



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 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>Champagne & Sparkling Wines</u>		<u>125ml</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
1	Champagne Laurent-Perrier, Brut, Tours-sur-Marne NV Founded over 200 years ago and based in the heart of the Champagne region, Laurent-Perrier is one of the most distinguished, family-owned Champagne Houses handcrafting elegant champagnes using traditional, time-honoured methods. Ideal as an apéritif, and fantastic when paired with food.	£18.00	£90.00
2	Prosecco, Sylvos, Le Colture, Treviso, Italy NV Based in the heart of the Valdobbiadene region, the winery has been in the hands of the Ruggeri family since the 16th century. Pale straw in colour with a delicate, fine mousse. The wine shows aromas and flavours of orchard fruit, citrus, almonds and white flowers, with a soft mousse and beautiful complexity of flavour on the palate.	£8.50	£40.00
3	Taittinger, Brut Réserve, Reims Dry, light and elegant with fine, pale gold bubbles and the subtle body and bouquet of the Chardonnay grape, which is dominant in this cuvée. First introduced to us by our very dear friend, Sandy Irvine Robertson. A very memorable champagne.		£100.00
4	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.		£125.00
5	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 terriors 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
6	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
7	Bollinger, Special Cuvée, Ay There is a strength about the weight and depth of Bollinger helped by the complexity and distinctive style from the Pinot Noir that sets it apart from other Grande Marques.		£120.00
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".		£130.00
9	Dom Perignon, Epernay, 2008/09 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.		£295.00
10	Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne, Reims, 2007 First produced in 1952, the Comtes de Champagne from Taittinger is the pinnacle of this independent, family run chateau's range. Made from 100 percent Chardonnay grapes from six Grand Cru sites in the Côte de Blancs. The 2007 epitomises Taittinger's famed purity and elegance; this is a wine of the very highest calibre.		£320.00

By the Glass

Whites

	<u>175ml</u>	<u>375ml</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
Pinot Grigio, La Tunella, Colli Orientali del Friuli, 2018	£10.00	£20.00	£38.00
A Pinot Grigio with depth, elegance and a real freshness from this forward-thinking, 'boutique' winery in one of Italy's classic regions. An intense, fresh bouquet of acacia blossom and ripe tropical fruit with a mouthfilling brioche/citrus palate.			
Block 1A Chardonnay, The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2018	£14.00	£27.50	£55.00
The Lane Project, high in the Adelaide Hills, makes it to bottle finally. 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. This estate knows where it came from and exactly where its going.			
Sauvignon Blanc, Greywacke, Marlborough, 2019	£15.00	£30.00	£60.00
Named after the primary bedrock of NZ's South Island, Greywacke is the brainchild of Marlborough wine pioneer Kevin Judd. This is another fine example of what has made Marlborough the international dominant force in Sauvignon Blanc's it is today. Broad fruit palate of rich nectarine, gooseberry, melon, grapefruit and hints of Jasmine. Ripe lemon citrus fills the long and crisp finish.			

Reds

Garnacha, Gaznata, Sierra de Gredos, 2019	£12.50	£25.00	£50.00
An hour from Madrid are the mountains of the Sierra de Gredos, a staggeringly beautiful area, home to wild bears, wolves, and some incredibly old Garnacha (Grenache) vines. Enter Daniel Ramos; a young, dynamic winemaker with local roots, but an Australian accent. The wine he has produced is light in colour, like a true Garnacha, easy drinking, full of blackberries and redcurrants, with a delicious richness and spice and a complexity beyond its price tag.			
Pinot Noir, Eradus, Marlborough, 2019	£14.00	£28.00	£55.00
The Eradus just seems to get better vintage after vintage with the 2015 now as perfumed and as polished as ever, but with an underlying structure that promises great future. A refined and tempered Pinot of lush and velvety charm and structure. Earthy mushroom notes contrast with dark, perfumed fruit and flowers.			
Merlot, Santa Digna Reserva, Valle Central, Chile, 2019	£10.00	£20.00	£40.00
Founded and run by the Torres family since 1979, the Santa Digna Estate produces this merlot with great aromatic intensity. Flavours of plum and blackberry jam, with hints of vanilla and liquorice spice, enriched with toasted notes from time spent ageing in oak.			

Rose

Primitivo Rosé, A Mano, Puglia, Italy, 2019	£12.00	£23.50	£44.00
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 inturn amplifies the soft forest fruits. If its something new and exciting you seek, you found it!			

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

Bordeaux

Bottle

Left Bank

White

- 11 Château Picque Caillou, Pessac Leonan, Graves, 2013/14** £85.00
Built in 1780 in what was then the countryside outside Bordeaux. It is situated near the Rocade and more importantly, just a few hundred metres from Château Haut Brion. Isabelle and Paulin Calvet took over the management of the estate prior to purchasing it in 1997. This dynamic family has brought a fresh burst of life to the property.

