

# Wine List



## **The Bushmills Inn Hotel & Restaurant**

**Vintages are correct at the time of print.  
While we endeavour to update the menu consistently, on occasion  
vintages will differ to that stated.**

## HOUSE WHITE WINES

70	<b>Chardonnay</b> Las Condes, <i>Central Valley, Chile</i> Pale gold in colour; a medium bodied with soft, rich, creamy fruit and vanilla aromas. On the palate, tropical fruit and a smooth, creamy mouthfeel blend to give a fresh, well balanced finish.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
71	<b>Sauvignon Blanc</b> Les Fumée Blanches, <i>Languedoc, France</i> Pale yellow straw, with hints of green. Intense citrus on the nose, with more subtle mango, boxwood and menthol. Elegant on the palate, smooth with a crisp, fresh finish.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
72	<b>Gros Manseng</b> Uva Non Grata, <i>France</i> Honey, peach and pineapple on the nose. The flavours burst onto the palate accompanied by a crisp and tangy acidity. Slightly sweet but balanced with a long, clean finish.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
73	<b>Pinot Grigio</b> Renideo, <i>Italy</i> Pale straw in colour, with aromas of melon and pear dominating the nose. Good weight of fruit with a fresh twist of crunchy apple and a steely floral finish on the palate, with strikingly crisp acidity.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00

## HOUSE RED WINES

75	<b>Silver Series Shiraz</b> Tempus Two, <i>Australia</i> Aromas of rich, ripe raspberries with subtle white pepper undertones. On the palate, the red berries are delivered with the same white pepper and spice undertone, soft integrated tannins, great length and finish.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
76	<b>Merlot</b> Las Condes, <i>Central Valley, Chile</i> Clean and fruity palate offering ripe tannins, blending perfectly with soft sweet tones delivered from barrel aging. Unpretentious, soft and fruity with berry-like flavours. Full bodied and wonderfully balanced.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
77	<b>Les Plants Nobles Pinot Noir</b> Ropiteau Freres, <i>South Coast, France</i> Deep red with ruby highlights. On the nose, warm red fruits, stone fruits, toast, vanilla and coconut. Full bodied with predominant flavours of cherry, blackcurrant and liquorice.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00

## HOUSE ROSE WINES

78	<b>White Zinfandel</b> Devil's Ridge, <i>California</i> Bright pink in colour with a bursting floral strawberry nose. Slightly sweet, with refreshing fresh fruit characters of raspberries, strawberries and ripe apples.	<b>Bottle</b> £24.50 <b>500ml Carafe</b> £18.25 <b>250ml Glass</b> £9.50 <b>175ml Glass</b> £7.00
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## Pouring classics from the Languedoc

(While stocks last)

### Domaine de Nizas

Languedoc, France

An intense blend of Viognier, Rolle and Roussanne. Intense bouquet of tangerines, flowers and citrus fruits. A balance of acidity while rounded and full, with a lively finish. The terroir of Pezenas gives a characteristic intensity to the nose, with a predominant, fresh minerality.

Pair with roast vegetables, grilled fish, white meats and lighter cheeses

750ml bottle - £33.00

500ml carafe - £22.50

250ml glass - £11.50

175ml glass - £8.50



### Domaine de Nizas Le Clos Rose

Languedoc, France

A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre

A very pleasant nose, with floral and fruity notes, and a touch of red currant and sour cherry. On the palate, a stunning vivacity and crispness, with a round and fine finish.

Wonderful as an aperitif, but best paired with fried squid or rich seafoods.

750ml bottle - £33.00

500ml carafe - £22.50

250ml glass - £11.50

175ml glass - £8.50



### Domaine de Nizas Le Clos Rouge

Languedoc, France

A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre

Sweet and sensual on the palate, with intense notes of red fruit. The dominant Syrah with its powerful balance of fruit and spice, pulls together the sweetness of the Grenache and the vivacity of the Mourvedre, resulting in a deeply Mediterranean wine with a generous body and precise balance.

Pair with red meats, game and rich cheeses.

750ml bottle - £33.00

500ml carafe - £22.50

250ml glass - £11.50

175ml glass - £8.50



**Lift away your troubles with bubbles.....**



**Valdo 'Floral Jungle Edition 2018'**

**750ml Bottle - £33.50**

**175ml glass - £8.25**

Veneto, *Italy*

Fine and elegant on the nose, with complex notes of blossom and a strong presence of raspberry. A pleasant tickle of delicate bubbles, with warm fruity flavours. A pure delight.

## Bin End Collection

### CHAMPAGNE / SPARKLING

**Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial 1988** Champagne, *France* **£600.00**

The aroma's top notes are subdued, sombre and dry with smoked roasted malted scents, hints of toasted sesame seed as well as rather original oceanic notes, including a touch of nori seaweed. Subsequently come softer, warmer notes of wax, honey, almond, biscuit and dried fruits (banana and coconut). The palate is energetic, sustained by an invigorating tangibleness with notes of citrus zest and citrus seeds. Middle notes are delicate with slight graininess. Nuances of pine and iodine contribute to a crystalline, saline finish.

