

Sparkling Wine

Prosecco IGT Veneto Casa Botter - GL:7.50 Bot:30.00

The soft mousse ('frizzante', rather than 'spumante') enhances the delicate, peachy fruit of this Venetian sparkler.

Cremant d'Alsace, Domaine Remy Gressler - Gl. 10.00 - Bot. 50.00

This fantastic Cremant d'Alsace is elegant & displays flavours of summer fruits - watermelon and honeydew underpinned with fresh apple. A fine and persistent bead, it is lively and refreshing

Cremant Rosé 2016 Antech Emotion, Limoux - 48.00

Pale - Red apples - Strawberries - Fresh Beautifully delicate in colour, this has hints of red fruits - strawberries and raspberries that sit nicely alongside some red delicious apple skin notes

Champagne

Marie Demets Brut Non Vintage - Gl. 12.00 Bot.59.00

From a small, family-owned Champagne house in the Aube region famed for its Pinot Noir, this is refreshing and elegant, with vibrant orange blossom flavours and gentle biscuity notes. A perfect example of an elegant Champagne best enjoyed with light dishes or on its own as an aperitif.

Bérèche & Fils NV Brut, Reserve - 68.00

Based on the 2014 vintage (with 30% reserve wine from the previous two vintages). Pinot noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier. The best champagne I have tasted for a long time.

Ruinart Blanc de Blanc NV - 93.00

100% Chardonnay

Taittinger Champagne

We are now able to offer a range of Taittinger champagnes by the Glass and Bottle at very reasonable prices.

Brut Réserve NV Gl: 13.00 Bot: 65.00

The Brut Réserve is renowned for its golden yellow colour with a consistent, fine, lingering mousse. The nose is light and delicate with hints of fruits and brioche. The palate is lean, but has considerable depth and elegance with a long fresh finish

Brut Prestige Rosé NV GL:15.00. Bot 76.50

Delicate salmon pink in colour. Its aromas are fresh with wild strawberries and a hint of spice. On the palate this lively, fruity, fresh and elegant wine is balanced and smooth with good length and persistent flavours of crushed wild raspberry, cherry and blackcurrant. Overall, the Prestige Rosé displays charm and subtle harmony of flavours

Prélude Grands Crus NV GL:15.00 Bot: 78.00

The colour is a brilliant, pale yellow with silvery highlights, reflective of the high proportion of Chardonnay. The bubbles are fine and form a lasting and delicately creamy mousse. The nose is subtle and fresh. The initial mineral aromas quickly develop into green, floral scents with hints of elderflower and spicy cinnamon overtones. Flavours are dominated by intense fresh citrus fruit which then give way to a much fuller, well-bodied and mellow taste with flavours reminiscent of white peaches in syrup.

The finish is long, rich and extremely expressive

Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs Brut 2005 GL: 29.00 Bot: 145.00

The pale golden yellow colour is illuminated by almost fluorescent green highlights. The bead, particularly fine and abundant, rises steadily to form a light ring of bubbles. The very fresh nose opens on contrasting intense yet subtle grilled, toasty notes. These are followed by aromas of candied citrus peel, lemon and vanilla tart, roasted almonds and finally a floral hint of dried flowers and lime blossom. The initial impression on the palate is expressive and powerful, dominated by the vivacious citrus fruit, especially ripe lemon. Mid palate the flavour is more delicate, with flavours of caramelised grapefruit. The lengthy rich finish reveals sweet liquorice notes.

White Wine

Our Favourites

Wines that are particularly good, great value for money or slightly unusual.

Reserve de Gassac Blanc 2018 Mas de Daumas Gassac - 33.00

From the Domain that is famed for producing Languedoc's only premier cru red comes this fantastic value white. A Viognier Vermentino blend that has body, balance and zest. Delicious

Sylvaner, Domaine Gerard Metx 2017 Alsace - 38.00

Fresh - Pretty - Stone fruits – Long. Very pretty, fresh and fine with aromatic stone fruits, melon and good length. Sylvaner can be a little underwhelming, however this is exactly the opposite and a lovely example

Torrontes 2018 Zuccardi Argentina - 33.00

A very good Torrontes with Body and balance. This is fresh and aromatic with moderate acidity, smooth texture and mouthfeel as well as distinctive peach and apricot aromas on the nose.

