

The Inn at Whitewell Wine List

We are delighted to introduce our wine list, which has been arranged in a descriptive style, rather than the traditional way of region by region. Hopefully this will make wine selection easier, and by informing customers how less familiar wines taste, it should also encourage people to try new wines rather than just going for the well known 'brand' regions like Rioja or Sancerre (not that there's anything wrong with that - we have seriously good examples from both regions!).

There is obviously an element of subjectivity in this style of list, as 'medium bodied red' might not mean the same to everyone, and there are arguably some wines which could be on either side of the fence, but largely we feel it is fairly accurate and with that in mind hope that you will enjoy perusing the list and be rewarded with a splendid selection.

Some of our wines would benefit from being decanted, if you would like your wine decanting please bring it to the attention of the staff.

All the wines in this list are supplied by Bowland Forest Vintners, our wine merchants who have their wine shop in the front of the hotel. Now in their 37th year of trading they have a wonderful selection of fine and interesting wines from around the world. All wines chosen are from real winemakers who concentrate on real quality, rather than mass produced 'factory farm' wines. Bowland Forest Vintners offer first rate advice, and back it up with very friendly and efficient service.

N.B.

We would like to advise that vintages could be liable to change within this list. Whilst we try our best, sometimes we get caught out and therefore we would like to advise that vintages within this list are normally correct and only sometimes wrong!

Wines with red dots next to them are regrettably out of stock for the time being.

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The Vintners Selection

The following wines have been picked due to interest, rarity and age and should represent outstanding quality.

Normally one would expect to see these wines for sale at three or four times the price but being the home of

Bowland Forest Vintners we are proud to offer them at considerably less.

As interesting as these wines are, they are rare and as such we don't have many of any.

We think they offer amazing value and will be something to talk about for some time.

Red Bordeaux - in vintage order

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| 011 | 1999 Chateau Chasse Spleen, Moulis en Medoc | 90.00 |
| | Always an ultra-reliable Chateau, punching well above its' weight. Deep ruby in colour, rich and concentrated in character. Now starting to display all the hallmarks of mature Bordeaux, with cedar, tobacco, leather and prune aromas and blackcurrant and figs on the palate. | |
| 345 | 1998 Chateau d'Angludet, Margaux | 90.00 |
| | Overlooking the lowlands of the Gironde estuary in the commune of Margaux, the Chateau is one of the Vintners' favourites, offering great value for money and consistently producing wines of wonderful flavour. Silky and long, with pleasing dark berry fruit and lifted aromas of cedarwood and spice, it is still drinking well. | |
| 161 | 1996 Chateau Cantemerle 3eme Cru Haut Medoc | 95.00 |
| | Up there as one of the most attractive Chateau in the Bordeaux, set in woodland on the edge of the city. Another cracking vintage from this very popular House. Seductive aromas of leather, cocoa and dark berries, this is a pretty wine with a full flavour. | |
| 054 | 1996 Chateau Phelan Segur, Cru Bourgeois Saint Estephe | 100.00 |
| | Fleshy for its' age, with charming blackberry and raspberry notes, hints of sage spice and a gaminess. Still offering plenty of joy with a pleasing complexity. Much to like about this delicious wine. | |
| 300 | 1995 Reserve de Leoville Barton, Saint Julien | 82.00 |
| | This is the second wine of Ch. Leoville Barton and with such pedigree quality can hardly come as a surprise. It has all the attributes of its' big brother and offers a beautifully mature glass of claret with garnet hue, cassis fruit and hints of old saddlery. | |

Vintners Selection Continued Over...

- 274 1995 Chateau La Lagune, 3eme Cru Haut Medoc 105.00**
A classic old style Bordeaux which is a favourite of the Inn. Offering lots of black cherry, plum and dark fruit flavours together with some smoky oak and cedar aromas. Drinking very well, with good weight in the mouth, there is lots of life left in this dog!
- 196 1995 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac Leognan /Graves 110.00**
In classic Graves style, it is a lovely combo of stony minerality and blackcurrant fruit. Now fully mature it has beautiful aromas and is a joy to drink, offering delicious secondary characteristics with good weight and length.
- 048 1989 Chateau Saint Pierre, 4eme Cru Saint Julien 95.00**
All the hallmarks of fine Bordeaux from a Chateau which it's true to say flies under the radar. A mature garnet in colour with aromas of blackcurrants, cedar and a hint of mint. Full in the mouth with a lingering finish, it is still drinking very well and a worthy match for roast meats.
- 163 1989 Ch. Meyney, Cru Bourgeois Saint Estephe 100.00**
Still most youthful and offering superb dark fruit, hints of cedar together with charred meat. It's fantastic to find a Cru Bourgeois which remains as vibrant after 30 years. 1989 was a particular success for this Chateau.
- 227 1988 Chateau Leoville Barton, 2eme Cru Saint Julien 140.00**
Without doubt one of the finest Houses in the Medoc, consistently producing spectacular wine. Medium bodied and elegant, still with masses of blackcurrant and cherry fruit, with hints of tobacco, sandalwood and a touch of mint. A true gem (and a complete 'steal' at this price!)
- 370 1982 Chateau La Lagune, Haut Medoc 130.00**
One of the finest vintages of last century, and this beautiful wine is a classic example. It still has wonderful cassis aromas, with secondary hints of tobacco and cedar, whilst the palate is silky, smooth and still very much alive and vibrant.
This is a treat and offers a truly memorable experience.

Rhone Valley

- 415 Delas Freres Hermitage Les Bessards 1995, Rhone Valley 120.00**
Hermitage is the gem of the Northern Rhone and Delas Freres has been going since the mid 1800s. Les Bessards, a single vineyard wine only produced in top vintages is spectacular with delectable aromas of smoky bacon, and hints of tapenade together with lovely dark berry fruit.
- 402 Chateauneuf du Pape 2003 'Cuvee Centenaire', Lucien et Andre Brunel, Rhone Valley 105.00**
Only made in the best vintages, from a vineyard first planted at the end of 19th Century, this is quite simply stunning CNP from one of the best houses in the Rhone. It delivers wonderful aromas of Kirsch, black cherries, licorice, pepper and plums whilst the silky palate offers great length. Powerful and strong, reflecting the vintage. A serious treat worth having!