**Moët & Chandon 1998** Champagne, *France* **£255.00**

Beautiful in maturity. Brioche, apricot, apple to the fore, with a honeyed, yeasty quality on the longer palate. Still vibrant and crisp.

### WHITE

**Domaine de la Madone Picpoul de Pinet** Langeudoc, *France* **£26.50**

With a lovely pale, crystalline green robe, this wine offers a fine and pleasant nose with aromas of acacia and hawthorn flowers. Elegant on the palate, perfectly balanced between acidity and structure.

**Pazo de Rubianes Albarino** Rias Baixas, *Spain* **£55.00**

Elegant on the nose, with primary notes of apple, pear, orange peel, pineapple and white flowers, with an undertone of fennel and minerality. On the palate, the nose does not disappoint, with a firm body and a balance of crisp fruit upfront, leading to a clean minerality over a lengthy finish.

**Van Lill & Vissier Chenin Blanc** Citrusdal Mountain, *South Africa* **£62.50**

Enticing stonefruit aromas – nectarine and peach with a tinge of honeyed almonds. The same flavours are apparent in the mouth where they are joined by a touch of green melon. Bright and vivid acid lifts the broad palate and keeps it fresh and vibrant, adding a pithy lemon zest nuance too. Impressively concentrated fruit and lingering flavours. Beautifully balanced and rich.

### RED

**Famille Quiot 'Les Duclaux' Gigondas 2017** Chateauneuf du Pape, *France* **£54.50**

Dark crimson colour. On the nose, dark berry, leather and light spice aromas. Silky on the palate with powerful tannins and excellent length.

**Bodegas Valdemar 'Balcon de Pilatos' Maturana 2019** Rioja, *Spain* **£59.50**

This unique wine is packed with black fruit, coffee, cocoa and subtle spicy notes. On the palate, it combines Rioja flesh with an almost Pauillac-like refinement and acidity, that ensures it remains lively despite its great weight and density. The finish is poised, aromatic and very long.

**Le Tetre Roteboeuf Grand Cru 1996** St-Emilion, *France* **£295.00**

This is an outstanding wine produced in the tell-tale style of this well-placed hillside vineyard. The colour is a deep ruby and the nose offers up hedonistic notes of smoky, crème brûlée, roasted coffee and chocolate covered cherries. This medium-bodied wine is exhibiting more structure, muscle than I remember from cask. Sweet aromatics revealing moderate tannin in the very good finish.

(90 Robert Parker - Wine Advocate)

**Clos Fourtet 2004**St-Emilion, *France***£275.00**

The wine displays a lovely concentration of deep, dark ruby-red colour. The nose is rich, combining high-toned dark-fruit with new vanilla oak. The palate displays smooth, clean black-fruits with lovely freshness and a fine tannic structure. Harmonious with a rich concentration, classic structure, fine balance and good length.

**Vinedo Chadwick 2000 - 'Wine Legend'**Maipo Valley, *Chile***£450.00**

An immediate success from its first vintage in 1999, this 100% Cabernet has consistently scored among the highest against established Bordeaux and Bordeaux-style wines. Planting this specific vineyard for premium quality wines in honour of his father Alonso, Eduardo Chadwick planted out his father's former polo training ground on the family home estate in Alto Maipo.

A rich, smoky, leathery nose, with just a hint of rose petal. The wine is exuberantly rich, plump and concentrated, opulent and spicy, with a broad stroke complexity, balanced acidity and superb length.

**ROSE****Domaine Vacheron Le Rose MMXX**Sancerre, *France***£59.50**

Notes of red fruit, blood orange, sea salt, chalk and spice dominate this refreshing, crisp, dry palate.

## CHAMPAGNE

**Champagne is only necessary on two precise cases:  
when you are happy and when you are unhappy.**

- 90 Taittinger Brut n.v** (75cl bottle) £75.00  
Champagne, France (125ml glass) £13.00  
From Champagne's oldest cellars, this wonderful example has peach and acacia notes on the nose, a citrus-fresh yet delicately honeyed palate, and a beautiful, elegant finish.
- 91 Taittinger 'Nocturne' (Sec)** £82.50  
Champagne, France  
Pale yellow with delicate, fine bubbles. On the nose, subtly reminiscent of white blossom and ripe fruits, predominantly yellow peach and dried apricot. Soft, fresh and delicately floral with ripe fruit flavours on the palate, the finish is long, soft and delectably sweet. Rounded, balanced and smoothly creamy.
- 93 Cuvee Dom Perignon 2009** £350.00  
Champagne, France  
The bouquet from the 2009 offers notes of guava and spicy green grapefruit zest combined with stone fruit, particularly white peach and nectarine. The aromas open up with the initial fruit infusion being complemented by woody vanilla and warm, lightly toasted brioche. On the palate the fruit is majestic – ripe, fleshy and profound. Beyond the richness and a certain voluptuousness is a strong impression of consistency. Remarkably restrained offering something for all the senses in a convergent harmony.
- 95 Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose n.v** £82.50  
Champagne, France  
Remarkably vibrant and sophisticated. On the palate, a subtle balance between freshness and structure of the ever-present red fruit, making it full bodied and smooth. Its strong character is also shown in its delightfully unique, intense, shimmering colour.

