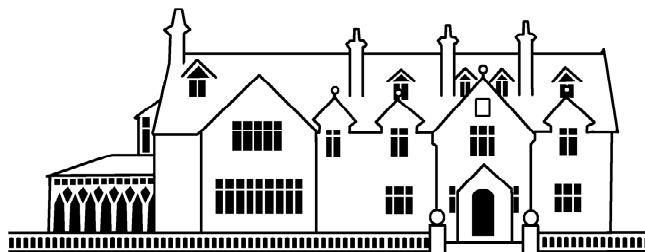


Penmaenuchaf Hall



Wine List

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AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR WINE LIST

Welcome to our wine list, we hope you enjoy perusing it and choosing your wine. At Penmaenuchaf Hall we have a passion for wine and are continually striving to present a list that is well balanced, representative of today's wines, reasonably priced, accurate and user friendly.

In selecting these wines we have enjoyed visiting many wine fairs, wine tastings and vineyards throughout the world where we have met many people dedicated and passionate about the wonderful wines they are producing.

Although our list covers a wide spectrum of wines from many wine producing regions of the world, at this time it remains French orientated. Despite what people may say, France still has the widest range of grapes, styles and expertise and other wine makers throughout the world seek to emulate the best qualities of French wine. As far as sales go, Australia is well in the lead. Followed by Italy and then close behind France. USA and Spain are in fourth and fifth position.

At the beginning of our list we have a choice of three wines of the month, these are wines we have tasted and particularly liked in addition to the list, and are for future consideration to place on the main list. Let us know what you think of them. Our interesting range of half bottles can be found towards the back of the list, this is followed by our wide selection of dessert wines, fortified wines and spirits.

A recent addition to the list is 'The Collectors Choice' a page of interesting and unique wines that have been cellared here at Penmaenuchaf Hall for up to 15 years and are now ready for drinking. Have a look through them. If you need any further information on them we can supply it.

If you have enjoyed a particular wine with your meal we can offer a competitive quote or can make up a case to your specific requirements. Please ask.

Lorraine and I have both attended Wine and Spirit Education Trust courses to Higher Certificate and Diploma levels respectively. Some of our staff have also attended WSET courses and we have an ongoing training programme. Should you need any advice when choosing your wine we will be only too pleased to assist you.

We try to keep our prices as reasonable as possible and we have spotted some of our mid range wines priced at £20 or more than our price for exactly the same wine in other hotels in Wales and even more in England. For example one of our house wines for £22.75 at £39.00 in a North Wales Hotel.

Sometimes we slip up and a vintage changes without us noticing. We apologise in advance if this happens and would be grateful for your help in mentioning it to us. We welcome any other comments and suggestions you may have to improve the list.

MARK and LORRAINE
Penmaenuchaf Hall
24/2/17

Please note; our new additions to the wine list are in blue.

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We have specially selected these “Wines of the Month” to give you the opportunity to taste some wines that are at the forefront of wine making today

*All three are very interesting and excellent examples of their styles.
We hope you enjoy them.*

All our wines are available at retail prices to take home.

- WM1 (4) CAPEZZANA TREBBIANO CONTE CONTINI BONACOSSI. 2007 £32.50**
Carmignano Italy 14% Vol.
Hardly any Trebbiano vines remain in Tuscany region having all been torn out to be replaced by the more lucrative Sangiovese. However the Contini Bonacossi family have kept some to produce this rare and wonderful oak fermented amber yellow wine with green nuances. The bouquet is of almonds and vanilla with an intense flavour and long finish. It is recommended to be drunk at room temperature. We have also chilled some (Specially imported for Penmaenuchaf Hall)
- WM2 (C) DE GRAS BY MONT GRAS RESERVA CARMENERE. 2014 £24.75**
Colchagua Valley Chile. 13.5% Vol.
The Carmenere grape variety originated in the Bordeaux area of France but was wiped out by the Phyloxera bug in 1855 and was never replanted. It has now become one of Chile’s great wine successes. Deep purple to ruby red in colour with a full bouquet of spice, oak and black fruit and a firm but juicy palate. Offers plum, damson and curranty characters alongside well integrated toasty oak and layers of vanilla.
- WM3 (C) LES SABLONS GRENACH SYRAH AOP 2014 £22.50**
Ventoux France 2014 13.50% Vol.
This is a blend of two grape varieties; Grenache and Syrah. It has produced a soft and juicy wine with flavours and aromas of cherries and plums with some gentle pepperiness.

White Sweetness Guide (1) – very dry, (9) – very sweet
Red Body Guide (A) – light bodied, (E) – full bodied

THE COLLECTORS' CHOICE

We have purchased and cellared these wines over the past ten years or more and now present them to you ready for drinking and in excellent condition. Further tasting notes available on request.

White Wines

- 200 CHATEAU D'YQUEM 2004 (France) £200.00
(No sweet wine surpasses Yquem. It is amazingly rich and opulent with a razor sharp focus. A very good vintage).
- 202 VIN DE CONSTANCE 1998 (South Africa) £117.50
(Famous Muscat dessert wine. Vanilla pod, mixed peel, spiced oranges, cloves, raisins, thick and gloopy but with a whistlingly fresh finish from the acidity that keeps magnificent balance. The orange character is really pure on the palate, like tangerine slices – tangy and freshly-peeled. Drink 2009-18).

Red Wines

- 250 PENFOLDS GRANGE 1999 (Australia) £350.00
(Australia's most sought after premium wine delivers great complexity and body with age. A bargain at this price)..
- 251 VEGA SICILIA. UNICO 1990 (Spain) £385.00
(Holding almost mythical status amongst Spanish wine aficionados, this is a multi layered complex wine, only made in the best vintages).
- 252 SASSICAIA 2008 (Italy) £295.00
(A stunning vintage and a stunning wine full of complexity, length, style and great elegance. Memorable).
- 253 BAROLO DOCG, CANNUBI BOSCHIS, Luciano Sandrone 1997 (Italy) £265.00
(Dedicated small grower making magnificent Barolo from his small patch of the Cannubi Boschis, arguably the top site for Barolo. Concentrated, powerful, balanced and elegant).
- 255 ALION 1997 (Spain) £70.00
(From the Vega Sicilia stable, this is great value, full bodied, still fresh and youthful but with complexity and length).
- 256 NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA 2007 (Argentina) £70.00
(Meticulous vine selection from the best lots on the estate. 65% Cabernet Sauvignon 35% Malbec. Fermented in French oak barrels and stored in French oak for 24 months. Saturated dark violet colour. Aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate and liquorice, concentrated but fresh clean flavours of currant and mineral flavours. The wine is still developing and will improve if there is any left).
- 257 ALLEGRINI. AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2008 (Italy) £80.00
(This full, thick Amarone offers masses of ripe fruit and fresh herbs, with velvety tannins. Turns to black pepper and fruit on the finish. Should age beautifully, but why wait? Drink now).
- 259 MASSOLINI BAROLO VIGNA RIONDA 1997 (Italy) £130.00
(Only made in vintages of the highest calibre. Massolini's Vigna Rionda is aged for 4 years in Slavonian oak. It is known for being a wine of longevity, realizing its complex persona over an extended period. Vigna Rionda holds to the concept of a Barolo Riserva. It may be approached after at least ten years into its life cycle. Rich cooked fruits, coffee and spice together with sweet fruit bitter chocolate, hints of tar with a good length).
- 260 ANTONIO VALLANA. GATTINARA 2006 (Italy) £48.50
(Gattinara is a small commune in the Piedmont area of north west Italy. Produced from 100% Nebbiolo like its more famous neighbours Barolo and Barbaresco, this is far better value for money at this level. Notes of truffle, roses and spice characterise this full-bodied, powerful wine that would be a perfect match for slightly more delicate red meat dishes such as fillet steak or lamb).
- 258 CLOS-VOUGEOT GRAND CRU A.C. Domaine Rene Engel 2004 £300.00
(Full purple in colour and has that extra degree of concentration on the nose. A superb, seamless, fruit-forward, ultra-long wine which has an intensity of very ripe cherries dominating the palate. A wine that is very easy to fall in love with).

