



As was the case with their neighbours in the Lowlands, Highlanders did not restrict their wine drinking to happy, joyful occasions. On the contrary, no funeral of laird or gentleman took place without plentiful supplies of good cheer for those who attended. The funeral of Sir Alexander MacDonald of Sleat in 1746 was no exception – the largesse accompanying the ceremony having reputedly cost his estate £2,645. With so much wine flowing, this solemn event soon degenerated into riotous merry-making. In the brawling which ensued, many were seriously injured. Comparing it to a similar event some time afterwards, MacDonald of Ord remarked: “There has not been a funeral like it since that of Sir Alexander MacDonald when three men were killed and 50 taken out of the churchyard with the breath just left in them”. At funerals where such quantities of wine were being lavishly dispensed, there was a real danger that the reverence of the occasion would be forgotten and important details of the funeral arrangements be over-looked.

As we operate such a big and varied list for a small hotel, there may be occasions when certain wines are out of stock or change vintage and we will always suggest a suitable alternative. We keep some of our fine white wines at cellar temperature, so please tell us at least 30 minutes in advance if you would like it chilled further.

		<u>125ml</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
1	Piper-Heidsieck, Essentiel Cuvée Réservee Extra Brut NV, Champagne, France With a long and varied history dating back to its beginnings in 1785 when it was created by Florens-Louis Heidsieck, Piper-Heidsieck is one of Champagne's most well-known yet underestimated houses. From being a favourite of Marilyn Monroe (who claimed she liked a glass to wake up in the morning) to being the first ever bottle of Champagne to feature in a movie (the 1933 Laurel and Hardy film 'Sons of the Desert'). This wine is pale gold in colour. On the nose, there are aromas of fresh apples, almonds and crisp citrus notes. The palate seamlessly blends rich fruit cake with hints of nuts and a touch of salinity. It is a crisp and refreshing wine with fresh citrus on the long finish.	£18.50	£100.00
2	Devaux, Cuvée D, Aged 5 years, Côte des Bar, Champagne, France Founded in 1846 by the brothers Jules and Auguste Devaux, today Devaux is owned by the Union Auboise in the Côte des Bar. The "D Collection" wines are Devaux's very best. The grapes come from highly select, sustainably farmed parcels across 50 hectares. The Cuvée D is rich and intense, with lively acidity bringing balance, freshness and minerality		£115.00
3	Le Colture, Prosecco Brut DOC NV, Italy Le Colture, based in Valdobbiadene, are true sparkling wine experts. Over 500 years of experience have led this old-established family to produce a world class Prosecco. The Sylvoz Prosecco Brut DOC Treviso is light and delicate, with notes of orchard fruit and white flowers.	£11.00	£55.00
4	Wild Idol, Alcohol Free Sparkling Rosé, Rheinhessen, Germany Elegant floral aromas on the nose give way to abundant red fruit and crisp green apple flavours, with zesty hints of gooseberry, rhubarb and grapefruit on the palate. This wine ends in a long and lively finish, rich with hints of vanilla and toasted almond.	£9.00	£50.00
5	Pol Roger, White Foil, Epernay During a dinner in 1945, Duff Cooper, the British ambassador in Paris, introduced Odette Pol-Roger to Britain's military elite, whose wines we already knew and enjoyed. It was the start of a long friendship between the people of the United Kingdom and the person deemed "France's embodiment". The White foil is one of the most stunning of Grande Marque NV champagnes.		£135.00
6	Vincent Couche, Elegance Champagne NV (biodynamic) Vincent Couche has 10 hectares in the heart of the Côtes des Bar fondly sourced for Pinot Noir. Another 3 hectares near Troyes for Chardonnay. His range of steep cliff slopes all face the river Seine, while his terroirs cater for specific vine varieties with high density plantings to encourage plant competition and consistency. All alcoholic fermentation is achieved with only wild yeasts and aged in barrels so evolution can continue. This is one producer to watch!		£110.00
7	Ancre Hill Blanc de Noir, Wye Valley, Wales Nestled on the outskirts of Monmouth since 2011, Ancre Hill Estate boasts 12 acres of south facing rolling hills with its own meso-climate. Grapes are whole bunch pressed and aged for 30 months before hitting selected shelves. The end result is beautifully refreshing; a bone-dry, 0 dosage pet nat with superb minerality. Crisp apple, citrus and a rich melon acidity fill the finish.		£115.00
8	Champagne Laurent Perrier, Cuvee Rosé, Tours-sur-Marne NV The iconic bottle shape and quality of LP rosé is one of the region's jewels. First introduced in 1968 and made from 100% Pinot Noir using the rare skin contact method - the saignée method, to obtain its salmon-pink colour, it gives the wine added fruit and complexity with "extraordinary depth and freshness with delicious red berry flavours".		£165.00
9	Dom Perignon, Epernay, 2010 Another of the great icons and undoubtedly the most famous. Dom Perignon is a blend of 55% chardonnay and 45% pinot noir. Very refined DP with elegance and finesse at its core but with undelying muscle on the palate and length.		£320.00