## HALF BOTTLES (37.5cl)

- 120 Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV** £54.50  
Champagne, France  
Ripe pears, smoke, spices, dried flowers and herbs are some of the many nuances that emerge from the glass. Lovely mid-palate depth and overall balance.
- 121 Forget-Brimont Brut 1er Cru** £39.50  
Champagne, France  
Pale gold colour. Delicate nose, very fresh, lovely complexity. Fresh and subtle on the palate. The first impression is of fresh green apples with a hint of white flowers and hazelnuts. Well balanced with good length.

## SPARKLING WINES

- 96 Simmonet-Febvre Cremant de Bourgogne** **£39.50**  
Chablis, *France*  
A harmoniously balanced wine with fine bubbles, a persistent foam and a wonderful length in the mouth. It is fresh and powerful on the nose with aromas of citrus.
- 97 Prosecco NV Extra Dry** **(75cl bottle) £28.50**  
Valdo, Veneto, *Italy* **(20cl snipe) £9.95**  
Pale gold with a sweet honey nose. Dry, light and vibrant, offering green apple, honey and a touch of pear with a tart but refreshing finish.
- 98 Proa Brut Cava** **£31.50**  
Piedmont, *Spain*  
Aromas of spring flowers, with crisp green apple and ripe pears on the palate, pinpoint effervescence and a wonderful dry finish.
- 99 Valdo Floral Jungle Edition 2018** **£33.50**  
Veneto, *Italy*  
Fine and elegant on the nose with a strong presence of raspberry. Fine bubbles coat the mouth with a warm, summer fruit sensation.



## WHITE WINES

### BURGUNDY

- 1 Macon Charnay les Chenes** **£43.00**  
Manciat-Poncet  
A crisp nose of ripe green apples and just a hint of citrus. Light oak subtly underpinning the delicate fruit, displaying crisp acidity and minerality, leading to a plump, lush long finish. Superb.
- 2 Chablis AC** **£44.00**  
Domaine les Verger, Alain Geoffroy  
Pale gold with a subdued nose revealing a hint of mineral and fruit scents. Extremely polished and suave on the palate, delivering on the focused, youthful aromas. Lovely persistency on the finish showing mineral and buttery notes.
- 3 Le Grange Aux Bois Saint-Veran** **£49.00**  
Henry Fessy  
Delicate nose of white flowers with notes of yellow fruit. Well balanced, with a finish of light minerality and beautiful complexity.
- 4 Grand Cru Chablis 'Les Clos' 2018** **£105.00**  
Simonnet-Febvre  
An ample and harmonious Grand Cru, offering slightly exotic notes and a very rich palate. Smooth with a persistent and a unmistakably mineral finish.
- 5 Puligny Montrachet 2020** **£125.00**  
Maison Louis Latour, Cote-d'Or  
Beautiful nice yellow with subtle green tints. Floral notes with almond paste on the nose that do not disappoint on the palate. Opulent, full bodied and creamy, with rounded vanilla and toast in perfect synergy. Wonderfully fresh, with a long finish and stunning mouth feel. **91/100 Wine Enthusiast, October 2016**
- 6 Meursault Les Tillets** **£120.00**  
Patrick Javillier  
Expressive on the nose, marked by aromas of white flowers, yellow and white fruit as well as lightly spiced notes. Complex with great elegance. Rounded on the palate with lovely vivacity, excellent aromatic freshness and minerality. Finesse, persistant on the palate, elegant and clearly linear.

### ALSACE

- 7 Reserve Pinot Blanc** **£34.50**  
Cave de Turckheim  
A lovely hint of peachy colour from very ripe grapes with full, rich citrus and tropical fruit flavours and a long, slightly smoky finish.
- 8 Humbrecht Zind** **£40.50**  
Domaine Zind  
Bright pale yellow. Beautifully aromatic nose of citrus, wet stone and white fruits. Supple, juicy texture, well balanced with a sensational liveliness and mouth coating body. A wine of great character.

## LOIRE

- 9      **Muscadet Sur Lie**      **£29.50**  
Domaine de la Chauviniere  
Ripe fruit and savoury aromas with real Sur-lie character. The generous palate displays subtle stone fruit underscored by yeast while still displaying the textbook zest and balance.
- 10     **Andre Dezat et Fils Pouilly Fume**      **£43.00**  
Domaine Thibault  
Pale gold. Refined nose with toasted mineral notes, blackcurrant bud, wild flowers and pineapple. Archetypal Pouilly with a lovely crispness. Aromas unfurl and reveal themselves on the finish. Full, fresh, well-structured with lashings of minerality.
- 12     **Picpoul de Pinet**      **£29.95**  
Saint-Peyre, Pomerols  
Complex aromas of gooseberry and citrus fruits. Fresh and fruity with a lengthy, lingering finish.

## ITALY

- 13     **Principessa Gavia Gavi D.O.C.G**      **£35.50**  
Castello Banfi, Piedmont  
Pale straw, offering an intense fruit forward bouquet, with typical hints of pineapple and apple. Well balanced with gentle acidity and a delicate dry finish.

