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VAT at 17.5% is included in all wines.
 Certain wines are available in limited quantities and vintages.
 Where the chosen wine is unavailable we will try to suggest a
 suitable alternative.

A little something about our cellar

When I first came to this hotel for my job interview, nearly six years ago, I was astounded at the cellars and the amount of stock. Cases of wine were stacked six tall, on both sides of a very narrow corridor down the length of the cellar. In the heart of the cellar, a cage stood, packed to nearly the top with Burgundy, three rows deep. It was amazing, over 2000 bins of wine, some 35,000 plus bottles, with names I had previously only dreamt about – Pétrus, Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Krug, Harlan Estate and many more. I knew this was somewhere that I wanted to be a part of.

Over the last six years I have tried to develop the list further, keeping on top of changing trends in wine-styles, new countries coming into the UK market and always keeping the menu and customer in mind. We have seen the number of wines sealed with a screw cap jump from zero to over a hundred. We have added more and more wines from the “New World” until the list was almost at parity with the “Old World”. Over the last two years we have watched as our customers tastes moved back to the “Old World”. We have changed the layout of the list three times, and I am currently planning a fourth revamp.

Each year we invest into the cellar, buying key wines *en primeur*, which is a daunting task, selecting wines that wont be delivered for another two years. This has enabled us to offer high-

end wines at a reasonable price, compared to their market value. We continue to invest in this way now, although the wines we are selecting have changed to account for changes in style and to a lesser extent, my own personal preferences!

The last year has seen us exploring new options in the way that we serve wines, offering a tasting selection of wines by the carafe to complement the tasting menu. This has proved to be quite popular with many people and has given me the opportunity to introduce some wonderfully interesting wines from across the globe, as well as the odd beer or two!

I would like to think that we have something within the wine list for everyone. I have compiled what I believe to be a wide ranging wine list. Full of classic wines from the regions best producers, as well as a few quirky little wines from smaller winemakers trying to produce something a little bit different. I feel there should be something here to suit all tastes, whether you like bone dry, or sickly sweet whites, light and fruity or big powerful red wines. If you cannot find something that you desire, please ask, as our cellar is stocked full of many wonderful wines and I’m sure we can find something to help you enjoy your experience in Simon Radley’s all the more.

Garry Clark, Sommelier

Corkage Policy.

It is the hotels policy not to allow corkage. If you have a specific wine that you would like and it isn't in our wine-list, we should be able to source a bottle given reasonable notice. Please contact the sommelier (garry.clark@chestergrosvenor.com) or restaurant manager (mark.bevan@chestergrosvenor.com) with any queries.

Glassware.

In the same way that our Chef, Simon Radley, only uses the finest ingredients and equipment, so we feel that our wines deserve the best stemware. We use Riedel glassware in the restaurant. For more than 50 years, Riedel have been designing and producing glassware to suit specific grape varieties, enhancing your experience of the wines. For white wines we use Riedel Sauvignon, Riedel Montrachet and Riedel Viognier glasses. Our red wines are served in Riedel Bordeaux and Riedel Burgundy Pinot Noir glasses, with some special wines being served in Riedel Sommeliers Grand Bordeaux and Grand Burgundy Glassware. We are also proud to use Riedel Decanters. The decanters we use are the finest handblown decanters made by Riedel, and we use certain decanters for specific wines. The main design in use is the Riedel Cornetto, but we also use the Riedel Pinot Noir Decanter, Riedel Cabernet Mini, Riedel Syrah and we are pleased to be using the newest designs – Eve, Black Tie and Face to Face.

As the glassware is handblown, you can expect to find very slight variations between individual glasses.

Decanting.

Certain red wines would be decanted as a standard, either to remove any sediment from the wine, or to aerate the wine and open up the flavours/aromas. If your wine hasn't been decanted and you would prefer it to be, then please ask and we will be happy to do so. We would typically decant certain white burgundies and some of the more oaky styles of chardonnay, again just to open up the wines slightly and allow more of the complex flavours to shine.

Tasting Menu Selection

A selection of wines offered by the carafe (250ml) to complement our tasting menu. Ideal to share between two.

Langoustines

2007 Domaine de Montcy, *Cour-Cheverny, Loire Valley, France*
£14.00

Salt and Pepper

2007 Casa Marin, *Casona Vineyard Gewürztraminer, San Antonio Valley, Chile*
£13.00

Cannelloni

2007 Hermanuspietersfontein, *"Die Bartho", Overberg, South Africa*
£12.00

Aberdeenshire

1996 Domaine Tollot-Beaut, *Savigny Champs Chevrey, Burgundy, France*
£14.00

Fromage Blanc

2009 Domaine Saporale, *Corse Sartène, Corsica, France*
£15.00

Crystal

Pain Perdu

2008 Stone Paddock, *"Isabella" Late Harvest Semillon, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand*
£24.00

Wines Served By the Glass

Champagne 125ml

Taittinger Brut	NV	12.50
Taittinger Prestige Rosé Brut	NV	15.50
St Evremond Brut	NV	10.50

White Wine 175ml 250ml

Moko, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand	2009	7.50	10.00
Miss Molly, Chenin/Viognier, South Africa	2009	6.50	9.00
Jean Durup, Chablis, Burgundy, France	2007	9.50	13.00
Tabalí, Reserve Chardonnay, Limari Valley, Chile	2008	6.00	8.50

Rosé Wine 175ml 250ml

Buitenverwachting, Blanc de Noir, Constantia, S. Africa	2009	6.00	8.50
Château Bauduc, Rosé, Bordeaux, France	2009	7.00	9.50

Red Wine 175ml 250ml

Borsao, Garnacha Joven, Campo de Borja, Spain	2009	5.00	7.50
Vondeling, Erica Shiraz, Voor-Paardeberg, South Africa	2007	8.50	11.00
Signal Cannon, Merlot, Paarl, South Africa	2009	5.50	8.00
Tabali, Pinot Noir Reserve, Limari Valley, Chile	2008	7.75	10.75

Sweeties and Stickies

A selection of wines offered by the glass to complement our dessert selection.

Dessert Wines (per 125ml measure)

Domaine Pieretti, <i>Muscat de Cap Corse, Corsica</i>	2008	11.50
Vondeling, <i>Sweet Carolyn, Voor-Paardeberg, South Africa</i>	2005	15.50
Vignerons de Beaumes de Venise, <i>Muscat Beaumes de Venise, Rhône Valley, France</i>	NV	9.00
Domaine La Tour Vieille, <i>Banyuls Reserva, France</i>	NV	10.50
Paritua, <i>Late Harvest Semillon, New Zealand</i>	2005	14.00

Fruit Liqueurs (per 100ml measure)

Bonny Doon Vineyards, <i>Framboise, Washington State, USA</i>	NV	9.00
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Fortified Wines (per 100ml measure)

These wines are generally higher in alcohol, upwards of 18% abv, which is attained by the addition of alcohol to the fermenting grape juice, which halts the fermentation whilst retaining some residual sugar.

Justin Vineyards, <i>Obtuse, Paso Robles, California</i>	2005	11.00
DeLaforce, <i>Single Colhieta Port</i>	1964	30.00
Weisse & Krohn, <i>Single Vintage Colhieta Port</i>	1978	25.00
Warres, <i>Vintage Port</i>	1994	18.00
Weisse & Krohn, <i>Single Vintage Colhieta Port</i>	1997	10.50

Sommeliers Selection

The following wines have all been chosen as I feel they offer good value for money. Simply well made wines, from reliable, consistent winemakers who are able to bring out the best in the fruit they produce.

White

- 558 Chapel Down, *Bacchus, Tenterden, Kent, England* 2009 38.00
Aromas of white orchard fruits and hints of white pepper with subtle tones of rose. Dry in style, with a spicy finish this pairs really well with sweetbreads and lighter white meats.
- 190 Familia Zuccardi, *"Q" Chardonnay, Mendoza, Argentina* 2004 45.00
The Zuccardi Family are one of a small band of growing estates in the Mendoza region of Argentina. Organically farmed Chardonnay is fermented in American oak to give a rich toasty coconut character to the wine with a lingering butteriness to the finish.
- 991 Vondeling, *Babiana, Voor-Paardeberg, Western Cape, South Africa* 2006 30.00
A wonderfully aromatic white with a richness of character and well defined oak character. A blend of Chenin Blanc, Viognier, Chardonnay and a dash of Sauvignon and Muscadelle, the wine is aged in upto 40% new oak for a period of 11 months, giving the warming buttery spicy notes.

Rosé

- 587 Agustinos, *Syrah Rosé, Maipo Valley, Chile* 2009 27.50
Medium fruity red with a touch of spice and winter berry flavours. Agustinos is one of the leading wineries promoting the use of sustainable agriculture in South America.

Red

- 776 Two Hands, *Gnarly Dudes Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia* 2008 70.00
With their irreverent names and light-hearted labels it would be easy to dismiss the wines of Two Hands as another novelty from Australia. But under the expert care of Matt Wenks, these are serious, high quality wines. Gnarly Dudes draws its name from the old, twisted vines the fruit is drawn from. Two Hands can best be described as Négociants, buying the fruit from long-term contracted farmers and allowing the winemaking talent of Matt Wenks to draw all the flavour and character from it, allowing it to express its place, its essential being. Packed with densely flavoured fruit, spicy pepper character and eucalypt notes, this cannot come from anywhere other than the Barossa.
- 802 Buil & Giné, *17.XI, Monstant, Spain* 2007 50.00
Delicious blend of Garnacha, Carinena and Ull de Llebre (tempranillo) from small parcels of vines in the D.O. region of Monstant. Dark berry fruit flavours with a touch of spices and a ripe plummy finish that seems to last for ages.
- 976 Paritua, *Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand* 2007 55.00
After a brief period of being bored with New Zealand reds, I came across this fantastic, ripe berry fruit flavoured gem from Central Otago. With all the best characteristics of a top end Nuits St Georges, this hit my palate in exactly the right way to re-ignite my interest in New Zealand Pinot.

Half Bottles

Champagne

50	Taittinger, <i>Cuvec Reserve</i>	NV	38.50
604	Bollinger, <i>Special Cuvée, Brut</i>	NV	41.50
602	Taittinger, <i>Nocturne, Sec</i>	NV	42.50
608	Taittinger, <i>Brut Prestige Rosé</i>	NV	46.50

White Wine

610	Chablis, " <i>La Seriene</i> ", <i>La Chablisienne, Burgundy, France</i>	2006	23.00
605	Honig, <i>Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, California, USA</i>	2005	25.00

Red Wine

653	Château Branaire Ducru, <i>4eme Cru, St Julien</i>	1995	60.00
654	Château La Lagune, <i>3eme Cru, Haut Médoc</i>	1995	65.00
661	Château Potensac, <i>Cru Bourgeois, Médoc</i>	1995	44.00
664	Château d'Armailhac, <i>5eme Cru, Pauillac</i>	1995	55.00
665	Château Duhart Milon Rothschild, <i>4eme Cru, Pauillac</i>	1995	60.00
667	Château Smith Haut Lafite, <i>Graves</i>	1995	65.00
663	Château Troplong-Mondot, <i>St Emilion</i>	1996	90.00
632	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Pruliers', Jean Grivot, Burgundy</i>	1992	46.00
634	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'Clos des Forets', Dom de l'Arlot, Burgundy</i>	1994	40.00
704	Opus One, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California</i>	1991	150.00
703	Shafer, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California</i>	1997	52.00

Champagne

Grande Marques

There are 24 houses that form the Syndicate des Grandes Marques. These are the powerhouses of champagne whose consistency from year to year has defined our perceptions of champagne. Each with their own unique style and presence. The sheer volume of wines produced by the Grande Marques is staggering, somewhere between 4 and 10 million bottles per house per annum. Much of their fruit is therefore coming from contracted farmers who sell their fruit to the houses at prices dictated by the CIVC, the governing body of Champagne.

Bollinger - richer, oak fermented style of wines

13	Bollinger, <i>Special Cuvée</i>	NV	93.50
945	Bollinger, <i>Rosé</i>	NV	100.00
604	Bollinger, <i>Special Cuvée, Brut, Half Bottle</i>	NV	41.50
954	Bollinger, <i>RD, Extra Brut</i>	1997	250.00

Dom Pérignon - indulgent, full bodied, intense wines

751	Dom Pérignon, <i>CEnothèque</i>	1964	975.00
32	Dom Pérignon, <i>CEnothèque</i>	1971	2100.00
34	Dom Pérignon, <i>CEnothèque</i>	1975	1900.00
757	Dom Pérignon, <i>CEnothèque</i>	1976	800.00
27	Dom Pérignon, <i>CEnothèque</i>	1995	500.00
23	Dom Pérignon	2000	199.00

Krug - pure luxury, the wines spend at least six years on the lees before disgorgement.

