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# **BAR DRINKS**

# AN APERITIF TO BEGIN...?

# COCKTAILS

English Kir Royale; Ca	amel Valley Brut, Blackcurrant Liquor	£12
	l Valley Brut with Classic Peach, Gingerbread or Elderflower	£12
Classic Champagne Cocktail; Pol Roger NV, Château de Montifaud Petite Fine Cognac		£18
	Vodka or Gin shaken with Dry Vermouth	£12
	Chase Smoked Vodka, Tomato Juice, Celery Salt, Tabasco	£12
	se GB Gin, Campari, Sweet Vermouth	£12
	ers Small Batch, Angostura Bitters	£12
	Iartini; Cotswold Distillery Espresso Infused Vodka	£12
	BOTTLED BEERS & CIDER	
Pale Ale	Shepherd's Delight – Coberley, Cheltenham 3.6%abv – 500ml	£6
Premium Bitter	Drover's Return – Coberley, Cheltenham 5%abv – 500ml	$\widetilde{\pounds}_{6}^{\circ}$
Lager	Utopian – Bow, Devon 4.7%abv – 440ml	$\mathcal{L}_{6}$
White Ale	Lowlander – Amsterdam, Netherlands 5%abv – 330ml	$\mathcal{L}_{6}$
Gluten Free	Estrella Daura Damn – Spain 5.4%abv – 330ml	£5
Cider	Oliver's Gold Rush #7 – Herefordshire 6.5%abv – 330ml	£6
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	BAR LIST 25ml Served with mixer of your choice	
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	Aperitif	
Campari 25% abv		£6
Cornish Pastis 42% ab	V	£5
Grappa 40% abv		£5
Noilly Pratt 18% abv		£5
	Vodka	
Black Cow 40% abv		£6
Chase Distillery 40% a	ıbv	$\widetilde{\pounds}_{7}$
Chase Marmalade Vodka 40% abv		$\widetilde{\pounds}_{7}$
Chase Oak Smoked Vodka 40% abv		$\widetilde{\pounds}_{7}$
	Eau de Vie	
Poire William 43% abv		£6
Mirabelle 43% abv	V	£6
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	Liqueurs	
Cointreau 40%abv		£8
Drambuie 40%abv		£8
	Liqueurs (50ml)	
Cotswolds Cream 17%		£8
Saliza Amaretto 28%al		$\mathcal{L}_8$
Tia Maria 20%aby		$\overset{\mathscr{L}^{0}}{\mathscr{L}^{7}}$
Lemoncello 29%abv		£8
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	Sherry	
Manzanilla 'La Gitana'	', Hidalgo 15% abv – 75ml	£7

#### **GIN & TONIC**

#### 25ml Served with mixer of your choice

#### **GIN**

#### SIBLING - Cheltenham 42%abv

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Triple Distilled Gin that has become renowned for its modern, fresh profile. Subtle notes of fresh citrus and light juniper lead, while distinctive tones of vanilla and blueberry round off some of the sharper fore-flavours and give the gin its characteristic smoothness.

#### COTSWOLDS DRY - Shipston-on-Stour 46%abv

£9

Distilled with nine carefully considered botanicals, the Cotswolds Dry Gin is a London Dry with an aromatic twist. They distil juniper, coriander seed, angelica root, local lavender, bay leaf, hand-peeled fresh lime and pink grapefruit zest, cardamom and black peppercorn in their copper pot still, resulting in a rich and robust, award-winning gin. Produced in small batches, this is handmade gin with no corners cut.

#### 6 O'CLOCK - Thornbury 43%abv

£9

Strikingly smooth to taste and beautiful to behold in its iconic Bristol-blue glass bottle, 6 O'clock Gin was born in 2010, perfected from an old family gin recipe. It has a soft and citrusy flavour, led by juniper, carefully balanced with coriander seed, angelica root, orris root, winter savoury, elderflower and orange peel, all lovingly distilled for a deeply-delicious taste experience.

#### CHASE SEVILLE ORANGE - Hereford 40%abv

£9

Seville Marmalade Gin is carefully crafted by copper pot distilling GB Gin with an abundance of Seville orange peels.

#### WILLIAM CHASE GB - Hereford 48%abv

£9

GB Gin is crafted by copper pot distilling Chase Potato Vodka with 10 botanicals; juniper (the buds and the berries), cinnamon, ginger, coriander, angelica root, almond, clove, lemon peel and liquorice root to create William Chase GB extra dry gin.

# TARQUINS, Seadog 'Navy Strength' – Wadebridge 57%abv

£9

Tarquins hand-select 12 different botanicals – carefully sourced from as local as Devon to as far as Guatemala & Madagascar. Juniper, Coriander Seed, Liquorice Root, Angelica Root, Orris Root, Green Cardamom, Cinnamon, Bitter Almonds, Fresh Orange, Lemon & Grapefruit Peel and Violets are added to craft a Navy Strength Gin that's brimming with bold Cornish personality.

# TINKTURE, Organic Rose – Cornwall 44%abv

£9

A delightfully light, delicate Gin with a hint of Citrus. The colour is a Golden amber that changes to beautiful Pink when mixed with tonic. A classic 'London Dry' Gin, with one key purpose... "to let the Rose sing!" The roses used are a secret blend of fresh, hand-picked, English roses, all created by David Austin, grown with love, on a small, Certified Organic farm, in the South west of England.

#### **HENDRICKS** – Girvan, Scotland 41.4%abv

£9

The Infusion of Rose and Cucumber - No other gin tastes like Hendrick's because no other gin is made like Hendrick's. They infuse their gin with the remarkable Bulgarian Rosa Damascena and specially selected cucumbers from the finest producers.

#### TONIC

Fever Tree Indian, Naturally Light, Elderflower, Aromatic, Mediterranean

# Lumière Recommended Serves

Sibling with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water garnished with Orange & Lemon slices.

Cotswolds with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water garnished with Pink Grapefruit & Fresh Lavender.

6 o'clock with Fever-Tree Elderflower Tonic Water garnished with Lemon slices & Juniper.

William Chase GB with Fever-Tree Aromatic Tonic Water garnished with Lemon slices & Lime wedges.

Chase Seville Orange with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water garnished with Orange slices & Lime wedges.

Tarquins 'Seadog' with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic Water garnished with Pink Grapefruit & Lemon.

Tinkture with Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water garnished with Rose Petals & Lemon slices.

Hendricks with Fever-Tree Indian Tonic Water garnished with Cucumber slices & Rose Petals.

#### WHISKY

25ml Serve

# ENGLISH - Cotswolds Single Malt Blend 46%abv

£9

The first ever Whisky to be made in the Cotswold Countryside. This single Malt Blend is produced using Barley grown in the Cotswolds, distilled in their Forsyth copper stills (Mary & Janis) and aged in a combination of ex-bourbon & red wine casks. It's delicious!!

# IRISH - Teeling Small Batch Whiskey 46%abv

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A small batch blend from Dublin that has matured in Rum casks which produces a delicious creamy, spicy & rich Whiskey. Tastes of vanilla & spice turning to herbal and spice at the end.

#### HIGHLAND - Tomatin 12-year-old Single Malt Scotch Whisky 43%abv

£10

Medium-bodied & well balanced on the nose with notes of toasted cereals and barley, becoming quite sweet on the palate with notes of fudge and dark sugar, finishing with a good length and notes of boiled sweets & fruity sweetness.

# ISLAND – Tobermory 10-year-old Single Malt Scotch Whisky 46.3%abv

£8

A sophisticated single malt from the Tobermory distillery, which is based on the Isle of Mull. Aged for 10 years in exbourbon casks, this unpeated whisky abounds with notes of gingerbread, honey, aniseed and rich fruit.

# SPEYSIDE - Benromach Single Malt Scotch Whisky 10-year-old 43%abv

£8

Matured for the first nine years in 4/5 bourbon & 1/5 sherry casks before a year in full sherry casks. Benromach 10-year-old is a great whisky that's maturity belies its age and the sherry finish has done it wonders.

# SPEYSIDE – Benromach Single Malt Scotch Whisky Peat Smoke 2007 46% abv

£10

Gorgeous Speyside whisky that's big on its unique flavour and only produced in small batches. A wonderfully fruity yet seriously smoky malt. Matured in first fill bourbon barrels, this malt explores the smoky side of Benromach.

#### KENTUCKY BOURBON - Michters Small Batch 45.7% abv

£8

Plenty of flavour with rich notes of barley sugar, raisins and dried fruit on the nose and finishes with a welcoming kick of black pepper & then the dried fruit stays strong.