By the Glass

175ml 375ml Bottle

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Reds

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All wines are served by the glass in a 175ml measure. We will happily serve a 125ml glass, if requested.

Bordeaux

Left Bank

Red

10 Pauillac, Domaine de Saint-Guirons, 2014 £90.00

The grapes for Domaine Saint-Guirons are a selection from the Puy Lacoste estate and this is a bottling that enjoys the same pedigree of fruit, exposition, and meticulous winemaking. The blend is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon / 30% Merlot / 5 % Cabernet Franc and shows all the great 'text book' characters of a Pauillac. So expect loads of black fruits underpinned with some delightful cedar and tobacco in the background.

11 Moulis-en-Medoc, Château Dutruch Grand Poujeaux 2014 £70.00

Grown on gravel soils this is an exceptional 31Ha. estate on the Poujeaux plateau and neighbours Chasse Spleen and Poujeaux itself. A classic blend of 51% merlot, 43% cabernet sauvignon and 3% each of petit verdot and cabernet franc was aged in French oak barrels for 12 months prior to bottling. It has a restrained bouquet of pencil shavings and graphite, and on the palate it offers the classic savoury, dark fruit notes that are so characteristic of left bank wines from the 2014 vintage. Tannins are present, but in no way dominant, and the wine has a pure, cool finish.

12 Château Capbern Gasqueton, St-Estèphe 2009 £130.00

A blend 72% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Merlot raised in 50% new oak and 50% one-year old barrels. The Capbern-Gasqueton 2009 has a very precise bouquet with ample red fruits: wild strawberry and raspberry with subtle earth and liquorice notes underneath and beginning to rise to the surface with each swirl of the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with good fruit concentration, slightly chalky tannins at this stage, good tension and mineralite coming through towards the finish with blacker fruits, one again with a hint of liquorice. Nice length and persistency.

Right Bank

Red

13 Château La Courolle, Montagne St. Emilion, 2020 £60.00

Montagne St. Emilion offers an excellent value insight into St. Emilion and Château La Courolle is a fine ambassador for the appellation. The estate is situated on the plateau of Montagne St. Emilion that has clay-limestone soil. Château La Courolle offers a wonderfully accessible entry to the St. Emilion style, rich, plummy and rounded with supple tannins.

14 Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol, 2016 £115.00

A rich and very indulgent Merlot dominant blend. Fragrant and dense berry coulis upfront with defined but well integrated tannins. Lovely acidity keeping all the fruit in check. Notes of linseed and a whiff of smoke dance around the finish, paving the way for an interesting freshness. Playful and charming Pomerol at its best.

15 L'Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol, 2017 £100.00

L'Hospitalet de Gazin is effectively the 'second' wine of Pétrus' neighbour, Château Gazin. Gazin is a large estate, at twenty-four hectares, housing varied parcels and different terroirs – not all on the plateau. The vineyard is planted with 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. Its L'Hospitalet de Gazin is selected from cuvées which provide an accessible, approachable and elegant style.