## SPAIN

- 14     **Albarino 'Sobre Lias'**      **£38.50**  
Castro Martin, Rias Baixas  
A distinct salty minerality on the nose, and an array of pure, clean, limpid white fruit aromas. The palate almost shimmers with tang and vibrancy, and although it has a steely precision, it is balanced by fruit with a peachy pear-like quality and backed by a vivid streak of lemon and mineral acidity.

## PORTUGAL

- 15     **Manda-Chuva Branco 2019**      **£42.50**  
Herdade Do Portcarro, Alentejo  
On the nose the first impact is freshness, ripe citrus alongside grapefruit and tangerine. On the palate, the beginning is shy, a little closed. With the temperature rising, it starts to reveal all its mystique; mint with lime and a touch of salt. In between, one finds nectarines and loquats, a type of yellow plum. The Manda-Chuva has an admirable persistence, very gastronomic, like all Portocarro wines.

## GERMANY

- 17     **Gewürztraminer**     **£32.50**  
          Villa Wolf, Pfalz  
Classic notes of lychee, white tea and honeysuckle extend from the nose to finish in this gorgeously perfumed, fruity wine. Just a lip-smacking shade off dry, it's a juicy, exuberantly fresh sip that's perfect as an aperitif or with delicately spiced foods.
- 18     **Estate Riesling**     **£29.50**  
          Dr Loosen, Mosel  
Light, yet vibrant, with enticing aromas of white peach flowers and citrus peel. A dusting of pollen and saffron accentuate this bright, sunny Riesling full of peach and nectarine flavour. Off dry in style, juicy and thirst quenching, but structured with fresh revitalising acidity and mineral notes.

## AUSTRIA

- 19     **Gruner Veltliner**     **£35.50**  
          Hopler  
Intense varietal fruit flavours redolent of lemongrass and citrus fruits. The palate is refreshing with elegant fruit and crisp acidity.

## AUSTRALIA

- 20     **Windy Peak Chardonnay**     **£32.50**  
          De Bortoli, Yarra Valley  
Light straw with a green edge. Bright complex chardonnay with citrus florals, nutty oak, minerally and fine. Gently textured palate, savoury, chalky phenolics, hints of nuts, lovely balance.
- 21     **'Willowglen' Gewürztraminer Riesling**     **£26.00**  
          De Bortoli, Riverina  
A green tinge on a pale straw background. Heavy perfumed aromatics of musk and rosewater with complementing fresh spice and lime. A gorgeous, balanced palate of freshly dusted Turkish delight and lychee freshened by a fresh and zesty finish.
- 22     **Koonunga Hill Autumn Riesling**     **£36.00**  
          Penfolds, Barosa Valley  
Light straw with lime green hues, intensely perfumed aromas of pink rose petal, Turkish delight and lemony bath salts with a subtle suggestion of spice. On the palate, a delightful balance of soft talcy mouth-watering acidity and sweetness with a lengthy finish.
- 23     **Dixons Creek Vineyard, Estate Grown Chardonnay**     **£49.50**  
          De Bortoli, Yarra Valley  
Light straw with a green edge, on the nose quite fine with hints of white flowers and hazelnut, underpinned with an unmistakable oak influence. On the palate, initially mineral, textured and nervy, with a long brioche finish. Overall very fine, balanced and composed.



## The Bushmills Inn Cellar Collection

Over the years we have been collecting some truly special wines, and are pleased to offer a selection that are now, in our opinion ready to be enjoyed. As they are stored in optimum conditions in our cellar, these wines may take a little longer to reach your table.

We hope you enjoy the very finest our cellar has to offer

**Domaine Faiveley Batard Montrachet Grand Cru** Burgundy, France **£595.00**

An intensely aromatic nose disclosing notes of tart fruits and roasted hazelnut. The palate is smooth and distinctive with excellent balance and a remarkably smooth finish found in only the finest white Burgundies. This wine is evolving beautifully with bottle aging.

**Penfolds Grange 1997** Barossa Valley, Australia **£600.00**

A classic Grange, though slightly softer and more forward than the 1996. The saturated purple-coloured 1997 offers a gorgeously sweet nose of blackberry liqueur, cherries, camphor, chocolate, plums and mocha. Opulently-textured, extremely soft, layered and seductive, with Grange's tell-tale personality well-displayed, but in a seamless, seductive style. This is a superb Grange that can hold its own against the more heralded 1996.

(94 points Wine Advocate)

**Chateau Leoville Las Cases 1996** St Julien, France **£475.00**

Having previously rated it near perfect, I was apprehensive of a let-down about tasting the 1996 Leoville Las Cases once it had been bottled, but that concern was quickly dismissed once I put my nose in the glass. A profound Leoville Las Cases, it is one of the great modern day wines of Bordeaux. This wine's hallmark remains a sur-maturite (over-ripeness) of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape. Yet the wine has retained its intrinsic classicism, symmetry, and profound potential for complexity and elegance. The black/purple colour is followed by spectacular nose of cassis, cherry liqueur, pain grille, and minerals. It is powerful and rich on the attack, with beautifully integrated tannin, massive concentration, yet no hint of heaviness or disjointedness. As this wine sits in the glass it grows in structure and richness. It is remarkable, seamless, palate-staining and extraordinarily elegant wine – the quintessential St-Julien.