House Wines

Our House Wines have been selected with great care to find exceptional value. The House Reds are from France, Italy, Australia Argentina and Spain. The whites come from Argentina, France, Italy Germany and New Zealand. For a real treat try the Laroche Viognier, its flavours of apricots, peaches and kiwi fruit are amazing.

Red

Per Bottle

1. HECULA BODEGAS CASTANO Monastrel Yecla Spain, 2014 £22.75
(An impressive concentration with a peppery nose and an attractive dark liquorice fruit. Aged for six months in American oak casks to give soft, polished tannins which balance the spiced, plummy, redcurrant fruit).
2. VALPOLICELLA CORTE GIARA BY ALLEGRINI DOC. Veneto Northern Italy, 2015 £22.75
(This wine is produced near Verona and Lake Garda. It is one of Italy's most popular wines. From the grapes Rondinella, Corvina and Molinara, it has a nose of ripe cherries with hints of spice and a balanced elegance of soft red fruits, acidity and soft tannin and above all drinkability. Allegrini Valpolicella is also available in halves - see Bin 170).
3. CHATEAU D'ARGADENS A.C. Bordeaux Superior, 2012 £22.75
(Purchased in 2002 by Sichels, this property is situated in the Entre-Deux-Mers. The excellent terroir produces robust and soft fruited wines with concentration and balance D'Argadens is one of the best Bordeaux Superieur around. Seen priced at £39.00 in a North Wales hotel). (Also available in half bottles see Bin 159).
4. THE STUMP JUMP, d'Arenberg McLaren Vale Australia 2012 £22.75
(A Southern Rhone mix of Grenache Shiraz & Mourvèdre from Chester Osbourne, chief wine maker. This is a full-bodied juicy wine with hints of cigar box on the nose, well balanced cooked fruits on the palate and a satisfying finish).
5. ALAMOS MALBEC, MENDOZA Argentina 2015 £22.75
(From the eastern slopes of the mountains of Mendoza. Hand harvested and selected grapes make this fruity, soft balanced red with rich fruit character. Malbec is the name of the grape variety originally from Bordeaux where it is called Cot. It is now an unimportant variety there. The conditions in Argentina are more suitable and it is the third most planted variety).

White

6. WOLF RIESLING, Pfalz, Wachenheim Germany 2014 £22.75
(Ernst Loosen has been making wine from this estate since 1996 when he purchased it. With its low yielding old vines in a prime setting he has produced a wine in true Pfalz style, lime, grass and straw on the nose and a full rich palate of citrus fruits with a crisp finish).
7. ALAMOS CHARDONNAY MENDOZA, Argentina 2015 £22.75
(From the revered Catena family, this Chardonnay is from grapes grown on the low mountains of the Andes. Light oak ageing has given some vanilla nuances in the tropical and citrus fruit aromas. Lots of fruit flavours and a crisp finish).
8. YEALANDS ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD, SAUVIGNON BLANC, New Zealand 2016 £22.75
(Harsh growing conditions and low yielding vines produce wines with intense varietal character. Intense mineral and fresh herb aroma, balanced by a tropical fruit character and a lingering finish).
9. LAROCHE VIOGNIER, Beziers, Southern France, 2015 £22.75
(Originating from the Northern Rhone the Viognier grape is flourishing here in the South of France. A spicy floral and peachy nose, rich and ripe palate with hints of Apricots and a touch of spice with a rich mouth feel).
10. CANTINA DI MONTEFORTE SOAVE SUPERIORE, Veneto Italy 2014 £22.75
(A fresh, scented nose that shows hints of white fruit and the characteristic almond blossom notes of top quality Soave. Honeyed, waxy and complex on the palate with a lovely citrus twist on the finish).

Rosé

11. ROSE DE LA CHEVALIER. Beziers, Languedoc, Southern France 2015 £22.75
(Grenache and Syrah grapes. Light pink in colour. Aromatic and perfumed on the nose with notes of wild strawberry and tropical fruit touches. The palate is fragrant and full of ripe red berry fruit. Medium-bodied with a fresh, zesty finish).

**Wines No 2, 3,4, 6, 7, 8, and 11 are available by the glass 125ml. £5.85, 175ml. £6.25, 250ml. £8.50
Champagne, Dessert wines and a selection of sherries are also available by the glass. Ask for our Bar Menu**

FRANCE

LOIRE

For the lover of white wine and seafood, this is the best source of supply for good, crisp, attractive wines. Despite their coming from vineyards situated along 600 miles of France's longest river, the Loire, the wines have a remarkable likeness.

White

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| 12. | MUSCADET DE SEVRE-ET-MAINE SUR LIE A.C., Chateau du Coing de St. Fiacre 2015
(Crisp, dry white wine from the mouth of the Loire. Bottled straight off its lees, (sur lie) it is delicious with all kinds of seafood). | £24.75 |
| 12a | DOMAINE FL CHAMBORCEAU SAVENNIERES 2008
(Chenin Blanc from an exciting new estate with grapes from some of the most prized sites. Nearly all organic. Meticulous wine making results in a wine of exceptional quality). | £39.75 |
| 13. | SANCERRE A.C., André Dezat et Fils 2015
(This comes from a small grower and is one of the best Sancerres we have tasted. It is dry and fruity with a wonderfully delicate bouquet and great length)
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 154). | £31.25 |
| 14. | DOMAINE THIBAUT, POUILLY FUME A.C. André Dezat 2015
(Made from the Sauvignon grape variety, dry with good length of grassy fruit)
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 151). | £31.75 |

Red

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| 15. | SANCERRE A.C. Pinot Noir, André Dezat 2015
(Elegant, light red wine produced from the traditional Burgundy grape – Pinot noir). | £31.75 |
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ALSACE

Today Alsace is actually part of France and lies along the banks of the Rhine. Wonderful white wines are produced here from vines planted on the sheltered lower slopes of the Vosges mountains. In style they are more akin to French wine than German, being dry and distinctive in flavour, although in German shaped bottles. Alsace wines are named after the grape variety from which they have been made.

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| 16. | GEWÜRZTRAMINER A.C., Bruno Sorg 2014
(Lively, spicy Gewürztraminer nose. Soft, full and well balanced fruit, with lychee and tropical fruit flavours). | £31.25 |
| 17. | PINOT GRIS A.C., Dopff & Irion 2014
(Ripe, juicy white with honeyed fruit, good weight and an attractive streak of fresh lemony acidity. Alsace Pinot Gris is very different to that produced elsewhere, having more weight and flavour). | £28.00 |

WHITE BORDEAUX

This area is best known for its magnificent, rich white dessert wines of Sauternes and Barsac. These seem to be regaining a well-deserved popularity for they make the perfect accompaniment to desserts and even to some rich, blue-veined cheeses such as Stilton. This section is also well worth the attention of lovers of dry white wine – those listed below are full of fruit, light, fragrant and crisp.

