

The Inn at Whitewell Wine List

We are delighted to introduce our wine list, which has been arranged in a descriptive style, rather than the traditional way of region by region. Hopefully this will make wine selection easier, and by informing customers how less familiar wines taste, it should also encourage people to try new wines rather than just going for the well known 'brand' regions like Rioja or Sancerre (not that there's anything wrong with that - we have seriously good examples from both regions!).

There is obviously an element of subjectivity in this style of list, as 'medium bodied red' might not mean the same to everyone, and there are arguably some wines which could be on either side of the fence, but largely we feel it is fairly accurate and with that in mind hope that you will enjoy perusing the list and be rewarded with a splendid selection.

Some of our wines would benefit from being decanted, if you would like your wine decanting please bring it to the attention of the staff.

All the wines in this list are supplied by Bowland Forest Vintners, our wine merchants who have their wine shop in the front of the hotel. Now in their 32nd year of trading they have a wonderful selection of fine and interesting wines from around the world. All wines chosen are from real winemakers who concentrate on real quality, rather than mass produced 'factory farm' wines. Bowland Forest Vintners offer first rate advice, and back it up with very friendly and efficient service.

N.B.

We would like to advise that vintages could be liable to change within this list. Whilst we try our best, sometimes we get caught out and therefore we would like to advise that vintages within this list are normally correct and only sometimes wrong!

Wines with red dots next to them are regrettably out of stock for the time being.

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The Vintners Selection

The following wines have been picked due to interest, rarity and age and should represent outstanding quality.

Normally one would expect to see these wines for sale at three or four times the price but being the home of Bowland Forest Vintners we are proud to offer them at considerably less.

As interesting as these wines are, they are rare and as such we don't have many of any. We think they offer amazing value and will be something to talk about for some time.

Red Bordeaux - in vintage order

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| 286 | 1999 Les Fiefs de Lagrange, Saint Julien | 69.00 |
| | This is the second wine of Ch. Lagrange and with such pedigree quality can hardly come as a surprise. It has all the attributes of its' big brother and offers a beautifully mature glass of claret with garnet hue, cassis fruit and hints of old saddlery. | |
| 096 | 1999 Chateau Chasse Spleen, Moulis en Medoc | 88.00 |
| | Always an ultra-reliable Chateau, punching well above it's weight. Deep ruby in colour, rich and concentrated in character. Now starting to display all the hallmarks of mature Bordeaux, with cedar, tobacco, leather and prune aromas and a blackcurrant and figs on the palate. | |
| 179 | 1996 Chateau Labegorce Zede, Margaux | 80.00 |
| | Seductive aromas of leather, cocoa and dark berries, this is a pretty wine with a full flavour. 1996 was a fine vintage in Margaux and this offers true value from such an iconic commune. | |
| 102 | 1995 Chateau Leoville Barton, 2eme Cru Saint Julien | 135.00 |
| | Without doubt one of the finest Houses in the Medoc, consistently producing spectacular wine. Medium bodied and elegant, still with masses of blackcurrant and cherry fruit, with hints of tobacco, sandalwood and a touch of mint. A true gem (and a complete 'steal' at this price!) | |
| 274 | 1995 Chateau La Lagune, 3eme Cru Haut Medoc | 98.00 |
| | A classic old style Bordeaux which is a favourite of the Inn. Offering lots of black cherry, plum and dark fruit flavours together with some smoky oak and cedar aromas. Drinking very well, with good weight in the mouth, there is lots of life left in this dog! | |

Vintners Selection Continued....

- 043 1990 Chateau d'Armailhac, 5eme Cru Pauillac 115.00**
Another Chateau from the Rothschild stable producing superb quality claret. 1990 was a very fine vintage and this wine offers classic aged characteristics with hints of cedar and leather yet still with plenty of fruit. Enjoy with any red meat or game.
- 183 Ch. Sociando Mallet 1989, Haut Medoc 100.00**
Age cannot wither her.....still most youthful and offering superb dark fruit, hints of cedar together with aromas of leather. It's fantastic to find Haut Medoc which remain as vibrant after 30 years. Drinking well above its' ordinary classification.
- 123 1989 Chateau Gruaud Larose, 2eme Cru Saint Julien 145.00**
A name which is synonymous with highest quality Bordeaux and whenever we find some this Chateau is first on the team sheet! It has now dis-robed itself of any lingering tannins and is showing delicate fruit and savoury aspects with hints of leather and smoke. We can't think of many better ways to enjoy some game than with a big glass of this beauty.
- 091 1986 Chateau d'Angludet, Margaux 88.00**
One of the oldest Chateaux, dating back to 1150. Shown blind in December 2017, nobody even got close to guessing the vintage such is the youthfulness of this terrific wine! Still with very decent fruit and lovely length, it is great value.
- 083 1982 Chateau Branaire Ducru, 4eme Cru Saint Julien 135.00**
Saint Julien is the smallest of the Medoc Communes, but it produces more than its' fair share of the world's finest wines! Here is yet another example from arguably the vintage of the century, no less!!
A fantastic nose of blueberries, blackberries, cassis, cedar and dark chocolate together with a silky palate of sweet, ripe fruit. Very memorable.
- 040 1970 Chateau Haut Bailly, Grand Cru Classe Graves 150.00**
This gorgeous 48 year old is showing beautifully with no signs of age at all, save the brick red colour in the glass. Gentle, elegant and smooth, there is still plenty of fruit and the finish is long. This is a special treat for anyone who loves mature Bordeaux as much as we do!

Australia

965 Wynn's 'Michael' Shiraz 1993, Coonawarra, S. Australia 90.00

So often the 'go to' name when it comes to Australia, Wynn's have such consistency you are never disappointed. Michael is only produced in exceptional vintages. Matured in American oak for 18 months, it is rich and complex with mulberry fruit characteristics, with a touch of mocha.