Red

- 12 Château Anthonic, Moulis-en-Medoc, 2012** £65.00
A fine vintage of 82% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, displaying classic leftbank notes of firm dark fruit and charred oak. Supple cherries both polished and broad coat the mouth followed by an enduring finish. Tannins are soft but pronounced.
- 13 La Dame de Montrose, 2nd wine of Ch. Montrose, St. Estephe, 2012** £125.00
Made to the same rigorous standards as the first wine, from grapes grown in the same vineyard, La Dame de Montrose is the estate's second label. Supple and silky Merlot generally predominates in the varietal mix. Its very pronounced red fruit aromas and flavours.
- 14 Château Potensac, Medoc, 2014/15** £90.00
A classic Medoc; an elegant and refined wine composed of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, A pure and strong palate with dense, distinguished and spicy tannins.
- 15 Château Grand Puy Ducasse, 5ème Cru Classé, Pauillac, 2011/12** £175.00
Exhibits a dense, almost opaque colour with gorgeous up-front, sweet, ripe fruit. The palate is medium to full bodied and chewy with a well endowed, plush texture. The wine is pure, complex and engaging.
- 16 Chateau Langoa Barton, 3eme Cru, St. Julien, 2009** £195.00
Chateau Langoa-Barton, 3rd Classified Growth, was the first of the two Bordeaux wine estates bought by Hugh Barton in the 1820s, the other being Léoville-Barton, 2nd Classified Growth. Hugh Barton was a descendant of an Irish family which settled in Bordeaux in the 18th century and which has a long and distinguished history in the region's wine trade. A beautifully polished claret.
- 17 Château Lagrange, 3 Eme Cru, St Julien, 2009 - (2004 also available)** £170.00
This large estate covering 120ha holds a commanding view from the highest point in St Julien. Cassis and bramble on the nose with well-integrated tannins and acidity. A good long finish with growing persistence.
- 18 Reserve de la Comtesse, Pauillac, 2013** £125.00
The second wine of second growth Ch. Pichon Lalande, it's a very refined, elegant style of Pauillac. The fruit and tannins are beautifully judged and drinking perfectly now. 50% percent Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc with a touch of Petit Verdot has resulted in a ripe, round and elegant style of wine with medium body, sweet chocolate tannins on a rather pleasant finish.
- 19 Château Tronquoy Lalande, St. Estephe, 2008** £85.00
Deep colour. Profound nose of black fruits, notes of spices and slightly roasted wood. On the palate, an elegant, well-crafted wine with racy wood and intense, long-lasting fruit.
- 20 Château Brane-Cantenac, 2ème Cru Classé, Margaux, 2010** £215.00
Since 1992, Chateau Brane's grapes have been in the restorative hands of an industry master, Henri Lurton. His primary focus is pure; make unique and extraordinary vino! It has tremendous freshness, the balance of fruit and spice is sublime. Tannins are present of course, but the texture boasts a velvet feel, harmonising the long, dry finish. Splendid example of Margeaux.

Bordeaux

Right Bank

Red

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| 21 | Annonce de Belair Monange Grand Cru, St Emilion, 2014 | £190.00 |
| | An impressive and dense expression exhibiting terrific minerality for a wine so concentrated with flavour. The aromas are full of creamed strawberries, the palate softly fruited with cassis, kirsch and sweet spices. The tannins are dry but not overly grippy, with a decorative and fragrant finish. | |
| 22 | Château Hosanna, Pomerol, 2014 | £255.00 |
| | Dubbed the 'Cheval Blanc' of Pomerol by Robert Parker. Hosanna, formerly known as Ch. Certan-Giraud, is an outstanding wine, oozing a purity of fruit, and ripeness of tannins, that is as charming and beguiling as one may taste, without going in to the price points of its neighbouring properties. A blend of approximately 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, it is beautifully balanced. There is a gorgeous intensity of fruit and power, with such a memorable length. | |
| 23 | Château La Courolle, Montagne St. Emilion, 2015/16 | £55.00 |
| | 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. | |
| 24 | Château Mondot Grand Cru, St. Emilion, 2007 | £85.00 |
| | With this amount of bottle age, the Chateau Mondot is now showing all its soft and luscious fruit. The primary plums and cherries brilliantly couple with tobacco, cigar box, spice and hints of liquorice. This is red meat territory! The magic here is in the balance. Umami, leather and mulled blackberries give the finish an overwhelming lift. The wine is far less ambiguous than its complexity suggests. | |
| 25 | 'Clos st Martin' Grand Cru, St. Emilion, 2014/15 | £240.00 |
| | Consistently receiving 96pts from Robert Parker, the Clos st Martin reveals a style similar to Pavie-Macquin; a dense, purple-colored St. Emilion that exhibits a liquid limestone-like character, along with abundant, floral notes. Considerable depth with a structured, as well as tannic profile; pure personality. With good bottle age, it is drinking beautifully just now. | |
| 26 | Château La Fleur Petrus, Pomerol, 2005 | £395.00 |
| | A magnificent 18Ha. property producing exquisite Pomerol from various parcels of vines neighbouring the greats of Petrus, le Pin and Lafleur. Across the board, all parcels sit between 33 and 38 metres above sea level. Predominantly Merlot, it is delectably fresh, elegant and in almost perfect balance. This is an outstanding La Fleur-Pétrus, the 2005 joining the sublime '98 and '09 vintages as some of Pomerol's finest wines in recent years. | |
| 27 | L'Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol, 2013 | £95.00 |
| | 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. It is one of the highest plateaus in the region, vines respectively aging 35 years on average. The vineyard is planted with 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. This L'Hospitalet de Gazin is selected from cuvées which provide an accessible, approachable and elegant style. Violets and red currants at the fore with dried berries lingering heavy. In its 8th year, it's now opening up nicely. | |

Burgundy

Bottle

White

- 30 Chablis, Domaine Vincent Dampit, 2018** £60.00
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.
- 31 Chablis, Grand Cru 'Bougros', William Fevre , 2014/15/16** £195.00
There are only 7 Grand Cru vineyards. The small vineyards that have exceptional exposure to the sun produce great quality wines of remarkable complexity. When mature the colour is deep gold, with a powerful earthy nose with a strong aroma of crystallised fruit, nuts and honey.
- 32 Chablis, 1er Cru 'Montmains', Louis Michel, 2016** £90.00
Full of mineral flavours alongside zippy citrus and green apple characteristics. The finish is elegant and very fine.
- 33 Puligny Montrachet, Bouchard Père et Fils, 2018** £145.00
Michel Bouchard founded this estate in 1731 making it one of the oldest in Burgundy. This Puligny is delicious with floral and fruit aromas with a nice oaky note. An attractive marriage between power and elegance, this wine also offers a lovely smoothness.
- 34 Bourgogne Blanc, Les Setilles, Olivier Leflaive, 2018** £65.00
A prestigious blend of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault. Chardonnay is at its most mineral and complex on Burgundian soil. Bright lemon in colour, this wine is incredibly fresh with white flower, citrus fruit and apple notes, balanced with subtle hints of creamy vanilla.
- 35 Chassagne Montrachet, Les Macherelles 1er Cru, Domaine Francois Carillon, 2015/17** £220.00
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 – very good indeed!
- 36 Pouilly Fuissé , Bouchard Père et Fils, 2018** £70.00
The star of the Mâcon appellations lies at the foot of the Solutré and Vergisson crags that rise into the sky like two immense bows of a ship and connoisseurs like its elegance and lively, silky texture. Typical aromas, with fruit and floral notes. A very perfumed, silky and elegant wine.
- 37 Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray, 2011** £395.00
To most, Domaine Bonneau du Martray is Corton Charlemagne – One of the very greatest of all Grand Cru white Burgundies, synonymous with a style that combines an aching richness, length and concentration with an incomparable finesse and purity. Superb.
- 38 Meursault, Bouchard Père et Fils, 2017** £125.00
A gentle aroma of floral fruit on the nose opens up to a rich and charming, full bodied wine. Fantastic structure with a long and palpable finish. Superb accompaniment to seafood. The Bouchard Père et Fils estate continue to champion the ideal that ' the combination of tradition and innovation give birth to distinctiveness', something we strive to reflect in our convictions and our food.

