



# Hazel Bank

COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

We have really enjoyed putting a wine list together for Hazel Bank. It is a combination of some classics from the more traditional wine producing areas of the world, together with some modern and innovative wines from lesser-known countries and areas, which we feel, are definitely worth attention.

When matching our wines with Donna's food we have found some marriages made in heaven, which we will be happy to share with you. There are also some basic principles to bear in mind to help you, which you will find at the back of the list.

We have chosen the award winning Berkmann Wine Cellars, formally Pagendam and Pratt and a few local wine merchants, to help us put this selection together.

We hope you enjoy the results.



# Wine by the Glass

## White Wine

	175ml	Bottle
1 <b>Castel Firmian Pinot Grigio</b> <b>Mezzacorona, Trentino, Italy</b> Not the typical Pinot Grigio, this one offers elegance and purity. Only the juice of the first press is used to give this wine some gentle floral aroma and a refreshing finish. Just pure class!	£5.85	£25.00
2 <b>Beauvignac Picpoul de Pinet</b> <b>Languedoc Roussillon, France</b> The best Picpoul I've tried. Citrus, pear with a crisp and mineral palate. Please give me some seafood and oysters!!	£7.00	£25.00
3 <b>Deakin Estate Chardonnay</b> <b>Victoria, Australia</b> Not the 80's overly oaky and buttery style, just the expression of the fruit. Smooth and ripe with pear, nectarine and apple aromas. A fine, clean example of what the Aussie can do.	£7.00	£25.00
4 <b>Penny Lane Sauvignon Blanc</b> <b>Marlborough, New Zealand</b> Aromas of pineapple, gooseberries and guava dominate. The weighty palate presents passionfruit and gooseberry with a zesty backbone and lengthy finish.	£8.00	£28.00

## Rosé Wine

	175ml	Bottle
5 <b>Côtes de Provence Rosé</b> <b>Château de Pampelonne, France</b> A classic Provence rosé, this is elegant and lively in the mouth, with mineral refinement alongside peach and hawthorn notes.	£8.00	£28.00

## Red Wine

	175ml	Bottle
6 <b>Passo Doble (Malbec/Corvina)</b> <b>Masi, Tupungato, Argentina</b> Fragrant and complex on the nose with ripe fruit aromas enhanced by notes of prune and liquorice. Up-front and powerful on the palate with hints of spice and cherries followed by a long appetizing finish.	£7.00	£26.00
7 <b>Allegory Shiraz</b> <b>Allegory, Western Australia</b> This Shiraz offers appealing aromas of black pepper, ripe plum compote, five spice powder and toasty oak. The palate is concentrated and fruit-driven, with chocolate and savoury notes adding complexity.	£7.00	£26.00
8 <b>Castel Firmian Merlot</b> <b>Mezzacorona, Trentino, Italy</b> Intense fragrance with a mixture of ripe fruits and a hint of oak. Dry, complex and well structured on the palate.	£7.00	£25.00
9 <b>Conde de Valdemar Rioja Crianza</b> <b>Bodegas Valdemar, Spain</b> Complex aromas of ripe black berries balanced with warm vanilla notes and a touch of subtle spice. Excellent, rounded structure on the palate with aromatic complexity lasting through to the finish.	£7.50	£27.00






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*Wines served by Coravin available in 125ml glasses., bottles are available.*




## White Wine

125ml

- 16 **Cervaro della Sala (Chardonnay/Grechetto) 2014** £11.00  
**Marchesi Antinori, Umbria IGT, Italy**  
Intense, complex aroma with notes of citrus, pear and acacia flowers balanced with a hint of vanilla. Full-bodied and well-structured palate with sweet notes of butter, hazelnut and mineral.
-  *Niccolò Antinori bought the 14th century Castello della Sala in 1940, to provide a source of white wines to match the excellence of his Tuscan reds. With the introduction of Cervaro della Sala in 1987, his dream was fully realised: this is one of Italy's defining whites, as influential as Tignanello. Bramito del Cervo is effectively a mini-Cervaro, further proof of Umbria's affinity with Chardonnay.*
- 30 **Cuvée 113 2012** £7.00  
**Sauska, Tokaj, Hungary**  
I don't think anybody can properly describe Cuvée 113 in a few lines...Just unique! Complex, crisp and refreshing. Ripe stone fruit, melon and herbal flavours.
-  *Christian Sauska is a Hungarian entrepreneur who decided in 1999 to establish a winery in his homeland. In 2000 he converted a historic building in Tokaj, formerly known as the Citizens' Casino, into a production facility and tasting room. This was joined in 2006 by a new winery the other side of Hungary, in Villány. With red varieties grown in the latter region and white grapes in the former, Sauska is able to produce exemplary wines in numerous styles.*
- 36 **Condrieu La Galopine 2012** £12.00  
**Delas Freres, Rhône Valley, France**  
Rich, spicy wine showing the wonderful voluptuous texture and perfumed apricot fruit of the very best Viognier.
-  *Founded in 1836 Delas has 12 prime hectares, including La Landonne and Les Bessards. Since 1997, it has also had a star winemaker, Jacques Grange. Under his influence a more modern, 'boutique' approach has been taken: there is more new wood in evidence, fining and filtration have been minimised, cold soaks and lees contact have boosted fruit intensity and textural richness.*

