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White

White Wines by the Glass

Quinta da Alorna 'Cardal' White 2014 **€27.50/16.50/7.50**

Tejo, Portugal

Grape Varieties: Fernão Pires, Moscatel

Abv: 12.5%

Fresh and soft, with notes of rose petal. Slightly spritzy with generous ripe fruit.

Gran Hacienda Sauvignon Blanc 2015 **€27.50/16.50/7.95**

Lontué Valley, Chile

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon

Abv: 13.5%

Fruity nose of lime, grapefruit, passion fruit and acacia flowers. Fresh acidity and a rich and long finish.

Domaine Coustellier Chardonnay 2015 **€31/17.50/7.95**

Languedoc, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 13,5%

A deliciously fresh Chardonnay which shows lovely clean fruit and well balanced crisp acidity with a delicate lick of oak.

Ca' Donini Pinot Grigio 2015 **€33/18.50/8.50**

Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: Pinot Grigio

Abv: 11.5%

It is fresh, clean and lively with bright notes of honey and apple with a pleasing aftertaste of ripe pears.

MAN Family Wines Chenin Blanc 2015 **€35/18/9**

Agter-Paarl, South Africa

Grape Varieties: Chenin Blanc

Abv: 13%

Bursting with flavour, this Chenin Blanc has mouth-watering tropical fruit flavours offset by a vibrant acidity.

Viña Cartin Albariño 2015 €37/20/10
Rias Baixas, Spain
Grape Varieties: Albariño
Abv: 12.5%
Medium body, balanced acidity and citrus aromas, nicely structured with hints of ripe fruit.
Lively finish.

Real Compañía Verdejo 2015 €35/17.50/8.50
North Central Spain
Grape Variety: Verdejo
Abv: 12%
Aromas of tropical fruits, citrus and very particular varietal aromas of fennel.
Fruity palate with a dry finish.

Winzer Krems Riesling 'Von den Terrassen' 2014 €40/22/10
Krems, Austria
Grape Varieties: Riesling
Abv: 12.5%
Typical Riesling from the steep slopes of Danube River. Nervy and dry, piercing acidity and long lasting aftertaste. This Austrian bottle will pleasantly surprise even the most seasoned Riesling fans.

La Chablisienne 'La Pierrelée' Chablis 2014 €46/23.50/12
Burgundy, France
Grape Varieties: Chardonnay
Abv: 12,5%
A classically dry, stony, mineral Chablis. An exotic bouquet with apple, citrus and vanilla notes. Full and rich in the mouth with a reminder of its aromatic finesse.

Marble Leaf Sauvignon Blanc 2014 €40/23.50/10
Marlborough, New Zealand
Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc
Abv: 12,5%
Classic Marlborough style with a mineral edge. Strong varietal characters of passionfruit and grapefruit with a long, dry stony finish.

Light and Crisp

FRANCE

Domaine de la Pinède Blanc 2015

€34

Languedoc, France

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Viognier

Abv: 12,5%

Vibrant notes of ripe exotic fruits and citrus. Lively, tangy, fruity and light. Versatile with a whole host of foods.

Les Terres Basses Blanc Sec 2015

€32

Cotes de Gascogne, France

Grape Varieties: Colombard, Ugni Blanc, Sauvignon, Gros Manseng

Abv: 11.5%

Intense nose dominated by grapefruit and white fruits. Lively on the palate staying fresh with a slight sweetness. This is a high quaffable wine with heaps of character.

'Le Jade' Picpoul de Pinet 2015

€35

Coteaux du Languedoc, France

Grape Varieties: Picpoul

Abv: 12.5%

Pale lemon in colour with a youthful rim, crisp apple and a touch of citrus on the nose. Attractive weight, with a good balance of ripe fruit and fresh lemon-lime acidity. Fresh and zippy on the finish.

ITALY

Setterè Orvieto Classico D.O.C. 2015

€30

Umbria, Italy

Grape Varieties: 70% Grechetto, 20% Chardonnay, 10% Sauvignon Blanc

ABV: 12%

Volcanic soils impart complex citrus and floral character with exotic fruit notes. Dry, aromatic and elegant on the palate with a satisfying finish.