(98 Robert Parker Wine Advocate)

**Chateau Pontet Canet 2000** Pauillac, France **£350.00**

Tasted at the Pontet-Canet vertical, the 2000 is perhaps where things start getting interesting, as Alfred Tesseron's top-to-toe reconfiguration of the vineyard and vinification began to impact and ameliorate the wine. It has a lovely bouquet of blackberry and briary fruit, hints of black truffle developing, later damp earth. There is an intensity here, if not the complexity of the best millennial Pauillacs. The palate is medium-bodied with a mixture of red and black fruit, cedar and sous-bois percolating up through and rendering it a serious Pontet-Canet in keeping with the vintage. There is a subtle and yet insistent grip on the finish. It has always been a tannic wine, but these are now softening.

(92 Neal Martin - Wine Advocate)

**Chateau Brane Cantenac 2005** Margeaux, France **£400.00**

'A sexy style of wine from the Lurtons at Brane Cantenac, this wine has a stunning nose of forest floor, liquorice, blackcurrants, plums and spring flowers. Soft tannin, full-bodied opulence and beautifully textured, lush richness, make for a brilliant wine. In spite of its stunning forward fragrance and lushness, the colour still looks as if it is 3-4 years old, rather than a decade. This is a big time winner in 2005 and should drink well now and for the next 25+ years.

(Robert Parker - Wine Advocate)

**Jim Barry 'The Armagh' Shiraz 2009**Clare Valley, *Australia***£395.00**

Deep plum red with purple tints. It shows the hallmarks of low-yielding vines, with intense, tightly coiled aromas of cranberry, mulberry, milk chocolate, boysenberry and spearmint. It is bright, fresh and balanced with intense yet reserved characters of rosemary, sage, cinnamon, cedar and black pepper. On the palate this wine really shows its true colours with solid tannin structure playing an integral role in the overall picture. Flavours of redcurrants, black cherries and blueberries are in abundance, with an undercurrent of freshly turned earth and truffles in the background. The length of flavour and power in this wine, whilst still showing finesse and restraint, is what sets it at the zenith of red winemaking at Jim Barry Wines.

**Joseph Phelps Insignia 2015**Napa Valley, *California***£550.00**

The 2015 Insignia is blended of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak. Deep garnet-purple coloured, it opens with stunning black and red plums, cassis and mulberry scents with loads of redcurrant sparks and compelling wafts of lilacs, pencil shavings, black olives and tinted soil with a hint of bay leaves. Medium to full bodied, the palate explodes with red and blackcurrant fireworks plus some exciting mineral nuances coming through, framed by firm, grainy tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing very long and beautifully layered.

**(98 Points, Lisa Perotti-Brown, RobertParker.com)****'Dal Forno Romano' Valpolicello Superiore**Veneto, *Italy***£350.00**

Medium to deep garnet colour and delivers expressive blackberry preserves, prunes, sautéed herbs and fragrant earth notes with hints of tobacco and fallen leaves. Medium-bodied with refreshing acidity and a chewy texture supporting the earthy flavours in the mouth, it finishes on a stewed tea note.

**(90 points Lisa Perroti-Brown, Wine Advocate)**

## MAGNUMS (1.5L)

**Vina Tondonia Tinto Reserva, Bodegas R Lopez de Heredia** *Haro, Rioja Alta* **£275.00**

Tondonia's extended ageing process results in a wine that is not about fruit but has so much complexity, so much character that it is impossible to put down. The excellent 2004 vintage has brought additional concentration and personality to the wine, which is still unbelievably fresh.

Classic notes of leather, cured meat and spice mingle with warm, macerated red fruits on the nose. The palate is mid-weight, but the true beauty of the 2004 lies in the luxurious mouth-feel and intense core of flavour in the wine.

This freshness, combined with the mouth-coating flavours, suggest that, although a joy to drink now, this is a wine that will hold for at least a decade more. It is, put simply, glorious, traditional, elegant Rioja.

**Ridge Monte Bello 2011** *Santa Cruz, California* **£595.00**

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

Saturated ruby, purple colour. Marvellously scented rich mountain bramble fruit, intense anise and fennel, ginger, cardamom and flint. Initial waves of blackcurrant and cassis on the palate, with coffee, forest floor and crushed rock. Full bodied, elegant chalky tannins and refreshing acidity in a lengthy finish.

**Ridge Monte Bello 2012** *Santa Cruz, California* **£625.00**

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Saturated ruby. Ripe cassis, blackberry, violets, liquorice, wet stone and oak spice on the nose. Strong blackberry fruit on the palate, with superb full body and structured velvety tannins. Toasty oak, crushed limestone and a long intense finish.

**Ridge Monte Bello 2014** *Santa Cruz, California* **£725.00**

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Opaque ruby. On the nose, intense blackberry fruit aromas, blackcurrant, exotic barrel spice with toasted oak, liquorice and complex forest notes. Rich mountain on the palate with refreshingly high acidity, full chalky tannins and sweet oak and a strong mineral finish.