## Red Wine

125ml

- 55 **Finca Valpiedra Rioja Reserva 2009** £9.50  
**Spain**  
That rare thing: a single-vineyard Rioja, offering a powerful expression of black fruit, chocolate, plums and spices. These aromas are perfectly combined with the smokiness provided by French oak barrels.
-  *Finca Valpiedra is a single Rioja Alta vineyard of spectacular quality: so good, in fact, that the company decided to build a winery in the middle of it to look after its concentrated, aromatic fruit.*
- 57 **Tignanello 2011** £18.50  
**Marchesi Antinori, Toscana IGT, Italy**  
The 2009 vintage marks a new phase in Tignanello's stylistic development. The wine's characteristic power has been joined by a new sense of grace, with notes of violet and liquorice complementing the red fruit and toasty oak aromas.
-  *The Antinori family have been producing wine in Tuscany for six centuries. The purchase of the Tignanello estate in 1900 marked the beginning of a remarkable period of expansion which shows no signs of abating. Antinori has become Tuscany's – arguably Italy's – pre-eminent wine producer.*
- 68 **Brolo di Campofiorin Rosso del Veronese IGT 2010** £8.50  
**Masi, Veneto, Italy**  
An impressive, complex nose of berry fruits and a touch of vanilla. Rich, baked fruit flavours on the palate with hints of cocoa. Impressive structure and length, with a soft and velvety finish.
-  *Run by the Boscaïni family for six generations, it is really in the last fifty years that Masi has established itself as one of Veneto's most innovative wine producers. In 1964, they launched Campofiorin, which revived the technique of a second fermentation with semi-dried grapes, adding depth and complexity to Valpolicella – or, indeed, Argentine wine.*

# White Wine

## Chardonnay

Bottle

- 10 **Lost Angel Chardonnay 2013** £25.50  
**California, United States**  
This Chardonnay is full of ripe apple and luscious peach flavors. Full of yellow apples, fresh pear and hints of coconut and tropical fruit. Bright and refreshing.
- 11 **Bramito del Cervo (Chardonnay) 2015** £34.00  
**Marchesi Antinori, Umbria IGT, Italy**  
The baby brother of the iconic Cervaro della Sala is an exceptional wine in its own right, with a richly structured palate and aromas of citrus and toast.
- 12 **Clos Reyslié Pouilly-Fuissé 2012** £38.00  
**Georges Duboeuf, Burgundy, France**  
This wine is vibrant and generous with apple and melon fruit, a creamy mid-palate texture, and a poised, mineral finish.
- 13 **Fourchaume Chablis 1er Cru 2013** £40.00  
**Domaine J-M Brocard, Burgundy, France**  
An exotic nose of pineapple, mango and aniseed is followed by a harmonious palate with an added hint of honeyed fruit, and a refreshing mineral finish.
- 14 **Henri de Villamont Meursault Les Clous 2012** £50.00  
**Burgundy, France**  
A decadent style of Meursault, with plenty of creamy-rich peach fruit, notes of grilled nuts, and a full-bodied palate. It is all held together by a lovely streak of lemony acidity, which brings focus and finesse.
- 15 **Chassagne-Montrachet Domaine Philippe Colin 2013** £52.00  
**Burgundy, France**  
Generous and accessible, with delicious pear, apple and white peach fruit, underpinned by mineral precision and lifted by some floral notes.
- 16 **Cervaro della Sala (Chardonnay/Grechetto) 2014** £57.00  
**Marchesi Antinori, Umbria IGT, Italy**  
Intense, complex aroma with notes of citrus, pear and acacia flowers balanced with a hint of vanilla. Full-bodied and well-structured palate with sweet notes of butter, hazelnut and mineral.
- 17 **Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Champs-Gain 2013** £85.00  
**Domaine Michel Bouzerou, Burgundy, France**  
A well-rounded, honeyed nose with white flowers and fruit cocktail. Elegant through to a protracted, poised finish.

## Sauvignon Blanc

Bottle

- 18 **Floresta Sauvignon Blanc 2013** £29.00  
**Santa Rita, Leyda Valley, Chile**  
This complex Sauvignon Blanc shows a mix of fruity and mineral characters. The palate is long and complex, with grapefruit, passion fruit and herbal notes, and a rich texture balanced by crisp acidity.
- 19 **Les Chailloux Pouilly-Fumé 2014** £35.00  
**Domaine J-C Châtelain, Loire Valley, France**  
A lively, intense nose of green fruit, then focused mineral notes on the palate backed up by zippy citrus and some spice and mint flavours.
- 20 **La Croix du Roy Sancerre 2012** £37.00  
**Domaine Lucien Crochet, Loire Valley, France**  
Notes of citrus, blossom, peach and pear on the nose. Nice pure entry, fruity and crisp on the palate. Good length and classic mineral flavours.

### Chardonnay: the facts

The chardonnay grape is a thin-skinned green grape that buds and ripens early in the growing season. The chardonnay grapevine originated in Lebanon, developed further in France's Burgundy region, and is currently grown all over the world, particularly in California, South Africa, South America, New Zealand and Australia. This grapevine has a natural tendency to mutate, which has produced many genetic variants. Hundreds of varieties display the same basic chardonnay traits, but with regionally-based variations in the growing cycle and flavor profile. For example, the chardonnay grape is the only grape permitted to be grown in the Chablis region of France. Chardonnay wines from this area have an extremely distinctive flinty, biting flavour.

### Sauvignon Blanc: the facts

An early-ripening, aromatic grape, which produces dry wines, with marked acidity that are distinctly aromatic and herbaceous. In cooler climates the wines often have a verdant, vegetal, nettley character moving to riper, more exotic fruits and gooseberry in warmer, New World climates. As a variety, it is happiest in cool vine-growing regions or warmer regions that have a cooling influence. If grown in too warm an environment, it has a tendency to lose its key aromatics and acidity resulting in a heavy, blousy wine. It is therefore found growing at its best in the northern vine-growing latitudes of the northern hemisphere as well as the southerly regions of the southern hemisphere.