10	Krug, <i>Grande Cuvée</i>	MV	225.00
61	Krug, <i>Rosé</i>	MV	570.00
89	Krug, <i>Collection Vintage, Magnum</i>	1981	2195.00
28	Krug, <i>Vintage</i>	1990	425.00
25	Krug, <i>Vintage</i>	1995	395.00
33	Krug, <i>Clos d'Ambonnay, Blanc de Noirs</i>	1995	3950.00
75	Krug, <i>Vintage, Magnum</i>	1996	850.00
600	Krug, <i>Clos de Mesnil, Blanc de Blancs</i>	1998	950.00

Laurent-Perrier – Arguably the most popular rosé champagne.

37	Laurent-Perrier, <i>Brut Rosé</i>	NV	110.00
2	Laurent-Perrier, <i>Grand Siècle</i>	NV	120.00

Louis Roederer – Cristal was originally created exclusively for the court of Tsar Alexander II.

615	Louis Roederer, <i>Cristal</i>	2002	350.00
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Moët & Chandon - One of the largest producers in the region

3	Moët & Chandon, <i>Brut Impérial</i>	NV	73.50
955	Moët & Chandon, <i>Blanc Millésimé</i>	1999	104.00
20	Moët & Chandon, <i>Grand Vintage</i>	2003	95.00

Perrier-Jouët – Pinot Dominant Champagne. Elegant and stylish especially the art deco Belle Epoque

614	Perrier-Jouët, <i>Grand Brut</i>	NV	70.00
148	Perrier-Jouët, <i>Grand Brut, Millésimé</i>	1998	140.00
621	Perrier-Jouët, <i>Belle Époque</i>	1999	250.00

Pol Roger - Pinot dominated champagne, long time favourite of Winston Churchill

36	Pol Roger, <i>Brut Reserve, (White Foil)</i>	NV	80.00
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Pommery - Revitalised house with easily accessible style

8	Pommery, "Summertime", Blanc de Blancs	NV	100.00
8	Pommery, "Wintertime", Blanc de Noirs	NV	100.00
21	Pommery, Brut	1995	66.00
17	Pommery, Cuvée Louise	1998	200.00

Ruinart - One of the oldest producers in the region

78	Ruinart, Rosé	NV	96.50
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Salon - Exclusive wine only made in exceptional vintages

79	Salon, Le Mesnil, Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru	1997	650.00
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Taittinger - One of the few houses remaining in family control

6	Taittinger, Brut Reserve	NV	63.50
50	Taittinger, Cuvée Reserve, Half Bottle	NV	38.50
602	Taittinger, Nocturne, Sec, Half Bottle	NV	42.50
74	Taittinger, Prelude, Grand Cru	NV	90.00
44	Taittinger, Brut Prestige Rosé	NV	83.50
608	Taittinger, Brut Prestige Rosé, Half Bottle	NV	46.50
22	Taittinger, Comte de Champagne	1998	185.00
59	Taittinger, Comte de Champagne Rosé	2002	300.00

Veuve Clicquot - One of the largest producers, now dominating the UK market.

5	Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label Brut	NV	83.50
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The Grower Champagnes

These are smaller houses with much smaller production, often numbering into the thousands and tens of thousands rather than the millions of bottles produced by the Grande Marques. These guys have control from the start to the finish, using their own fruit, so they have complete influence from the grape to the bottle. I believe that these wines offer a truer representation of Champagne as a region, by being more specific to their terrior, offering a differing style that reflects the difficulties of growing grapes in a marginal region like Champagne.

Aubry – Pierre & Phillippe Aubry are making some of the finest grower champagne in the region.

4	L. Aubry fils, <i>Brut Tradition</i>	NV	55.00
11a	L. Aubry fils, <i>Ivoire & ébène, Brut</i>	1999	73.00
11b	L. Aubry fils, <i>Ivoire & ébène, Brut</i>	2002	73.00
19	L. Aubry fils, <i>Le Nombre d'Or, Campanae Veteres Vites Brut</i>	1999	91.00

de Venoge – now part of the Boizel portfolio, de Venoge is a classic British styled champagne.

41	de Venoge, <i>Brut Rosé</i>	NV	75.00
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Egly-Ouriet – Francis Egly makes stunning fizz from Grand Cru vineyards in Ambonnay.

26	Egly-Ouriet, <i>Brut Tradition, Grand Cru</i>	NV	75.00
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Jacques Selosse – Anselme Selosse makes these wines in a Burgundian style. Incredible!

24	Jacques Selosse, <i>Exquise, Sec</i>	NV	95.00
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Jacquesson – Cuvée 733 is the 733rd cuvee made by the house. Its base vintage is 2005.

39	Jacquesson, <i>Cuvée no 733</i>	NV	85.00
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Moutard-Dilligent - One of only a few champagnes made using the traditional varieties.

12	Moutard-Dilligent, <i>6 Cépages, Brut</i>	2000	95.00
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Alsace White

The quintessential food wines, intensely aromatic, more often off-dry, but packed with flavour and body to complement such a diverse range of cuisine.

923	Muscat d'Alsace, <i>Charles Schleret</i>	2004	42.00
328	Gewürztraminer, <i>Cuvée Réserve, Charles Schleret</i>	2007	40.00
647	Pinot Blanc, <i>Sipp Mack</i>	2007	33.50

Bergerac White

Made in the style of white Bordeaux, but much more affordable. Predominantly Semillon with a touch of Sauvignon to sharpen it up. Excellent food wines with a wide range of fish and lighter meat dishes.

1017	La Combe de Grinou, <i>Sec</i>	2008	28.00
300	Domaine du Vigneaud, <i>Sec</i>	2009	26.00

Languedoc and Provence White

Provençal wines had a tendency towards the rustic style, often inaccessible without something to eat with them; they are now made in a more approachable style. Utilising native varieties and those more familiar to the Rhône, these are full flavoured wines at affordable prices.

341	Domaine Ferrer Ribière, <i>Grenache Blanc, Vin de Pays Catalan</i>	2005	29.00
414	Domaine Bellegard, <i>Cuvée Tradition, Jurançon Sec, Jurançon</i>	2005	31.00
287	C & L Gaujal, <i>Picpoul de Pinet, "Cuvée Ludovic Gaujal" Coteaux du Languedoc</i>	2008	30.00

Rhône Valley White

Full bodied and richly flavoured wines, these wines are best to complement a diverse range of cuisines.

966	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>Château de Beaucastel</i>	2006	120.00
152	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>le Vieux Donjon</i>	2007	75.00
308	Viognier, <i>Sainte Fleur, Domaine des Triennes</i>	2008	40.00
759	Condrieu, <i>les Terrasses de l'Empire, Domaine Georges Vernay</i>	2008	100.00
1160	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>Domaine Chante Cigale</i>	2008	48.00

Vin de Pays White

Vin de Pays is not necessarily the bottom of the barrel, with many producers opting out of the stricter guidelines of the AOC, there are some increasing good wines to be found here.

1014	Dignité, <i>Viognier, Vin de Pays d'Oc</i>	2007	28.00
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Loire Valley White

Crisp and dry whites, the main grape grown in Sauvignon Blanc, which varies from the minerally, chalky style of Sancerre, to the gunflint, smokier style of Pouilly Fumé. Chenin Blanc is shown at its best in Vouvray and the unique Melon de Bourgogne shines as good quality Muscadet.

803	Vouvray, <i>Moelleux, Daniel Jarry (sweet)</i>	1997	40.00
1327	Pouilly Fumé, <i>"Buisson Renard", Didier Dagueneau</i>	2002	120.00
1323	Pouilly Fumé, <i>"Blanc Fumé", Didier Dagueneau</i>	2004	90.00
187	Pouilly Fumé, <i>"Pur Sang", Didier Dagueneau</i>	2005	145.00
613	Jasnieres, <i>"Selection de Raisins Noble", Domaine de la Charriere</i>	2005	40.00
1322	Pouilly Fumé, <i>"Silex", Didier Dagueneau</i>	2006	200.00
252	Quincy, <i>Denis & Nicole Jaumier</i>	2007	38.00
384	Pouilly Fumé, <i>Mademoiselle de Saint-Baville</i>	2007	42.00
611	Reuilly, <i>Gérard Cordier</i>	2007	37.00
138	Sancerre, <i>"le Chêne" Lucien Crochet</i>	2007	56.00
87	Cour-Cheverny, <i>Domaine de Montcy</i>	2007	42.00
1161	Menetou-Salon, <i>"les Blanchais", domaine Pellé</i>	2008	44.00
100	Muscadet de Sèvre et Main, <i>"Vieille Vignes", Domaine R de la Grange</i>	2008	29.00
370	Sancerre, <i>Domaine de Noizet</i>	2008	54.00
98	Sancerre, <i>"Réserve Spéciale" Vendange Manuelle", Pascal Thomas</i>	2008	50.00

Corsican White

While it may be geographically closer to Italy than France, Corsica is a French Territorial Collectivity. However its wines draw influences from the French and Italians, with a mixture of both nations grapes. On the western side of the island is the sub-region of Sartène. Here Philippe Farinelli is making some superb wines from Vermentino. The Vin de Corse Sartène is an aromatic, zesty white with floral characters and a zippy sharp finish.

702	Domaine Saparale, <i>"Vin de Corse Sartène"</i>	2009	40.00
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Bordeaux White

Made from a varying mixture of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and sometimes a touch of Muscadelle. The Sauvignon gives crispness and acidity, the Semillon fattens the wine out and adds a bit of backbone, while the Muscadelle adds a certain floweriness to the aromas and checks the acidity in place.

180	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>Aile d'Argent, Bordeaux Blanc</i>	1993	120.00
247	Château Smith Haut-Lafitte, <i>Bordeaux Blanc, Pessac-Leognan</i>	1998	96.00
1334	Château Smith Haut-Lafitte, <i>Bordeaux Blanc, Pessac-Leognan</i>	2005	120.00
182	Château La Freynelle, <i>Bordeaux Blanc, Premières Côtes</i>	2007	26.00
274	Château Bauduc, <i>Sauvignon Blanc, Premières Côtes</i>	2008	30.00
1410	Château Lamothe de Haux, <i>Cuvée Valentine, Premières Côtes</i>	2008	36.00

Burgundy White

Here the Chardonnay grape rules the roost, from the crisp dry, generally unoaked style of Chablis, through to the richer mineral style of Chassagne, the flintier more austere style of Puligny and the big structured Grand Crus of Montrachet.

Bourgogne

The fruit typically comes from the low lying more fertile ground at the bottom of the hillsides.

294	Chardonnay, <i>Domaine Tollot-Beaut</i>	1999	35.00
62	Chardonnay, <i>Guy Roulot</i>	2002	25.00

Côtes Chalonnais and Mâconnais

More simple style of wines with some oak but not too dominant.

121	Macon Villages, <i>Les Héritiers de Comte Lafon</i>	2006	50.00
297	Pouilly Fuissé, <i>Château Fuissé</i>	2006	59.00
908	Saint Véran, <i>Domaine de la Croix Senaillet</i>	2008	38.00

Chablis

Crisp apple flavours with a milk-like acidity and usually no oak treatment.

Grand Cru

46	Chablis, " <i>Vaudesir</i> ", <i>Louis Michel</i>	2006	95.00
1338	Chablis, " <i>Vaudesir</i> ", <i>Olivier Leflaive</i>	2007	90.00
45	Chablis, " <i>Valmur</i> ", <i>Moreau-Naudet</i>	2006	80.00

Premier Cru

53	Chablis, " <i>Montée de Tonnoire</i> ", <i>Louis Michel</i>	2005	80.00
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Villages

610	Chablis, " <i>La Seriene</i> ", <i>La Chablisienne</i> , Half Bottle	2006	23.00
56	Chablis, " <i>La Seriene</i> ", <i>La Chablisienne</i>	2006	43.50
623	Chablis, <i>Jean Durup</i>	2007	38.25

Côte de Nuits

Nestled amongst the Pinot vines are the odd parcels of Chardonnay. Very structured wines, rich and minerally with well integrated oak flavours. These are wines that require some patience.