#### YOICHI JAPAN - Nikka from the Barrel 51.4% abv

£9

Starts with a medium-body & good balance ensuing to a full-bodied palate with plenty of winter spice & toffee, finishing off warming and fruity with a little oaken spice.

# SOMETHING DIFFERENT

# ENGLISH - Chase Islay Cask Vodka 46% abv $\pounds 8$

A limited-edition vodka from Chase, aged in casks that previously held smoky Islay whisky from the Laphroaig distillery. A very interesting experiment from the award-winning maverick Hereford distillers, who also released a bourbon-cask-aged vodka at the same time as this one.

# SOMETHING SPECIAL

#### ISLAND – Ledaig 20-year-old Single Malt Scotch Whisky Moscatel Finish 53.1% abv $\pounds$ 24

Bottle 248 of 858. 20-year-old Tobermory Distillery Exclusive has been matured in whisky re-fill casks before being transferred to exquisite Moscatel Sherry casks for a full 3 years! The result is this delicious rich, peated malt with an abundance of sweet smokiness.

# COGNAC, ARMAGNAC & RUM

35ml Serve

#### **COGNAC**

# Chateau Montifaud Petite Fine Champagne Cognac VSOP 40%abv

£10

Château de Montifaud has been in the Vallet family for 6 generations and is double distilled in centuries old copper stills. The maturation occurs in new oak casks for one year, before it is transferred into old oak for the remaining ageing time. The total process lasts a total of around 8-10 years.

# Delamain Early Landed Grande Champagne 25yr Old 40%abv

£20

Delamain has worked for over 300 years to secure its status as the 'Rolls Royce' of Cognac producers. Their vintage cognacs are produced exclusively from Grande Champagne vineyards. They are also one of the few houses to ship early landed cognacs into Bristol for aging. English aging conditions make for a more delicate & refined drink than equivalent casks aged in France, and typically display light floral and fruity aromas with more subtle hints of wood. This bottle was harvested in 1995, landed in Bristol in 1996 then bottled in 2013.

#### ARMAGNAC

# Armagnac de Tenaveze Domaine des Cassagnoles 12yr Old 40%abv

£9

The fruit is still very much present & marries beautifully with the oak notes produced by the cask. It is supple and round with vanilla aromas that make it more suave and on the finish with a faint hint of liquorice. High-quality Armagnac, typical of Tenaveze, that frequently receives awards in the major Concours in France.

# Bas Armagnac 1978 Domaine de Lasgraves 46%abv

£18

Created using just the Baco grape, this is a spicy, rich brandy, with notes of prune, vanilla and rancio, after an ageing period of between 10 and 30 years in 420 litre oak barrels.

# **CALVADOS**

#### Shipwreck Cider Brandy 8-year-old 43%abv

£8

To make this Brandy The Somerset Cider Brandy Co. distils cider in a Coffey still, similar to how Calvados is made. This particular batch has a bit of a story to it, as the 10-year-old brandy was finished in Allier oak barrels from the same cooperage as the ones that luckily survived the beaching of MSC Napoli in 2007, hence the name Shipwreck.

# **RUM**

#### Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva 40% abv

£8

Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva rum is distilled from molasses in copper pot stills and then aged in small oak casks for on average 12 years before being bottled. Produced in Venezuela, which has a rich rum history dating to 1896, the Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva distillery is located on the northern slopes of the Andes mountains.

#### Doorly's Barbados White 40% abv

£6

Clean and creamy but with plenty of weight and complexity with oak flavours neatly integrated. Unusually for a white rum, this is aged for 3 years in small oak casks and then charcoal filtered. The birds on the front of the Doorly's range represent the rarity of the Rum.

# NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Non-Alcoholic Cocktails	£5
ELDERFLOWER NOJITO; Homemade Elderflower, Rosemary & Lemon Syrup, Soda Water VIRGIN MARY; Tomato Juice, Worcestershire Sauce, Tabasco, Celery Salt	
Beers	
<b>LUCKY SAINT</b> – Discover biscuity malts and a smooth, citrus hop finish.	£4
LOWLANDER 0.00% Wit – Refreshing and crisp with bursts of fruit and citrus flavours.	£4
Bottle Green Fruit Pressé	£4
Apple & Plum	
Aromatic Ginger & Lemongrass	
Hand-picked Elderflower	
Lime	
Plump Summer Raspberry	
Pomegranate & Elderflower	
Rhubarb with a hint of Ginger	
Sloe & Raspberry	
Soft Drinks	£4
Fever Tree Ginger Beer	~
Fever Tree Sicilian Lemonade	
Ginger Ale	
Coca Cola	
Diet Coke	
Tonic Water	£4
Fever Tree Aromatic	
Fever Tree Elderflower	
Fever Tree Indian	
Fever Tree Mediterranean	
Fever Tree Naturally Light	
Fruit Juice	£4
Big Tom – Tomato Juice	~ -
Cranberry	
Discovery Apple	
Fresh Orange	
Water	£4
Still or Sparkling – 750ml	æτ

# Tea or Coffee with Petit Fours £6

# Nespresso Coffee:

Ristretto, Espresso, Regular, Cappuccino, Latte

# INDIAN ARABICA & ROBUSTA Full bodied, intense and spicy

The marriage of the finest Arabicas with a hint of Robusta from southern India.

#### SOUTH AMERICAN ARABICA & ROBUSTA Well balanced, light and refreshing

Made from two specialty Arabica varieties: the sweet, mellow Red and Yellow Bourbon Arabica, and the unwashed Cercado Arabica that adds distinctive cereal and toasted notes.

# EAST AFRICAN ARABICA Mild Aromatic, light and refreshing

A Robusta coffee, smooth and balanced, with intense dry and malty cereal notes, underlining its bold character.

#### **DECAFFEINATED ARABICA** Elegant, dense and powerful

Dark roasted South American Arabicas with a touch of Robusta brings out the subtle cocoa and roasted cereal notes of this full-bodied decaffeinated espresso.

#### Loose Leaf Teas:

# LUMIÈRE BREAKFAST BLEND - Assam & Nigiri, India

Blended especially for us with after dinner in mind, perfectly balanced with a malty, smooth, rich strength.

# LUMIÈRE EARL GREY - India, Sri Lanka & Italy

Exotic & Floral tones of Darjeeling balanced with the zesty citrus taste of Bergamot & Cornflowers.

#### RAINBOW DARJEELING - India

An exceptional black tea - bright and sweet.

#### OOLONG - Taiwan

From Shenzhou Garden - a soothing, delicate & pan-fried loose-leaf tea.

# SENCHA SUPERIOR GREEN TEA - Japan

A mellow, gentle & refreshing.

# MAO FENG GREEN WITH JASMINE - China

Simply the best jasmine tea that we have tasted!

# ROOIBOS - Cederberg, South Africa

Sweet, honeyed and naturally vanilla-flavoured infusion. Caffeine-free, this herbal tea is enjoyable at any time of the day.

#### ZOMBA PEARLS WHITE TEA - Africa

A rolled white tea with a buttery texture and hints of hay & tangy zest.

#### CHAMOMILE - Germany

Breathe more freely after this tranquil brew; chamomile, apple, silver lime flower and lavender.

# LEMON VERBENA - France

A wonderful rich herbal infusion bursting with a refreshing lemony aroma & taste. Naturally caffeine free & a great aid to digestion.

# BABY CHRYSANTHEMUM - China

Just the young buds for a sweeter taste, caffeine free & if you believe Chinese medicine it will help you to live for forever!

# FRESH PEPPERMINT - Hereford

Minty, Refreshing & Delicious

WINE LIST

# Wines By the Glass

Our Wines are served as a 175ml glass or 375ml Carafe A 125ml measure is also available for all wines currently being offered by the glass.

