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Champagne and Sparkling

Champagne

JACQUES BONCOEUR Brut Reserve

NV

£50.00

Champagne

Half

£27.50

Ideal aperitif champagne. 88% Pinot Noir and 12% Chardonnay, lively mousse, light and toasty with 'hints of tarte tatin' and good citrus acidity following through to a lemony finish - Laurant Perrier style. Very easy drinking!.

By the 100ml glass £12.00.

JOSEPH PERRIER Cuvee Royale

NV

£68.00

Chalons - en- Champagne

An attractive, weighty but balanced Champagne made of the classic three grapes: Chardonnay 35%, Pinot Noir 35% & Pinot Meunier 30%.

APOLLONIS - Blanc de Noirs

NV

£58.00

Michel Loriot, Festigny, France

Half

£30.00

Unusual and distinctive. I couldn't resist trying this 100% Pinot Meunier and found it delicious. Full bodied, rounded, baked apple and honey on the nose, depth and a little yeastiness.

APOLLONIS 'Inspiration de Saison'

2011

£78.00

Michel Loriot, Festigny, France

This 'Extra Brut' Vintage Champage is 30% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Noir and 50% Pinot Meunier. Good balanced acidity and that distinctive baked apple palate.

TAITTINGER NV £70.00

Half £36.00

Tattinger has a house style which is mid-weight but rounded - about 30% Chardonnay which gives ripe apple rather than citrus notes.

TAITTINGER 'Folies de la Marquetterie'

NV

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Taittenger, Reims

Made in limited quantities partly from grapes grown on the steep slopes around the Chateau, 45% Chardonnay, 55% Pinot Noir. Some judicious use of oak produces a Champagne of depth and structure.

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Sparkling Wine

LAUREL VINES SPARKLING WINE

2021

£53.00

Laurel Vines, Aike, Yorkshire

Laurel Vines' first Traditional Method fizz. Simple celebratory wine, light, frothy, floral and fruity with a little sweetness but good balancing minerality made from Seyval Blanc. 11.5% Alc

SOLARIS 2021 £60.00

Dunesforde, Yorkshire

Accomplished fizz from grapes grown in Dunsforde Vinyard and vinified by the experts at the Halfpenny Green Winery.

'OURS' 2018 £60.00

Little Wold Vinyard, South Cave, Yorkshire

Chardonnay & Pinot Noir made in the Traditional Method. A successful first release of this wine.

COURT GARDEN Classic Cuvee

2016

£50.00

Court Garden, Ditchling, East Sussex

Classic blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Toast and baked apple but retaining acidity.

DITCHLING QUARTET

2014

£62.00

Court Garden, Ditchling, East Sussex

Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir & Pinot Precoce. 60% of the wine spent 6 months on French oak to add richness and softness to the mouthfeel. It won an IWSC Gold in 2021-judges praised the 'honecomb, bruised apple & brioche on the nose.

NYETIMBER CLASSIC CUVEE

NV

£60.00

Nyetimber, West Chiltington, England

Half

£32.00

This classic combination of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier justified all the plaudits it generated.

PIQUEPOUL - CHARDONNAY Frisante

2020

£32.00

Cote Mas, Pezanas, S France

Light, aromatic but crisp white from Cote Mas, which is exuberantly frisante. Blended with Chardonnay to give it a bit more substance.

PROSECCO NV £30.00

Also available in 200ml mini bottles £9.80

PIGNOLETTO FRIZZANTE

2020

£29.50

Gruppo Cevico, Emiglia Romagna

Fresh and petillant rather than fully sparkling because secondary fermentation takes place in a regular wine bottle with a reguar cork and is under less pressure than Champagne method. It makes a splendid and eminently quaffable aperitif and is less gassy so better with food.

DOULOUFAKIS SPARKLING WHITE

NV

£55.00

Douloufakis Winery, Heraklion, Crete

This is a Traditional Method wine made with the Cretan varietal Vidiano. Relatively full bodied it makes a good food fizz. 12.5% Alc

Rose

APOLLONIS ' Theodorine' Brut Rose

NV

£62.00

Michel Loriot, Festigny, France

A delicate Champagne made of 31% Chardonnay, 38% Pinot Meurnier, 20% Pinot Noir made Rose by the addition of 10% Red Pinot Noir.

PROSECCO ROSE BRUT

2022

£38.00

Terre di Sant Alberto, Valdobbiadene

This Prosecco -style blush wine is made from Pinot Nero. Soft bubbles, gentle red fruit on the nose, with a fresh dry finish. 11.5% Alcohol.