64	Nuits St Georges, <i>1er Cru 'Clos de l'Arlot', Domaine de l'Arlot</i>	1999	80.00
253	Nuits St Georges, ' <i>Cuvée Jeune Vignes du Clos de l'Arlot</i> ', <i>Domaine de l'Arlot</i>	1999	62.00

Côte de Beaune

Starting with the beautifully perfumed and floral Meursault, the Cotes de Beaune swings around through the smaller, lesser known communes of Auxey, Pernand and Savigny to reach the pinnacle of white Burgundy the Grand Cru vineyards of Le Montrachet and its surrounding lieu-dits.

Grand Cru

From the rich buttery style of stand-alone vineyard Corton-Charlemagne to the denser intensely structured flavours of Montrachet and its surrounding Grand Crus.

83	Chevalier-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Leflaive</i>	1986	350.00
57	Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet, <i>Domaine Fontaine-Gagnard</i>	1988	185.00
88	Chevalier-Montrachet, <i>Domaine du Chateaux de Beaune</i>	1988	185.00
69	Bâtard-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet</i>	1996	250.00
347	Corton-Charlemagne, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Tollot-Beaut</i>	1997	138.00
315	Corton-Charlemagne, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Tollot-Beaut</i>	1999	130.00
314	Bâtard-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Blain Gagnard</i>	1999	140.00
157	Bâtard-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	160.00
446	Bienvenue-Bâtard-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	115.00
379	Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Etienne Sauzet</i>	1999	600.00
48	Le Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2000	1400.00
439	Corton Charlemagne, <i>Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray</i>	2002	100.00
791	Chevalier-Montrachet, <i>Grand Cru, Domaine Leflaive</i>	2002	350.00

Pernand-Vergelesses

Finely balanced oak and fruit character drive this unknown little commune. Its relative obscurity means that it offers great value for money.

185	Pernand-Vergelesses, <i>Rollin Père & Fils</i>	1997	41.00
1211	Pernand-Vergelesses, <i>Vallet Frères</i>	2007	55.00

Auxey-Duresses

81	Auxey-Duresses, <i>Vallet Frères</i>	2007	55.00
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Meursault

For me Meursault can be defined as a floral, perfumed style of Burgundy, a touch drier and more austere on the palate, the oak takes a back seat to the cleaner fruit character of the grapes.

86	Meursault, <i>"les Meix Chavaux", Domaine Roulot</i>	1999	65.00
72	Meursault, <i>"Les Clousots" Patrick Javillier</i>	2006	92.00

1210	Meursault, <i>Vallet Frères</i>	2008	80.00
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Puligny-Montrachet

These wines are marked by their complexity, aromas of almond paste, exotic fruits, amber and a touch of floral character. Mellow with subtle acidity they lend themselves well to a range of foods.

177	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Pucelles", Jean-Marc Boillot</i>	1997	140.00
312	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Folatières", Gerard Chavy</i>	1997	125.00
369	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>Jean-Marc Boillot</i>	1998	85.00
378	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>Etienne Sauzet</i>	1999	94.00
268	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Champs-Canet", Etienne Sauzet</i>	1999	135.00
170	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Champs-Canet", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	90.00
361	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Combettes", Etienne Sauzet</i>	1999	140.00
381	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Clavoillon", Domaine Leflaive</i>	2002	180.00
398	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Pucelles", Domaine Leflaive</i>	2002	210.00
1136	Puligny-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Referts", Olivier Leflaive</i>	2007	110.00

Chassagne-Montrachet

Full bodied whites with typical aromas of fresh almonds, ripe apples, honey and white flowers, with a lasting powerful flavour.

254	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "la Boudriotte", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1997	80.00
92	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "la Boudriottes", Blain Gagnard</i>	1999	90.00
94	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Champs-gains", Domaine Marc-Colin Delegier</i>	1999	85.00
286	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Ruchottes", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	88.00
348	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "les Caillerets", Domaine Marc Colin Delegier</i>	1999	77.00
424	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>Domaine Blain-Gagnard</i>	1999	65.00
318	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Blanchot Dessus", Jean-Noël Gagnard</i>	2003	120.00
1138	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>"les Blanchot", Olivier Leflaive</i>	2007	80.00

Italian White

There are few countries with the diversity of grapes or styles than Italy. It has a long and illustrious history of grape and wine production. The Romans are regarded as having spread viticulture throughout Europe as their empire expanded beyond the frontiers of modern Italy. As a country with a well established culinary background, it is hardly surprising that the wines are so complementary with food. From the sharply acidic Fiano from Sicily to the richer more rounded flavours of Arneis from the Piedmont region these are all wines that will accentuate the subtle flavours of your meal.

921	Ca' del Bosco, <i>Franciacorta Chardonnay, Lombardy</i>	1996	91.00
939	Ascheri, <i>Podere di Montelupa Viognier, Piedmont</i>	2005	80.00
1202	Ascheri, <i>Langhe Arneis "Christina", Piedmont</i>	2007	39.00
510	Planeta, <i>Chardonnay, Sicily</i>	2006	65.00
488	Planeta, <i>Cometa Fiano, Sicily</i>	2008	60.00
1054	MandraRossa, <i>Fiano, Sicily</i>	2008	24.00
1164	Marchesi di Gresy, <i>Langhe Sauvignon, Piedmont</i>	2008	46.00
1052	Colterenzio, <i>Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige</i>	2008	40.00
905	Planeta, <i>La Segreta Bianco, Sicily</i>	2009	32.00

Spanish White

A country more famous for its reds manages to produce some of the most interesting and varied whites around. On the coastal regions the whites are aromatic, yet sharp and dry and the perfect foil for seafood. Inland the whites from Rioja have an undeserved reputation for being overoxidised. From the Basque region of Arabako Txakolina comes the wonderfully difficult to pronounce Txakoli (Cha-kow-lee) made from the equally tongue twisting Hondurabi Zuri. Aromas of white peach and a hint of seaspray are the key characters of this wine.

330	Chivite, <i>Coleccion 125 Blanco, Navarra</i>	2004	65.00
451	Ca N'Estella, <i>Clot des Oms Chardonnay, Penedès</i>	2004	20.00
478	Bodegas Añadas, <i>Care Chardonnay, Cariñena</i>	2004	28.00
82	Bodegas Baigorri, <i>Blanco, Fermentado en Barrica, Rioja</i>	2005	45.00
1342	Sierra Cantabria, <i>"Organza" Rioja Blanco, Rioja</i>	2006	40.00
1345	Granja Nuestra Señora de Remelluri, <i>Rioja Blanco, Rioja Álava</i>	2007	115.00
313	Belio Txakolina, <i>Beldui Blanco, Arabako Txakolina</i>	2007	40.00
1056	Bodegas Alto Almanzora, <i>Aqel Blanco, Almería</i>	2007	32.00
388	Bodegas Galegas, <i>Bouza Grande Albariño, Condado do Tea, Rias Baixas</i>	2007	35.00
951	Adegas Valmiñor, <i>Dávila, Albariño, O'Rosal, Rias Baixas</i>	2007	40.00

German White

Germany suffers from an unfair assumption that their wines are all sickly sweet. The drier Trocken style wines are bone dry with lovely citrus fruit notes and a bracing mineral character.

362	August Häuber, <i>Kenzinger Roterberg Scheurebe, Baden</i>	1995	24.00
248	Joh. Jos Prüm, <i>Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer</i>	1995	70.00
97	Von Hövel, <i>Oberemmeler Hütte Riesling Auslese, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer</i>	2006	70.00
449	Max Ferder Richter, <i>Graacher Himmelreich, Riesling Spätlese, Mosel</i>	2006	47.00
799	Basserman-Jordan, <i>Riesling trocken, Pfalz</i>	2007	34.00

English White

The last few years have seen English vineyards scooping some serious accolades and awards. We are reaching an age of enlightenment about the quality of wine we are capable of producing. As the French and indeed some Americans are beginning to invest into land in the grape belt of England, we will see more and more development of top quality wines from internationally recognised varieties. The old hybrid varieties are still capable however of producing some startlingly good fresh wines that will happily complement the best cuisine on offer.

558	Chapel Down, <i>Bacchus, Tenterden, Kent</i>	2009	38.00
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North American White

While it is fair to say that American wines are expensive, they needn't be poor value. With such a strong domestic market there is little need for them to export their wines, consequently they are sold to British merchants at full cellar door value. But we are starting to see new wines emerging from lesser known regions like Oregon and Washington that deserve a look. These regions have climates ideally suited to the grapes grown there and are showing some seriously good results.

526	Shafer, <i>Red Shoulder Ranch Chardonnay, Napa Valley</i>	2001	100.00
535	Oakville Ranch, <i>Vista Vineyard Chardonnay, Napa Valley</i>	2001	45.00
588	Waterstone Vineyards, <i>Chardonnay, Carneros</i>	2002	50.00
586	Bonny Doon Vineyards, <i>le Cigare Blanc, Monterey</i>	2003	55.00
358	Renwood, <i>Viognier, Lodi</i>	2003	32.00
700	Frogs Leap, <i>Leapfrogmilch, Napa Valley</i>	2004	44.00
1341	Château Ste Michelle, <i>Horse Heaven Vnd, Sauvignon Blanc Columbia Valley, Washington</i>	2004	35.00
598	Qupé, <i>Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay/Viognier, Santa Maria Valley</i>	2004	40.00
162	J Vineyards, <i>Pinot Gris, Russian River Valley</i>	2004	40.00
605	Honig, <i>Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, Half Bottle</i>	2005	25.00
525	Ca' del Solo, <i>Malvasia Bianca, Monterey</i>	2005	35.00
546	Château Ste Michelle, <i>"Eroica" Riesling, Columbia Valley, Washington</i>	2008	46.00

South American White

With massive amounts of investment of both money and experience, South America is going to be the region to look out for in years to come. The French, Spanish and Americans especially are seeing huge amounts of potential. Chile is offering some of the most exciting wines in the new world, and Casa Marin is leading the way in their white wines. Maria Luz Marin sourced some far flung vineyards hanging off the side of the mountains at Lo Arbaca and has caught the attention of Jancis Robinson and Robert Parker with her first two vintages.

489	Catena Alta, Chardonnay "Tupungato", Mendoza, Argentina	1995	75.00
981	Catena Alta, Chardonnay "Luca Vineyard", Mendoza, Argentina	1996	75.00
534	Catena Alta, Chardonnay "Luca Vineyard", Mendoza, Argentina	1997	75.00
190	Familia Zuccardi, "Q" Chardonnay, Mendoza, Argentina	2004	45.00
1013	Tabalí, Reserva Especial Chardonnay, Limari Valley, Chile	2008	31.50
907	Amaral, Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, Chile	2008	30.00
116	Casa Marin, Gewürztraminer, Casona Vineyard, San Antonio Valley, Chile	2007	38.00
288	Casa Marin, Sauvignon Gris, Estero Vineyard, San Antonio Valley, Chile	2008	40.00
1061	Odfjell, Armador Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile	2008	35.00
983	Agustinos, Chardonnay, Maipo Valley, Chile	2009	24.00
1168	Emiliana, Adobe Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile	2009	28.00

Australian White

Australia has become a powerhouse of wine production and export, leapfrogging France to grab the lions share of the British market. By making a definable style of wine and flooding the UK market with advertising and of course wines, they have defined brand Australia. Now as the second phase of the twenty year plan kicks into play, they are focussing on smaller production wines, boutique wines and region specific wines. The sheer diversity of their production ensures there is something for everyone.

South Australia

Home to the most iconic names and sub-regions in Australia – the Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills, Coonawarra, South Australia has it all. From sumptuous Riesling from Eden Valley to the big blockbuster Chardonnays from Coonawarra that define Aussie Chardonnays – big and oaky.

455	Penley Estate, <i>Chardonnay, Coonawarra</i>	2002	45.00
394	The Lane, <i>Gathering Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Adelaide Hills</i>	2002	42.00
351	The Saviours, <i>Riesling, Eden Valley</i>	2005	40.00
154	Henschke, <i>Lenswood Coralinga Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills</i>	2004	40.00
310	The Colonial Estate, <i>L'Eclaireur, Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills</i>	2004	42.00
366	Rusden, <i>“Christian” Chenin Blanc, Barossa Valley</i>	2004	52.00

Victoria

The Dalwhinnie vineyards are sited in a natural amphitheatre in the mountains of the Grampians at about 595 metres above sea level. This meso-climate provides the perfect foundation for great wines and Dalwhinnie certainly deliver them.