653 Henschke 'Cyril' Cabernet Sauvignon 2000, Eden Valley, S. Australia 90.00

Sneaking onto the Vintners Selection out of pure favouritism this is top quality wine from one of the best makers in Australia. With a dash of Cabernet Franc and Merlot it offers delicious flavours of ripe blackcurrant and mulberry, together with a touch of cedar and cigar. Rich and complex, the old man after who this cuvee is named would be very proud.

665 Jim Barry 'The Armagh' Shiraz 1996 - Clare Valley, South Australia 160.00

The Armagh is one of Australia's iconic wines, very little being made and extremely sort after. We are delighted to be able to list it and we know Aussie aficionados are going to well up when they see it listed! Beautifully balanced, powerful Clare Shiraz with pepper, menthol and spice characteristics underpinned by dark berry fruit, it is still remarkably youthful and is wonderful with any red meat.

Dessert Wine

062 Chateau Doisy Vedrines 1990, Premier Cru Classe, Sauternes (37.5cl) 60.00

Sensational effort from one of the best in the business. Unctuous is a word invented for this little beauty, with lip-smacking flavours of apricot, coconut, and hints of flower blossom. You have to treat yourself occasionally.....

Champagne

113	Gallimard Pere et Fils Cuvée Reserve, Brut NV. A modern hand-made Champagne made from 100% Pinot Noir, grown by the Gallimard family themselves. This allows them to control the quality and price of the fruit which few other producers are able to do. Clean and fresh made in the rounded Gallimard style with a soft, elegant finish.	46.50
954	Gallimard Pere et Fils Cuvée Reserve, Brut NV.	Magnum 95.00
114	Gallimard Pere et Fils Rose, Brut NV. 100% Pinot Noir from fruit grown in the Gallimard vineyards. Bright partridge-eyed rosé in colour with soft red fruit aromas with a gentle mousse and a fleshy finish. A fine aperitif but with enough body and character to accompany sea-fish and poultry.	49.50
103	Champagne AR Lenoble Brut 'Intense' NV Intense is absolutely the right word! 100% family owned and independent, owning 18 Ha in three prime locations in Champagne and this particular cuvee is a blend of 40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 30% Pinot Meunier. Sensational flavours of Brioche, nuts and hints of caramel. It has a fine mousse, superb weight and long finish. Awesome value.	67.50
118	Pol Roger 'White Foil' Brut NV. This was Sir Winston Churchill's favourite due to the greater use of reserve wines in the final blend, which is made from equal amounts of each of the three Champagne grapes. An exquisite wine which exhibits slight Burgundian mealy notes, with a cleansing silky finish.	76.00
149	Pol Roger 'White Foil' Brut NV.	Magnum 165.00
107	Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut NV. Classic Bollinger aromas of pears, pastry and hazelnut. Aged for 3 years before disgorgement and then a further 6 months before release it has style and poise and makes for a lovely start to any evening.	90.00
110	Pol Roger Vintage 2008 True to form Pol have produced another awesome vintage Champagne. Dominated by Pinot Noir, it's beautifully rich with gorgeous fresh baked bread aromas and stone fruit flavours, framed with the elegance that has become the signature of this great house.	135.00

Champagne Continued....

170 Pol Roger Cuvee Sir Winston Churchill Vintage 2006 185.00
Created in homage to Sir Winston Churchill, Pol Roger only produce this very special cuvee in the very best vintages. The exact blend is a specially guarded secret but includes both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Grand Cru sites. Full bodied, rich and long, it is very expressive with flavours of peach and almonds.

155 Moet et Chandon Dom Perignon Vintage 2006 185.00
Rich, intense and creamy, this is a spectacular Champagne. Layer on layer of almonds and hazelnuts, along with lovely tangy citrus flavours of grapefruit. 50% Chardonnay, 34% Pinot Noir, 16% Pinot Meunier. Blissful.

Sparkling Wine

218 Tallero Prosecco Spumante DOC Treviso Extra Dry, Veneto 28.00
Delightfully fresh sparkling wine from the Northern Italian region of Veneto. Crisp and fresh with lovely citrus characters.

106 Charles Pelletier Grand Reserve Blanc de Blancs, Méthode Traditional, France 29.00
Heralding from the Burgundy region, and made by the Champagne method, this excellent sparkling wine is ideal as an aperitif. It is fun, fresh and elegant.

211 Charles Pelletier Grand Reserve Rose, Méthode Traditional, France 29.00
Made using Shiraz. Fresh and with enough weight and fruit to be enjoyed with or without food.

803 Cremant de Limoux, Antech 'Cuvee Eugenie' 2016, Languedoc 35.00
A lovely dry wine with tiny bubbles and a beautiful creamy character. The perfect aperitif, it will also go very well with white meats, shellfish and seafood.

195 Court Garden Classic Cuvee Brut 2014, East Suss, Méthode Traditional 57.50
Made very much in the style of the sparkling wine from N. France, it has a pretty nose of greengage and apples, with a touch of toast. A beautiful, long finish and a tiny mousse, it is a joy to drink.