In its homeland of the Loire Valley, France, sauvignon blanc showcases its aromatic character and refreshing acidity at its best in the form of pure, zesty wines.

### **Riesling: the facts**

Originating in German soil, today Riesling is Germany's leading grape variety, known for its characteristic "transparency" in flavour and presentation of terroir, and its balance between fruit and mineral flavours. In Germany, Riesling normally ripens between late September and late November, and late harvest Riesling can be picked as late as January.

Riesling wines are often consumed when young, when they make a fruity and aromatic wine which may have aromas of green or other apples, grapefruit, peach, gooseberry, honey, rose blossom or cut green grass, and usually a crisp taste due to the high acidity.

### **Pinot Blanc: the facts**

In Alsace, Germany, Luxembourg, Italy, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia, the wine produced from this grape is a full-bodied white. In 2000, there were 1,300 hectares (3,200 acres) of Pinot blanc in France, with most of the plantations found in Alsace, where it is used for both still and sparkling wines. Historically, Pinot blanc was used both in Burgundy and Champagne. It is still allowed in the Champagne blend and small amounts of Pinot blanc may in principle be blended into some Burgundy wines, but very small amounts are cultivated in either region. In the Champagne region, Pinot blanc is often called Blanc vrai.

## White Wine

### Riesling

Bottle

- 21 **Weinhaus Röss Riesling 2014** £26.00  
**Balthasar Röss, Rheingau, Germany**  
Crisp, medium-bodied dry Riesling, with lemon, lime and apple fruit flavours, a floral lift and a clean finish.
- 22 **Firestone Riesling 2013** £29.00  
**California, United States**  
Wonderfully zesty and aromatic, with green apple, lemon, lime and jasmine aromas. The palate is light-bodied yet full of flavour, with a tingling balance of ripe fruit and fresh acidity.
- 23 **Live Wire Riesling 2013** £30.00  
**Langmeil, South Australia**  
A delightfully moreish medium-dry Riesling, light in alcohol and full of vivid green apple, lime and floral notes. Natural grape sweetness enhances the fruit flavours up-front, but then gives way to a crisp dry finish.

### Pinot Blanc

Bottle

- 24 **Quercus Pinot Bianco 2015** £27.00  
**Goriška Brda, Slovenia**  
On the nose there are notes of apple, grapefruit and lemon, as well as a pleasant floral aroma. Smooth and full-bodied on the palate, with a long finish.
- 25 **Schlumberger Pinot Blanc 2012** £30.00  
**Alsace, France**  
The nose is fine and delicate, on floral and fruity notes. Green lime and grape fruit notes can be found after airing. In the mouth, the onset is generous, slightly full-bodied but very supple nevertheless. The finish is of medium length and very fine, making this wine very pleasing to drink.



# White Wine

## Other Whites

Bottle

- 26 **Kanu Chenin Blanc 2013** £26.00  
**Stellenbosch, South Africa**  
Full bodied, crisp and floral. A fruit salad in a glass to drink anytime of the day.
- 27 **Gaillac Blanc 2014** £26.00  
**Château Lions Lamartine, France**  
A broad spread of aroma – mandarin, apricot, white flowers – leads to a rich, expressive palate bursting with fruit and yet with a certain crispness that keeps it fresh and lively. Really characterful, distinctive white wine.
- 28 **Delas Freres Viognier 2014** £27.00  
**Vin de Pays d’Oc, France**  
Bursting with Viognier character: apricots, peaches and preserved citrus fruit. The palate is both smooth and fresh, with hints of spice.
- 29 **Conde Valdemar Rioja Blanco Finca Alto Cantabria 2013** £28.00  
**Bodegas Valdemar, Spain**  
A successful blend of modern fruit and traditional oak ageing: lemony, smoke- and vanilla-scented, with subtle aromas of peaches and apricot, and beautifully balanced.
- 30 **Cuvée 113 2012** £28.00  
**Sauska, Tokaj, Hungary**  
I don't think anybody can properly describe Cuvee 113 in a few lines... Just unique! Complex, crisp and refreshing. Ripe stone fruit, melon and herbal flavours.
- 31 **Pinot Gris 2014** £28.00  
**Rene Mure, Alsace, France**  
Richly dry, with enticing flavours of spiced pear, clean citrusy balance and a good positive finish.
- 32 **Albariño Casal Caeiro 2014** £29.00  
**Rias Baixas DO, Spain**  
From the coolest part of Rias Baixas, this wine bursts with juicy Albariño character: pear, citrus fruit, musky perfume and hints of mineral and spice. Clean, intense and very long on the palate.
- 33 **Gewürztraminer Côte de Rouffach 2014** £32.00  
**Rene Mure, Alsace, France**  
Controlled yet expressive, this wine offers the characteristic exotic aromas of Gewurztraminer – rose petals, lychee and gingerbread – in an elegant, medium-bodied style. This is a Gewurz made for food!

### Chenin Blanc: *the facts*

The Chenin blanc grapevine buds early in the growing season and ripens mid to late in the harvest year. However, in warm years, the balance between the Loire's marginal climate and the warmth needed to attain full ripeness has the potential of producing wines with some depth of complexity and finesse. The age of the vine can have an influence on wine quality, with older vines producing naturally lower yields. When infected by noble rot, which also lowers yields and adds and intensifies certain flavours, the wines develop less overtly floral aroma notes but more depth and layers.

