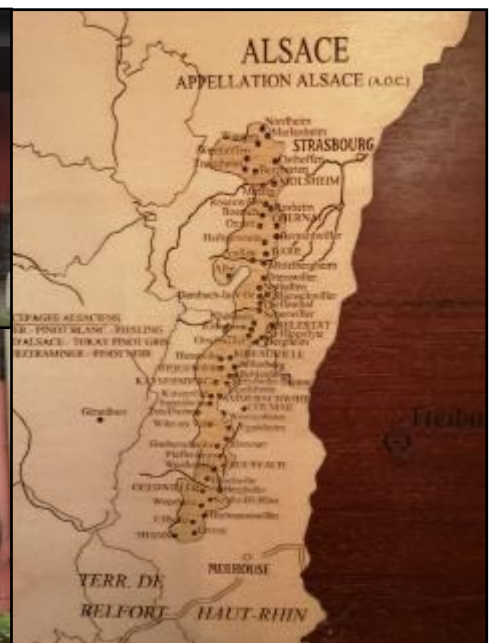


Hospice de Colmar Riesling, **17.00**



Klipfel (tasting)

Last stop on the tour was a chance to try the wines of Klipfel before heading to Basel to fly home. The Rose crémant and Pinot Noir were my highlights.



FRANCE / white

Alsace

⊗ TURCKHEIM GEWURZTRAMINER 2023	15.85	13.0	V+
<i>ALSACE. Great value, medium-dry white with lychee, rose petal and Turkish delight, freshened by grapefruit.</i>			
GEWURZTRAMINER DOPFF & IRION 2023/24	15.30	12.5	V+
<i>ALSACE. Classic aromatic, off dry Alsatian Gewurztraminer with lychee, rose and pineapple.</i>			
COLMAR 'HENGST' PINOT GRIS GR CRU 2022	19.19	14.0	
<i>ALSACE. Seriously intense flavours from apricot, white cherry and citrus peel to ginger spice. Gorgeous.</i>			
GEWURZTRAMINER GRAND CRU DOPFF & IRION SPOREN 2022	26.30	13.5	
<i>ALSACE. Very impressive and intense. Melon, white plum, peach, marzipan, peony, ginger and white pepper.</i>			
RIESLING GRAND CRU DOPFF & IRION 23	30.39	13.0	V+ O B
<i>ALSACE. Fantastically intense Riesling. Rich honeyed citrus but with a seriously mineral finish.</i>			

Burgundy

ALIGOTE BOURGOGNE DOMAINE ROMANIN 2023	15.85	12.5	O
<i>MACON. Village produced Aligote. Zingy, zesty and zuper tasting.</i>			
MACON-SOLUTRE-POUILLY ROMANIN 2023	16.69	13.0	
<i>BURGUNDY. Chablis-esque in style with a brilliant clean, citrusy quality and creamy texture.</i>			
ST VERAN RESERVE COLLOVRAY ET TERRIER 23	19.85	13.0	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Fantastic value Burgundy. Fresh cold butter and apple pie notes. Yum yum</i>			
⊗ CHABLIS MANANTS 2023 75CL	20.99	12.5	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Clean and crisp unoaked Chablis with fantastic elegance and length.</i>			
POUILLY FUISSE TERROIR FUISSE ROMANIN 2023	22.65	13.0	V
<i>BURGUNDY. Exotic with hints of grapefruit enriched with nutty, vanilla oak from barrel fermentation. Big & tasty.</i>			
CHABLIS MALANDES 2023	26.40	12.5	V+ O
<i>BURGUNDY. A particularly fine Chablis, family (nice people) run from great Terroir. Organic. Fine, delicious.</i>			
POUILLY FUISSE DEUX ROCHES COLLOVRAY 2023	27.05	13.0	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Classic Burgundy with a pristine streak of minerality that cuts through the stone fruit and Brioche.</i>			
CHABLIS 1ER CRU MONTMAINS MANANTS 2023	31.19	12.5	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Excellent quality Chablis with pristine citrus freshness, steely saline minerality and leesy texture.</i>			
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET BLANC, BACHEY LEGROS 2022	51.75	14.0	V
<i>BURGUNDY: Decadence in a bottle. Toasted oak giving vanilla, butteriness with notes of melon and mango.</i>			
MEURSAULT VALLET FRERE 2023	61.19	14.5	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Top-end, traditionally made white, making my mouth water just thinking about it.</i>			
MEURSAULT LES GRANDS CHARRONS 2022	66.79	13.5	V O
<i>BURGUNDY. Fresh apple and pear, with nutty aromas, the palate is rich and round with well-balanced acidity.</i>			

Bordeaux

CHATEAU ARGADENS BORDEAUX BLANC 2023	13.85	12.0	V+
<i>BORDEAUX. Citrussy and floral with rose and passion fruit on a fleshy palate with a hint of refreshing acidity.</i>			
⊗ CHATEAU ST ROBERT GRAVES BLANC 2022	20.79	13.5	V+
<i>GRAVES. Intense, clean and textural white with quince, white peach and tangerine fruit and a mineral core.</i>			

Rhone

CHAUME ARNAUD WHITE 2024	15.89	13.0	V+ O B
<i>RHONE. Marsanne, Roussanne & Viognier. A classic aromatic, fruity yet complex Rhone.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD 'CADENE' WHITE 2023	22.19	14.0	V+ O B
<i>RHONE. Impressive mouthfeel, textural yet unoaked, deliciously aromatic.</i>			

Loire

MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE 'TRADITION' 2024	11.59	12.0	V+
<i>LOIRE. Up to 8 months on lees adds a nice weight to this citrussy saline wine with a mineral core.</i>			
TOURAINE SAUVIGNON DE LA BERGERIE 2023/4	13.09	12.0	V+
<i>LOIRE. Ripe and luscious Sauvignon with apples, kiwi and passionfruit. Tasty!</i>			
VOUVRAY L'ALCOVE COUAMAIS 2023	13.65	11.5	
<i>LOIRE. Ridiculously tasty off dry Vouvray with crisp red apples, ripe quince and and honeyed finish.</i>			
TOURAINE "LA CHIPIE" JACKY MARTEAU 2022	16.99	13.5	V+
<i>LOIRE. Would it be too much to say it would be brilliant with fish? Le Chippie? Honestly, it really is brill!</i>			
POUILLY FUME DOMAINE FINES CAILLOTES 2023	20.65	13.5	
<i>LOIRE: Lean, pure with chalky undertones and pristine acidity. Terra Vitis sustainable viticulture.</i>			
SANCERRE DOMAINE DAULNY 2023	23.39	13.0	V+ O B
<i>LOIRE. Lean and concentrated sauvignon with racy citrus and gooseberry.</i>			
SANCERRE DOMAINE DE LA TONNELLERIE 2023	22.75	13.0	V+
<i>LOIRE. Pristine Sancerre with lip smacking gooseberry and blackcurrant.</i>			
POUILLY FUME "KIMERIDE" CAILOTES 2022	23.99	13.0	V
<i>LOIRE, Bogglingly good single plot wine from a lovely chap. Wow. Please decant for maximum pleasure</i>			
SANCERRE PRE SEMELE 2023	26.39	13.0	
<i>LOIRE. Great producer. Crisp, crunchy grapefruit and intense lime, mouthwatering and delicious.</i>			
POUILLY FUME CHATEAU TRACY 2023	30.00	13.0	V+ O
<i>FRANCE A bucket list wine for lovers of Sauvignon Blanc. Famous Chateau founded by a Scottish family.</i>			

South

⊗ LES VIGNERONS WHITE COL/SAUV 2023	8.25	11.0	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Crisp and refreshing with grapefruit, tropical fruits and lemon with a clean, zippy finish.</i>			
⊗ CUVEE DU ROY GASCOGNE WHITE SEC 2024	8.79	11.0	V+
<i>COTES DE GASCOGNE. Crisp and fresh with green apple, lemony citrus fruit and a hint of riper passion fruit.</i>			
⊗ PARLEZ VOUS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	8.89	11.0	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Fresh, lively and zesty. Very New World in style but with a bit of French elegance.</i>			
⊗ BEAUBIGNEY CHARDONNAY 2024	10.15	12.5	V+
<i>PAYS D'OC. Lovely lip smacking melon and lime, juicy and soft on the palate making it absolute guzzle juice.</i>			
BENIERES CHARDONNAY 2024	11.45	13.0	V+
<i>PAYS D'OC, Partially oak-fermented Chardonnay with vibrant aromas of pear, pineapple and peach.</i>			
⊗ PICPOUL DE PINET LES MOULES 2024	11.79	12.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Textbook Picpoul from the Ormarine winery! Delicate aromas of citrus, acacia & flinty hints.</i>			
⊗ LA LISSE SOIE D'IVOIRE CHENIN BLANC 2024	11.79	12.0	V+
<i>VALLEE DE L'AUDE. Luscious peach/apricot fruit and a dab of creamy oak behind its fruity ears.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE DE VEDILHAN VIOGNIER 2024	11.85	13.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Honeysuckle on the nose and abundant ripe apricots on the palate with a nice bitter finish.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE GRAUZAN VIOGNIER 2023	11.85	14.0	V+ O B
<i>LANGUEDOC. Fresh and juicy peach of a wine. Generous and fulfilling.</i>			
⊗ PICPOUL DE PINET L'ORMARINE 2024	12.00	12.0	V
<i>LANGUEDOC. Ripe melon and bright zesty citrus plump up this juicy glugger with a light touch of pepper.</i>			
DOMAINE VEDILHAN SERICA VIOGNIER 2023	13.09	13.5	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Barrel Fermented, rich, sleek and silky with spicy stone fruit and bittersweet orange.</i>			
ICARE CHARDONNAY 2024	13.85	14.5	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. An instant Grog favourite. Spicy ginger¹⁷ cream, hazelnuts and baked citrus. Oof.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD PONTIAS WHITE 2023	14.79	13.0	V+ O B
<i>VIN DE FRANCE. Crisp, full flavoured, balanced, tropical & fresh. Unusual grapes, delicious result.</i>			

★ Richard & Simon do Burgundy May 2025 ★

Burgundy is a strange land where, within hours of arriving, a penny-pinching Teesider can be heard uttering the words "£30 a bottle, that's pretty good value..."

It is a place where normal rules do not apply, where a heckle of Black Kites follow a toiling plough and Groggy MDs marinate in freezing outdoor hotel pools until they "feel a bit funny", where every road sign makes the wine-mad pilgrims sigh wistfully.

A place where the grape isn't the headliner but the tiny, fragmented plots of land and labelling is a brain-fogging bluster of family name, region, nearest village, nearest village plus nearest best vineyard, lieux-dit (special bits of land), Premier Crus (more special-er), Grand Crus (very more special-er), etc. The grey matter starts dribbling out of your ears after only a few moments.

Funnily, the grape is the easy bit; Chardonnay for the whites and Pinot Noir for the reds and roses, easy-peasy. But why is this Chardonnay £20 and this one £200 when they're separated by about 10 feet of gravelly road? Is it soil, gradient of slope, an ancient game of cards with a devilish stranger that went surprisingly well? Perhaps it's a bit like the difference between gravy and jus (answer- about £2.50), just a matter of perspective.

Anyway, after a fairly intense 2 day whistle-stop tour of some fab estates, I can say the lactic tang of the whites and red's fragrant fruit and spice are dangerously moreish, but just let your rich friend pay.



Denis Vervier

Domaine Romanin, Fuisse

If Great Grog was a wine estate...owner wine-maker Denis Vervier is basically a French Richard, he even has the same hat. Tiny estate, slightly scruffy mini-winery, even his tractor is minute (my-newt not min-it). Try his...

Pouilly Fuisse Premier Cru "Au Vignerais" 2022, 27.99

Grown half way up the hill behind Fuisse. The first wine to pass our lips over there- gorgeous.



Domaine de Deux Roches/Collovray et Terrier, St Veran

Slightly bigger than the 2 above but still only 85H after 2 family estates combined to make some very crowd-pleasing classics, plus the cellar literally has a river running through it. Their

St Veran Reserve Collovray et Terrier 2023, 19.85

is a generous, fresh, creamy white & was the best food match of the trip with a lunch of chicken en croute (posh "pork pie" type) made by the Cassis restaurant in Macon - nom nom nom.



Domaine Parent, Pommard

12th generation owner Anne Parent retires this year but the diminutive powerhouse makes wine in a way any eccentrically-bearded, man-bunned, tattoo-ed hipster natural-wine-disciple (man or woman) would be delighted with, ie organic, wild yeast, minimal intervention, minimal fining, horses not tractors, etc. Cutting edge? Sort of- it's just that they've always farmed like this! Not cheap but as good as it gets. Try her..