Light and Crisp Whites

- 770 Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Villaricca, Maule Valley (Chile) 19.50**
Wonderfully crisp with a zingy palate of tropical fruits. Grassy and fresh, this wine offers more than many may expect from Chilean Sauvignon. Really enjoyable.
- 326 Pinot Grigio 2017, Viamora - Veneto (Italy) 19.50**
We sell buckets of this lovely modern Pinot Grigio from Sicily. Fresh and crisp, it has gorgeous aromas of pears and apples and a full flavour and pronounced fruit.
- 775 Tres Reyes Blanco 2017 - Toledo (Spain) 23.50**
Shipped directly from high altitude Toledo in central Spain, this top value Blanco is a delicious blend of Macabeo and Verdejo. The cool nights allow slow ripening and the gorgeously intense acidity, which keeps it lively and suitable for drinking with or without food.
- 338 Muscadet 'Sur Lie' Sevre et Maine 2017, Domaine Bigotiere (Loire) 23.50**
Finally Muscadet is making a come back! World renowned as the true match for 'Fruits de Mers' – Seafood to you and me. It disappeared off wine radars with the New World invasion. Beautifully dry with a touch of complexity from the lees treatment.
- 305 Sauvignon de Touraine 2017, Domaine de Rablais (Loire) 24.50**
Downstream from the famous Villages of Sancerre and Pouilly comes this wonderfully expressive, zesty Sauvignon with gorgeous crisp flavours on both nose and palate which make your mouth water just to think about them! As a drink on its' own or with food, it is a delight.
- 994 Albarino Calazul 2017, Rias Baixas (Spain) 27.50**
Albarino is the indigenous grape of Rias Baixas in Galicia, North-West Spain. Regarded as Spain's alternative to Viognier in terms of its fresh peachy aromatics. Very popular in Madrid's chic bars and restaurants.
- 518 Verdicchio di Gino 2016 San Lorenzo, Marche (Italy) 29.00**
From Marche in Italy's east. It is a complex wine, punching well above its' price point. Fabulous aromas of white flower blossom, apples and pears together with a distinct nutty character. Lovely long flavours and truly great value, it's one for all occasions.

Light & Crisp Whites continued....

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- 256 Chablis 2017, Domaine Hamelin, Burgundy 39.50**
This is a superb, traditional style Chablis with the typical flinty, mineral characteristics. Quite light in style, this does not pretend to be a big, buttery Côte d'Or wine. The company is a firm believer in not using oak in order to give full purity of fruit and expression of terroir.
- 331 Sancerre 2017, Domaine Andre Dezat, Loire Valley 39.50**
100% Sauvignon Blanc. Fresh cut grass and elderflower on the nose with an exquisitely rich palate of gooseberries and citrus, combined with minerally flintiness. A classic which lives up to its' reputation as the great fish dish match.
- 329 Pouilly Fumé 2016, Domaine Cailbourdin, Loire Valley 41.00**
From way up stream on the Loire, on the opposite side of the river from Sancerre is this other iconic wine region. A stalwart of wine lists all over the world, it is Sauvignon Blanc as we used to know. Crisp, fresh with hints of gooseberries and an underlying smokiness this appellation is known for.

Medium to Full Bodied Whites

- 738 **Chenin Blanc, 'The Liberator' 2018, Stellenbosch, South Africa** 21.50
Chenin Blanc is S. Africa's leading white grape, and this particular one is ideal with or without food. Fermented partly in oak, and kept on its' lees it is awesome value with good depth of flavour, and has gorgeous aromas and a long finish.
- 744 **Chardonnay 2017 Gran Reserva , Nostos- Casablanca, Chile** 25.00
If anybody is still dragging their feet when it comes to getting back onto the Chardonnay bandwagon, just point them at this little gem. Winds off the Pacific keep the vineyards cool thereby slowing ripening. The result is a Chardonnay of elegance. Barrel fermented for extra complexity, it is exceptionally pleasing.
- 516 **Rioja Blanco 2016, Lar de Paula** 28.50
Delicious old school white Rioja. Extremely popular style with the fresh fruit complementing the toasty oak beautifully. Full, soft round, it is a wine to enjoy with grilled fish or chowder.
- 238 **Macon Solutre 2017, Domaine Denuziller, Burgundy** 32.00
Elegant and fresh, this wine from Solutre, one of the best villages in the Maconnais, is very pleasing. Fruit driven with no oak, but the lees is stirred giving extra complexity. A real crowd pleaser which is great value.
- 499 **Dom Rafael 2016 Herdade do Mouchao, Alentejo (Portugal)** 32.00
A Unoaked but kept on its' lees for 6 months, this is a gorgeously fresh and citrus style blend, with mouthwatering vibrant aromas of grapefruit, and tropical fruits, just right for combating Atlantic seafood, or as a delicious aperitif.
- 806 **Chardonnay 2014 Foxglove, Central Coast (California)** 36.00
The Varner brothers have produced an absolute beauty with the emphasis on fruit, so there is very little oak influence at all. There are lovely notes of flowers, honeysuckle and hints of white peach. It is elegant and restrained, quite un-Californian, but we love it!
- 726 **Chenin / Viognier 2015 'Saskia', Miles Mossop, W. Cape (S.Africa)** 45.50
A fulsome blend, with aromas of white peaches, and flavours of quince and apricots. Very rich with a lovely balance between fruit and acidity. Absolutely ideal for fish, with or without sauce.
- 362 **Pouilly Loche 'Les Barres' 2016, Clos de Rocs, Burgundy** 49.50
An iconic wine from a small producer based in Loche. The whole of Pouilly Loche AC is only 32 Hectares of which Clos de Rocs own 30%. Very well balanced it has a perfumed, elegant and honeyed nose with great stone fruit and citrus flavours and a pleasing saline minerality.

Medium to Full Bodied Whites continued....

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- 079 Chablis 1er Cru Cote de Lechet 2016, Domaine Defaix, Burgundy 49.50**
From 100% Chardonnay, full bodied yet with elegant fruit backed up by minerals and good acidity known by the French as 'gout de pierre a fusil', or gunflint. Superb length, it really is classy stuff.
- 271 Montagny 1er Cru 'Les Gouresses' 2016, Dom. Jean Marc Pillot 65.00**
Made from vines which are nearly 100 years old, and grown on chalk, there is a real touch of Chablis about this mouth-watering wine. Taut and racy, it opens up beautifully in the glass, reflecting the very precise 2016 vintage.
- 233 Chassagne Montrachet 2016, Dom. Bachey Legros, Burgundy 79.50**
Lovely pale straw in colour, with mouth watering aromas of peaches. Juicy and ripe, with gentle a touch of oak, this is a delicious Burgundy. Whether roast pork, chicken or sea bass this is your ideal combo.
- 279 Puligny Montrachet 2016, Domaine Pernet Belicard, Burgundy 79.50**
Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards. Elegant with a citrus and stone fruit palate and lemon meringue characters. Sensational with fish.
- 594 Meursault Cuvee 'Charles Maxim' 2016, Dom. Latour-Giraud, Burgundy 86.50**
Powerful in every way! Heaps of sensational stone fruit, cashew and toast and honey. Beautifully situated vineyards, low yields and brilliant winemaking all contribute to this very special bottle.
- 240 Puligny Montrachet 2007, Domaine Leflaive, Burgundy 145.00**
Another stupendous wine from Burgundy's leading producers. Gorgeous aromas of acacia flower, white peach, hints of pear together with toast and honey and a touch of vanilla on the palate. This is absolutely delicious and very much drinking at its' peak.