Sparkling Wine & Champagne		Glass 125ml
DONA PAULA Sauvage Blanc, Argentina 11.2% abv CAMEL VALLEY 'Cornwall' Brut, England 12.5% abv CAMEL VALLEY Pinot Noir Rose Brut, England 12.5% abv POL ROGER 'White Foil' Brut Classic, France 12% abv		£9 £12 £14 £16
White	Glass 175ml	Carafe 375ml
SEYVAL BLANC Shoreline Lyme Bay, Devon, England 11.5% abv CHARDONNAY Chateau Saint Roch, Limoux, France 13.5% abv ALBARINO Pazo La Maza, Galicia, Spain 12.5% abv RIESLING Louis Guntrum Kabinett, Rheinhessen, Germany 10.5% abv CHENIN BLANC Jordon Elgin, South Africa 14% abv  Rose  REGENT ROSE Woodchester Valley, South Cotswolds, UK 12.5% abv	£12.50 £8 £11 £13 £11	£25 £16 £22 £26 £22
XINOMAVRO ROSE Alpha Estate, Macedonia, Greece 13% abv	£12.50	£25
BARBERA London Cru, London, England 13.5% abv FLEURIE Grand-Pre Domaine Lathuiliere Gravallon, France 13% abv MONASTRELL Finca Bacara, Murcia, Spain 14.5% abv ZINFANDEL Scotto Family, Loci, California 13.5% abv MERLOT Rio Alto, Aconcagua Valley, Chile 13% abv	$\mathcal{L}_{13}$ $\mathcal{L}_{12}$ $\mathcal{L}_{15}$ $\mathcal{L}_{10}$ $\mathcal{L}_{7.50}$	£26 £24 £30 £20 £15

We have a Verre du Vin system in House, so if there is a wine on our list which you would particularly like to taste by the Carafe but is not on the above list please speak to a member of our team.

Should you require any recommendations or any allergen information please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team.

Please note - Certain vintages are subject to availability

# Champagne & Sparkling Wine

"I drink it when I'm happy and when I am sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am.

Otherwise I never touch it – unless I'm thirsty." ~ Lily Bollinger

#### 'Sauvage Blanc' Dona Paula - Marcos Fernandez

NV Mendoza, Argentina

£39

100% Sauvginon Blanc. Pale & interesting, with intense aromas of orange blossom, white peach, with hints of grapefruit & an intriguing touch of mint. Crisp, lively & persistent on the palate. A great alternative to Prosecco.

#### 'Cornwall' Brut Camel Valley Vineyard - Sam Lindo

2015 Cornwall, England

£50

50% Seyval, 35% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Noir. A fresh & fruity traditional method sparkling wine, perfect for all celebrations. Fresh yeasty aromas, English. hedgerow scents with good acidity & a touch of honey on the palate.

#### Rose Brut Camel Valley Vineyard - Sam Lindo

2017 Cornwall, England

£60

100% Pinot Noir. Beautifully balanced, light Pink, traditional method sparkling wine with classic English Pinot character. Lovely floral & delicate strawberry fruit nose with crisp acidity.

#### 'The Trouble with Dreams' - Dermot Sugrue

2014 Sussex, England

£78

60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir. This wine is the personal project of celebrated English winemaker Dermot Sugrue, in 2006 he planted his own one hectare vineyard. Pure, elegant with aromas of lemon, apple & a palate of delicate stone fruit & refreshingly crisp acidity. 'The Trouble with Dreams' is long, complex, very limited & absolutely delicious!

#### Extrait Gourmand Brut Rosé - David Levasseur

NV Montagne de Reims, Champagne

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50% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay & 20% Pinot Noir. From his micro-grower Champagne house, passionate non-conformist David Levasseur has produced this gorgeously pale pink champagne with crystal clear flavours of strawberries & champagne.

#### Brut Tradition Grand Cru Egly Ouriet - Francis Egly

NV Ambonnay, Champagne

£125

70% Pinot Noir 30% Chardonnay. Francis Egly was a trailblazer in the 'grower-Champagne' movement, championing organic farming long before it was fashionable. Unquestionably one of the pinnacles of Pinot Noir based Champagne; mixed red fruit, lemon zest & mixed peppers. Exceptional.

#### Brut Classic Champagne Deutz - Michel Davesne

NV Aÿ, Champagne

£80

38% Pinot Noir, 32% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay The elegant fruit characteristics on the nose include peach, apricot & lemon zest, whilst the palate is full of biscuit & honey which, when combined with the exceptionally fine mousse, gives the wine great balance & poise.

#### Rose Brut Champagne Deutz - Michel Davesne

NV Aÿ, Champagne

£100

90% Pinot Noir, 10% Chardonnay Remarkable balance, the fruity notes are superb, upright & generous, but without excess. The aromatic palette is rich & harmonious. The finish is fresh, refined & lingers beautifully.

# Blanc de Blancs Champagne Deutz - Michel Davesne

2009 Aÿ, Champagne

£13

100% Chardonnay. This Blanc de Blancs surprises with extreme finesse & pleasant aromas of ripe white fruits & kumquats. The flavour is both powerful & fully developed with the same hints of orange zest combined with pleasing slightly lemon notes & green fruit.

#### Brut Reserve 'White Foil' Pol Roger - Dominique Petit

NV Epernay, Champagne

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34% Chardonnay, 33% Pinot Meunier, 33% Pinot Noir On the nose, white flowers, green apple, brioche & a trace of minerality dominate the champagne. On the palate notes of stone fruits, a certain nuttiness & a hint of honey supporting the freshness of the acidity.

# Vintage Brut Pol Roger - Dominique Petit

2009 Epernay, Champagne

£165

60% Pinot Noir 40% Chardonnay Elegant and ripe with a delicious, underlying toastiness. Showing aromas of dried fruits, butter & nougat with a Fleshy texture, which is balanced by its elegance & freshness.

## Sir Winston Churchill Pol Roger - Dominique Petit

2006 Epernay, Champagne

£286

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay (The exact blend is a family secret!) Only ever made in the very best vintages and in the style which Churchill himself favoured: Intense, opulent gold, sparkling with a myriad of fine bubbles. On the palate, mouth filling, robust and powerful with touches of minerality, even saltiness, balanced with grapefruit notes with balance, structure, finesse and a long, lingering finish.

#### White Wine

# **England**

If you're curious about the growing buzz around English wine, then you should try it. The quality of English white wine has matured over recent years & they are now winning international awards in their own right. England is still developing as a winemaking country, but is attracting some fantastic winemakers, so it will undoubtedly be exciting to see what English wine will yield in the years to come.

# SEYVAL BLANC 'Shore Line', Lyme Bay Winery - Michael Dollan 2017 Lyme Bay, Devon

£48

Seyval Blanc, Bacchus & Pinot Blanc blend result in a wine with plenty of lemon and tropical citrus, supported by elegant floral notes of nettle, rose and lychee and fantastic structure.

#### BACCHUS Astley Vineyard - Chris Haywood

2018 Stourport on Severn, Worcester

£39

85% Bacchus, 15% Sauvignon Blanc. The quintessential British variety. Crisp and zesty, Bacchus produces a wine that is instantly recognizable for its grassy, elderflower and gooseberry flavours.

#### KERNER Astley Vineyard - Chris Haywood

2018 Stourport on Severn, Worcester

£52

92% Kerner, 8% Madeline Angevine. Kerner is the little brother of their famed Old Vine Kerner. Crisp, refreshing and peppery, a youthful expression of the synonymous grape variety with concentrated flavours of grapefruit, lemon sherbert and white pepper. Bottled with the assistance of Helen & Matthew.

#### France

Few would disagree that, when it comes to wine, France is preeminent. French white wines boast an amazing range from glorious Gewurztraminer from Alsace to full-bodied Chardonnay from Burgundy to funky, natural wines from Jura. With France's reputation of producing some of the world's greatest wines, there is sure to be something for everyone.

#### GEWURZTRAMINER Domaine Henry Fuchs - Henry Fuchs

2017 Ribeauville, Alsace

£4

Full throttle, voluptuous wine from a small, highly regarded house which was one of the first to start bottling their own wines in 1945. Spice, rose petal, wild honey and lychees with a hauntingly long finish.

# MUSCADET La Bretonnière - Pierre-Yves Chapentier-Fleurance 2018 Landreau, Loire

£35

100% Melon de Bourgogne. Produced in one of the most highly regarded villages in the region. Pale green in colour with clear-cut floral aromas. Hyper-fresh and crisp with plenty of richness and depth, lots of 'volume' and balanced fruit. Very classic 'sur lie', this wine is great value for money!

# VOUVRAY DEMI SEC 'Le Peu de la Moriette' Domaine Pichot - Jean Claude Pichot

2016 Vouvray, Loire

£52

100% Chenin Blanc. Offering fresh acidity and delicious hints of juicy baked apple, spice, anise and honey. It is fruity, rich while still full of the typical freshness & acidity of young Chenin Blanc. This wine is generous and easy to drink with exceptional length, remarkable precision and balance.

#### CHENIN BLANC 'Le Moulin de Gué', Domaine des Forges - Stéphane Branchereau

2018 Savennières, Loire

£49

Flavours of my granny's apple tart; Apple, hazelnut, butter & sweet spice - with the perfect balance of rich ripeness, classic Loire freshness & the distinctive mineral character that Savennières wines are known for. A truly world class Chenin Blanc

#### SANCERRE Domaine du Nozay-Cyril de Benoist

2018 Loire Valley

£53

100% Sauvignon Blanc. Philippe de Benoist built Domaine du Nozay himself in 1970 and still manages the vineyards today while his son Cyril runs the winery. This multi award winning Sancerre is the result of their pursuit of making the perfect Sauvignon Blanc; ripe, grassy fruit and complex minerality. Simply Delicious!

