

Sparkling Wine by the Glass

- 004 Cremant de Loire, Langlois-Chateau 12.5% N.V. £ 5.00
Vibrant and racy fruit, bready yeast flavours and zesty apple freshness is accompanied by the waxed lemon flavours of Chenin Blanc - a variety so clearly suited for sparkling production due to its fine acidity.
Also available as Kir Royale, Arundel House Raspberry Royale and Arundel House Bellini.
- 008 Canard Duchêne, Brut Champagne 12.0% N.V. £ 7.50
Start the ball rolling with some bubbles! Fresh fruit flavours mingled with buttery toast notes, the sign of good maturity. This champagne is delightful to drink at any time of the day and is particularly good as an aperitif. It is also a fine accompaniment for white meat, or perhaps dessert.

White by the Glass

- 106 Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac 12.0% 2007 £ 4.50
As a pre-dinner aperitif its dryness works well, and it is a grassy wine that complements most fish and seafood. Can be blended with soda for a long Spritzer, and with Cassis for a refreshing Kir. A good all rounder.
- 134 Riesling, Dr. Loosen, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany 8.5% 2006 £ 5.00
The famed Dr. Loosen Estate is one of Germany's finest producers and this fine Riesling makes for a wonderful aperitif, as well as working well with fish & shellfish and strong blue or salty cheese. In an age when most pubs served three varieties of wine - Medium, Medium Dry and Dry, this would have been known as Medium.
- 140 Viognier, Lourensford, Stellenbosch, South Africa 14.6% 2005 £ 6.00
The colour is golden yellow with shimmers of green. Cape gooseberry, apricot and light vanilla tones appear on the nose. The palate is full bodied, well balanced with a rich follow-through.

Rosé by the Glass

- 150 Syrah Cabernet, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac 12.0% 2007 £ 4.50
This is a bubble-gum coloured Rosé, which finishes quite dryly and welcomes your return to the glass. Young and frivolous!

Red by the Glass

- 200 Cabernet Merlot, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac 12.0% 2007 £ 4.50
Much like the House White, this could be a wine for all occasions. It does not particularly require food to bring out the flavour, or even to tame - like other wines can, but equally will sit comfortably with fillet of Beef and loin of Lamb.
- 302 Shiraz Cabernet, Tin Hat, South Eastern Australia 14.0% 2007 £ 5.00
Just thirty minutes from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley enjoys a climate not dissimilar to that of Bordeaux. The sweet forest fruit notes of this Shiraz combine with the cassis and currant of Cabernet. Lovely balance and a long refined finish - sealed with a tin hat!
- 308 Cabernet/Syrah/Merlot, Fontaine, Domaine Portet 13.0% 2005 £ 6.00
The son of André Portet, vineyard & winery manager of Chateau Lafite-Rothschild in Pauillac, Dominique's training began at one of the world's most illustrious red wine properties. This Australian mimic from the Yarra Valley contains a healthy dose of Cabernet Sauvignon (42%) which gives the wine bouquet and character, the Merlot (20%) its softness and the Heathcote Shiraz (38%) fills it with fruit, spice and sweetness.