Bergerac

Red

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Burgundy

White

- 17 Chablis, Domaine Vincent Damp, 2022** £65.00
- Stylish with delicate notes of lemon & text book minerality. A 'rising star in the region' crafting immaculately balanced wines. It oozes that elegant, pure and mineral style of Chardonnay that defines Chablis.
- 18 Chassagne Montrachet, Les Macherelles 1er Cru, Domaine Francois Carillon, 2019** £230.00
- A viticulturalist of the highest quality, Francois believes passionately that the quality of wine is determined in the vineyard and, to that end; he strives to produce the best grapes possible, without recourse to chemical intervention. Focused lemon drizzle on nose, orchard fruit and icing sugar notes. The palate is fresh and breezy, acidity bright, presenting itself as fresh, crisp fruit, offset by pastry richness and cream. Lovely layers, this has a persistent, mineral and poised finish.
- 19 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Carrette, 2021** £80.00
- Pouilly-Fuissé is the oldest and most prestigious appellation in the Mâconnais region of southern Burgundy. This example from tiny estate Domaine Carrette comes from a parcel of just one hectare, spanning the communes of Vergisson and Solutré. It is a classically structured Pouilly-Fuissé with subtly ripe fruits and minerals balanced by fresh acidity.

Red

- 20 Beaune Coucheries 1er Cru Domaine Pierre Labet 2018** £145.00
- Produced from 63 year old vines, fermented and aged in 50% new Burgundian oak, which gives added structure to the wine. The bouquet is immediately appealing, quite lush, but then broadens to show cassis, cherry and spice elements. A long, complex and broadening finish.
- 21 Volnay Domaine Cyrot-Buthiau, 2020** £160.00
- Small family-owned Doamine Cyrot-Buthiau is based in Pommard, at the very southern tip of Burgundy's Côte de Beaune. Marc-Emmanuel and Olivier Cyrot are the fourth winemaking generation of this family domaine. They have produced a medium bodied, elegant and silky texture full of delicate cherry fruit and dark spice, combined with floral and earthy notes.

Beaujolais

Red

- 22 Moulin-a-Vent, Le Carquelin, Domaine Labruyere, 2018** £95.00
- The oldest estate in Moulin-a-Vent, the family settled in Thorins in 1850. From a south facing slope of 50 yr old vines, an iconic parcel of Moulin a Vent. When the appellation was created in 1936, this was considered a premier cru. Le Carquelin covers 3.5Ha half of which is owned by Domaine Labruyere. Beautifully perfumed with gorgeous cherry and blackberry fruit and fresh, mineral notes.
- 23 Morgon Côte du Py, Jean-Marc Burgaud 2021** £75.00
- Jean-Marc Burgaud, based in Villié-Morgon, is a top Beaujolais grower who is also considered the finest winemaker in Morgon. Coming from a family of winemakers, Jean-Marc ventured into wine-making in 1989. The Cote du Py has intense aromas of fresh red cherry and plum fruit and a rich and deeply concentrated palate with finely-tuned tannins and a long mineral finish.

Rhone

White

- 24 Crozes-Hermitage, Vieilles Vignes, Maison Tardieu Laurent 2021** £120.00
100% Syrah, the vines being 60 years old. Following fermentation, the wine is aged for 12 months in new and one year-old barrels, then spends six months in foudres. A delightfully playful spicy nose, with dark berries. The palate is finely tuned, with an ebullient juiciness of fruit built around a mid-weight tannic chassis.
- 25 Côtes du Rhône blanc, les becs fins, Maison Tardieu Laurent 2021** £70.00
Juicy and bright, with a mix of yellow plum, yellow apple and white peach flavors draped with a subtle brioche note on the flattering finish.

Red

- 26 Hermitage Tardieu-Laurent 2018** £145.00
100% old vine Syrah and Serine is aged for a year in new and one year-old barrels, then for another year in foudres and “coaxed to deliver an enticing mix of sweet and savoury aromatics, a robust ripe structure and a luxuriant fruit profile”.
- 27 Chateauneuf du Pape, Clos des Papes, Paul Avril, 2017** £175.00
Clos des Papes is one of the most highly regarded properties; not only in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, but in the world of wine. The wine is certified organic. This is a charming bottle of wine, rich in flavour, texture and structure bursting with sweet red fruits underpinned with very attractive spice, savoury and herbal notes.