357	Dalwhinnie, <i>Moonambel Chardonnay, Pyrenees</i>	2002	60.00
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Western Australia

The Margaret River region is one of Australia’s largest in terms of area, stretching 120km north to south and 30km east to west, and produces about 20% of Australia’s premium wines.

339	Suckfizzle, <i>Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Margaret River</i>	2004	65.00
917	Willespie, <i>Semillon, Margaret River</i>	2001	35.00

Tasmania

Tasmania seems to have come from nowhere to emerge as an exciting region to watch.

194	Domaine A, <i>Lady A Fumé Blanc, Campania</i>	2005	80.00
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New South Wales

Home to the Hunter Valley, famed for its Semillon.

900	Keith Tulloch, <i>Semillon, Hunter Valley</i>	2008	30.00
916	Lillypilly, <i>Tramillon, Riverina</i>	2005	32.00

Focus on Sauvignon Blanc

Arguably one of the worlds most popular grape varieties, Sauvignon Blanc can be found in many guises. From the lush tropical fruit driven wines of New Zealand, to the more minerally, austere styles of the Loire Valley, Sauvignon is capable of a diverse range of flavour profiles and characters, much like Inspector Clouseau and his cunning disguises. The few wines selected here are all premium examples of their style, from iconic winemakers in their regions. They typify what classic Sauvignon is about, whether it be the flinty, gunsmoky character of a Pouilly Fumé, or the verdant tropical fruit flavours of Marlborough Savvy.

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| 274 | Château Bauduc, <i>Sauvignon Blanc, Bordeaux, France</i> | 2008 | 30.00 |
| | Gavin and Angela Quinney took over an ailing chateau in the town of Creon and invested their time, love and a considerable sum of money into turning its fortunes around. A massive replanting program, alongside considerable investment into the cellars and winery have reaped the rewards. I've known their wines since the early 2000's where they were established as the house wines at Gordon Ramsay's restaurant empire, and the quality has grown impressively since. Classic Bordeaux blanc, 90% Sauvignon with a dash of Semillon, the wine has a clean citrus flavour with touches of tropical fruits and a gravelly mineral character. | | |
| 1322 | Didier Dagueneau, <i>"Silex", Blanc Fumé de Pouilly, Loire Valley, France</i> | 2006 | 200.00 |
| | With wild red hair and a big shaggy beard, Didier Dagueneau was every bit the wild man of the Loire. Widely outspoken and fiercely critical of his peers and fellow winemakers, he came to truly define a maverick winemaker. Silex is his Tête de Cuvée, a richly mineral style of Pouilly Fumé that is unmistakably Dagueneau. Named after the rich red clay soil in his vineyards, he could be seen ploughing with his horse and tiller, Silex is as complex as the man himself. On the nose it has a clear oak presence, giving the wine a characteristic elderflower and honeysuckle aroma. On the palate, the oak aging adds a touch of spice to the crisp citrus flavours, with an underlying minerality of gravel and flint. | | |
| 496 | St Clair, <i>"Wairau Reserve", Marlborough, New Zealand</i> | 2008 | 55.00 |
| | St Clair has grown immensely in the last sixteen years fast become one of New Zealands iconic wineries. Owned and run by the Ibbotsen family with Matt Thomson at the helm as winemaker. The Wairau Reserve is selected from two parcels of vineyards in the sub-region of Wairau. With its vibrant aromas of pink grapefruit and blackcurrant and boxwood leaf, this is a wonderful exemplar of what New Zealand is capable of, and has consistently won numerous prestigious awards. | | |

New Zealand White

Since exploding onto the UK market in the late eighties, New Zealand has remained iconic for its Sauvignon Blanc. The overwhelming fruit driven character of the Kiwi Savvy has kept it a top seller ever since. New Zealand is more than just Sauvignon though; there are some wonderful Rieslings and aromatic grapes grown there, from places like Martinborough and Otago.

North Island

342	Dry River, <i>Craighall, Riesling, Martinborough</i>	2005	70.00
461	Ata Rangi, <i>Craighall, Chardonnay, Martinborough</i>	2004	60.00
279	Escarpment, <i>Pinot Gris, Martinborough</i>	2008	40.50
972	Paritua, <i>Grace, Hawkes Bay</i>	2008	50.00

South Island

Marlborough

The new spiritual home of Sauvignon. While Cloudy Bay may have set the benchmark for Sauvignon Blanc, there are many worthy equals.

453	Riversleigh Estate, <i>Kotare, Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2008	32.00
655	Cloudy Bay, <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2008	55.00
496	Saint Clair, <i>Wairau Reserve, Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2008	55.00
1165	Fromm, <i>"la Strada" Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2008	40.00
1166	Fromm, <i>Dry Riesling</i>	2008	44.00
977	Moko, <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2009	30.00
910	Ant Moore, <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	2009	34.00

Central Otago

Shielded by a ring of volcanoes, the vineyards of Central Otago are gaining critical acclaim for their aromatic whites. Clean and sharp Rieslings with citrus notes and the typical secondary developed aromas of petrol give them a classical edge.

345	Peregrine, <i>Riesling</i>	2005	35.00
1601	Mount Difficulty, <i>Target Gully Riesling</i>	2007	46.00
569	Amisfield, <i>Pinot Gris</i>	2007	46.00
1603	Mount Difficulty, <i>Pinot Gris</i>	2008	42.00

South African White

While South Africa has always primarily been known for its Chenin, they have been making some great Sauvignon Blancs too. Now the aromatic whites are gaining international acclaim.

Stellenbosch

493	Dewetshof, "Bataleur", Chardonnay	2001	65.00
513	Dewetshof, "Bons Vallons", Chardonnay	2005	28.00
528	Saxenburg, Sauvignon Blanc, Private Collection	2006	37.00
484	Rustenberg, Chardonnay	2007	35.00
1016	Old Vines, Chenin Blanc	2007	28.50

Overberg

1055	Hermanuspietersfontein, "Die Bartho", Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon Upper Hemel & Aarde Valley and Elim	2007	35.00
205	Slowine, Chenin/Sauvignon Blanc	2009	25.00

Western Cape

338	Bouchard Finlayson, Blanc de Mer	2009	21.00
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Swartland

The mountainous Swartland region is becoming renowned for its aromatic whites, particularly Riesling and Viognier

387	Jack & Knox, Frostline, Riesling, Swartberg Mountain	2005	35.00
71	Lammershoek, Roulette Blanc, Swartberg Mountain	2006	42.00

Paarl

991	Vondeling, Babiana, Voor-Paardeberg	2006	30.00
816	Eventide Cellars, Viognier, Wellington	2007	30.00
1018	Eventide Cellars, Sauvignon Blanc, Wellington	2008	32.00
992	Vondeling, Chardonnay, Voor-Paardeberg	2008	28.00
987	Vondeling, Sauvignon Blanc	2009	25.00
969	Môreson, "Miss Molly", Hoity Toity Chenin Blanc, Franchhoek	2009	26.00
1011	Oude Berg, Chenin Blanc	2009	21.00
971	Môreson, Sauvignon Blanc, Franchhoek	2009	30.00
105	Vondeling, Petit Blanc, Voor-Paardeberg	2009	29.50

French Rosé

There's a wide diversity of grapes and styles from France, from the light fragrant roses from Corsica made from a blend of native Sciacarello, Nielluccio and Vermentino, to the dark Clairet of Lamothe, a merlot dominant rosé from a small family producer.

476	Château Lamothe de Haux, <i>Bordeaux Clairet</i>	2007	30.00
701	Domaine de Pieretti, <i>Rosé du Cap Corse, Coteaux du Cap Corse</i>	2008	38.00
918	Domaine Jean Teiller, <i>Menetou-Salon</i>	2008	39.00
216	Château Bauduc, <i>Bordeaux Rosé</i>	2009	25.00

Italian Rosé

This wine has the most amazingly intense wild strawberry aromas and flavours.

792	Feudi di San Gregorio, <i>Ros' Aura Irpinia Rosato, Campania</i>	2009	32.00
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North American Rosé

Modelled on a Southern Rhône rosé the wine has a lovely watermelon, berries and spice flavour.

797	Verdad, <i>Rosé (Grenache/Mourvèdre), Arroyo Grande Valley, California</i>	2006	35.00
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South American Rosé

Soft fruit character and a dry finish are the hallmarks of this Chilean rosé.

587	Agustinos, <i>Syrah Rosé, Maipo Valley, Chile</i>	2009	27.50
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Lebanese Rosé

Kefreya have been making wines in the Bekaa Valley since 1979, often in the midst of the civil war that tore apart the country for much of the eighties and nineties.

1206	Château Kefreya, <i>Rosé de Chateau, Bekaa Valley</i>	2008	30.00
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Australian Rosé

The Melton rosé is named in honour of his wife and over the vintages has gotten darker and darker, now its more like a Clairet, the wine being drawn off after two days of skin maceration.

416	Rockfield Estate, <i>Rosa, Margaret River, Western Australia</i>	2005	35.00
432	Charles Melton, <i>Rose of Virginia, Barossa Valley, South Australia</i>	2008	50.00

New Zealand Rosé

I was so impressed with this lush fruity rosé that I had to list it. Hawkes Bay merlot was cool fermented to give fresh vibrant flavour to the wine. Its name is derived from the French for pretty.

975	Stone Paddock, <i>Jolie, Hawkes Bay</i>	2008	32.00
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South African Rosé

Buitenverwachting means "beyond expectations" and I reckon this wine lives up to its name.

301	Buitenverwachting, <i>Blancs de Noir, Constantia</i>	2009	28.00
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Loire Valley Red

Better known for its whites, the Loire Valley is home to some wonderfully fragrant Chinons made from Cabernet Franc. Possessing the same cassis/curranty flavours as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cab Franc has less tannin and so it a slightly easier drinking wine.

794	Chinon, <i>Domaine du Puy Rigault</i>	2006	42.00
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Languedoc and Provence Red

Offering a diverse range of grapes and styles, Languedoc and Provence are finding new legions of fans amongst wine drinkers tiring of identikit wines. With a culture steeped in food and wine, the two complement each other perfectly, the often rustic style of the wines lending a rougher edge to the refinement of the dish.

334	Domaine les Aurelles, " <i>Aurel</i> ", <i>Coteaux du Languedoc</i>	1997	48.00
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782	Domaine la Tour Vieille, <i>Collioure "La Pinède"</i>	2007	39.00
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781	Mas Bruguiere, " <i>L'Arbouse</i> ", <i>Pic Saint-Loup, Coteaux du Languedoc</i>	2007	36.00
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Rhône Valley Red

The softer Grenache dominant Southern Rhône wines are the perfect stepping stones to the denser Syrah dominated wines of the north.

747	St Joseph, " <i>les Pierres</i> ", <i>Pierre Gaillard</i>	2001	52.00
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169	Côte-Rôtie, <i>Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond</i>	2002	75.00
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842	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>Chante Cigale, Magnum</i>	2005	115.00
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735	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>le Vieux Donjon</i>	2006	95.00
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175	Châteauneuf du Pape, <i>Domaine de Beaucastel</i>	2006	120.00
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Bordeaux Red

We have a long history with Bordeaux, since the Plantagenet kings of England ruled over Bordeaux from 1154 until 1453. During this time a flourishing trade in Claret developed between Bordeaux and England. While the style of the wine has changed over the years from a pale almost rosé style, known as Claret, to a much richer, deeper red, the popularity of Claret as it came to be called, has never really waned. While other markets emerge, the UK remains the largest market for Claret.

278	Château Cissac, <i>Cru Bourgeois, Haut-Médoc</i>	1995	62.00
374	Château Poujeaux, <i>Moulis-en-Médoc</i>	1996	80.00
232	Château Couprat, <i>Fronsac</i>	1996	100.00
1305	Château La Lagune, <i>3ème Cru Classé</i>	2003	75.00
263	Château Bauduc, <i>Clos de Quinze, Première Côtes de Bordeaux</i>	2006	31.50

Pessac-Léognan

Granted Appellation status in 1987, the commune contains some of the greatest estates of Bordeaux. Considered to be more robust in nature these are densely structured wines with a rich earthy character.

285	Domaine de Chevalier, <i>Cru Classé, Pessac-Léognan</i>	1982	95.00
282	Château Haut-Brion, <i>1er Cru Classé, Pessac-Léognan</i>	1996	250.00
207	Château la Mission Haut-Brion, <i>Cru Classé, Pessac-Léognan</i>	1996	155.00

Margaux

The largest of the Médoc appellations, it is also the most famous, containing more classified chateaux than any other. The wines are considered to be refined and elegant, with great presence and character.