Aromatic and Fruity Whites

- 848 Riesling 2017, Dr. Loosen, Mosel (Germany) 25.00**
This is what you would expect from top quality Riesling. A delicious wine, with a fresh, zesty nose and a mouthwatering, fruity palate. It is medium dry, and very more-ish!
- 457 Viognier 2017, Ch. Pesquie '974', Rhone Valley 27.50**
The number in the name is the road which takes you to the vineyard....you can't deny the French are romantic!! Nevertheless, the wine speaks for itself. Aromatic and alluring, beautiful apricot and peach flavours abound, and the fruit on the palate lingers on and on.....
- 694 Riesling 2015, Mount Langhi 'Billi Billi', Grampians, Victoria (Aus.) 27.50**
Classic cool climate Riesling flavours leap from the glass, making your mouth water before you even have a sip! Lemon and limes, together with lovely floral overtones. Wonderful with fish and an especially good partner to Asian influenced food. Yum!
- 437 Pinot Bianco 2017, Cantina Bolzano, Alto Adige (Italy) 29.50**
From high up in the foothills of the Tyrol Mountains comes this amazingly crisp, fresh, liquid crystal! With heavenly flavours of green apples, pears and scent of white peach, it is not only a refreshing aperitif but also a superb accompaniment to many salads, and fish dishes.
- 038 Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Staete Landt, Marlborough (NZ) 29.50**
Staete Landt is the name given to what is now New Zealand by Tasman, the Dutch explorer in honour of his country. This is Marlborough Sauvignon at its best. Wonderfully fresh and powerful on the nose this is an intense wine with bags of zesty gooseberry passion fruit and citrus fruit and great concentration of flavour.
- 365 Gewurztraminer Reserve 2016, Joseph Cattin, Alsace 36.50**
A classic Gewurztraminer from Alsace exhibiting lychees and Turkish delight aromas, very intense, unctuous flavours with delicious texture as a result of the old vines. So tasty you will adore it.
- 579 Tenuta di Castellaro Porticello 2017, IGT Sicily 38.00**
This captivating wine is from the island of Lipari just off Sicily has instant appeal leaping from the glass. Made from Carricante and Moscato grown on the volcanic soil, it is intensely flavoured with stunning aromas of apples, honey and white flowers. It's well balanced and long.

Aromatic and Fruity Whites continued....

- 503 Pinot Gris 2012, Dom. Rolly Gassman, Alsace 46.50**
Truly, truly unctuous! Packed full of spiced citrus, toffee apple, peach and apricot aromas, backed up with a hint of spice on the palate, Off dry, rich and complex, it is God's gift to Spicy cuisine.
- 541 Studio Bianco 2016, Borgo del Tiglio, Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy) 85.00**
A sumptuous blend of 40% Friulano, 40% Sauvignon and 20% Riesling. Made by one of Italy's best winemakers Nicola Manfredi (how's that for a name!), plying his trade in the slightly less well known region of Friuli in the NE of Italy. Precise and poised, it has gorgeous aromas blackcurrant leaf, white peach, ripe pear and white flowers on the nose and the tropical notes continue on the palate with a long finish.

Rose Wines

- 497 Tempranillo Shiraz Rose 2018, Castillo del Moro - Castillon (Spain) 19.50**
Fresh with good acidity. Tasty flavours of summer berries, it is a pleasure to knock back, morning, noon and night! Top value too.
- 368 Chateau Montaud 2017 - Cotes de Provence 26.50**
Classic Provence rose (even down to the fancy bottle!) With a charming peachy orange colour and with aromas of summer fruits, it is pure elegance in a glass. Despite its' very pale hue it has good weight and goes amazingly well with many foods. Massively popular.
- 361 Chianti Rosato 2017, Rocca di Montegrossi, IGT Toscana 36.50**
This is serious Rose, if there is such a thing....well seriously good anyway! Made from the gentle pressing of Sangiovese grapes from the heart of Chianti. It rests on its' lees for 4 months to enhance the spectacular flavours on the nose and in the mouth. This is a joy and has great fruit and length.
- 346 Sancerre Rose 2017, Domaine Clairnaux - Loire 38.50**
A wonderful alternative for an aperitif or a delightful wine to go with fish. Made using Pinot Noir grapes, it is delicate yet complex. From one of Sancerre's best growers.