Pommard La Croix Blanche Domaine Parent 2020, 66.00



The vinous equivalent of watching a Black Kite quiver on the updraft above the escarpment. Yes, I have been drinking.



Anne Parent

Domaine Bachey Legros, Santenay

The posher the estate, the scruffier the owner-winemaker it seems, and Samuel Legros looks like Dexter Fletcher! 18H of world-class grapes giving tiny quantities of essential liquid gold. Spoil yourself (you're worth it).

Chassagne-Montrachet Blanc 2022, Domaine Bachey Legros 51.75



As finely balanced as Danny MacAskill and just as thrilling.



Samuel Legros

Claudie Jobard, Rully

Another winemaker seemingly making wine from her (big) garage and selling it from a tiny dark room just off the car park. Claudie manages to produce fine wine in very small batches but still within reach of us mortals.

Rully La Chaume Rouge 2022 27.45

Give her Rully a punt for its rambling raspberries and nip of spice. All the fruit comes from the 2.5H La Chaume vineyard on the hill opposite Rully Castle.



FRANCE / red

Beaujolais

MORGON DOMAINE PUIITS 2023	15.20	13.5	V+
<i>BEAUJOLAIS. Morgon Village is the King, Fleurie is merely an upstart prince with a flowerier name. Jolly delight.</i>			
FLEURIE PRESIDENTE MARGUERITE 2023	15.75	13.5	V+
<i>BEAUJOLAIS. Fleurie is the flowery one and this is a floristically appealing version of this ever-popular village.</i>			
FLEURIE LA MADONE 2023	16.95	13.0	V+
<i>BEAUJOLAIS. Silky and elegant, crushed berry fruit, morello cherries and dark chocolate.</i>			

Bordeaux

CHATEAU MALBAT 2022	11.60	14.0	V+
<i>BORDEAUX. Lovely example of an everyday claret has great depth of colour good juicy cassis fruits.</i>			
CHATEAU LE PEUY SAINCRIT BORDEAUX 2023	13.55	15.0	
<i>BORDEAUX. A supple, plummy Claret with chocolate and delicate spice that punches above its weight.</i>			
CHATEAU ST ROBERT GRAVES ROUGE 2022	14.50	13.5	
<i>GRAVES. Brooding dark fruits mingle with fresh strawberries and bourbon. baking spice and vanilla.</i>			
CHATEAU MAYNE VIEIL 2019 *WAS 17.45*	16.89	14.5	
<i>FRONSAC. Merlot, lots of creamy dark fruit with earthy, rustic flavours, ripe and very drinkable.</i>			
ST EMILLION GRAND CRU PEYMOUTON 2019	24.75	14.5	V
<i>FRANCE. A majority Merlot with a sizeable 22% Cabernet Franc and a dash of Cab Sauv.</i>			
POMEROL CHATEAU CHANTALOUETTE 2017	29.65	13.5	
<i>BORDEAUX. Supple and rounded with succulent fresh red berry fruit and spice. Super approachable.</i>			
MARGAUX, BLASON D'ISSAN 2017	32.75	13.0	V+
<i>BORDEAUX. Cassis laden delight great with hard cheese and game.</i>			
ST JULIEN CHATEAU TEYNAC 2017	34.49	13.0	V+
<i>ST JULIEN. Ripe fruit, beautifully fresh with floral notes. Spicy with aromas of cherry pip. smooth and silky.</i>			
CHATEAU ST-GEORGE COTE PAVIE ST EMILION 2016	42.25	14.5	
<i>BORDEAUX. Medium bodied, elegant, soft and supple, forward, early drinker with a focus on red fruit.</i>			
PAUILLAC TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE 2017	50.40	13.5	V+
<i>BORDEAUX. Luscious Left Bank Claret with velvety tannins and rich, dark berry fruit.</i>			

Burgundy

BOURGOGNE ORIGINES PINOT NOIR 2023	20.69	13.0	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Renowned winemaker Albert Bichot produces this great value Burgundy.</i>			
BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2023 VALLET FRERES	24.75	13.0	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Traditional red Burgundy with a touch of earth underneath a ripe, sweet fruit core. Very lovely.</i>			
RULLY LA CHAUME CLAUDIE JOBARD 2022	27.45	13.5	V+ O
<i>BURGUNDY. A very reasonably priced village, you may gasp, but true, trust me! Slightly savoury.</i>			
FIXIN DOMAINE ALBERT BICHOT 2018	33.69	13.5	V
<i>BURGUNDY. A single village Pinot Noir that isn't quite as famous as the neighbours hence better value.</i>			
NUIT-ST-GEORGES DOMAINE CHAUVENET 2022	46.49	13.5	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. An absolute gem of a Pinot, great village, great producer, great wine, nuff said</i>			
GEVREY CHAMBERTIN VALLET FRERES 2017	50.99	13.0	V+
<i>BURGUNDY. Delicate sweet strawberry fruit, fresh acidity and a clean, vibrant palate. Restrained and elegant.</i>			
POMMARD LA CROIX BLANCHE PARENT 2020	66.00	13.0	V+ O
<i>BURGUNDY. Complete and complex Pommard with ²⁰ sour cherry, bouquet garni, bergamot and spice. Stunning.</i>			
BEAUNE 1ER CRU DOMAINE PARENT 2019	75.00	13.5	V+ O
<i>BURGUNDY. Medium bodied silky Pinot with vibrant, juicy cherry notes and toasty oak.</i>			

Cotes du Rhone

⊗ COTES DU RHONE VIEILLES VIGNES 2023	11.19	14.0	V+
<i>RHONE. Fresh, super-soft with fine tannins and flavours of strawberries and plums.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD PONTIAS RED 2022	13.39	13.5	V+ O B
<i>RHONE. Juicy red fruity flavours of cassis and redcurrants. Nicely balanced, tastes really great slightly cool.</i>			
LES COTEAUX VILLAGES 2023	13.89	14.0	V+
<i>RHONE. Brambles, sweet spice, subtle oak. This is a classy and impressive drop.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD COTES DU RHONE RED 2022	15.50	14.0	V+ O B
<i>RHONE. Superlatively juicy spicy Rhone bombastic red. Syrah/Grenache at its very best.</i>			
VACQUEYRAS DOMAINE GRANDY 2023	17.19	15.0	V+
<i>RHONE. Big and spicy full bodied red with bramble fruits, violets and vanilla.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD VILLAGES ST MAURICE 2022	17.99	14.5	V+ O B
<i>RHONE. Less pure than the Vinsobres. A bit more Mediterranean, broader, more muscular and spicy.</i>			
SEGURET RHONE BOUTINOT 2021 *WAS 18.79*	16.59	14.5	V+
<i>RHONE. Deep, dark fruit, cracked black pepper, exotic spice and vanilla. As sexy as red wine gets.</i>			
CHAUME ARNAUD VINSOBRES RED 2021	18.85	14.0	V+ O B
<i>VINSOBRES. Single village wine of immense quality. The wine that created Great Grog in 1999.</i>			
CROZES-HERMITAGE FREDERICK REVERDY 2020	19.59	12.5	V+
<i>RHONE. 100% Syrah. Aromas of small red berry fruits and blackcurrants, with cherry & raspberry.</i>			
CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE, *FULL* GALETS BERTHAUDE 2023	28.09	14.5	
<i>RHONE. Provençal spices, pepper, and a touch of gameiness. No oak, just pure fruit.</i>			
CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE TELEGRAMME 2022	40.09	15.0	V+
<i>RHONE. Full bodied, soft and luscious with bramble fruit, spice and leather.</i>			
CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE "LA CRAU" TELEGRAPHE 2021 - OOS	71.55	15.0	V+
<i>RHONE. Big rich and spicy with soft rounded tannins. A real star craving food.</i>			





Romping the Rhone - Joe



'Lots of space, yes' assured the owner of our accommodation as I reversed our massive rental car into a tight parking space in the gorgeous - and undriveable – historic hilltop village of Sablet. 'Are you sure?' 'Yes yes, of course.' A few seconds later came the distinct sound of scraping metal. 'That is a wall, there is no more space' laughed the host. As holiday starts go, this wasn't ideal. Luckily, Southern Rhone is full of world-class wine, so my options for either drinking a bottle in commiseration or throwing it at our host were plentiful.

The *village perché* of Séguret is a 30-40 minute walk through bucolic vineyards and fields of *garrigue*, resplendent with the delicious aromatic, spicy aroma of the shrubland (a tasting note found in many Rhone wines). It's an easy stroll if you aren't pushing a buggy carrying a large baby. Forcing his stroller through the churned up post-vintage vineyards, over banks and then a final heave up the hill was thirsty work (for me!). We treated ourselves to a shaded view, a classic *bistro* lunch (confit duck) and a carafe of Séguret AOP red akin to the awesome Seguret Villages Boutinot, full of spice, dark fruit and blackberries. Séguret is one of those unique villages that is dramatic viewing from both within the village and out-with. From Séguret you look upon a vast vista spreading westwards, while seen from the plateau it is dreamily perched (hence *village perché*) in a crag in the foothills of the Dentelles.



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Over the next few days we threaded our way through famous village appellations and crus. Vacqueryas was delightful, while we tried superb Gigondas and Tavel wines from sometime Grog supplier Pierre Amadiou (hopefully they'll both be on the list next year please Richard...). The highlight was a pilgrimage to see Grog faves Chaume-Arnaud in Vinsobres. Shown around by Samuel, the youngest son, we learnt how they are experimental farmers first and winemakers second (but what good winemakers they are!). As they continue to diversify their crops, we tried their organic matured olives and Valerie's pride and joy, her sensational tomato sauce! In the easy heat of the midday sun, the Chaume Arnaud White, a blend of older vine Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier was unctuous, aromatic and complex.



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Eventually we rolled into Chateauneuf-Du-Pape to see the iconic vineyards. It is hugely impressive, with undulating hills, raised outcrops overflowing with galet stones and sandy alluvial soils on the plains adding finesse to the blends. Row upon row of short goblet vines brace against the vicious gusts of the Mistral wind, growing Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault predominantly. The Mistral incidentally is why CNDP is blessed by more than 300 days of sun per year! While the AOC attempts to diversify with younger, fresher styles and white wines, the classic big, inky style so exemplified by the Chateauneuf Du Pape 'La Crau' Telegraphe is what makes the Rhone one of the great wine regions of the world.



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Loire

CHINON DOMAINE DE LA NOBLAIE 2022	17.49	13.5	V+ O
<i>LOIRE. 100% Cabernet Franc. Soft, round and fresh with no discernible tannin. Fruity and intense.</i>			
SANCERRE RED DAULNY 2023	23.99	13.0	
<i>LOIRE. Super duper Pinot Noir from the lovely Daulny family. Cool climate crunchy fresh fruit.</i>			

South

⊗ LES VIGNERONS RED GRENACHE / PINOT NOIR 2023	9.29	13.5	
<i>VIN DE FRANCE Juicy, easy drinking, fun red wine.</i>			
⊗ CUVEE DU ROY ROUGE 2023	9.59	13.0	V+
<i>COTES DE GASCOGNE. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Tannat. Fantastic value, fruit driven, daily drinker.</i>			
CORBIERES CHATEAU CARBONAC 2022	10.19	13.5	O
<i>CORBIERES. Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, dark, spicy ripe berries and seriously good for the pennies.</i>			
⊗ CHANTS DU CLOSEAU MALBEC 2023	10.35	13.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. We were surprised by how good this Malbec was, and even more so when we saw the price.</i>			
⊗ ST MARTIN PINOT NOIR 2021	10.50	13.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Unbelievably juicy and soft Pinot. Not the most complex beast in the world but very gluggable.</i>			
⊗ LES OLIVIERS GRENACHE 2022	10.59	13.5	V+
<i>PAYS D'OC. Eyebrow lifting quality - soft, medium bodied, red fruit, juicy. No obvious tannin.</i>			
⊗ PASQUIERS SHIRAZ 2024	10.59	13.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Juicy and ripe with soft blackcurrant, cherry and plum with a little bit of spice.</i>			
⊗ LES VOLETS MALBEC 2024	11.59	12.5	V+
<i>VALLEE DE L'AUDE. Crushed blueberries, crème de cassis with a touch of parma violets.</i>			
BENIERES PINOT NOIR 2023	11.79	13.0	V+
<i>LANGUEDOC. Dark velvety Pinot Noir with flavours of black fruits with hints of vanilla and clove.</i>			
CAHORS, CHATEAU LABARRADE 2020	11.89	13.5	
<i>CAHORS. 100% Malbec. Concentrated blackcurrant, redcurrant, blackberry fruit, soft woody notes and liquorice.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE MAS BARRAU CAB FRANC 2023	12.69	14.0	V+ / O
<i>LANGUEDOC. Ticks all my boxes. Cab Franc needs to have sunshine to ripen and this gets plenty.</i>			
JAIS NOIR ALO CARIGNAN 2024 *WAS 13.45*	12.80	14.0	V+
<i>COTE CATALANES. Low intervention wine that gives a lot of bang for its buck.</i>			
CHATEAU DES JAUME MAURY 2021	16.99	14.5	
<i>MAURY. 70% Grenache, 30% Carignan. Sweet red berry fruit and vanilla, super soft and silky. This is great!</i>			
DOMAINE MAS BELLES RED CARMIN 2022	24.99	15.0	
<i>LANGUEDOC-PEZENAS. Intense black fruit and spice nose with rich fruit, vanilla and spice palate.</i>			
MINERVOIS LA LIVINIERE THOLOMIES 2018	25.39	14.5	
<i>MINERVOIS. Syrah, Grenache blend, deep-dark with peppered vanilla, morello cherry and prune and olive.</i>			
CHATEAU SEGUALA ICONE 2020	27.49	15.5	
<i>ROUSSILLON. Phenomenal red from Syrah, Grenache & Carignan. Iconic indeed, will keep for years if required.</i>			