#### POUILLY FUME Villa Paulus - Jean-Michel Masson

2017 Loire Valley

£66

100% Sauvignon Blanc. Bright gooseberry fruit with a rich & rounded palate. Bracing citrus fruit with underlying mineral notes give the wine a terrific balance and depth with the smoky richness that only a Pouilly Fume can achieve. Bronze Award winner at the Challenge International du Vin.

#### SAINT-VERAN 'Les Chatenays' Domaine Carrette - Natalie Carrette

2018 Chasselas, Burgundy

£52

100% Chardonnay. The small appellation of Saint-Veran is one of southern Burgundy's insider secrets. A wine aged only in vats (so no oak barrel). The result is a delicate and balanced wine delivering aromas of citrus, white fruits, white flowers and a nutty touch

#### CHABLIS 1ER CRU 'Les Lys' Domaine Vincent Dampt - Vincent Dampt

2017 Burgundy

£69

100% Chardonnay. Age-old vines and a tiny vineyard make for risible quantities of this delicious premier cru Chablis. Vincent Dampt's Chablis Premier Cru Les Lys vineyard was planted by his grandfather nearly 60 years ago. The vines produce limited quantities of rich, concentrated fruit, giving wines of great complexity. Elegant style with soft, honeyed fruit and stony minerality.

# PULIGNY MONTRACHET Domaine François Carillion - François Carillion

2017 Burgundy

£132

100% Chardonnay. A beautiful, glittering gold Montrachet, which gradually opens up. There is underlying richness, with lemon shortcake, warm brioche and ice-cream, all complemented by crunchy minerals. This has sublime balance and texture for the mid-term, refined and poised through to an elegant finish... Fabulous

#### CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE Grand Cru Domaine Bonneau du Martray - Jean-Charles le Bault de la Morinière

2011 Burgundy

£230

100% Chardonnay. Wonderfully golden in colour. On the palate, the balance, roundness and power are overwhelming with notes of almonds and grilled fennel coming to the fore. The length and balance of this wine reveals why this is a Grand Cru. Truly delicious and special.

#### CONDRIEU Tardieu-Laurent - Michel Tardieu

2016 Rhone

£115

100% Viognier. Shimmering gold in colour, it is immediately attractive, presenting full-blown, classic Viognier, with sweet notes of preserved peach and nectarine on the nose. Beautifully rounded, with no hard edges, this is opulent, without any heaviness - very fine and focused throughout, with a long-poised finish.

#### COTES DU RHONE Tardieu- Laurent - Michel Tardieu

2017 Rhone

£50

35% Roussanne, 25% Marsanne, 20% Grenache, 10% Viognier and 10% Clairette. Broad and quite voluminous, this is a serious, age-worthy Cotes du-Rhone, coming to a defined point on the finish and leaving a lingering sense of peach skin grip. 100% barrel fermented, then aged for eight months in new, one and two-year old barrels.

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE Domaine de la Roquete - Daniel Brunier 2017 Southern Rhone £108 30% Grenache Blanc, 35% Clairette, 35% Roussanne. Honeysuckle and acacia on the nose with a concentrated palette of peaches and apricots with honeyed acidity and a touch of spice; this is a beautifully rich spicy wine.

#### CHARDONNAY Chateau Saint-Roch - Eve Brunel

2017 Limoux, Languedoc

£35

This historic 17th century family owned Chateau produces top quality Chardonnay from select vineyards at the foothills of the Pyrenees. Rich buttery, nutty flavours balance beautifully with crisp notes of apple, ripe peach and citrus.

#### VERMENTINO Domaine St. Hilaire- Vincent Laurel

2016 Montagnac, Languedoc

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Vermentino is a little-known variety that produces a pale green, floral, soft and mouth-filling dry white. Deliciously crisp and with a clean refreshing fruitiness. This wine is from old vines so also has great character & surprising complexity.

PICPOUL DE PINET Domaine de Morin Langaran - Caroline Morin 2018 Languedoc £32

Produced from vines that are aired by the salty sea breeze, this wine is delicate and refreshing, floral and perfectly balanced with hints of citrus and exotic fruits, this wine is approachable & unmistakably Mediterranean.

# Spain & Portugal

Over the last 20 years, wine from Spain & Portugal have undergone a revolution and offer a splendid mix of ancient and modern, rustic and high-tech that is, perhaps, unmatched anywhere else in the World.

#### TXAKOLI (or Hondarrabi Zuri) Hiruzta 'Berezia' - Ana Martin & Pepe Hidalgo

2016 Basque Region, Spain £48

Fresh apples, grapefruit with a little tropical fruit & a floral note. Vibrant, almost effervescent, with mouthwatering acidity beautifully balanced by the fullness of the variety & a delicious long finish. A great food wine which you can't help but smile whilst drinking!

#### ALBARINO Pazo La Maza -Pepe Rodriguez

2018 Galicia, Spain £42

Pazo la Maza Albariño pays homage to this unique local grape and to the epic landscape, whipped by constant breeze and tides coming from the Atlantic Ocean. A refreshing, yet intense wine, combining delicate orchard fruits and citrus fragrances.

VERDELHO Finca Constancia Verdejo, Parcela 52 - Antonio Flores

2017 Toledo, Spain

£35

This wine has a straw yellow hue with golden shades and intense aromas of herbs, fennel, aniseed and stone fruits like apricots and peaches. Fresh on the palate it is intense and grassy with a long finish.

# The Rest of Europe

Europe is well known for its rich, diverse and plentiful wine regions from the aromatic whites of Germany and Austria to the more complex wines of Hungary and Italy and historic vineyards of Santorini.

#### RIESLING Louis Guntrum Nierstein Kabinett - Dirk Roth

2016 Rheinhessen, Germany

£50

Silvery pale, this medium dry Riesling is a lively and exotic, sprayed the scent of tropical fruit flavours. Even the palate, presents juicy tropical fruit and shows vividly honey and rich acidity.

#### WEIßERBURGUNDER Trocken – Jügen Hofmann

2017 Rheinhessen, Germany

£39

100% Pinot Blanc. Wonderful melon and pear with a hint of citrus and a herby mineral finish. Charmingly aromatic & low alcohol (just 12%!)

### GRÜNER VELTLINER Sonnhof - Alwin Jurtschitsch

2016 Kamptal, Austria

£48

This wine is the quintessence of a typical Grüner Veltliener of the Kamptal; A delicate peppery aroma with refreshing citrus notes on the palate and a spicy, charming and light, clear pepperiness.

# FURMINT 'Egy Kis' Barta Winery - Vivien Újvári

2018 Tokaji, Hungary

£37

"The perfect introduction to the Furmint grape, from vines lower down the slope of a vineyard considered to be a Grand Cru of the region." Refreshing pear and lime on the nose. The palate offers incredible purity of fruit, with flavours of yellow plum, green apple and lime, accented by saline minerality.

# PINOT GRIGIO 'Sanziana' Recas Cramele - Hartley Smithers

2018 Banat, Romania

£20

Opulent aromas of grapefruit and peach, with fresh flavours of melon, apple and zesty citrus from premium Romanian wine estate Recas Cramele which was founded in 1998 and is owned by a winemaking team of three families, with vineyards that are said to be some of the oldest in the world.

# GAVI DI GAVI Fratelli Antonio e Raimondo Levis

2018 Piedmont, Italy

£4

100% Cortese. Ripe pear and white flowers dominate in this pretty & elegant Gavi di Gavi. This is a beautifully refreshing wine with pleasing weight and a delicate, mineral finish. (V)

# FALANGHINA Incantesimo, La Guardiense - Riccardo Cotarella

2017 Sannio, Italy

£35

Pale lemon-green in colour with aromas of ripe pineapples and citrus fruits complemented by undertones of white flowers. On the palate, zesty acidity and persistent notes of honeysuckle and toasted almond make for a definite crowd-pleaser.

#### FIANO Zensa, Orion Winery - Alessandro Michelon

2017 Salento, Ital

£29

Deliciously crisp with green apple and grapefruit character. A little lees aging helps add subtle weight to the palate bringing about more tropical flavours of mango and peach. A lovely mineral note accompanies before finishing dry. Organic.