ALICE'S CUVEE 2020 £60.00

Little Wold Vinyard, South Cave, Yorkshire

Delicate pink, ripe light red fruit notes, smooth accomplished rounded fizz.

NYETIMBER ROSE NV £68.00

Nyetimber

Delicious, well balanced sparking Rose with typical strawberry notes. Nyetimber is internationally recognised as serious competition to even the best Champagnes.

NYETIMBER 1086 Prestige Cuvee

2010

£195.00

Nyetimber, Sussex

A special, limited edition Rose made from Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meuniers. Sophisticated, dry and elegant.



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French White

White from all French Regions

CHABLIS 2022 £48.00

Domaine Jean-Marc Brocard, Chablis

Half £25.00

Dry, ripe apple fruit in good concentration with typical minerality.

CHABLIS PREMIER CRU FOURCHAUME

2021

£80.00

Domaine Jean-Marc Brocard, Chablis

From the opposite side of the valley from the Village Chablis. This wine has seen a little oak and displays more complexity.

PERNAND VERGELESSES Les Combottes

2016

£76.00

Louis Jadot

Rich ripe and complex. A flagship wine from this very well renowned producer, Burgundy of this quality is scarce and getting more so by the day!

x MEURSAULT Vielles Vignes

2017

£90.00

Domaine Buisson Battauli

PULIGNY - MONTRACHET

2019

£115.00

Bachelet Monnot

A classy and complex Burgundy from a top grower, more mineral than the richer Meursault.

MACON-UCHIZY 2022 £37.50

Domaine Talmard, Bourgogne

Unoaked Chardonnay from the Maconnais. Notes of 'hawthorn' on the floral nose, and a palate of baked apple fruit, a suggestion of citrus (grapfruit) and an underpinning minerality.

RULLY 1er CRU Les Cloux

2022

£56.00

Domaiine Jaeger - Defaix,

A young Rully displaying an expected 'green' acidity making it a good alternative if you like a tart Chablis. Looking forward to seeing how it develops over the next few years. 13.5% Alc

VIRE-CLESSE 2022 £50.00

Vins de Rijckaert, Burgundy

A lovely example of Maconnais village wine. Well-balanced firm ripe fruit and natural acidity.

GEWURZTRAMINER 2018 £38.00

Hunawhir, Haut-Rhin, Alsace

GEWURZTRAMINER 'Classic' 2016 Half £20.00

Hugel, Riquewhir, Alsace

Gewurztraminer from one of the big names.

PINOT GRIS - Pierres Seches 2022 £48.00

Maison Mure, Rouffach, Alsace

MUSCADET 'SUR LIE' - Chateau de Chasseloir

2021

£30.00

Bernard Chereau, Nantes

Fresh, tart and clean but with a rich earthy note on the finish. The depth added by being 'sur lie' puts it head and shoulders above the basic stuff.

SAUVIGNON DE TOURAINE

2022

£29.40

Domaine du Haut Perron, Touraine, France

Well-balanced, fresh ripe fruit and crisp acidity. A classic French Sauvignon Blanc.

SANCERRE 2020 £56.00

Vincent Pinard

All the typical characteristics of well made Sancerre, dry fruity with a hint of blackcurrent leaf and asparagus.

CHATEAU LESTRILLE CAPMARTIN SAUVIGNON

2022

£35.00

Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux

An accomplished crisp Sauvignon from Ch Listrelle Capmartin. I list this as the next place to go as an alternative to Sancerre.

CHATEAU LESTRILLE CAPMARTIN

2018

£45.00

Bordeaux

A good concentration of fruit and oak combine in this full-bodied traditional-style white Bordeaux which punches well above its weight. Sauvignon Gris, Semillon and Sauvignon in this mix.

COLOMBARD - SAUVIGNON

2022

£27.00

Cotes de Gascogne

1/2 Litre Carafe

£18.80

Light fresh quaffing Sauvignon. 11.5% Alcohol

VIOGNIER 2022 £29.00

Domaine Montmain, Pays d'Oc

Ripe fruit with subtle notes of apricot, orange blossom and peach on the nose and good balancing acidity.



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Other European White

YORKSHIRE WHITES

NV

From Dunesforde, Laurel Vines, Ryedale Vineyards & Yorkshire Heart

Proof that the sun does shine in Yorkshire. See the full selection in the front of the list

ORANGE WINE 2022 £36.00

Yorkshire Heart Vineyard, Nun Monkton

1/2 Litre Carafe £28.00

Made with Solaris, the skin contact has given it body and tannins. This proved a real hit at this year's Food Festival Tastings.