READY MIXED DELIGHTS



Sexy Reds - 6 Bottles

Rioja Reserva Bajordi, Spain
Cotes Du Rhone Seguret, France
JJ Hahn Merlot, Australia
Kaapzicht Pinotage, South Africa
Esporao Reserva Red, Portugal
Domaine Tholomies, France



£132

Ripe & Full Whites - 6 Bottles

Esporao Reserva White, Portugal
Greystone Sauvignon, New Zealand
BF Crocodiles Lair Chard, S Africa
Romanin Pouilly Fume, France
Vega Tempranillo Blanco, Spain
Chassagne Montrachet, France



£159

Crisp Whites - 6 Bottles

Paul Cluver Riesling, South Africa
Saraja Vermentino, Italy
Alma Gemela PX, Argentina
Gruner Veltliner Sepp Moser, Austria
Chablis Malades, France
Sancerre Daulny, France



£122

Fine Reds - 6 Bottles

Rully La Chaume, France
Tourelles Cinsault, Lebanon
Casarena Cabernet Franc, Argentina
Messmer Spatburgunder, Germany
Fleurie La Madone, France
BF Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, S. Africa



£155

Christmas Day Box - 6 Bottles

Gobillard Grand Reserve, France
Cathy Marshall Riesling, S Africa
Allan Scott Chardonnay, N. Zealand
Bourgogne Origines, France
Rioja Vega Gran Reserva, Spain
Sauternes Petite Guiraud, France



£126

Festive Fizz - 6 Bottles

Jules Larose, France
Cava Can Xa, Spain
Darling Blanc de Blancs, S Africa
Cremant Loire Salazar, France
Gobillard Grand Reserve, France
Gobillard Vintage 2018, France



£119



READY MIXED DELIGHTS



Big Softy Reds - 12 Bottles

Chocoholic Pinotage, South Africa
Vergel Monastrell/Merlot, Spain
Jais Alo Carignan, France
Soldiers Block Shiraz Australia
Santa Alba Carmenere, Chile
Nero d'Avola Rupe Secco, Italy



£144

Simply Sauvignon - 12 Bottles

Perfect Cut Sauvignon, New Zealand
Ladera Verde Sauvignon, Chile
Aquiline Sauvignon, South Africa
Touraine La Bergerie, France
Handmade Sauvignon, South Africa
Vergel Sauvignon / Viura, Spain



£128

Soft & Fruity Whites - 12 Bottles

Murphy's Chardonnay, Australia
Terra di Valter Falangina, Italy
Wide River Chenin, South Africa
Rioja Bagordi Blanco, Spain
Inca Torrontes, Argentina
Domaine Vedilhan Viognier, France



£134

No Oak Reds - 12 Bottles

Pato Torrontes Merlot, Chile
Dunavar Pinot Noir, Hungary
Sangiovese Ancora, Italy
Les Vignerons Red, France
Borgia Garnacha, Spain
Los Coches Pinot Noir, Chile



£110

Budget Beaters - 12 Bottles

Cremant de Limoux Salasar, France
Lauteral Pinot Noir, Romania
Fritz Walter Riesling, Germany
Cepa 50 Monastrell, Spain
Beniers Chardonnay, France
Chants de Clouseau Malbec, France



£130

Great Glugger - 12 bottles

Acaballo Sauvignon, Chile
Acaballo Merlot, Chile
Pleno Viura, Spain
Pleno Tempranillo, Spain
Amanti Pinot Grigio, Italy
Amanti Sangiovese, Italy



£100



FABULOUS FESTIVE OFFERS



Los Haroldos Estate Malbec

~~14.29~~ 12.50

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



Greystone Sauvignon Blanc

~~28.89~~ 16.35

Generous and creamy with Ripe peach, apricot and nectarine.



Bouchard Finlayson Crocodile Chard

~~23.65~~ 19.99

Voluptuous fruit of lemon, white peach, gooseberry and orange, harmonious oak, amazing length.



Franciacorta Ferghetina

~~26.95~~ 25.30

Classy Champagne method fizz with lemon brioche and toasty elegant bubbles.



Toro de Piedra Carmenere / Cab

~~18.09~~ 16.59

Blinder. A complex, serious wine, dark fruits, spices, leather, chocolate and coffee.



Cotes du Rhone Seguret

~~18.79~~ 16.59

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



Uggiano Fagiano Chianti Riserva

~~17.25~~ 14.55

Super-fresh & juicy, with typical cherry, redcurrant, chestnut & spice. Concentrated and rich.



Patria Nueva Chardonnay

~~13.09~~ 11.99

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



Fernando Castilla Antique PX

~~43.09~~ 35.65

30 years in solera system, incredibly sweet, incredibly tasty - coffee, fig, raisin, molasses.



Sancerre Pre Semelle

~~26.39~~ 25.00

Great producer. Crisp, crunchy grapefruit and intense lime, mouth-watering and delicious.



Chateau Mayne Viele Fronsac

~~17.45~~ 16.89

Merlot, lots of creamy dark fruit with earthy, rustic flavours, ripe and very drinkable.



Krohn LBV Port

~~22.89~~ 19.69

Rich and full with vibrant plum, blackberry, dark fruits, spice and fresh acidity.



All offers are marked in red throughout the list, so keep an eye out for other bargains.

Other exciting offer wines and bin ends will be added to our website as they come in.

GERMANY / white

⊗ MOSELLAND RIESLING KABINETT, MOSEL 2023	9.50	8.0	
MOSEL. Light, fruity. off-dry Kabinett from Berkastel. Naturally lower in alcohol and delightfully refreshing.			
⊗ FRITZ WALTER RIESLING TROCKEN 2024	11.55	12.5	V+
PFALZ. Just delicious, textural, soft and super limey Riesling with a gentle touch of spice.			
MOSELLAND GOLDSCHILD RIESLING TROCKEN 2023	13.39	12.0	
SAAR, MOSEL, Late-picked, DRY, racy, elegant style, yes I said "DRY" wine balanced by juicy freshness.			
⊗ MESSMER WEISSBURGUNDER 2023	16.89	11.5	V+ O
PFALZ. Awesome dry, fresh white made from what the French call "Pinot Blanc"			
⊗ MESSMER RIESLING 2018	19.15	13.0	V+ O
PFALZ. Classy lime and granny smith apple filled dry Riesling with pithy acidity.			

GERMANY / red

⊗ MESSMER SPATBURGUNDER 2022-Limited	19.25	12.0	V+ O
PFALZ. The best red wine I have ever tried from Germany, nuff said - Richard.			

GREECE / red

ERYTHROS PAPAGIANNAKOS AGIORGITIKO 2022	17.45	12.5	V+
GREECE. Sweet dark fruit with spice and liquorice. Big, smooth with well integrated tannins and a long finish.			

HUNGARY / white

⊗ LITTLE CRICKET GRUNER VELTLINER 2024	9.19	12.5	
PANNON. Green apple, white pepper and citrus. Punches well above it's weight.			
⊗ DUNAVAR FURMINT 2023	9.65	12.5	
FELSO. Bright, citrusy wine with a touch of honey and streak of minerality.			

HUNGARY / red

⊗ DUNAVAR PINOT NOIR 2022	9.09	13.0	
PANNON. A juicy, easy drinking Pinot with fresh red berries and crunchy red currants.			

LEBANON / white

DOMAINE TOURELLES WHITE 2023	14.09	12.5	V+ O
BEKAA VALLEY. Fresh, elegant and perfumed with spiced white peach fruit. Viognier, Chardonnay, Obeidi.			

LEBANON / red

DOMAINE TOURELLES RED 2022	16.45	13	V+ O
BEKAA VALLEY. Morello cherries mix with cedar, cloves and sweet spice with fine tannins and lovely length.			
DOMAINE TOURELLES V V CINSAULT 2021 *WAS 22.25*	18.75	13.5	V+ O
BEKAA VALLEY. So concentrated and tasty it beggars belief. Intense, hefty and yet, so dangerously drinkable.			
DOMAINE TOURELLES V V CARIGNAN 2021	22.25	13.5	V+ O
BEKAA VALLEY. Ripe fig, bright cranberry and raspberry fruit with notes of liquorice - generous and pure.			
CHATEAU MUSAR RED 2018	47.19	14	V+
BEKAA VALLEY. Legendary wine from Lebanon. Figgy pudding and plums with notes of woody herbs and spice.			

ITALY / white

⊗ PINOT GRIGIO AMANTI 2024	8.20	11.0	V+
<i>VENETO. Crisp and refreshing Pinot Grigio with peachy acacia flowers. Very, very easy drinking.</i>			
⊗ TREBBIANO IL TRALICCO 2024	8.65	11.0	V+
<i>RUBICONE. Elegant & light on its feet (not unlike me) but with enough lemony character for interest.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ANCORA 2024	8.70	11.0	V+
<i>PAVIA. Crisp, delicate, soft peach, zingy lemon zest and superbly clean. Amazing stuff!</i>			
⊗ GPG GARGANEGA/PINOT GRIGIO 2024	9.09	11.0	V+
<i>VENETO. Very good, clean, peachy white, lightly aromatic with citrus and baked apple. Fresh and crisp.</i>			
⊗ CA DI PONTI CATARRATTO 2024	9.50	12.5	V+
<i>SICILY. Ripe stone fruit with herbal notes and a zesty citrus finish.</i>			
⊗ VERDICCHIO CLASSICO PONTEMAGNO 2023	9.65	12.5	V+
<i>MARCHE. Classic flavours of lemon peel and a bitter almond finish in this brilliant value Italian quaffer.</i>			
⊗ VERMENTINO ZAGARE 2024	10.45	12.5	V+
<i>SICILY. Zippy, lemony wine with then ripe pear & peach come through. Very pretty...</i>			
GRILLO RUPE SECCA 2024	10.50	12.5	V+
<i>SICILY. Crisp and fruity white that is rather too easy to drink. Vividly ripe lemons and limes with some guava.</i>			
⊗ FIANO CARLOMAGNO 2024	10.85	12.5	V+
<i>PUGLIA. Full, fruity and fresh with some nice weight of tropical fruit and a touch of bitter almond.</i>			
⊗ VERDICCHIO MONTE SCHIAVO AMPHORA 2023	11.55	11.5	V+ / O
<i>MARCHE. Fresh, zesty, citrus aromas with a touch of nuts, stone fruit flavours, tropical citrus and peach.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER FALANGHINA 2023/24	12.25	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Awesomely well made fruity, juicy wine from a tiny family estate. Notes of pineapple and melon.</i>			
PECORINO CAPARRONE 2024	12.99	12.0	V+
<i>ABRUZZO. Floral, delicate aromas, lemon & apple fruit, light but deceptively intense, clean and fresh.</i>			
PECORINO ARCHIVIO 2024	12.99	13.5	V+
<i>ABRUZZO. Grapefruit zest, creamy lemon texture and ripe stone fruit in this stunning Italian wine.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER GRECO DI TUFO 2024	13.39	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Grecos are amongst the best white wines from Italy, and this is a top notch version.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER FIANO DI AVELLINO 2024	13.99	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Tropical fruit but a hint of skin contact to balance it out. Floral spice, orange blossom and hazelnut.</i>			
⊗ GAVI LA BATTISTINA 2024	13.99	12.0	V+
<i>PIEMONTE. Aromatic, zesty, sherbetty nose with apple, lemon, pear fruit, and a hint of minerality.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER SCIAPO WHITE FIANO 2020	16.29	14.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Utterly gorgeous white fermented in (one) large barrel. Intense, grippy, textural and fabulous.</i>			
SARAJA VERMENTINO DI GALLURA 2023 *WAS 21.39*	19.69	12.5	V+
<i>SARDINIA. Fantastic Vermentino Superiore from the estate's higher altitude, older, lower-yielding vines.</i>			