Sparkling & Champagne

002	Prosecco, Colli Trevigianni, Ca'Morlin	11.0%	N.V.	£ 20
	This 'frizzante' Prosecco is soft, scented and grapey, a real revelation for Prosecco. Ideal as a summer aperitif, and it is not as bubbly as a full 'spumante'. Adding a little white peach juice gives you a beautiful Bellini!			
004	Cremant de Loire, Langlois-Chateau	12.5%	N.V.	£ 22
	Vibrant and racy fruit, bready yeast flavours and zesty apple freshness is accompanied by the waxed lemon flavours of Chenin Blanc - a variety so clearly suited for sparkling production due to its fine acidity.			
006	Pelorus, Cloudy Bay, New Zealand	12.5%	N.V.	£ 26
	The pale straw colour and aromas of ripe citrus fruits indicate the Chardonnay origins of Pelorus NV. A bouquet of apple and lemon complements fresh bread notes derived from two years bottle ageing on lees. The deliciously crisp palate displays toasty, creamy complexity, enhanced by a lingering nutty finish.			
008	Canard Duchêne, Brut	12.0%	N.V.	£ 30
	Start the ball rolling with some bubbles! Fresh fruit flavours mingled with buttery toast notes, the sign of good maturity. This champagne is delightful to drink at any time of the day and is particularly good as an aperitif. It is also a fine accompaniment for white meat, or perhaps dessert.			
010	Canard Duchêne, Brut Rosé	12.0%	N.V.	£ 36
	To look at this wine is pale salmon coloured, with beautiful pearly fine bubbles, and on the nose there are intense fresh fruit aromas especially of cherry, with mineral and toasted characteristics. In all, a powerful, full-bodied wine yet surprisingly silky because of its maturity, with flavours reminiscent of crystallised fruit. Remarkable for its red fruit aromas and its elegance, this wine can be drunk as an aperitif, with red meats or sweet desserts.			
012	Nyetimber Vineyard, Classic Cuvee, England	12.0%	2001	£ 40
	Absence makes the heart grow fonder as they say, and after a short period this well known and much loved English Sparkling Wine returns to give the French a run for their money once again. Produced just a few miles from our doorstep in West Chilton.			
014	Veuve Clicquot, Demi-Sec	12.0%	N.V.	£ 40
	Makes a very pleasant aperitif, but is also wonderful with dessert, in place of Muscat or Sauternes.			
016	Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label	12.0%	N.V.	£ 40
	Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label is a perfect example of the harmony between delicacy and power. Dominated by Pinot Noir, this wine has a firm structure, rounded with a touch of Pinot Meunier. Nearly a third of Chardonnay gives it the elegance and finesse needed for the perfect balance.			
018	Veuve Clicquot, Vintage	12.0%	2002	£ 60
	Made only in exceptional years, this wine is a blend of around twenty Grand and Premier Crus all harvested in the same year. Vintage has a powerful, elegant fragrance and is a firm, structured wine, which reveals substance and great finesse when tasted.			
020	Veuve Clicquot, Rosé Réserve	12.0%	2000/02	£ 80
	This wine is made only in exceptional or vintage years and has the same structure as Vintage above, but is then topped up with 10-15% red wine from the house vineyard at Bouzy. Vintage Rose is deeply coloured, with a complex, refined fragrance that mingles red fruit and very noble developing notes. The wine has a very long finish. Vintage Rose goes well with spicy fish dishes and fine meats, although as it matures it goes well with game birds. There's a joke there somewhere!			
022	Veuve Clicquot, La Grande Dame, IWC Gold	12.5%	1998	£ 100
	Created in homage to Madame Clicquot, and offering the ultimate in sensual champagne indulgence. This wine glows in shimmering tones of gold and green, and has a fine mousse.			
024	Krug, Brut	12.0%	1995	£ 160
	A breathtaking combination of richness and freshness, power and finesse. No other champagne is so intense or exciting. No other champagne is so endlessly surprising, instantly identifiable and utterly unforgettable. It is that simple.			

French White

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| 100 | Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac | 12.0% | 2007 | £ 18 |
| | As a pre-dinner aperitif its dryness works well, and it is a grassy wine that complements most fish and seafood. Can be blended with soda for a long Spritzer, and with Cassis for a refreshing Kir. | | | |
| 102 | Chardonnay, Marquis de Goulaine | 12.0% | 2007 | £ 18 |
| | No wood is present in the production of this lovely ripe Chardonnay, from a great vintage in the Loire. | | | |
| 104 | Sauvignon Blanc, Fumees Blanches, Lurton | 12.0% | 2006 | £ 18 |
| | In the relatively cool micro-climate of this vineyard in the South of France, the Sauvignon Blanc grapes develop a smoky, slightly pungent aroma unique to their personality. The intervention of the grower helps to capture all of the fresh, delicate floral aromas and crisp melon and spice flavours. | | | |
| 106 | Muscadet, Cuvée du Millénaire, Marquis de Goulaine | 12.5% | 2006 | £ 18 |
| | A nettle, grassy nose. The palate displays low acidity but may also lack definition. Marry a fine Muscadet with some fresh seafood and you will not be disappointed. Not all wines promote themselves; some wines remain neutral, they stay in the background and quietly go about complementing the food. | | | |
| 108 | Chardonnay, Grande Ardèche, Louis Latour | 13.5% | 2005 | £ 20 |
| | Matured in oak this is great value, as it tasted like good and more expensive White Burgundy. | | | |
| 110 | Montagny 1er Cru, Chateau de Davenay, Michel Picard | 13.5% | 2005 | £ 22 |
| | The nose is dominated largely by scents of grapefruit and orange bark with hints of exotic fruit aromas such as mango. A well-balanced acidity accompanied by a mineral touch gives this wine a nice character. This wine combines well with shellfish, oysters, lobster, and fresh-water crayfish. | | | |
| 112 | Sancerre, Chêne du Roy, Pierre Girault | 12.5% | 2007 | £ 22 |
| | Patrick Girault's vineyards are located in Bué, in the heart of the Sancerre region and they stretch out over the slopes of Grand Chemarin, Petit Chemarin and Chêne Marchand. The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are fermented to allow some minerality into the wines. The wine is light in colour with a hint of passion fruit along with herbs, stone and flint. The palate is very refreshing with ripe fruit, balancing acidity, length and concentration. | | | |
| 114 | St. Veran, Les Rochats, Domaine de la Croix Senaillet | 13.0% | 2005 | £ 22 |
| | Bright golden with a powerful aromatic bouquet comprised of fleshy exotic fruits and a pleasant mineral framework. Charming and voluptuous from the attack, with a palate reflecting the initial nose. Well rounded and suave. A great accompaniment to grilled and pan-fried fish, with or without sauce. | | | |
| 116 | Chablis Village, Billaud Simon | 12.0% | 2005 | £ 22 |
| | The soil of the region is a unique combination of clay and chalk called Kimmeridgian, and it is littered by fossils of comma-shaped oysters. It gives the wines a unique profile of aromas and flavors, often referred to as having 'gout de la pierre la fusil', or gunflint character. Another oft-mentioned characterisation is that of "wet rocks". The very slight fruit flavor is of green apple, pineapple and pink grapefruits. | | | |
| 118 | Gewurztraminer Reserve, Trimbach, Ribeauville, Alsace | 13.0% | 2001 | £ 26 |
| | Made only after rigorous selection in the best years, this luscious, spicy wine can take on great complexity in the bottle. An excellent aperitif, the Gewurztraminer is particularly good with highly seasoned food, notably from Asia and the Orient. It is also ideal with strong cheeses such as Saval and Criffel, both of which feature in our cheese selection at times. | | | |
| 120 | Pouilly Fumé, Château de Tracy | 13.0% | 2005 | £ 28 |
| | Since opening Arundel House, I have become so fond of this wine, that when I paid £34.95 for it, sometime ago in a Brighton restaurant, it was still worth every penny. Perhaps a little young for some, but I enjoy its youthful grapefruit zest. | | | |