Burgundy

Red

- 40 Marsannay, Domaine Trapet, 2015 (biodynamic)** £95.00
Marsannay is the northern most appellation of the Côte de Nuits district. This Pinot Noir shows fresh, balanced red fruit flavours offset by spice and earth notes, ending in a persistent finish. This is a wonderful example, drinking well now.
- 41 Nuits-St Georges, 1er Cru "les Crots", Domaine Lupé Cholet, 2013/14** £150.00
Very deep garnet-red colour. Its nose has a fine and typical fruit with aromas of red fruit, spices and tobacco. Long on the palate, its body is well balanced and tasty. Lupé Cholet is a respected negociant in Burgundy but this wine is sourced from their very own prized vineyards over-looking the village of Nuits St. Georges itself.
- 42 Mercurey, 1er Cru 'Le Clos des Barraults', Domaine Michel Juillot, 2016** £105.00
Made by the charming Laurent Juillot who, from his roots in Burgundy, has travelled and made wine in California, Australia and New Zealand. Whilst he has embraced the philosophy of the new world, the wine shows regional typicity with beautifully clean, fruit purity with deceptively complex structure.
- 43 Beaune, 1er Cru, 'Les Teurons', Domaine Rossignol-Trapet, 2014/15** £145.00
In 1990 David and Nicolas Trapet split from Domaine Trapet forming their own Domaine Rossignol-Trapet, where they now produce, using biodynamic principle, Burgundies with distinctive, individual style. From a 1.1Ha parcel of vines, the Teurons is a wonderfully feminine wine and shows a delightfully pure and ripe concentration of dark cherry fruit, spice, wild berries and violets with a mineral focus.
- 44 Corton Bressandes Grand Cru, Domaine Harmond-Geoffroy, 2014** £300.00
Nadine Gublin describes her approach to wine making as 'sustainable viticulture, precise wine making with attention to optimal ripeness'. From a small parcel of .8Ha in Grand Cru of Bressandes is this beautiful bottle rich and masculine with a perfumed, sensitive side and opulence in abundance. Power and finesse combine.
- 45 Gevrey –Chambertin, "En Jouise", Domaine Harmond-Geoffroy, 2014** £135.00
This is a wine of texture and precision from a great name in Burgundy, particularly from the area around the great vineyards of Chambertin. This is approachable for the newcomer but also full of character for the most serious of Burgundy connoisseurs.
- 46 Volnay, 1er Cru, 'Brouillards', Domaine Jessiaume, 2015/16** £95.00
From a small (0.26Ha) parcel of vines on this highly respected vineyard. Bright ruby with aromas of violet, cherry and gooseberry that spell out a delicate complexity in nose and mouth. The refinement of its bouquet earns it the designation of the Côte de Beaune's most "feminine" wine.

Beaujolais

Red

- 48 Moulin-a-Vent, Le Carquelin, Domaine Labruyere, 2014/16** £85.00
The oldest estate in Moulin-a-Vent, the family settled in Thorins, a hamlet of Romaneche-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.
- 49 Fleurie, Manoir du Carra, 2017/18 (biodynamic)** £65.00
The Sambardier family have owned this estate, which now extends to 34 hectares spread over 50 vineyard sites, for 5 generations. They are lucky to farm some great terroirs and the sons of the house are slowly taking over more responsibility, assuring the future of the domaine. This Fleurie comes from a 1.5 hectare plot of 50 year old vines, on pink granite soil. Strawberry-fresh and vibrant, with aromas of violet and light spice, it is ample, and soft, on the palate.

Rhone

Bottle

White

- 50 Chateaufeuf du pape blanc, Vieilles Vignes, Tardieu-Laurent, 2016/17** £125.00
An utterly delicious blend of old vine Roussanne & Marsanne, lush, heady peach and pear aromas with touches of vanilla. The palate is fresh and ripe. A gorgeous and creamy finish with fine acidity. There is almost a 'Burgundian-like' style to it. Refined and elegant, however, those stone fruit flavours bring it firmly back and down to the Rhone.
- 51 Hermitage, Chante-Alouette, M. Chapoutier, 2015** £135.00
The name of Hermitage probably first appeared in the XVII Century in memory of Henry Gaspard, a knight from Stérimberg. Having come back from the Crusades (in the XIII Century) and tired of waging war, he lived as a hermit on a hillside which had been given to him by Anne of Castille, Queen of Spain. Brilliant and green golden. Complex yet subtle, aromas of quince, honey, ginger, acacia with a hint of lime blossom. Very elegant with great length.