ITALY / red

⊗ SANGIOVESE AMANTI 2024	8.69	12.0	V+
<i>EMILIA-ROMAGNA. Soft and juicy wine with fresh plums and black cherries and a nice tangy acidity.</i>			
⊗ MONTEPULCIANO CASTELVECCHIO 2024	9.79	12.5	
<i>ABRUZZO. Soft and easy drinking Montepulciano showing red fruits, cherries and hints of chocolatey liquorice.</i>			
⊗ SANGIOVESE DI PUGLIA ANCORA 2024	9.90	12.5	V+
<i>PUGLIA. A fresh and lively everyday drinking red with juicy berry fruit and a hint of spiciness.</i>			
⊗ PRIMITIVO DI SALENTO AMANTI 2024	9.99	13.0	V+
<i>SALENTO. Rich and velvety sun soaked wine with baked damson fruit and baking spices.</i>			
ALASIA BRACHETTO D'ACQUI 2024	10.15	5.5	V+
<i>PIEMONTE. Juicy and lightly sparkling sweet red with fresh crushed raspberries, violets and dried rose petals.</i>			
⊗ CA' DI PONTI NERO D'AVOLA 2022	10.59	14.0	V+
<i>SICILY. Lovely little drop. Delicious smoky, spicy red with ripe, plum, black cherry and bitter dark chocolate.</i>			
⊗ MONTEPULCIANO CONVIVIALE 2023	10.69	13.5	V+
<i>ABRUZZO. Intense vibrant morello cherry fruit, layered up with bramble and a soft, sweet lick of oak.</i>			
NERO D'AVOLA RUPE SECCA 2024	11.15	13.0	V+
<i>SICILIA. Big, soft & spicy, like a warm hug on a bed of baked plum crumble.</i>			
TERRAZZE TEROLDEGO ROTALIANO 2023	11.59	12.5	
<i>TRENTINO. A real burster, explosive even. Exactly what you need. Sweet cherry fruit with vinous structure.</i>			
⊗ PRIMITIVO APPASSIMENTO CARLOMAGNO 2023	11.99	14.0	V+
<i>PUGLIA. Big, juicy wine, rich and ripe with bags of sweet fruit and vanilla from oak ageing.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER AGLIANICO 2023/24	12.25	13.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Phenomenal intensity, complexity, length and just damned tasty. Tiny, family producer near Naples.</i>			
CHIANTI DUCA DI SARAGNANO 2024	12.50	13.0	
<i>TUSCANY. Modern, fruit driven Chianti with intense fruit, violet and dry finish. Ideal for tomato based dishes.</i>			
ROSSO DI MONTEPULCIANO BARBANERA 2023 - OOS	13.35	13.0	
<i>TUSCANY. forest berries, cherry and delicate spicy scents. Dry, rich and well-structured across the palate.</i>			
PRIMITIVO VALLONE VERSANTE 2024 *WAS 13.59*	13.15	13.5	V
<i>SALENTO. Ripe succulent plum and dark cherry with warming spice notes.</i>			
BARBERA D'ASTI CROCERA 2021 *WAS 13.95*	13.59	14.5	V+
<i>PIEMONTE. Rich & full of intense plum, sour cherries & toasty oak with dark chocolate and tangy, juicy acidity.</i>			
URBAN PARK MONTRESOR ROSSO 2020 *WAS 14.95*	12.99	14.0	V+
<i>VENETO. Mini-Amarone, dried grapes, 6 months oak, smooth cherry chocolate richness, very pleasing.</i>			
NERELLO MASCALESE NICOSIA 2023	15.19	12.5	V+
<i>SICILY. Lovely wild strawberry notes on the nose with a fresh mouthful of red berries, cherry and gentle spice.</i>			
LAGREIN BOTTEGA VINAI 2021 *WAS 15.29*	14.09	13.0	
<i>TRENTINO. Warm and smoky with bright, ripe berry fruit, dark chocolate and bitter cherry.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER VENTIDUE MARZO AGLIANICO 2022	15.65	14.0	
<i>CAMPANIA. Fantastically good value from a tiny, family producer near Naples. Similar in style to Primitivo.</i>			
OTTAVIANELLO TENUTA SERRANOVA 2023	15.69	13.5	V+
<i>PUGLIA. Ottavienello is actually Cinsault, and this one is a dark, sumptuous and velvety, Yumsters.</i>			
VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO LONARDI 2024 - OOS	16.65	12.5	V
<i>VALPOLICELLA. Deep ruby red. Well defined cherry fruit. At taste fresh and supple.</i>			
CHIANTI RISERVA UGGIANO FAGIANO 2022 *WAS 17.25*	14.59	13.5	V+
<i>CHIANTI. Super-fresh & juicy, with typical cherry, redcurrant, chestnut & spice. Aged in massive oak barrels.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER TAURASI DOCG 2021	19.39	14.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. A big red with firm structure and flavours of plum, bitter cherry and summer fruits.</i>			

MONTE SAN NICOLO ETNA ROSSO 2020	21.59	13.0	V+
<i>SICILY. 100% Nerello Mascalese. Delicate, freshly floral with sour cherry, redcurrants and elegant, juicy acidity.</i>			
BAROLO FLORI 2020	23.25	14.0	V+
<i>PIEMONTE. Black cherry, truffles and rose petals belie the hefty, grippy tannin filled beast that lurks below.</i>			
TERRE DI VALTER SCIAPO RED 2019/20	30.15	15.5	
<i>CAMPANIA. Wonderous, intense red. Tiny production from very old withered Aglianico vines.</i>			
AMARONE VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO LONARDI 2018	41.00	15.5	V / O*
<i>VENETO. Oof, this is a biggie! Deeply concentrated, bramble fruit, dark chocolate and rich spiciness.</i>			
AMARONE MONTRESOR 'FONDATEORE' 2019	45.19	15.5	V+
<i>VENETO. Heady, dried fruit explosion of a wine. Full of rich, dense dark berry fruit with classic raisiny character.</i>			
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO COL DI LAMO 2018	47.79	14.0	V+
<i>TUSCANY. 100% Sangiovese aged in large oak barrels for 2 years- prune, blackberry, mixed berries.</i>			
BARBARESCO MARCHESI DI GRESY 2020	66.95	14.5	V+
<i>PIEMONTE. Fine, gently floral with wild cherry and redcurrant fruit. Spicy and lifted with notes of dried herbs.</i>			



The Goldilocks Zone



These are a few “if not now, then when?” kinda wines, which you just need to try in your life at some point. It’s true that, above a certain point, wine is just a publicity contest, so the big bucks are not always worth it. However, consider that for a £15 bottle of wine, £5 pound will be tax, and beyond this point your money is more proportional to the actual quantity of the juice in the bottle.

The following wines are the very reason that the concept of “Terroir” exists in wine; the idea that you can pinpoint flavours from a plot of land and be transported somewhere else.

BLASON D’ISSAN, 32.75 MARGAUX, BORDEAUX, FRANCE



Chateau D’Issan is situated in the heart of the Margaux apellation on the Gironde estuary. This is truly Cabernet Sauvignon territory with 60% of the blend of this wine coming from the cassis

laden grape. The Blason D’Issan is made from younger vines on the historic terroir of the property. Soft silky tannins and a long finish. The 2017 vintage, was superb and achieved optimal ripeness. Certainly cracking value to be had from this year. A huge wine, great with hard cheese and game dishes.

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO COL DI LAMO, 47.79 TUSCANY, ITALY



With a dream to produce elegant, terroir driven wines, mother and daughter team Giovanna and Diletta bring us the wines of Col di Lamo. All their vineyards are farmed organically with the use of

green manure to enhance soil health and fertility. This is a fabulously intense and brooding Brunello di Montalcino, full of perfumed cherries, blackberry and strawberry, all complimented by cedary notes, spice and rose petal.

CHATEAU DAULNY ROUGE, 23.99
SANCERRE, LOIRE, FRANCE



Red Sancerre, who'd have thunk it?! We couldn't get enough of this wine when we went to visit in 2024. Etienne Daulny is the latest winemaker in a family which has worked this 50 acres of

land for generations. They practise organic and Biodynamic winemaking (but are not certified). Elegant with crunchy red berries, and all the depth of a Burgundian Pinot Noir. Super fresh, but with a long finish of dried cranberries and a little pepper. It's hard to find quality French Pinot Noir around this price point, but this is definitely a hidden gem worth taking a punt on!

MEURSAULT LES GRANDS CHARRONS BACHEY LEGROS, 66.79
BURGUNDY, FRANCE



Another family run vineyard, this time 6th generation! They have 18 acres of low yielding old vines producing amazingly concentrated grapes. Located on one of the oldest roads in

the village of Santenay-le-haut, their domaine is well worth a visit for the location alone. And wow, does this Meursault really deliver. Green apple and citrus mingle with riper nectarine, pear fruit, toasted nuts, cream and a hint of buttery vanilla.

SARAJA TARRA NOA, VERMENTINO DI GALLURA, ~~21.39~~ 19.69
SARDINIA, ITALY



A new venture established in 2022 by a group of 5 Italian industry specialists looking to use their wealth of experience to showcase Sardinia's potential. Fantastically modern and squeaky clean

wine making combined with sustainable farming creates high quality wine and a growing reputation. This is fresh and vibrant with subtle citrus and honey aromas complemented by lightly herbal notes, apricot and salinity.

DOPFF & IRION GRAND CRU SCHOENENBOURG RIESLING, 30.39
ALSACE, FRANCE



Located in the quintessentially Alsatian town of Riquewihr, the Dopff & Irion families have winemaking roots as far back as the 16th century, before combining forces and pur-

chasing the Chateau in 1945. Founder Rene Dopff in particular had great influence on improving wine making in the region, placing emphasis on quality and association between grapes and terroir. More recently, a move has been made to organic and biodynamic farming. This is a fantastically intense Riesling with rich honeyed citrus and clean minerality.

NEW ZEALAND / white

⊗ PERFECT CUT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	11.45	12.5	V+
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Lively and zingy with bags of lemon/lime citrus, tropical fruit and herby notes.</i>			
⊗ TOPUKU SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023	11.55	12.5	V+
<i>MARLBOROUGH. A grassy mouthful at a fair price from the heartland of Sauv Blanc.</i>			
⊗ PASK GIMBLETT GRAVEL CHARDONNAY 2023	13.99	13.5	V+
<i>HAWKES BAY. Rich, full flavoured and beautifully rounded with tinned pineapple, peach and spicy oak finish.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT SAUVIGNON 2024	16.39	12.0	V+
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Herbaceous and citrussy with passion fruit and hints of pomegranate</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT RIESLING 2023	16.89	12.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. A limey, zesty style of dry Riesling. Mouth-watering citrusy fruit, superb with fish.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT PINOT GRIS 2024	17.05	12.5	V+
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Honey-suckle, dew drop melons and light marshmallow, like a summer stone fruit cocktail.</i>			
⊗ ALLAN SCOTT CHARDONNAY 2020	17.50	14.0	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. A rich Chardonnay with hints of ripe and juicy melon and pear and subtle toasty French oak</i>			
⊗ DOMAIN ROAD SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023	18.80	13.8	V+
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. 57% oaked Complex and mouth filling. Lemon blossom, grapefruit, gooseberry and guava.</i>			
⊗ DOMAIN ROAD DRY RIESLING 2022	18.89	12.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. Crisp lime, orange blossom, pear, lemon sorbet and honeysuckle with flinty minerality.</i>			
⊗ DOMAIN ROAD PINOT GRIS 2021/23	19.29	13.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. Partially barrel fermented & off dry. Lemon curd, lush pineapple, pear, ginger and sherbet.</i>			
⊗ FORREST ESTATE SAUVIGNON 2022	19.85	12.5	
<i>MARLBOROUGH Incredible vibrancy. Intense flavours packed into a beautiful bottle.</i>			
⊗ HEAPHY MOUTERE CHARDONNAY 2023	20.79	14.5	V+
<i>NELSON. Deliciously structured Chardonnay with notes of peach, seductive smokiness and a hint of salt.</i>			
⊗ GREYSTONE BARREL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020 *WAS 28.89*	16.35	13.5	V+ O
<i>NORTH CANTERBURY. Barrel fermentation in old oak gives a rich & creamy, ripe tropical and stone fruit bomb.</i>			