**Ridge Lytton Springs 2015** *Sonoma, California* **£295.00**

Jammy raspberry fruit with pepper, mint and sweet toasted oak. Brambly fruit on the palate. sensuous, well defined tannins and balanced acidity.

## RED WINES

### BORDEAUX

- 31 Bordeaux Superior Rouge** **£33.50**  
Chateau Penin, Entre Deux Mers  
A fantastic blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc to add freshness. Full bodied, with a rich, round mouthfeel. Aromas of red fruits and forest floor, which are repeated on the palate.
- 32 St. Emilion Grand Cru 2016** **£65.00**  
Chateau La Fleur Picon, St Emilion  
The synergy of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon yields a velvety, rich wine with fine flavours of spice and dark fruits. Mid palate weight comes from the juicy Merlot, with subtle tannins from the Cabernet Franc.
- 33 Chateau Poujeaux** **£110.00**  
Moulien-Medoc  
Medium to deep garnet colour and delivers expressive blackberry preserves, prunes, sautéed herbs and fragrant earth notes with hints of tobacco and fallen leaves. Medium-bodied with refreshing acidity and a chewy texture supporting the earthy flavours in the mouth, it finishes on a stewed tea note. **(90 points Lisa Perroti-Brown, Wine Advocate)**

### RHONE

- 34 Cotes du Rhone** **£37.50**  
Roger Sabon  
Rich and fruity, with dark fruit and liquorice spice on the palate, and a rounded earthy character. Smooth tannins with a subtle yet lingering finish.
- 35 Crozes-Hermitage 'Origine 1933'** **£59.50**  
Cave de Tain  
Ripe, wild black fruits, peppery spice and hints of earthy leather on the nose, rich and savoury on the palate. Elegant and evolved with well-integrated tannins.
- 36 Combes d'Arnevel Chateau Neuf du Pape** **£57.50**  
Vignobles Jerome Quiot  
Deep crimson, ripe dark berries rounding off to spice. Smooth and persistent with aromatic smoothness.



## BURGUNDY

- 37 Beaujolais Village** **£34.50**  
Henry Fessy  
Deep ruby in colour, offering ripe red fruits and light spice on the nose. Soft on the palate with stunning concentration and full fruit flavours, balanced with mellow tannins, rounded mouthful and a subtle, lingering finish.
- 38 Chateau de Beauregard Fleurie** **£49.50**  
Maison Joseph Burrier  
Floral aromas of iris, rose petal and violet, with light freshly cut hay and rich red fruits and blackcurrant are matched on the palate with velvety smoothness and a long clean finish.
- 39 Savigny-les-Beaune 2018** **£85.00**  
Domaine Louis Latour, Cote d'Or  
Beautifully garnet, with an elegant bouquet dominant with ripe fruit and berry nuances and a background of vanilla. Well structured, sophisticated, and elegant on the palate, revealing ripe fruit and black berry notes. Touches of spice and balanced tannins accent these ripe flavours.

## REGIONAL FRANCE

- 40 Chateau Ventenac Reserve de Jeanne** **£31.00**  
Maison Ventenac, Languedoc-Roussillon  
A blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Syrah and Grenache, this wine presents hints of fresh red fruits with notes of spice and pepper, rounding on the palate to give a rounded medium finish.

## ITALY

- 41 Chianti Classico Peppoli D.O.C.G** **£42.50**  
Antinori, Tuscany  
The wine has intense aromas of red berries, accompanied with hints of vanilla and chocolate. There is great structure on the palate which is characterised by elegant and gentle tannins on the finish.
- 42 Zagalia Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** **£26.50**  
Cantino Minini, Abruzzo  
Youthful, with lots of juicy blackberry and red cherry fruits. Delicious touch of spice to the finish with subtle tannins and a balanced acidity.
- 43 Uno Piu Uno** **£33.50**  
Michele Biancardi, Puglia  
Blended with a mix of Primitivo and Nero di Troia, this is a real warmer, full of black cherry fruits and spice.
- 44 Nebbiolo** **£59.50**  
Pira Luigi  
intensely garnet red in colour. The nose is young, complex, with fruity and spicy notes and a light hint of leather. The taste is young, round, mouthfilling, with sweet, gentle and persistent tannins.
- 45 Costasera Amarone** **£105.00**  
Masi, Valpolicella  
Proud, majestic, complex and exuberant: this is Masi's gentle giant. A benchmark for the Amarone category. Deep ruby red in colour, with intense baked fruits, plums and cherries on the nose. Well balanced on the palate with vibrant fruity notes and hints of coffee and cocoa.
- 46 Rosso di Montalcino** **£65.00**  
Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona  
Bright, fresh nose of wild cherries and blue flowers. Fruit-forward, medium bodied with a fresh acidity and well-integrated tannins.