Elegant Reds

488	Tempranillo/ Merlot 2017, Pez de Rio - Carinena (Spain) Plenty of lovely summer berry fruit flavours from the Tempranillo, backed up with a hint of plum from the Merlot. Easy drinking and ever so tasty, it never fails to hit the mark.	19.50
774	Merlot 2017, Villarrica, Maule Valley (Chile) A no nonsense wine, precisely what you should expect from a Chilean of this level. Full of plums and red fruits with mild tannins and light to medium body, an ideal prescription for the easy drinker.	19.50
372	Carignan Vieilles Vignes 2016, Mont Rocher, Pays Herault (Languedoc) The old vines of the hills of Languedoc provide this juicy little wine with extra depth, but it is so easy to drink. Smooth and soft, it's a bigger crowd pleaser than Michael Buble.	22.50
144	Chateau Roc de Segur 2016, Bordeaux Merlot dominant (65%) Bordeaux with generous plummy flavours on the palate, and hints of blackcurrants and a touch of spicy earth. Easy drinking with good weight, it suits fowl, red meat and game equally well.	24.50
358	Beaujolais Villages 2016, Domaine Colette, Beaujolais Pure, concentrated Gamay fruit of Cru Beaujolais quality. Clear, bright with deep colour extract and mouth-filling flavours.	29.00
307	Cabernet Franc 'Le Page' Saumur Champigny 2014, Domaine de Rocheville, Loire Fabulous little wine made using 100% Cabernet Franc grapes. It has a beautiful bouquet of red berries and a hint of spice. The tannins are soft making it a joy to drink with lighter style dishes.	29.50
662	Pinot Noir 2016, Paper Road, Wairarapa (NZ) Absolute quality from the very bottom of the North Island. Fresh summer fruit flavours with aromas of strawberries, red cherries together with a lovely savoury aspect. A perfect wine for game or duck.	32.50
328	Fleurie 2017, Domaine Manoir Carra, Beaujolais Classic Cru Beaujolais. A fresh fruit forward and silky wine full of ripe strawberry and cherry fruit, underpinned by more body than would be found in your humble Beaujolais Villages.	34.50

Elegant Reds continued....

- 616 Pinot Noir 2016, Devil's Corner, Tasmania (Australia) 35.00**
Sensational cool climate Pinot Noir from Tasmania. Fresh summer fruit flavours with aromas of strawberries, red cherries together with a lovely savoury aspect. A perfect wine for game or duck.
- 332 Sancerre Rouge 2015, Domaine Claineaux, Loire 39.50**
Pinot Noir is another red variety which can manage the cooler climate of Northern France. This wine is elegant with beautiful summer fruit flavours and hints of spice. A great match for any pork dish or game.
- 327 Auxey Duresses 2016, Agnes Paquet, Burgundy 55.00**
Stunning Pinot Noir from one of Burgundy's less celebrated appellations, but this works in your favour peeps! Amazing value is still attainable in Cote d' Or! 25% whole bunches and unfiltered giving extra structure. This is prettiness personified, with gorgeous summer berry fruit aromas, underpinned by hints of spice and a fresh acidity.
- 267 Santenay 'Les Charmes' 2015, Domaine Bache Legros (Burgundy) 55.00**
(Bordering on Medium bodied!!) Bache Legros are a mother and two sons making delicious wines from many of the appellations of the Cotes de Beaune and we've yet to try one that we haven't loved! This is a single vineyard wine from their home village, and has lovely cherry, raspberry and blackcurrant flavours together with a hint of 'forest floor' so familiar to Burgundy lovers.

Medium Bodied Reds

- 537 Tres Reyes Tempranillo Syrah 2015, Toledo (Spain) 23.50**
A blend of Tempranillo and Syrah, it has flavour in buckets with enticing aromas of summer berries and cherries together with hints of a mocha character. 4 months in American oak, and a further 4 in bottle before release, gives it structure and power.
- 679 Rioja 2016, Lar de Paula Oak Aged Tinto, Rioja (Spain) 26.50**
All the grace and silkiness you could want from a Rioja. Lots of cherry, plum and spicy flavours combined with hints of vanilla from 6 months of aging in American oak, and elegant tannins add to the finish.
- 650 Primativo 2016, Tenute Rubino, Salento (Italy) 27.50**
Often called by its' American name Zinfandel, Primativo has been produced in Southern Italy for a long time and continues to wow drinkers with its beautiful dark cherry and plum fruit together with hints of spice.
- 787 Malbec 2017, Inacayal, Mendoza (Argentina) 28.50**
Vibrant purple in the glass, with intense aromas of plums and dried figs. The palate is smooth, with flavours of dark cherries and chocolate. Yes, it's strong, but there is definitely a warming charm to this wine.
- 029 Chianti Colli Aretini 2015, Manucci Droandi (Tuscany) 33.50**
Delicious Chianti punching well above its' weight, with hints of cherries, plums, cinnamon and herbs on the nose and touches of chocolate on the palate make this unmistakably Sangiovese. The tannins are subtle and the finish long, and make it ideal for game.
- 176 Chateau Roudier 2014, Montagne Saint Emilion (Bordeaux) 36.50**
A very attractive blend (65% Merlot, 25% Cab Franc, 10% Cab Sauvignon) from one of satellite villages of Saint Emilion. A pleasing nose of dark berries, and mocha together with hints of spice, it offers really good value for money.
- 556 Barbera d'Asti 2016, Cantina del Pino, Piedmont 38.00**
From a tiny winery in Barbaresco which is really going places. Rich in colour with deep purple hues and a black cherry appearance, it has both power and finesse. Flavours of blackberries, cherries, espresso and hints of spice abound.
- 165 Chateau Caronne Ste Gemme 2011, Haut Medoc (Bordeaux) 39.50**
Terrifically consistent Chateau producing fine deep coloured wines. Cabernet Sauvignon is the main grape in this classic blend. A big mouthful of Blackcurrants and cedar, it's delicious. Never fails to please.

Medium Bodied Reds continued....