NEW ZEALAND / red

⊗ SILENI PINOT NOIR 2022	15.09	13.5	
<i>HAWKES BAY. Intense berries, soft and creamy with light tannins. Would also work chilled.</i>			
⊗ WAIPARA SPRINGS PINOT NOIR 2021	18.05	13.0	
<i>WAIPARA: Gorgeously silky Pinot with bright red fruits and a slight savoury character</i>			
⊗ FORREST ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2019	20.55	12.5	
<i>MARLBOROUGH. Earthy, savoury and fruity</i>			
⊗ ESCARPMENT NOIR 2020	21.30	13.5	V+
<i>MARTINBOROUGH. Pale, just delicious, balanced Pinot Noir. Fruit/Tannin/acidity/oak on a tightrope.</i>			
DOMAIN ROAD BANNOCKBURN PINOT NOIR 2022	24.89	13.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. Family-owned winery. Rich, concentrated, resplendent with forest fruits and spice.</i>			
⊗ SCOTT BASE PINOT NOIR 2022	25.35	14.5	V+
<i>CENTRAL OTAGO. From one of the best bits of the planet for Pinot. Complex, soft, juicy, spicy, long-flavoured.</i>			
⊗ ESCARPMENT PINOT NOIR 2020/22	27.90	13.5	V+
<i>MARTINBOROUGH. Exceptional Pinot Noir with great mellow fruit and sweet, spicy oak</i>			

PORTUGAL / white

⊗ PE BRANCO 2023	8.59	12.5	V+
<i>ALENTEJO. A blend of local grapes, unoaked floral fruit, crisp, clean and fresh.</i>			
⊗ VINHO VERDE AMARELO 2024	9.09	11.5	V+ O
<i>VINHO VERDE. Light & Lemon zesty, citrusy freshness in a glass.</i>			
⊗ MONTE VELHO WHITE 2023	10.65	13.5	V
<i>ALENTEJO. Dry with soft and fruity with flavours of apricot. Stainless steel fermented (no oak). Jolly juicy.</i>			
⊗ VINHO VERDE VILA NOVA 2024	10.69	11.0	V+
<i>VINHO VERDE. Floral, citrus and gently tropical with sherbet lemon acidity, mango and a bright mineral finish.</i>			
⊗ ALVARINHO LUZ 2024	12.59	11.5	V+
<i>VINHO VERDE. A perfect answer to the rising prices of Spanish Albarino grown just across the border.</i>			
AMEAL LOUREIRO 2024	13.85	12.0	V+
<i>VINHO VERDE. Very classy, fresh, crisp single varietal, single estate Verde that is on another level.</i>			
ESPORAO RESERVE BRANCO 2023	17.39	14.0	V+ O
<i>ALENTEJO. Full of ripe fruit flavours, yet zippy & clean; barrel fermented, yet light & pure, superb.</i>			
ESPORAO PRIVATE SELECTION SEMILLON 2022	46.75	13.5	V+ O
<i>ALENTEJO. A rich wine with great identity and depth, all apricots, white pulp fruits and light spice.</i>			

PORTUGAL / red

⊗ PE TINTO 2023	8.79	13.0	V+
<i>ALENTEJO. Bright ruby red blend (Moreto, Castelao & Trincadeira), ripe red fruits, pretty full-bodied- no oak.</i>			
⊗ MONTE VELHO RED 2023	10.65	13.5	V
<i>ALENTEJO. Soft and juicy all the way, Portugal's biggest selling wine domestically!</i>			
SMART DOG SYRAH/TRINCADEIRA 2024	11.45	13.5	V+
<i>ALENTEJO. Juicy, floral, generous juice that is packed full of berry flavours and spice.</i>			
⊗ GANDARADO DAO TINTO BOAS QUINTAS 2022/23	11.59	13.0	V+
<i>DAO. Mellow and smooth red that hits the spot. A smoky bacon edge to ripe berry aromas, yet Vegan too!</i>			
COLINAS DO DOURO SUPERIOR 2021	12.65	13.5	V+
<i>DUORO. A big and bouncy, enthusiastic red, packed with flavour, tastes way better than it should.</i>			
ESPORAO RESERVE RED 2022	19.99	14.0	V+ O
<i>ALENTEJO. Silky, full flavoured and rich, red berry fruit, light spice, cocoa & lovely smooth toasty oak.</i>			

ROMANIA / white

⊗ PAPARUDA PINOT GRIGIO 2024	8.89	11.5	V+
<i>RECAS/BANAT. More dry Pinot Gris than Grigio style, luscious, weighty, peachy, pleasing.</i>			

ROMANIA / red

⊗ LAUTARUL PINOT NOIR 2024	9.49	12.5	V+
<i>RECAS/BANAT. Easy drinking and beautifully elegant Pinot Noir, soft and smooth tannins.</i>			



TOP NEW FINDS OF 2024



A hand picked selection of our favourite new wine listings from 2025, dive in and prepare to be wowed.

LAMBRUSCO SALAMINO SOLIERA, ITALY, £10.89

Fresh and juicy sparkling red, 100% Salamino grape for a red cherries, wild strawberries and raspberry filled treat.



RIOJA BAGORDI JOVEN, SPAIN, £11.25

Organic Joven from family vineyard. Fresh, vibrant but complex with bold dark fruits, mocha and vanilla.



PICPOUL DE PINET LES MOULES, FRANCE, £11.79

Delicate aromas of citrus, acacia & flinty hints. The palate is well balanced, textured, with a zesty acidity.



BENIERES PINOT NOIR, FRANCE, £11.79

Dark velvety Pinot Noir with flavours of black fruits with hints of vanilla and clove from a little bit of oak.



ZWEIGELT LANDHAUS, AUSTRIA, £12.40

Bright, tart, fruity, bit of spice, similar to a good Pinot Noir. An Austrian speciality and well worth of try.



COSTEVAL PROVENCE ROSE, FRANCE, £15.00

A pale cherry pink style Rose with delicate aromas of petite filous yoghurt and white blossom.



NERELLO MASCALESE NICOSIA, ITALY, 15.19

Lovely wild strawberry notes on the nose with a fresh mouthful of red berries, cherry and gentle spice.



DOMAINE PAPAGIANNAKOS, GREECE, £17.45

Rich black fruit aromas, with cassis from the Cabernet and bramble from the Agiorgitiko with soft tannins.



CHAT ST ROBERT GRAVES BLANC, FRANCE, £20.79

Intense, clean and textural white with quince, white peach and tangerine fruit and a mineral core.



HEAPHY CHARDONNAY, NEW ZEALAND, £20.79

Deliciously structured Chardonnay with underlying notes of peach, seductive smokiness and a hint of salt.



ALMA GEMELA PEDRO XIMINEZ, ARGENTINA, £21.09

Crystalline, squeaky clean expressive white with grapefruit peel, kiwi, basil and mint.



POUILLY FUME KIMERIDES, FRANCE, £23.99

Bogglingly good single plot wine from a lovely chap. Wow. Please decant for maximum pleasure.



SOUTH AFRICA / white

⊗ FORGE MILL CHENIN BLANC 2024	8.89	12.5	
<i>WESTERN CAPE. An excellent easy-drinking, fruity dry wine packed with tropical fruit and cleansing acidity.</i>			
⊗ WIDE RIVER CHENIN 2025	9.19	13.0	
<i>ROBERTSON. Reasonably priced, just on the dry side of Medium-Dry, day-to-day quaffer.</i>			
⊗ AQUILINE SAUVIGNON 2024	9.19	11.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Breeze driven, citrussy Sauvignon from the hills of Western Cape.</i>			
⊗ MOLOKO BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	9.99	13.	V+
<i>COASTAL REGION: Tastes EXACTLY like a NZ Sauvignon and a pretty good one too.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY 'SLOW' CHENIN 2024	10.15	12.5	V+
<i>COASTAL REGION. A slow ferment using wild yeasts give this wine a distinctive herbal, savoury character.</i>			
⊗ CAPE HEIGHTS CHENIN BLANC 2023	10.15	12.5	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Superbly fruity. Soft, baked apple fruit and zippy citrus.</i>			
⊗ KINGCLIP CHARDONNAY 2023	10.19	13.5	
<i>ROBERTSON. Fresh citrus and melon with a subtle nutty creaminess from partial oak fermentation.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2024	11.99	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Green apple, freshly cut grass and lime with punchy tropical fruit and fresh figs.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE CHENIN BLANC 2024	11.99	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Ripe quince, pineapple and stone fruit, with a hint of sweetness and balancing crunchy acid.</i>			
⊗ INDABA CHENIN BLANC 2023/2024	12.75	13.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Fresh and clean with soft citrus & honey notes. Incredibly tasty.</i>			
⊗ CIRCUMSTANCE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023	15.10	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH: Living soils, a natural approach to winemaking and large oak barrel fermentation.</i>			
CIRCLE OF LIFE WHITE 2024 *WAS 15.19*	13.19	14.0	V+ B O
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Lime and prickly pear with a lovely depth of creamy peaches, orange and lemon.</i>			
⊗ CATHY MARSHALL RIESLING 2024	16.39	11.5	V+
<i>ELGIN. Ripe, juicy limes, green apples and bright acidity with just a touch of spice.</i>			
⊗ KAAPZICHT CHENIN BLANC 2023	16.39	13.5	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Terrific version of a much overlooked grape.</i>			
⊗ BOUCHARD FINLAYSON BLANC DE MER 2024	16.79	13.0	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Super-fruity, not-too-dry white. Fragrant and citrus fresh with peaches, roses and melon.</i>			
⊗ CATHY MARSHALL AMATRA CHENIN 2024	16.89	13.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Fleshy stone fruits backed up by green apple acidity and granite undertones.</i>			
⊗ CATHY MARSHALL SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023	17.15	14.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Limes, passion fruit, ripe mangoes and a lengthy grapefruit finish.</i>			
DARLING LIME KILNS CHEN/VIOG/CHARD 2019 *WAS 17.49*	14.15	14.0	V+
<i>DARLING; Seriously rich and complex wine full of ripe peach and honeycomb.</i>			
⊗ RUSTENBERG CHARDONNAY 2023	17.79	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Rich, ripe and fleshy (oo-er) with apricot and mango fruit cut with apple and citrus.</i>			
⊗ ERNIE ELS BIG EASY WHITE 2023	17.99	13.5	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Super lush and fruity, plenty to tickle the senses. Apples, grapefruit, spice and lime.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER VILLAGE RIESLING 2024	18.29	12.0	V+
<i>ELGIN. Meticulously made, perfectly balanced, off dry Riesling. Spankingly clean and taut as fiddle string.</i>			
DASCHBOSCH SKIN CONTACT 2024 *WAS 19.25*	16.39	13.0	V+
<i>BREEDEKLOOF. Intense and complex with savoury, nutty flavours, citrus peel, almond and dried apricot.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON SANS BARRIQUE CHARDONNAY 2023	19.50	12.5	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Vibrant in the glass, brimming with minerality, freshness and vitality.</i>			

⊗ BOUCHARD FINLAYSON SAUVIGNON 2024	19.99	13.5	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Lively and aromatic with rich guava, lime and grapefruit.</i>			
DASCHBOSH MOSSIESDRIFT STEEN 2023 *WAS 20.19*	18.75	13.0	V+
<i>BREEDEKLOOF. Aromas of wet stone, ripe citrus and spice. Excellent concentration of fruit with taut acidity.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON CROCODILE CHARDONNAY 23 *WAS 23.65*	19.99	13.5	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Spicy citrus aromas lead onto a stone fruit and pear palate and finishing with refreshing salinity.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2021	24.69	12.5	V+
<i>ELGIN. Tangerine, brioche, vanilla , toast, winter citrus, the list could go on and on and on.</i>			
⊗ CATHY MARSHALL CLAY FERMENTED CHENIN 2023	26.19	13.5	V+
<i>WESTERNSCAPE: A world class Chenin, intense and complex; 'peaches on a wet stone' , says Cathy.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON MISSIONVALE CHARDONNAY 2024	37.45	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	57.09	13.5	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Superlative. Pear, citrus, white peach, even a little pineapple, flowers, dried herbs and spice.</i>			