# The Americas

# North America

North America is the world's 4th largest wine producing nation and is at the forefront of the introduction of modern winery practices that are revolutionising wine production. The USA has been a trendsetter in the development of clean, fruity and overtly oaked styles of wine. California accounts for 90% of production, producing some of the world's greatest Chardonnays and Chenin Blancs but also the more unusual Ribolia Gialla and Tocai Friulano.

SAUVIGNON BLANC 'Haywire-Waters & Banks' - Matt Dumayne 2016 British Columbia, Canada £65 From the Okanagan Crush pad team this delicious Sauvignon Blanc has loads of lively citrus with fruit salad, cream and distinct 'Okanagan' herbal aromatics. Beautifully balanced with a lush mouthfeel and refreshing acidity, it reminds you just how good a Sauvignon Blanc can be.

NAPA VALLEY WHITE Matthiasson - Steve Matthiasson 2015 Napa Valley, California £90 A curious blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Ribolla Gialla, Semillon and Tocai Friulano that really works; Floral & pretty with aromas of herbs, tea, spice, grapes and melon. On the palate; fresh, pure & detailed with lovely finesse & flavours of herbs, citrus peel, lemon & pith. A beautiful insight into California in 2015.

CHENIN BLANC Shell Creek, Broc Cellars – Chris Brockway

2017 Paso Robles, California £72

Jon has developed a serious obsession with Chenin Blanc & this wine is genuinely a fantastic example! Gorgeous, natural, textually drive wine with lovely layers of citrus and crisp green apple, saline minerality and great acidity.

'A delicious drop' JH

PINOT GRIS PINOT BLANC Au Bon Climat - Jim Clendenen 2017 Santa Maria, California 255
70% Pinot Gris, 30% Pinot Blanc. Refreshing with lemon & lime notes, flinty minerality and a crisp finish but with richness and texture from some time spent on the lees in the barrel. Amazing food wine!

CHARDONNAY Rorick Vineyard, Cruse Wine Company - Michael Cruse 2017 Sierra Foothills, California £72 From a completely unique site high in the Sierra Foothills- 45 year old vines, high elevation, insanely rock soil, low yielding & tiny clusters produces an amazing wine with crazy tasting notes; Surprisingly weighty - Lemon Oil, crushed rocks & pastry.

# South America

South America's wine making history goes back over 460 years despite a relatively recent introduction to the UK. Argentinean wines are now among the most popular of all the world - and justifiably so, top quality and great value for money.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC 'Eggo Blanc de Cal', Zorzal - Juan Pablo Michelini

2015 Uco Valley, Mendoza £45

\*Warning\* This is not a normal Sauvignon Blanc. Fermented on its lees in cement eggs with no intervention or filtration, gives this characterful sauvignon blanc a strong struck-flint intensity with grassy & herbaceous notes with refreshing acidity & persistent finish.

TORRONTES Gouguenheim Winery - Patricio Gouguenheim 2016 Uco Valley, Mendoza £26
From one of the top wineries in the region, this Torrontes is intensely aromatic with peach, orange and grapefruit.
Medium to full bodied with lovely, well balanced acidity.

#### Australia & New Zealand

Australia is arguably the most successful new world producer; the cooler climate of Adelaide Hills in South Australia provides the perfect climate for the grapes to grow and reach their full potential with many other regions becoming known for making specific varietals in specific styles.

The first edition of Hugh Johnson's World Atlas of Wine in the 1970's made no mention of New Zealand yet over the last 20 years the country has now made a name for itself for producing fantastic quality wine. Cool-climate varietals are the focus of attention especially the wonderful Sauvignon Blancs from Marlborough, but other regions and varietals are rapidly making a name for themselves too.

#### RIESLING "The Contours" Pewsey Vale - Louisa Rose

2012 Eden Valley, Australia

£66

The Contours Riesling is produced from old vines farmed on the coolest slope within this ruggedly beautiful single vineyard. Bottle aged for five years before release transforms this Riesling into a complex wine; lime marmalade on toasted brioche was my tasting note!

#### ASSYRTIKO Jim Barry Wines - Peter Barry

2018 Clare Valley, Australia

£52

Jim Barry needs very little introduction but this wine is something rather different. It has been a labour of love for Jim's son Peter since he tasted Assyrtiko whilst on holiday in Santorini; 2008, after 2 years in quarantine, he finally managed to import the vine cuttings from Gaia back home to Clare Valley. This is his 3rd release & we love it - Pear, grapefruit & a steely mineral streak running through its creamy core.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC Victoria Park- Natalie Cleghorn

2018 Adelaide, Australia

£32

Pale straw in colour and almost French in style with hints of grapefruit, green papaya, fresh lemongrass and nettle, finishing with a citrus zest. And only 10.5% abv!

#### CHARDONNAY Block 1A The Lane - Michael Schreurs

2018 Adelaide, Australia

£43

A great example of a practically unoaked Chardonnay; ripe with delicious tropical & stone fruits, there is an underlying acidity keeping the wine fresh & vibrant. (V)

#### CHARDONNAY Elephant Hill - Steve Skinner

2016 Hawkes Bay, NZ

£58

Balanced & well-structured Chardonnay with great fruit concentration, texture and length. 2015 was a great vintage for the Chardonnay grape in Hawkes Bay. This wine was made from hand-harvested grapes from Elephant Hill's coastal Te Awanga vineyard Delicious, elegant with wonderful fruit purity.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC Eradus - Michiel Eradus

2018 Marlborough, NZ

£55

The grapes are picked fully ripe which gives a more exotic, slightly richer palate than many of the regions wines. Distinctive Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc passion fruit & Asparagus flavours with a long, delicate, nettlely finish. (V)

#### Japan

# KOSHU Private Reserve, Grace Winery - Ayana Misawa

2017 Yamanashi Province, Japan

£48

Japan's most important (& delicious!) grape variety. Ethereal & elegant with melon & peach and bags of minerality from the complex granite soils found in Hishiyama. Delightful freshness, mouthwatering acidity & a linear Zen-like, almost savoury, quality which is all about balance.

#### South Africa

South Africa is up and coming in terms of its viticulture and is producing wines that can genuinely challenge the likes of Australia and Chile. Many of its top wine makers have spent time abroad learning new techniques and are now experimenting with new blends and different methods of vinification.

#### CHENIN BLANC Jordan Vineyards - Gary Jordan

2017 Stellenbosch

£42

Layers of rich tropical fruit and creamy citrus flavours, interlaced with a spicy, white peppercorn complexity from barrel-fermentation create a well-balanced wine with a natural fruity acidity.

#### CHENIN BLANC 'Keep on Punching' Testalonga - Craig Hawkins

2018 Swartland

£60

Craig is a young winemaker who rents about 11ha of vineyard. Each vintage is experimental and we think they're getting better each year. This is a beautiful, natural, hand-crafted wine from low yielding vines, wild ferments with nothing added except a little SO2 at bottling. Fresh, natural & racey with a delicious texture and balance.

#### CHARDONNAY Paul Cluver Estate - Andreas Burger

2016 Elgin

£49

The flavours are complex and show a well-integrated combination of ripe fruit and nuances of oak. As you sip, the flavours are long and lingering. A truly beautiful Chardonnay!

# Rose & Orange Wine

From the finesse of the Provence to the complexity of the Lebanon, Rose wines are a fantastic accompaniment for food. Orange wines are made using the same principles and methods as red wines, the skins are left on which produce tannins and leave the wine spicier, herbier and drier.

#### REGENT Woodchester Valley Vineyard - Jermey Mount

2018 Cotswolds, England

£34

Bucking the trend for the palest rosé in town. Woodchester's full-bodied and superbly structured rosé expressing an abundance of ripe and juicy red fruit character with a long and very pleasing finish. A perfect all seasons rosé that can also be enjoyed as an alternative to a light red.

# BRANWEN Astley Vineyard - Chris Haywood

2018 Stourport on Severn, Worcester

£39

35% Siegerrebe, 35% Madeline Angevine, 10% Kerner, 10% Pinot Noir, 10% Bacchus. Branwen is a brand new release from Astley and is also the first wine that has been entirely made and bottled on-site in their very own winery. Fun and fruity, this rosé has aromas of rosehip and apricot, with an intense ripe fruit palate, and a dry finish. Named after the Celtic goddess of love and beauty. 'Wine GB West awards 2019: Silver medal'

# COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE Source Gabriel - Régine Sumeire

#### 2018 Provence, France

£43

25% Cinsault, 40% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre. This is classic Provence rosé. So pale and delicate yet fruity it's a real crowd-pleaser. Floral notes coupled with that kind of rich stone fruit you only get from wines from this part of France. A summer staple. The vineyards are only 10 hectares. It's a tiny corner of Provence that means the winemaker can give the whole vineyard his attention.