Italy

- 574 1996 'Tassinaia' Tenuta del Terriccio - Tuscany 88.00**
The term 'Super Tuscan' is seen quite often now, whenever a producer uses Bordeaux varietals in their blends. Seldom does it work quite as well as this sexy beast. 1996 was a fabulous vintage with low yields giving concentrated, weighty wines which offer great richness of fruit. With some age, this wine has lost none of its' jaw dropping power and will match most red meat dishes perfectly.
- 512 2001 Barolo 'la Serra' Gianni Voerzio, Piedmont 90.00**
A treat for any Barolo aficionado. Fragrant and beautifully balanced. Classically brick red in colour, it is stacked full of rose petal and orange peel along with dark cherry fruit, leather and tar. The oak and fruit are totally integrated, and the flavours are bold.

Spain

- 791 La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva '904' 1987, Rioja 125.00**
This is a beautifully elegant style of Gran Reserva Rioja. With its' gorgeously fragrant nose of red berry fruit, together with classic secondary aromas of cedar and leather it really opens up in the glass. The palate is silky with sweet spice, good acidity and plenty of fruit. Age definitely has not withered her.

Australia

- 965 Wynn's 'Michael' Shiraz 1993, Coonawarra, S. Australia 96.00**
So often the 'go to' name when it comes to Australia, Wynn's have such consistency you are never disappointed. Michael is only produced in exceptional vintages. Matured in American oak for 18 months, it is rich and complex with mulberry fruit characteristics, with a touch of mocha.
- 648 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 1992, Western Australia 96.00**
A top drop, as they say in Aus. The flagship wine from this iconic producer is a sumptuous blend in both grape variety and style, with the dusty earth and blackcurrant aromas of the Mount Barker region combining with the juicy fruit and dark chocolate flavours of the Margaret River. Definitely worth pushing the boat out for!
- 665 Jim Barry 'The Armagh' Shiraz 1996 - Clare Valley, South Australia 150.00**
The Armagh is one of Australia's iconic wines, very little being made and extremely sought after. We are delighted to be able to list it and we know Aussie aficionados are going to 'well up' when they see it listed!
Beautifully balanced, powerful Clare Shiraz with pepper, menthol and spice characteristics underpinned by dark berry fruit, it is still remarkably youthful and is wonderful with any red meat.

Dessert Wine

- 062 Chateau Doisy Vedrines 1990, Premier Cru Classe, Sauternes (37.5cl) 60.00**
Sensational effort from one of the best in the business. Unctuous is a word invented for this little beauty, with lip-smacking flavours of apricot, coconut, and hints of flower blossom. You have to treat yourself occasionally.....

Champagne

- 113 Gallimard Pere et Fils Cuvée Reserve, Brut NV. 50.00**
A modern hand-made Champagne made from 100% Pinot Noir, grown by the Gallimard family themselves. This allows them to control the quality and price of the fruit which few other producers are able to do. Clean and fresh made in the rounded Gallimard style with a soft, elegant finish.
- 954 Gallimard Pere et Fils Cuvée Reserve, Brut NV. Magnum 110.00**
- 114 Gallimard Pere et Fils Rose, Brut NV. 58.00**
100% Pinot Noir from fruit grown in the Gallimard vineyards. Bright partridge-eyed rosé in colour with soft red fruit aromas with a gentle mousse and a fleshy finish. A fine aperitif but with enough body and character to accompany sea-fish and poultry.
- 103 Champagne AR Lenoble Brut 'Intense' NV 69.50**
Intense is absolutely the right word! 100% family owned and independent, owning 18 Ha in three prime locations in Champagne and this particular cuvee is a blend of 40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir and 30% Pinot Meunier. Sensational flavours of Brioche, nuts and hints of caramel. It has a fine mousse, superb weight and long finish. Awesome value.
- 118 Pol Roger 'White Foil' Brut NV. 80.00**
This was Sir Winston Churchill's favourite due to the greater use of reserve wines in the final blend, which is made from equal amounts of each of the three Champagne grapes. An exquisite wine which exhibits slight Burgundian mealy notes, with a cleansing silky finish.
- 149 Pol Roger 'White Foil' Brut NV. Magnum 175.00**
- 197 Pol Roger Vintage 2012 140.00**
True to form Pol have produced another awesome vintage Champagne. Dominated by Pinot Noir, it's beautifully rich with gorgeous fresh baked bread aromas and stone fruit flavours, framed with the elegance that has become the signature of this great house.
- 092 Pol Roger Cuvee Sir Winston Churchill Vintage 2008 185.00**
Created in homage to Sir Winston Churchill, Pol Roger only produce this very special cuvee in the very best vintages. The exact blend is a specially guarded secret but includes both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Grand Cru sites. Full bodied, rich and long, it is very expressive with flavours of peach and almonds.