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| 20. | CHATEAU TOUR DE MIRAMBEAU, A.C. Bordeaux 2014
(Deliciously light, crisp and fruity white Bordeaux. This area is now making excellent white wines). | £27.75 |
| 21. | CHATEAU DOISY-DAENE GRAND VIN SEC, A.C. Bordeaux,
Duboudieu 2014
(Very well made wine, mainly from Sémillon and Sauvignon.
Lots of fruity flavour. Dry with lovely length). | £37.50 |
| 23. | CHATEAU DE LA CHARTREUSE, A.C. Sauternes 2006
(Rich, luscious dessert wine with excellent
fruit and length). | <i>(½ bottle)</i> £33.00 |
| 24. | CHATEAU RIEUSSEC, A.C. 1er cru Sauternes 1995
(A worthy neighbour of the famous Château d'Yquem.
Classic, rich wine with excellent botrytis character). | £60.00 |
| 25. | CHATEAU DELMOND A.C. Sauternes, 2010
(Semillon, Sauvignon and Muscadelle are used in this clean scented wine with aromatic
complexity on the nose and rich clean yet balanced flavours on the palate that last and last). | £38.00 |

CLARET VINTAGES

- 2012** Plenty of attractive short and medium term wines with some ready for drinking already.
- 2011** Fresh well balanced wines of good quality for the mid term.
- 2010** A great vintage, the wines having concentrated fruit and complexity together with the tannic structure needed for long life.
- 2009** An outstanding year without extremes of weather, now being spoken of as one of the very best approachable early, yet with the density and structure to last.
- 2008** A tricky vintage, initially dismissed by many but the Right bank in particular has come on well. Some very good mid-term wines were made, overlooked in the hype of 2009s on the horizon.
- 2007** The red wines are very mixed. Pomerol and St. Julien are the most consistent appellations Pauillac is very good with one or two exceptions.
- 2006** Good structure fruit and balance endow these wines with the ability to age well. In their youth they are a full flavour and quite masculine in style.
- 2005** A truly fantastic vintage with great quality across the board on both the left and right bank.
- 2004** A very good and underrated vintage, delicious fruit and balance. Good for short and medium term drinking.
- 2003** A very warm vintage endowing the wines with great fruit and power.
- 2002** Saved by a dry sunny September. Some good wines. Ready to drink now.
- 2001** September rain and cool weather affected ripening Some good wines ready to drink now.
- 2000** The millennium vintage and what a classic! Fantastic wines with plenty of ripe rich fruit and ripe tannins. Endowing the wines with longevity but allowing them to be drunk throughout their evolution.
- 1996** Excellent weather in October led to a wonderful vintage, with the wines giving lots of character and rich ripe fruit flavours.

RED BORDEAUX

The most prestigious wine producing area in the world. Bordeaux lies in southwestern France. The generic name of claret, given to the red wines of this area, is derived from the French word "clairet". To the connoisseur, each of the areas within the Gironde produces wines of distinct character – the St. Emilions have great flavour and bouquet and are fuller and softer than the Médocs. Pomerol wines are similar but distinct, while the full, soft, elegant Graves have much finesse and mature reasonably early.

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| 30. | CHATEAU CISSAC A.C. Haut Medoc 2012
(Textbook Médoc with plenty of juicy, chunky blackcurrant fruit, firm tannins and fine length. Cissac's new style has good balance, and is no longer overwhelmed by the tannin levels of pre-2000 vintages). | <i>Per bottle</i>
£35.25 |
| 31. | CHATEAU FEYTIT-CLINET A.C. Pomerol 2012
(This small property is run by J P Moueix of Petrus fame. It enjoys the advantages of their organisation especially as far as the vineyard and winemaking are concerned The wine is plummy fruit on the nose with a more elegant flavour than expected with good length and a firm finish). | £75.00 |
| 32. | CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ A.C. Saint Estephe 2002
(Deeply coloured, with a slightly herbal, stony nose revealing red currant, spice box, and damp earth characteristics, medium-bodied and cleanly made. Ready to drink now). | £45.00 |

RED BORDEAUX (cont')

- 32a. CHATEAU LA TOUR DE BY, A.C. Médoc 2009 £35.00
(There cannot be many Châteaux as consistently good as La-Tour-de-By: impeccably made claret, ripe and substantial with judicious oak and balanced tannin).
- 32b. CHATEAU SOCIANDO-MALLET A.C. Haut Medoc 2008, £45.00
(The full-bodied 2008 offers abundant notes of plums, blueberries and black raspberries interwoven with hints of white flowers, damp earth and background oak. This impressively endowed, muscular effort will benefit from 2-4 years of cellaring).
- 32c. CHATEAU PIPEAU, A.C. Grand cru Saint-Emilion 2011 £50.00
(A delicious upfront fragrant wine with ripe fruit, liquorice, bayleaf, oak characteristics, from a well regarded modern property Also available in halves. See Bin 163).
33. CHATEAU BATAILLEY A.C., Grand Cru Classé Pauillac 2007 £63.50
(Named after a 'bataille' that was fought here between the French and English (who else) 600 years ago, Batailley has once again lived up to its reputation of offering good value, early drinking, quintessential Pauillac. Made from 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, its toasty, ripe plum and cedar nose leads on to a palate with vivid cassis and raspberry fruit, creamy vanilla oak and a lovely long finish).
- 33a. CHATEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE, A.C. 2me cru Saint-Julien 2001 £130.00
(Powerful bulky style, with plenty of cassis, spicy new oak and roasted herbs on the jammy fruit nose. Husky, muscular wine with chunky tannins and good ageing potential. Ready to drink now).
34. CHATEAU LAFON ROCHET A.C. St. Estephe 2004 £70.00
(Spicy fruit with some toasty oak and smoky mineral elements. A supple start on the palate with gentle to moderate weight and a nice texture. A good fleshy spicy fruit finish).
35. CHATEAU D'ANGLUDET, A.C. Margaux 2007 £45.00
(A delicious wine, well made with concentration and class. Rich ripe and supple).
- 37a. CHATEAU PALMER, A.C. 3me cru Margaux 2005 £550.00
(An impressive dark ruby colour, black fruit, floral truffle and cigar box scents on the nose with excellent ripeness and richness on the palate. Robert Parker 97 points).
38. VIEUX-CHATEAU-CERTAN, AC Pomerol 2006 £205.00
(Alexandre Thienpont does a fine job here. This wine is deep and complex with hints of spice, black berries and liquorice).

WHITE BURGUNDY

Produced over a wide area from just south of Paris to below Dijon in central France, white Burgundies possess a luscious, rich, buttery quality that makes them unique. The Chardonnay grape, grown here, gives superb bouquet, fruit and length in that it can be the most perfectly balanced of all white wines.