#### BEAJOULAIS ROSE Domaine de Grandmont - Christopher Piper

#### 2016 Beaujolais, France

£29

100% Gamay. This is a ripe and rounded rose, pale pink with a zesty strawberry like fruit and well-balanced acidity. So much care goes into the production of these grapes; Grandmont is overtly eco-friendly, no pesticides, weed killers or manmade fertilisers. The soil is manured and ploughed and has competitive swiss grass planted between the vines for hydric competition, ensuring deeper roots and reduced yields. A very tight pruning is carried out and, very unusually for Beaujolais, the vines are pruned on the double-guyot system, trained on wires, giving the grapes better aeration and sun exposure.

# XINOMAVRO 'Hedgehog', Alpha Estate - Angelos Latridis

2018 Macedonia, Greece

£48

Elegant, pale-salmon coloured, smooth rosé with great balance. Strawberries, cranberries, almost rhubarb, complemented by fennel, hint of peppery spice & liquorice.

## CLASSIC ROSE Massaya - Sami Ghosn

2018 Beqaa, Lebanon

£57

100% Cinsault. Deliciously perfumed with fresh strawberry aromas & a touch of spice. This is a light peachy coloured rosé, dry & fresh in style with creamy fruit on the palate. A very versatile rosé, brilliant with food.

#### GRECANICO Pithos Bianco, COS – Giambattista Cilla

2017 Sicily, Italy

£62

This skin contact white gets its name 'Pithos' from the amphora that the estate uses to age the wine. Deeply delicious, exploding with juicy orchard fruit, citrus, crushed volcanic rock, saffron & fresh cut herbs. Complex, dazzling and fascinatingly food friendly.

#### Red Wine

# England

As England is known for its long, hot and dry summers, it boasts the perfect climate for growing red grapes!

#### BARBERA London Cru - Gavin Monery

£49

Bright and pure with bramble flavours, freshness and beautiful balance. Made from ripe, juicy Barbera grapes grown in the province of Cuneo in Piedmont. Skillfully developed into aromatic Barbera in London Cru's SW6 winery and matured using a mixture of new and old oak to build a silky tannic structure.

#### France

France has the richest wine heritage of any country. The wines are fabulously diverse; brimming with romance and sex appeal and regarded all over the world as benchmarks of flavour. From the lush Pinot Noirs of Burgundy to full-bodied Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from Bordeaux to funky, natural wines from Jura and the spicy Syrah of the Languedoc there are just so many wines to discover.

#### SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY Lieu-Dit Les Villaises - Robert et Marcel

Serious, elegant and fine, this Cabernet Franc is made in tiny quantities from an ancient site in Saumur Champigny. Grapes used in the production of this tiny Lieu-Dit are grown on the site of an ancient, third century Roman villa! The Les Villaises vineyard has a small outcrop of chalky soil, ideal for producing smooth and silky Cabernet Franc with fruit compote flavours and delicate balsamic notes.

#### FLEURIE Grand-Pre Domaine Lathuiliere Gravallon - Fernand Gravallon

2018

Burgundy

£46

Domaine Lathuiliere-Gravallon is a small, family-run domaine now in its 5th generation. Pure and fresh, this Fleurie shows juicy cherry fruit combined with delicate but impressive finesse and body drawn from its pink granite soils.

COTE DE BEAUNE Ladoix Domaine Xavier Durand - Xavier Durand £77 Combining an open, flamboyant fruitiness with ripe, integrated tannins. The Ladoix is simply the best we have tasted, exhibiting a concentrated, rich cherry-scented personality.

#### MONTHELIE Le Clos Gauthey 1er Cru - Paul Garaudet

2014

Burgundy

£93

Very sexy nose. Barnyard, silage... all of the classic and often elusive aromas that define top class aged burgundy. Following through on the palate with well-integrated fruit and oak.

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN Domaine des Varoilles 1er Cru - Eric Gautier

Burgundy

£142

2013 We have listed the Burgundies from Varoilles for several years now. This tiny "Clos", or walled vineyard, is the exclusive property of the Domaine. Although still relatively young, the Pinot Noir is showing very nicely with pronounced red and black raspberries, cassis and minerality in the mix. Just lovely with beautiful aromatics, medium density and much more about finesse than power, this Gevrey-Chambertin is lacy and distinguished. It is a graceful wine which is drinking well now. Vegan.

# BROUILLY Chateau du Pavé - Christopher Piper

2016

Beaujolais

£39

Owned by Michel Brac de la Perrière and his children and loving crafted by our friend Chris Piper. The affectionately named 'Chairman's Plonk' is a structured Brouilly where there is a dominant raspberry and cassis fruit, soft tannins and an essential, refreshing balancing acidity. Organic.

GRAVES DE VAYRES Chateau La Fleur des Graves - Yves Glotin

2015

Bordeaux

£38

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot. La Fleur des Graves is the top cuvee of the property. Spicy and fruity aromas on the nose and palate. The tannins are velvety, mature and with floral notes. Well-balanced with real personality

#### ST. EMILION Chateau Bèard La Chapelle - Franck Moureau

2012

**Bordeaux** 

£75

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Silky smooth with rich, ripe aromas of black cherry, blackcurrant and dark chocolate balanced by a vibrant freshness that gives finesse and elegance.

# MARGAUX Chateau Siran - Edouard Miaihe

Bordeaux

£104

53% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot. Bursting with rich blackcurrant and blackberry fruit with minty cedar wood notes & a hint of cherry. Full bodied, beautiful dark colour, good & elegant fruitiness balanced by softening tannins & good acidity.

#### POMEROL Chateau La Grave - Christian Moueix

2013

Bordeaux

£129

From Christian Moueix of Chateau Petrus, this wine offers exceptional quality at a fraction of the price. Grown in Christian's own vineyard, the vines are planted on gravel soils with some clay, with an average age of 30 years. The soil and the age of the vines make for wines which are less about obvious power and structure and more about elegance, a lightness of touch and an understated sense of place - very classical Right Bank claret. Abundant aromas of sweet cherries, balsam wood, and herbs with a lovely texture.

#### PLOUSSARD Domaine de la Renardiere - Jean Michel

2016 Jura £53

The colour of an aged Vosne-Romanée with ethereal aromatics of wild strawberry, cherry & a brothy, dried mushroom counterpoint. Light bodied, no tannin but with lots of drive and persistence. Natural, as you would expect from Jura, but beautifully accessible. A wonderfully unique red that you won't forget anytime soon.

#### SYRAH Domaine de La Jonction - Celliers Jean D'Alibert

Languedoc

£26

This Syrah is everything you would expect from a Southern French rustic red. It's got lots of juicy berry flavours, but they combine with some serious peppery, spice and the bite of some oak ageing (V)

CROZES HERMITAGE Domaine des Entrefaux - François Tardy

2017

Rhone

£59

An unashamedly early drinking Syrah & is drinking beautifully now. A youthful wine with bright acidity, intense meaty notes & pepper flavours.

#### CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE Chateau Beauchene Grande Reserve - Michele Bernard

Rhone

£82

60% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 10% Carignan, 5% Cinsault. Intense garnet red in colour. This wine develops a bouquet of red ripe fruits, violet and blackcurrant, with a woody and spicy hint on the finish. Round and unctuous, this wine is full and supple. The tannins are present but well-blended, with a long-lasting flavour.

COTE ROTIE Ampodium, Domaine Rene Rostaing - Rene Rostaing 2013 100% Syrah. Richly and textured with violet, rose, red and black fruit, vibrantly fruity through to a long, poised, and perfumed finish. My tasting book just has a bold - YUM - that rather understates the impact of this thoroughbred.

# Spain & Portugal

The enormous choice of different styles of wine available from Spain and Portugal make them some of the most interesting wine producing countries to explore. Exciting things are happening as new areas begin to emerge, producing wines of real quality.

TEMPRANILLO Mas Oliveras Bodegas Roqueta - Ramon Roqueta 2017 Catalunya, Spain £26 A soft and approachable Tempranillo from the historic, family-run Bodegas Roqueta in the Catalunyan Pyrenees. Intense and scented with supple, ripe strawberry and liquorice notes.

TOURIGA NACIONAL Quinta do Casal Monterio - Dorne Waters 2017 Tejo, Portugal £30 Quinta do Casal Monteiro is located in one of the most prestigious growing regions in Portugal. Aromatic red fruit with floral hints. Medium bodied with smooth tannins and well-balanced acidity. Delicious & very food friendly.