## SPAIN

- 48 Crianza** **£31.00**  
Finca del Marquesado, Rioja  
Garnet with clean bright cherry tones. Complex aromas with delicate notes of cherry well integrated with the spicy and balsamic nuances from traditional oak aging. Well balanced, fresh and well-rounded with a long smooth finish
- 49 Rioja Reserva 2016** **£57.50**  
Marques de Murrieta, Ygay Estate  
Intense balsamic notes of incense, smoked meat, leather, fennel and cherries, which make it feel very Rioja. The palate is medium bodied, balanced, with excellent acidity and freshness. A serious vintage of Murrieta Reserva that represents great balance between tradition and modernity.

## PORTUGAL

- 50     **Duos Quintas Duoro**     **£39.50**  
         Ramos Pinto  
Dense, dark red colour with ruby reflections, clean and bright. It has an expressive, vinous aroma, pronounced with spices and tobacco leaf, sweet peach and orange blossom notes. Its presence is felt in the mouth, with fine tannins and body. These are followed by floral and spicy notes, with a long and strong finish.
- 51     **Douro Tinto**     **£27.00**  
         Vega, Lisbon  
Rich with plum, cherry and mineral elements and complex with a firm grip of tannins. Rounded, balanced, with a smooth lengthy finish.

## SOUTH AFRICA

- 52     **Fleur du Cap Pinotage**     **£35.95**  
         Stellenbosch  
Deep red in colour with purplish edges. On the nose it shows ample red berry fruit with a sweet fruitcake character enhanced by a spicy oak finish. Full-bodied on the palate with ripe plum flavours, this robust red is supported by a good tannic backbone.

## CHILE

- 53     **Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva**     **£26.50**  
         De Martino Estate  
Luxurious aromas of sweet cigar and slightly herbal berry fruit are accented by well integrated vanilla oak. Ripe, chalky tannins give the wine length on the palate, with a rich array of cherry, blackberry, tobacco and leather.
- 54     **Cefiro 'Cool Reserve' Carmenere**     **£31.00**  
         Vina Casablanca, Rapel Valley  
Deep ruby red. Black fruit aromas, like blackberry and blueberry, with spicy notes. Smooth attack and gentle tannins that lead to a velvety finish. Good and balanced acidity.
- 55     **'Cefiro Reserva' Pinot Noir**     **£33.50**  
         Vina Casablanca, Casablanca Valley  
Aromas of peach, mint and cherry brandy, with toasted oak and a touch of wet wool. On the palate, ripe blackberry, red liquorice and mint characters that gradually give way to chocolate oak on the finish.

## ARGENTINA

- 56     **Malbec Reserve**     **£43.00**  
         Finca Solphenia, Mendoza  
Found at an altitude of 4000 feet in the foothills of the Andes and ranked among the best wines in Argentina, a deep red and violet colour with aromas of plums, cherries and violets. A wine with serious concentration and complexity, with well-integrated tannins.

## CALIFORNIA

- 57     **Zinfandel**     £37.50  
         Cline, Contra Coast  
Wonderful dusty raspberry, blackberry, white pepper and spice, with coffee and chocolate characters lead to ripe fruit and soft tannins. Aged in new and used wood has lent this wine a subtle vanilla quality that nicely complements the explosive fruit notes.
- 58     **Ridge Lytton Springs 2016**     £165.00  
         Sonoma  
Complex aromas of vanilla, raspberry and black pepper. Full bodied with firm acidity, focused blackberry and an elegant lingering finish.

## AUSTRALIA

- 61     **'Rapide' Pinot Noir**     £33.95  
         Pike and Joyce, Adelaide Hills  
Medium red in colour. Aromas of very attractive bright red and dark fruits with little interference from oak and a slight hint of damp earth. Although elegant, the palate has nice concentration of bright strawberry and cherry fruit displaying a sappy freshness, fine tannins and a subtle oak that makes it very appealing.
- 62     **'The High Trellis' Cabernet Sauvignon**     £37.50  
         D'Arenberg, McLaren Vale  
A serious cabernet. Black olive, bay leaf and blackberry dominate the nose with loads of plum and blackcurrant strewn across the palate. Great fruit intensity with masses of spice and tannin.
- 63     **'The Prophet' Barossa Shiraz**     £61.00  
         Resurrection Vinyard, St John's Road, Barossa  
Dark red with purple youthful hues. Perfumed nose full of thyme, sage, plum and fresh berries, with added undertones of leather and spice. On the palate, crunchy, lively plum and blackberry fruits balanced perfectly with oak nuances. Fine tannins and softness give a round smooth sweetness to the finish.

## NEW ZEALAND

- 64     **Main Divide Merlot Cabernet**     £39.50  
         Waipara Valley  
The bouquet and flavour suggest blackberries, purple plums, cassis, cigar box and vanilla pod. There is an initial impression of softness but the wine then expands in the mouth to become muscular with a generous spine of ripe tannins that support and draw out the lingering aftertaste.
- 65     **Forrest Estate Pinot Noir**     £43.50  
         Marlborough  
Pale to medium ruby purple in colour, the Forrest Pinot Noir offers up a nose of ripe black cherries and black raspberries complemented by hints of underbush and Provence herbs. Framed around a decent core of uncomplicated black and red berry flavors, the medium body is supported by a low level of chewy tannins and lively acid through the medium to long finish.