Rest of the World White Wines

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| 130 | Soave, RST, Alpha Zeta, Italy | 12.5% | 2007 | £ 18 |
| | Super ripe Soave with intense honey wax aromas. Truly, this is a wine for high summer and another wine arriving from distant shores with a Stelvin closure for freshness and quality. | | | |
| 132 | Chardonnay, Constantia, Klein Estate, South Africa | 13.5% | 2006 | £ 20 |
| | Wonderfully pure and ripe fruit. Simplicity and subtle oak tones rather than overtly wooden flavours make for a delicately balanced wine. | | | |
| 134 | Riesling, Dr. Loosen, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany | 8.5% | 2006 | £ 20 |
| | The famed Dr. Loosen Estate is one of Germany's finest producers and this fine Riesling makes for a wonderful aperitif, as well as working well with fish & shellfish and strong blue or salty cheese. In a bygone era when English pubs served wine in only three varieties - Medium, Medium Dry and Dry - this wine would have been 'Medium'. | | | |
| 136 | Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige, Franz Haas, Italy | 13.0% | 2006 | £ 22 |
| | A very fashionable grape from Northern Italy, with a tang of honey on the nose. Such a popular choice - there is talk of this grape becoming the new Chardonnay. | | | |
| 138 | Sauvignon Blanc, Mulderbosch, South Africa | 12.5% | 2006 | £ 22 |
| | Clear, lively green apple hues. A tropical nose packed with guava, ripe and green fig, granadilla, litchi, gooseberry and a hint of green pepper - yet still maintaining a complex character of nettle and freshly cut grass. The mouth-filling ripe fruit is supported by crisp acid. | | | |
| 140 | Viognier, Lourensford, Stellenbosch, South Africa | 14.6% | 2007 | £ 24 |
| | The colour is golden yellow with shimmers of green. Cape gooseberry, apricot and light vanilla tones appear on the nose. The palate is full bodied, well balanced with a rich follow-through. | | | |
| 142 | Sauvignon Blanc, Isabel Estate, New Zealand | 12.5% | 2006 | £ 24 |
| | Fragrant, fine and delicate Sauvignon, the nose exhibits subtle intensity of passion fruit, fresh snow pea, honey and fresh cut grass, as well as exotic fruits such as lychee and pineapple. Exquisitely soft texture, the palate is round, length balanced with unexpectedly crisp acidity and mineral character. | | | |
| 144 | Chardonnay, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand | 14.0% | 2004 | £ 28 |
| | Pale straw green in colour and strikingly aromatic, evoking memories of a late summer picnic ... the spiciness of vine ripened tomatoes with freshly picked basil, red currants, juicy mandarins and a zesty lemon cake. Layers of pure, bracing fruit flavours on the palate finish with terrific intensity and length ... and the crispness of a crunchy green apple. | | | |
| 146 | Chardonnay, Kumeu River, Brajkovich, New Zealand | 13.0% | 2004 | £ 30 |
| | A refined White Burgundy style of wine from New Zealand's North Island. With distinct mineral and floral aromas, this feels very Burgundian, especially the way its lively acidity lifts the lime, stone, pear and date flavors, finishing long. Best from 2007 through 2014. | | | |
| 148 | Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudy Bay, New Zealand | 13.5% | 2007 | £ 32 |
| | Pale straw green in colour and vibrantly aromatic, this Sauvignon Blanc is like an exotic infusion of fresh ginger, sweet basil, and lemongrass layered over ripe tropical and citrus fruits. With great purity of fruit flavours, the palate is mouth watering and juicy, yet finishes with a refreshing crispness. | | | |