Solandia Grillo 2014

€31

Sicily, Italy

Grape Varieties: Grillo

Abv: 13%

Grillo is a native Sicilian variety, with fresh Mediterranean scents and a savoury, elegant flavour with a typical hint of bitter almonds.

Arbética Gavi D.O.C.G 2014

€42

Piemonte, Italy

Grape Varieties: 100% Cortese

Abv: 12.5%

Elegant and fresh with notes of pear and citron. Persistent, bright acidity with delicate texture and a floral finish.

NEW ZEALAND

Pear Tree Pinot Gris Single Estate Reserve 2013

€55

Waipopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

Grape Varieties: 100% Pinot Gris

Abv: 12.5%

Aromas of stone fruit and petals. The palate shows an up-front melody of fruit, with a lovely tempered subtle sweetness, balanced with fine crisp acid. A lovely wine with rich, luscious flavours and a lingering finish.

PORTUGAL

Alvarinho-Loureiro 'Colheita Seleccionada' 2015

€32

Vinho Verde, Minho, Portugal

Grape Varieties: Alvarinho, Loureiro

Abv: 11.5%

Tropical fruit and citrus rind and seductive seaside freshness on the nose. Delicious bouquet of exotic fruit backed up by sharp and focused acidity and a long lingering finish.

SPAIN

Peñe Tejo Blanco 2015

€30

North Central Spain

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Macabeo

Abv: 12%

Golden colour, on the nose apple and pineapple aromas, the wine is ample and long.

USA

Joel Gott Unoaked Chardonnay 2014**€50***Monterey, Sonoma and Napa – California, USA**Grape Varieties: Chardonnay**Abv: 14%*

Modern and refreshing unoaked Chardonnay from the premium Californian regions of Napa, Sonoma and Monterey. Bright tropical fruit is accompanied by zesty acidity and a nice savoury tone. This is the antithesis of the California Chardonnays of old which were intensely oaky and oily in style.

Shoofly Chardonnay 2013**€49***Adelaide Hills, Australia**Grape Varieties: Chardonnay**Abv: 13.5%*

On the nose, this zippy Chardonnay offers aromas of tropical fruit, peaches and melon while on the palate; grapefruit and lemon zest are complemented by zingy acidity.

Worldly Sauvignon Blanc

FRANCE

Sauvignon Blanc 'Brumes de Loire' 2014 €33

Loire Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc

Abv: 12%

A modern almost new world in style; with ripe passion fruit flavours and pear drop aromas. A flinty note adds personality and charm. Good concentration and wonderful length.

Château de l'Abbaye Pouilly Fumé 2014 €47

Loire Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc

Abv: 12,5%

This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is intensely fragrant, heady with blossoms, wet stone and fresh herbs. The citrus flavours are vibrant and bright on the palate, with a hint of nuts and honey.

Domaine Paul Doucet & Fils Sancerre Blanc 2013 €47

Loire Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc

Abv: 13%

A distinctive citrus taste with a crisp clean finish. This wine shows a complexity and depth that can rarely be found in Sauvignon Blanc.

NEW ZEALAND

Marble Leaf Sauvignon Blanc 2014 €40

Marlborough, New Zealand

Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc

Abv: 12,5%

Classic Marlborough style with a mineral edge. Strong varietal characters of passionfruit and grapefruit with a long, dry stony finish.

Stoneleigh 2015**€48***Marlborough, New Zealand**Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc**Abv: 13%*

Light straw in colour with subtle green highlights. The palate shows balance, with ripe passionfruit flavours and complex minerality balanced by a tight, fresh acidity.

Tohu Mugwi Reserve Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc 2015**€80***Marlborough, New Zealand**Grape Varieties: Sauvignon Blanc**Abv: 13%*

Wonderfully complex, slightly reticent aromas. Flavours are subtle but exciting, with a creamy texture and grapefruit and tropical fruit notes.

SOUTH AFRICA**Springfield Estate, 'Life from Stone' 2015****€60***Roberston, South Africa**Grape Variety: Sauvignon Blanc**Abv: 13%*

These wines are all about their rocky, unforgiving terroir in Robertson, and stand head and shoulders above most producers for sheer quality. On the nose aromas of ripe red peppers and passion fruit. Intense flavours of lime, gooseberry, freshly cut green pepper and passion fruit and lovely mineral core on the palate.