Verdelho 2018 Esk Valley, Hawkes bay NZ - 37.00

A really good expression of the classic Portuguese varietal. Dry with depth, balance and lovely exotic fruit notes

Muscadet Sevre at Maine sur lie -2018 Domaine Haute Fevrie - 38.00

This is the very top-end of Muscadet with a minimum of 36 months ageing on the lees (sur lie) before bottling. A really intriguing glass of wine. Stone fruit nose and a palate that is round and cut through with a zingy grapefruit character.

Vermentino Melacce 2018 Costello Colle Massari - 39.00

This very good Tuscan Vermentino has mineral and marine scents. Its perfumes are fresh and pleasant, of peach and white fruits. The taste is smooth, taught, dynamic and well-balanced. Organic.

Mon P'tit Pithon 2018 Olivier Pithon, Calce Roussillon – 39.50

This is a blend of grenache gris, grenache blanc and macabeu. grown organically, The 2018 has good, fresh citrus notes and an underpinning minerality that gives it a savouriness and character that is particularly versatile. Good length and persistence and particularly moreish.

Cotes du Rhone 2017 St Cosme - 46.00

This is a really classy white Rhone blend – Marsanne, Viognier, Picpoul de Pinet. The Viognier grape to the fore, but there is also flintiness and minerality that is the result of the Picpoul de Pinet in the blend, giving a glorious balance.

Vouvray Chenin Blanc 2017 Tania & Vincent Careme - 49.00

From one of the rising stars of Loire wine making. Crisp, fresh and fruity this pleasing, and multifaceted Vouvray displays hints of apple and citrus. A bright acidity complements an abundance of minerality keeping the wine beautifully balanced.

White wine continued→

White Wine

1. Fontareche 2018 Vin de Pays d'Oc	21.50
<i>Elegant and clean classy easy drinker – Super house wine.</i>	
2. Roussanne Chardonnay 2018 Coteaux de Bessilles	24.00
<i>A modern blend from the south of France, this has aromas of grapefruit, lemon and delicate white flowers. Lovely and round on the palate, with a fresh, spicy finish of lime and white pepper.</i>	
3. Viognier 2018 Domaine de Coudelet	28.00
<i>Medium bodied with ripe peach, red apple and white flowers.</i>	
4. Rkatsiteli 2017 Tbilvino, Georgia	29.00
<i>A single variety example of Rkatsiteli, Georgia's most widely planted indigenous white grape. Pure and clean with great minerality.</i>	
5. Picpoul de Pinet 2018 Claude Jourdan, Languedoc	30.00
<i>Picpoul de Pinet, now its own appellation, is one of the best-value whites from the south of France. Full-flavoured, dry yet with crisp freshness and a beguiling citrus and herb flavour, it can be enjoyed on its own or with seafood.</i>	
6. Pinot Grigio 2017 La di Motte Venezia	30.00
<i>Offers apple, acacia and honey on the nose, with hints of cream. Dry, full-bodied and well balanced on the palate showing lots of lovely fruit, from peach to lemon. Carries a lot more substance than the usual Pinot Grigio.</i>	
7. Chenin Blanc 2019 Backsberg, Paarl, South Africa	31.00
<i>Very good classic Chenin with lemony crispness and green apple fruit flavours, retaining an array of aromatic characters. Ripe fruit, tempered by finely balanced acidity gives a mouth filling, yet refreshing palate, which has a lingering finish.</i>	
8. Tokaji Furmint 2016 Chateau Megyer, Hungary	33.00
<i>Classic Hungarian grape, The furmint is fresh and dry with good body and nice balance.</i>	
9. Sauvignon de Touraine 2018 Jean-Christophe Mandard	33.00
<i>A vibrant intensely flavoured Touraine Sauvignon with a focus on generous lime and gooseberry fruit on the nose. The palate shows more vibrant fruit with the addition of attractive tropical and floral flavours. A great value wine</i>	
10. Mtsvane 2018 Telavi, Georgia	33.00
<i>Nicely balanced with fresh grassiness and long finish. A very good example of this classic Georgian Grape Variety.</i>	
11. Grüner Veltliner Von den Terrassen 2018 Josef Ehmöser Austria	34.00
<i>Superb refreshing, zesty, spicy white. Light but full of flavour & lovely long finish. Excellent.</i>	
12. Bourgogne Aligote 2017 Henri Prodhon	35.00
<i>The underappreciated secret of Burgundy. Made from 100% Aligote grapes by one of the best producers. This is fresh, zesty with bright Orchard fruits, lemon, and orange peel. Very clean flavours. Really enjoyable.</i>	
13. Gavi di Gavi 2018 Deltetto	37.50
<i>Cortese, Piedmont's finest white grape, is at the heart of Gavi di Gavi and is distinguished by its crisp, floral, peachy, aromatic qualities</i>	
14. Jules Taylor 2018 Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand	41.00
<i>Packed with gooseberry flavours, crisp and clean, with a restrained style than its competitors.</i>	
15. Montagny 2017 Berthenet	47.00
<i>A very good value and classy white burgundy from 40 year old vines grown on a small. Citrus and ripe lemon peel notes are met with nutty minerality, while the ripeness of the fruit is balanced by the fresh acidity leaving a long, smooth and textured finish.</i>	
16. Sancerre Blanc, Les Epsailles, 2018 Domaine David Sautereau	49.00
<i>David Sautereau has tamed the potentially indulgent ripeness of the generous and fulsome 2015 season with his customary understated skill. This is very fine indeed, zesty and linear, garlanded by herbs and verbena and luxuriating in the silky</i>	
17. Pinot Gris 2012 Rolly Gassmann	53.00
<i>From one of the finest Alsace producers this Pinot Gris is ripe with minerality; hints of white flowers, a mixture of mature apricot, peach and spices. A complex profundity of a mid-palate which marries the exotic and the restrained</i>	