### Rioja Blanco: *the facts*

With Rioja Blanco, Viura is the prominent grape (also known as Macabeo) and is normally blended with some Malvasía and Garnacha blanca. In the white wines the Viura contributes mild fruitness, acidity and some aroma to the blend with Garnacha blanca adding body and Malvasía adding aroma. Rosados are mostly derived from Garnacha grapes. The "international varieties" of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot have gained some attention and use through experimental plantings by some bodegas but their use has created wines distinctly different from the typical Rioja.

### Gewürztraminer: *the facts*

Gewürztraminer is an aromatic wine grape variety, used in white wines, and performs best in cooler climates. It is sometimes referred to colloquially as Gewürz. Gewürztraminer is a variety with a pink to red skin colour, which makes it a "white wine grape" as opposed to the blue to black-skinned varieties commonly referred to as "red wine grapes". The variety has high natural sugar and the wines are white and usually off-dry, with a flamboyant bouquet of lychees. Dry Gewürztraminers may also have aromas of roses, passion fruit and floral notes. It is not uncommon to notice some spritz (fine bubbles on the inside of the glass).

**Vermentino: the facts**

Vermentino is a light-skinned wine grape variety, primarily found in Italian wine. It is widely planted in Sardinia, in Liguria primarily under the name Pigato, to some extent in Corsica, in Piedmont under the name Favorita, and in increasing amounts in Languedoc-Roussillon.

The leaves are dark green and pentagonal. The grapes are amber-yellow and hang in pyramidal bunches. The vines are often grown on slopes facing the sea where they can benefit from the additional reflected light. The Vitis International Variety Catalogue now gives Italy as its origin.

## White Wine

### Other Whites

Bottle

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| 34 | <b>Vermentino di Bolgheri 2015</b><br><b>Guado Al tasso, Famiglia Antinori, Bolghieri DOC, Italy</b><br>This shows the combination of crispness and breadth that marks Vermentino, with engaging citrus flavours and a long mineral finish.                | £36.00 |
| 35 | <b>Gavi di Gavi Bruno Broglia 2013</b><br><b>Piedmont, Italy</b><br>This top selection shows great refinement and minerality on the nose, with a nutty savouriness on the palate. Taut, concentrated and structured, it sets the benchmark for great Gavi. | £39.00 |
| 36 | <b>Condrieu La Galopine 2012</b><br><b>Delas Freres, Rhône Valley, France</b><br>Rich, spicy wine showing the wonderful voluptuous texture and perfumed apricot fruit of the very best Viognier.   | £59.00 |





# Red Wine

## Merlot

Bottle

### Merlot: *the facts*

Dark blue-colored wine grape variety, that is used as both a blending grape and for varietal wines. The name Merlot is thought to be a diminutive of merle, the French name for the blackbird, probably a reference to the color of the grape. Its softness and “fleshiness”, combined with its earlier ripening, makes Merlot a popular grape for blending with the sterner, later-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon, which tends to be higher in tannin.

Merlot is also one of the most popular red wine varietals in many markets. This flexibility has helped to make it one of the world’s most planted grape varieties. As of 2004, Merlot was estimated to be the third most grown variety at 260,000 hectares (640,000 acres) globally, with an increasing trend. This puts Merlot just behind Cabernet Sauvignon’s 262,000 hectares (650,000 acres).

37 **Cuvée Alexandre Merlot 2013** £29.00

### **Casa Lapostolle, Colchagua Valley, Chile**

This iconic Merlot has an expressive nose, with fresh black fruit aromas, spices, red pepper and bitter chocolate. The palate is smooth and well balanced, with a generous structure and a long finish.

38 **Château Gardour 2010** £34.00

### **Lalande-de-Pomerol, Bordeaux, France**

Juicy yet restrained, this wine shows excellent balance and class for its appellation. Cassis and plum fruit meets mineral and smoky notes, with real persistence on the palate.

39 **Château Palais Cardinal 2009** £39.00

### **St Emilion, Bordeaux, France**

A particularly sumptuous Saint-Emilion, showing all the ripeness of a fine vintage, but lifted by a seam of freshness. Red berry and plum fruit meet cedary spice in a wine of superb balance and length.

## Shiraz/Syrah

Bottle

40 **Côtes-du-Rhône 2015** £29.00

### **Domaine de Beurenard, Rhone Valley, France**

Classic upmarket Côtes-du-Rhône, combining juicy red fruit with some of the minerality and spice you find in Châteauneuf.

41 **Crozes-Hermitage Les Launes 2014** £31.00

### **Delas Freres, Rhone Valley, France**

A fresh, medium-bodied Crozes, with aromas of cassis, plums and violets, alongside the telltale black pepper. The palate offers a supple mouthfeel and a fine mineral finish.

42 **Katnook Estate Shiraz 2012** £46.00

### **Katnook Estate, South Australia**

This Shiraz shows vibrant raspberry fruit framed by subtle oak notes. Liquorice, plum and black pepper develop on the palate, alongside vanilla and chocolate flavours from the barrels. Savoury, spicy notes and a fine structure.

43 **The Vicar Shiraz Chapel Hill 2012** £55.00

### **McLaren Vale, Australia**

Chapel Hill’s flagship wine displays layers of opulent blackberry, spice, mocha and liquorice flavours which are seamlessly interlinked by a sublime savoury texture.

### Shiraz/Syrah: *the facts*

Syrah (also known as Shiraz) is a dark-skinned grape variety grown throughout the world and used primarily to produce red wine. Syrah should not be confused with Petite Sirah, a synonym for Durif, a cross of Syrah with Peloursin dating from 1880.