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| 39. | MACON CHARDONNAY A.C., Cuvée J. Talmard 2014
(Fine, elegant white Mâcon with delicious fruit and balance). | £27.00 |
| 40. | RULLY 1ER CRU A.C. David Moret 2014
(Impressively rich style. Pale golden in appearance. The nose is full with a varying bouquet of flavours; elderberry, lemon, white peach and hints of flint. The palate strikes the characteristically Burgundian balance between acidity and richness, with bright fruit, nuts, oatmeal and notes of honey, a rounded palate and a long finish). | £39.75 |
| 41. | CHABLIS 1ER CRU Les Forets, Moreau-Naudet et Fils, 2014
(A superb, intense Chablis, this has a lovely balance of lemony crispness and full, nutty richness. Forets is a part of Montmains 1er cru and is a relatively new wine for Stephane Moreau, a young grower forging a good reputation). | £39.75 |
| 42. | CHABLIS GRAND CRU Bougros Jean Marc Brocard 2011
A delicate bouquet with hints of citrus fruits and a whiff of smokiness, the palate is intense with delicious mouthfilling fruit of apples and pears with a touch of saltiness on the finish). | £58.00 |
| 43. | ST-VERAN A.C., Jean Claude Boisset 2012
(Top class wine maker in an area which is providing some of today's best value white Burgundies). | £28.75 |
| 45. | CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET A.C. Chateau de Santenay 2013
(White gold in the glass. A powerful expressive nose, it opens with aromas of ripe pear, white peach and vanilla. The mouth is fresh and full, with lots of minerality. A fine, elegant structure leads to good length on a lovely palate of fresh fruit, honeysuckle and a delicate toast). | £60.00 |
| 45a. | MEURSAULT Les Clous A.C., Jean Claude Boisset 2012
(A very fine, elegant Meursault with ripe butteriness and a faint, subtle oak influence). | £58.25 |
| 45b. | CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU, Rollin Pere et Fils 2009
(Rich and gently oaky. Length, opulence and class from the specialist in Corton-Charlemagne). | £125.00 |

BEAUJOLAIS

With remarkable ease, the wine makers of Beaujolais can coax the Gamay grape into producing delicious fruit-filled wines that are the envy of the world.

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| 46. | CHATEAU CHASSANTOUR, A.C. Beaujolais- Villages La Lantignié, M. Perroud 201 5
(Produced from the Gamay grape, this is a fine example of Beaujolais. Light, flowery and delicious with distinctive style). | <i>Per bottle</i>
£25.00 |
| 47. | FLEURIE A.C., Domaine André Cologne 2015
(Fruity, well-made wine. One of the cru wines of the Beaujolais district and probably the best known).
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 165). | £31.00 |

RED BURGUNDY

Burgundy too produces some of the world's finest red wines. Lying to the south of Paris, the region is a lush one with its vineyards situated in beautiful rolling countryside. The Pinot Noir grape variety is capable of producing a cherry red wine that is unsurpassed in its delicious flavour and lingering aftertaste.

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| 48. | CHOREY LES BEAUNE LES BEAUMONTS A.C., Jean-Claude Boisset 2013
(Full of nice, chunky black fruits as well as red, it is quite rich and spicy, with very subtle oak notes as Nicolas used large 600 litre casks so as to moderate the oak's influence on the wine). | £40.50 |
| 49. | GIVRY 1ER CRU CLOS JUS, Gérard Mouton 2014
(Gérard Mouton's Clos Jus has such delicious, sappy Pinot Noir fruit that it makes it an undoubted favourite amongst good value Burgundies. Monsieur Mouton is a good source in the quaintly named hamlet of Poncey!). | £41.00 |
| 50. | GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN A.C. Louis Boillot & Fils 2013
(Lovely perfume of cassis and Morello Cherry on the nose. Rich and lush on the mid palate yet a tightly knit structure takes the wine through to a persistent length). | £72.50 |
| 51. | VOSNE ROMANEE 1er Cru Clos Des Réas, Michel Gros 2003
(Elegant and silky wine with ripe tannins and a certain spiciness coming from the oak. Well structured and balanced). | £145.00 |
| 52. | NUIITS ST GEORGES A.C. Chanson Père et Fils 2013
(One of the best wine makers producing wines in Nuits St Georges. Full of fruit and flavours). | £69.00 |
| 53. | MAZY-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU A.C., Armand Rousseau, 2004
(A full red Burgundy, delicate, light with lots of delicious Pinot Noir flavours). | £225.00 |
| 54. | CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU A.C. Domaine Meo-Camuzet 2004
(Pretty sweet floral perfume, notes of wild blackberry, plum and high-toned red fruits. Well-defined, intense and energetic, offering good depth and richness, with developed notes of forest floor, citrus peel and oak spices. Medium-bodied, supple and round. Drinking well now). | £185.00 |

RHÔNE

The red wines of the Rhône valley, in many people's opinion, are the best value of any French wines found in this country. Rich, fruity and robust, they seem to carry the warmth of the southern sun. Excellent with full flavoured red meat dishes such as casseroles, roasts and game. The rosés are among the best in the world with full flavour and excellent depth.

Red

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| 59 | LE CLOS DES CAZAUX, AC. GIGONDAS, LA TOUR SARRAZINE 2013
(Very concentrated wine made from old vines with low yields. Close to and similar to Chateauneuf du Pape but a touch more forward with slightly fruitier and more integrated tannins. A delicious, herby mouthful of wine). | £35.00 |
| 60. | ARBOUSSE, MASSIF D'UCHAUX COTES DU RHONE-VILLAGES 2013
(Good rich fruit and silky texture with cherry and blackberry flavours and spicy length. 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Carignan). | £24.75 |
| 61. | CROZES-HERMITAGE A.C., Les Jalets Paul Jaboulet Aine 2014
(The Frey family purchased Jaboulet Wines in 2006 and since then the wines have gone from strength to strength using modern wine techniques and more thorough grape selection). | £27.50 |
| 62. | CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE A.C. Domaine Vieux Telegraphe 1998
(A big masculine, powerful wine full of ripe spicy fruit and rich tannins. A wine with complexity and great length). | £98.00 |
| 63. | COTE ROTIE A.C., Cuvée du Plessy, Gilles Barge 2011
(Wonderfully rich, complex red Rhône with lots of spicy, peppery flavours produced by one of the, if not the, best wine-maker in Côte Rôtie). | £58.00 |
| 64.
(v) | HERMITAGE A.C., MONIER DE LA SIZERANNE, M. Chapoutier 2007 Biodynamic
(Big, full of superb length and flavour. One of the finest wines of the Rhône valley). | £90.50 |

White

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| 65. | CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC A.C., Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, H. Brunier et Fils 2012
(Intense, dry white with strong floral nose and rich, concentrated flavour. Every bit as good as its red counterpart). | £77.50 |
| 66. | CONDRIEU SAINT COSME A.C., Louis and Cherry Barruol 2012
(Barruol has turned out a beautiful 2010 Condrieu which exhibits lychee, honeysuckle, white peach and apricot notes, good acidity, some crushed rock notes and a long finish). | £55.75 |

Rosé

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| 67 | BELLE COMBE AC. Cave Terraventoux 2013
(Grenache and Syrah from the slopes of Mount Ventoux in the Southern Rhone. The wine has some lovely raspberry and strawberry notes on the nose with a harmonious well balanced thirst quenching fruity palate). | £24.50 |
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SPAIN

A source of excellent wines and still very good value. The Rioja region produces superb red wines made in the Bordeaux tradition, matured in oak casks. Ribera Del Duero for some of Spain's most prestigious wines. Navarra is close on its heels. Bierzo in the northwest is an up and coming region with some wines to watch out for. Rias Baixas produces the best Spanish whites.