SOUTH AFRICA / red

⊗ KINGKLIP PINOTAGE 2023	10.19	13.5	V+
<i>Western Cape. Bright violets, bramble fruit and sweet cherries. Classic South African Pinotage.</i>			
⊗ WIDE RIVER SHIRAZ 2024	9.75	12.5	
<i>ROBERTSON. Red and black fruits allied to a subtle peppery, smoky note. Very juicy.</i>			
⊗ CAPE HEIGHTS MERLOT 2023	10.35	13.5	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Lush and juicy with plenty of ripe plums and hints of chocolate.</i>			
⊗ PERCHERON OLD VINE CINSULT 2023	10.59	13.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Red fruits, cherry and spice with a gently creamy, refreshing finish.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY 'OLD SCHOOL' SYRAH 2023	10.69	14.0	V+
<i>COASTAL REGION. Full yet elegant slightly savoury red with brambles and refreshing acidity.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY PINOTAGE 2023	10.69	14.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Not your average Pinotage! Medium-ish in body, hints of mulberry, spice and juicy plum.</i>			
⊗ WILD HOUSE SHIRAZ 2023	10.89	13.5	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE: Packed with ripe dark fruit flavours, with wisps of smoke and hints of dark chocolate.</i>			
⊗ SILVERMYN ARGENTUM 2022	11.85	14.5	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Quite chunky, full-bodied red, dark, crunchy and blackcurranty.</i>			
⊗ HANDMADE RED BLEND 2021	11.99	13.0	
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Easy drinking red with a core of sweet berry fruit wrapped in gentle spice.</i>			
⊗ DARLING SHIRAZ / MALBEC / GRENACHE 2022	12.39	14.0	V+
<i>DARLING. Lovely fresh, plump and juicy wine full of cherries, plums, candy floss and black pepper.</i>			
⊗ INDABA MERLOT 2022	13.69	14.0	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE. Rounded and soft with plummy mocha & a twist of smoky spice.</i>			
⊗ DARLING CELLARS CHOCOHOLIC PINOTAGE 2021	14.39	14.0	V+
<i>DARLING. It's all in the name really. Surprisingly elegant, ripe and soft with toasty oak, plum and chocolate!</i>			
⊗ CIRCLE OF LIFE RED 2023 *WAS 15.19*	13.19	12.5	V+ B O
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Very expressive with silky tannins, red plums, black pepper, black cherries and herbs.</i>			
⊗ SERIOUSLY COOL CINSULT 2023	15.59	13.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Bursting with fresh cherries and fynbos, clean, juicy wine that would be very nice chilled.</i>			
⊗ CATHY MARSHALL AMATRA RED 2020	36 17.39	13.5	V+
<i>WESTERN CAPE: Merlot (79%) Cabernet Franc blend. Full of plummy flavours with a hint of pencil shavings.</i>			

⊗ GLENELLY GLASS CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021 *WAS 18.00*	16.39	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. An artform of a Cabernet, slightly French-style. Cassis, blackcurrant, cherry and spice.</i>			
KAAPZICHT BOTTELARY HILLS ESTATE BLEND 2022	19.59	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Packed full of kirsch, dark berries and spice with beautifully integrated tannins.</i>			
CIRCUMSTANCE CABERNET FRANC 2021	19.89	13.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Concentrated and complex with classic wild blackcurrant and pencil shaving. Super smooth.</i>			
⊗ RUSTENBERG JOHN X MERRIMAN 2022	20.69	14.0	V
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Awesome Old World in stylistic aspiration. Cassis, black cherry, coffee beans and liquorice.</i>			
CATHY MARSHALL PINOT NOIR SANDSTONE 2023	21.65	13.5	V+
<i>CAPE SOUTH COAST. Broad, seductive compote of concentrated black cherries, mulberries and cranberries.</i>			
ERNIE ELS BIG EASY RED 2021	22.80	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Silky, ripe & rich brimming with sweet red cherry fruit, cassis, mulberry and redcurrant.</i>			
KAAPZICHT ROOILAND PINOTAGE 2021	23.89	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. One of the most complex and tasty wines ever made from this fickle grape.</i>			
⊗ PAUL CLUVER ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2022	24.89	13.0	V+
<i>ELGIN. Super sophisticated luminous pinot noir with toasty bramble and savoury notes.</i>			
CATHY MARSHALL PETER'S VISION 2021	25.99	14.0	V+
<i>ELGIN. Elegant Bordeaux blend with dark orchard fruits, garrigue and pencil shavings. Opulent and velvety.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON HANNIBAL 2021	32.95	13.0	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Extraordinary wine. A crazy Sangiovese based blend with rich black plum with strawberry.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR 22 *WAS 38.19*	32.79	13.5	V
<i>HERMANUS. An explosive nose of red fruits and cherry, with cranberry, plum and smoky strawberry.</i>			
RUST EN VREDE ESTATE RED 2020	44.29	14.0	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Sweet plum and dark berry fruit, liquorice, coffee beans and spice.</i>			
KAAPZICHT STEYTLER PINOTAGE 2021	57.99	14.5	V+
<i>STELLENBOSCH. Amazing world class wine. Mega-Awarded winery, one of only a handful of ***** star rated.</i>			
BOUCHARD FINLAYSON TETE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR 2020	136.49	14.0	V+
<i>HERMANUS. Sweet black cherry fruit, raspberry and mulberry. Powerful, opulent, focused and smooth.</i>			

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THE GRAPE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE VINE - Fraser

Who wants to be exactly like their parents? Well, it took me until my early 20s to realise my dad actually has a pretty good gig; tasting and talking for a living - emphasis on the former. We're proud to have been a family business since my dad had the bravado to think he could bring some great wines to Scotland. Indeed, the very first wine he listed and sold was from a certain Phillipe Chaume-Arnaud in 1999. Granted, we sell some amazing wines from the Co-operatives, Bordeaux Negociants, and even state-enterprises - yes those old Moldovan wines we had in earlier this year were from a Soviet-era government enterprise! However, there is something special about knowing that a family poured their heart and soul into a wine; carrying on, and building, a legacy for their future generations. Here are a few I have been particularly romanticising this year...



BODEGAS BAGORDI, ANDOSILLA, RIOJA, SPAIN



"Nestled" is one of my pet peeve words... hideously overused... but that's exactly what came to mind when I visited Bodegas in the South of Rioja this September. Before travelling, I had pictured the famous region as some kind of wine utopia from Greek mythology. So wrong! You travel over the Sistema Cantabria mountains from San Sebastian into a sparsely populated scorching valley, sheltered from Atlantic rains. After travelling 45 minutes from the provincial capital Logrono (itself the size of Dundee) we came to the one horse town of Andosilla during their annual harvest festival. Imagine Hawick with bull-running going on down the High Street, and everyone dressed up in their whites with red scarves. Luis-Manuel and his daughter Mirin greeted us to their 4th generation Bodega. They hand-harvest the grapes to select the best fruit, and have been farming organically for many years to ensure the land remains healthy for generation to come. The red wines are aged in oak and bottle for far longer than us usual, giving fantastic 'tertiary' notes of leather, prune and cigar box. Fantastic with grilled peppers! Their white wine

is also a staff favourite consisting of an unusual blend of Sauvignon Blanc with Garnacha Blanc. Think the passionfruit of a NZ Sauvignon, softened and ripened by the Garnacha Blanca to prevent that overly grassiness you get from Sauvignon sometimes. If they work amongst a mad Spanish fiesta, they'll be great to share at a family gathering!



Rioja Bagordi Blanco, 10.89

Deliciously clean, unoaked Rioja Blanco with ripe lemon, papaya and grapefruit.



Rioja Bagordi Reserva, 19.35

Dark brooding fruit with an explosion of black plums, leather, prune, black olive and cigar box.

DOMAINE ROAD, BANNOCKBURN, CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

Most Southerly wine region in the world? Not quite as Tierra del Fuego in volcanic Argentina had recently taken that crown. Central Otago is, however, a stunning and unique wine growing region which produces highly impressive examples of every varietal which they seem to have tried their hand at. Graeme and Gillian Crosbie started their winery on an old apricot farm in land adjacent to Felton Road winery, dubbed “the DRC of NZ” by James Suckling. Meaning Domaine Romane Conti, an extremely famous and highly regarded producer of Grand Cru Burgundy. It is said where apricots grow well, so too does Pinot Noir! New Zealand has something of a hole in the ozone layer giving higher UV translating to more expressive characteristics in the wine.



Domaine Road Pinot Gris, 19.29, with notes of pear and stone-fruit, together with hints of quince.



The Bannockburn sub-region Pinot Noir, 24.89, has cherry, dark plum, blackberry, and Violet with some savoury spice.

This is a bittersweet recommendation as Graeme and Gillian may be looking to enjoy a well-earned retirement in the near future, and we’re looking at the last couple of vintages, and along with them, the days of semi-affordable Central Otago wine.

DOMAINE CHAUME ARNAUD, VINSOBRES, SOUTHERN RHONE, FRANCE



An impossibility not to mention when talking family wineries - they are Great Grog personified. It was the mid-nineties, ‘Friends’ was hitting the cultural zeitgeist, and optimism was in the air. Richard was still at Oddbins, and on a lunch break he decided to rifle his way through yet another trade fair of tweed jackets and red cords, when he happened across a modest farmer, picture thick callused hands, trying to sell his wares. This was Phillipe Chaume-Arnaud who, with his dynamic wife Valerie, built their winery from the ground up. Vinsobres is the northernmost appellation in the southern Cotes-du-Rhone, in the foothills of the giant Mount Ventoux, with vineyards as high as 400 meters above sea level. Their use of Biodynamic production and restraint from use of oak barrels is fairly unusual for this region. The aim being to truly express the terroir and character is the fruit.

We’ve finally lured the 2nd generation of the family, Thibaud and Raphael, over to Scotland on Friday the 6th of March for the Six Nations rugby. They’ll be running a tasting at the Royal Scots club, so grab your tickets quick!



Chaume Arnaud Vinsobres, 18.85

Single village wine of immense quality. The wine that created Great Grog in 1999.



Chaume Arnaud La Cadene Blanc, 22.19

Hand-Harvested, rich & fresh with an impressive textural mouthfeel, zesty fruit and a lick of honey.

SPAIN / white

⊗ PLENO WHITE 2024	8.15	11.0	V
NAVARRA. Clean, fresh, fruity, juicy un-oaked. What's not to like?			
⊗ CRISTATUS WHITE AIREN/MACABEO 2024	8.39	12.0	
ALICANTE. Light, dry, entry level Spanish easy-quaffer.			
⊗ VERMADOR AIREN/MACABEO 2024	8.99	12.0	V+ O
ALICANTE. Big Co-op, little price for organic wine. Nice and crisp; free run juice; belies its warm origin.			
⊗ VERDEJO EL TESORO 2024	9.69	11.0	V+
CASTILLA Y LEON. Lighter in alcohol but full of tangy, tingly treats. Made by Diez Siglos. Sustainable Viticulture.			
⊗ RIOJA BIANAI WHITE 2024	9.75	12.5	V+
RIOJA. Delightful dry, unoaked fruity white from Rioja Vega (Viura/Tempranillo)			
⊗ VERGEL AIREN/SAUVIGNON 2024	9.79	12.5	V+ O
ALICANTE. Old vine Airen and zippy Sauvignon marry well; lots of lees ageing; ripe peachy style; no oak.			
DIAPIRO WHITE 2023	10.49	12.5	O
ALICANTE. 100% Merseguera. Grapefruit, fennel, mint and peach and very subtle wood.			
RIOJA BAGORDI BLANCO 2024	10.89	12.0	V+ O
RIOJA. 50/50 Garnacha Blanca/Sauvignon make up the blend in this super juicy, zingy, easy drinking wine.			
⊗ VERDEJO DIEZ SIGLOS 2024	11.95	13.0	V+
RUEDA. Tasty and minerally, stone fruit, tangerine and citrus, with notes of grass, fennel and aniseed.			
PRINCIPE VIANA LIMITED EDITION WHITE 2024	12.10	12.5	V+
NAVARRA. Box fresh white packed full of grapefruit, lime pineapple and apricot.			
TESELA BY CLUNIA ALBILLO 2022	14.35	13.5	V+
CASTILLA Y LEON. Fresh and zesty with floral peaches, minerality, white grapefruit and gooseberry.			
ALBARINO ALBA VEGA 2024	14.59	13.5	V+
RIAS BAIXAS. Superb version of this amazing grape Dry, zingy and fruity. A delight of salty lime goodness.			
RIOJA VEGA TEMPRANILLO BLANCO 2024	15.50	14.5	V+
RIOJA. Gorgeous peaches-and-cream from albino Tempranillo grapes, fermented and aged in French oak.			
GODELLO GANCEDO ORGANIC 2024	16.55	13.00	V+O
BIERZO. Bright yellow with bags of ripe pear, apple and zesty lime. Lively and fresh with a long mineral finish.			
CLUNIA ALBILLO 2024	22.19	13.5	V+
CASTILLA Y LEON. Fresh and floral with grapefruit and apricot. Intense and rounded from 5 months of oak.			