The style and flavor profile of wines made from Syrah is influenced by the climate where the grapes are grown with moderate climates (such as the northern Rhone Valley and parts of the Walla Walla AVA in Washington State) tending to produce medium to full-bodied wines with medium-plus to high levels of tannins and flavors of blackberry, mint and black pepper notes. In hot climates (such as the Barossa Valley of Australia), Syrah is more consistently full-bodied with softer tannin, jammier fruit and spice notes of liquorice, anise and earthy leather. In many regions the acidity and tannin levels of Syrah allows the wines produced from the grape to have favorable aging potential.



### **Cabernet Sauvignon: the facts**

is one of the world's most widely recognized red wine grape varieties. It is grown in nearly every major wine producing country among a diverse spectrum of climates from Canada's Okanagan Valley to Lebanon's Beqaa Valley. Cabernet Sauvignon became internationally recognized through its prominence in Bordeaux wines where it is often blended with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. From France, the grape spread across Europe and to the New World. For most of the 20th century, it was the world's most widely planted premium red wine grape until it was surpassed by Merlot in the 1990s.

The classic profile of Cabernet Sauvignon tends to be full-bodied wines with high tannins and noticeable acidity that contributes to the wine's aging potential.

### **Pinot Noir: the facts**

A red wine grape variety of the species *Vitis vinifera*. The name may also refer to wines created predominantly from Pinot noir grapes. The name is derived from the French words for pine and black; the pine alluding to the grape variety having tightly clustered, pine cone-shaped bunches of fruit.

It is widely considered to produce some of the finest wines in the world, but is a difficult variety to cultivate and transform into wine. The grape's tendency to produce tightly packed clusters makes it susceptible to several viticultural hazards involving rot that require diligent canopy management. The thin-skins and low levels of phenolic compounds lends Pinot to producing mostly lightly colored, medium bodied low tannin wines that can often go through dumb phases with uneven and unpredictable aging. When young, wines made from Pinot noir tend to have red fruit aromas of cherries, raspberries and strawberries. As the wines age, Pinots have the potential to develop vegetal and "barnyard" aromas that can contribute to the complexity of the wine.

## Red Wine

### Cabernet Sauvignon

Bottle

- 44 **Medalla Real Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** £29.00  
**Santa Rita, Maipo Valley, Chile**  
Classic high-class Chilean Cabernet: sweet cassis fruit intertwined with savoury notes of currant leaves, tobacco, and leather. Lovely balance and poise in the mouth, and a good refreshing finish.
- 45 **Founders Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** £30.00  
**Katnook Estate, Coonawarra, Australia**  
Intense blackcurrant and mint aromas mark this classic Coonawarra Cabernet, while the lush yet fine-grained palate offers abundant berry fruit alongside toasty, spicy complexity from the oak.
- 46 **Joel Gott 815 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013** £35.00  
**California, United States**  
Aromas of mocha, blueberry, plums and spiced cherry. Fruit on the palate, supported by firm tannins, followed by a long, balanced finish.
- 47 **Château Lagrange 2010** £85.00  
**St Julien, Bordeaux, France**  
Packed with crisp, crunchy cassis and black fruits. The tannins are present but ripe and the fruit has freshness with a creamy finish.
- 48 **Château Kirwan 2008** £99.00  
**Margaux 3rd Growth, Bordeaux, France**  
A classic medium-bodied Margaux, showing good aromatic depth of cassis, blackberry and smoke, and a palate of charming freshness.

### Pinot Noir

Bottle

- 49 **Weinhaus Röss Pinot Noir 2014** £27.00  
**Rheingau, Germany**  
Light-bodied, fragrant, full of sweet red fruit within a delicate structure, this is a delicious, moreish German Pinot Noir.
- 50 **Penny Lane Pinot Noir 2013** £30.00  
**New Zealand**  
Black fruit on the nose intermingled with subtle oak. Rich and firm on the palate with bold, sweet fruit. Ripe black cherry lingers on the finish.
- 51 **Pommard, Henri de Villamont 2011** £38.00  
**Burgundy, France**  
Vibrant fruit and solidity of structure while rounding off the tannin into a beautifully silky mouthful. Layers of spicy-mineral complexity add depth to the palate, while the finish is all on the fruit.
- 52 **Freestone Vineyards Pinot Noir, Joseph Phelps 2013** £46.00  
**California, United States**  
Aromas of cherry, raspberry, anise and tea leaves, along with a tangerine brightness that expresses the wine's coastal origins. The palate is generous yet finely structured, with good capacity to age.
- 53 **Gevrey-Chambertin Henri de Villamont 2012** £50.00  
**Burgundy, France**  
An elegant style of Gevrey from a well-situated single vineyard, offering a beguiling blend of red and black berry fruit, a juicy texture, and a hint of earthy complexity.



# Red Wine

## Tempranillo

Bottle

- 54 **Conde Valdemar Rioja Reserva 2009** £30.00

### **Bodegas Valdemar, Spain**

Complex aromas with subtle spicy notes and ripe black fruit touches, leading to a generous, intense palate full of plums, raisins and chocolate. Beautiful balance of fruit and oak, with a long, persistent finish.

- 55 **Finca Valpiedra Rioja Reserva 2009** £45.00

### **Spain**

That rare thing: a single-vineyard Rioja, offering a powerful expression of black fruit, white chocolate, plums and spices. These aromas are perfectly combined with the smokiness provided by French oak barrels.

## Sangiovese

Bottle

- 56 **Pèppoli Chianti Classico 2012** £29.00

### **Marchesi Antinori, Tuscany, Italy**

A single estate vineyard owned by Marchesi Antinori aka “Mister Sangiovese”. Intense red fruit aromas are offset by delicate notes of vanilla and chocolate. Pleasantly lingering with a fresh, vibrant feel in the mouth.