WHITE RABBIT RIESLING

2022

£32.50

Ress Family Wineries, Eltville am Rhein, Germany

1/2 Litre Carafe

£23.00

Fresh modern German wine from the Rhine. Off-dry (but not as sweet as the Donnhoff Spatlese) with some of the classic 'petrol' on the nose. Generouly fruity, balanced with crisp minerality. 8.5% alcohol.

RIESLING SPATLESE 2018 £72.00

Donnhoff, Oberhausen/Nahe, Germany

A sweet but resfreshingly mineral Late Harvest Riesling from a much admired producer. 8% alcohol.

RIESLING DRY 2022 £69.00

Donnhoff, Oberhausen/Nahe, Germany

Top quality Trocken Riesling - labelled Dry on the front to move with the times! 11.5% Abv.

GRUNER VELTLINER KAMPTAL RESERVE 2020 £45.00

Rabl, Langenlois, Austria

This is a really really classy version. It is aromatic but not over-perfumed, with gentle acidity and a lingering, viscous depth of texture mid-palate. 13.5% Abv

PINOT GRIGIO 2022 £28.00

Veneto, Italy

Pinot Grigio IGT claims hints of wild flowers and acacia, I just think of it as a dry but rounded refreshing drink!

SOAVE CLASSICO 2021 £30.00

Cantina da Bolla, Verona

Classic Soave with that distinctive hint of almond on the finish and a pleasing rounded mouthfeel.

GAVI 2023 £43.00

Francesco Rinaldi & Figli, Alba

Well-balanced, fresh and elegant expression of the wine which makes the Cortese grape famous.

VERDEJO 2022 £23.00

Senorio de Chical, Spain

Fresh, light and clean, notes of green apple, pear and lemon. Easy drinking 11% abv

ALBARINO - Pulpo 2022 £33.00

Pagos del Rey, Rias Baixas, Spain

Enticingly aromatic with subtle notes of white flowers, peach and apricot with crisp citrus acidity.

GARNACHA BLANCA 2019 £34.00

Vinas del Altura

Garnacha Blanca ages well. This one now has depth, and fruit (greengage) and will continue to please. Bin End.

VINHO VERDE LAGO NV £27.50

Amarante, Portugal

This wine from Northern Portugal is dry, light (10% alcohol) and with a decided spritz. The grapes are Alvarinho, Loureira, Arinto and Azal, the classic ones allowed in this DOC. Subtle white flowers on the palate.

ALVARINHO VINHO VERDE

2020 £40.00

Reguengo de Melaco, Melgaco, Portugal

A very fine example of the 'Albarino' and the Vinho Verde style associated with Portugal. 12.5% Alcohol.

PRUNUS BRANCO 2021 £29.00

Gota Winery, Dao, Portugal

A blend of more than four white grapes, Encruzado, Bical, Cereal Branco, Malvasia - (and others unnamed), produces a fresh wine, relatively low in acidity, with a complex fruity and floral and white peach follow through.

VINHAS VELHAS 2022 £53.00

Luis Pato, Bairrada, Portugal

A blend of Bical, Cercial, and Serciallinho from a very well-regarded wine maker in the Bairrada DOC. The effect is similar to drinking a Chablis - dry, mineral and complex.

STORK DRY WHITE 2019 £32.00

Armenia

A fresh, dry, lightly grassy white made with the native grape Kangoun.

FURMINT 2017 £30.00

Ch Pajzos, Tokaji, Hungary

Crisp and clean dry white - whiteflower and citrus.

TAMYANKA 2022 £38.00

Burgozone Winery, Bulgaria

Tamyanka is of the Muscat family. Grapey and perfumed. Very popular as the aperitif for a recent tasting.

RETSINA 2023 £31.00

Nikolaou Estate, Nemea, Greece

A modern fresh take on this iconic Greek white. The pine resin added during fermentation gives herbal notes of mint and thyme (as well as subtle pine!) to the Savatiano. 12% Alc.

ASSYRTIKO - Wild Ferment 2020 £64.00

Gaia Winery, Santorini, Greece

Made from 80 year old ungrafted vines growing in the volcanic soil of Santorini using natural yeasts for fermentation. Fresh minerality and a long finish. One of our favourite wines and deserving of the recognition it is gaining.

ASSYRTIKO CLAY ORANGE

2018

£50.00

Gaia Winery, Santorini, Greece

Unlike the tannic, murky offerings of many, this is deliciously dry, clean and clear. 13% Abv

BLANC DE BLANCS 2020 £34.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

A full dry Lebanese Bordeaux blend with 55% Sauvignon, Semillon 25%, Chardonnay 20%. Complex.