Smooth & Rich

FRANCE

Desirat Viognier 2015 (ORGANIC) €48

Northern Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Viognier

Abv: 12,5%

A brilliant wine made using grapes grown on the famous slopes of Condrieu, the only Rhone cru for white wines. The nose is intense with a dominant of passion fruit and peach. Very well balanced with mineral notes and a long finish.

Trimbach Alsace Classic Pinot Blanc 2013 €45

Alsace, France

Grape Varieties: Pinot Blanc

Abv: 12,5%

Aromatic nose shows floral notes, spices and soft citrus fruits. The palate is dry, fruity and intensely flavoured and leading to a long, rounded finish.

Paul Jacqueson Rully ‘Gresigny’ 2014 €65

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay.

Abv: 13%

An outstanding grower in Rully, producing dry whites to compare with the best in the Cotes de Beaune. Lovely fruit and balanced acidity from 50 year old vines. Slightly rounder style than La Pucelle above.

Santenay “Clos de Malte”, Domaine Louis Jadot 2011 €70

Santenay, Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 13,5%

The Clos de Malte vineyard is entirely owned by Louis Jadot, a rare feat in Burgundy. This lovely Chardonnay comes from the small part of the vineyard that has limestone subsoils. The wine is broad and rich on the palate, with superb minerality. The flavours of peach and apple finish off with notes of ginger and white pepper. The 2011 wines have really started to drink well now and this wine is very rewarding.

Domain Thibert Pouilly Fuissé ‘Vignes Blanches’ 2010 €73

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 13,5%

(Please see Private Cellar section for more on this wine and our other selected Fine Wines)

ITALY

Castelo della Sala - Bramito Chardonnay 2015**€52***Umbria, Italy**Grape Varieties: Chardonnay**Abv: 12,5%*

From the beautiful estate of Castello delle Sala in Umbria comes this truly lovely Chardonnay. It is rich and rounded in texture, yet very fresh and with a lovely sense of minerality. It would embarrass some more expensive white Burgundies if tasted side-by-side!

SPAIN

Bodegas Mengoba, Godello Sobre Lias, 2014**€59***Bierzo, Spain**Grape Varieties: Godello**Abv: 13%*

A fascinating, individual wine. Structured and complex with exotic aromas of musk, baking apples, warm croissants and white flowers. It's sappy and fresh in the mouth, with orchard fruit, quince, floral and crushed stone flavours. A perfect vino blanco to pair with wild game, rich seafood dishes, jamón, cheeses, and poultry dishes.

USA

Rutherford Ranch Chardonnay 2014**€50***Napa Valley, USA**Grape Varieties: Chardonnay**Abv: 13.5%*

Lush aromas of apricot, lemon, ripe green apple and spicy vanilla. A rich, creamy mouth-feel with bright acidity. Complex flavours of green apple, white peach, passion fruit, honeydew melon and vanilla.

Morgan Bay Cellars Chardonnay 2014**€48***California, USA**Grape Variety: Chardonnay**Abv: 12.5%*

Aromas of lemon, pear and apple with a hint of vanilla. Delicious flavours of ripe pear and creamy butterscotch. The texture is rich and round with a crisp finish.

Paul Dolan Vineyards Chardonnay 2011 (ORGANIC) €75

Mendocino County, California, USA

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Abv: 14%

Sourced from the low-lying valleys surrounding the Russian River, an area renowned for producing rich and focused wines, Paul Dolan Vineyards Chardonnay is an exquisitely balanced wine with flavours of ripe pear, crisp apple and a creamy vanilla-spice.

Robert Mondavi Chardonnay 2013 €80

Napa Valley, USA

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 14.5%

(Please see Private Cellar section for more on this wine and our other selected Fine Wines)

SOUTH AFRICA

Springfield Estate, 'Wild Yeast', 2014 €72

Roberston, South Africa

Grape Variety: Chardonnay

Abv: 14%

True to its moniker, the Wild Yeast Chardonnay is fermented using the native, wild yeasts that occur naturally on the skins of the grapes. Unwooded, it is fermented in underground cement tanks in a slow, volatile process that can take anywhere between 6 – 9 months. This method, although risky, results in incredibly expressive wine with a wisdom that is unattainable in wines made using commercial yeasts.