White wine continued→

White Wine

Fine Wines

Top end wines and small parcels that we mark up very reasonably – some real bargains.

Montagny 1er Cru Le Vieux Château 2016 Laurent Cognard - 61.00

This is seriously good! It's a classic white burgundy which strikes the perfect balance between austere clean flavours and more buttery tones. Bright and forward with crisp acidity and round golden apple fruit, there is abundant complexity and layer after layer of flavour.

Grattamacco Bianco 2015 Bolgheri Italy - 63.00

A pure Vermentino from the house that makes one of the best super Tuscan Reds.

The characteristic hints of citrus open the aromatic notes, which later evolves into notes of yellow peach, with hints of mint and sage. Creamy and sweet through the well measured use of oak. Good length and clean finish. Greatly balanced and very pleasant, it shows all the potential of the Vermentino grapevine.

Chablis, Fourchaume, 1er Cru, Vieilles Vignes, 2015 Le Domaine d'Henri - 65.00

From vines planted in 1970 this lovely Chablis has fine pale colour with a very charming nose, with steel behind. Very racy, white fruit, extremely impressive. superb length. 'This vintage with its smoky nose and tantalisingly massive juiciness and fruit seems one of the most exciting' – Jancis Robinson

Chateauneuf Du Pape 2017 Domaine Bois De Boursan – 66.00

Not often drunk but very good nether the less. A blend of 4 varietals (35% Clairette, 35% Grenache Blanc, 15% Rousanne and 15% Bourboulenc). Beautiful bouquet with white fruits, herbs and medicine (in the positive sense). On the palate white and yellow fruit and some pleasant bitterness.

Lingua Franca, Avni Chardonnay 2015 Willamette Valley, Oregon - 69.00

Fresh, cool citrus and barely ripe fruit (white peach?) aroma, with hints of sea breeze, musk, and vanilla bean. Similar flavours with plenty of acidity, and a streak of salinity. General sense of purity and transparency; and just plain tasty. A touch of silky richness It has a very distinct and persistent note of chalk/slate on the finish, which makes it very interesting

Puligny-Montrachet, Les Reuchaux, 2016 Boyer-Martenot - 72.00

2016 was an absolute classic vintage for white Burgundy. The wines have excellent balance and harmony underpinned by beautiful minerality – nothing overblown

Nuits St George 1er Cru Les Terres Blanches 2014 Domaine Dublere - 77.00

From one of the best of the new Burgundy producers this is lovely. The palate is rich with a noticeable freshness. The Chardonnay component brings structure and a lovely minerality, and the pinot blanc adding complexity.