Sparkling Wine

218	Tallero Prosecco Spumante DOC Treviso Extra Dry, Veneto Delightfully fresh sparkling wine from the Northern Italian region of Veneto. Crisp and fresh with lovely citrus characters.	28.00
106	Charles Pelletier Grand Reserve Blanc de Blancs, Méthode Traditionelle, France Heralding from the Burgundy region, and made by the Champagne method, this excellent sparkling wine is ideal as an aperitif. It is fun, fresh and elegant.	32.00
211	Charles Pelletier Grand Reserve Rose, Méthode Traditional, France Made using Tempranillo. Well balanced, fresh and with enough weight and summer berry fruit to be enjoyed with or without food.	32.00
803	Cremant de Limoux, Antech 'Cuvee Eugenie' 2017, Languedoc A lovely dry wine with tiny bubbles and a beautiful creamy character. The perfect aperitif, it will also go very well with white meats, shellfish and seafood.	38.00
195	Court Garden Classic Cuvee Brut 2015, East Sussex, Méthode Traditional Made very much in the style of the sparkling wine from N. France, it has a pretty nose of greengage and apples, with a touch of toast. A beautiful, long finish and a tiny mousse, it is a joy to drink.	59.50

Rose Wines

386	Ch Pesquie 'Terrasses' Ventoux 2019, Rhone Valley From the slopes of Mt Ventoux. With a charming peachy orange colour and with aromas of summer fruits, it is pure elegance in a glass. Ideal as an aperitif, it has good weight and goes amazingly well with many foods.	32.00
361	Chianti Rosato 2018, Rocca di Montegrossi, IGT Toscana This is serious Rose, if there is such a thing...well seriously good anyway! Made from the gentle pressing of Sangiovese grapes from the heart of Chianti. It rests on its' lees for 4 months to enhance the spectacular flavours on the nose and in the mouth. This is a joy and has great fruit and length with wonderful texture.	38.50
346	Sancerre Rose 2018, Andre Dezat - Loire A wonderful alternative for an aperitif or a perfect choice to go with fish. From Pinot Noir grapes, it is delicate yet complex with hints of summer berry fruit. Simply delicious!	42.50

Light and Crisp Whites

- 770 **Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Villaricca, Maule Valley (Chile)** 22.50
Wonderfully crisp with a zingy palate of tropical fruits. Grassy and fresh, this wine offers more than many may expect from Chilean Sauvignon. Really enjoyable.
- 326 **Pinot Grigio 2018, La Borgata - Veneto (Italy)** 23.50
We sell buckets of this lovely modern Pinot Grigio from Italy's NW. Fresh and crisp, it has gorgeous aromas of pears and apples and a full flavour with pronounced fruit.
- 305 **Sauvignon de Touraine 2018, Domaine de Rablais (Loire)** 26.50
Downstream from the famous Villages of Sancerre and Pouilly comes this wonderfully expressive, zesty Sauvignon with gorgeous crisp flavours on both nose and palate which make your mouth water just to think about them! As a drink on its' own or with food, it is a delight.
- 338 **Muscadet 'Sur Lie' Sevre et Maine 2018, Domaine Bigotiere (Loire)** 27.00
Finally Muscadet is making a comeback! World renowned as the true match for 'Fruits de Mers' – Seafood to you and me. It disappeared off wine radars with the New World invasion. Beautifully dry with a touch of complexity from the lees treatment.
- 385 **Picpoul de Pinet 2019 Villa des Croix, Languedoc** 27.50
Having shed its' 'Muscadet of the south' tag, Picpoul de Pinet now stands on its' own feet and continues to clean up in the dry white stakes. Villa des Croix is one of the very best. Fresh and lemony, this is a dry white that everyone can get along with perfectly.
- 994 **Albarino Calazul 2019, Rias Baixas (Spain)** 30.00
Albarino is the indigenous grape of Rias Baixas in Galicia, North-West Spain. Regarded as Spain's alternative to Viognier in terms of its fresh peachy aromatics. Very popular in Madrid's chic bars and restaurants.
- 530 **Gavi DOCG 2019, Pier Carlo Bergaglio (Piedmont)** 35.00
Beautifully clean and fresh, with hints of peach and white flower aromas, it's easy to see why this wine is so popular. Perfect wine for lighter style dishes and seafood.
- 256 **Chablis 2018, Domaine Hamelin, Burgundy** 39.50
This is a superb, traditional style Chablis with the typical flinty, mineral characteristics. Quite light in style, this does not pretend to be a big, buttery Côte d'Or wine. The company is a firm believer in not using oak in order to give full purity of fruit and expression of terroir.

Light & Crisp Whites continued over...

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- 331 Sancerre 2018, Domaine Andre Dezat, Loire Valley 39.50**
100% Sauvignon Blanc. Fresh cut grass and elderflower on the nose with an exquisitely rich palate of gooseberries and citrus, combined with minerally flintiness. A classic which lives up to its' reputation as the great fish dish match.
- 329 Pouilly Fumé 2018, Domaine du Petit Soumade, Loire Valley 42.00**
From way up stream on the Loire, on the opposite side of the river from Sancerre is this other iconic wine region. A stalwart of wine lists all over the world, it is Sauvignon Blanc as we used to know. Crisp, fresh with hints of gooseberries and an underlying smokiness this appellation is known for.

Medium to Full Bodied Whites

- 715 Chenin Blanc 'Old Vine' 2014 Zevenwacht, Stellenbosch, South Africa 24.50**
Chenin Blanc is S. Africa's leading white grape, and this particular one is ideal with or without food. Fermented in oak and kept on its' lees it is awesome value with good depth of flavour, and has gorgeous aromas and a long finish.
- 744 Chardonnay 2019 Gran Reserva, Nostros - Casablanca, Chile 29.50**
If anybody is still dragging their feet when it comes to getting back onto the Chardonnay bandwagon, just point them at this little gem. Winds off the Pacific keep the vineyards cool thereby slowing ripening. The result is a Chardonnay of elegance. Barrel fermented for extra complexity, it is exceptionally pleasing.
- 705 Grenache Blanc 2019, The Foundry, Western Cape (S. Africa) 39.50**
It's extremely easy to see why this wine is so many people's favourite! The Foundry specialise in producing wines using Rhone Valley varieties and this is another wonderful example. It has charming white flower aromas with hints of citrus, whilst the palate is ripe with a stone fruit character and sumptuous texture.
- 806 Chardonnay 2017 Foxglove, Central Coast (California) 41.50**
The Varner brothers have produced an absolute beauty with the emphasis on fruit, so there is very little oak influence at all. There are lovely notes of flowers, honeysuckle and hints of white peach. It is elegant and restrained, quite un-Californian, but we love it!