Alsace

White

- 28 Riesling, Beblenheim, Domaine Trapet, 2019/20** £60.00
An estate practising bio-dynamic and organic viticulture and vinification, they produce beautifully textured wines with an ‘electric purity about them’ - a pale straw colour, crisp citric acidity balanced out by rich apricot sweetness. The finish is surprisingly dry with a soft and under-laying spice.

Loire

White

- 29 Sancerre, Florian Mollet, 2021/22** £80.00
The Antique Sancerre displays intense notes of gooseberry, yellow plum and peach. The palate is poised with an harmonious balance of acidity and vibrant fruit supported by a vivid mineral backbone and a long, saline finish.

Southern France

White

- 30 Baron de Badassière, Picpoul de Pinet, 2022** £55.00
The Baron de Badassière wines come from Picpoul de Pinet, near the coast in the Languedoc. The name derives from the Badassière vineyard, situated near the small town of Pomérols. On the nose, it has aromas of citrus fruit, grapefruit, lemon and lime, and floral notes.

Red

- 31 Mas Daumas de Gassac, Pays l'Herault, 2011** £185.00
The house has been called the Lafite of Languedoc, reflecting the poise and balance of the wine. Taking inspiration from Bordeaux, it is Cabernet based and this very complex wine undergoes a Medoc like vinification and is matured for 12 – 16 months in oak. The result is a fantastic bouquet of crushed blackberries and mulberries with smoke and leather culminating in a long, silky finish.
- 32 Cabardès, Château Maurel, Languedoc, 2019** £50.00

The sun kissed vineyards of Cabardès lie in the foothills of the 'Black Mountain', near Carcassonne in the Languedoc-Roussillon. Alain Maurel established his winery here in 1973, blending classic Bordeaux varieties with their Mediterranean cousins, Syrah and Grenache. Here, a firm, ripe structure underpins spicy, plum fruit.

- 33 Malbec, Causse du Theron, Cahors, 2018/20** £65.00
- Cahors, champion of limestone soils and home of the beloved Malbec grape. The style is elegant, with firm dark berries and a minerality that leans out the body a little. This is not a compromise however, it gives the wine some fantastic lift by bringing some vibrancy to its dense fruits. Soft tannins and plenty of plum blend into a slight savoury finish. A lovely example of French Malbec.

Spain

White

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- An outstanding albariño with healthy lashings of Loureiro, a grape dominating blends in the Iberian peninsula, and Treixadura, a smooth and refined grape variety better known as 'The Jewel' of Ribiero. Citrus, stonefruits and a dollop of oak which is superbly integrated. It offers mouth watering textures and depth, making it a splendid option for Skye's plethora of world class seafood.
- 35 Rioja Blanco, El Coto, Rioja Alavesa, 2022** £50.00
- With modest findings in 1970 to ownership of the largest vineyard in Rioja, spanning 3 of the area's sub-regions; Alta, Oriental and Alavesa. El Coto has become one of the premiere wine makers in this part of the world, some of the slopes sitting at over 900m above sea level, making them the highest vines in all of Rioja. Head winemaker is Cesar Fernandez.

Red

- 36 Dominio do Bibei, `Lalama` Red Ribeira Sacra 2020** £65.00
- Vibrant, spicy and purple with herbaceous notes and a juicy, palate marked by granitic soil and piquantly spiced. The red fruit takes the upper hand on the strikingly energetic finish. Flavours of highly perfumed fruit and an incredible bouquet of herbs and balsams.
- 37 PSI, Dominio Pingus, Ribera del Duero, 2020** £90.00
- Highly respected for producing Pingus one of the most iconic wines in the world Psi is his new joint project with local growers in the region. Charming both press and customers since its first release in 2007, the 100% Tempranillo (or Tinto fino) has an understated, beautifully polished style and very distinguished structure. Delivering elegant raspberry and bramble fruit with notes of oranges, tobacco and spice, a fresh yet full palate and fine tannins on a long, luxurious finish.