Red

- 55 Côte Rôtie, Vieilles Vignes, Tardieu-Laurent, 2014** £140.00
A barage of dark berries, ripe fruit and lightly wooded plum compote. The nose is refined and explosive. In the mouth it has a savoury herbaciousness with soft hints of violet and an enduring finish. A fine and full wine showcasing real fruit power and complexity from 50 year old vines.
- 56 Gigondas, Domain du Cayron, 2015/16** £80.00
The stunner from Rhone's celebrated south and champion of Grenache. The village's dry Mediterranean air combined with the composition of terrior (a mix of eastern limesoils and sandy, free-draining rockbeds found north/west) have provided Gigondas the perennial canvas to produce its outstanding, high quality wine using only the area's finest grapes. Bottled at a legally required minimum of 12.5% alcohol, it's one of France's highest 'minimum-alcohol' stipulations. A bold yet charming wine with notes of cassis, red berries, herbs and light spices.
- 57 St Joseph, "Les Pierres Sachs", Domaine Yves Cuilleron, 2017/18** £85.00
Made by one of the iconic producers of the Rhone. Ruby red in colour with an elegant, perfumed, fruity nose of raspberry, blueberry, violet and pepper. Fruity, juicy and on the lean side, but firm on the finish.
- 58 Châteaufeuf du Pape, Château de Beaucastel, 2010/11** £175.00
One of the great domaines of the Southern Rhone, Beaucastel continue to craft exceptionally beautiful wines. Grenache is the key to the style. Sweet red fruit aromatics with layers of spice and 'garrigue herbs' on a velvety, broad, long-lasting palate.

Alsace

White

- 60 Gewürztraminer, Reserve, FE Trimbach, 2013** £80.00
Trimbach is one of the finest wineries in France, (if not the world!) and are masters of their art in making interesting and sophisticated whites. This wine is made in the traditional, dry style, perfectly floral on the nose, with hints of rosewater and lychee, while the palate is elegant, fresh and perfectly balanced.
- 61 Pinot Gris, Reserve, FE Trimbach, 2016** £65.00
Toasted nuts, marzipan and salinity underscore the peach and apple fruit here. A hint of honey adds nobility, and relatively high acidity adds primary juciness in the long fascinating smoky, nutty and mineral finish.
- 62 Riesling, Beblenheim, Domaine Trapet, 2015 (biodynamic)** £70.00
Jean-Louis Trapet (from the Gevrey Chambertin domaine) and his wife Andrée are both acutely aware of their responsibilities to past, present and future generations where their vineyard holdings are concerned. They are equally tireless in their pursuit of quality. Another 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

Bottle

White

- 65 Sancerre, Les Fondettes, 2018** £65.00
An elegant and aromatic blanc from one of the most prized appellations in France. White flowers, acacia, citrus and orchard fruits collide to bring together a sauvignon that only Loire can provide. The flint and stony soils of the vineyard have carried through, drying off the rich finish nicely.
- 66 Pouilly Fumé, de Ladoucette, 2017** £95.00
Pouilly Fumé de Ladoucette is produced by the Counts Lafond – owners of the largest vineyards in Pouilly. This near neighbour of Sancerre uses the Fume Blanc (sauvignon) grape to great effect. This most noble of wines exhibits hints of smokiness on the nose. The palate is full to bursting with green, berry fruit and offers a rapier-like thrust of refreshing acidity across the palate.
- 67 Muscadet sur lie Jean François de Grand Mouton JF Guilbaud, 2017/18** £50.00
Château La Bretonnerie lies in the small village of Saint-Fiacre, the most westerly area of France's Loire Valley. The people behind Château La Bretonnerie are Jean-François Guilbaud and Marie-Luce Métaireau, daughter of respected vigneron Louis Métaireau of Domaine du Grand Mouton. Following traditional methods, they use old oak casks to ferment and mature their wine carefully on its yeast 'lees', the key to Château La Bretonnerie's benchmark Muscadet style. Bright with citrus tang and oyster shell minerality and a bone-dry, crisp apple backbone.

Red

- 69 Sancerre, Chaumeau Balland, 2017** £60.00
This juicy, fruity Pinot Noir shows intense aromas of raspberry and cherry on the nose, and then they develop further on the palate. Soft tannins, crisp yet balanced acidity with masses of ripe red berry flavours. Would go well with poultry, rabbit and fuller bodied fish dishes.

Southern France

White

- 70 Picpoul de Pinet, La Croix Gratiot, Languedoc, 2019** £50.00
This is a wonderfully clean and expressive wine. Originally grown on 27 hectares in Montagnac by brothers Yves Ricome and Hugues, in 2009 Yves bought out his brother's stake and was then joined by his daughter Anais, who had spent years developing pure and un-oaked whites in New Zealand. The grapes are grown on a chalky plateau with cool maritime seabreezes moderating the area's small climate. Bursting apple and pear with crisp citrus. Great balance and minerality. The finish is grassy, flinty and very enjoyable.

Red

- 75 Cabardès, Château Maurel, Languedoc, 2015/16** £40.00
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.
- 76 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.
- 77 Malbec, Causse du Theron, Cahors, 2014** £60.00
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.

Central Europe

Bottle

White

- 80 Riesling, Sebastian "A", Halbtrocken, SA Prum, Germany, 2016** £60.00
A light gold colour and slightly off dry, this riesling is delicately fragranced with ripe apricot, citrus fruit and a pronounced mineral character, imparted by the slate rich soil in which the grapes are grown.
- 81 Riesling "Karthäuser", Weingut Tesch, Nahe, Germany, 2015** £65.00
Bright yellow with hints of green. The aromatic nose displays notes of wethered red slate and rich dense aromas. A wonderful example of Riesling showing excellent concentraion, crystalline purity of fruit and rich flavours of a stunning single vineyard site

Spain

White

- 83 Albariño, Veigadares, Adegas Galegas, Rias Baixas, 2013** £60.00
An outstanding albarinho 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. Full of citrus, stonefruits and a dollop of oak which is superbly intigrated. It offers mouth watering textures and depth, making it a splendid option for Skye's plethora of world class seafood.
- 84 Blanco, Heredad de Tejada, Bodega Classica, Rioja, 2016** £45.00
Ripe fruit, dates and banana notes with the nuances of a crianza, making it an interesting and complex wine with that classic hint of oak on the nose and finish.