Medium to Full Bodied Whites continued over...

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- 726 Chenin / Clairette / Verdelho / Viognier 2016 'Saskia', Miles Mossop, W. Cape (S. Africa) 49.50**
 A fulsome blend, with aromas of white peaches, and flavours of quince and apricots. Very rich with a lovely balance between fruit and acidity. Absolutely ideal for fish, with or without sauce.
- 265 Bourgogne Blanc 2017, Domaine Bernard Moreau et fils 55.00**
 A great illustration of how good 2017 was for white Burgundies. Handpicked fruit from just outside Chassagne Montrachet, pressed and kept on its' lees for a year with just a touch of oak, it has loads of white peach fruit with hints of grapefruit underpinned by some chalky minerality. Anyone would think they'd got the wrong labels on!
- 291 Montagny 2017 Domaine Phillipe Colin, Burgundy 58.50**
 Montagny has the benefit of being south of the Cote d' Or and consequently still offers top wines without the price tag. Very well balanced it has a perfumed, elegant and honeyed nose with great stone fruit and citrus flavours and a pleasing saline minerality.
- 079 Chablis 1er Cru 'Cote de Lechet' 2018, Domaine Defaix, Burgundy 59.50**
 From 100% Chardonnay, full bodied yet with elegant fruit backed up by minerals and good acidity known by the French as 'gout de pierre a fusil', or gunflint. Superb length, it really is classy stuff.
- 233 Chassagne Montrachet 2017, Dom. Bachey Legros, Burgundy 85.00**
 Lovely pale straw in colour, with mouth watering aromas of peaches. Juicy and ripe, with gentle a touch of oak, this is a delicious Burgundy. Whether roast pork, chicken or sea bass this is your ideal combo.
- 279 Puligny Montrachet 2017, Domaine Pernet Belicard, Burgundy 89.50**
 Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards. Elegant with a citrus and stone fruit palate and lemon meringue characters. Sensational with fish.
- 212 Meursault 'Les Casse Tetes' 2017, Domaine Tessier, Burgundy 90.00**
 Superb quality 'Lieu Dit' which means basically single vineyard, from one of the region's leading lights. A year in oak, then left in stainless steel with very little intervention. Heaps of sensational stone fruit, cashew and toast and honey and cracking acidity. Beautifully situated vineyards, low yields and brilliant winemaking all contribute to this very special bottle.
- 278 Puligny Montrachet 2010 1er Cru 'Clavoillon', Domaine Leflaive, Burgundy 185.00**
 Another stupendous wine from Burgundy's leading producers. Beautifully textured, it has gorgeous aromas of acacia flower, white peach, hints of pear together with toast and honey and a touch of vanilla on the palate. This is absolutely delicious, and is the perfect match for most fish dishes.

Aromatic and Fruity Whites

- 848 Riesling 2018, Dr. Loosen, Mosel (Germany)** **28.00**
This is what you would expect from top quality Mosel Riesling. Medium dry, with a fresh, zesty nose and a mouth-watering, fruity palate.
- 457 Viognier '974' 2018, Ch. Pesquie, Rhone Valley** **27.50**
Aromatic and alluring, beautiful apricot and peach flavours abound, and the fruit on the palate lingers on and on.....
The number in the name is the road which takes you to the vineyard....you can't deny the French are romantic!! Nevertheless, the wine speaks for itself.
- 694 Riesling 2016, Mount Langhi 'Billi Billi', Grampians, Victoria (Aus.)** **29.50**
Classic cool climate Riesling flavours leap from the glass, making your mouth water before you even have a sip! Lemon and limes, together with lovely floral overtones. Wonderful with fish and an especially good partner to Asian influenced food. Yum!
- 038 Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Staete Landt, Marlborough (NZ)** **30.00**
Staete Landt is the name given to what is now New Zealand by Tasman, the Dutch explorer in honour of his country. Wonderfully fresh and powerful on the nose this is an intense wine with bags of zesty gooseberry passion fruit and citrus fruit and great concentration of flavour.
- 365 Gewurztraminer Reserve 2017, Joseph Cattin, Alsace** **37.50**
A classic Gewurztraminer from Alsace exhibiting lychees and Turkish delight aromas, very intense, unctuous flavours with delicious texture as a result of the old vines. So tasty you will adore it.
- 579 Bianco Porticello, Tenuta di Castellaro 2018, IGT Sicily** **39.50**
This captivating wine is from the island of Lipari just off Sicily has instant appeal leaping from the glass. Made from Carricante and Moscato grown on the volcanic soil, it is fresh flavoured with stunning aromas of apples, honey and white flowers. It's well balanced and long.
- 503 Pinot Gris 2016, Dom. Rolly Gassman, Alsace** **48.50**
Truly, truly unctuous! Packed full of spiced citrus, toffee apple, peach and apricot aromas, backed up with a hint of spice on the palate. Off dry, rich and complex, it is God's gift to Spicy cuisine.
- 546 Riesling 'Kaiton' 2017, Kuenhof - Alto Adige (Italy)** **52.50**
An exquisite wine from the high altitude region of Alto Adige in Italy's Tyrol region, close to Austria. The Vineyards are on the steep slopes with great exposure to the sun, allowing perfect ripeness. Beautiful minerality, clean with citrus lemon and lime flavours, and hints of apricot, it is the ideal match for any fish dish. A firm favourite of the Vintners' and anybody they can convert....Amazing!