Per bottle

Red

68. MARQUES DE RISCAL GRAN RESERVA DOC Rioja Northern Spain 2005 £55.00
(Aromas of sun-dried fruit combine with hints of vanilla on the nose. Sweet and savoury sensations fill the mouth, leaving behind a touch of caramel and wild cherries on the finish. Velvety tannins add balance and texture).
69. DSG PHINCAS D.O.C. Rioja Northern Spain 2012 £33.50
(From the Rioja Alta region. DSG is a relatively new kid on the block. They are producing a modern style Rioja with intense cherry colours and a purple rim. Floral scents, truffles, red fruits, blueberries, spices, coffee and lots of minerality. A creamy flavour develops on the palate with fruity and floral notes followed by a long full finish).
70. PRINCIPE DE VIANA TINTO ROBLE GARNACHA D.O. Vinas Vejas, Navarra 2015 £22.50
(Soft, round and juicy red with blackberry and redcurrant fruit and an attractive touch of spiciness. From vines over 40 years of age).
71. CUATRO PASOS D.O. Bierzo 2012 £25.00
(Mencia is an under rated grape. Now in the hands of the right producers here in North Western Spain, it is showing its true colours. Bright, vibrant ruby in colour with purple tints. On the nose this wine is highly perfumed and fresh with plenty of juicy red fruit character, plums, raspberries and cherries. A touch of spice from the subtle use of oak gives extra depth on the palate. An elegant and balanced wine with a fresh, fruity finish).
72. PESQUERA RESERVA, D.O. Ribera del Duero, A Fernandez 2008 £54.00
(Famous and highly regarded wine company producing rich and very powerful concentrated wines made from the Tinto Fino grape).

White

73. PRADO REY, VERDEJO D.O. RUEDA 2014 £23.50
(Relatively new modern style white wine from Northern Spain with lots of tropical fruit flavours and a lovely round finish).
74. ALBARINO, PAZO DE VILLAREI D.O. Rias Baixas 2015 £26.50
(Galicia North West Spain. The best white wines of Spain come from this region in my opinion. Deliciously light, slightly spritzy and with lots of fruit. Decanter silver medal winner 2015).

ITALY

At long last the wines of Italy are attaining a long overdue recognition, for the country has ideal conditions to yield wines of top quality. Each region produces a wine or wines of distinct quality, whether they are table wines, sparkling, still or fortified).

Red

78. CAPPEZZANA D.O.C. Barco Reale di Carmignano 2013 £28.75
(The estate of Capezzana is owned and run by the Contini Bonacossi family and has been producing wine for 12 centuries. The Barco Reale di Carmignano is Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Canaiolo. With an elegant refined nose of sweet red fruit and spice followed by elegant fruit flavours and soft supple tannins this is a great easy drinking wine from a highly respected producer).
(Also available in half bottles, see Bin 162).
(They also make wonderful olive oil. We have some 75cl. bottles on sale for £15.75).
79. BAROLO MARGHERIA MASSOLINI 2007 (Italy) £89.25
(Classic Barolo from a very fine vintage. Full of concentrated fruit with plenty of spice and a long finish).

ITALY (continued)

80. CANTELE SALICE SALENTINO RISERVA DOC Puglia. 2011 £26.75
(A wine from the south of Italy and made from the Negroamaro grape with terrific balance between ripe fruit, soft smooth tannins and freshness).
81. DOLCETTO D'ALBA D.O.C.G. Vajra 2014 £27.00
(A really delicious and exciting red from one of the star producers of Barolo. Dolcetto is the grape and it means sweet one).

White

82. CÀ DEI FRATI LUGANA D.O.C. Lugana 2014 £25.25
(A richness of fruit is balanced by good acidity and a wonderful aromatic character. Made solely from the Lugana grape on the shores of Lake Garda).
83. PIEROPAN LA ROCCA SOAVE D.O.C. Classico Verona, 2014 £37.25
Pieropan harvests these grapes so late, the vineyard has to be fenced off to stop people picking them as they think they are not good enough to make wine, they are however Pieropan's most prized grapes. 100% Garganega late picked, fermented in stainless steel and stored in large oak casks for one year. Intense yellow colour, exotic fruits and nuts on the nose, soft on the palate with hints of spice and vanilla. There is no other Soave like this. Highly recommended and one of our favourite wines).

GERMANY

The Rhine forms the backbone of the German wine producing regions, stretching almost as far as Bonn in the North. It is from downstream to the south, from the Palatinate, Rheinhessen and Rheingau that the fine wines come. These wines are renowned for their elegant, flowery bouquet and soft, fruity palate; the best are well-balanced by a touch of acidity which gives them length and definition.

Rhine

per bottle

88. DREISSIGACKER BECHTHEIMER RIESLING 2011 £29.00
(Jochen Dreissigacker is one of the rising stars of the German wine scene. He has 21 hectares of vineyards of which 55% are Riesling. He has converted them to biodynamic viticulture, reduced the yields and identified the best parcels of vines in order to vinify each separately. Light yellow in colour. The nose is fresh and lively with white stone fruit, spice and pear. The palate is intense, with a long mineral streak, peach and pear fruit and firm, refreshing acidity).

Mosel

89. ERDENER TREPPCHEN RIESLING SPATLESE QMP, Weingut Meulenhof 2011 £29.75
(Stefan Justen's vineyards have increased recently due to his purchase of the neighboring Ehlen estate. The classic Treppchen site has produced a ripe and succulent wine with good creamy, mineral character).

Rhine

91. WACHENHEIMER RIESLING TROCKEN, Dr Burklin-Wolf 2013 £31.50
(Burklin-Wolf is one of the foremost producers of dry wines in Germany. Made from young vines in the grand cru Goldbachel vineyard this is a lovely spicy wine with attractive pineapple and mango fruit).

ENGLAND & WALES

The climate is now suitable for the production of quality wines. Situated so far north it is more suited to produce fine, delicate and elegant white wines. See the sparkling wine section for our local fizz. These two wines are well worth a try and reasonably priced.

92. MONNOW VALLEY HUXELREBE/SEYVAL BLANC DRY 2007 £21.25
(This is from the valley of the River Monnow, north of Monmouth, it is light, aromatic, clean and fresh).
93. HUSH HEATH ESTATE CHARDONNAY. Hush Heath, Kent. 2014 £26.50
(Decanter silver award 2016 This 400 acre estate is located in the heart of Kent. The sustainably managed vineyard, first planted in 2002 consists of 30 acres of vines. The grapes are crushed on the estate and fermented in stainless steel. There is no oak used in the wine. Brilliant white gold colour with a nose of citrus, thyme and pineapple. Balanced acidity on the palate with flavours of ripe grapefruit, apple and citrus with some herbal notes on the finish).

AUSTRALIA

An increasing quantity of fine wine is being produced in Australia. The introduction of new grape varieties and the selective planting of the best European vines has led to the development of the new and exciting Cabernets, Chardonnays and the distinctive Shiraz. The wines are generally matured in French or American oak.

White

Per bottle

99. MARGAN VERDELHO, Hunter Valley 2016 £28.50
(This has lovely rich, ripe fruit with a green apple/zesty character that gives it a fresh and clean finish).
100. SHAW AND SMITH SAUVIGNON BLANC, Adelaide Hills 2015 £29.50
(The Adelaide Hills are recognised as the best place to grow Sauvignon Blanc in Australia. Grapefruit character on the nose. The palate is fresh and lively with pure varietal fruit flavours and crisp acidity).
101. MARGAN CHARDONNAY, Hunter Valley, 2015 £28.50
(When Andrew Margan started producing his own wine in 1989, his aim was to harness the best possible flavours from his grapes. This rich and powerful Chardonnay delivers with a flavour fusion of peaches, melons and creamy vanilla oak).

Red

103. PLANTAGENET Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Barker Western Australia 2013 £32.75
(A complex, plush yet stately wine, with all the characteristic Cabernet notes of a savoury nature with nuances of blackberries and vanilla with just a hint of hedgerow. A smooth yet seductive palate with depth and length, layers of fruit with a core of fine tannins and balance).
104. SKILLOGALEE BASKET PRESSED SHIRAZ, Clare Valley 2012 £31.75
(Clare Valley is just north of Adelaide, and here Skillogalee make a delicious, intense but soft plummy Shiraz with eucalyptus, mint and berry fruit flavours).