Bordeaux - Red

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| 200 | Cabernet Merlot, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac | 12.0% | 2006 | £ 18 |
| | Jean-Antoine Vigné-Lourac, the last in the line of 300 years old dynasty of Gaillac wine-growers, handed over the vineyard to his nephew, the grand-father of Alain Gayrel, at the beginning of the 20th Century. Supple, plenty of sweet youthful black berries. Touch of oak, soft and velvety tannins. | | | |
| 202 | Château Rocher Gardat, Montagne-St. Emilion | 13.0% | 2000 | £ 22 |
| | Full, savoury and strong - the wines of St-Emilion have often been hailed the Burgundies of Bordeaux, thanks to the smooth flavours of the soft, plummy Merlot grape. They are sought after and expensive. Now the satellite communes of this famous region have come in to their own, offering true value for money - excellent quality at fair prices. Robert Parker has said of Montagne St Emilion 'Among all the satellite communes, some of the deepest, richest wines consistently come from Montagne'. | | | |
| 204 | Chateau Roland La Garde, Premier Cote de Blaye | 13.0% | 1998 | £ 24 |
| | A robe of black garnet with purple sparkles suggests the intensity and complexity of the bouquet, in which grilled notes rub shoulders with blackcurrant, leather and spices. There is richness in the tannins, and a silky, fleshy quality of the body, fruity aromas on the palate and long finish. | | | |
| 206 | Chateau Paveil de Luze, Margaux | 12.5% | 2003 | £ 28 |
| | Boasts a rich truffle and red fruits bouquet, a well-balanced elegant and fulfilling body with a lovely slightly spicy finish. Tremendous value for any Margaux, especially one of this quality. | | | |
| 208 | Marquis de Calon, Chateau Calon Segur, Medoc | 12.5% | 2003 | £ 32 |
| | The second wine of Calon Segur. Possibly the finest vintage since 1947 with a similar heat and ripeness. The voluptuous style of this wine makes it ideal for what is relatively early drinking. Parker awards 94/100 to this wine. | | | |
| 210 | Château Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg | 13.0% | 1995 | £ 40 |
| | Don't know this wine? Neither did I, but I noticed that those 'in the know' have been quietly ordering this wine and loudly enjoying it! Bourg is a small town in the Bordeaux region on the right bank of the River Dordogne. The town is surrounded by the Cotes de Bourg appellation. Almost all wine produced is red, based on Merlot grapes, and designed to be drunk within 4-6 years but this particularly fine vintage began to drink well after ten years. | | | |
| 212 | Château Margaux, Pavillon Rouge | 12.5% | 2004 | £ 50 |
| | The 2004 Pavillon Rouge is a worthy second to the First Wine. It has all the stuffing of the First without having the final touches. The nose is powerful and fine, more open today than that of the First Wine. On the palate, it is fine, harmonious, well integrated and finishes with a delicate freshness, a testimony to the perfect ripeness of the grapes. | | | |
| 214 | Château Grand Puy Lacoste, 5th Growth Pauillac | 13.0% | 1996 | £ 76 |
| | This is unquestionably a profound Grand-Puy-Lacoste. It reveals an essence of creme de cassis character which sets it apart from other Pauillacs. The wine is displaying plenty of tannin, huge body, and sweet black currant fruit intermixed with minerals and subtle oak. Massive, extremely structured, and with 25-30 or more years of longevity, this immensely-styled Grand-Puy-Lacoste will require 7-8 years of patience, perhaps longer. A superb, classic Pauillac. | | | |
| 216 | Château Haut Brion, Cru Classe des Graves | 12.5% | 1994 | £ 120 |
| | Just divine – so they say. A harmonious and classic Bordeaux: pencil lead and cigar-box with a smoky finish. Drinking well now and until 2010 or so. A customer offered me a glass in June '06 and the fond memory still lingers. This wine is characterized by the harmony between the very soft and very fine structure and the complex aroma given by the soil of the Graves. | | | |
| 218 | Château Latour, Pauillac | 12.5% | 1994 | £ 220 |
| | Exhibiting an opaque dark ruby/purple color, and an intense textbook nose of walnut and cassis scents This full bodied, powerful, layered Latour reveals high tannin, but no bitterness or astringency. The superb purity, fabulous precision, and remarkable length should ensure 35-40 years of longevity. | | | |

Rhone - Red

- 230 Crozes Hermitage, Les Meysonniers, Michel Chapoutier 14.0% 2006 £ 22
Michel Chapoutier took control of this long-established firm in 1988. The wines spend a maximum of 18 months in small oak casks, up to a third of which are new. "Filtering a wine is like making love with a condom" says Michel, and all his wines are bottled unfinned and unfiltered.
- 232 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine du Grand Tinel 15.0% 2003 £ 26
Red Chateaneuf du Pape is made from 83% Grenache, 12% Syrah, 2% Mourvedre, 2% Counoise and 1% other varieties. The average age of these vines are 40 years old. At the domain all of the grapes are de-stemmed before fermentation. This wine is aged in oak for 12 to 16 months.
- 234 Côtes du Rhone, Les Garrigues, Domaine de la Janasse 14.5% 2003 £ 30
As good as – if not better than – most Châteauneuf du Pape at this price point. Powerful dark berry aromas on the nose, a well balanced wine with hints of spice and liquorice. Enjoy with red meats or hearty tomato based pasta dishes.
- 236 Hermitage la Chapelle, Jaboulet Aîné 13.5% 1998 £ 62
Hermitage is best described as a very manly wine! A majestically proportioned wine, a full-on Syrah with tannin and extract to spare but who's fruit remains as fresh as the day of bottling.