KSARA CHARDONNAY - Cuvee du Pape

2018

£56.00

Chateau Ksara, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

This Chardonnay shows a traditional French influence. Fruit, oak, balancing acidity, a creamy mouthfeel and a long, powerful finish - very tasty.

MERWAH 2021 £34.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

I feel this has a similarity in dryness and body to a Muscadet. This is an indiginous grape, grown north of the Bekaa Valley. Some get notes of melon, others get white flowers. Fresh and crisp.



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New World White

New Zealand & Australian White

FIANO 2019 £27.50

Berton Vinyards, Western Australia

Fresh, with citrus, peach and light almond notes.

JIM BARRY ASSYRTIKO 2021 £45.00

Clare Valley, Australia

1/2 Litre Carafe £32.00

Jim Barry fell in love with Assyrtiko on a holiday to Santorini (as did I). This has distinctive minerality and a pleasing salinity on the finish.

MOSSWOOD CHARDONNAY 2019 £60.00

Margaret River, Australia

With more than a nod to the Cote de Beaune, this voluptuous wine displays floral and nut aromas. The palate offers nut, crème brulee and smokey complexity when it warms up a bit.

ESK VALLEY ALBARINO 2021 £33.00

Esk Valley Winery, Hawks Bay, New Zealand

Winemaker Gordon Russell has produced a fresh but interesting wine which lovers of Albarino will recognise yet enjoy the subtle difference between the Old World and New World expression. 14% Alcohol.

LEEFIELD PINOT GRIS 2020 £29.00

Marlborough, New Zealand

Refreshing with a rounded mouthfeel. This is a good value Pinot Gris and a very versatile food wine.

LAKE CHALICE SAUVIGNON BLANC - The Nest 2022 £32.00

Villa Maria, Marlborough, New Zealand

SAUVIGNON BLANC - TWO RIVERS 2023 £36.00

Marlborough, New Zealand

This Sauvignon Blanc from an organic winery combines subtle herbaceous notes with the characteristic tart gooseberry, bright acidity and citrus, of Marlborough Sauvignon. Aged on the lees for 3 months.

HUNTER'S GEWURZTRAMINER 2017 £36.00

Marlborough, New Zealand

Well balanced, rich, with a medium dry finish.

Other New World Whites

REIGN OF TERROIR 2019 £29.00

Swartland, S Africa

Rhone varietals, Viognier, Grenache Blanc and Roussanne grown in South Africa. Fresh, rounded with hints of greengage.

HAZY VIEW CHENIN BLANC 2023 £27.50

Western Cape, South Africa

Well balanced benchmark Chenin, South Africa's version of Vouvray, easy drinking, off-dry, fruity not tart.

UNOAKED CHARDONNAY 2022 £28.00

Franschoek Cellar, Western Cape, South Africa

Unoaked this attractive wine has notes of pineapple and citrus balanced by lively acidity. Excellent value.

ERNST GOUWS CHENIN BLANC 2022 £32.50

Stellenbosch, South Africa

1/2 Litre Carafe £23.00

On the full-bodied end of the Chenin flavour spectrum. This is a well balanced, honeyed Chenin.

GRENACHE BLANC 2020 £40.00

Olifantsberg, S Africa

Rounded and complex, a rich and satisfying wine with depth and balancing acidity. Organic.

LISMORE CHARDONNAY

2019

£52.00

Grevton, South Africa

Samantha O'Keefe produces rich, complex handcrafted wines. Barrel fermented and matured in French oak for 11 months. This wine displays soft fruit layered with honey and vanilla.

OLD STAGE CHARDONNAY

2019

£46.00

Old Stage Winery, Monterey, California

Good ripe fruit, gently buttery. Full and rounded but not overpowering despite it coming in at 14% Alc.

'No es Pituko' CHARDONNAY

2021

£28.00

Echeverria Vinyards, Chile

Natural Wine, unfiltered and made with no intervention. This is the first I have felt able to list. Typically it is slightly 'funky' with a little banana and pineapple notes.

KAYAGATAKE 2022 £44.00

Grace Winery, Japan

Dry, light white from the famous Grace Winery.



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French Red

FLEURIE 2022 £37.50

Olivier Ravier Beaujolais, France

Textbook Fleurie. Juicy red-cherry fruit on the nose and palate with appropriate acidity and spice to balance.

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR Cuvee Reserve

2020

£52.00

Maison Roche de Bellene

Light, bright, red-fruit flavours combined with judicious use of oak. This renowned negotiant Nocolas Potel knows what will appeal to Burgundy lovers looking for good basic Burgundy - if such a thing exists. 13% Alcohol.