Elegant and Lighter Bodied Reds

- 774 Merlot 2018, Villarrica, Maule Valley (Chile) 22.50**
A no nonsense wine, precisely what you should expect from a Chilean of this level. Full of plums and red fruits with mild tannins and light to medium body, an ideal prescription for the easy drinker.
- 372 Carignan Vieilles Vignes 2018, Mont Rocher, Pays Herault (Languedoc) 24.50**
The old vines of the hills of Languedoc provide this juicy little wine with extra depth, but it is so easy to drink. Smooth and soft, it's a bigger crowd pleaser than Michael Buble.
- 144 Chateau Roc de Segur 2017, Bordeaux 26.00**
Merlot dominant (65%) Bordeaux with generous plummy flavours on the palate, and hints of blackcurrants and a touch of spicy earth. Easy drinking with good weight, it suits fowl, red meat and game equally well.
- 358 Beaujolais Villages 2018, Domaine Colette, Beaujolais 35.00**
Pure, concentrated Gamay fruit of Cru Beaujolais quality. Clear, bright with deep colour extract and mouth-filling flavours.
- 662 Pinot Noir 2018, Paper Road, Wairarapa (NZ) 34.00**
Absolute quality from the very bottom of the North Island. Fresh summer fruit flavours with aromas of strawberries, red cherries together with a lovely savoury aspect. A perfect wine for game or duck.
- 328 Fleurie 2018, Domaine Manoir Carra, Beaujolais 38.50**
Classic Cru Beaujolais. A fresh fruit forward and silky wine full of ripe strawberry and cherry fruit, underpinned by more body than would be found in your humble Beaujolais Villages.
- 332 Sancerre Rouge 2018, Domaine Andre Dezat, Loire 42.50**
Pinot Noir is another red variety which can manage the cooler climate of Northern France. This wine is elegant with beautiful summer fruit flavours and hints of spice. A great match for any pork dish or game.

Medium Bodied Reds

- 404 Cotes du Rhone 2018, Reserve de Fleur 25.00**
Cracking little wine from the Southern Rhone, made using mostly Syrah, with just a dash of old vine Grenache. A good balance between dark berry fruits and black pepper spice. It is unoaked and unfiltered which adds texture and weight whilst the finish is long.
- 679 Rioja 2017, Lar de Paula Oak Aged Tinto, Rioja (Spain) 26.50**
All the grace and silkiness you could want from a Rioja. Lots of cherry, plum and spicy flavours combined with hints of vanilla from 6 months of aging in American oak, and elegant tannins add to the finish.
- 650 Primativo 2018, Tenute Rubino, Salento (Italy) 30.00**
Often called by its' American name Zinfandel, Primativo has been produced in Southern Italy for a long time and continues to wow drinkers with its beautiful dark cherry and plum fruit together with hints of spice.
- 787 Malbec 2018, Inacayal, Mendoza (Argentina) 28.50**
Vibrant purple in the glass, with intense aromas of plums and dried figs. The palate is smooth, with flavours of dark cherries and chocolate. Yes, it's strong, but there is definitely a warming charm to this wine.
- 029 Chianti Colli Aretini 2017, Manucci Droandi (Tuscany) 35.00**
Delicious Chianti punching well above its' weight, with hints of cherries, plums, cinnamon and herbs on the nose and touches of chocolate on the palate make this unmistakably Sangiovese. The tannins are subtle and the finish long, and make it ideal for game.
- 556 Barbera d'Asti 2017, Cantina del Pino, Piedmont, N. Italy 38.50**
From a tiny winery in Barbaresco which is really going places. Rich in colour with deep purple hues and a black cherry appearance, it has both power and finesse. Flavours of blackberries, cherries, espresso and hints of spice abound.
- 176 Chateau Roudier 2014, Montagne Saint Emilion (Bordeaux) 39.50**
A very attractive blend (65% Merlot, 25% Cab Franc, 10% Cab Sauvignon) from one of satellite villages of Saint Emilion. A pleasing nose of dark berries, and mocha together with hints of spice, it offers really good value for money.
- 051 Chateau Noaillac 2014, Medoc (Bordeaux) 42.00**
This cracking claret is 55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. Succulent yet fulsome, with pencil lead and cedar characteristics, it's exactly what is required to run alongside some wonderful local lamb. Top value.
- 501 Langhe Nebbiolo 2017, Cantina del Pino, Piedmont (N. Italy) 49.50**
Like a 'baby Barbaresco'. Made with the same grape, the wonderful Nebbiolo, but using slightly younger vines so it can be approached earlier, this is a delicious wine. It still has the charming Barbaresco characteristics - the pale appearance, the intriguing aroma of orange peel and cherries and the dry spicy palate.

Medium Bodied Reds continued over...

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| 174 | Chateau La Tour de By 2012, Haut Medoc (Bordeaux) | 52.00 |
| | A delicious claret from a fine vintage. Cabernet Sauvignon is the main grape (60%) in this classic Bordeaux blend. Elegant and stylish, it is not a cutlass, rather an epee and has blackcurrant and cedar flavours and is unmistakably Medoc. | |
| 207 | Chateau Siaurac 2014, Lalande de Pomerol (Bordeaux) | 58.50 |
| | 80% Merlot reminds us this is indeed from the Pomerol plateau, home to some of the best right bank clarets. A fruit forward nose of cassis, cherry and tobacco, backed up with a weighty yet balanced palate and long finish. Already drinking superbly, the longer it's in the glass the more joy you get! Terrific. | |
| 481 | Rioja Gran Reserva 2010, Bodegas Navajas, Rioja (Spain) | 59.50 |
| | An archetypal Gran Reserva from this prestigious house. Warm spicy strawberry flavours interlaced with creamy coconut aromas from careful oak aging. This is Rioja at its' finest. | |
| 550 | Nuits Saint Georges 2013, Domaine Lecheneaut (Burgundy) | 79.50 |
| | A 'go to' name if ever there was one. Nuits St Georges is an iconic name in the wine world. The vines are over 50 years old. The wine is intense with aromatic characteristics of red berry fruit with a hint of spice on the nose and a silky palate with good acidity and length. | |
| 316 | Volnay 'Vieilles Vignes 2014, Domaine Genot Boulanger (Burgundy) | 82.50 |
| | It has been noticed that someone has an unhealthy passion for Volnay, (no names no pack drill....) however this does mean the list nearly always carries a lovely example of this appellation, and this is no exception. Soft, smooth and enticing, it has wonderful dark cherry and raspberry notes. The old vines add extra character. This is a delight! | |
| 342 | Gevrey Chambertin 2014, Domaine Taupenot Merme (Burgundy) | 90.00 |
| | Serious quality from the famous appellation in Cotes de Nuits. Silky, smooth yet powerful glass of wine. Summer fruit combined with a savoury edge and the classic 'fruits of the forest' brambly character. Really good flavours and perfect with game or duck. | |
| 036 | Chambolle Musigny 2010, Domaine Taupenot Merme (Burgundy) | 94.00 |
| | With the accent on red rather than dark berry fruit characteristics, Taupenot Merme have produced a wonderful example of this very iconic village. Now showing good maturity with a more garnet colour, it has a floral violet aroma with red berry notes and hint of marzipan. The palate has a beautiful velvety texture and lingers long. | |