- 57 **Tignanello 2011** £100.00

### **Marchesi Antinori, Toscana IGT, Italy**

The 2009 vintage marks a new phase in Tignanello’s stylistic development. The wine’s characteristic power has been joined by a new sense of grace, with notes of violet and liquorice complementing the red fruit and toasty oak aromas.

## Malbec

Bottle

- 58 **Malbec Finca Perdriel 2010** £26.50

### **Argentina**

A ripe, succulent wine offering aromas of violets, spice and tobacco. A round, mouthfilling palate, flavours of berry fruit and a persistent finish.

- 59 **Château Haut Monplaisir Tradition 2010** £34.00

### **Cahors, France**

This wine shows the classic Malbec characteristics: deep plum and berry aromas, with some leafy brightness, and a rich, appetising palate that blends fruit with mineral and tobacco notes.

### **Tempranillo: the facts**

Tempranillo is a black grape variety widely grown to make full-bodied red wines in its native Spain. Its name is the diminutive of the Spanish temprano, a reference to the fact that it ripens several weeks earlier than most Spanish red grapes. Tempranillo has been grown on the Iberian Peninsula since the time of Phoenician settlements. It is the main grape used in Rioja, and is often referred to as Spain’s noble grape.

### **Sangiovese: the facts**

A red Italian wine grape variety that derives its name from the Latin sanguis Jovis, “the blood of Jove”. Though it is the grape of most of central Italy from Romagna down to Lazio, Campania and Sicily, outside Italy it is most famous as the only component of Brunello di Montalcino and Rosso di Montalcino and the main component of the blend Chianti, Carmignano, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano and Morellino di Scansano, although it can also be used to make varietal wines such as Sangiovese di Romagna and the modern “Super Tuscan” wines like Tignanello.

### **Malbec: the facts**

The grapes tend to have an inky dark color and robust tannins, and are known as one of the six grapes allowed in the blend of red Bordeaux wine. The French plantations of Malbec are now found primarily in Cahors in South West France. It is increasingly celebrated as an Argentine varietal wine and is being grown around the world.

The Malbec grape is a thin-skinned grape and needs more sun and heat than either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot to mature. It ripens mid-season and can bring very deep color, ample tannin, and a particular plum-like flavor component to add complexity to claret blends. Sometimes, especially in its traditional growing regions, it is not trellised and cultivated as bush vines (the goblet system). Here it is sometimes kept to a relatively low yield of about 6 tons per hectare. The wines are rich, dark and juicy.

### **Nero d'Avola: the facts**

Nero d'Avola ("Black of Avola" in Italian) is "the most important red wine grape in Sicily" and is one of Italy's most important indigenous varieties. It is named after Avola in the far south of Sicily and its wines are compared to New World Shirazes, with sweet tannins and plum or peppery flavours. It also contributes to Marsala blends.

### **Teroldego: the facts**

Wine has been produced since ancient times in "Campo Rotaliano", an alluvial plain between the rivers Adige (Etsch) and Noce. Teroldego takes its name from its traditional method of cultivation, trained on a system of "tirelle" or wire harnesses, an explanation that's more likely, if less pretty, than its legendary association with German dialect for gold of the Tirol. It has recently been discovered to be a full sibling of the Dureza variety from France, which is one of the parents of Syrah.

### **Pinotage: the facts**

South Africa's signature variety. It was bred there in 1925 as a cross between Pinot noir and Cinsaut (Cinsaut was known as "Hermitage" in South Africa during that time, hence the portmanteau name of Pinotage). It typically produces deep red varietal wines with smoky, bramble and earthy flavors. Pinotage is often blended, and also made into fortified wine and even red sparkling wine.

## Red Wine

### Other Reds

Bottle

- |    |   |        |
|----|---|--------|
| 60 | <b>Côtes-du-Ventoux 2013</b><br><b>Delas Freres, Rhone Valley, France</b><br>Rounded and fruit-driven, with ripe red berries on the nose and a plump, juicy palate.   | £26.00 |
| 61 | <b>Regaleali Nero d'Avola Sicilia IGT 2014</b><br><b>Tasca d'Almerita, Sicilia IGT, Italy</b><br>Notes of cherry, mulberry, black cherry, blueberry, vanilla and sage on the nose. Velvety and balanced in the mouth.   | £26.00 |
| 62 | <b>Haras de Pirque Reserva Carmenere 2013</b><br><b>Maipo, Chile</b><br>Mint, graphite and lots of fresh fruit on the nose, especially black fruit and blueberries. The palate is spicy with rosemary and cinnamon notes and a smooth, supple mouthfeel with good balance and concentration.  | £27.00 |
| 63 | <b>Finca Antigua Garnacha 2011</b><br><b>La Mancha, Spain</b><br>High aromatic intensity with initial hints of mineral, violets and ripe red berries. Notes of Indian ink and subtle nuances of new oak, tobacco and breadcrumbs. A silky attack, fresh with a velvety, full mouthfeel.   | £28.00 |
| 64 | <b>Teroldego Rotaliano Riserva 2012</b><br><b>Mezzacorona, Trentino, Italy</b><br>Complex, characteristic fragrance with a pleasant, ripe fruit aroma of prunes and blackcurrant. Full-bodied and well-balanced with a soft mouthfeel.  | £27.00 |
| 65 | <b>Casa Valduga Raizes Cabernet Franc 2012</b><br><b>Brazil</b><br>A fascinating example of Cabernet Franc showing red fruits, strawberry and cherries well matched with spices; soft yet refreshing on the palate.   | £30.00 |
| 66 | <b>Zinfandel Sebastiani 2014</b><br><b>California, United States</b><br>Very smooth and juicy, with ripe black fruit and no hard edges - a gentle giant.  | £30.00 |
| 67 | <b>Fleurie La Madone 2012</b><br><b>Georges Duboeuf, Burgundy, France</b><br>This famous Cru lives up to its name with a smooth, elegant and - yes - floral wine of immense charm.  | £29.00 |
| 68 | <b>Brolo di Campofiorin Rosso del Veronese IGT 2010</b><br><b>Masi, Veneto, Italy</b><br>An impressive, complex nose of berry fruits and a touch of vanilla. Rich, baked fruit flavours on the palate with hints of cocoa. Impressive structure and length, with a soft and velvety finish.   | £33.00 |
| 69 | <b>Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Pinotage 2012</b><br><b>Stellenbosch, South Africa</b><br>Pinotage, the iconic grape from South Africa, is often mis-understood due to shelves filled in with low cost, expressionless even sometimes boring wines. Neil Ellis has a different vision and it shows, this wine blows me away every time I taste it. Pristine red fruit, plum and cherry aromas with subtle hints of tobacco lead to a generous yet neatly balanced palate that sets a new standard in Pinotage. | £36.00 |