MARSANNAY 'Les Grasses Tetes'

2020

 $\pounds 80.00$

Domaine Coillot, Burgundy

My most Northerly red Burgundy. Dark and full for a Pinot - lots of small berries rather than over-extraction, it has typical fresh red fruit particularly sour cherry with distinct spice on the nose and a little vanilla on the finish. 13% Alc.

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1er CRU - Les Fonteys

2015

£210.00

Pierre Naigeon

100 year old vines have produced this rich, soft and persistent wine.

2018

£110.00

Xavier Monnot, Burgundy

GIVRY 1er CRU - CLOS SALOMON

2020

£90.00

Domaine de Clos Salomon, Givry

Typical of the Cote Chalonais, the Pinot from here makes smooth reds lighter than the Cote de Beaune and the most Southern of my Burgundy reds. Light bright raspberry & red fruit on the nose, smooth finish.

PINOT NOIR - Cote de Rouffach

2020

£56.00

Famille Mure, Rouffach, Alsace

Finally, I am listing an Alsace Pinot Noir. The first to positively please, rather than slightly disappoint. This biodynamic wine has all the expected light red fruit, but with a balancing gentle depth on the finish giving it substance. 13%

LAROQUE PINOT NOIR

2022

£35.00

Laroque, Carcassonne, France

A juicy medium bodied Pinot Noir from vinyards in the hills around Carcassonne city. Lively with raspberry, cherry fruit and subtle spicy undertones. 13% Alc

MALBEC - CADRAN DE GREZETTE

2018

£38.00

Alain Dominique Perrin, Cahors, Bordeaux

Malbec from its homeland in Cahors. Light, dry and elegant. Red fruit rather than the typical new world blueberry notes. 13%

CHATEAU PRIEURE DE BLAIGNAN

2015

£46.00

Medoc, France

Blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Fruit and cedar notes with that typical dry finish. 13% Alc

POM 'N' ROLL 2014 £94.00

Famille Laval Chateau Gombaude-Guillot, Pomerol

Modern, light and savoury says an online tasting note and made mostly in stainless steel so consciously without heavy oak & tannins. Merlot 65%, Malbec 25% and, unmentioned on the label, 10% Cabernet Franc. Alcohol 13%. Organic.

CHATEAU BOUTISSE ST EMILION Grand Cru

2019

£68.00

Chateau Boutisse, Bordeaux

Ripe red fruits with a little toasted spice, cinnamon & clove are mentioned in reviews of the 2015 vintage. Whilst the 2018 is lighter, greener and tighter in comparison it shows promise.

MONTAGNE SAINT-EMILION

2019

£48.00

Chateau Montaiguillon, Libournais, France

2020

Half

£25.00

From the hills overlooking St Emilion and Pomerol. Juicy black fruits and plums on the palate. A blend of 40% Merlot, and 30% each Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Mid weight but a surprising 14.5% alcohol.

CHATEAU MONGRAVEY Cru Bourgeois

2016

£78.00

Ch Mongravey, Margaux

Well structured, savoury and classic. A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Plenty of black currant fruit and firm tannins so cassis, and raspberry notes with vanilla and spice from the wood (14-18mth oak aging). Perhaps still a little young. 13% Alc

CHATEAU PHELAN SEGUR

2012

£98.00

St Estephe

Equal parts Cabernet and Merlot. New to my list reports are of chocolate and cloves on the nose, and plenty of evidence of oak on the palate. I have yet to decide. 13% Alcohol.

LIRAC 2019 £54.00

Domaine Lafond, Rhone

Rich rounded Grenache and Syrah, dry and firm tannins, but surprisingly forward for its age, from a Southern Rhone Cru.

VINSOBRES - Magnum 2015 £85.00

Famile Perrin

This is a pleasing, dry, red from the Southern Rhone's newest Cru. The magnum $(2 \times 75cl \text{ bottle size})$ is a good format for aging, so starting to drink at its full potential.

COTES DU RHONE 2022 £32.50

Domaine Andre Brunel,

Attractive and versatile medium-bodied food wine made of the typical Rhone blend of Grenache, Cincault and Syrah.

CAMPUGET SYRAH '1753' 2018 £37.00

Chateau de Campuget, Costiere de Nimes, Rhone

This is a typical Southern French Syrah, light and subtle, dry and spicy.