Pink or Rosé

- 160 Syrah Cabernet, Vin de Pays, Vigné-Lourac 12.0% 2006 £ 18
A bubble-gum coloured Rosé that is young and fruity to begin with, but which finishes quite dryly
- 162 Gris de Gris, Domaine de Petit Chaumont 12.5% 2007 £ 18
A more mature colour, and more serious on the palate than the Syrah above. Characterized by its luminous salmon and apricot robe. White fruit flavors of pear and peach make a wonderful coupling with salads and fish and it can also be very pleasant as an aperitif.
- 164 Grenache Shiraz, Turkey Flat, Barossa Valley, Australia 13.0% 2007 £ 20
A complex blend of Grenache, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Dolcetto. Each of these varieties adds its own individual characteristic to the wine. The colour is rose petal pink with an impressive collection of red fruit flavours such as raspberries, cherries and leafy red and black currants

Chilled Burgundy - Red

These wines are available at room temperature

- 240 Beaujolais, Lancié, Louis Latour 13.0% 2006 £ 20
Maison Louis Latour has always been careful to select those wines vinified in a traditional manner, thereby yielding rich Beaujolais wines with much character. Beaujolais-Lancié is no exception, possessing an intense, scented bouquet coupled with rich flavour and persistent fruity aftertaste.
- 242 Fleurie, Les Garans, Louis Latour 13.0% 2006 £ 22
The vibrant bright colour is combined with a deliciously fruity nose of black forest fruit. On the palate it is smooth and rich, with silky concentrated flavours that massage your throat, it also has ripe tannins and real length.
- 244 Juliéna, Jölle et Gérard Descombes 2005 £ 22
In the north west corner of Beaujolais, past the village of Julienas and following the small winding roads along grey stony terrain, lies the small village of Jullie. Towards the top of the hills Gerard and Joelle Descombes created their own vineyard in 1973. Today their domain includes more than 8 hectare of Beaujolais Villages on the steep slopes overlooking the Chateau de la Roche. Julienas offers a bouquet of red fruits and peaches.

Burgundy - Red

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| 246 | Pinot Noir, Domaine de Valmoissine, Louis Latour | 13.0% | 2005 | £ 22 |
| | <p>Located on the site of the ancient monastery and university of Valmoissine at 500 metres above sea-level which guarantees sunshine during the summer months whilst remaining cool, and also limits the possibility of spring frosts. A pale, mahogany coloured wine with bold, lively fruit aromas. Medium acidity, supple tannins and round structure all combine deliciously with floral flavours to create a suave, fine wine.</p> | | | |
| 248 | Savigny-Lès-Beaune, 1er Cru Les Lavieres, J. Girard | 13.0% | 2002 | £ 30 |
| | <p>Savigny les Beaune is a wine-growing village par excellence, to the north of and adjacent to Beaune. The Savigny les Beaune Premier Cru "Les Lavieres" is a wine with quite an intense colour. Solidly built, lacking neither character nor strength, it is a very fruity and silky wine in the mouth with a potential for ageing. It will go very well with light, red or white meat, game and with strong cheeses as it matures.</p> | | | |
| 250 | Gevrey Chambertin, Vieille Vigne, Domaine Fourrier | 13.0% | 2004 | £ 32 |
| | <p>Working with Mother Nature, intervening as little as possible in order to allow the vines, the terroir and the vintage to express themselves is the basis of Jean Marie's winemaking philosophy. To capture the individual, unique expression of terroir in his wines, he vinifies each vineyard separately, not only the premier and grand crus. Importantly Fourrier avoids the use of sulphur dioxide in his wines, preferring to use temperature, CO₂ and lees contact to preserve them</p> | | | |
| 252 | Beaune 1er Cru, Montrevenots, Jean-Marc Boillot | 13.0% | 1995 | £ 36 |
| 254 | Volnay Mitans, Hubert de Montille | 12.0% | 2000 | £ 40 |
| | <p>Medium red with aromas of cherry, chocolate and undergrowth, with a faint peppery nuance. Fat, thick and sweet, with some suggestion of plum, redcurrant, raspberry and spices, but also a lightly herbal quality. Not hugely vibrant but undeniably fat and round, finishing with lush tannins and again, a note of undergrowth.</p> | | | |
| 256 | Marsannay les Longeroies, Denis Mortet | 14.0% | 2004 | £ 40 |
| 258 | Chambolle Musigny, Hubert Lignier | 13.0% | 1998 | £ 40 |
| 260 | Aloxe-Corton, Les Fournieres, Tollot-Beaut | 13.0% | 1996 | £ 42 |
| | <p>Revealing black cherry and Asian spice aromas, the Aloxe-Corton Les Fournieres has great depth of fruit, a medium body, and a silky texture. Its flavour is filled with ripe blackberries, minerals, and iron. This structured wine required some cellaring before reaching its peak.</p> | | | |
| 262 | Vosne Romanée, Renè Engel | 12.5% | 2000 | £ 46 |
| | <p>Quite light colour; attractive spicy fruit on nose; quite a supple palate with light fruit and some tannin</p> | | | |
| 264 | Nuits St. Georges 1er Cru, Mongeard-Mugneret | 13.0% | 1996 | £ 48 |
| | <p>Possesses deep, saturated ruby colors, sweet, perfumed bouquets, and opulent, voluptuously rich, medium to full-bodied flavors. The Nuits St.-Georges-Les Boudots has a licorice and/or fennel component to accompany its opulent black fruit flavors and lusty personality. It has beautiful balance.</p> | | | |
| 266 | Chambertin Clos de Beze, Domaine Drouhin Laroze | | 2004 | £62 |
| | <p>This wine is often known as the King of wines as it embodies all of the great potential Burgundy has to offer. Entirely Pinot Noir as one would expect, you will get blackcurrant, liquorice and raspberries on the palate. An earthy wine that goes well with truffles, foie gras and game including rabbit, hare and partridge.</p> | | | |
| 268 | Grands Echezeaux, Domaine Francois Lamarche | | 2004 | £74 |
| | <p>The grower recommends keeping this wine for four to five years, meaning that it is coming into its own as I write. The grapes are picked from vines that are around thirty years old and the wine is bottled without fining or filtering. Drink with light meats such as chicken and lamb, or build to a climax and enjoy with cheese at the end of the evening.</p> | | | |