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| 501 | Langhe Nebbiolo 2016, Cantina del Pino, Piedmont, N. Italy | 46.50 |
| | Like a 'baby Barbaresco'. Made with the same grape, the wonderful Nebbiolo, but using slightly younger vines so it can be approached earlier, this is a delicious wine. It still has the charming Barberesco characteristics – the pale appearance, the intriguing aroma of orange peel and cherries and the dry spicy palate. It is sensational with game. | |
| 174 | Chateau La Tour de By 2012, Haut Medoc (Bordeaux) | 49.50 |
| | A delicious claret from a magical vintage. Cabernet Sauvignon is the main grape (60%) in this classic Bordeaux blend. Elegant and stylish, it is not a cutlass, rather an epee but still has blackcurrant and cedar flavours and is unmistakably Medoc. | |
| 481 | Rioja Gran Reserva 2010, Bodegas Navajas, Rioja (Spain) | 57.00 |
| | An archetypal Gran Reserva from this prestigious house. Warm spicy strawberry flavours interlaced with creamy coconut aromas from careful oak aging. This is Rioja at its finest. | |
| 263 | Gevrey Chambertin 'Le Justice' 2016, Domaine Rene Bouvier (Burgundy) | 75.00 |
| | From the iconic appellation in Cotes de Nuits. Lovely, velvety, smooth yet powerful glass of wine. Summer fruit combined with a savoury edge and the classic 'fruits of the forest' brambly character. Really good flavours and perfect with game or duck. | |
| 398 | Nuits Saint Georges 2014, Domaine Chevillon (Burgundy) | 79.50 |
| | A 'go to' name if ever there was one. Nuits St Georges is an iconic name in the wine world. The vines are over 50 years old. The wine is intense with aromatic characteristics of red berry fruit with a hint of spice on the nose and a silky palate with good acidity and length. | |
| 714 | Volnay 2012, Maison Chantereves, Burgundy | 80.00 |
| | It has been noticed that someone here has an unhealthy passion for Volnay, (no names no pack drill....) However this does mean the list nearly always carries a lovely example of this appellation. This is classic Volnay, very pure with gorgeously floral black cherry and | |

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Full Bodied Reds

- 737 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva 2015, Pacifico Sur, Curico Valley (Chile) 24.50**
Bang for buck, this punches well above its' weight. Classic Cabernet dark berry fruit, with hints of mint and green capsicum, just to tell you it's from Chile! Smooth and fulsome, it drinks very well indeed.
- 760 Pinotage 2015, 'Abraham and the Heretics', Western Cape (S.Africa) 24.50**
Wonderfully spicy, mixed berry, full-bodied wine that shows off the best in South Africa's most renowned grape variety. Very smooth – it goes down very easily!
- 661 Shiraz 2015, Mount Langhi 'Billi Billi', Grampians, Victoria (Aus.) 27.50**
From the relatively cooler climate of High Country Victoria. Packed full of dark berry and forest fruit flavours, together with the classic Shiraz spice characteristics, this is a really appealing glass of red which has grilled sirloin written all over it!
- 543 Negroamaro 2017, Tenute Rubino, Salento (Italy) 27.50**
Velvety and gentle, this lovely wine is packed with sweet ripe fruit flavours reflecting the warmth of Salento in southern Italy, where the vines are mostly tended by women whose skills are handed down from generation to generation. Amidst the vines there is singing and dancing.....sounds like heaven.
- 414 Grenache/ Syrah Blend 2016, Ch Pesquie 'Terrasses' Ventoux, Rhone Valley 28.50**
From the terraced slopes of Mt Ventoux, this is classic Southern Rhone. 70% Grenache, and 30% Syrah, it combines juicy dark berry fruit with spice and pepper savouriness. Ample fruit, complexity, weight and charm all contribute to this terrific value wine.
- 067 Zinfandel 2014, Foxglove, Paso Robles (California) 37.50**
California is the spiritual home of Zinfandel and these guys have pulled out all the stops. Vibrant and bright, it has violet, spice and charming red fruit flavours which literally jump from the glass. It works brilliantly with spicy winter dishes.

Full Bodied Reds continued....

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- 334 Chianti Classico DOCG 2015, Rocca di Montegrossi (Italy) 48.50**
90% Sangiovese and 10% local varieties, this wonderful Chianti comes from old vines in the heart of the Classico region. Aged for 15 months in French oak, it has a deep, dark hue and a nose of dark cherries, blackberries and quintessential herbaceous Sangiovese dryness. Beautifully ripe on the palate, this is a 'look at me' wine indeed!
- 533 Barolo 'Cascina Nuova' 2013, Elvio Cogno, Piedmont (Italy) 69.50**
This modern style of Barolo is from one of Barolo's most charismatic figures. 100% Nebbiolo, classic Barolo flavours of rose petals, tar and orange peel, leap out at you, and maybe it's because they come from this region, but we're sure we can smell truffles in the glass!
- 654 Henschke 'Cyril' Cabernet Sauvignon 2000, Eden Valley, S. Australia 90.00**
This is top quality wine from one of the best makers in Australia. With a dash of Cabernet Franc and Merlot it offers delicious flavours of ripe blackcurrant and mulberry, together with a touch of cedar and cigar. Rich and complex, the old man after who this cuvee is named would be very proud.

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Powerful Reds

- 357 Cabernet Sauvignon/Carmenere 2015, Duette 'Indomita', Maule Valley (Chile) 29.50**
Carmenere is an old Bordeaux variety which seems to be getting a foothold in Chile like Malbec has in Argentina. Deep and inky, with hints of blueberries and plums and a touch of vanilla from the oak. Full and seriously weighty, it is a lovely match for red meat dishes.
- 475 Rioja Reserva 2011, Bodegas Navajas Reserva 2011, Rioja 29.50**
Huge, ripe and juicy Rioja, with powerful dark berry fruit, intertwined with gorgeous spice flavours. Vanilla and coconut flavours from the use oak American oak are also present. This is a real mouthful!
- 420 Cotes du Rhone Villages 2016, 'Sablet', Dom. Pasquiers, Rhone Valley 30.00**
Granted Cotes du Rhone Villages status in 2005, this appellation is going from strength to strength. Deep in colour, with alluring aromas of the garrigue scrubland which is so prominent, along with dark cherry and olive tapenade. Ideal partner for any red meat or cheese platter.
- 298 Shiraz 2014, The Cunning Plan, Langhorne Creek (S. Australia) 32.50**
Some of the tastiest Aussie wines come from the little known Langhorne Creek, just south of McLaren Vale. Massive amounts of juicy dark fruit along with spicy black pepper aromas. A wine with real backbone and absolutely wonderful with most red meats and game.
- 424 Gigondas 2014, Domaine du Gour de Chaule, Rhone Valley 47.50**
Gone are the days of stiff and dry wines from the southern Rhone, where you must wait patiently for 8 years before anything slightly resembling fruit appears in your glass. This is unadulterated instant gratification, with sweet fruit and juicy flavours dancing immediately onto your tongue. Awesome!
- 578 Amarone della Valpolicella 2012 'Corte Vaona' Novaia, Veneto (Italy) 68.50**
Amarone is a full-bodied, dry red made using naturally dried Corvina grapes. Very intense prune and fig flavours combine with firm tannins balanced acidity and a slightly sweet finish. The ultimate wine to accompany game or some very strong cheese.
- 407 Domaine Pegau Chateauneuf du Pape 1998, Rhone Valley 98.00**
Drinking perfectly, this is quite simply stunning CNP from one of the best houses in the Rhone. It delivers wonderful aromas of black cherries, licorice, pepper and plums whilst the palate offers great length and richness. Legendary!