# Red Wine

## Other Reds

Bottle

- 70 **Vaio Armaron Amarone Classico 2009** £62.00  
**Seregho Alighieri, Masi, Veneto, Italy**  
Concentrated and elegant on the nose, with hints of spices and sumptuous ripe red fruit. The velvety palate is dominated by the same notes, with added flavours of wild flowers and herbs. Dry on the finish with excellent length.
- 71 **Quinta da Leda, Casa Ferreirinha 2011** £48.00  
**Casa Ferreirinha, Douro, Portugal**  
This single-vineyard wine from the estate's flagship site is sleek and expressive, with ripe black fruit, mocha and spice. Powerful and velvety in the mouth, with a long, elegant finish.
- 72 **Mazzano Amarone Classico 2009** £100.00  
**Masi, Veneto, Italy**  
An intensely elegant, quite austere bouquet offers violet, vanilla and incense scents. The palate is full-bodied and long, with flavours of plum, sweet and bitter cherries, candied fruit and hazelnut chocolate.
- 73 **Amarone, Masi 1990** £155.00  
**Masi, Veneto, Italy**  
Cooked cherries and fruit preserved in spirit. Complex and attractive mixture of sweetness and acidity. Long finish.

### **Portugese Wine: the facts**

Douro wines (Vinho do Douro) originate from the same region as port wines. In the past they were considered to be a bitter tasting wine. In order to prevent spoilage during the voyage from Portugal to England, the English decided to add a Portuguese wine brandy known as aguardente. The first documented commercial transactions appearing in registries of export date as far back as 1679. Today's Douro table wines are enjoying growing favor in the world, maintaining many traits that are reminiscent of a port wine.

### **Rosé Wine: the facts**

A rosé (from French rosé; also known as rosado in Portugal and Spanish-speaking countries and rosato in Italy) is a type of wine that incorporates some of the color from the grape skins, but not enough to qualify it as a red wine. It may be the oldest known type of wine, as it is the most straightforward to make with the skin contact method. The pink color can range from a pale “onion”-skin orange to a vivid near-purple, depending on the grape varieties used and winemaking techniques. There are three major ways to produce rosé wine: skin contact, saignée and blending. Rosé wines can be made still, semi-sparkling or sparkling and with a wide range of sweetness levels from bone-dry Provençal rosé to sweet White Zinfandels and blushes. Rosé wines are made from a wide variety of grapes and can be found all around the globe.

## Rosé Wines

- 74 **Rosa dei Masi 2013** £27.00  
**Masi, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy**  
A fresh and fruity but complex and elegant at the same time. A new interpretation of the rosé wine category thanks to the use of Masi’s speciality Appassimento technique. A Supervenetian, and a “brother” to Campofiorin, the famous red wine.
- 75 **Whispering Angel, Cotes de Provence Rose 2015** £36.00  
**Caves d’Esclans, Provence, France**  
The palest of pale pinks, this delicate rosé offers a core of pretty stone fruit with some herbal notes. The palate is dry but smooth-textured, with an appetising mineral finish.



# Sparkling Wine & Champagne

## Sparkling Wine

Bottle

- 76 **Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Brut 2015** £29.00  
**Col de'Salici, Italy**  
A sophisticated, vinous Prosecco, with aromas of spring flowers and stone fruit, a delicate citrus quality on the palate, fine bubbles and a clean, dry finish.

## Champagne

½ Bottle

Bottle

- 77 **Champagne Drappier Carte d'Or Brut N.V.** £26.00 £49.00  
**France**  
A Pinot Noir-based champagne of style and finesse, Carte d'Or offers delicate aromas of white peach, quince and a touch of spice. The dry, elegant palate shows an impressive degree of concentration, along with fine bubbles and a long, crisp finish.
- 78 **Champagne Drappier Rosé Brut N.V.** £52.00  
**France**  
A beautifully balanced style of rosé: elegant yet full of character. Pretty red berry aromas lead to a delicate palate of summer fruit and herbs, finishing crisply dry and refreshing.
- 79 **Champagne Louis Roederer Brut N.V.** £50.00  
**France**  
Delicate and well balanced with a vine and lime blossom attack followed by a mellow and harmonious finish.
- 80 **Champagne Pol Roger Brut Reserve N.V.** £52.00  
**France**  
An expression of precision and elegance is enhanced by multilayered fruit flavours.
- 81 **Champagne Drappier Grande Sendrée 2006** £86.50  
**France**  
Impressively rich and savoury, Drappier's flagship wine shows complex, mature notes of dried fruit, toast and wax, alongside vivid stone fruit and citrus flavours. The palate is graceful despite its underlying power and finishes extremely long.
- 82 **Cristal 2006** £199.00  
**Louis Roederer, France**  
An intensely floral bouquet with almond, hazelnut and wild flowers. Light and fresh with a finish of elegant persistence.