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Morgeot, 2016 Fontaine-Gagnard - 86.00

The world wide demand for top white Burgundy knows no bounds, but one can still find small pockets of excellent Chassagne and here is our pick – classic and peerless

Rosé Wine

46. Fontarèche Château Rosé 2017 Lézignan-Corbières France 24.00
Delicious easy drinking rosé with lovely soft fruit on the palate.

47. Chateau Trians 2018 Coteaux Varois 43.00
With North facing vines, the grapes receive a cooling influence that results in a lovely, fine acidity, delicate aromas and flavours. Clay soils provide a palate density that keeps things lush and interesting. Organic.

Red Wine

Our Favourites

Wines that are particularly good, great value for money or slightly unusual.

Salice Salentino Riserva 2015 Botter, Puglia – 29.50

Salice is a soft yet full-flavoured red from southern Puglia. It is perhaps the best-known appellation of the region blending local varieties Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera. Its distinctive plum and chocolate character has an attractive underlying leather and mineral flavours. Full bodied and velvety in the mouth, chewy tannins and subtle bitterness create a long and lasting finish.

Les Clos Rouge 2017 Domaine Boudau, Rousillon - 37.00

Savoury and refined this biodynamic wine has weight and complexity with a fine balance

Madiran 2015 Domaine Berthoumieu - 39.00

90% Tannat, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon A nose of plums, blackberries, spice and hints of vanilla and toasty oak. The palate has plenty of fresh redcurrant and plums with a silky mouth feel, food friendly tannins and hints of dark chocolate on the finish. A hearty winter food wine. Madiran is known as the healthiest of red wines due to the high levels of procyanidins it contains. This is said to be good for reducing blood pressure and lowering cholesterol – now you can have the second bottle!

Morellino di Scansano 2015 Poggio Tревvalle, Tuscany - 41.00

A great Sangiovese without the Montalcino premium

Zweigelt 2017 Joseph Ehmoser, Wagram Austria - 42.00

An Austrian classic. Nice spice subtly highlighted by oak. A red wine with charming, smooth fruit and powerful substance.

Los Hermanos, Bobal, 2015 Bodegas Lo Necesario, Valencia Spain - 42.00

*Made from the increasingly popular Bobal grape (100%) this is a proper Spanish red - concentrated rich and complex. Great aromas of tobacco and spices combined with elegant tannins. **Organic***

Boulevard Napoleon 2017 La Liniere, Minervois - 49.50

This is a fantastic value and seriously good wine. Cabernet Franc and Syrah blend produces a dark, intense and generous wine

Crozes Hermitage 2017 Domaine Remizieres - 54.00

Made from 100% Syrah from 45 year old vines in the Crozes-Hermitage appellation. A deep ruby in colour with a concentrated blackberry nose. The palate is rich with bramble fruits, plum, mulberry, cloves and a spicy black pepper character on the finish.

Chiantio Classico, 2016 Ca' di Pesa - 59.00

Journalist Antonio Galloni wrote that Ca' Di Pesa is one of the great undiscovered jewels in Chianti Classico. Can't disagree - Beautiful, complex black fruit aromas and a wonderful balance a long finish. A Fantastic wine.