Racy & Mineral

AUSTRIA

Winzer Krems Grüner Veltliner ‘Kremser Sandgrube’ 2014 €41

Krems, Austria

Grape Varieties: Grüner Veltliner

Abv: 12.5%

Classical fruity bouquet layered with spicy and herbal nuances. The characteristic finish with a touch of white pepper keeps evolving in the mouth revealing complex subtleties. Masterfully balanced acidity.

ITALY

Sauvia Soave Classico 2014 (ORGANIC) €56

Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: Garganega

Abv: 12.5%

Fresh aromas of apple, pear and almond balance clean minerality and a hint of fresh herb. Crisp and refreshing on the palate. Irish White Wine of the Year 2015.

FRANCE

Gentil “Hugel” Alsace 2014 €37

Alsace, France

Grape varieties: Sylvaner, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Muscat

Abv: 12.5%

This is a delicious blend where each grape variety provides a characteristic such as perfume (Gewurz and Muscat), zestiness (Sylvaner and Riesling), and weight (Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris). The wine is vibrantly fruity, but also floral. It is rich yet zippy in the mouth, and it is lovely as an aperitif or with Asian flavourings.

Mâcon-Lugny Eugene 2014 €46

Burgundy, France

Grape Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Abv: 13%

Floral with apple, peach and pear fruits. Lovely structure with a long dry mineral finish.

Villa Huesgen Schiefer Riesling 2012

€52

Alsace, France

Grape Varieties: Riesling

Abv: 12%

Early maturation allows for a very rich wine with a great ripeness. Very distinguished on the nose, with a certain freshness, rounded in the mouth. It is powerful to the palate with a long-lasting presence.

GERMANY

Von Winning 'Win Win' Riesling 2015

€48

Pfalz, Germany

Grape Varieties: Riesling

Abv: 12%

This is a blend of Von Winning's premier and Grand Cru Vineyards that are some of the best Riesling in the world! The Win Win shows astounding complexity, which is due to the spontaneous fermentation in large barrels and the quality of the fruit that goes into them.

PORTUGAL

Casa de Vila Verde 'Pluma' Vinho Verde 2014

€33

Vinho Verde, Portugal

Grape Varieties: Loureiro, Arinto, Trajadura and Avesso

Abv: 10.5%

Perfect combination between the aromas of three of the most famous grape varieties of the Vinho Verde region. The result is a young, fresh, fruity wine, with a great crispy acidity.

Red

Red Wines by the Glass

Quinta da Alorna 'Cardal' Red 2015

€27.50/16.50/7.50

Tejo, Portugal

Grape Varieties: Touriga Nacional, Castelao, Tinta Miuda

Abv: 13%

A youthful, fresh and well balanced wine showing generous fruit, produced using indigenous Portuguese grapes.

Gran Hacienda Merlot 2015

€27.50/16.50/7.95

Rapel Valley, Chile

Grape Varieties: Merlot

Abv: 13.5%

Aromas of plum and soft floral characters give way to richer, almost chocolatey flavours on the palate.

Fortant Merlot, Vin de Pays d'Oc 2015

€27.50/16.50/7.95

Terroir Littoral, France

Grape Varieties: Merlot

Abv: 13%

An intense nose, dominated by red fruit, with spices and some oak notes; a round and supple wine with well knit tannins on the palate.

Château Grand Pascaud Bordeaux Superieur 2012 €33/18.50/8.75

Bordeaux, France

Grape varieties: 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

Abv: 13%

Excellent concentration of blackcurrant and plum on the nose, with similar lovely fruit intensity on the palate. Tannin is very well-textured and the finish is long, with fruity complexity.

Côtes du Rhône 'La Borde' 2014

€34/19/8.50

Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Grenache (60%), Carignan (40%)

Abv: 14.5%

Deep garnet colour with a delicate nose of red fruits, black currant jelly and cedar. Well balanced with spicy herbal character.