Red

- 85 Garnacha, Gaznata, Sierra de Gredos, 2019 (biodynamic)** £50.00
An hour from Madrid are the mountains of the Sierra de Gredos, a staggeringly beautiful area, home to wild bears, wolves, and some incredibly old Garnacha (Grenache) vines. Enter Daniel Ramos; a young, dynamic winemaker with local roots, but an Australian accent. The wine he has produced is light in colour, like a true Garnacha, easy drinking, full of blackberries and redcurrants, with a delicious richness and spice and a complexity beyond its price tag.
- 86 Mencia, Unculin, Jose Antonio Garcia, Bierzo, 2016/17** £55.00
The Garcias love Mencia so much, they named their first daughter after the grape! They are a young couple with some of the best vineyards in the region of Bierzo; even the young vines in this cuvée are 80 years old. The wine is whole bunch fermented, with natural yeasts, to preserve purity and freshness, then aged in stainless steel tanks. Beautiful fruit, lively acidity and integrated tannins, which will stand up to red meat, or provide a foil for lighter dishes.
- 87 Reserva Rioja, Sierra Cantabria, 2013** £95.00
Intense cherry and toasty nose of oak with light traces of tobacco aroma and cedar. Ripe fruit with varietal expression and delicate floral hints (petals). Dense, sweet and polished, it's a beautifully nuanced wine with very fine tannins.
- 88 PSI, Dominio Pingus, Ribera del Duero, 2016** £85.00
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

Bottle

White

- 90 Gavi di Gavi, Cantine Giacomo Ascheri, Piedmont, 2019** £60.00
Using the best Cortese grapes Matteo Ascheri makes textbook Gavi. A masterful example of this style of wine. Crisp aperitif or elegant accompaniment with creamy fish and poultry. Delicious.
- 91 Soave Classico Pieropan, Bertani, Veneto, 2019** £48.00
A true Italian all-rounder. Garganega dominant with a dose of Trebbiano to tie it together. Orchard and tree fruits prominent; pear, apple, peach. Classic notes of marzipan and almond at the forefront also with a flinty edge to the body. Acidity on point, all the way to the citric finish.
- 92 Verdicchio, Belisario, Vigneti B Metalica, Marche, 2018 (organic)** £50.00
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.
- 93 Pinot Grigio, La Tunella, Colli Orientali del Friuli, 2018** £45.00
A Pinot Grigio with depth, elegance and a real freshness from this forward-thinking, 'boutique' winery in one of Italy's classic regions. An intense, fresh bouquet of acacia blossom and ripe tropical fruit with a mouthfilling brioche/citrus palate.
- 94 Bechar, Fiano di Avellino D.O.C.G, Antonio Caggiano, Campania, 2018** £50.00
This wonderfully fresh and vibrant wine comes from the beautiful mind of Antonio Caggiano and based in the famous town of Taurasi, the heart of Anglianico. Mid to full bodied with clean acidity and an abundance of ripe peach/nectarine, crunchy pear, citrus and subtle pineapple. The finish is nutty and creamy. A complete wine from an incredible grape, Fiano!
- 95 Passerina, Fabulas, Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo, 2017 (biodynamic)** £55.00
Native to Abruzzo, the Passerina grape produces wines of tremendous character. A fruity white with good acidity, caressed by the refreshing Adriatic sea breezes. Look for zesty lemon character, layered over softer mandarin and orange notes. Lively and aromatic with a balanced and refreshing finish.
- 96 Bramito del Cervo, Chardonnay, Antinori, Umbria, 2018** £58.00
Antinori – one of the premier Italian wine families set out to emulate their Tignanello red with their Castello della Sala white. The estate, purchased by Antinori in 1940, is located approximately 10 miles from Orvieto. It's a brilliant wine that is enhanced by the addition of the naturally acidic Grechetto grape, adding structure and freshness to the final product. Tropical fruit, particularly pineapple, along with notes of vanilla and wild herbs on the nose. Savoury and mineral in flavour, the oaked notes blend harmoniously into the structure of the wine.
- 97 Cometa, Planeta Fiano, Sicily, 2017 (vegan)** £75.00
A single-variety Fiano from limechalk soils, the Planeta, born from a desire in the 1990's to create one of the World's great white wines, is one of Italy's points of reference for white wine, and has achieved cult status. Intense and fruity aromas of lychee and thyme, with notes of white peach and sweet nectarines. Great structure and minerality. The finish presents a silky tactile sensation with a refined aftertaste of ripe apricot, of almond flowers and basil flowers.