Nebbiolo 2015 Fratelli Alessandria, Langhe – 59.00

This is top value, characterful Nebbiolo. Ageing is in large casks for a year with the 3 months in smaller barrels. Tremendous personality, a very clear rock mineral and dark fruit character. Velvety, full bodied and full of fresh bramble and dark cherry fruit mixed with iron, stone and blood orange notes. Serious Langhe Nebbiolo that is great now

Red wine continued→

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49. Fontareche 2018 Vin de Pays d'Oc	21.50
<i>Great value, aged briefly in oak. Good body, nice balance with spice & complexity.</i>	
50. Vranec 2013 Stobi, Macedonia	23.50
<i>A blend of Vranec. Petit Verdot and Syrah. Aged for 6 months in Slovenian Oak. Deep Purple, Dark Berry fruits and a smoky finish. Very good.</i>	
51. Château Fontarèche 2017 Vieilles Vignes Lezignan-Corbières	27.00
<i>The grown up version of our house wine. This is a great for the price. Depth of fruit with a lovely complexity and balance</i>	
52. Kekfrankos 2018 Takler, Hungary	29.00
<i>A very good value example of the classic Hungarian grape variety. Deep, rich and Spicy. Very good value</i>	
53. Minervois 2017 Domaine Cesseras Cuvee Olric	30.00
<i>Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan Dense black fruit, pepper and sweet spices of clove and anise. Delicious and drinkable.</i>	
54. Saperavi, 2017 Tbilvino Georgia	32.50
<i>100% Saperavi - the classic Georgian grape variety. It gives off a characteristic blackberry aroma with a note of roasted coffee. Plenty of vivid Cherry and Raspberry fruit and backed with gentle Tannins.</i>	
55. Merlot 2017 Ekuo, Montorso Vicentino, Italy	33.00
<i>This is a really good Organic Merlot - balance, body, depth and finish.</i>	
56. Hacienda el Olmo Crianza 2015 Rioja	34.00
<i>Classic Rioja, with rich, succulent fruit, underpinned with a traditional sprinkling of oak-ageing that adds an element of sweet vanilla spice</i>	
57. Beaujolais Villages 'Les Vignes De Thulon' 2018 Jean Marc Burgaud (Available chilled)	35.50
<i>This wine is very fresh and aromatic. 2017 is a fantastic vintage in the Beaujolais and this wine offers velvety red fruit and flowers, with a typical minerality. It also has a clean palate cleansing finish.</i>	
58. Château Crusquet 2015 Blaye - Cotes de Bordeaux	37.00
<i>Classic Claret and fantastic value. From the highly rated 2012 vintage this blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon is drinking beautifully.</i>	
59. Côtes du Rhône Plan de Dieu 2017 Font Sarade	38.00
<i>From one of the best independent producers this is a fantastic classic Rhone.</i>	
60. Barbera d'Alba 2016/17 Deltetto	40.00
<i>Barbera, a vine that produces soft and juicy grapes with a remarkable richness. An aroma of cherries and vanilla. Packed with spicy plum fruit, yet with a subtle, underlying acidity.</i>	
61. Saint Nicolas de Bourgueil 'Les Rouillères' 2016, Frederic Mabileau	44.00
<i>Pretty nose of raspberry and fresh greenery. Fresh and round with ripe tannins and a characteristic note of graphite. Good length; greatly pleasurable to drink.</i>	
62. Morgon 'La Voute St Vincent' 2016 Domaine Claude Desvignes	45.00
<i>Dense dark colour, quite massive with lovely minerals. Small dark berries, amazing finish. Huge concentration.</i>	
63. Bikaver 2012 Korona Eger, Hungary	44.50
<i>What we know as Bull's Blood but with a great degree of added sophistication. The more pronounced bartique aging gives an enticing smokiness and vanilla notes to the aroma, solid hefty structure, pronounced tannic finish, concentrated weighty style:</i>	
64. Bourgogne Rouge, Le Clos, 2017 Manciat-Poncet	45.00
<i>In the great Burgundy vintages, the lesser appellations perform beyond expectation, and Marie-Pierre Manciat's Mâconnais Pinot Noir is no exception, smooth and silky, tasting more like a Côte de Beaune.</i>	
65. Malbec 2017 Zuccardi, Argentina	49.00
<i>Classic sophisticated Malbec from Argentina. Ripe bramble fruit with sweet spice, ripe tannin with plenty of mouth feel.</i>	
66. Optima 2014 Anthonij Rupert, Western Cape, South Africa	54.00
<i>very good example of the new 'Bordeaux' style from South Africa. Ripe plum and black berries hit you on the nose, subtle soft follow through to the palate including hints of black pepper and tobacco, nice long lingering tail, absolute gem of a wine</i>	

Red wine continued→

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Fine Wines

Top end wines and small parcels that we mark up very reasonably - some real bargains.