Allozo Ladero Tempranillo Reserva 2010 €35/19.50/8.95

La Mancha, Spain

Grape Varieties: Tempranillo

Abv: 14%

Intense cherry-red with brick hues on the rim. Clean, powerful nose with aromas of sweet, ripe, red fruit and oak ageing. Full-bodied, black fruit flavours with polished tannins and a long finish.

Ambo Nero Pinot Noir 2015 €35/19.50/8.95

Pavia, Lombardy, Italy

Grape Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Abv: 12.8%

Quintessential notes of Pinot Noir with berry and black cherry aromas. Delicate and fruity on the palate, velvety and smooth. Superb value.

Callia Malbec 'Blend de Terroirs' 2015 €37/20/10

San Juan, Argentina

Grape Varieties: Malbec

Abv: 13,5%

Deep red and vivacious wine, with bright purplish tints. Aromas of wildberries, raspberries and cherries, melded with vanilla and chocolate notes contributed by oak. Persistent mouth-feel, supported by tannins that are firm and structured, yet sweet and pleasant.

Finca Nueva Rioja Reserva 2009 €43/24/11.50

Rioja, Spain

Grape Varieties: Tempranillo

Abv: 14%

This wine spends 24 months in old French oak. Very fine and elegant: rich, dense and sweet with plum and cherry fruit, refined minerality and some spiciness. Firm yet fine-grained tannins. Great concentration with superb balance.

Peña Tejo 2015 €30/15/7.50

Utiel, Requena, Spain

Grape Varieties: Tempranillo, Syrah, Cabernet

Abv: 13%

Dark fruit and berry aromas. Fruity palate with hints of liquorice and dark chocolate.

Soft & Juicy

AUSTRALIA

Shoofly Shiraz 2014

€45

McLaren Vale, Southern Australia

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 14.5%

On the nose aromas of bright sour cherry fruits and light Asian spices. The supple red fruits carry across to the clean, bright palate and give way to complex nutmeg, tamarind, earth and eucalypt notes.

Katnook Founder's Block Cabernet 2014

€48

Coonawarra, Southern Australia

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 13.5%

This is quintessential Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. Supple, medium bodied wine with elegant aromas of red berries, violets and hints of mint. Well-proportioned with generous fruit and a persistent finish.

CHILE

Miguel Torres Santa Digna Reserva 2014

€35

Central Valley, Chile

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 14%

A darkly pigmented wine with an intense, full and very fruity aroma. Its smooth, fine tannins, outlined by new oak, ensure a long evolution in the bottle.

FRANCE

Le Cazelou Rouge 2014

€35

Languedoc, France

Grape Varieties: Grenache Noir, Syrah, Merlot

Abv: 13%

Produced from 50% Syrah, 25% Grenache Noir and 5% Merlot, each contributing to an attractive complexity with intense notes of blackberry fruits, spices, black cherry and eucalyptus. A fine well structured and balanced wine.

Chateau Vincens “L’Instant” Malbec 2013 €35

Cahors, France

Grape Varieties: 100% Malbec

Abv: 13%

Soft berry fruit and gentle spice with a round supple palate. Plenty of blackberry fruit and smooth tannins.

Olivier & Lafont Ventoux Rouge 2014 €37

Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: 90% Grenache, 10% Syrah

Abv: 14%

Purple and bright with a nose loaded with red fruit, cherry and black currant intermixed with Provençal herbs and spice. Delightful finish.

ITALY

Astorre Noti Chianti 2013 €33

Tuscany, Italy

Grape Varieties: Sangiovese 85%; Merlot 10% Canaiolo and Malvasia Nera 5%

Abv: 13%

Fragrant and fruity with typical scent of violets. Well structured, smooth and harmonious in the mouth with a wonderful earthiness typical of great Chianti.

Mandrarossa ‘Costadune’ Nero d’Avola 2014 (ORGANIC) €42

Silicy, Italy

Grape Varieties: Nero d’Avola

Abv: 13.5%

Hints of black cherries, plums, red mulberries and spices. A bold and unique wine which is full-bodied on the palate with flavours of black cherry, wild plum and licorice, ending with a smooth finish of vanilla. Good medal winner at Mundis Vini.