261	Château Pouget, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	1970	100.00
262	Château Prieuré-Lichine, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	70.00
1541	Château Lascombes, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	80.00
239	Château d'Angludet, <i>Cru Bourgeois</i>	1999	65.00
1303	Château Kirwan, <i>3ème cru Classé</i>	2003	75.00
1539	Château Margaux, <i>1er Cru Classé</i>	2004	300.00
241	Château Lascombes, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	2005	160.00

St Estèphe

One of the smallest of the Médoc appellations, it is producing consistently good wines that are more accessible and approachable than ever.

225	Château Lafon Rochet, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	75.00
240	Château Cos Labory, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1988	68.00
203	Château Montrose, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	143.00
1558	Les Pagodes de Cos, <i>2nd wine of Cos d'Estournel</i>	1996	95.00
201	Château Cos d'Estournel, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	160.00

Pauillac

The powerhouse of the Médoc, the blackcurrant dominance of Cabernet Sauvignon very much evident in its wines. With three of the five first growths of the Médoc and two thirds of the fifth growths it is a commune of extremes. These are wines that demand and reward patience, rich elegant flavours with strong defining tannic structure.

222	Château Batailley, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1982	115.00
237	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>1èr Cru Classé</i>	1983	560.00
206	Château Pichon-Lalande, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1985	350.00
213	Château Pedesclaux, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1985	78.00
280	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>1èr Cru Classé</i>	1989	560.00
292	Château Croizet-Bages, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1990	55.00
843	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>1èr Cru Classé, Double Magnum</i>	1992	2400.00
271	Château Grand-Puy-Ducasse, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	45.00
211	Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	105.00
231	Château Pontet-Canet, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	85.00
214	Château Clerc-Milon, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	1998	95.00
228	Château d'Armailhac, <i>5ème Cru Classé</i>	2002	90.00
1532	Château Pichon-Lalande, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	2004	140.00
230	Château Pichon-Lalande, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	2005	230.00
197	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>1èr Cru Classé</i>	2005	860.00

St Julien

The smallest appellation in the Médoc, with the largest reputation. Here the “super seconds”, its legion of second growth estates, rule the roost producing consistently good wines with vivid colours, intensely flavoured fruit and the perfect balance of tannins and flavour.

1314	Château Gruaud-Larose, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1983	185.00
1326	Château Gruaud-Larose, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1992	145.00
1560	Château Gloria	1994	65.00
224	Château Léoville Poyferré, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	105.00
235	Château Branaire Ducru, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	80.00
221	Château Langoa Barton, <i>3ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	80.00
243	Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	170.00
305	Château Gruaud-Larose, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	1996	135.00
1007	les Fiefs de Lagrange, <i>2nd wine of Château Lagrange</i>	1998	65.00
1300	Château Beychevelle, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	2003	75.00
1309	Château Talbot, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	2003	70.00
1534	Château Léoville Barton, <i>2ème Cru Classé</i>	2004	85.00
1533	Château Talbot, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	2004	65.00
1556	Château Talbot, <i>4ème Cru Classé</i>	2005	100.00

St Émilion

Across the Dordogne River lies the commune of St Émilion home to over a thousand chateaux. Here the softer more elegant wines are predominated by the Merlot grape, with Cabernet Franc coming a close second.

270	Château Cheval Blanc, <i>1er Grand Cru Classé A</i>	1949	1200.00
1313	Château Figeac, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	1985	210.00
327	Château Troplong Mondot, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	1996	125.00
1009	Château Ferrand Lartigue, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	1998	75.00
1006	Château Le Prieure, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	1999	65.00
1005	B de Belair	2001	50.00
242	Château Magdelaine, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	2001	130.00
269	Château Barrail Du Blanc, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	2001	60.00
1554	Château Magdelaine, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	2002	80.00
1540	Château Magdelaine, <i>Grand Cru Classé</i>	2004	72.00
982	Réserve Mouton Cadet	2006	40.00

Pomerol

Home to some of the most iconic and therefore expensive wines in Bordeaux. The clay heavy soil is perfectly suited to Merlot and many of its most famous wines are up to 100% Merlot.

277	Le Pin	1986	2200.00
1125	Château Clinet	1995	190.00
1126	Château Clinet	1996	125.00
1127	Château Clinet	1998	140.00
344	Vieux Château Certan	1996	160.00
1520	Château Clos l'Eglise	1996	70.00
273	Château de Sales	1998	80.00
255	Château La Grave à Pomerol	1999	100.00
234	Château Lafleur-Pétrus	2001	160.00
272	Château Trotanoy	2001	200.00
299	Château Hosanna	2001	90.00
208	Château La Grave à Pomerol	2001	80.00
383	Pétrus	2002	920.00
1302	Château L'Hospitalet de Gazin	2003	55.00
1301	Château Hosanna	2003	190.00
1310	Château Trotanoy	2003	150.00
1307	Pétrus	2003	1200.00
1304	Château Lafleur-Pétrus	2003	180.00
1536	Château Trotanoy	2004	150.00
1535	La Conseillante	2004	115.00
1537	Château L'Hospitalet de Gazin	2004	50.00
1538	Château La Grave à Pomerol	2004	65.00
1542	Château Lafleur-Pétrus	2004	100.00

Large Format Bordeaux Red

Large format bottles hold a special appeal, not only for the theatrical aspect of serving them, but due to the volume to surface air ratio, they tend to mature at a slower rate.

Double Magnums (4 bottles)

850	Château Magnol, <i>Haut-Médoc</i>	1989	345.00
843	Château Mouton Rothschild, <i>1èr Cru Classé, Pauillac</i>	1992	2400.00

Jeroboams (6 bottles)

844	Château Lascombes, <i>2ème Cru, Margaux</i>	1982	1000.00
999	Château Léoville-Barton, <i>2ème Cru, St Julien</i>	1988	1000.00

Imperials (8 bottles)

860	Château Lascombes, <i>2ème Cru, Margaux</i>	1983	1200.00
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Half Bottles

658	Château Marquis d'Alesme Becker, <i>3eme Cru, Margaux</i>	1988	22.50
653	Château Branaire Ducru, <i>St Julien</i>	1995	60.00
654	Château La Lagune, <i>Haut Médoc</i>	1995	65.00
661	Château Potensac, <i>Cru Bourgeois, Médoc</i>	1995	44.00
664	Château d'Armailhac, <i>Pauillac</i>	1995	55.00
665	Château Duhart Milon Rothschild, <i>Pauillac</i>	1995	60.00
667	Château Smith Haut Lafite, <i>Graves</i>	1995	65.00
663	Château Troplong-Mondot, <i>St Emilion</i>	1996	90.00

Burgundy Red

Here the Pinot Noir rules, from the softer communes of Chassagne-Montrachet to the earthier villages of Gevrey-Chambertin and Nuits-St-Georges. There are few places where the same grape can undergo so many transformations and produce so many diverse wines.

Beaujolais

The Gamay grape produces soft, fruity reds with an ethereal sweet fruit character on the nose that entices you and draws you in. Often called a Sommelier's "Get-out-of-jail-free-card" these are wines that will work with any dish from any cuisine.

466	Morgon, <i>"la Voûte Saint Vincent"</i> , Louis Claude Desvignes	2006	36.00
135	Fleurie, <i>Château du Raousset-Boulbon</i>	2007	45.00
548	Fleurie, <i>Domaine de Vissoux, "Poncié"</i>	2008	47.00

Côtes de Nuits

The Cotes de Nuits produces reds that are much more defined and earthy in character. It is home to some of the most exquisite grand cru vineyards producing sublime wines that are capable of considerable maturation. Soft red fruit characters mixed with violets, chocolate and rich black soil, balanced with the softest most elegant tannins.

Grand Cru

2000	La Romanée-Conti, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Double Magnum no 007</i>	1976	12000.00
127	Bonnes Mares, <i>Domaine Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1983	95.00
122	Chapelle-Chambertin, <i>Domaine Drouhin Laroze</i>	1983	120.00
1109	Chambertin, <i>'Clos de Bèze', Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1987	140.00
1347	Chapelle-Chambertin, <i>Domaine Drouhin Laroze</i>	1991	100.00
68	La Romanée-Conti, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1992	2520.00
1348	Latricières Chambertin, <i>Domaine Drouhin Laroze</i>	1992	105.00
1349	Chapelle-Chambertin, <i>Domaine Drouhin Laroze</i>	1993	115.00
106	Latricières Chambertin, <i>Domaine Drouhin Laroze</i>	1993	120.00
183	Charmes-Chambertin, <i>Domaine Armand Rousseau</i>	1996	180.00
1131	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1996	390.00
1147	La Grand Rue, <i>Domaine Lamarche</i>	1996	190.00

353	Grands-Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1997	270.00
1132	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1997	370.00
1139	La Tâche, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1997	500.00
1150	Bonnes Mares, <i>Domaine Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1997	140.00
1350	Clos de Vougeot, <i>Domaine Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1997	135.00
356	La Grand Rue, <i>Domaine Lamarche</i>	1997	170.00
1351	Musigny, <i>Domaine Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1997	240.00
1135	Clos Vougeot, <i>Jean-Jacques Confuron</i>	1997	150.00
1108	Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	1999	310.00
1101	Echézeaux, <i>David Duband</i>	1999	100.00
142	Chambertin, ' <i>Clos de Bèze</i> ', <i>Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1999	140.00
355	Grands-Echézeaux, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1999	360.00
1317	Clos de Vougeot, <i>Domaine Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1999	120.00
1524	Richebourg, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2000	480.00
1523	La Tâche, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2000	550.00
1128	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2000	490.00
1134	Richebourg, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2001	1080.00
1402	Grands-Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2001	760.00
119	Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2002	340.00
1546	La Tâche, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2004	750.00
1543	Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2004	320.00
1545	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2004	652.00
1544	Grands-Echézeaux, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti</i>	2004	460.00

Fixin

Dominique Laurent is a pastry chef who buys ready made wines and matures them himself.

117	Fixin, ' <i>Clos de la Perrière</i> ', <i>Dominique Laurent</i>	1995	80.00
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Vougeot

Tiny village appellation overshadowed by the grand cru Clos de Vougeot.

1113	Vougeot, 1er Cru, 'Clos de la Perrière', Monopole, Domaine Bertagna	1976	110.00
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Vosne Romanée

At the heart of the Cotes de Nuits lies the village of Flagey-Echezeaux and the vineyards of Vosne-Romanée. Aromas of Violets and Blackberries with soft red fruit character and a soft silky texture.

151	Vosne Romanée, 1er Cru, "aux Brulées", Jean Grivot	1996	80.00
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1105	Vosne Romanée, Jean Grivot	1996	50.00
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198	Vosne Romanée, René Engel	1996	90.00
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1148	Vosne Romanée, Jean Grivot	1997	65.00
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195	Vosne Romanée, David Duband	1999	70.00
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Chambolle-Musigny

Sited on the Route des Grand Crus the village of Chambolle-Musigny has an excellent position in a small geological fold offer the vineyards vital protection from the elements while still exposing them to the sun. The wines are seductive in their aromas, with a slightly feral character behind the red fruit.

113	Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru, 'les Charmes', Champy Père & Cie	1983	110.00
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111	Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru 'les Sentiers', Domaine Laurent	1994	145.00
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962	Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru 'les Cras', Domaine Georges Roumier	1996	95.00
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63	Chambolle-Musigny, 1er Cru 'les Chatelots', Ghislaine Barthod	1996	125.00
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1320	Chambolle-Musigny, Jean-Jacques Confuron	1999	65.00
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1321	Chambolle-Musigny, Domaine Roumier	1999	70.00
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Morey-St-Denis

Sandwiched between the villages of Gevrey-Chambertin and Chambolle-Musigny, the wines of Morey-St-Denis tend to be forgotten. They are expressive with a rich earthy tone and a musky fruitiness that works well with gamey meats.

1146	Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru 'Clos de la Bussière', Domaine G. Roumier	1992	84.00
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1119	Morey-St-Denis, 1er Cru 'Clos de la Bussière', Domaine G. Roumier	1999	95.00
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Côtes de Nuits Villages

1115	Côtes de Nuits, <i>'les Vignottes', Jean-Jacques Confuron</i>	1999	60.00
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Gevrey-Chambertin

At its best the wines of Gevrey deliver a concentrated burst of rich fruit flavour with a very masculine style, almost brutish. The largest commune in the Côte de Nuits, nearly 400 hectares under vines, 85 of which are premier cru vineyards. The village is the middle point of the Route des Grand Crus, which winds along through the villages of the Côte de Nuits until it reaches Chambolle Musigny, before veering off to Vosne Romanée.