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's cool climate has proved ideal for producing high quality white wines with the Chardonnay and Sauvignon in particular flourishing, giving wonderfully fresh, crisp, fragrant wines.

White

109. GREYWACKE, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc 2016 £30.75
(Ideal conditions produce the intense aromas and flavours of this delicate aromatic wine Produced by Kevin Judd pioneer winemaker who was responsible for making the famous Cloudy Bay Wines. Elegant and appealing with an abundance of fruit and crisp acidity. The same quality at a much more affordable price).
110. HUIA PINOT GRIS, Marlborough, 2013 £24.75
(A single vineyard Pinot Gris. Careful growing, picking and wine making techniques, including French oak fermentation have produced a wine with a ripe pear nose, lots of fruit, nuts and spices on the palate and a long smooth velvety finish with lots of complexity).

Red

112. ATA RANGI PINOT NOIR, Martinborough 2013 £76.50
(Probably the best Pinot Noir to come out of New Zealand, limited production, the whole of the UK getting a tiny allocation of stock).
113. CJ PASK MERLOT, Hawke's Bay 2013 £27.50
(A delicious soft fruity red wine with lovely concentrated plummy fruit and an elegant structure. A real example of the excellent reds now coming from New Zealand).

PORTUGAL

114. AZAMOR Alentejano Portugal. 2013 £23.50
(The vineyards are 350 metres above sea level looking out onto a vast landscape. They are the most densely planted in Alentejano with 5050 vines per hectare. The wine is soft plummy and nicely lifted on the nose, has a lovely purity of fruit and well rounded tannins on the palate).

USA CALIFORNIA

Some of the best wine-makers of the world are to be found here. Highly qualified and dedicated, they strive to produce the finest Cabernets, Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs. Indeed, many extremely fine wines and first class everyday jug wines are made here.

White

Per bottle

115. DE LOACH CALIFORNIA SERIES CHARDONNAY Sonoma County, California 2007 £19.50
(An elegant Chardonnay with orchard fruit flavours and a clean well balanced tropical fruit finish. De Loach is owned by Jean Claude Boisset of Burgundy fame).

Red

116. FIRST PRESS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON. Napa Valley, California 2011 £32.75
(Supple and elegant, deep red colour with rich cherry, currant, blackberry, cedar and chocolate notes on the palate. Hints of French oak. Firm tannins give a good balance to a long lingering finish).

SOUTH AFRICA

White

118. LA PETITE FERME SAUVIGNON BLANC, Franschoek 2015 £25.75
(Superb grassy Sauvignon made in small quantities in the beautiful Franschoek valley).
120. NEWTON JOHNSON CHARDONNAY Hermanus Walker Bay 2013 £27.25
(A small family winery overlooking Hermanus and the Southern Atlantic. Production of small quantities of premium wine. This Chardonnay offers lots of citrus fruit and a creamy texture with a long and complex finish).

Red

119. SPRINGFIELD ESTATE, WORK OF TIME, Robertson 2009 £35.50
(A classic mix of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot From one of the top wine estates in South Africa. Barrel fermented and bottle aged, this carefully made wine is rich, complex and powerful).
- 119a. KLOOVENBURG SHIRAZ Swartland 2014 £28.75
(Kloovenburg means “place in the ravine”. Wine has been produced here since the 1850s. However, after a fifty year interlude Pieter du Toit has restored the wine cellars and is now producing some wonderful wines. The Shiraz is full of chocolate and liquorice with hints of dried fruit, a velvety palate and a long smooth finish).

CHILE

Red

122. MARQUÉS DE CASA CONCHA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Maipo, Concha y Toro 2013 £28.50
(Wonderful Cassis/Blackcurrant aromas and flavours with lovely ripe tannins and a tremendous length of flavour. This is an excellent wine).
- 122A. MONTEDS ALPHA PINOT NOIR D.O. Aconcagua Costa Chile 2013 £28.75
(Exuberantly fruity and spicy, with flavours of sandalwood, cherry and berry, offering a lush mouthfeel. Tea and cardamom notes show on the lively finish).

CHAMPAGNE

French law strictly defines the vineyards from which Champagne comes. They are mostly south of Rheims around Epernay and the Marne valley. Surprisingly Champagne is made from red and white grapes, the juice not remaining in contact with the skins long enough to gain any colour.

Per bottle

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| 123. | BEAUMONT DES CRAYERES, Fleur de Prestige, vintage 2006
(A delicious Champagne from an excellent co-operative based in the heart of the Champagne region. A complex Champagne, aged at least three years before release). | £54.00 |
| 124. | ANDRE CLOUET GRANDE RESERVE, grand cru à Verzenay
(This wine is rich and concentrated with excellent fruit, yet has surprising elegance for a Champagne containing only Pinot Noir). | £46.00 |
| 126. | VEUVE CLICQUOT BRUT 'Yellow Label'
(Delicious non-vintage Champagne, delicate mousse with a lovely nutty aroma and palate). | £65.00 |
| 127. | BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE
(Dry, full flavoured Champagne from this well reputed house). | £61.00 |
| 128.
(v) | LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT, vintage 2008
(Excellent vintage Champagne, soft and elegant with fresh delicacy). | £82.00 |
| 129. | MOET ET CHANDON, Cuvée Dom Pérignon, vintage 1999
(Fine, elegant, delicate. Everything a great Champagne should be). | £185.00 |
| 131. | LAURENT PERRIER CUVÉE ROSE BRUT
(Full and fruity with lots of Pinot Noir taste. A classic pink Champagne). | £78.00 |
| 125 | NICOLAS FEUILLATTE BRUT ROSÉ
(A deliciously fruity blend. A selection of several cru wines creating Champagne of great freshness and elegance). | £49.00 |

SPARKLING WINES

The key to fine quality sparkling wine is the manufacture by the Méthode Traditionnelle, where the sparkle is formed in each individual bottle as the wine matures. Other sparkling wines are made by the Cuvée Close method; the sparkle is introduced into the wine when it is in the tank and before being bottled.

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| 132. | CANTINA CLETO CHIARLI, PIGNOLETTO BRUT MODENA CLETO (Italy)
(Made from the Pignoletto grape and grown in Emilia Romagna, Bologna, Northern Italy. Light wine slightly aromatic, fruity and easy to drink in the Prosecco style. Refreshing flavoursome sparkler with fine mousse and good length). | £28.25 |
| 133. | FIOL PROSECCO DOC (Veneto Italy)
(This stylish Prosecco has a lemon colour with a bouquet reminiscent of wisteria flowers, acacia and ripe apple. Fresh, lively and appealing with slightly sweeter notes on the palate). | £28.25 |
| 134. | JUVE Y CAMPS, Brut Cava (Spain) 2012
(This superb Cava has an unmistakably toasty aroma and a fresh, clean palate. Fuller than other European sparklers, Cava is excellent value for money). | £28.25 |
| 135. | GRAHAM BECK BRUT, Method Cap Classique. (South Africa)
(Made in the traditional method using Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. Left on the lees for two years before disgorgement. An excellent example of quality South African sparkling wine, with lots of malty flavours, a good mousse, lots of fruit and a long finish). | £28.25 |
| 136. | RIDGEVIEW ESTATE CUVEE, Brut Bloomsbury, 2013 (Sussex England)
("The best of English wine". Produced by the traditional method 59% Chardonnay, 27% Pinot Noir, 14% Pinot Meunier. A persistent mousse, creamy and full bodied, with biscuity flavours and an attractive tangy freshness. Much to the annoyance of the Champenois this wine has beaten Champagne in blind tastings). | £32.25 |
| 137. | PENARTH ESTATE Montgomeryshire, (Wales)
(Traditional method sparkling wine produced from champagne grapes grown just West of Welshpool. A crisp dry sparkling wine with lovely aromatic flavours). | £30.00 |
| 138. | CANTINA CLETO CHIARLI ROSE Brut de Noir Emilia Romagna (Italy)
(An intense fruit and strawberry bouquet opens up to redcurrant notes on the palate. A delicious elegant rosé!). | £28.25 |
| 139. | CONTERO MOSCATOD'ASTI D.O.C.G. (Italy)
(Delicately sparkling, with a lovely perfume of freshly crushed grapes and sherbet. On the palate it is off-dry, with a perfect balance of soft, sweet fruit, a hint of Turkish delight and lively, fresh acidity). | £22.50 |