SPAIN / red

⊗ CRISTATUS MONASTRELL 2023	9.15	14.0	
ALICANTE. Rather decent red from the Pinoso chaps. Very good value.			
⊗ PLENO RED 2023	9.39	14.0	V+
NAVARRA. A really good robust, fruity red. Excellent value.			
⊗ VERMADOR MONASTRELL/PETIT VERDOT 2024	9.80	13.5	V+ O
ALICANTE. Big flavour, little price! No oak, big, purple-y and juicy.			
⊗ PRINCIPE VIANA GARNACHA 2022	9.99	14.0	V+
NAVARRA. This is a great example of how juicy, smooth, tasty and red -fruited Grenache can be.			
⊗ BORGIA GARNACHA 2023	10.05	14.0	V+
CAMPO DE BORJA. Jolly juicy fruit, plum, blackberry and bramble. Good swigging Spanish red.			
⊗ RIOJA BIANAI RED 2023	40 10.20	13.5	V+
RIOJA. The fruit is immense & yet it is smooth & has lovely depth of flavour. Be prepared to be impressed			

VERGEL MONASTRELL/MERLOT 2024	10.65	13.5	V+ O
<i>ALICANTE. A vivid, soft youthful red of no inconsiderable charm. Red fruit forward with delicious milk chocolate.</i>			
PINOSO MONASTRELL CEPA 50 2023/24	10.69	14.5	V+ O
<i>ALICANTE. Unoaked style with cooler ferment to preserve the expressive fruit from 50 year old vines.</i>			
DIAPIRO ROBLE MONASTRELL/TEMPRANILLO/MERLOT 2023	10.69	14.5	O
<i>ALICANTE. Oak-aged for 4 months in new French oak- coffee, cacao, raisin, toast, herb, vanilla.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA BAGORDI JOVEN 2023	11.25	14.0	V+ O
<i>RIOJA Organic Joven from family vineyard. Fresh, vibrant but complex with bold dark fruits, mocha, vanilla.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA DEL RAYO SELECCIONADA 2022	11.79	13.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. Soft, squooshy, mellow relaxer. Warmly spicy, plums, cherries and a smoky hint. 6 Months in oak.</i>			
PRINCIPE VIANA CRIANZA Limited Edition RED 2021	12.15	14.0	V+
<i>NAVARRA. Fantastic fruit vanilla bomb that slips down a treat. 50% Merlot, 25% Tempranillo, 25% Cabernet.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA 2021	12.35	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. Exceptionally smooth and complex, black fruit, toast, cinnamon. 18 months in oak.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA DEL RAYO RESERVA 2018	14.19	13.5	V+
<i>RIOJA. Richly flavoured & spicy, ripe plum & dried fruit characters with cinnamon & vanilla.</i>			
MENCIA GANCEDO 2023	14.29	13.0	V+ O
<i>BIERZO. 100% Mencia. Juicy and fresh with slightly tart red berry fruit and black cherries.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA TEMPRANILLO RED 2023	14.45	13.5	V+
<i>RIOJA. Awesome, top-quality, limited edition, barrel-matured, hand-crafted red.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA LIMITED EDITION CRIANZA 2021	14.55	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. A selection of the best barrels of the vintage, kept for a further two months in cask.</i>			
TESELA BY CLUNIA SYRAH/TEMPRANILLO 2021	14.99	14.5	
<i>CASTILLO Y LEON. Aromatic, soft, complete, easy-going, autumnal, medium-bodied, high altitude freshness.</i>			
PRIOS MAXIMUS ROBLE 2022/23	15.59	14.5	V+
<i>RIBERA DEL DUERO. Bags of ripe red fruit, cherries and blackberries with toasty nuts and chocolate</i>			
LA BIEN PLANTA GARNACHA TINTO 2023 *WAS 16.15*	15.09	13.5	B
<i>ALMANSA. Fresh, juicy, pure and utterly delicious Biodynamic Garnacha. Boom.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA RESERVA 2019	16.49	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. Unctuous, spicy, ripe and soft with bags of fruit, toast, toffee and vanilla.</i>			
PRIORAT CAL PLA CRIANZA 2022	18.10	14.5	V+
<i>PRIORAT. Vibrant dark crimson, fruit cake, mountain herbs, liquorice and chocolate. Immensely full.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA GRAN RESERVA 2017/18	20.99	14.0	
<i>RIOJA. Super-smooth mature and mellow. Growing old gracefully. Powerful, expressive, black fruit and spice.</i>			
ALBRET LA VINA DE MI MADRE RESERVA 2019	22.19	14.5	V+
<i>NAVARRA. Super-quality, subtle, complex, black fruit jam, cassis, blackberry, vanilla and liquor chocolate.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA CON GRACIA GRACIANO 2018	22.39	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. Really intense and dark but soo smooth. Only made in suitable vintages.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA CRIANZA MAGNUM 2021	25.99	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA A magnum aged wine is frequently a more refined wine and this will be nothing short of awesome</i>			
CLUNIA MALBEC 2020	28.39	14.5	
<i>CASTILLA Y LEON. Humungous and yet very, very fine Malbec from a small, high altitude, arid vineyard.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA 140 ANNIVERSARY RESERVA 2016	30.39	14.0	
<i>RIOJA. Very ripe fruit, chocolate liqueur, jam, apple sauce, coconut, toast aromas, cedar wood.</i>			
CRISTATUS BAG IN BOX MONASTRELL RED 3L 2023/24	32.49	14.0	
<i>ALICANTE. Enormously drinkable.</i>			
RIOJA VEGA RESERVA MAGNUM 2018/19	33.59	14.0	V+
<i>RIOJA. Dark fruit, leather, game, spice and smoke - who says size doesn't matter?</i>			

SPAIN / bag in box 3L

CRISTATUS BIB AIREN WHITE 3L 2023

27.85 12.0

ALICANTE. Light and fragrant with white flower, fleshy peach and lively lemon acidity.

CRISTATUS BIB MONASTRELL RED 3L 2023

27.85 14.0

ALICANTE. A perfectly decent glugger brimming with bright red and dark fruits. .

URUGUAY / white

⊗ **VINA SALORT ALBARINO 2025**

14.25 13.5 V+

CANELONES. Stone fruits and citrus; rich, textural and rounded on the palate with a little grip on the finish.

USA / red

⊗ **SHOWDOWN 'MAN WITH AXE' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2023**

13.25 13.5 V+

CALIFORNIA. Ripe blackcurrant and wild berry fruit, sweet vanilla oak, rich cassis and black cherry.

⊗ **SCOTTO FAMILY OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2022**

14.89 13.5 V+

LODI. Sweet, succulent blueberries, cola, cherry and black liquorice. Ripe and juicy with red summer berries.

CLINE CELLARS LODI ZINFANDEL 2022 *WAS 18.59*

17.80 14.5 V+

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

OTHELLO NAPA VALLEY RED 2016

47.75 14.0

NAPA. Classy Bordeaux blend with intense red berry fruit, .cassis and pepper with silky tannins.

★ I'm Still In The Pink....

As we shiver into a northern winter, it's not unreasonable to put the shorts away (not applicable to Richard or Van Chris obv's) and crack open a cuddly red & snuggle up to a warm friend / dog / cat /

What you may not consider is the gastronomic potential of Rosé all year round, the light skin contact plus freshness plus fruit weight giving real balance & food-friendliness. It may also radiate some much-needed summer-vibes (and vitamin D?) into the dim & frigid evenings!

RIOJA BAGORDI ROSADA 2023 11.15

RIOJA. A gourmand's Garnacha, perfect with BBQ-ed peppers or seared tuna with tomato, a hint of smoke brings out the sturdy, luscious red fruit.



CIRCUMSTANCE CAPE CORAL ROSE 2023 14.85

STELLENBOSCH. A muncher's Mourvedre, a boondocks Bandol....really loves sushi and salty soy which would defo be an alternative Christmas dinner.



COSTEVAL COTEAUX PROVENCE ROSE 2024 15.00

FRANCE. A shouty devil or a sotto-voiced seraphim? You decide! One for a slice or 2 of pink, moist, pan-fried duck breast and the sweet autumnal notes of roast chestnut.



SANCERRE ROSE DOMAINE DAULNY 2023 17.50

LOIRE. A Pinot Noir for the parched palate! Pair with roast pork, griddled Portobello mushrooms or maybe even a deeply savoury lamb curry – rose loves spice.



ROSE

PLENO GARNACHA ROSE 2024	8.05	11.0	
<i>SPAIN. Easy going, refreshing Spanish quaffer with summer fruits and spice.</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ROSE AMANTI 2024	8.25	11.0	V+
<i>SICILY. Soft and light with juicy strawberry fruit and ripe peach. Easy going and gluggy.</i>			
⊗ CRISTATUS ROSE 2024	8.49	12.5	
<i>SPAIN. 10 hours skin contact = delicate pinkness. Floral with strawberry and raspberry fruit.</i>			
⊗ ANGELS FLIGHT WHITE ZINFANDEL 2023	8.69	9.5	V+
<i>CALIFORNIA. Packed full of fresh strawberry and watermelon flavours. Very easy to drink</i>			
⊗ PATO TORRENTE ROSE 2024	8.75	12.0	V+
<i>CHILE. Off dry, super fruity rose that's great with spicy food.</i>			
⊗ LES VIGNERONS ROSE 2024	8.89	12.5	
<i>FRANCE. Like a punnet of summer fruit with a lingering creamy finish.</i>			
⊗ BIG TOP WHITE ZINFANDEL ROSE nv	9.19	9.5	
<i>CALIFORNIA. Medium-dry, with crucial balancing freshness, reminiscent of raspberry ripple ice cream.</i>			
⊗ CUVEE DE ROY ROSE 2024	9.25	12.0	V+
<i>FRANCE. Delicately pale pink as though a Scot has spent 15 minutes in the sun. Eminently drinkable.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA VEGA ROSE 2024	9.29	12.0	V+
<i>SPAIN. Totally yummy in my tummy. Strawberry & raspberry jam & yet it is dry! How do they do that?</i>			
⊗ PINOT GRIGIO ROSATO ANCORA 2024	9.49	12.0	V+
<i>ITALY. Light, dry and frisky with loads of sumptuous fruit</i>			
⊗ BORGIA ROSE 2024	9.69	13.0	
<i>SPAIN. So so juicy, it's like strawberry ice cream. Not bone dry.</i>			
⊗ ANCORA CHIARETTO ROSE 2024	9.69	12.0	V+
<i>ITALY. Barbera rose! Fresh, succulent strawberries, as crisp and clean as they come.</i>			
⊗ FALSE BAY ROSE 2024	10.15	13.0	V+
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Pale and juicy, a delicate Provence style rose from the Cape.</i>			
ROSE D'ANJOU LA VARIERE 2024	11.15	10.5	V
<i>FRANCE. Raspberry and strawberry sorbet with a touch of candied fruit.</i>			
⊗ RIOJA BAGORDI ROSADA 2023	11.15	13.5	V+ O
<i>SPAIN. A pale, sprightly, young and fruity wine that stands out for its juicy character.</i>			
⊗ DOMAINE L'OLIBET ROSE 2024	11.25	12.0	V+
<i>FRANCE. Like taking a stroll in a spring meadow, abundant ripe fruit, lifted by a natural zing.</i>			
⊗ ROSE D'ANJOU PIERRE CHAINIER 2024	11.25	10.5	
<i>FRANCE. Watermelon and summer fruit pudding with crunchy red apples and a refreshing finish.</i>			
⊗ CHACABUCO MALBEC ROSE 2024	11.99	13.5	V
<i>ARGENTINA. Strawberries and cherries followed by a bowl of fresh red berry fruit and soft, light cream.</i>			
⊗ CERISIERS ROSE 2024	12.39	12.5	V+
<i>FRANCE. Elegant, textured pink from the Southern Rhone. Delicate and berry filled with raspberry freshness.</i>			
⊗ SOLEIL DES ALPES PROVENCE ROSE 2024	13.05	13.0	V+
<i>FRANCE. Grab a glass, swirl it around, close your eyes, and visualise being poolside at the villa in the sun.</i>			
⊗ CIRCUMSTANCE CAPE CORAL ROSE 2023	14.85	13.5	V+/O
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Classy, Bandol style rose with pomegranate fruit, spice and a good streak of minerality</i>			
COSTEVAL COTEAUX AIX EN PROVENCE ROSE 2024	15.00	12.5	V+
<i>FRANCE: Pale cherry pink Rose with delicate aromas of petite filous yoghurt and white blossom.</i>			
SANCERRE ROSE DOMAINE DAULNY 2023	17.50	13.0	V+
<i>FRANCE. 100% Pinot Noir. Delicate notes of summer fruits with a hint of citrus. Wonderful.</i>			
ERNIE ELS BIG EASY ROSE 2023	17.69	13.0	V+
<i>SOUTH AFRICA. Elegant aromatic Rose with aromas of fynbos, orange skin, hibiscus and red fruits.</i>			