TEMPRANILLO 'Prado Rey Roble', Bodegas Ventosilla

2018 Ribera Del Duero

£46

A succulent and velvety Tempranillo crammed full of blackberry, coffee beans and vanilla. Plums and spice burst from the glass with hints of liquorice and a lovely burst of acidity on the finish.

MONASTRELL Time Waits for No One, Finca Bacara - Luis Javier 2016 Murcia, Spain £57 Opulent, powerful & rich with seamless oak integration & notes of ripe red fruits, liqueur cherries and blackberry. Expressive & well-structured wine with a subtle complexity in the form of spice, balsamic, herbal scrubland and liquorice & a deliciously endless finish.

RIOJA Belezos Reserva - Manuel & Kerman Zugober

2012 Rioja Alavesa, Spain

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This elegant Rioja Reserva comes from a small family winery in the heart of the Rioja Alavesa region. Rich, savory notes of leather and tobacco, dark fruit, finishing with a touch of vanilla. This wine is elegant and ripe with firm round tannins and a long finish. (V)

QUINTA DO VALE DONA MARIA Tinto - Cristiano van Zeller 2012 Douro, Portugal £88

The nose combines an array of red and black berry fruit, black cherries, violets and warm plum compote. The palate mirrors these ripe, sweet aromatics with additional spice, pepper and raspberry refreshment.

# Rest of Europe

Italy and Romania boast a rich wine making history dating back to Roman times with Italy being the 2nd largest wine producer in the world. For too long Italian wines were produced in small quantities by antiquated methods with dubious results, but now the industry is modernising and attracting excellent viticulturists and oenologists.

SPÄTBURGUNDER Schloss Schönborn - Paul Graf Von Schönborn 2018 Rheingau, Germany £42
Spätburgunder is not often seen, which is a pity as it ticks so many culinary boxes - chilled with tasty bites as an aperitif and then, so versatile throughout a menu. Pinot Noir is delicate in these northern climes so this is never a blockbuster - and all the better for that. Here we find fragrant, floral, berried fruit underscored by crushed stone minerals.

#### PRIMITIVO Zensa Organic - Alessandro Michelon

2017 Salento, Italy

Rich and sumptuous; the wine undergoes 'appassimento' where the organic grapes are air dried for several weeks to increase intensity of flavour before being pressed. The result is a wine bursting with bright morello cherry and deep blackcurrant flavours. Subtle, sweet spice and vanilla leads to a very satisfying finish.

#### VALPOLICELLA 'Superiore' Zenato - Sergio Zenato

2016 Veneto, Italy

£52

£33

85% Corvina, 10% Rondinella, 5% Sangiovese from vineyards in the historic zone in the commune of Sant'Ambrogio & are sourced predominantly from Classico vineyards. Dry and robust with an excellent velvety texture. Wild berries, currant, black cherry & spice with just a hint of Chocolate on the finish.

# BAROLO La Tartufaia - Giulia Negri

2013 Piedmont, Italy

£105

Giulia Negri is one of the top female winemakers in Italy. She is linked to one of the most famous families in the area & started out on her own a few years ago, her 2010 Barolo was picked in the top 100 wines in the World by The Wine Spectator and the 2013, in our opinion, is equally delicious! Ripe fruit, Morello cherry, dried blackberry, spice, ginger & liquorice.

#### CHIANTI 'Castello di Monna Lisa', Villa Vignamaggio - Francesco Naldi

2013 Tuscany, Italy

£90

Gianni Nunziante, owner of Villa Vignamaggio, firmly believes that Monna Lisa (of Leonardo Da Vinci fame) was born at the property, so what other name could he then possibly give his top-end wine? Made from 85% sangiovese & 15% Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon, this Chianti Classico Gran Selezione is only made in the very best years. Smooth and silky with dark cherry, prune & blackberry, held together with balsamic, tobacco & liquorice - oozes class and elegance. (v)

#### PINOT NOIR Sanziana - Hartley Smithers

2018 Banat, Romania

£22

Layers of complex black cherry, raspberry and cinnamon with pretty fruit cake and deep spicy notes. Premium Romanian wine estate Recas Cramele was founded in 1998 and is owned by a winemaking team of three families, with vineyards that are said to be some of the oldest in the world.

#### Lebanon

Lebanon is one of the oldest wine producing regions, the Massaya Winery in the Beqaa Valley enjoys a unique climate with long, gentle summers, wet winters and a perfect average temperature of 25 degrees. The dream at Massaya was to produce world class Lebanese wine so a partnership was formed between the Ghosn brothers and the Brunier brothers with impressive results. A real-life story of triumph in the face of adversity.

MASSAYA Terrasses de Baalbeck, Massaya Winery - Sami Ghosn 2017 Beqaa Valley £65 Lebanese ripe, warmth meets French elegance! A blend of Grenache Noir, Mourvedre & Syrah, the result is meaty & spicy with layers of richly textured red berry and savory fruits, rich and very fine.

#### MASSAYA GOLD Massaya Winery - Sami Ghosn

2010 Beqaa Valley

£89

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah. Intensely purple in colour this wine has gentle oak/vanilla on the nose with powerful black berry aromas. In the mouth it is rich and complex with layered, ripe fruit flavours

# Morocco

Moroccan wine has been around for some time- there is evidence of wine-making in the Meknes region 2,000 years agobut its heyday was during the French protectorate (1912-1956).

#### SYRAH 'Tandem' Syrah du Maroc, Ouled Thaleb Winery - Alain Graillot

2017 Benslimane, Morocco

£49

100% Syrah. Alain (top Croze Hermitage winemaker!) met the owners of the vineyard whilst on a cycling holiday in Morocco, hence the name 'Tandem' and has been working with them ever since. This has elements of Alain's Croze style; peppery & fruit forward combined with warming baked fruit & spice notes that just transport you to North Africa!

#### The Americas

#### North America

North America is the world's 4th largest wine producing nation and California accounts for 90% of its production, producing some of the world's greatest Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Zinfandel and Pinot Noir.

CARBONIC CARIGNAN Broc Cellars - Chris Brockway

2016

Alexander Valley, California

£53

The grapes go through full carbonic maceration before being ushered into neutral oak and concrete for 10 months. In bottle, there is an amazing depth of flavour from these rugged, ancient vines captured in the most transparent method possible. Natural, juicy, light but complex, low tannin, plum & dark berries.

ZINFANDEL Old Vine, Scotto Family - Anthony Scotto

2016 Loci, California

£38

Layers of blackberry, dark cherry & bitter chocolate leads to a full palate of spices, toffee & a hint of oak. Smooth tannins & gently clean acidity with a lingering finish.

SYRAH Arnot Roberts Griffin's Lair Vineyard - Duncan Arnot-Meyers

2014 Sonoma, California

£115

A full bouquet of herbal aromas including lavender and sage introduce themselves as the liquorice and mineral notes interweave themselves perfectly. Finishing with complexity and just the right balance of fruit, this delicious Syrah might just be one of the best wines from the region this year.

TROUSSEAU Arnot Roberts North Coast - Duncan Arnot-Meyers

2015 Sonoma, California

£82

Only a small amount of the French grape Trousseau is grown in California and this wine is made in a tiny quantity. A stunning lighter wine with plenty of depth and complexity. Pale in colour; floral-scented with red berries on the palate; light-bodied with subtle grippy tannins.

#### South America

Chile's geographic isolation has meant that it is one of only a few wine regions in the world to remain phylloxera free, and the wines produced here; blockbuster Merlots & splendid Carmenéres have today emerged as powerful products worldwide.

Argentina is the world's 5th largest wine producing nation, producing full-bodied excellent value varietal reds and is an intriguing destination for wine lovers as the country has such a vast viticultural landscape.

MERLOT Rio Alto, Viña San Esteban- Horacio Vicente

2018 Aconcagua, Chile

£28

Smooth, soft, rounded, medium-bodied with all the classic merlot characteristics; sweet plum, blackberry, dark cherry, touch of chocolate, balanced with herbacious notes and a touch of spice. Made by(em)

CARMENÈRE 'In Situ', Viña San Esteban - Horacio Vicente 2017 Aconcagua, Chile £41
Intense red in colour, this wine reflects the perfect conjunction of fruit & spice, enriched by subtle oak. Well structured, intense but elegant. Awarded the International Trophy at the Decanter World Wine Awards. (em)

MALBEC Altivo "Secret" - Celia Bustos

2013 Mendoza, Argentina

£79

Intense purple in colour this wine reflects the perfect conjunction of fruit and spice, enriched by subtle oak. Well structured, intense but elegant. Awarded the International Trophy at the Decanter World Wine Awards 2010.