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Full Bodied Reds

- 760 Pinotage 2015, 'Abraham and the Heretics', Western Cape (S.Africa) 26.50**
Wonderfully spicy, mixed berry, full-bodied wine that shows off the best in South Africa's most renowned grape variety. Very smooth – it goes down very easily!
- 661 Shiraz 2015, Mount Langhi 'Billi Billi', Grampians, Victoria (Aus.) 27.50**
From the relatively cooler climate of High Country Victoria. Packed full of dark berry and forest fruit flavours, together with the classic Shiraz spice characteristics, this is a really appealing glass of red which has grilled sirloin written all over it!
- 543 Negroamaro 2018, Tenute Rubino, Salento (Italy) 30.00**
Velvety and gentle, this lovely wine is packed with sweet ripe fruit flavours reflecting the warmth of Salento in southern Italy, where the vines are mostly tended by women whose skills are handed down from generation to generation. Amidst the vines there is singing and dancing.....sounds like heaven!
- 334 Chianti Classico DOCG 2017, Rocca di Montegrossi (Italy) 48.50**
90% Sangiovese and 10% local varieties, this wonderful Chianti comes from old vines in the heart of the Classico region. Aged for 15 months in French oak, it has a deep, dark hue and a nose of dark cherries, blackberries and quintessential herbaceous Sangiovese dryness. Beautifully ripe on the palate, this is a 'look at me' wine indeed!
- 533 Barolo 'Cascina Nuova' 2013, Elvio Cogno, Piedmont (Italy) 69.50**
This modern style of Barolo is from one of Barolo's most charismatic figures. 100% Nebbiolo, classic Barolo flavours of rose petals, tar and orange peel, leap out at you, and maybe it's because they come from this region, but we're sure we can smell truffles in the glass!
- 512 Barolo 'la Serra' 2001 Gianni Voerzio, Piedmont 90.00**
A treat for any Barolo aficionado. Fragrant and beautifully balanced. Classically brick red in colour, it is stacked full of rose petal and orange peel along with dark cherry fruit, leather and tar. The oak and fruit are totally integrated, and the flavours are bold.

For more full bodied wines please see the Vintners' Selection pages

Powerful Reds

- 724 Tempranillo Finca Sobreno 2018, Toro (Spain) 28.50**
100% organic Tempranillo from the little region NW of Madrid. Aged in American oak for 4 months, it has a fulsome, mouth filling character, full of dark berry fruit. The aromas of violets, blackcurrants and espresso are very appealing!
- 414 Rhone Valley Grenache / Syrah Blend 2016, Ch Pesquie 'Terrasses', Ventoux 32.50**
From the terraced slopes of Mt Ventoux, this is classic Southern Rhone. 70% Grenache, and 30% Syrah, it combines juicy dark berry fruit with spice and pepper savouriness. Ample fruit, complexity, weight and charm all contribute to this terrific value wine.
- 475 Rioja Reserva 2013, Bodegas Navajas, Rioja 36.00**
Huge, ripe and juicy Rioja, with powerful dark berry fruit, intertwined with gorgeous spice flavours. Vanilla and coconut flavours from the use of American oak are also present. This is a real mouthful!
- 298 Shiraz 2018, 'The Cunning Plan', Langhorne Creek (S. Australia) 38.50**
Some of the tastiest Aussie wines come from the little known Langhorne Creek, just south of McLaren Vale. Massive amounts of juicy dark fruit along with spicy black pepper aromas. A wine with real backbone and absolutely wonderful with most red meats and game.
- 748 Ribero del Duero Crianza 2016, Valtraveiso (Spain) 45.00**
85% Tempranillo, with Cabernet and Merlot making up this alluring blend. Barrel aged for 14 months it is beautifully ripe, velvety and full bodied the wine oozes quality with stacks of dark berry fruit aromas and well integrated spicy oak. Decanted, this brooding beauty comes alive!
- 416 Gigondas 'Les Fouilles' 2016, Domaine Burle, Rhone Valley 49.50**
Gone are the days of stiff and dry wines from the southern Rhone, where you must wait patiently for 8 years before anything slightly resembling fruit appears in your glass. This is unadulterated instant gratification, with sweet fruit and juicy flavours dancing immediately onto your tongue. Awesome!
- 578 Amarone della Valpolicella 2013 'Corte Vaona' Novaia, Veneto (Italy) 69.50**
Amarone is a full-bodied, dry red made using naturally dried Corvina grapes. Very intense prune and fig flavours combine with firm tannins balanced acidity and a slightly sweet finish. The ultimate wine to accompany game or some very strong cheese.