DESSERT / FORTIFIED WINE

SANTA JULIA TARDIO TORRONTES 2023 37.5CL	8.69	7.0	V+
<i>ARGENTINA. Ripe and refreshing with sweet notes of pear, peach, apricot, honey and orange peel.</i>			
⊗ TRENTAM NOBLE TAMINGA 2016 37.5CL	10.29	10.5	V+
<i>AUSTRALIA. Taminga is a cross of Sultana and Gewurztraminer; super-tangy orange, apricot and toffee.</i>			
MOSCATO PASSITO PALAZZINA 2017 37.5CL *WAS 10.69*	10.60	14.0	V+
<i>ITALY. Made from dried Moscato grapes...simple and immense, nectarine, apricots and a touch of honey.</i>			
BEAUME DE VENISE SOLERA NV 37.5CL	11.19	15.0	V+
<i>FRANCE. Like drinking apricot syrup, but with some fresh acidity such that it isn't cloying. Get it some cheese!</i>			
TORO DE PIEDRA LATE HARV SAUVI / SEM 23 37.5CL *WAS 12.65*	11.49	14.5	V
<i>CHILE. Stone fruits, orangey citrus, honey and nectarine with good freshness to keep it clean.</i>			
MONBAZILLAC GRANGE NEUVE 2021 50CL	14.19	12.5	V
<i>FRANCE. Along the river from Sauternes comes this great wine, tangerines, marmalade and candied peaches.</i>			
PRINCIPE VIANA LATE PICK CHARDY 2019 50CL	14.85	15.5	V+
<i>SPAIN. Luscious late harvest white with candied peaches, marmalade and cream. Nice bottle too.</i>			
SAUTERNES PETIT GUIRAUD 2023 37.5CL	18.29	13.5	V+ O
<i>FRANCE. Sauvignon Blanc 65%, Semillon 35%. Grapefruit, passion fruit, pineapple, very tasty and light.</i>			
⊗ RUTHERGLEN MUSCAT PFEIFFER NV 50CL	19.30	17.5	V+
<i>AUSTRALIA. Ripe and luscious barrel aged and fortified dessert wine. Fresh raisin, luscious fig and spice.</i>			
CLINE LATE HARVEST MOURVEDRE 2019 37.5CL	21.99	15.0	V+
<i>CALIFORNIA. Richly sweet with excellent balancing acidity. Prunes, chocolate, berry fruit and coffee.</i>			
TOKAJI ASZU 5 PUTT 2017 50CL	23.90	10.5	
<i>HUNGARY. Super-duper old fashioned (300 years old) dessert from Noble-Rotted Furmint grapes.</i>			
EISWEIN DOMAINE BAUMGARTNER 2019 37.5CL	25.09	9.5	V+
<i>AUSTRIA. Made from frozen Gruner Veltliner grapes, complex, intense flavours of honeydew melon and peach.</i>			
RECIOTO VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO LE ARELE 2020 50CL	28.99	14.0	V
<i>ITALY. Luscious and concentrated dark cherry flavours with notes of vanilla, chocolate and dried plum.</i>			

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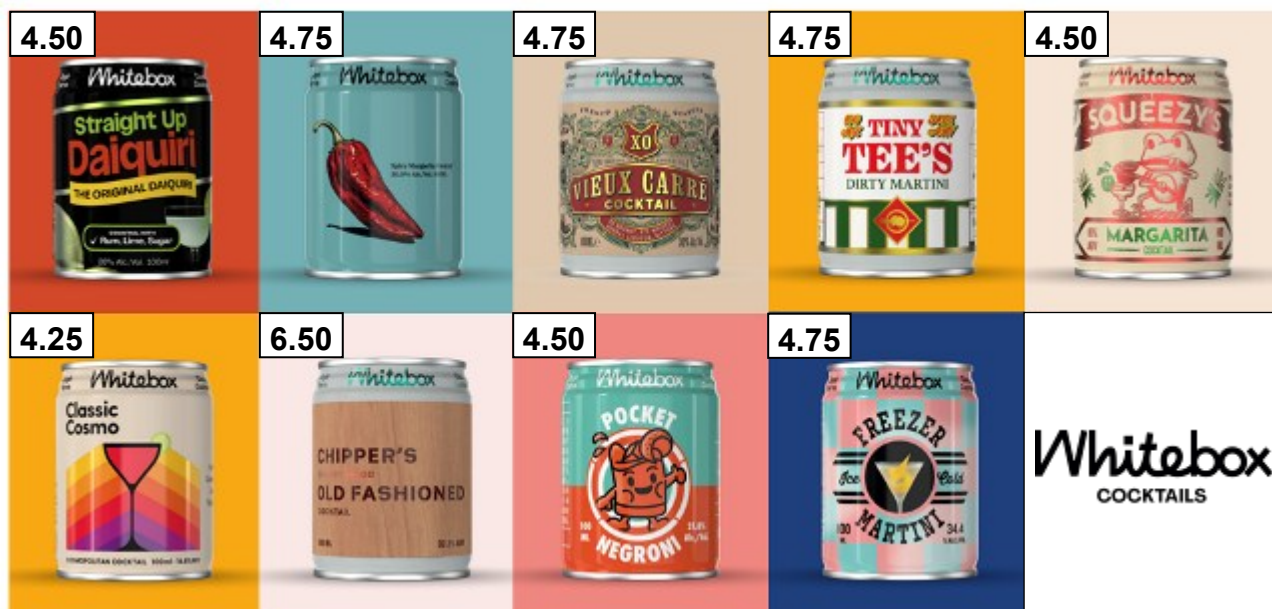
MERCHANT VINTNERS RUBY PORT (FONSECA)	15.95	18.0	
<i>A soft and mellow "own label" made by Fonseca for us. Almost very, very good indeed.</i>			
KROHN RUBY PORT	16.89	19.0	
<i>Rich, full and soft with fresh plum and cherry fruit.</i>			
KROHN LAGRIMA WHITE PORT *WAS 21.39*	18.75	20.0	
<i>Complex and nutty, rich and honeyed with a long tangy finish. Try with soda and a slice of orange!</i>			
TAYLOR'S LBV PORT 2019	21.99	19.0	V +
<i>Ripe dark berry fruit and a long finish. Grab yourself a slab of cheese and settle in.</i>			
KROHN LBV PORT 2017 *WAS 22.89*	19.69	20.0	V+
<i>Spicy black fruit aromas. vibrant plum and blackberry characters layered with more spice and fresh acidity.</i>			
LEITH TAWNY PORT	24.39	19.0	
<i>Fairly youthful, simple, easy-drinking tawny with bags of molasses and nutty flavours.</i>			
LEITH WHITE PORT	24.39	19.0	
<i>Vibrant orange citrus and honeyed aromas, with some lemon, apple and a hint of vanilla almonds.</i>			
TAYLOR'S 10 YEAR OLD TAWNY PORT	30.25	20.0	V+
<i>Chocolate, butterscotch and fine cedar, great with dark chocolate, berry and blue cheeses.</i>			

SHERRY

FERNANDO CLASSIC FINO	19.49	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	20.19	15.0	V+
<i>SANLUCAR DE BARRAMEDA, Fino made in the port of Sanlucar- saltier, tangier and a bit more nutty.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC CREAM *WAS 21.55*	19.25	17.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. Rich and sweet with dried fruit and nuts</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC AMONTILLADO	21.55	17.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. Dryish style with a slightly sweet finish - try with mushroom soup</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC OROSO	21.95	18.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. Earthy, dry and aromatic with loads of walnut, spice and orange peel notes.</i>			
LEITH PEDRO XIMENEZ 37.5CL	22.05	15.0	
<i>LEITH: Produced by Bodegas Baron and bottled by the Port of Leith Distillery. A syrupy treat.</i>			
LEITH MANZANILLA SHERRY 75CL	23.89	15.0	
<i>SANLUCAR DE BARRAMEDA, Fino style. Bone dry with nutty and doughy flavours.</i>			
LEITH OROSO DRY SHERRY 75CL	24.39	19.0	
<i>JEREZ. A refreshing style of Oloroso, with zingy citrus notes, dried fruit, and a beautiful array of nutty flavours.</i>			
FERNANDO CLASSIC PX	27.85	15.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. All the dried raisins and fig flavours you'd ever want. Rich and concentrated.</i>			
FERNANDO DE CASTILLA ANTIQUE FINO 50CL	31.19	17.5	V+
<i>JEREZ. A 'Winter' Fino! Appealing salty tang and a long citrus finish. Very fresh and pure.</i>			
FERNANDO ANTIQUE PX *WAS 43.09*	35.65	15.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. 30 years in solera system, incredibly sweet, incredibly tasty- coffee, fig, raisin, molasses.</i>			
FERNANDO DE CASTILLA ANTIQUE PALO CORTADO 50CL	50.85	20.0	V+
<i>JEREZ. A fine rare wine, pure tangy nuttiness of Amontillado with the smooth smoky richness of Oloroso.</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. Also a great addition to stockings / handbags and pockets! 100ml single serves.





DRAM GOOD by James



Phew, what a year it's been with Fringe, comeback concerts and a buzzing freshers week! There's been some lovely additions to our whisky list this year plus a few sensational, locally produced rums. Here are my top picks for 2025;

LOCHLEA OUR BARLEY, AYRSHIRE, 50.00



The lovely people at Lochlea were very patient with me as I needed time to make a bit of room for them on our shelves. But their patience paid off, we now stock their core expression, the 'Our Barley,' made from barley on their beautiful Ayrshire farm. It's a lovely expressive drop matured in first fill bourbon, oloroso and STR casks, giving creamy depth and fruity, nutty sweetness. They also release seasonal whiskies every year, each with their own distinct flavour profile. We bagged all the tasty ones for you so be sure to check out our Whisky List online to see what's in stock. We've even got a few bottles open so you can try before you buy, with most expressions coming in around £50-70, they are fantastic value for money and bloomin' delicious.

KILKERRAN 12 YEAR OLD, CAMPLETOWN, 61.60



It's always a happy time when this sensational whisky is available, made traditionally at the Glengyle distillery in Campbeltown. This was one of the first whiskies I tried when I started getting into whisky. It's incredibly oily, mouth-filling and moreish. There's a lovely salty character to the dram, followed by a little citrus and finishing with smoky butterscotch. Absolutely delicious so get one while you can as these don't stay on the shelves for long!

RARE FIND 15 YEAR OLD DAILUAINE, SPEYSIDE, GLEANN MOR, 89.95



Leith based distillery and indie bottler, Gleann Mor spirits never fail to impress with their fantastic 'Rare Find' single cask whiskies. It was tough to pick just one, but I have to mention the Dailuaine 15 Year Old, a traditional Speyside distillery. I don't know how they do it, but their spirit is always pretty wild, often reminding me of tangfastic sweets! This whisky has a bit of that funk with some vanilla fudge and cherry on the nose leading to raspberries, raisins and chocolate shortbread on the palate. Absolutely wild and well worth the money.

NINEFOLD CASK AGED RUM, DORMONT ESTATE, LOCKERBIE, 55.00



"A rum?" I hear you ask..."I thought this was a whisky list?!" Well bear with me because Ninefold's Barrel Aged Rum drinks like good scotch, lovely and smooth with bags of flavour and a mouth coating texture. This particular rum has been aged in virgin American oak casks for at least two years to give notes of butterscotch on the nose with flavours of dried figs, coconut, banana and ginger with a spicy cinnamon finish. A beautiful rum and a dangerously easy sipper! And if barrel aged rum isn't your thing, they have delicious white, cask strength and spiced rums too so there's something for everyone. ~~46~~ from the small, passionate team on the beautiful Dormont estate, in a barn they converted themselves no less!

pineau de charantes

COFFEE

Quality single estate Arabica Brazilian coffee, whittled down from loads of samples. Rich, strong and aromatic with flavours of dark chocolate and nuts. Pre ground is best for coffee machines, or grind your own?

250g ready ground coffee - £5.55
250g ready ground DECAF -
1k of coffee beans - £15.65

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