130	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>'Clos Prieur', Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1990	120.00
1514	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1995	72.00
1513	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>1er Cru, 'les Evocelles', Lucien Boillot</i>	1996	74.00
1510	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>1er Cru, 'les Corbeaux', Lucien Boillot</i>	1996	79.00
1515	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1997	72.00
1516	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>1er Cru, 'Clos Prieur', Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1997	76.00
1527	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>1er Cru, 'les Corbeaux', Lucien Boillot</i>	1999	85.00
1526	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1999	65.00
1529	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>Lucien Boillot</i>	1999	60.00
1530	Gevrey-Chambertin, <i>1er Cru, 'Lavaux-Saint-Jacques', Drouhin-Laroze</i>	1999	69.00

Nuits-St-Georges

Often more rustic in style, they can be characterised by aromas of rich black soil, violets and soft red fruit with a spicy vanilla finish.

632	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Pruliers', Jean Grivot, Half Bottle</i>	1992	46.00
634	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'Clos des Forets', Dom de l'Arlot, Half Bottle</i>	1994	40.00
1151	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Damodes', Jean Chauvenet</i>	1996	85.00
188	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>Emmanuel Rouget</i>	1996	80.00
283	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'aux Murgers', Méo-Camuzet</i>	1996	120.00
1509	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Pruliers', Lucien Boillot</i>	1996	85.00
91	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Pruliers', David Duband</i>	1996	70.00
1512	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'Clos des Forets', Dom de l'Arlot</i>	1997	100.00
1352	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>Dom de l'Arlot</i>	1997	55.00
1353	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'aux Thorey', David Duband</i>	1998	65.00
1116	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Pruliers', Lucien Boillot</i>	1999	80.00
1407	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Fleurières', Jean-Jacques Confuron</i>	1999	70.00
1337	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'les Chaboeufs', Jean-Jacques Confuron</i>	1999	85.00
1104	Nuits-St-Georges, <i>Champy Père & Cie</i>	1999	55.00

Côtes de Beaune

More famous for its whites, the Cotes de Beaune produces soft elegant reds, supple fruit flavours and silky soft tannins are the defining style.

Grand Cru

1110	Corton, <i>"Clos des Cortons", Domaine Faiveley</i>	1976	120.00
134	Corton-Marechaudes, <i>Domaine Chandon de Briailles</i>	1983	100.00
128	Corton-Bressandes, <i>Tollot-Beaut & Fils</i>	1995	105.00
1346	Corton-Bressandes, <i>Tollot-Beaut & Fils</i>	1996	90.00
1121	Corton, <i>Tollot-Beaut & Fils</i>	1999	100.00
1129	Corton-Bressandes, <i>Tollot-Beaut & Fils</i>	1999	110.00
1137	Corton, <i>Bonneau du Martray</i>	2001	150.00

Beaune

The wines of Beaune show a richness of red fruit, with a touch of smokiness and an elegantly smooth finish.

1106	Beaune, <i>1er Cru, 'Les Grèves', Champy Père & Cie</i>	1972	90.00
1107	Beaune, <i>1er Cru, 'Les Grèves', Champy Père & Cie</i>	1974	92.00
1531	Beaune, <i>1er Cru, 'Les Avaux', Champy Père & Cie</i>	1999	58.00

Volnay

A more feminine style of red Burgundy, silky smooth and elegant with refined edges.

1521	Volnay, <i>Jean-Marc Boillot</i>	1995	67.00
167	Volnay, <i>1er Cru "les Roncerets", Jean-Marc Boillot</i>	1996	80.00
114	Volnay, <i>1er Cru "Taillepieds", Domaine Carré-Courbin</i>	1996	75.00
184	Volnay, <i>1er Cru "les Angles", Lucien Boillot</i>	1997	60.00
84	Volnay, <i>Lucien Boillot</i>	1999	45.00
1552	Volnay, <i>1er Cru "les Caillerets", Lucien Boillot</i>	1999	68.00
1553	Volnay-Champans, <i>1er Cru, Blain-Gagnard</i>	1999	65.00

Savigny

149	Savigny Champ Chevrey, <i>1er Cru Monopole, Champy Père & Cie</i>	1995	65.00
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1114	Savigny Champ Chevrey, <i>1er Cru Monopole, Tollot-Beaut & fils</i>	1996	45.00
1318	Savigny Champ Chevrey, <i>1er Cru Monopole, Tollot-Beaut & fils</i>	1999	50.00

Chorey

1550	Chorey-Lès-Beaune, <i>Tollot-Beaut & Fils</i>	1999	50.00
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Monthelie

141	Monthelie, <i>Domaine Roulot</i>	1997	40.00
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Pommard

Very fragrant wines with rich aromatic character and robust flavours.

139	Pommard, <i>Comte Armand</i>	1994	55.00
1511	Pommard, <i>1er Cru "Jarollières", Jean-Marc Boillot</i>	1996	79.00
1551	Pommard, <i>Blain-Gagnard</i>	1999	50.00
1517	Pommard, <i>1er Cru "Les Fremiers", Marc Colin & fils</i>	1999	75.00

Auxey Duresses

164	Auxey Duresses, <i>"Ecuseaux", Domaine Jessiaume</i>	1998	45.00
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Ladoix

137	Ladoix, <i>Domaine Francois Capitain</i>	1995	25.00
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Chassagne-Montrachet

Soft red fruits and little tannin make these the easiest drinking of the Côtes de Beaunes.

1548	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Clos St Jean", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1996	50.00
1547	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Clos St Jean", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	60.00
1103	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Boudriotte", Noël Ramonet</i>	1999	52.00
1319	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>Blain-Gagnard</i>	1999	40.00
1344	Chassagne-Montrachet, <i>1er Cru "Boudriottes", Domaine Ramonet</i>	1999	65.00

Côte Chalonnaise

Spread over about 25km, this small region takes its name from the nearby industrial town of Châlon-sur Saône. Generally know more for a lighter style of wines, the red wines of Mercurey and Givry have been compared favourably to those of the Côte de Beaune.

Mercrey

1555 Mercrey, *1er Cru "les Combins", Emile Juillot* 1999 25.00

Société Civile du Domaine de la Romanée Conti

The largest single owner of Grand Cru vineyards in Burgundy, Domaine de la Romanée Conti commands high prices for its wines. Owned by a triumvirate of Aubert de Villaine, Lalou Bize-Leroy and the Roch Family, it is the scholarly Aubert de Villaine who is responsible for the daily management of the domaine. His devotion to the quality of the wine means that the estate is run on a *biologique* system, which ensures that no artificial fertilisers, chemicals or treatments are used. Only the bare minimum of composting ensures that the vines are forced to struggle to produce fruit, which leads to incredibly low yields of really high quality fruit.

The wines are the epitome of quality and longevity. Le Montrachet is the very best white burgundy available, these are wines meant for long ageing. The Echézeaux and Grands-Echézeaux are often the more brutish wines, the whole stem fermentation becoming evident in the tannins. The Romanée-St-Vivant is a more graceful, more feminine wine, with a lingering smoothness and a softer finish. Richebourg is a much bigger, riper more mature wine, with the strength of flavour and build to survive for decades. The La Tâche is the domaine's finest expression of *Terroir*, producing a wine of concentration, depth and higher fruit density. Finally there is La Romanée-Conti, intensely rich, with balanced fruit harmony, concentration and great finesse. The very pinnacle of Pinot Noir.

Le Montrachet

A grand chardonnay from the impossibly small vineyard holding in Le Montrachet. With an average vine age of 65 years, the wines are elegant, yet bold, loaded with butteryness and a rich fruit character that builds to a crescendo of flavours on the palate seemingly lasting forever.

48 Le Montrachet, *Grand Cru* 2000 1400.00

Echézeaux

Amongst the last of the vineyard holdings to be harvested, this is a bold statement of rich spicy fruit, with a musky, almost smoky undertone. Quietly restrained, with a balance that harmonises with the structure of the wine.

1108 Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 1999 310.00

119 Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 2002 340.00

1543 Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 2004 320.00

Grands-Echézeaux

Like the Echézeaux, this is always harvested towards the end of the picking. More gamey than the Echézeaux, with leather and a touch of aged meat about it, this is a bolder wine with more powerful flavours and tannins.

353 Grands-Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 1997 270.00

355 Grands-Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 1999 360.00

1402 Grands-Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 2001 760.00

1544 Grands-Echézeaux, *Grand Cru* 2004 460.00

Richebourg

As the name might suggest, this wine is richer with a more perfumed, floral violets and rose petal aroma. Quite refined in structure with muscular tannins and a longer, more port-like finish

1524	Richebourg, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2000	480.00
1134	Richebourg, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2001	1080.00

Romanée-St-Vivant

More feminine in character, with silky smooth tannins, summer fruits and winter spices.

1131	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1996	390.00
1132	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1997	370.00
1135	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1999	465.00
1128	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2000	490.00
1545	Romanée-St-Vivant, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2004	652.00

La Tâche

A noble wine, rich and elegant with black tea, compact fruit aromas and exotic violet aromas.

1139	La Tâche, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1997	500.00
1523	La Tâche, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2000	550.00
1546	La Tâche, <i>Grand Cru</i>	2004	750.00

La Romanée-Conti

The pinnacle of the domaines efforts, La Romanée-Conti is a haunting composition of spicy red fruits, with Asiatic spices and gracefully smooth tannins. It's tiny, tiny production and the painstaking efforts that go towards making it, account for its considerable cost.

2000	La Romanée-Conti, <i>Grand Cru, Double Magnum no 007</i>	1976	12000.00
68	La Romanée-Conti, <i>Grand Cru</i>	1992	2520.00

Red Burgundy Large Formats

2000	La Romanée-Conti, <i>Domaine de la Romanée Conti, Double Magnum no 007</i>	1976	12000.00
857	Clos de la Roche, <i>Vallet frères, Magnum</i>	1978	500.00
9199	Chapelle Chambertin, <i>Grand Cru, Drouhin-Laroze, Magnum</i>	1982	185.00
9201	Latricières Chambertin, <i>Grand Cru, Drouhin-Laroze, Magnum</i>	1982	180.00
9197	Clos Vougeot, <i>Grand Cru, Drouhin-Laroze, Magnum</i>	1995	225.00
9200	Chapelle Chambertin, <i>Grand Cru, Drouhin-Laroze, Magnum</i>	1995	190.00

Italian Red

No country in the world has more indigenous grape varieties than Italy. It is estimated that there are over 1000 native varieties there alone. But there is a trifecta of three varieties that are iconically Italian – Sangiovese, Nebbiolo and Barbera.

Tuscany

Certainly one of the most beautiful regions of Italy, Sangiovese rules the roost here, with Merlot and Cabernet playing an increasing role as many producers shrug off the rules and declassify their wines. These so-called Super Tuscans have created such a significant role that a new classification – IGT was created to recognise the quality of the wines, while denying them a regional appellation.

936	Tenuta Belvedere, <i>Guado al Tasso</i>	1995	74.00
946	Tenuta di Trinoro, <i>Tenuta di Trinoro</i>	1997	105.00
937	Antinori, <i>Chianti Classico Riserva "Badia a Passignano"</i>	2001	75.00
840	Antinori, <i>Brunello di Montalcino "Pian delle Vigne", Double Magnum</i>	2003	600.00
413	Agricola Querciabella, <i>Camartina</i>	2004	55.00
538	Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, <i>Le Volte</i>	2007	47.00

Piedmont

In the cooler hillsides in the north of Italy, Piedmont is home to some of the most noble of reds. From the lighter more frivolous Dolcetto, to the more refined style of Barbera leading up to the more regal Barolo's and Barbaresco's made from the Nebbiolo grape.

913	Luciano Sandrone, <i>Barolo, "le Vigne"</i>	1996	140.00
854	Roberto Voerzio, <i>Barbera d'Alba, Vigneto pozzo dell'annunziato, Magnum</i>	1997	700.00
924	Gaja, <i>Barbaresco</i>	1998	262.00
715	Ascheri, <i>Barolo "Vigne dei Pola"</i>	2005	90.00
1162	Poderi Colla, <i>Bricco del Drago, Langhe</i>	2006	52.00
796	Ascheri, <i>Dolcetto d'Alba "Nivare"</i>	2009	38.00

Trentino

With borders into Austria and Switzerland, Trentino's style is a curious blend of Italian and Germanic influences. The reds are dominated by the native varieties – Teroldego and Lagrein.