HALF BOTTLES*Per Half Bottle***White**

150.	PIEROPAN SOAVE CLASSICO DOC, Veneto, Northern Italy 2014	£16.00
151.	DOMAINE THIBAUT, Pouilly Fumé A.C., André Dezat et Fils, France 2015 (See notes under Bin 14).	£21.00
152.	CHABLIS A.C., Domaine des Valery, France 2015	£21.00
153.	GEWURZTRAMINER, DOPFF & IRION 2014 France (See notes under Bin 17).	£17.00
154.	SANCERRE A.C., Andre Dézat, France 2014 (See notes under Bin 13).	£21.00
155.	MACON LUGNY A.C., Les Genièvres, Louis Latour France 2015 (Excellent buttery Chardonnay lovely long length of fruit).	£18.75
156.	MARQUES DE CACERES BLANCO, D.O. Rioja Spain 2013	£16.00
157.	VEUVE DELAROY CHAMPAGNE Epernay France	£24.75

Red

159.	CHATEAU D'ARGADENS A.C. Bordeaux Superior, France 2011 (See notes under Bin 3).	£17.50
160.	LES SABLONS A.C. Ventoux Grenache Syrah France 2014 (A soft and juicy wine with flavours and aromas of cherries and plums with some gentle pepperiness).	£16.75
162.	CAPEZZANA Barco Reale di Carmignano Italy 2013 (see description under Bin 78).	£17.00
163.	CHATEAU PIPEAU A.C. St. Emillion, France 2011 (See notes under Bin 32c).	£28.50
164.	CHATEAU MONTAIGUILLON, A.C. Montagne-Saint-Emilion, France 2012	£29.75
165.	FLEURIE A.C., Domaine de la Viroylette, Jacques Charlet, France 2014 (See notes under Bin 47).	£17.50
167.	CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE LES GALETS DE LA BERTHAUDE Southern Rhone, France.	£25.00
168.	COTE DE BEAUNE VILLAGES A.C., Chanson Père et Fils, France 2013 (Light red Burgundy from a number of villages in the Côte de Beaune; drinking well).	£26.00
169.	VINA SALCEDA RIOJA CRIANZA D.O.C. Rioja, Spain 2012	£17.50
170.	ALLEGRIINI VALPOLICELLA D.O.C. Veneto, Italy 2015 (See notes under Bin 2).	£16.50
171.	VILLA ANTINORI ROSSO IGT Toscana, Italy 2012 (A well balanced, soft red wine from Tuscany, with fruit and style in the Chianti character. Antinori are an old and highly respected house).	£25.00

DESSERT WINES*50cl bottle 100ml measure*

173.	FAIRVIEW LA BERYL BLANC, Paarl, South Africa 2014 (Picked and laid on straw to dry and then gently pressed and fermented in fired oak barrels. Fragrant, succulent, yet crisp and sumptuous with balance and finesse).	£26.50	£5.75
174.	MOUNT HORROCKS CORDON CUT RIESLING, Clare Valley, Australia 2015 (This unique dessert wine is made from grapes dried on the vine after the the canes have been cut. Intense Riesling character, rich, full and complex with a refreshing finish).	<i>½ bottle</i> £29.75	
175.	VICTORIA ORANGE MUSCAT AND FLORA, Late Harvest, Brown Brothers 2013 (There is no botrytis on this blend of two grape varieties, Orange Muscat and Flora. Citrus and stone fruit flavours with a fresh crisp finish. Compliments fruit based desserts).	<i>½ bottle</i> £20.75	<i>100ml measure</i> £6.50
176	D'ARENBERG VINTAGE FORTIFIED SHIRAZ, McLaren Vale, Australia 2007 (Not for the faint hearted. This wine is deep in colour, aroma and flavour with sweet, spicy, black cherry, raspberry and dried fruit notes. A big age worthy wine, cellared for a few years here and now ready for drinking).	<i>½ bottle</i> £25.25	
177	VALDIVIESO ÉCLAT BOTRYTIS SEMILLON Chile. 2011 (Lovely honeyed grapefruit with some gentle candied lemon on the nose. Very intense on the palate with some good natural fruit sweetness and vibrant acidity. Well made and very enjoyable).	<i>½ Bottle</i> £27.00	<i>100ml measure</i> £9.50
178	CAPEZZANA VIN SANTO DI CARMIGNANO DOC. Riserva 2005 (Limited quantities are produced from these Trebbiano and San Colombano grapes, selected from the ripest grapes on the vines of the Albo del Carmignano and left to dry on wicker mats, using the traditional method. The must is then placed in small barrels for at least five years. The yield is limited: from 1/4 to 1/5 of the original weight of the grapes).	<i>½ Bottle</i> £45.00	
179.	TOKAJI ASZU, 5 Puttonyos, Royal Tokaji Wine Co .Hungary 2008 (The 25cl is ideal size for two good glasses. Deliciously sweet, complex, peachy, nectarine nose, dried apricot sand honeyed palate. The Tokaji region of Hungary is the first region of the world to use botrytised grapes to make sweet wines – recommended by Hugh Johnson).		<i>25cl bottle</i> £28.00
23.	CHATEAU DE LA CHARTREUSE, A.C. Sauternes 2006	<i>½ bottle</i>	£33.00
24.	CHATEAU RIEUSSECC, A.C. 1er cru Sauternes 1995	<i>per bottle</i>	£60.00
25.	CHATEAU DELMOND A.C. Sauternes, 2006	<i>per bottle</i>	£38.00

MADEIRA

The Region of Madeira includes the islands of Madeira and Porto Santo both with different characteristics; the former forested and temperate, the latter is hot, dry and bare. The soil is by nature, volcanic, and the vineyards are in terraced steps named "poios" which extend down to the sea's edge. The discovery of Madeira wine happened when the unsold wine aboard in vessels sailing from Madeira to the West, was shipped back to Funchal to be returned to its owners. It was then noticed that quality improved, and as such it was sold as "Round Trip Wine" and it was worth its weight in gold. This voyage of many days of warm weather gave in effect a gentle ageing to the wine. Madeira nowadays is fortified with Portuguese grape brandy to 20% alcohol, usually leaving some residual sugar in the wine. Shortly after fermentation is complete the wine is heated to approximately 115 degrees and held for six months. It is then alternately heated and cooled for six-month intervals while slowly maturing in oak barrels. Barrels are generally large and old so as to not impart any oak flavour or tannin and to promote gradual oxidation. Made from red and white grapes, the wines are light to dark brown in colour due to cask oxidation.