Large Format

Always an exciting way to serve wine, they look spectacular on the table
and the wines taste superb.

- 971** **Domaine Triennes 2016 Rose Provence** **Double Mag. 120.00**
No better way to kick off an occasion than sharing out the Rose! Stylish and elegant style, pale in the glass with delicate aromas of summer berries, with just a hint of savouriness on the palate.
- 923** **Puligny Montrachet 2016, Domaine Pernot Belicard, Burgundy** **Mag. 160.00**
Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards. Elegant with a citrus and stone fruit palate and lemon meringue characters. Sensational with fish.
- 148** **Charmes de Kirwan 2015, Margaux (Bordeaux)** **Mag. 145.00**
This is the 2nd wine of Ch. Kirwan, the 3^{eme} Cru from the Margaux commune of Bordeaux. Made from their younger vines for more immediate drinking, it has a superb rich and full quality which lingers in the glass, with dark berry and vanilla flavours to the fore.
- 898** **Chateau Monbrison 2002, Margaux (Bordeaux)** **Mag. 160.00**
Just beginning to shed its' youthful appearance, this delicious Margaux is opening up beautifully and offers hints of leather and cigar box aromas, it is a superb partner for lamb or game. The longer it is open the more seductive it becomes, definitely worth decanting for maximum enjoyment.

Port

Due to the nature and quality of these vintage ports we kindly request that where possible prior notification is given before serving simply to allow for sediments to settle and correct temperature to be attained.

- 906 Quinta Portal LBV 2011 49.50**
Deep, juicy, rich and structured. It is unfiltered to maintain weight and depth. Great value.

Vintage Port

- 974 Taylors 1983 110.00**
As good as the reviews all suggest. This is another top notch effort from arguably the best Port House. Gorgeous dark berry fruit flavours are very much in evidence and this fabulous wine is now opening up to show magnificent depth and length.

- 922 Dows 1977 120.00**
From a sensational vintage, and 40 years down the track it is now drinking superbly. It still has masses of sweet summer fruit flavours as well as firm back bone with great acidity. Silky and smooth, it's the ultimate way to end dinner.

Dessert Wine

- 062 Chateau Doisy Vedrines 1990, Premier Cru Classe, Sauternes (37.5cl) 60.00**
Sensational effort from one of the best in the business. Unctuous is a word invented for this little beauty, with lip-smacking flavours of apricot, coconut, and hints of flower blossom.
You have to treat yourself occasionally.....

Whilst we try our best sometimes we get caught out and therefore we would like to advise that vintages within this list are normally correct and only sometimes wrong!

Wines by the Glass

125ml

Champagne and Sparkling

Gallimard Cuvée Reserve, Brut N.V. 8.90

100% Pinot Noir, fantastically clean and fresh made in the rounded *Gallimard style with a soft, elegant finish.*

Recommendations - Aperitif, smoked salmon

Tallero Prosecco Spumante DOC Treviso Extra Dry 5.95

Delightfully fresh sparkling wine from Northern Italy. Crisp and fresh with lovely citrus and apple characters, it has a mouth filling roundness which is delightful.

Recommendations - Aperitif

White wines

The Liberator Chenin Blanc 2017, Stellenbosch, South Africa 4.00

Chenin Blanc is S. Africa's leading white grape, and this particular one is ideal with or without food. Fermented partly in oak, and kept on its' lees it is awesome value with good depth of flavour, and has gorgeous aromas and a long finish.

Recommendations - Salads, white meats, fish

Dr. Loosen Riesling 2016, Mosel (Germany) 4.50

This is what you would expect from top quality Riesling. A delicious wine, with a fresh, zesty nose and a mouth-watering, fruity palate. It is medium dry, and very more-ish!

Recommendations - White meats, spicy dishes

Viamora Pinot Grigio 2017, Veneto (Italy) 3.80

Fresh and crisp, it has gorgeous aromas of pears and apples and a full flavour and pronounced fruit.

Recommendations - Aperitif, salads

Villaricca Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Maule Valley (Chile) 3.60

Wonderfully crisp with a zingy palate of tropical fruits. Grassy and fresh, this wine offers more than many may expect from Chilean Sauvignon. Really enjoyable.

Recommendations - Salads, white meats, fish

Lar de Paula Rioja Blanco 2016, Spain 5.00

Barrel fermented white Rioja, wonderful flavours of fruit combined with subtle use of French and American oak. Intense and full flavoured, with long finish.

Recommendations - Salads, white meats, fish

White Wines continued....

Nostros Chardonnay 2017 - Casablanca Valley (Chile) 4.20

If anybody is still dragging their feet when it comes to getting back onto the Chardonnay bandwagon, just point them at this little gem. Winds off the Pacific keep the vineyards cool thereby slowing ripening. The result is a Chardonnay of mouth watering freshness and elegance. Barrel fermented for extra complexity.