European Red

- 270 Rioja, Palacio de Beltus, Spain 12.5% 2005 £ 18
Splendid new wine, with a good chromatic composition, robust but well balanced in the mouth.
- 272 Douro Tinto, Duas Quintas, Portugal 13.0% 2003 £ 20
Lovely red ruby colour, alive and healthy. Flavours are floral, intense and fruity. Such a pretty nose, with strawberry, blackberry and a hint of vanilla. The finish is long and velvety. This wine needs decanting and given a little time to breathe.
- 274 Tempranillo / Cabernet Sauvignon, Crianza, Enate 13.5% 2003 £ 22
Oak raised rich and balanced wine that will cope admirably with any game dish.
- 276 Chianti Riserva, Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Italy 13.0% 2005 £ 22
The famous Sangiovese based wine from a top producer in Tuscany. Ruby red in colour, with rich chromatic nuances and a distinctly fruity bouquet where the cherry tone is mitigated by a hint of vanilla and cinnamon. The flavour reflects the spicy undertone of the aroma and is balanced by a fine tannic note. Good with roasted red meats and game.
- 278 Rioja, Tinto Reserve, Marqués de Murrieta, Spain 14.0% 2002 £ 24
A fine example of all we expect from a traditional Rioja, aged for two years in American Oak with a hint of Vanilla in its veins. You might also uncover a taste of liquorice!
- 280 Touriga Naçional, Quinta dos Roques, Portugal 12.5% 2002 £ 30
A Portuguese wine of rustic, oak character. Wonderful with braised, slow-cooked meats and a must for the Autumn and Winter months. Really beginning to win friends and gain respect.

New World Red

- 300 Merlot, Casa Azul, Maipo Valley, Chile 13.5% 2007 £ 18
A deep violet wine with shades of red. It has pleasant aromas, reminiscent of plums and red fruits, with some peppery notes. In the mouth it offers a very slight touch of pepper and ripe red fruits. It is smooth, full of sweet rounded tannins and with a silky finish.
- 302 Shiraz Cabernet, Tin Hat, South Eastern Australia 14.0% 2007 £ 18
Just thirty minutes from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley enjoys a climate not dissimilar to that of Bordeaux. The sweet forest fruit notes of this Shiraz combine with the cassis and currant of Cabernet. Lovely balance and a long refined finish – sealed with a tin hat!
- 304 Merlot, Rio Claro, Maipo Valley, Chile 13.5% 2006 £ 18
100% Merlot, grown in the Maipo Valley. Bright red colour with violet edges. Floral and peppery aromas. Intense varietal flavours with a soft texture and elegant finish. This wine has a fresh blackcurrant flavour with floral and spicy aromas. Also, an elegant but bold finish.
- 306 Cabernet Sauvignon, De Gras Reserva, MontGras, Chile 14.0% 2006 £ 20
This oak aged wine from Chile's Colchagua Valley presents an intense ruby red colour with swirls of deep purple. The nose holds ripe raspberry and cassis notes with an elegant touch of smoke and minerals, whilst the palette displays a medium bodied wine balanced with fruit and toasty notes.