LAROQUE CABERNET FRANC 2018 £35.00

Laroque, Carcassonne, France

Lively fruit - red berry, with a hint of vanilla. Benchmark varietal. 13.5% Alc

RARE VINYARDS CARIGNAN 2020 £28.00

Pay d'Oc.

A southern Carignan, light and soft, designed for easy drinking.



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Other European Red

YORKSHIRE REDS

NV

From Dunesforde, Laurel Vines, Little Wold, Ryedale Vinyards

See our Yorkshire Wines on the list at the front.

NERO D'AVOLA - ZENSA

2020

£32.00

Sicily

Certified organic, this is a big-hitting wine. Deep colour, intense aromas, hints of black peper, dark chocolate, berries and vanilla.

MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO

2022

£29.00

£35.00

Cantina Francesco Minni

Light but lively cherry fruit, gentle acidity and soft tannins. 13% Alcohol.

COL DE SASSO 2022

Banfi, Tuscany

1/2 Litre Carafe £28.00

Ripe fruit and smooth finish make this blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon very satisfying drinking. 13% Alc

TOSCANA SANGIOVESE

2020

£29.00

Poggio Anima, Siena, Italy

An excellent benchmark. This Sangiovese (the grape behind Chianti & Brunello di Montalcino) is light and easy drinking, with flavours of bright morello cherry, raspberry and plum a typical edge of dried flowers and soft tannins. 13% alcohol.

CHIANTI CLASSICO - Peppoli

2020

£38.00

Antinori, Tuscany

From the well-respected Antinori portfolio. Deceptively light and very dry, bright cherry notes with balancing acidity and a hint of warm, earth on the finish. Text-book Chianti

TIGNANELLO 2016 £210.00

Antinori, Tuscany

The Antinori family is justifiably renowned as wine makers. This is one of his crowning glories and strictly allocated - a complex wine which defies the Italian wine DOCG laws since it has added Cabernet Sauvignon to the Sangiovese. Surprisingly forward for its age.

GAJA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

2014

£155.00

Gaia Winery, Pieve St Restituta, Montalcino

Tart morello cherry and raisins. The palate is quite forward and complex with well-integrated tannins for it's age.

GAJA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO

2008

£220.00

Gaja Winery, Pieve St Restituta, Montalcino

Rare classic Sangiovese from the renowned Gaja family - famous initially for their wines from Barbaresco. Aged and complex. Full bodied with well-integrated tannins. Ripe wild berries on the palate with spice and chocolate on the nose. Glorious. 15% Abv.

CA' MERCANDA MAGARI

2016

£180.00

Gaja Winery, Bolgheri

Sought after, this vintage is increasingly rare. 60/30/10 Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot respectively, Intense dark fruit (black currant and black cherry) with notes of mint, olive, graphite and tobacco in this distinctly Italian-style Bordeaux blend. 14% Alcohol.

LANGHE NEBBIOLO 2021 £48.00

Diego Morra, Piedmonte

Nebbiolo from the Langhe region of Piedmonte, pale, tart cherry fruit but dry with a hint of earth and spice following into a long finish.

VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO SUPERIORE

2018

£56.00

Zenato

Ripe concentrated sun-baked fruit, well integrated tannins and that lovely earthy Italian finish - a real mouthfull. We don't have an Amarone on our list at present - but this comes a close second!

VINA MARIPOSA TINTO

NV

£27.00

Ourense, Spain

1/2 Litre Carafe £

£18.80

Light juicy, Tempranillo and at 12% it is good quaffing wine

MONASTRELL 2017 £24.50

Norrel Robertson, DO Bullas, Spain.

This Monastrell (Mourvedre) is a medium bodied quite aromatic wine, black fruit flavours with a dry, spicy, punch on the finish. Made by Master of Wine, Norrel Robertson from vines averaging over 35 years old from the DOC of Bullas.. 14% alcohol.

MONASTRELL - Black Skull

2017

£44.00

Finca Bacara, Jumilla, Spain

Called Time Waits For No One, with an interestingly morbid label, I made the decision to cellar this - so Time had to wait for me! From the Jumilla region of Spain. Liqueur cherry, backberry and hints of herbal scrubland. 14.5% Alcohol.

PETIT VERDOT 2017 £36.00

Finc Antigua, La Mancha, Spain

The hot, dry, plateau in the centre of Spain allows this import from Bordeaux to fully ripen. This wine has good plummy depth, with distinct tannins and balancing acidity. The label also mentions blackberries, pine bark and wet leaves. I simply think - Bordeaux meets Rioja!