Recommendations - Pork and Chicken dishes, fish

Staete Landt Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Marlborough (NZ) 5.25

Staete Landt is the name given to what is now New Zealand by Tasman, the Dutch explorer in honour of his country. This is Marlborough Sauvignon at its best. Wonderfully fresh and powerful on the nose this is an intense wine with bags of zesty gooseberry passion fruit and citrus fruit and great concentration of flavour.

Recommendations - Aperitif, goat's cheese, seafood

Domaine Denuziller Macon Solutre 2017 - Burgundy 5.60

Elegant and fresh, this wine from Solutre, one of the best villages in the Maconnais, is very pleasing. Fruit driven with no oak, but the lees is stirred giving extra complexity. A real crowd pleaser which is great value.

Recommendations - Aperitif, smoked salmon, white fish, shellfish

Domaine Pernot Belicard Puligny Montrachet 2016, Burgundy 18.00

Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards. Full flavoured with a citrus and stone fruit palate. Sensational with fish or white meat.

Recommendations - white fish, shellfish, pork and poultry

Dom. Latour- Giraud Meursault Cuvee 'Charles Maxim' 2016, Burgundy 22.00

Powerful in every way! Heaps of sensational stone fruit, cashew and toast and honey. Beautifully situated vineyards, low yields and brilliant winemaking all contribute to this very special bottle.

Recommendations - white fish (and pink fish!) pork and poultry

Rose wine

Castillo del Moro Tempranillo Shiraz Rose 2017 - Spain 3.40

Full flavoured and ripe. Tasty flavours of summer berries, it is a pleasure to knock back, morning, noon and night! Top value too.

Recommendations - Aperitif, salads

Ch. Montaud 2017 – Cotes de Provence (France) 4.70
Classic Provence rose. With a charming peachy orange colour and with aromas of summer fruits, it is pure elegance in a glass. Despite its' very pale hue it has good weight and goes amazingly well with many foods.
Recommendations – Aperitif, salads, shellfish

Red Wines

Pez de Rio Tempranillo / Merlot 2017, Carinena (Spain) 3.40
A fresh and very approachable wine, with lots of cherry and blackberry flavours. It will please everyone around the table, no matter what they are eating!
Recommendations – red meats, pasta, cheese

Villarrica Merlot 2017, Maule Valley (Chile) 3.60
It is so easy to drink, lots of plum characters with touches of mocha. Classic Chilean Merlot. Just the job!
Recommendations – Stews, pork dishes

Chateau Roc de Segur 2016, Bordeaux 4.50
Merlot dominant (67%) Bordeaux with generous plummy flavours on the palate, and hints of blackcurrants and a touch of spicy earth. Easy drinking with good weight, it suits fowl and game perfectly.
Recommendations – lamb dishes, game

Rioja 2016, Lar de Paula Oak Aged Tinto, Rioja (Spain) 4.85
All the grace and silkiness you could want from a Rioja. Lots of cherry, plum and spicy flavours combined with hints of vanilla from 6 months of aging in American oak, and elegant tannins add to the finish.
Recommendations – Roast beef, lamb, cheeses

Mount Langhi Billi Billi 2015 Shiraz, Grampians, Australia. 4.85
From the relatively cooler climate of High Country Victoria. Packed full of dark berry and forest fruit flavours, together with the classic Shiraz spice characteristics, this is a really appealing glass of red which has grilled sirloin written all over it!
Recommendations – Meat. Redder the better.

Red Wines continued....

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- Inacayal Malbec 2017, Mendoza (Argentina)** 5.00
Vibrant purple in the glass, with intense aromas of plums and dried figs. The palate is smooth, with flavours of dark cherries and chocolate. Yes, it's strong, but there is definitely a warming charm to this wine.
Recommendations - Grilled Sirloin, Roast Beef, plain and simple!
- Paper Road 2016, Pinot Noir, Wairarapa (NZ)** 5.70
Absolute quality from the very bottom of the North Island. Fresh summer fruit flavours with aromas of strawberries, red cherries together with a lovely savoury aspect.
Recommendations - A perfect wine for game or duck.
- Domaine Rene Bouvier Gevrey Chambertin 'Le Justice' 2016 (Burgundy)** 16.00
From the iconic appellation in Cotes de Nuits. Lovely velvety, smooth yet powerful glass of wine. Summer fruit combined with a savoury edge and the classic 'fruits of the forest' brambly character.
Recommendations - Really good flavours and perfect with game or duck.
- Henschke 'Cyril' Cabernet Sauvignon 2000, Eden Valley, S. Australia** 20.00
This is top quality wine from one of the best makers in Australia. With a dash of Cabernet Franc and Merlot it offers delicious flavours of ripe blackcurrant and mulberry, together with a touch of cedar and cigar. Rich and complex, the old man after who this cuvee is named would be very proud.
Recommendations - beef, beef and more beef.
- Chateau Leoville Barton 1995, 2eme Cru Saint Julien, Bordeaux** 28.00
This is just a spectacular glass of wine. From another awesome vintage, beautifully produced, with lots of deep dark aromas of cassis, leather and tea leaf, together with hints of spice and mint. There is plenty of oak, fruit and power melded seamlessly. An iconic name in Bordeaux, this is quite sensational!
Recommendations - Game, lamb.

Dessert Wine

- Bacalhoa Moscatel de Setubal 2012 (Portugal)** 75ml 3.95
Enticing Muscat aromas and delicious 'raisiny' flavours. A great way to finish off your meal.
Recommendations - Sticky toffee pudding!
- Ch. La Tour Blanche 1988, 1er Cru Sauternes (Bordeaux)** 75ml 11.00
From the outstanding 1988 vintage. Wonderful flavours of honey, tropical fruits and touches of caramel. A joy for your senses, its' golden appearance looks superb, it smells delicious and lingers beautifully on the palate.
Recommendations - Tarts, pies, puddings and fruit dishes.