Bandol Rouge 2015 Domaine Terrebrune - 63.00

This is a fantastic vintage from one of the best producers. Classic Bandol, a rich, meaty wine with black fruits, prunes, leather and cedar, layers of complexity and a velvety texture.

Petite Sirah 2016 Ridge Vineyards Sonoma, USA - 65.50

Deep, luscious and intense, The 2015 is captivating from the very first taste. The purity of the fruit is remarkable. Dark inky purple with thick legs. The nose has dark fruit, a little herb and some subtle vanilla. A thick coating of lush fruit coats the mouth. Nice acidity and a long finish.

Montecucco Poggio Lombrone 2013 Colle Massari, Tuscany - 65.00

Another underrated Tuscan region which produces a superb alternative to Brunello. 100% Sangiovese, 36 months barrel aged. Rich and complex nose - plum and cherry, tobacco, black pepper, coffee and licorice. Lively acidity, smooth tannins. Long finish with mineral notes.

Chateau Lanessan 2008 Haut Medoc - 67.00

Chateau Lanessan is situated at the intersection of St Julien and Haut Medoc. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot with a smattering of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. The 2008 Chateau Lanessan is herbaceous, rich, and fruity, with good tannic backbone. A good medium-bodied Médoc, it offers a great claret experience and at a very reasonable price.

Beaune 1er Cru Les Blanchés Fleurs 2015 Domaine Dublere - 75.00

One of the rising stars of Burgundy, Domaine Dublere have produced a lovely wine - complex red fruit notes - cherries, sous bois and a slightly earthy minerality. On the palate good body and weight for the vintage, with a surprisingly fresh and crisp acidity.

Volnay Santenots 1er Cru 2014 Thierry & Pascale Matriot - 75.00

Drinking beautifully now this is a great Volnay - elegant with dark berry fruits on the nose and earthy minerality on the palate.

Côte-Rôtie 2013 Saint Cosme - £73.00

The Syrah grape is at its most silkily elegant in the appellation, such is the finesse, verging on the sensuous, it is one of the world's truly great wines. Smoke, boysenberry, earth; gravel and soil, intense, sustained, very good indeed.

Brunello di Montalcino 2012 Lisini - 79.00

100% Sangiovese. The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino is rich and intense both in terms of appearance and bouquet. Aromas peel back with delicate layers of dark fruit, pressed rose petal, baking spice and grilled herb.

Pommard Rugiens Bas, Premier Cru 2010 Domaine Billard Gonnet - 96.00

From the prestigious Rugiens Bas 1er cru, with red soil; Old-school Burgundy. Pale garnet. Powerful aromas of cherries, plums and earth. Dry, acidity and tannins robust, lots of body. Rounded mouthfeel with iron-like minerality. Concentrated red fruit, very long and powerful finish with great balance of fruit, earth and spice.

Chateau Langoa Barton Grand Cru Classe 2001 Saint Julien - 98.00

Very underrated vintage. Terrific aromas to this wine, with violets, spices, cinnamon and berries. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a lovely ripe fruit and vanilla aftertaste. Very integrated and refined. Shows class. Another winner from the Barton family.

Chateau Du Tertre Grand Cru Classe 2005 Margaux - 108.00

Their best vintage for many years. Medium/full bodied, richly textured with a lush character to the fruit and tannins. Silky, sensuous and charming, the fruit feels great, the finish offers freshness and length along with tension. The wine was made blending 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.

Calon Segur Grand Cru Classe 2005 St Estèphe - 156.00

This is a wonderfully constructed wine, with very fine, silky tannins and an intense core of classic brambly St Estèphe fruit with a whiff of mulberries. It is pure and fresh with the 60% Cabernet Sauvignon - brooding, as if waiting to leap out - very much to the fore. This is completely different to their famous 2003, and we certainly think it is considerably superior.