QUIMERA Achaval Ferrer - Roberto Cipresso, Santiago Achával

2015 Mendoza, Argentina

£93

50% Malbec, 24% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot. Quimera is heuristic; a personal discovery for the winemakers search of the impossible perfect wine. Ripe red and black fruit on the nose with sweet, crushed blackberry, liquorice, bitter chocolate-tobacco & a peppery vitality. Indubitably powerful, supremely elegant & almost feminine, deliciously sweet/sour.

#### New Zealand & Australia

Australia is arguably the most successful new world producer; the cooler climate of Adelaide Hills in South Australia provides the perfect climate for the grapes to grow and reach their full potential.

The first edition of Hugh Johnson's World Atlas of Wine in the 1970's made no mention of New Zealand but over the last 20 years the country has now made a name for itself for producing fantastic quality wine.

SHIRAZ 'Whispering Lake', Eagle Vale Estate- Guy Gallienne 2007 Margaret River, Australia £79
From a small producer of handcrafted wines. Heady & indulgent with intense blackberries, rich chocolate & truffle but remains beautifully fresh & elegant, a 'new world' wine in an 'old world' style. (v)

MERLOT 'Conductor' Koomooloo Vineyard - Phillip Shaw 2015 Orange, NSW, Australia £52 Cool climate Merlot with only 12.5% alcohol, but the fruit is ripe - elegant plum & damson give it plenty of oomph. There is a real sense of energy & freshness as well as easily approachable fruit with a lick of spicy oak. (e)

SHIRAZ VIOGNIER The Lane-Michael Schreurs 2015 Adelaide Hills, Australia £48
Tiny winery, cool climate (for Oz). Nicely crafted Cote Rotie copy, lifted by the Viognier, which moderates the Shiraz sappiness. Ripe, warm, velvety textured with damson, cherry and a hint of vanilla. (V)

**DURIF Campbells Limited Release - Colin Campbell**2015 Rutherglen, Australia £66
100% Petit Syrah. Intense dark cherry and black plum fruit fill the mouth and slowly give way to the texture of the wine which provides ironstone and coffee grounds complexity. The wine finishes with the lingering dark fruit supported with char, aniseed and very fine mouth coating tannin.

SYRAH Elephant Hill -Steve Skinner 2016 Hawkes Bay, New Zealand £69
From a gloriously warm vintage, it's an exquisitely composed blend of ripe black fruit, wild herbs and spice, with smooth tannins and great length. An elegant, rather than powerful Syrah, more in common with the Northern Rhône than the New World

PINOT NOIR 'Hare's Breath' Muddy Water - Dom Maxwell 2012 Waipara, New Zealand £86 Muddy Water is a stunning, boutique winery in Waipara (Maori for Muddy Water) & the rumour is that their Pinot Noir vines were smuggled out of Domaine de la Romanee Conti in the 1970's via a rugby players boot! Wonderfully rounded, supple and ripe with silky tannins and a creamy structure. (V)

#### South Africa

Nature is certainly on the wine producer's side in South Africa with plenty of warm sunshine in a Mediterranean style climate but tempered by the oceanic breezes. Newly created wine regions include the coastal Elgin, albeit the Cluver Estate is now in its 4th generation.

PINOTAGE Slowine - Christo Versfeld

Slowine is a collective project by a small group of producers who have their vineyards around the Groenland Mountain in Cape Province in South Africa. The partners share expertise and grapes, combine their knowledge and most importantly the proceeds protect the nature reserve and the habitat of the endangered Parrot Beaked Tortoise. This Pinotage is deliciously juicy, full of summer plums and spice with a big, luscious mouthfeel and peppery finish.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON Slowine - Christo Versfeld 2016 Elgin £31
Bursting with blackberry and blackcurrant fruit on the nose, along with well-integrated toastiness emanating from the use of quality oak. Complex and well structured, packed with layers of fruit and a persistent finish.

MERLOT 'Black Magic' Jordan Vineyards - Gary Jordan 2015 Stellenbosch £49

Mature vineyards yield opulent fruit with plum, rich blackberry and mocha flavours. The wine has an intense honey and flowery nose with hints of morello cherries. Framed by generously-rounded tannins and spiciness from maturation in French oak, this wine is seductive from start to finish.

SYRAH "The Prospector' Jordan Vineyards - Gary Jordan 2015 Stellenbosch £52 This beautiful Syrah offers dense, rich, black-fruited flavours, white pepper and spice laced with dark chocolate. Barrel maturation adds toasty nuances to the richly textured structure.

PINOT NOIR Paul Cluver Estate- Andreas Burger 2016 Elgin £57
Lots of wild berry fruit on the nose complemented with hints of chocolate, violet and coffee. The complex palate is brimming with sweet berry flavours that are long and lingering with a velvety finish.

# **Dessert & Fortified Wines**

"Port makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized"  $\sim$  Peter Lanberg

LATE HARVEST SIEGERREBE, Astley Vineyards, England 10%abv £14 £52

One of only a handful of sweet wines made here in the UK, Astley's Late Harvest is deliciously light, aromatic and refreshing. With flavours of candied orange, fig, and a touch of Seville orange marmalade, it's relatively light body and medium low acidity means you can easily drink it without the taste of sugar in your mouth.

POMONA, Somerset Cider Brandy Company, England 20%abv £7.50

A secret blend of juice and Somerset Cider Brandy which is matured together in oak barrels for a further two years. Dry, Full bodied with a smooth butterscotch finish.

MONBAZILLAC Chateau Septy, France 13%abv £5.50 £22

Delectable nose, rich with exotic and citrus fruit, and honeyed notes. Richly-textured with a vibrant flash of zest.

SAUTERNES Chateau St Helene, France 13.5% abv  $\pounds 9$ 

A most magnificent, historic, 27 hectare estate producing some of the richest, most luscious wines in Sauternes. Fresh aromas with hints of almond and orange peel. Well balanced flavours of honeysuckle, orange peel, apricots, cinnamon and honey.

BANYULS Domaine la Tour Vielle, France 16%abv £7.50

A sweet, red wine - a classic blend of Grenache Noir, Grenache Gris and Carignan. Spicy, dried fruit, pluminess, rather like a tawny port.

PINEAU DES CHARANTES Domaine Gardrat, France 17% abv £7.50

Made from a blend of Cognac and grape juice it has wonderful autumnal aromas and a heady palate of dried fruits, honey and molasses.

PEDRO XIMENEZ Triana, Spain 17%abv £7.50

Aromas of raisins, molasses, figs, toffee, caramel, nuts, the palate is incredibly thick, dense, with an oily texture, massive concentration and unsurpassed sweetness and prolonged length. About as sweet as you can get.

LATE HARVEST MALBEC Mendoza, Argentina 11.5% abv £9 £54 (500ml)

Offers a complex bouquet of cloves, cinnamon, tobacco and dark cherries, along with layers of red fruits Combined with dark chocolate and slight anise.

SAUVIGNON BLANC, Eradus, Marlborough, New Zealand 12.5%abv £7 £28

Appealing aromas of apricots, dried fruit and honey on the nose. The palate shows mango, tropical fruit and melon flavours and great limey acidity which gives backbone to the ripe fruit flavours. A lingering, delicious finish!

SAKE Akashi Plum Infused, Japan 14%abv  $\pounds$ 8.50  $\pounds$ 49 (500ml)

This Sake has a nose of dry fruit, date and plum, and tastes of sweet and rich dry fruits and plum flavours with a dry finish.

NOBLE RIESLING, Paul Cluver, Elgin, South Africa 9.5% abv  $\pounds$  9.50  $\pounds$  38

Packed with apricot, spice and honey characteristics on the nose. Full and rich but with superb balance, the result of elegant Riesling acidity.

MUSCAT Western Cape, South Africa 11%abv £7 £28

Organic & Fairtrade but also quite delicious! Sun-drenched, fully ripened Muscat grapes are dried on Rooibos tea leaves. The result is a regional speciality, with notes of apricot, honey and of course, Rooibos.

CHURCHILLS CRUSTED PORT 2006 19.5%abv £7.50

A full-bodied rich blended port with all the characteristics of good mature vintage port. An intoxicating mélange of dark, smoky flavours like anise and cinnamon.

GOULD CAMPBELL BICENTENARY VINTAGE PORT 1997 20% abv  $\pounds$ 14

Plums, figs and strawberries vie for attention on the nose of this accomplished wine. Gould Campbell has made a rich, opulent Port to celebrate their bicentenary. With plenty of power and hints of spice and pepper, this beautifully-textured wine is sweet and velvety with a powerful, assertive finish.