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Large Format

Champagnes

- 954 Gallimard Pere et Fils Cuvée Reserve, Brut NV. Mag. 110.00**
A modern hand-made Champagne made from 100% Pinot Noir, grown by the Gallimard family themselves. This allows them to control the quality and price of the fruit which few other producers are able to do. Clean and fresh made in the rounded Gallimard style with a soft, elegant finish.
- 149 Pol Roger 'White Foil' Brut NV. Mag. 175.00**
This was Sir Winston Churchill's favourite due to the greater use of reserve wines in the final blend, which is made from equal amounts of each of the three Champagne grapes. An exquisite wine which exhibits slight Burgundian mealy notes, with a cleansing silky finish.

White Wines

- 754 Chassagne Montrachet 2017, Domaine Bernard Moreau et fils, Burgundy Mag. 160.00**
Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards with a citrus and stone fruit palate and gorgeously long finish, this is the 'real McCoy'! Sensational with fish.

Red Wines

- 955 2015 Chateau Noailles, Medoc (Bordeaux) Mag. 85.00**
Already drinking very well, this terrific Medoc is the perfect dinner party wine. A blend of 55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot, it is great value and goes perfectly with most meat and game dishes.
- 917 2011 Chateau Chasse Spleen, Moulis (Bordeaux) Mag. 140.00**
Just beginning to shed its' youthful appearance, this 'Go to' Bordeaux never let you down. It is opening up beautifully and offers hints of cassis flavours and cigar box aromas, it is a superb partner for lamb or game. The longer it is open the more seductive it becomes, definitely worth decanting for maximum enjoyment.
- 898 2001 Chateau Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan (Bordeaux) Mag. 175.00**
Subtle, textured and aromatic, this is a delicious claret drinking superbly. A lovely expression of the Pessac appellation with the combination of ripe black fruits and gravelly minerality as expected. A firm favourite of the Vintners (not least because of the amazing value it always offers!)

Port

Due to the nature and quality of these vintage ports we kindly request that where possible prior notification is given before serving simply to allow for sediments to settle and correct temperature to be attained.

906 Quinta Portal LBV 2013 49.50
Deep, juicy, rich and structured. It is unfiltered to maintain weight and depth. Great value.

Vintage Port

974 Taylors 1983 120.00
As good as the reviews all suggest. This is another top notch effort from arguably the best Port House. Gorgeous dark berry fruit flavours are very much in evidence and this fabulous wine is now opening up to show magnificent depth and length.

922 Dows 1977 130.00
From a sensational vintage, and 40 years down the track it is now drinking superbly. It still has masses of sweet summer fruit flavours as well as firm backbone with great acidity. Silky and smooth, it's the ultimate way to end dinner.

Dessert Wine

062 Chateau Doisy Vedrines 1990, Premier Cru Classe, Sauternes (37.5cl) 70.00
Sensational effort from one of the best in the business. Unctuous is a word invented for this little beauty, with lip-smacking flavours of apricot, coconut, and hints of flower blossom. You have to treat yourself occasionally.....

807 Ch. La Tour Blanche 1988, 1er Cru Sauternes (Bordeaux) (75cl) 100.00
From the outstanding 1988 vintage. Wonderful flavours of honey, tropical fruits and touches of caramel. A joy for your senses, its' golden appearance looks superb, it smells delicious and lingers beautifully on the palate.

Wines by the Glass

125ml

Champagne and Sparkling

Gallimard Cuvée Reserve, Brut N.V.

100% Pinot Noir, fantastically clean and fresh made in the rounded Gallimard style with a soft, elegant finish.

Recommendations - Aperitif, smoked salmon

11.00

Tallero Prosecco Spumante DOC Treviso Extra Dry

Delightfully fresh sparkling wine from Northern Italy. Crisp and fresh with lovely citrus and apple characters, it has a mouth filling roundness which is delightful.

Recommendations - Aperitif

6.50

White wines

Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Villaricca, Maule Valley (Chile)

Wonderfully crisp with a zingy palate of tropical fruits. Grassy and fresh, this wine offers more than many may expect from Chilean Sauvignon. Really enjoyable.

Recommendations - Salads and fish dishes.

3.90

Pinot Grigio 2018 La Borgata, Veneto (Italy)

Fresh and crisp, it has gorgeous aromas of pears and apples and a full flavour and pronounced fruit.

Recommendations - Aperitif, salads

4.15

Chenin Blanc 2014 Zevenwacht, Stellenbosch, (South Africa)

Chenin Blanc is S. Africa's leading white grape, and this particular one is ideal with or without food. Fermented in oak and kept on its' lees it is awesome value with good depth of flavour, and has gorgeous aromas and a long finish.

Recommendations - Salads, white meats, fish

4.35

Riesling 2018, Dr. Loosen Mosel (Germany)

This is what you would expect from top quality Riesling. A delicious wine, with a fresh, zesty nose and a mouth-watering, fruity palate. It is medium dry, and very more-ish!

Recommendations - White meats, spicy dishes

4.75

White Wines continued....