### **Pinotage: the facts**

Prosecco is an Italian white sparkling wine, generally a dry or extra dry wine. It is made from Glera grapes, formerly known also as Prosecco, but other grape varieties such as Bianchetta Trevigiana may be included.

### **Champagne Drappier: the facts**

For one of Champagne's most forward-thinking producers, Drappier has no shortage of historic roots. An 8th generation family business, the house was founded in 1808, and occupies magnificent twelfth-century cellars built by Cistercian monks. Indeed, it was members of this monastic order who travelled up from Burgundy to the Aube region nearly a millennium ago, and planted the early ancestor of Pinot Noir. In the early 20th century, however, Pinot Noir had fallen out of favour in the region. Drappier could sense its potential, and was the first to replant it in the 1930s, earning ridicule from neighbours until the quality advantages became clear. Other innovations have followed: rosé in a clear bottle was introduced in 1968; extremely low levels of sulphur are used, and there is even a no-added-sulphur cuvée made; the liqueur d'expédition is matured for over fifteen years in oak and demi-johns; and Drappier is the only house to ferment every format, from half-bottles up to the gigantic 30-litre Melchisédech, in the bottle in which it is sold.

Today, Drappier owns fifty-five hectares of vineyard around the town of Urville, with another fifty hectares under contract in the Côte des Bar, Montagne de Reims, and Côte des Blancs. Although Pinot Noir accounts for the majority of wine produced, the style is not heavy. There is a vivacity and lightness of touch here that demonstrates great skill, since these champagnes have plenty of concentration and substance. And, again despite the Pinot dominance, the house has a great feel for Blanc de Blancs, be it 100% Chardonnay, or the rare blend of all four, mostly obscure, white grapes permitted in Champagne.

## Dessert Wines

### **Dessert Wine: the facts**

There is no simple definition of a dessert wine. In the UK, a dessert wine is considered to be any sweet wine drunk with a meal, as opposed to the white fortified wines (fino and amontillado sherry) drunk before the meal, and the red fortified wines (port and madeira) drunk after it. Thus, most fortified wines are regarded as distinct from dessert wines, but some of the less strong fortified white wines, such as Pedro Ximénez sherry and Muscat de Beaumes-de-Venise, are regarded as honorary dessert wines. In the United States, by contrast, a dessert wine is legally defined as any wine over 14% alcohol by volume, which includes all fortified wines - and is taxed more highly as a result. This dates back to a time when the US wine industry only made dessert wines by fortification, but such a classification is outdated now that modern yeast and viticulture can produce dry wines over 15% without fortification, yet German dessert wines can contain half that amount of alcohol.

- |   | 50ml Glass | Bottle |
|---|------------|--------|
| <b>83 Moscatel Naturalmente Dulce 2015</b> ½ bottle   | £4.75      | £22.00 |
| <b>Finca Antigua, La Mancha, Spain</b>  |            |        |
| A stunning mixture of concentration and freshness, tingling with orangey acidity and floral, grapey aromas, then direct, powerful and surprisingly sweet on the palate. A tour de force!  |            |        |
| <b>84 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 2013</b>  | £4.25      | £19.50 |
| <b>Delas Freres, Rhone Valley, France</b>   |            |        |
| Intensely fruity – one of the few wines that actually smells of grapes! Floral and citrusy on the palate, with delicate flavours balancing the sweetness and leaving a refreshing aftertaste.   |            |        |
| <b>85 Changyu Golden Diamond Vidal Ice Wine 2009</b>  |            | £41.00 |
| <b>Liaoning, China</b>  |            |        |
| A world-class ice wine of thrilling purity and intensity, offering aromas of pear, lychee and honey. The palate's lusciousness is balanced by a keen citrus edge, and the freshness of flavour carries through to a beautiful cleansing finish. |            |        |
| <b>86 Pineau des Charentes Rouge 10 years old</b>   | £4.50      |        |
| <b>Château de Beaulon, France</b>   |            |        |
| Extended barrel ageing has given this Pineau wonderful depth of black cherry, prune and blackcurrant aroma. The palate is rich yet savoury, with cinnamon and cocoa notes from the wood framing the cedary black fruit.                         |            |        |







## *Food & Wine Matches*

### STARTERS

Salads - Sauvignon Blanc or Chablis  
Goats Cheese - Sauvignon Blanc  
Smoked Salmon - Champagne, Sparkling  
or Oaked Chardonnay  
Shellfish - Crisp dry white such as Chablis  
Cured Meats - Rioja Joven,  
New World Pinot Noir, Beaujolais

### MAIN COURSES

Beef - Merlot or St Emilion  
Lamb - Rioja or Red Bordeaux  
Chicken - Full flavoured whites or lighter reds  
Duck - Pinot Noir or Australian Shiraz  
White Fish - Viognier or Unoaked Chardonnay  
Venison - Zinfandel or Southern Italian

### DESSERTS

Sticky Toffee Pudding - Moscatel  
Fruit Desserts - Sauternes  
Cheese - Red Wine or Port



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