934	Maso Cantanghel, " <i>Rosso Pila</i> ", <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1996	40.00
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Veneto

While the wines of Valpolicella are classic in style, it is the richer meatier Amarone wines that have gained the region its fame. Fermented out until dry, they are often at the higher end of the alcoholic scale – typically upwards of 15%abv, but usually well balanced and in harmony with the flavours.

998	Villabella, " <i>Fracastoro</i> ", <i>Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOC</i>	2001	100.00
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Islands

The two largest islands in the Mediterranean produce quite differing styles. Sardinia tends to the more rustic style – Turriga being a blend of Cannonau and four native varieties, while in Sicily Nero d'Avola shines as the native variety.

956	Franco & Peppetto Argiolas, <i>Turriga, Sardinia</i>	1995	84.00
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391	Planeta, <i>Cerasuolo di Vittoria, Sicily</i>	2008	35.00
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Spanish Red

For a country rooted in tradition, there are some really interesting wines coming out of Spain just now. Spain is more than just Rioja, look at Bierzo, Priorat, Ribera and Zamora for some really interesting small production wines.

Rioja

The one place everyone thinks of when they think of Spanish wines. Rioja is undergoing a minor identity crisis at the moment as it struggles to compete in a global marketplace flooding with single varietal wines. On the one hand you have very conservative traditional firms like Riojanas and Herencia Lopez who make very old school style Rioja, big oxidised wines that take years, decades to become accessible. At the other end of the scale are bodegas like Altanza and Baigorri, who make very modern style wines, fresh vibrant fruit, enjoyable now and in many cases best drunk young. Personally I think there is a place for both, and I've selected some which I feel show all the characteristics of both schools to their advantages.

385	Bodegas Riojanas, <i>"Monte Real", Gran Reserva</i>	1978	75.00
562	LeAltanza, <i>Gran Reserva</i>	2000	62.00
524	LeAltanza, <i>Reserva, Artistas Españoles Miró</i>	2001	100.00
412	Luis Cañas, <i>Reserva</i>	2002	69.00
568	Bodegas Baigorri, <i>Reserva</i>	2003	50.00
743	LeAltanza, <i>Crianza</i>	2005	40.00
594	Bodegas Riojanas, <i>"Monte Real", Crianza</i>	2006	32.00
567	Bodegas Baigorri, <i>Maceration Carbonica</i>	2008	36.00
793	Palacios Remondo, <i>La Vendimia</i>	2008	30.00

Ribera del Duero

419	Bodegas Alejandro Fernandez, <i>Alenza, Gran Reserva</i>	2001	95.00
415	Bodegas Alejandro Fernandez, <i>Pesquera, Reserva</i>	2005	80.00
953	Ébano, <i>Ébano 6</i>	2007	35.00

Montsant

433	Celler de Capçanes, <i>Cabrida</i>	1998	70.00
802	Buil & Giné, <i>17.XI</i>	2007	50.00

La Mancha

430	Bodegas Alejandro Fernandez, <i>El Vinculo</i>	2002	45.00
729	Finca Antigua, <i>Garnacha</i>	2006	25.00

Priorat

In the foothills to the south of Barcelona, in the slate-y, licorella soils of Priorat, Alvaro Palacios is making some of the most vibrant and exciting wines in Spain. A judicious blend of native varieties and modern interlopers these are stunning wines.

475	Alvaro Palacios, <i>“Les Terraces”, Gratallops</i>	2006	65.00
481	Alvaro Palacios, <i>“Finca Dofi”, Gratallops</i>	2005	125.00
820	Buil & Giné, <i>“Giné Giné”, Gratallops</i>	2007	55.00

Jumilla

Straddling the regions of Castilla La Mancha and Murcia, Jumilla sits on the South –Eastern coast, inland from the town of Alicante. The dominant grape here is Monastrell, which is increasingly proving to be a powerful red wine capable of producing world class wines.

402	Bodegas Juan Gill, <i>Monastrell de Cepas Viejas</i>	2005	24.00
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Bierzo

Nestling on the eastern edge of the Cordillera mountains, Bierzo is one of the hot new regions in Spanish viticulture. Alvaro Palacios and his nephew have a few hundred tiny plots in the sharply sloping hills. Using the native Mencia grape, which produces a richly concentrated wine with wild red fruit and a licorice root flavour running through the wine.

409	Descendientes de J Palacios, <i>Petalos</i>	2008	45.00
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Campo de Borja

A small region, sitting just south of Rioja and Navarra, Campo de Borja is establishing a high standard of production. Championing the Garnacha grape in a campaign to promote the regions 5,000 hectares of the grape, including some 2,000 hectares over 30 years old.

494	Bodegas Borsao, <i>Tres Picos, Garnacha</i>	2007	40.00
1010	Bodegas Borsao, <i>Joven, Garnacha</i>	2009	20.00

North American Red

California – Napa Valley

540	Opus One, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1979	240.00
561	Heitz Cellars, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1981	110.00
576	Dominus Estate, <i>Estate Cabernet</i>	1986	145.00
560	Far Niente, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1989	105.00
563	Merryville, 'Profile'	1990	90.00
552	Opus One, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1991	210.00
704	Opus One, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , Half Bottle	1991	150.00
581	Dominus Estate, <i>Estate Cabernet</i>	1992	135.00
582	Dominus Estate, <i>Estate Cabernet</i>	1994	220.00
577	La Jota Vineyard Co., <i>Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	1995	150.00
1561	Dominus Estate, "Napanook"	1997	90.00
580	Robert Mondavi, <i>Barrel Aged Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon</i> ,	1998	170.00
960	Viader, <i>Estate Red</i>	1998	85.00
575	Acacia, <i>Pinot Noir</i> , <i>Carneros</i>	1999	65.00
444	Havens, <i>Syrah "Hudson Vineyard"</i> , <i>Carneros</i>	1999	90.00
559	Miner Family Wines, <i>Zinfandel</i>	2002	60.00

California – Sonoma

537	Durney Vineyards, <i>Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon</i> , <i>Sonoma Valley</i>	1992	80.00
1144	Wild Hog, <i>Saini Farms Carignane</i> , <i>Dry Creek Valley</i>	2002	75.00

California – Central Valley

578	Wild Horse, <i>Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Coast</i>	1996	60.00
539	Renaissance, <i>Unfiltered Merlot, North Yuba</i>	1996	62.00
406	Qupé, <i>Bien Nacido Reserve Syrah, Santa Barbara County</i>	1999	58.00
507	Bonny Doon Vineyards, <i>le Cigare Volant, Santa Cruz</i>	2001	70.00
509	Bonny Doon Vineyards, <i>Old Telegram, Santa Cruz</i>	2001	75.00
442	Renwood, <i>Syrah, Sierra Foothills</i>	2002	28.00
522	Ridge Vineyards, <i>Lytton Springs Zinfandel, Santa Cruz</i>	2002	70.00

Pacific Northwest Red

For the most part established by British settlers from the Hudson Bay company back in 1825, most of the early vines planted were table grapes or native American varieties. Now producing some of the most exciting wines in North America, from Oregon Pinots to Washington Cabernets these are stunningly well made wines with intense flavours, richness and depth and unfortunately due to low volumes exported, they tend to be quite expensive.

504	Canoe Ridge, <i>Merlot, Columbia Valley, Washington</i>	2002	50.00
707	Oyosoos Larose, <i>Grand Vin, Okanangan Valley, British Columbia</i>	2003	90.00
590	Domaine Drouhin, <i>Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon</i>	2007	80.00

East Coast Red

589	Inniskillen, <i>Reserve Pinot Noir, Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario</i>	2001	55.00
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South American Red

A region well known for value for money wines, South America has been undergoing a major renaissance in recent years. A massive influx of investment, both financial and in terms of winemaking skill and knowledge has propelled the region to greater things. The really exciting developments are taking place in Chile, a country that has the benefits of widely differing climates along the length of the country each offering idyllic conditions for certain grapes. As their wines sweep the board of awards at numerous competitions across the world, they remain pretty good value for money, delivering plenty of fruit flavours for relatively little cost.

1559	Altair, Altair, Cachapoal Valley, Chile, Magnum	2003	180.00
1557	Emiliana, Coyam, Colchagua Valley, Chile	2006	40.00
487	Baron Philippe de Rothschild, Escudo Rojo, Maipo Valley, Chile	2007	28.00
407	Los Vascos, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley, Chile	2005	28.50
592	Casa Marin, Pinot Noir, Lo Arbacá Vineyard, San Antonio Valley, Chile	2006	60.00
516	Fabre Montmayou, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina	2007	30.00
775	Tabali, Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon, Limari Valley, Chile	2007	30.00
1012	Emiliana, Carmenère, Colchagua Valley, Chile	2009	23.00
431	Tabali, Reserva Especial Pinot Noir, Limari Valley, Chile	2008	30.00
985	Oda Veranda, Pinot Noir, Quinel Vineyard, Bio Bio Valley, Chile	2008	70.00
984	Calafate, Reserva Pinot Noir, Neuquén, Argentina	2008	26.00

Focus on Pinot Noir

Regarded as king of the red grapes, Pinot Noir is a notoriously fickle grape to grow. From the particular soil types that it will grow in, to the right climatic conditions to grow in, getting it right is a labour of love. That is why it tends to be more expensive. But for those growers who are prepared to put the effort in and are fortunate enough to have the perfect vineyards for Pinot, the results are often well worth the efforts. Burgundy, Oregon and Central Otago all seem to be blessed with the right conditions to produce some world class Pinot and here are selections of those wines that I reckon deserve your attention.

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| 1512 | Nuits-St-Georges, <i>1er Cru 'Clos des Forets', Dom de l'Arlot</i> | 1997 | 100.00 |
| | Domaine de l'Arlot are one of the foremost producers of Nuits St Georges, championing a traditional style of winemaking. By allowing the vineyards to express their character through the fruit with little to no intervention by the winemaker, they have established their reputation. The wines show an amazing complexity of flavour, soft red fruits being dominant, with a rich earthy character, sometimes showing hints of Brettanomyces. The 97 is a lovely wine, opening with strawberry flavours and redcurrants before opening to a leathery, slightly feral character. As the wines are bottled unfiltered and unfined they often have a fine particulate suspension and appear to be slightly hazy. | | |
| 985 | Oda Veranda, <i>Pinot Noir, Quinel Vineyard, Bio Bio Valley, Chile</i> | 2008 | 70.00 |
| | When I worked a harvest in Burgundy in 2006, the cuverie was being managed on a daily basis by the young Louis Vallet. Now Louis has settled out in Chile and is working for VC Family estates, where he is producing this single vineyard Pinot Noir from the Bio Bio Valley. This relatively new region is fast gaining acclaim as the most suitable spot for Pinot in Chile, producing well rounded wines with a richness of character and complex developed flavours. And with a Burgundian at the helm I'm sure the wines will be every bit as good as those of his fathers in Gevrey! | | |
| 592 | Casa Marin, <i>Pinot Noir, "Lo Abarca Hills" Vineyard, San Antonio Valley, Chile</i> | 2006 | 60.00 |
| | When Maria Luz Marin established her winery in the San Antonio Valley back in 2000, everyone said she was mad, that the place was unsuitable for viticulture. Since then, she has proved them all wrong, consistently picking up 90+ points from Robert Parker and winning scores of awards. The wine has a generous nose of dark earth and violets with soft red fruits balancing the aromas together. Rich and well structured with supple tannins, the wine finishes elegantly with hints of woody spices. | | |

50 years ago Claus Riedel designed for the first time a glass made to suit perfectly a specific grape varietal, Pinot Noir. It was the beginning of a long journey through the world of wine and glass, to show the connoisseurs that the glass does matter when tasting wine. In celebration of this 50th anniversary, we will serve our finest Burgundy and Pinot Noir out of this now famous hand made glass, which is today part of the MOMA permanent collection and was elected best Pinot Noir glass ever by the Decanter magazine.

Australian Red

Australia has established itself firmly in our wine drinking portfolio, overtaking France to become the largest volume imported into the UK. Australia must surely take the credit for our knowledge of various varieties – notably Shiraz for which they have carved a solid niche. The extra-ordinary diversity of regions and climates produces a myriad of flavours and styles, each with its own idiosyncratic tastes and profiles. From the dense inky Barossa Shiraz' with their typical aromas of menthol, black pepper, eucalyptus and dark red fruits, to the raw intensity and almost liverish character of a Coonawarra Cabernet born of the rich terra rossa soils there.