Italy

White

- 38 Gavi di Gavi, 'Lugarara' La Giustiniana, Piedmont, 2022** £65.00
- 110 hectares in the heart of Rovereto sits a former benedictine monk commune who were the first to cultivate vines in the area before the vineyard was bought by the Giustiniana family in 1625. Marl soils with sandy layers have helped impart lime peel, stone fruits and a beguiling minerality. You cant go wrong with Cortese!
- 39 Verdicchio, Belisario, Vigneti B Metalica, Marche, 2020** £55.00
- From a modest co-operative in Metalica, just inland from Castelli di Jesi, is Cantine Belisario. 24 organic vineyards spread throughout 300 hectares of continental hills, the combination of warm days and cool nights allows the grapes aromatics and structure to properly develop. Thus, the harvest some seasons can be as late as mid October. The result is truly wonderful. Dandelion and herbs on the nose, soft and elegant in the mouth. A very refreshing wine.
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- 41 'Scheizer' Manna, Franz Haas, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2021** £75.00

The Haas family have been growing vines in Bolzano for generations. Having studied in Geisenheim, Germany, Franz sold Italian wines at local markets before taking helm of the family business. Known for his attention to detail, the estate goes to great lengths to ensure their fruit and vino are infused with character, purity and balance. The 'Schweizer' is a momentous blend of Riesling, Gewurtztraminer, Kemer and equal parts barrel-fermented Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The sweetness is spritely, fresh and invigorating. To say this is his flagship wine is an under statement!

Italy

Red

- 42 Barolo, 'Albe' G.D. Vajra, Piemont, 2019** £120.00
 Barolo; often the finest wine in Italy, made in a vast amount of styles, enjoyed by all. Aldo Vajra named his estate after his father, Giuseppe Domenico, when he established it in 1972. From 60 hectares, 10 alone are used exclusively for Barolo. The 2017 vintage is drinking very, very well.
- 43 Nebbiolo, Langhe, Giacomo Ascheri, Piemont, 2021** £60.00
 This wine made by possibly the most amiable man in wine (Matteo Ascheri) is a perfect partner to any red meat (particularly game) and also with hard, mature cheese. Fruitful with friendly tannins, beautiful drinking.
- 44 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, D.O.C.G, Tenuta Valdipiatta, Tuscany, 2017/18** £80.00
 Located in the heart of Vino Nobile territory and run by Miriam Caporali. The estate was bought by Miriam's father in the mid 80's and handed the keys to his daughter in early 2002. In 2010, Miriam bought in Eric Boissenot, a legend from Bordeaux known for his oenologic work with Chateau Lafite, Latour, Margeaux and Palmer. A 30 hectare lot with 22 specifically for sangiovese, boasting clay soils with copious volcanic deposits. Dense and supple tuscan goodness with red berries, cherries and a balanced acidity.

Portugal

Red

- 45 Pintas Character Wine & Soul, Douro, 2018** £90.00
 These 70 year old vine parcels are a mix of Touriga Franca, Tinto Roriz (known as Tempranillo elsewhere), Touriga Nacional and around 25 other varietals. Grapes are carefully hand picked when ripe and pressed as a vineyard selection on numerous occasions through the growing season. Crushed by foot in stone lagares, fermented and then aged for 18 months in a mix of new and old French oak.

Lebanon

Red

- 46 Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, 2017** £120.00
 One never grows tired of this superb world famous wine: a varying blend of old vine, low yielding Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Carignan with a supple style and well balanced. Lively and complex with layers of rich berry fruits - also soft, ripe fruits such as cherries, damsons with spiciness and cedar.

South America

White

- 47 Sauvignon Blanc, Montes, Leyda, Chile, 2021** £50.00
 An excellent example of 'cool climate' Chilean Sauvignon delivering beautifully clean fruit purity bursting with fresh herbaceous aromas and a crisp, tropical fruit laden palate.