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New World Red

308 Cabernet/Syrah/Merlot, Fontaine, Domaine Portet 13.0% 2005 £ 22

The son of André Portet, vineyard & winery manager of Chateau Lafite-Rothschild in Pauillac, Dominique's training began at one of the world's most illustrious red wine properties. Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (42%) gives the wine bouquet and character, the Merlot (20%) its softness and the Heathcote Shiraz (38%) fills it with fruit, spice and sweetness.

310 Pinot Noir, Ventisquero Reserva, Casablanca Valley, Chile 13.5% 2007 £ 24

A shimmering ruby red wine that delivers subtle rose and rosehip on the nose with fruitier strawberry, cranberry and sour cherry notes. Despite a fresh and juicy attack, the taste remains elegant and velvety throughout and finishes with a hint of the tobacco and toast notes you might expect of Pinot Noir. A new wine to this list, and one of the best finds we have had to date.

312 Pinotage Carpe Diem, Diemersfontain, Wellington, S.A. 14.0% 2003 £26

Pinotage is my favourite grape for deep winter. I know it is made under an extremely hot sun, but I always drift into daydreams of log cabins, crisp snow and roaring fires. The nose and palate are complex and deep but is the emotional response that this wine conjures that makes it a pleasure to drink. A bold wine best avoided by the faint hearted.

314 Shiraz, Penny's Hill, Australia 15.0% 2006 £ 26

This is a big black rich wine, which is sweet and juicy with a hint of spice on the nose. Traces of chocolate can be found if you look hard enough, and then layers of black fruits, which provide a breathtaking persistence and immense length. Takes no prisoners, its strength will either win you over or overwhelm you.

316 Pinot Noir, Isabel Estate, Marlborough, New Zealand 13.0% 2005 £ 28

First thoughts are like sipping Cherry Coca-Cola from a cigar box! Voluptuous wine with integrated tannins, spicy nose, rich and elegant, a dark ruby colour, with chocolate nose and concentrated fruit flavours of plum and ripe blackberries with a subtle spiciness, pepper and smoke notes.

318 Château Musar, Hochar Père et Fils, Lebanon 13.0% 2001 £ 28

Serge Hochar has taken all that nature, and man, can throw at him and come back with a flagship for the Lebanon. A ferociously dark, intensely spicy and cedary wine that has plenty of alcohol, and a haunting, savoury character that lingers on the palate.

320 Syrah, Gilga, Stellenbosch, South Africa 14.0% 2003 £ 30

Stark, purple-black hues. Penetrating, richly textured, ripe raspberries, creamy pallet. Aged for eighteen months in new French oak. The wine goes unfiltered into glass imported from France and is closed by a 52mm length Magnum cork. These corks, of the finest grain, are hand selected in Portugal and flown in just before bottling.

322 Pinot Noir, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand 14.0% 2006 £ 30

Enticing aromas of ripe juicy cherries and dark fruitcake are enriched by the plush scent of new leather and hints of toasty oak. The palate is supple and fine with a delicious plummy fruit character layered over charred oak and delicate tannins.

324 Shiraz GAM, Mitolo, McLaren Vale, Australia 14.5% 2003 £ 48

Named after the Mitolo family's three children, Gemma, Alexander and Marco, this spectacular dense ruby/purple coloured wine exhibits aromas of lead pencil shavings, blackberries, blueberries, cassis, liquorice, new oak and scorched earth. The complexities of this 2003 vintage are seamlessly integrated into this tour de force in winemaking.

Half Bottles of White

400	Chardonnay, Ardeche, Louis Latour	13.0%	2005	£ 10
402	Mâcon-Lugny, Les Genièvres, Louis Latour	13.0%	2006	£ 12
404	St. Veran Les Deux Moulins, Louis Latour	13.0%	2003	£ 12
406	Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige, Franz Haas, Italy	13.0%	2004	£ 12
408	Pouilly Fuissé, A Beaune, Cote d'Or, Maison Louis Latour	13.0%	2005	£ 14
410	Chablis Premier Cru, Les Vaillons, Billaud-Simon	12.5%	2005	£ 14
412	Meursault les Tillets, Cuvée Spécial, Patrick Javillier	13.0%	2000	£ 22
414	Corton-Charlemagne, Domaine Louis Latour	14.0%	2002	£ 34