Italy

Red

- 100 Barbera "Briccotondo", Fontanafredda, Piedmont, 2019** £48.00
This is a very approachable red from one of the finest and oldest estates in Piedmont. Fontanafredda is arguably one of the most important wine regions of Piedmont, having been a paramount player in the development of Italy's top Barolos. Rich, ripe fruit with freshness on the palate. A great red for all, especially with rare cuts of your top meats. Fontanafredda was awarded 'European Winery of the Year 2018' by Wine Enthusiast.
- 101 Barolo, 'Albe' G.D. Vajra, Piedmont, 2016** £115.00
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. 2016 is one of the best vintages in memory.
- 102 Nebbiolo, Langhe, Giacomo Ascheri, Piedmont, 2018** £50.00
Wine makers in Piedmont will answer Nebbiolo when you ask what they might drink every day. It would be great to drink Barolo but this is impossible (and too expensive!). 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.
- 103 Brolio Chianti Classico, Ricasoli, Tuscany, 2016/18** £60.00
The fourth oldest company in the world to still be run by its founding family and with 1200 hectares, arguably the largest estate in Chianti Classico. The 32nd Baron, Francesco Ricasoli, took creative control in 1993 with an interest in breathing new life into the great wines of Brolio. All the hallmarks of Chianti are here; oak, vanilla, ripe plum, black pepper, tannic berries, whiffs of tobacco.. the list goes on. Sangiovese's from Brolio offer a softer body without any compromise, enabling a celebration of complexities you would only discover on the slopes of Tuscany.
- 104 Primitivo di Puglia, A Mano, 2018** £50.00
With 18 vintage's collectively under their belt, Mark Shannon & Elviza Sbalchiero have "succeeded in making Primitivo one of Italy's most talked about grape varieties". The A Mano estate pay 'Vignailio' top prices to access the finest grapes in Solento, which has resulted in growers vying to provide even better grapes year after year. This has contributed heavily to Mark & Elvizia's continued success in Puglia, where the humble quality of the fruits have shined so well on their own. Nice & inky with serious depth, rich in blackberries and violet.
- 105 Taurasi, Vigna Macchia dei Goti, Caggiano, Campania, 2014/15** £85.00
This is an intense and complex wine with aromas of red berry fruits on the nose and hints of vanilla and liquorice appear on the palate along with wild strawberries and cranberries. Antonio Caggiano is a respected wildlife expert (think Italys' David Attenborough) who also owns one of the very best wineries in Campania making use of the Volcanic terrain to make exceptional, award winning wines.
- 106 Amarone Costasera Classico, Masi, Veneto, 2013** £99.00
Masi specialise in the drying of grapes, so their Amarone is considered amongst the finest expressions of the wine. Velvety smooth but with power underlying, this is exquisite drinking. A beautiful match for juicy game and saucy dishes. One does not simply pass on Amarone!
- 107 Brunello di Montalcino, Fattoria dei Barbi, Tuscany, 2014** £135.00
The Colombini family have been in Montalcino since 1352 and have been making wine there since the 1800s. Their style is classic yet approachable and the wines are a stunning example of why this corner of Tuscany is perhaps home to the best wines in the region. Rich, brooding dark fruits with a spicy, firm finish and a welcome hint of Balsamic vinegar to round it all off. Exquisite.

Portugal

Bottle

Red

110 Dom Martinho, Quinta do Carmo, Alentejo, 2017

£45.00

Aragonês, Alicante Bouschet, Trincadeira combined with Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah are blended to create this great Portuguese wine. Each grape variety is vinified separately, respecting its optimal period of maturing to produce the intended style. It is not aged in wooden casks. Aromas are of red fruit such as ripe, black cherries. On the palate, full upfront fruit characters of plum and blackberry and a mouth filling wine with soft fine tannins and a lingering finish.

111 Pintas Character Wine & Soul, Douro, 2014/15

£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 varieties. 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.

Eastern Europe

White

114 Chardonnay/Rebula, Gasper, Slovenia, 2018 (Vegan)

£50.00

Gasper Carman is easily Slovenia's main wine guy. With 14 years in the industry and 2 Sommelier of the Year titles, he knows his stuff. Gasper estate is situated upon the unique terrior of Goriska Brda, an area that stretches into north-east Italy. The proximity to the Adriatic and the Alps allow dry, warm summers with cool ocean breezes, which is crucial to its ripening period. The wine is fresh and displays peach, clean citrus and a kiss of acidity. Terrific estate for un-oaked chardonnay.

115 Savatiano, Domaine Papagiannakos, Attika, Greece, 2017

£50.00

The family owned Domaine Papagiannakos was established in 1919, just 30km from the shadow of the Acropolis. Vassilis is the third generation to run the vineyard, where the focus is primarily on cultivating indigenous grape varieties, such as this Savatiano, with fresh fennel and floral aromas, leading onto a broad palate with lemon and herbal characters, and a savoury finish.

116 Tokaji Furmint Dry, Patricius, Hungary, 2017/18

£42.00

Fresh and light, white with walnut, almond and mint aromas and flavours with hints of honey. Complex with a long finish. Furmint, a native Hungarian grape, makes an interesting alternative if you are keen on wines such as Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc.

Red

117 Bulls Blood Bikaver, Bolyki, Eger, Hungary, 2015

£48.00

Egri Bikaver ('Bull's Blood of Eger') is Hungary's most famous red wine. It comes from the Eger wine region of northern Hungary. A complex blend; Kekfrankos, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Zweigelt, Blauburger & Portugieser. Fermented and aged in barrel, and charged with deep black cherry fruit, blackberries and good acidity, this Bikaver is a great match with red meats.

Lebanon

Red

119 Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, 2012

£95.00

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**

- 120 Sauvignon Blanc, Montes, Leyda, Chile, 2019** £40.00
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.
- 121 Torrontes, Don David, El Esteco, Salta, Argentina, 2017/18** £40.00
A vibrant wine with fresh tropical fruits and delicate aromas of roses and orange peel, lifted by a refreshing acidity. One of the finest examples of this aromatic grape variety, native to Argentina.

Red

- 122 Merlot, Santa Digna Reserva, Valle Central, Chile, 2019** £40.00
Founded and run by the Torres family since 1979, the Santa Digna Estate produces this merlot with great aromatic intensity. Flavours of plum and blackberry jam, with hints of vanilla and liquorice spice, enriched with toasted notes from time spent ageing in oak.
- 123 Tannat, Bodega Garzon, Maldonado, Uruguay, 2017** £70.00
Uruguay's vineyards were primarily planted by Basque and Italian immigrants in the 19th century. Uruguay's iconic grape is Tannat, a robust and tannic grape with a french history of its own. The wine is rested in untoasted french oak for 18 months, owner Alejandro Bulgheroni has favoured this fermentation process for its purity content, allowing the wine to be as honest as possible. Uruguay's status as a quality wine region continues to rise, with their pioneering viticulture practices recognised in 2018 with the award for 'New World Winery of the Year' by Wine Enthusiast.
- 124 Malbec Finca Mirador, Achaval-Ferrer, Mendoza, Argentina, 2015** £225.00
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**

- 130 De la Guerra, Chardonnay, Hyde de Villaine, Carneros, California, 2014/16** £150.00
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.
- 131 De Loach Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, California, 2018 (Organic)** £70.00
Following a change in hands during 2003, 17 acres of vines were uprooted and replanted with an aim to re-invigorate the soils and move toward a sustainable future via a biodynamic approach. Complex and full bodied. Minerality and buttery oak are evident in equal parts. Apple pastries, lime and peach prominent.