188	BARBEITO VERDLHO OLD RESERVE 10 YEAR OLD MADEIRA. Madeira Portugal Wonderful, award-winning essence that has great revitalising acidity, beautifully balanced with just the right amount of fruitiness from the Verdelho grape that it is now very rare on the Madeira island. Serve with or without food. Jancis Robinson MW.		<i>Bottle</i> £50.00
189	BARBEITO BOAL OLD RESERVE 10 YEAR OLD MADEIRA Madeira Portugal Boal offers the perfect balance of freshness, sweetness and fruit cake juiciness. This excellent ten year old blend sports all that you would expect from Barbeito, precision, a perfect inter-play of sweetness and acidity, a never-ending finish, and the versatility to excite countless pre-dinner nibbles, challenging cheeses, and many a solid pudding! Definitely a pudding wine rather than a dessert wine.		£40.00

PORT

According to an old saying in the Port trade, every wine would be a Port, if it could. Certainly these sweet, fortified wines demand centre stage whenever they appear. Rich, saccharine, intensely-flavoured and, at their best, wonderfully majestic and harmonious, they are wines to be savoured on their own, or with a fine chunk of cheese after a meal.

Port comes from the Douro region of Portugal, about 50 miles east of Oporto, specifically the regions of the Cima Corgo, Baixo Corgo and Douro Superior. The Cima (Higher) is the heart of the Port-producing region, centred around the town of Pinhão, and is the source of most high quality Ports. The vineyards are steep, the granite and schist soil inhospitable, and the temperature very hot. Mechanisation is tricky to say the least. The landscape, with the Douro River at its heart, is stunning.

The British have played a vital part in Port's history, which continues to this day. Port started life as a full-bodied, dry red wine, known in 17th century London as 'blackstrap'. Brandy was often added to the wine by British merchants to ensure it arrived in good condition. In 1678, however, two English wine merchants visiting the Douro region found the "sweetish and extremely smooth" wines of the Abbot of Lamego, with whom they were staying, better than any others they had tasted. The Abbot admitted adding brandy to the wine during (rather than after) fermentation, and the two Englishmen bought all of his stock and shipped it home.

At the same time several now-famous companies were being established in the region: what was to become Warre was set up by Englishman John Clark in 1670, Croft was founded in 1678, Quarles Harris in 1680 and Taylor's in 1692.

				<i>75ml measure</i>
183	Late Bottled Vintage, 2001	<i>per bottle</i>	£30.00	£5.05
184	Quinta do Infantado 10 years old	<i>per ½ bottle</i>	£32.00	£7.50
185	Warres Otima 20 years old Tawny Port	<i>per bottle</i>	£74.00	£13.15
186	Taylor Quinta de Vargellas 2001	<i>per bottle</i>	£50.00	
187.	Churchill's Vintage Port 2003	<i>per bottle</i>	£75.00	
181.	Quinta do Infantado Vintage Port 1997	<i>per bottle</i>	£47.50	
182.	Warre, vintage 1980	<i>per bottle</i>	£80.00	

SHERRY

Sherry comes from the southern tip of Spain, around the town of Jerez de la Frontera. It was already popular during the time of Shakespeare, as the port of Cadiz, close to Jerez, was the frontier between the Christian and Moslem regions of the time. Sherry is made from three main grape varieties; Palomino Fino, the greatest part of the production, Pedro Ximenez and Moscatel. Sherry comes from two basic styles, Fino and Oloroso.

Fino produces the styles: Fino, Manzanilla, Amontillado and Pale Cream. Its characteristics come from the growth of a film of yeast called Flor formed on the top of the sherry in the cask. The earlier the sherry is bottled after the Flor dies or is removed, the drier and paler the sherry.

Oloroso produces the styles: Oloroso Dry/Sweet, and Cream Sherry. It is produced by stopping the Flor growing, with the fortification of the wine up to 18% volume. This makes a dark golden or amber coloured wine with a lot more body than the Fino sherries.

MANZANILLA

This is a Fino sherry, which comes from the town of Sanlucar de Barrameda on the Atlantic coast. Here the Flor grows all year. The temperature, climate of the area, imparts a delicate aroma with a salty tang.

Manzanilla La Gitana, Vinicola Hidalgo
*(Light, fresh, clean with a hint of Flor on the palate
delicious salty tang ideal with seafood or as an aperitif).*

50cl Bottle: £19.50 Glass: £4.55

FINO

The Fino sherry comes from Jerez, where the Flor is at its best in spring and autumn, due to the more continental climate of the area. It produces a pale straw-coloured sherry that is light and very dry, delicate and refreshing.

Tio Pepe, Gonzalez Byass
*(A delicious delicate bouquet with a crisp nutty flavour and
a pale gold colour).*

Bottle : £26.00 Glass: £4.55

OLOROSO DRY

The flor cannot grow on this style due to the fortification to 18% volume. This allows contact with the air, producing a dark golden coloured sherry that is elegant with a softer and mellower flavour than the Amontillado style.

Oloroso Dry, Vinicola Hidalgo
(Deep amber in colour this is a weighty, nutty sherry with a warmth and intensity that will win many fans).

Bottle: £19.50 Glass: £4.85

AMONTILLADO

Amontillados are Fino sherries with a thinner layer of flor, that lives for 2-3 years then falls to the bottom of the cask. The wine then ages and the contact with the air produces an amber coloured sherry that has a dry and nutty flavour.

Jerez Cortado Wellington Palo Cortado 20 years
(This V.O.S. sherry contains wines which are at least 20 years Old. Palo Cortado is made according to the Amontillado principles and will acquire the nutty characteristics of an Oloroso as it ages. With a penetrating nose of walnuts, figs, raisins and caramel the palate has tremendous balance, richness and length)

Bottle: £43.25

Hidalgo Amontillado, Vinicola Hidalgo
(A gently sweet Amontillado characterised by deliciously warm flavours of baked bread)

Bottle: £20.00 Glass: £4.55

PALE CREAM SHERRY

This is a Fino sherry which is sweetened with concentrated grape must, making a medium-sweet pale sherry. This style accounts for 20% of the British sherry market.

Croft Original Pale Cream
(Light pale gold in colour with a smooth and delicate sweet taste).

Bottle : £21.50 Glass: £4.55

CREAM SHERRY

Cream sherries are Olorosos that are sweetened with Pedro Ximenez and Moscatel wines. This makes a dark amber, sweet sherry with a creamy taste, hence the name.

Harvey's Bristol Cream
(A classic sherry. Dark with full rich sweet flavours and complexity).

Bottle : £23.25 Glass: £4.55

PEDRO XIMENEZ

This grape variety is picked, placed on absorbent sheets and covered in tented polythene sheets. This reduces the water content in the grapes and increases the sugar concentration. It is then vinified in a similar way to the other Oloroso sherries, producing an extremely sweet, dark and syrupy wine which is not very often found on the British market.

Pedro Ximenez Viejo, Vinicola Hidalgo
Nearly black, this is amazingly intense with aromas and flavours of raisins and prunes with a deliciously lingering finish.

50cl Bottle : £27.50 Glass: £5.65

COGNACS & ARMAGNACS (see our drinks tariff for a full list)

We have a good range of Cognac and Armagnac listed in our bar drinks tariff

WHISKIES and LIQUEURS (see our drinks tariff for a full list)

We stock a very wide range of blended and malt whiskies and an excellent selection of liqueurs. Please browse our Bar Menu.