Red

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49 Malbec Finca Mirador, Achaval-Ferrer, Mendoza, Argentina, 2015 £200.00

Lujan de Cuyo was the first delineated appellation in Mendoza with the purpose to grow and harvest vino. An eloquent balance between vine elevation (some almost 5000ft) and hospitable soils have transformed how we understand and enjoy the Malbec grape. The Finca Mirador is a show-stopper with a complex parade of oaked chocolate, creamy nuts, dark berries, plums and a lash of leather. Indulgent!

North America

White

50 De la Guerra, Chardonnay, Hyde de Villaine, Carneros, California, 2016 £165.00

A joint project between Aubert de Villaine of Domaine de la Romanee Conti and Larry Hyde of Carneros winemaking fame, these Californian wines combine a degree of the finesse, elegance and refinement, which most of us would associate with European wines, with a balance of richness and vitality afforded by the relatively cool, windy climate of the Carneros region.

Red

51 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cakebread Cellars, Napa Valley, 2020 £170.00

Sourced from various vineyards across Napa, this is a tremendously complex wine bursting with silky black fruit and fine tannins. The blend is topped with 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec, a true Left-Bank Bordeaux blend. A revered and respected titan of Napa since 1973.

Australia

White

52 Riesling, Pewsey Vale Vineyard, Eden Valley, 2020/21 £60.00

A classic example of dry Eden Valley Riesling. A pale straw with green hues, the wine shows intense fruit aromas of talcum, crushed citrus & stone fruit, with a hint of dried herb. The wine finishes with a natural acidity that balances the flavour intensity and the minerality.

53 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, 'The Gathering', The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2019 £70.00

From a total of 2 Ha of plots of Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon vines, this is very elegant and charming wine with a remarkable amount of underlying muscle. Stylistically, somewhere between top end Pouilly Fumé and Bordeaux Blanc. The wine has seen 70% barrel fermentation, which gives it the power and mouthfilling appeal, yet the rest is all very well judged fruit; characters from citrus fruit, pear, smoke, toast, vanilla to delicate minerality. The finish is round with a flinty edge.

54 Block 1A Chardonnay, The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2021 £60.00

The Lane Project, high in the Adelaide Hills, was an ambitious project that proved incredible. Burgundian vines in South Australian soil 450 metres above sea level. Bright, clean tropical fruit with a creamy stonefruit acidity. Its an exciting wine from an exciting wine-maker, a true celebration of old and new world unity.

Red

55 Little Tacker GSM, Barossa Boy, Barossa Valley, South Australia, 2018 £70.00

A fabulous rhone blend from a 6th generation winemaking family, well regarded world wide for their devotion to reds with immense presence. Trent Burge is a farm boy and the terrain is what he knows best. His deep understanding of Barossa and its history has helped him bring to life wine that is remarkably honest to its area. Lavender, oaked vanilla and cherry chocolate all polished and generously delivered. The finish is long with a restrained spice.

56 Plexus GSM, John Duval, Barossa Valley, 2019 £90.00

One of the world's great winemakers, John Duval's 'Plexus' is his first wine since leaving the helm at Penfolds. Complexity and finesse! The Shiraz has provided the backbone to this wine and imparted blackberry preserve; the Grenache has offered aromatics to its rustic, dense fruits; and the Mourvedre, while tying it all together, brings tannic structure and savoury hints. Big stuff but not at all frightening, with plenty of dark fruits and beautiful notes of christmas cake and festive spice.

New Zealand

White

- 57 Pino Gris, Tinpot Hut, Marlborough, 2022** £55.00

Elegant ripe fruit on the nose, with aromas of green pear, apricot, mandarin and blossom. The well-rounded palate balances fresh pear, stone fruit and nutmeg with a vibrant acidity for a mouthwatering finish.

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South Africa

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- 60 "Cat's Cradle" Thorne & Daughters, Swartland Chenin Blanc 2020/21** £95.00

This is a very pure and bright expression of Chenin Blanc. On the nose, aromas of white stone fruit combine with hints of almond, lemon thyme and wet stone. On the palate, the wine has a lovely creamy texture. Vibrant acidity balances the precise and concentrated flavours which endure on the lingering finish.