RIOJA CRIANZA 2012 £38.00

Urbina, Rioja

Benchmark Rioja. Made from Tempranillo with 5% Graciano/Mazuelo and aged in oak for twelve months this well balanced medium bodied wine with its ruby red colour, has some vanilla on the nose, nuances of blackberry fruit on the palate.

RIOJA RESERVA 2018 £58.00

Finca Valpiedra, Rioja, Spain

A full rich, dark and complex Rioja.

PE TINTO 2022 £27.00

Easy drinking introduction to Portuguese red table wines. Ripe black fruit with a hint of sour cherry.

ASSOBIO 2019 £33.00

Esporao, Douro, Portugal

A blend of Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz & Touriga Franca, on French oak for 6 months, produces a chewy red-fruit and blackberry on the nose with some still grippy tannins and a lively acidity. 13% Abv

ESPORAO RESERVE 2021 £46.00

Herdade de Esporao, Alentejo, Portugal

Rich fruity versatile red. A belnd of the traditional regional grapes, including Touriga Nacional, and a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon. 14.5% Abv. Organic

KALECIK KARASI 2020 £35.00

Sevilen Winery, Guney District, Turkey

Kalecik Karasi grape. Notes of dark berries (Plum & Blackberry), dry and savoury flavour. 14% abv.

KOLONIST MERLOT/ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017 £37.00

Odessa, Ukraine

Aromatic, red and blackcurrants, with hints of coffee, dried fruits and spices. 13% Alcohol. Interestingly, on the same line of latitude as Bordeaux and Piedmont. Bin End

FREEDOM BLEND 2021 £40.00

Chateau Purcari, Moldova

Wild cherry, Smoked Plum, Dark Chocolate, and a hint of Vanilla. A dry red blend of Saperavi, Rara Negra and Bastardo - a tribute to the countries of origin Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine respectively. 13.5% Alc

KOOR 2018 £38.00

Highlans Cellars, Armenia

This blend of 3 Armenian grapes - Areni, Sireni and Vayots Dzor makes a light and savoury red with a little spice on the finish. An interesting alternitive to Pinot Noir.

TERAN 2022 £36.00

Kolovic Winery, Istria, Slovakia

GAMZA 2022 £46.00

Burgozone Winery, Bulgaria

Known in Hungary under the name Kadarka, this is a lovely pale wine, light - but not insubstantial.

AGIORITIKO 'Mirage' 2021 £36.00

Nikolaou Estate, Nemea, Greece

Mid weight red. Notes of bramble and bilberry give way to ripe black cherry with a little residual sweetness on the hind palate despite the presence of some still grippy tannins. A hit at my recent Greek wine evening. 13.5% Alc.

ALPHA ESTATE XINOMAVRO RESERVE 2020 £60.00

Old Vines Single Block 'Barba Yannis'

Ungrafted vines dating back to 1919 and 24 months in French Oak, produces a balanced, subtle wine, pale in colour, light red fruit notes, with a hint of herbaceousness on the finish. Great alternative to Pinot Noir (similar to the Kalecik Kerasi from Turkey) 14%

CHATEAU RED 2018 £52.00

Ch Ksara, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 30% and Petit Verdot 10%. Fruity notes of raspberry, blackcurrant and vanilla, some spice and leather. Very satisfying, with obvious French influence. Puts many a Bordeaux into the shade!

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009 £75.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

A release of back vintages of this Bordeaux-style single varietal Cabernet from Ksara had me snap up this one. Bin End

RESERVE DU COUVENT 2015 £32.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

A blend of Syrah 40%, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon 30% each. 13.5% Alcohol

OLD VINE CARIGNAN 2019 £38.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

Notes of raspberry, bramble and a touch of leather make this a distinctive expression of carignan, from vines over 60 years old and 1200 meters high in the Bekaa Valley. 13% alcohol



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New World Red

Australian and New Zealand Red

BOUNDRY LINE SHIRAZ 2020 £26.80

South Australia

Benchmark light quaffing Shiraz.

ALPHA CRUCIS SHIRAZ - Winemakers' Series 2012 £80.00

Chalk Hills, McClaren Vale, South Australia

Different plots in the same vinyard, given over to guest winemakers in a fascinating experiment in Shiraz production. Always limited edition and usually reserved for Lucy's wine tastings!

SAPERAVI Alejandro 2021 £42.00

Russell & Suitor, NSW Australia

Rich, dark and smooth. This Aussie version of the Georgian varietal has all the black fruit you would expect, and the savoury edge, along with toasted French and American oak. A luscious mouthful. 14.5% Abv.