## ROSE WINES

- 101 Rose d'Anjou** **£25.50**  
Domaine de L'Ambroisie, Loire, France **37.5cl** **£14.25**  
With a light natural spritz, the wine has a refreshing, summery zing. Strawberry and hints of peach fill the palate, with their flavours brought out by the wine's laid back, off-dry demeanour.

## HALF BOTTLES

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- 111 Sauvignon Blanc** **£13.00**  
Cefiro, Casablanca Valley, *Chile*  
Clear amber in colour, exhibiting a pure expression of fruit with aromas of passion fruit, lychee, and a hint of bergamot on the nose. The palate is firm, with natural acidity and notes of exotic citrus. It is refreshing, well-balanced and perfectly integrated with impressive acidity and a finish that is quite long for a Sauvignon Blanc.
- 112 Chablis AC** **£23.50**  
Domaine le Verger, Burgundy, *France*  
Crisp focused flavours – clean ripe fruit with mineral backbone, dry with just a hint of toastiness.
- 113 Le Rime Pinot Grigio Chardonnay IGT** **£14.50**  
Castello Banfi, Tuscany, *Italy*  
A balance of crispness from the Pinot Grigio with round body from the Chardonnay delivering a fresh, ready to drink wine.

### RED HALF BOTTLES

- 114 Cotes du Rhone, Reserve des Armoiries** **£17.50**  
Terre d'Avignon, Rhone, *France*  
Deep ruby colour with a fruit-filled nose and a palate suggestive of stewed fruit. The tannins are ripe and the wine is very well balanced.
- 115 Cabernet Sauvignon** **£15.00**  
De Martino Estate, Maipo Valley, *Chile*  
Aromas of blackberries, blackcurrant and spice. Full and fresh with subtle toasty oak.
- 117 'Centine' Toscano, IGT** **£15.50**  
Castello Banfi, Tuscany, *Italy*  
Intense ruby red with youthful hints. On the nose, intense, vinous and spicy, perfectly marrying the Tuscan Sangiovese with the character of intense Cabernet and Merlot. Gently approachable, soft, rounded and easy to drink.
- 118 'Rio Albo' Valpolicello, DOC** **£18.00**  
Castello Rugate, Valpolicella, *Italy*  
Ruby red, offering a bouquet of blackberry and cherries. The palate is supple with light tannins and plenty of flavour.

## DESSERT WINES

- 200 Chateau d' Yquem 1990** **£555.00**  
Sauternes, *France*  
Possesses lots of elegance and finesse. An exceptionally sweet nose of honeyed tropical fruits, peaches, coconut, and apricots. High quality, subtle toasty oak is well-integrated. Massive on the palate, with layers of intensely ripe botrytis-tinged, exceptionally sweet fruit. Well-integrated acidity, and a seamless, full-bodied power and richness have created a wine of remarkable harmony and purity. Certainly it is one of the richest Yquems I have ever tasted, with 50-100 years of potential longevity. An awesome Yquem!  
**99 Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (122), April 1999**  
**98+ Robert Parker, December 2003**
- 201 Muscat de Beaumes de Venice** **37.5cl Bottle £28.85**  
Delas Freres, Rhone, *France* **70ml Glass £6.60**  
Very youthful pale gold. Pure grape and Muscat aromas, pear fruit and perfumed grape skin. Full and viscous on the palate, sugary pear fruit and cool steely mineral aspect. Lingering finish with that musky fruit skin quality balancing the sweetness.
- 202 Sauternes** **37.5cl Bottle £55.00**  
Cypres de Climens, Barsac, *France* **70ml Glass £11.25**  
Aromas of white fruits and flowers, citrus fruit, lime blossom, apricot, pineapple and mint. On the palate, smooth and creamy with a well balanced acidity and a subtle sweetness which buoys notes of fresh marmalade and honeyed fruits.
- 203 Elysium Black Muscat** **37.5cl Bottle £34.50**  
Quady, Madera, *California* **70ml Glass £7.65**  
Aromas of honeyed plums and dried peaches and a supple fruity, sweet, medium-to-full body ending in a crisp, spiced pear and honeycomb finish, this is a suitable companion to many sweet courses, in particular those incorporating deep red fruits and chocolate.

## PORT WINES

- 300 Fonseca Vintage 1997** **750ml Bottle £185.00**  
Quinto do Seixo, Duoro Valley  
It is not without reason that Fonseca is described as the Margaux of the Duoro; its wines have a femininity and grace that never flatter to deceive. The 1997 is a perfect example; combining fresh aromatics and layers of berry fruit flavours with a firm but unobtrusive tannic structure. Enormously concentrated, and perfectly balanced this wine is archetypical Fonseca.
- 301 Warres Vintage 1985** **750ml Bottle £195.00**  
Duoro Valley  
Ruby red, wonderfully aromatic, packed with complex aromas of ripe red and dark fruits with floral undertones. On the palate typically Warre in style with tremendous elegance and finesse, packed with dark fruit flavours such as black cherry and plums, and silky tannins leading to a long lingering finish.