- Picpoul de Pinet 2019, Dom. Villa Croix (Languedoc)** 4.75
Having shed its 'Muscadet of the south' tag Picpoul de Pinet now stands on its' own feet and continues to clean up in the dry white stakes. Villa des Croix is one of the very best. Fresh and lemony, this is a dry white that everyone can get along with perfectly.
Recommendations - Salads, fish, especially shellfish
- Chardonnay Gran Reserva 2019 Nostros - Casablanca Valley (Chile)** 5.15
If anybody is still dragging their feet when it comes to getting back onto the Chardonnay bandwagon, just point them at this little gem. Winds off the Pacific keep the vineyards cool thereby slowing ripening. The result is a Chardonnay of mouth watering freshness and elegance. Barrel fermented for extra complexity.
Recommendations - Pork and Chicken dishes, fish
- Viognier '974' 2018, Ch. Pesquie, Rhone Valley** 5.00
Aromatic and alluring, beautiful apricot and peach flavours abound, and the fruit on the palate lingers on and on.....
The number in the name is the road which takes you to the vineyard....you can't deny the French are romantic!!
Nevertheless, the wine speaks for itself. Fantastic bang for buck!
Recommendations - White fish, shellfish and white meat
- Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Staete Landt, Marlborough (NZ)** 5.25
Staete Landt is the name given to what is now New Zealand by Tasman, the Dutch explorer in honour of his country. This is Marlborough Sauvignon at its best. Wonderfully fresh and powerful on the nose this is an intense wine with bags of zesty gooseberry, passion fruit and citrus fruit and great concentration of flavour.
Recommendations - Aperitif, goat's cheese, seafood
- Puligny Montrachet 2017 Domaine Pernot Belicard, Burgundy** 18.00
Quintessential Burgundy from the world famous appellation. Lovely balanced Chardonnay fruit from the best vineyards. Full flavoured with a citrus and stone fruit palate. Sensational with fish or white meat.
Recommendations - white fish, shellfish, pork and poultry
- Meursault 'Les Casse Tetes' 2017, Dom. Tessier, Burgundy** 22.00
Superb quality 'Lieu Dit' which means basically single vineyard, from one of the region's leading lights. A year in oak, then left in stainless steel with very little intervention. Heaps of sensational stone fruit, hazelnut and toast and honey and cracking acidity.
Recommendations - white fish (and pink fish!) pork and poultry

Rose Wines

Castillo del Moro Tempranillo Shiraz Rose 2018 - Spain 3.50
Full flavoured and ripe. Tasty flavours of summer berries, it is a pleasure to knock back, morning, noon and night! Top value too.
Recommendations - Aperitif, salads

Terrasses Rose 2019, Rhone Valley (France) 5.25
From the slopes of Mt Ventoux. With a charming peachy orange colour and with aromas of summer fruits, it is pure elegance in a glass.
Ideal as an aperitif, it has good weight and goes amazingly well with many foods.
Recommendations - Aperitif, salads, shellfish

Red Wines

Merlot 2018 Villarrica, Maule Valley (Chile) 3.90
It is so easy to drink, lots of plum characters with touches of mocha. Classic Chilean Merlot. Just the job!
Recommendations - Stews, pork dishes

Cotes du Rhone Reserve de Fleur 2018 4.40
Cracking little wine from the Southern Rhone, made using mostly Syrah, with just a dash of old vine Grenache. A good balance between dark berry fruits and black pepper spice. It is unoaked and unfiltered which adds texture and weight whilst the finish is long.
Recommendations - red meats, pasta, cheese

Chateau Roc de Segur 2017, Bordeaux 4.50
Merlot dominant (67%) Bordeaux with generous plummy flavours on the palate, and hints of blackcurrants and a touch of spicy earth.
Easy drinking with good weight, it suits fowl and game perfectly.
Recommendations - lamb dishes, game

Rioja 2017, Lar de Paula Oak Aged Tinto, Rioja (Spain) 4.85
All the grace and silkiness you could want from a Rioja. Lots of cherry, plum and spicy flavours combined with hints of vanilla from 6 months of aging in American oak, and elegant tannins add to the finish.
Recommendations - Roast beef, lamb, cheeses

Billi Billi Shiraz 2015 Mount Langhi, Grampians, Australia. 4.85
From the relatively cooler climate of High Country Victoria. Packed full of dark berry and forest fruit flavours, together with the classic Shiraz spice characteristics, this is a really appealing glass of red which has grilled sirloin written all over it!
Recommendations - Meat. Redder the better.

Red Wines continued over...

Malbec 2018 Inacayal, Mendoza (Argentina) 5.00

Vibrant purple in the glass, with intense aromas of plums and dried figs. The palate is smooth, with flavours of dark cherries and chocolate. Yes, it's strong, but there is definitely a warming charm to this wine.

Recommendations - Grilled Sirloin, Roast Beef, plain and simple!

Pinot Noir 2018 Paper Road 2018, Wairarapa (NZ) 5.90

Absolute quality from the very bottom of the North Island. Fresh summer fruit flavours with aromas of strawberries, red cherries together with a lovely savoury aspect.

Recommendations - A perfect wine for game or duck.

Gevrey Chambertin 2014, Domaine Taupenot Merme (Burgundy) 20.00

Serious quality from the famous appellation in Cotes de Nuits. Silky, smooth yet powerful glass of wine. Summer fruit combined with a savoury edge and the classic 'fruits of the forest' brambly character. Really good flavours and perfect with game or duck.

Recommendations - Really good flavours and perfect with game or duck.

Wynn's 'Michael' Shiraz 1993, Coonawarra, S. Australia 22.00

So often the 'go to' name when it comes to Australia, Wynn's have such consistency you are never disappointed.

Michael is only produced in exceptional vintages. Matured in American oak for 18 months, it is rich and complex with mulberry fruit characteristics, with a touch of mocha.

Recommendations - beef, beef and more beef.

1988 Chateau Leoville Barton, 2eme Cru Saint Julien 28.00

Without doubt one of the finest Houses in the Medoc, consistently producing spectacular wine. Medium bodied and elegant, still with masses of blackcurrant and cherry fruit, with hints of tobacco, sandalwood and a touch of mint. A true gem (and a complete 'steal' at this price!)

Recommendations - Roast game, roast lamb.

Dessert Wine

Bacalhoa Moscatel de Setubal 2015 (Portugal) 75ml 4.25

Enticing Muscat aromas and delicious 'raisiny' flavours. A great way to finish off your meal.

Recommendations - Sticky toffee pudding!

Ch. La Tour Blanche 1988, 1er Cru Sauternes (Bordeaux) 75ml 11.00

From the outstanding 1988 vintage. Wonderful flavours of honey, tropical fruits and touches of caramel. A joy for your senses, its' golden appearance looks superb, it smells delicious and lingers beautifully on the palate.

Recommendations - Tarts, pies, puddings and fruit dishes.