Red

- 132 Pinot Noir, Domaine Drouhin, Dundee Hills, Oregon, 2014** £115.00
Established in the late 1980s by Veronique Drouhin of the outstanding Burgundy negociants estate Domaine Joseph Drouhin, the project has been at the forefront of putting Oregon on the 'World Class Pinot map'. Heavenly scented with layer upon layer velvety, red fruit textures upon a long, luxurious finish.
- 133 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cakebread Cellars, Napa Valley, 2014/15** £215.00
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.
- 134 Dominus, Christian Moueix, Napa Valley, 2006** £445.00
Produced by Christian Moueix, owner of Chateau Petrus. Dominus is made solely from grapes grown on the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, California and is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. It has a "European" palate structure; deep, smooth and restrained. New oak is evident but beneath is a carpet of velvet smooth fruit and near invisible tannins. Like the incredible vintages before, the 2006 has become increasingly scarce with a growing demand for wines grown near the Mayacama Mountains.

Australia

White

- 135 Riesling, Pewsey Vale Vineyard, Eden Valley, 2017/18** £50.00
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.
- 136 Chardonnay, Clonale, Kooyong, Mornington Peninsula, 2016 (vegan)** £70.00
Made from domaine grown, handpicked grapes, this is a bright, lemony and focused wine, with a lovely stony texture. Natural fermentation, and ageing, is undertaken in a mix of new and old French oak, with minimal intervention throughout. Bright with lovely acidity, juicy and taut, showing some lively white plum and pear notes.
- 137 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, 'The Gathering', The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2015** £65.00
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.
- 138 Block 1A Chardonnay, The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2018** £55.00
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

- 140 "The Cigar", Cabernet Sauvignon, Yalumba, Coonawara, 2016** £69.00
This iconic wine is from Yalumba's famous Menzies vineyard. "Cigar" refers to the cigar-shaped strip of terra rosa soil that has made Coonawarra so famous. A complex bouquet of cherries and dark chocolate. The palate bursts forth with flavours of mulberry compote with a fine, beautifully structured length.
- 141 Little Tacker GSM, Barossa Boy, Barossa Valley, South Australia, 2016** £60.00
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.
- 142 The Reunion Shiraz, The Lane, Adelaide Hills, 2013/14** £85.00
From a 2.33Ha. parcel of vines planted in 1993, the 2010 was the wonder vintage up in the Adelaide Hills. It has intense fruit concentration with black fruits both fresh and dried and with layers of herbs, chocolate and spice leading a long, yet fresh lift on the finish.
- 143 Grenache, Pax Aeterna Old Vine 'Barossa Nouveau', Chaffey Bros Wine, Barossa, 2017** £55.00
In 2008 a new and fiercely exciting pair of wine developers emerged under the name Chaffey Brothers Wine Company. Brothers-in-law Theo Engela & Daniel Hartwig prioritise quality and heavy experimentation in their approach to wine. The Pax Aeterna is a celebration of intense dark berry compote, liquorice and voluptuous plum. Sometimes, you can't have the wonderful without first having the weird.
- 144 The Armagh, Shiraz, Jim Barry, Clare Valley, 2008/09** £425.00
The Show-stopper from Clare Valley! Wine critic Matthew Jukes: "With more truffles and well-hung game than a Piemontese banquet and so much latent power that it makes me feel bashful to even type its name, 2008 The Armagh is a perfect expression of its site and it is also an awe-inspiring encapsulation of the paradise that is the Clare Valley. For me this means that it is a rare 20/20 wine".

New Zealand

Bottle

White

- 150 Gruner Veltliner, The Crossings, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, 2016** £50.00
The Awatere Valley accounts for roughly 30% of all output in Marlborough. Launching their first vintage in 2001 with an initial focus on Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, they have turned toward a grape that is thriving in the valleys dry climate. Clean and complex with peach and honey prominent but soft. Sweet fruits, slight toasted nuts and a bright, acidic finish.
- 151 Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, 2019** £48.00
An extremely well-run, family owned estate based in the Awatere Valley crafting majestic wines packed with character and style. Asparagus, intense gooseberry and lime flavours with cut grass. The palate is beautifully fresh with good fruit flavours, herbaceous notes and a stoney minerality.
- 152 Sauvignon Blanc, Greywacke, Marlborough, 2019** £60.00
Named after the primary bedrock of NZ's South Island, Greywacke is the brainchild of Marlborough wine pioneer Kevin Judd. This is another fine example of what has made Marlborough the international dominant force in Sauvignon Blanc's it is today. Broad fruit palate of rich nectarine, gooseberry, melon, grapefruit and hints of Jasmine. Ripe lemon citrus fills the long and crisp finish.
- 153 Chardonnay, Elephany Hill, Hawkes bay, 2016** £65.00
Established in 2003 on the idyllic Te Awanga coast of Hawke's Bay, Elephant Hill is located within a stone's throw of the Pacific Ocean. A beautifully poised chardonnay, delivering a lovely purity of fruit, with some heavenly 'lees' notes and 'citrus freshness' on a fine length. All grapes are hand-picked before the wine is barrelled for 11 months, on the lees, imparting that iconic Elephant Hill richness and complexity.

Red

- 155 Pinot Noir, Eradus, Marlborough, 2019** £55.00
The Eradus just seems to get better vintage after vintage with the 2015 now as perfumed and as polished as ever, but with an underlying structure that promises great future. A refined and tempered Pinot of lush and velvety charm and structure. Earthy mushroom notes contrast with dark, perfumed fruit and flowers.
- 156 Pinot Noir, Two Paddocks, Central Otago, 2016** £95.00
Owned and operated by Sam Neill, these delicious grapes are organically grown over the Neill familie's four small vineyards that span from Arrowtown through to Alexandra. All grapes are hand-picked, hand-harvested and spend their final 10 months in French oak. The final result is a brooding mix of red/blackcurrants, spice and savoury herbs. It has a feminine body but boasts the complexity and persistence that has put south NZ Pinot on the world stage.