THREE GARDENS 2021 £40.00

Langmeil Winery, Barossa, Australia

Dark fruit profile on the palate is lightened with a hint of cranberry, a silky mouthfeel and a little smoky leather and coffee. Lots going on. 14.5% Alc.

BAROSSA SHIRAZ RESERVE 2020 £38.00

Berton Vinyards, NSW, Australia

A generously built Shiraz with a nose of blackberry, white pepper and vanilla. It is velvety smooth with soft tannins. A fleshy mid palate of ripe fruit and a satisfying finish. 14.5% alcohol.

GUNDAGAI SHIRAZ 2017 £55.00

Berton Vinyards, NSW Australia

A limited edition Shiraz - Bob produced only 7000 bottles. Plum, spice and blueberry. Well structured, rich and flavoursome.14.5%.

COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 £46.00

Berton Vinyards, NSW Australia

Robust, rich and concentrated Cabernet.

MERLOT/CABERNET/MALBEC - WINEMAKERS RESERVE 2013 £54.00

Esk Valley, Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

This taste like a combination of right and left bank Bordeaux! Quite powerful with plenty of fruit and firm tannins. Critic rave about this vintage. Bin End

Other New World Red

OLD STAGE PINOT NOIR 2019 £46.00 Galiban Winery, California New to my list. A light Pinot, almost Burgundian in style, some red fruit but dry, herbaceous and savoury on the palate with a hint of Parma violet sweets. LYTON SPRINGS ZINFANDEL 2016 £98.60 California A full bodied blend of Zinfandel, Petit Syrah, Carignan, and Mourvedre from the prestigious Ridge Vinyards. This is a wine with depth and structure - and a faithful following. SYRAH GRAN RESERVA 2018 £34.00 Vina Echeverria, Maipo Valley, Chile 1/2 Litre Carafe £28.00 Aromatic, with undertones of earthy black pepper and a little tar, typical Syrah character. This vintage is now drinking well. **MERLOT** 2020 Half £14.00 Vina Echeverria, Curico Valley, Chile **PINOT NOIR Reserve** 2021 £33.00 Echeverria, Chile Smooth, balanced Pinot from my favourite Chilean producer. MALBEC 'La Colonia' 2022 £28.50 Norton Estate, Mendoza, Argentina Crowd pleasing, young light but juicy malbec from a well known producer. Very moreish! MALBEC Los Heraldos 2021 £33.50 Mendoza, Argentina 2018 Half £18.50 Rich dark Malbec, briefly oaked.

Piattelli Vinyards, Cafayate Valley, Argentina

GRAND MALBEC

Complex Malbec from a high altitude vinyard. Dark rich damson and blueberry fruit. The depth of flavour off-set by integrated tannins and good acidity - 18 months on French and American oak imbues vanilla and smoke to the mix. Yummy.

2020

£58.00

LOTTE NEGRO - Malbec-Cabernet Franc 2018 £60.00

Norton Estate, Uco Valley, Argentina

Limited production (14000 botles) from a single vinyard in the Norton stable.

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2015

£36.00

Remolinas Vinyard, Mendoza, Argentina

Deep, dark aromatic Cabernet. Powerful at 14.5% alcohol, but still well balanced.

PINOTAGE 2019 £26.00

Franschoek, South Africa

This is a pleasing Pinotage, subtly perfumed, round and soft. Bin End

OLD MUSEUM MERLOT 2022 £29.00

Franschoek Cellars, S Africa

1/2 Litre Carafe £19.40

Very appealing soft and rounded Merlot. 14% Avb

CABERNET FRANC 2017 £70.00

Mulderbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa

An intense and richly flavoured Cabernet Franc - still with distinct but proportional tannins.



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Rosé

Rose

HOUSE ROSE 2021 £27.00

1/2 Litre Carafe £18.80

An easy-drinking, dry, fresh, fruity rose made from Tempranillo, 12.5% alcohol.

PIQUEPOUL NOIR ROSE 2023 £29.00

Vignobles Foncalieu, Coteaux D' Enserune

Clean fresh pale, dry, blush made from the rarer Piquepoul Noir, less well known that its' white relative.

RONDO ROSE 2022 £28.50

Yorkshire

Vibrantly pink, this is a well-ballanced fruit-driven Rose made from Rondo - one of the two main hybrid grape varieties which thrive in England. 11.5% alcohol.

COMPASS POINT ZINFANDEL 2018 £25.00

California

Medium sweet rose, nicely balanced.

SUNSET ROSE 2021 £35.00

Chateau Ksara, Lebanon

A lovely, dry fruity richly coloured rose made from 60% Cabernet Franc and Syrah 40%. 13.5% Alc