Half Bottles of Red

500	Fleurie, Les Garans, Louis Latour	13.0%	2006	£ 12
	The vibrant bright colour is combined with a deliciously fruity nose of black forest fruit. On the palate it is smooth and rich, with silky concentrated flavours that massage your throat, it also has ripe tannins and real length.			
502	Chateau d'Aiguilhe, Cotes de Castillon	13.0%	1998	£ 14
	An elegantly-styled effort offering sweet licorice, fruitcake, and jammy cherry/black currant aromas as well as flavors. This juicy, medium-bodied, soft wine possesses a nice texture in addition to a delicious, long finish.			
504	Chianti Classico, Fontodi, Estate Bottled, Italy	13.5%	2005	£ 16
	Made entirely from sangiovese, this "introductory wine" to the Fontodi estate is anything but simple. It's medium-bodied with bright acidity, red currants, plums, tobacco, a hint of almond and a long, powerful finish.			
506	Chorey les Beaune, Tollot-Beaut	13.5%	2004	£ 16
	Deep, comfortingly ripe nose. Lots of interesting high-toned fruit and though there's a slight grain to the tannin, this is very accomplished for a "basic" wine. Very tasty...and at this price point, hard to resist.			
508	Chateau Musar, Hochar Pere et Fils, Lebanon	13.0%	2000	£ 16
	A ferociously dark, intensely spicy and cedary wine that has plenty of alcohol, and a haunting, savoury character that lingers on the palate.			
510	Chateau Balestard, Saint Quentin de Baron, Castex	12.5%	1998	£ 16
	100% Merlot. Medium ruby-red. Pure, lively aromas of black raspberry, cassis, violet and flowers. Sweet, supple and fruit-driven, with the harmoniousness to give early pleasure. Finishes with soft, fine tannins and very good length. This is awfully good for a wine with a simple Bordeaux appellation.			
512	Savigny lès Beaune, Domaine Pavelot, Marc & Hugues	13.0%	2003	£ 18
514	Zinfandel, Lytton Springs, Ridge, Cupertino, California	14.5%	2004	£ 18
516	Merlot, Shafer Vineyard, Napa Valley, California	14.9%	2004	£ 18
	Rich purple, reflecting the vintage, and offering lush, focused flavors and aromas of bright cherries, strawberry, red and black plums, and cranberry. The Cabernet Sauvignon gives the wine added strength, firm tannins, and age-ability. Cabernet Franc brings in lovely fragrance with a hint of violets.			
518	Morey- St-Denis, Domaine Herve Arlaud	13.0%	2002	£ 18

Half Bottles of Dessert Wine

600	Muscat, Beaumes de Venise, Caustaud-Maurin, Full.	15.0%	2005	£ 26
	Fashion may have left this wine behind, but it continues to retain its own quality and value. This particularly pleasant example from Caustaud-Maurin has an alluring rose-gold hue.			
602	Old East India Sherry, Lustau - Full.			£ 26
	A rich, unctuous and remarkably smooth sherry, with ripe figs, raisins and treacle toffee. A favourite winter tippie of mine, that often features in one of our festive desserts.			
604	Black Muscat, Elysium, Quadys, California	15.0%	2005	£ 14
	A Californian 'sticky' that is wonderful with berries and dark chocolate. Dangerously seductive and easy to slip down.			
606	Sauternes, Carmes de Rieussec	14.0%	2003	£ 16
	The second wine of Château Rieussec is selected according to the same standards as the first wine. Its constant feature is centred on a fine aromatic structure dominated by citrus aromas. The name, Carmes de Rieussec, relates to the monks of the Carmes de Langon, who were owners of the Rieussec estate in the 18th century.			
608	Pacherenc du vic Bilh, Brumaire, Alain Brumon, 50cl	13.5%	2004	£ 16
	Harvested in November, and matured for two years in oak barriques, the extra-ripe, sugar-concentrated Petit Manseng grapes have produced a hugely elegant and complex sweet wine, full of yellow jammy fruit, apricot and honey.			
610	Botrytis Semillon, Noble One, de Bortoli, Australia	11.5%	2002	£ 20
	Despite its relative youth, this wine mimics the style of more mature Sauternes. Aromas of dried apricots and peach with a hint of citrus. Lovely apricot, orange and honey characters greet the palate of this still young wine with rich vanillin oak adding complexity and length. A crisp acid finish gives a clean yet lingering aftertaste. This wine would be a delicious partner to a platter of rich cheeses or desserts such as an apricot or peach pannacotta.			
612	Riesling, Mount Horrocks, Clare Valley, Australia	10.5%	2004	£ 20
	From Australia's Clare Valley, Stephanie makes this wine from grapes dried on the vines cut branches. 'Cordon Cut' refers to a unique, risky process which involves cutting the canes when the grapes are ripe, allowing the remaining fruit to concentrate and raisin naturally on the vine. This results in intense flavour and richness.			
614	Sauternes, Château Rieussec	14.0%	1997	£ 28
	This Chateau has long been known for its Sauternes, and the '96 was a good year. Now we have switched to the '97, we are sure you will find this wine even better.			
616	Sauternes, Chateau Lafaurie-Peyraguey	13.5%	2001	£ 30
618	Sauternes, Château d'Yquem	14.0%	1996	£ 90
	The supreme achievement in botrytised wine. Fantastically expensive and fabulously rich, its best vintages last literally for centuries.			

Half Bottles of Port

700	Taylor's First Estate Reserve Port - Full Bottle	20.0%	N.V.	£ 26
702	Taylor 10 year old, Tawny Port - Full Bottle	20.0%	N.V.	£ 34
704	Churchills, Ten Year Old Tawny Port	20.0%	N.V.	£ 14
706	Niepoort	20.5%	1994	£ 24
708	Dow's Vintage Port	20.0%	1983	£ 28