South Africa

White

- 160 Sauvignon Blanc, Vergelegen, Stellenbosch, 2018** £45.00
A flavoursome wine with a fantastic mix of ripe tropical fruit and herbs. Whiffs of fresh cut grass quickly followed by mild citrus to dazzle the nose and palate. Complex stuff but easy to enjoy and savour. Acidity is present but not dominant. Soft stone fruits on the finish. Superb with fish or chicken.
- 161 Chenin Blanc, The FMC, Ken Forrester Wines, Western Cape, 2016/18** £95.00
From the well respected estate managed by the charismatic "King of Chenin" comes the FMC, the pinnacle of what Ken Forrester considers to be the finest expression of this varietal; an iconic Chenin Blanc, a challenge to the world! Rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla and honey. A complex wine that is delightfully easy to drink.

Red

- 165 Pinotage, The Den, Painted Wolf Wines, Paarl, South Africa, 2018** £45.00
The Painted Wolf is South Africa's most social and yet rapidly declining canid. Unique to the sub-sahara, the same can almost be said about Pinotage. The Den is a superb spread of red berries and dark fruits, classic Pinotage notes of soft cedar and savoury spices with a firm, friendly finish. Painted Wolf Wines have aligned themselves with local efforts to conserve these ancient hounds via donations made with every bottle sold. So drink up!

Rose

- 170 Petale de Rosé, Ch. La Tour de l'Eveque, Provence, France (Organic), 2019** £55.00
The majestic Château La Tour de l'Evêque 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.
- 171 Primitivo Rosé, A Mano, Puglia, Italy, 2019** £44.00
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 inturn amplifies the soft forest fruits. If its something new and exciting you seek, you found it!

Biodynamic, Organic & Vegan Listings

- 5** Vincent Couche, Elegance Champagne NV (biodynamic) **Champagne, FRANCE** £110.00
- 6** Ancre Hill Blanc de Noir, Wye Valley, Wales (biodynamic) **Wales, UK** £115.00
- 40** Marsannay, Domaine Trapet, 2015 (biodynamic) **Burgundy, FRANCE** £95.00
- 49** Fleurie, Manoir du Carra, 2018 (biodynamic) **Burgundy, FRANCE** £65.00
- 62** Riesling, Beblenheim, Domaine Trapet, 2015 (biodynamic) **Loire, FRANCE** £70.00
- 85** Garnacha, Gaznata, Sierra de Gredos, 2018 (biodynamic) **Barraco, SPAIN** £50.00
- 92** Verdicchio, Belisario, Vigneti B Metalica, Marche, 2018 (organic) **Marche, ITALY** £50.00
- 95** Passerina, Fabulas, Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo, 2017 (biodynamic) **Abruzzo, ITALY** £55.00
- 97** Cometa, Planeta Fiano, Sicily, 2017 (vegan) **Sicily, ITALY** £75.00
- 114** Chardonnay/Rebula, Gasper, Slovenia, 2018 (vegan) **Goriska Brda, SLOVENIA** £50.00
- 131** De Loach Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, California, 2018 (organic) **California, USA** £70.00
- 136** Chardonnay, Clonale, Kooyong, Mornington Peninsula, 2016 (vegan) **Victoria, AUSTRALIA** £70.00
- 170** Petale de Rosé, Ch. La Tour de l'Eveque, Provence, France (Organic), 2017/16 **Provence, FRANCE** £55.00

<u>Dessert Wines</u>		<u>70ml</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
180 Banyuls Red, Chapoutier, Roussillon, France, 2016 (50cl)	The fermentation of hand-selected Grenache Noir grapes is blocked by adding grape brandy and the wine continues to macerate on the skins for 3 more weeks thereby conferring greater richness: Summer pudding, mocha, prune and caramels. Superb match with cheese & chocolate.	£10.50	£50.00
181 Sauternes, Chateau Delmond, Bordeaux, France, 2015 (75cl)	Award winning wine producer Jean-Cristophe offers a 2nd installment to his successful production of Sauternes. The make-up is 90% Semillon & 10% Sauvignon Blanc. At least 80% of all grapes used are affected by the 'noble rot', Botrytis.	£9.00	£65.00
182 Cabernet Franc Icewine, Peller, 2015 (37.5cl)	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.	£25.00	£115.00
183 Noans, La Tunella, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Italy, 2016 (50cl)	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.	£12.00	£60.00
184 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico, Tenute Marchese Antinori, Tuscany, Italy, 2013 (50cl)	An intense and brilliant amber in colour. Nutty aromas, butterscotch, candied fruit and sweet citrus. Rich flavours of hazelnut and chestnuts on the palate.	£14.00	£80.00
185 Sticky Mickey, Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2014 (37.5cl)	An experimental LH Sauvignon (known as a 'Sticky' down-under) that has grown arms and legs in the past years. Mike 'Mickey' Eradus develops the complex, herbaceous, tropical fruit characters by simply leaving his selected plants alone to concentrate sugars in the sun. And its remarkable!	£11.50	£45.00
186 Tokaji Aszu 6 Puttonyos, Patricius, Hungary, 2008 (50cl)	Historically referred to as the "Wine of Kings, King of Wines", Tokaji is traditionally vinified from native Hungarian grape varieties. The Patricius 6-Puttonyos has an exotic and spicy bouquet with apricot jam and marmalade notes. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh, vibrant marmalade and quince entry and honeyed finish.	£14.50	£90.00
187 Vin de Constance, Klein Constantia, Constantia, South Africa, 2013 (50cl)	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.	£25.00	£140.00
188 Chambers Rosewood, Liqueur Muscat, Rutherglen, Australia, (37.5cl)	Considered to be the world's richest muscat, a testament to its low yielding vines, concentrating the fruit and natural sugars into a plump and toothsome bottle. All grapes are late harvest, 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. Unforgettable!	£15.50	£65.00