South Australia

723	Penfolds, <i>Grange Hermitage</i>	1991	235.00
750	Tapanappa Wines, <i>Whalebone Vineyard Merlot, Wrattontully</i>	2004	87.00

Barossa

The king of the Barossa must surely be Graeme "Charlie" Melton, whose wines are outstanding examples of their kind. Dry farmed (no irrigation) using natural methods and minimal intervention, the 75 year old bush vines produce exceptionally low yields of intense fruit which is carefully turned into stunning wines. The Nine Popes is a homage to Chateaufeuf du Pape (named after Charlie mistranslated it!) using low yielding Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro (Mourvedre).

873	Grant Burge, <i>Meshach Shiraz, Magnum</i>	1993	180.00
447	Charles Melton, <i>Barossa Valley Shiraz</i>	2005	75.00
166	Henschke, <i>Keyneton Estate, "Euphonium", Shiraz/Cabernet/Merlot</i>	2004	75.00
967	Henschke, <i>Johann's Garden, Grenache/Mourvèdre/Shiraz</i>	2006	65.00
572	Charles Melton, <i>Nine Popes</i>	2006	80.00
779	Two Hands, <i>Bad Impersonator Shiraz</i>	2006	90.00
776	Two Hands, <i>Gnarly Dudes Shiraz</i>	2008	70.00

Eden Valley

435	Henschke, <i>Cyril Henschke Cabernet</i>	1988	145.00
744	Henschke, <i>Hill of Grace</i>	1997	450.00

McLaren Vale

1167	Cascabel, <i>"Tipico", Grenache/Shiraz/Mourovèdre</i>	2006	32.00
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Clare Valley

959	Neagles Rock, <i>Misery Grenache/Shiraz</i>	2006	36.00
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767	Neagles Rock, <i>Shiraz</i>	2006	40.00
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New South Wales

761	Brokenwood, <i>Graveyard Shiraz, Hunter Valley</i>	2001	130.00
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Victoria

Jasper Hill has been making one of Australia's top Shiraz since the late eighties. Ranked by Langton's as Outstanding (their top rating) Ron Laughton's wines are dense, concentrated wines packed with meaty rich flavours. They demand patience, both in cellaring and once you have got it in the glass. Their dry farmed vineyards have taken a bashing recently due to the severe draught in the region, but still the fruit excels and as yields shrink, the flavours intensify and the need for patience increases.

440	Wild Duck Creek, <i>Springflat Shiraz, Heathcote</i>	2002	70.00
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443	Jasper Hill, <i>Georgia's Paddock Shiraz, Heathcote</i>	2005	90.00
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1507	Tarrington, <i>Tarrington Vineyard Pinot Noir, Henty</i>	2004	90.00
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Western Australia

530	Garlands, <i>Saros, Mt Barker</i>	2003	48.00
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Tasmania

783	Domaine A, <i>Pinot Noir, Campania</i>	2005	85.00
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New Zealand Red

New Zealand reds are almost overlooked in the clamour for the latest, zippy fresh Sauvignon Blanc. Which would be a true shame, for their pinots are outstanding, whether the leaner, more intense Martinborough pinots or the dense chewy Otago pinots that are gathering awards around the world for their depth and complexity. The North Island is also home to some truly outstanding Bordeaux varietals, particularly around Auckland and Hawkes Bay.

North Island

Auckland

520	Matakana Estate, "Moko", Matakana	2000	38.00
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Hawke's Bay

458	Sileni Estate, E.V. Merlot/Cabernet Franc	1998	130.00
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973	Stone Paddock, Syrah	2007	40.00
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Martinborough

739	Ata Rangi, Pinot Noir	2003	95.00
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1504	Leung Estate, Ma Maison Pinot Noir Reserve	2006	70.00
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South Island

Marlborough

457	Dog Point Vineyards, Pinot Noir	2006	60.00
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Central Otago

Alan Brady kick-started Otago in the late eighties with Gibbston Valley Vineyards before founding Mount Edward where he makes one of the most astonishing pinots I've tasted. Dense with black tea, dark chocolate flavours and black cherry, it's almost a liquid form of black forest gateaux.

472	Mount Edward, Pinot Noir	2004	80.00
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477	Mount Difficulty, Pinot Noir	2006	95.00
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976	Paritua, Pinot Noir	2007	55.00
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Canterbury

Mountford Estate has a truly talented winemaker in CP Lin. Lin, who is blind, makes his wines using his extraordinary sense of smell and taste and has managed to eliminate several contamination problems that the winery suffered prior to his arrival.

768	Mountford Estate, <i>Pinot Noir, Waipara</i>	2004	75.00
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South African Red

With a long and until recently undistinguished history of winemaking, South Africa is undergoing a massive change. Locked out of the European market for so many years for political reasons, their wines were massed produced in a co-operative model, where farmers grew the grapes and sold them to the co-ops for a share of the profits. Now the farmers are becoming winemakers, taking more care of their fruit, lowering the yields to produce more intense richly flavoured grapes which they can turn into some pretty stunning low volume boutique wines. As they establish their route to market we will start to see many of their rising stars trickle into our wine-lists.

Stellenbosch

Regarded as the wine capitol of South Africa, the wines tend to exhibit a rich smokey characteristic which is currently the focus of much study to isolate the flavour and trace its origin.

514	Meinert, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Devon Valley</i>	2000	70.00
492	Saxenburg, <i>Pinotage, Private Collection</i>	2004	45.00
1429	Simonsig, <i>Frans Malan, Cape Blend</i>	2005	40.00
902	Raats, <i>Cabernet Franc</i>	2006	55.00

Overberg

599	Iona, <i>Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon, Elgin</i>	2004	40.00
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Olifants River

491	Cederberg, <i>V Generations Cabernet Sauvignon, Olifants River</i>	2000	75.00
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Western Cape

533	Nico Van der Merwe, <i>Mas Nicholas, Western Cape</i>	2001	70.00
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Cape Point

752	Buitenverwachting, <i>"Meifort", Cabernet, Merlot, Constantia</i>	2004	28.00
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Paarl

815	Mischa Estate, <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Wellington</i>	2004	29.00
662	Vondeling, <i>Shiraz, Voor-Paardeberg</i>	2006	36.50
995	Vondeling, <i>Baldrick Shiraz, Voor-Paardeberg</i>	2008	25.00
994	Signal Cannon, <i>Merlot</i>	2009	24.00

Swartland

742	Pulpit Rock, <i>Pinotage, Swartland</i>	2005	45.00
711	Pulpit Rock, <i>Merlot, Swartland</i>	2004	45.00



VONDELING

Based in the Voor Paardeberg ward of the Paarl District of South Africa. The name means Foundling, and since its foundation in 2001, this winery is going from strength to strength. Respected South African wine critic John Platter, rates the estate as a four star winery, with a bright future ahead of it. Under the care of winemaker Matthew Copeland and Viticulturalist Julian Johnsen, the estate is producing a plethora of excellent wines with a keen eye on sustainability, environmental practice and biological farming. They are experimenting with an adaption of Biodynamic viticulture, using compost teas to replace fungicides, and cultivating natural systems to keep disease and predation at bay.

We were impressed by the quality and purity of the wines; the whites were particularly impressive, the Babiana being my personal favourite. A serious foodie wine, rich and unctuous with a big buttery hit on the finish. The wine is named after a unique species of Iris – Babiana Noctiflora that is endemic to the Voor-Paardeberg mountain range.

987	Vondeling, <i>Sauvignon Blanc, Voor-Paardeberg, Paarl, South Africa</i>	2009	25.00
105	Vondeling, <i>Petit Blanc, Voor-Paardeberg, Paarl, South Africa</i> Might be considered as the younger sibling to the Babiana. Certainly it is fresher and lighter on the palate, hardly surprising due to the lack of oak influence with this wine. Still complex on the nose with more floral character and exotic fruit aromas, the wine has a full bodied expression with a slightly oily texture and pleasingly long finish.	2008	26.00
994	Signal Cannon, <i>Merlot, Paarl</i> An excellent entry level Merlot from the Vondeling Estate. Ripe juicy fruit, smooth mellow tannins and a luscious finish, what more could we ask for.	2009	24.00
662	Vondeling, <i>Erica Shiraz, Voor-Paardeberg</i> Rich, spicy shiraz, very much in the style of the Australians – concentrated berry fruit character, rich black pepper notes with a touch of dark chocolate and violet finish to it.	2007	36.50
995	Vondeling, <i>Baldrick Shiraz, Voor-Paardeberg</i> Unlike the Erica, Baldrick is more Rhône style, restrained fruit character with softer, more elegant tannin structure.	2008	25.00

Sweet Wines

193	Chateau Climens, Barsac, Bordeaux, France	1917	955.00
189	Château d'Yquem, 1er Cru Classé Supérieur, Sauternes, Bordeaux	1921	3950.00
202	Domaine du Touron, Monbazillac, Bergerac, France	1983	55.00
156	Vin de Paille Hermitage, Gambert de Loche, Cave de Tain l'Hermitage (50cl)	1990	75.00
158	Domaine de Durban, Muscat Beaumes de Venise, Rhône Valley	2006	50.00
515	Domaine de l'Ancienne Cure, Monbazillac "Jour de Fruit", Bergerac	2007	40.00
808	Clos Guirouilh, Jurançon, Pyrénées-Atlantique, France	2006	40.00
386	Domaine Pieretti, Muscat du Cap Corse, Corsica, Vin Doux Naturel	2008	55.00
408	Domaine de la Tour Vieille, Banyuls Reserva, Roussillon	N.V.	47.00
805	Charles Melton, Sparkling Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia	N.V.	65.00
24	Jacques Selosse, Exquise Sec, Champagne, France	N.V.	95.00

Sweet Wines – Half Bottles

732	Kracher, <i>Nummer 6, Grande Cuvée Trockenbeerenauslese, Neusiedlersee, Austria</i>	1999	75.00
800	Klein Constantia, <i>Vin de Constance, Constantia, South Africa</i>	1999	70.00
638	Pierre Gaillard, <i>Condrieu, 'Jeanne Elise', Rhône Valley, France</i>	2001	64.00
236	Cave Spring Cellars, <i>Riesling Icewine, Niagara Peninsula, Canada</i>	2001	90.00
470	Château Derezla, <i>Tojaki Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Hungary (500ml bottle)</i>	2003	50.00
609	Ridge Vineyards, <i>Stone Ranch Zinfandel Essense, Alexander Valley, California</i>	2003	50.00
335	Two Hands Winery, <i>Moscato Bianco, Barossa Valley, South Australia</i>	2004	36.00
706	Hollick, <i>"The Nectar", Coonawarra, South Australia</i>	2005	30.00
996	Vondeling, <i>Sweet Carolyn, Voor-Paardeberg, South Africa</i>	2005	48.00
811	Château Larredya, <i>Jurançon "au Capcéu", Pyrénées-Atlantique, France</i>	2007	50.00
482	Glen Carlou, <i>"The Welder", Natural Sweet Chenin, Paarl, South Africa</i>	2008	30.00
974	Stone Paddock, <i>"Isabella", Late Harvest Semillon, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand</i>	2008	35.00
817	Planeta, <i>"Passito di Noto", Sicily, Italy (500ml)</i>	2008	60.00
596	Innocent Bystander, <i>Pink Muscat, Victoria, Australia</i>	2009	24.00

Fortified Wines – Bottles

Portugal (700ml)

764	Croft, <i>Vintage</i>	1960	120.00
726	Weisse & Krohn, <i>Colheita</i>	1978	140.00
713	Croft, <i>Vintage, Magnum</i>	1970	200.00
619	Delaforce, <i>Colheita (500ml)</i>	1988	50.00
787	Grahams, <i>Vintage</i>	1994	100.00
738	Warres, <i>Vintage</i>	1994	95.00
790	Dows, <i>Vintage</i>	1994	90.00
714	Ferreira, <i>Vintage</i>	1994	65.00
770	Warres, <i>Vintage</i>	1997	95.00
786	Grahams, <i>Vintage</i>	1997	110.00
712	Weisse & Krohn, <i>Colheita</i>	1997	45.00
710	Niepoort, <i>Late Bottled Vintage</i>	2004	45.00

California (375ml)

606	Justin Vineyards, <i>Obtuse, Paso Robles</i>	2005	30.00
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Australia (375ml)

774	Lillypilly, <i>VP fortified Shiraz, Riverina, New South Wales</i>	1995	45.00
709	Yalumba, <i>50 year old Museum Tawny</i>	NV	55.00