Red

- 61 Spice Route, Swartland Pinotage 2020** £65.00

Produced from a single block of bush vineyard on the Klein Amoskuil farm in Malmesbury. These unirrigated bushvines were planted in 1997 on Koffieklip soils. Koffieklip soils produce elegant red wines with robust structure. Intense ruby red colour with rich blackcurrant and cherry aromas. On the palate, there are intense dark fruit flavours complemented by bright acidity and subtle spice.

Rose

- 62 Petale de Rosé, Ch. La Tour de l'Eveque, Provence, France, 2022** £60.00
The majestic Château La Tour de l'Évêque stands in the commune of Pierrefeu in Provence. Since 2005 the 89Ha. of vineyards use only organic viticultural and sustainable winemaking techniques. A beautifully aromatic and balanced blend of Grenache, Cinsaut, Syrah (with a touch of Semillon and Rolle). Clean cherry and red fruits, whiffs of herb, stone fruit kernel and sherbet with a soft, rounded palate and fine acidity.
- 63 Primitivo Rosé, A Mano, Puglia, Italy, 2022** £50.00
A delicious medium/full bodied Rosé with outstanding ripe fruit and berry components. Elegant and complex, yet youthful, juicy and very interesting. A dash of oak imparts a creaminess which in turn amplifies the soft forest fruits.

Dessert Wines

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| 64 Sauternes, Chateau Delmond, Bordeaux, France, 2018 (75cl) | £9.00 | £65.00 |
| 90% Semillon & 10% Sauvignon Blanc. At least 80% of all grapes used are affected by the 'noble rot', Botrytis. fresh floral and stone fruit aromas on the nose. Apricot, honey and peach mix with citrus peel and creamy flavours on the palate. It is medium to full bodied with refreshing acidity to balance the lingering sweet finish | | |
| 65 Joostenberg Estate Chenin Blanc Noble Late Harvest 2021 (37.5cl) | £11.50 | £45.00 |
| The wine has a beautiful golden straw colour. The nose & palate are characterized by wax, apricot, pineapple, marmalade and honey comb flavours. There is plenty of sweetness (more than most vintages) and the finish is marked by lingering acidity. | | |
| 66 Noans, La Tunella, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Italy, 2020 (50cl) | £12.00 | £60.00 |
| An intense and complex nose, with a bouquet of candied citrus, intermingling with sweet honey. Equal parts Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Traminer, this is a triumph of the sweet and the aromatic. Bright and balanced with persistent notes of candied orange and apple. Beautiful. | | |
| 67 Chambers Rosewood, Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Australia, (37.5cl) | £15.50 | £65.00 |
| Considered to be the world's richest muscat, late harvest grapes, blended through the solera before being bottled with the Campbell's primary badge of authenticity, the letter 'R' for Rutherglen Estate. The flavours are rich but surprisingly clean and pronounced. Rose petals, figs and orange peel spread wide across the mouth. | | |
| 68 Cabernet Franc Icewine, Peller, 2018 (37.5cl) | £25.00 | £115.00 |

Naturally frozen Cabernet Franc grapes are hand harvested from Niagara-on-the-Lake vineyards at -10°C. Pressed frozen, releasing only one drop of pure extract from each grape. A rich and silky with wonderful flavours of tangy red berries and redcurrant jelly. Lovely notes of cherry juice and blood orange linger on the finish. Soft delicate tannins and the perfect balance of sweetness and acidity.

69 Vin de Constance, Klein Constantia, Constantia, South Africa, 2014 (50cl)

£25.00 £150.00

As close to an icon as a wine can get. This multiple gold winner got 90 points from Wine Spectator. Bright golden in colour with fresh, green tinge. The richly aromatic nose displays candied orange peel, sundried peaches and whiffs of sandalwood. The palate is full and viscous with waves of white peach and pear, a restrained acidity and a fine, nutty finish.