Ambo Rosso Merlot 2014 €34

Umbria, Italy

Grape Varieties: Merlot

Abv: 12.5%

From Orvieto vineyards in Umbria comes this medium-bodied, harmonic and pleasantly tannic wine with notes of mushrooms, coffee beans and roasted honey.

Arbeta Barbera Superiore d’Alba D.O.C. 2013 €36

Piedmont, Italy

Grape Varieties: 100% Barbera

ABV: 13.5%

Abundant and vibrant black cherry, initially sweet-toned fruit with a dry finish and polished tannins.

Arb eta Langhe Nebbiolo D.O.C. 2014** 39***Piemonte, Italy**Grape Varietal: 100% Nebbiolo**Abv: 13.5%*

Baby brother of Barolo, with bright red fruit and violet aromas. Round and elegant tannins, with a savoury finish.

Le Salare Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2015** 43***Abruzzo, Italy**Grape Varieties: 100% Montepulciano**Abv: 12.5%*

Delicious refreshing red wine with lifted aromas of roses and cherry, and a juicy palate of dark cherry fruits with mouth-watering acidity.

NEW ZEALAND**Stoneleigh 2014**** 48***Marlborough, New Zealand**Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir**Abv: 14%*

This wine has a deep, ruby red hue with a fragrant bouquet of red plums, raspberry and black cherry overlaid with integrated oak spice. The palate shows ripe, red berry fruit and cherry flavours with a lingering fruit sweetness.

PORTUGAL**Vila R gia Douro Red 2014**** 29***Douro Valley, Portugal**Grape Varieties: 35% Tinta Roriz, 35% Tinta Barroca, 20% Touriga Franca, 10% Touriga Nacional**Abv: 12%*

Deep ruby red colour; black berry, red fruit and vanilla aromas and flavours with earthy, dried fruit and cedar notes; dry and medium-bodied with a long finish.

SPAIN

Campos de Luz “Old Vine” Garnacha 2015

€32

Cariñena, Spain

Grape Varieties: 60 year old Grenache

Abv: 13.5%

A deliciously juicy example of Spain's most important red grape variety, this benefits in complexity and character from its old vine production. Big, bold and muscular, it also boasts an attractive colour and packs a delightfully spicy perfumed punch, with a strong - yet not overwhelming - finish.

Finca Museum Vinea Crianza 2011

€45

Cigales, Spain

Grape Varieties: Tinta del Pais (Tempranillo)

Abv: 14.5%

The wine offers a subtle, embracing aromatic range, with high notes of roasted coffee and smoke, cushioned by a background of ripe fruit and jam with mineral hints.

Precious Pinot

CHILE

Veramonte Pinot Noir Reserva 2015

€38

Casablanca Valley, Chile

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 14.5%

Concentrated flavours of raspberry and black cherry with violets and vanilla, balanced with silky tannins and a lengthy finish. Serious bang for your buck!

ITALY

Agit Optima Pinot Nero D.O.C. 2013

€56

Southern Lombardia, Italy

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 13%

Ample bouquet includes a spectrum of berries, violet and coffee. Elegant, medium body, long spice finish. Burgundian Pinot Noir lovers take note!

NEW ZEALAND

Marble Leaf Pinot Noir 2013

€50

Marlborough, New Zealand

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 13%

Created in a 'feminine' style with the emphasis on texture and approachability. Sensitive oak handling supports a good balance of sweet fruit and savoury characters.

Waipara Hills Pinot Noir 2013

€55

Central Otago, New Zealand

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 13%

This bright fresh and generous Pinot Noir has aromas of brambly red fruits complimented with layers of earth and dark chocolate. A rich fruit approach finishes with satisfying supple tannins.

AUSTRALIA

Shoofly Pinot Noir 2013

€50

Victoria, South Australia

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 14%

Aromatics are dominated by lifted, bright cherry and raspberry notes and subtler nutty oak characters. The medium body palate reveals ripe, red fruits framed by mocha notes and balanced oak. The silky texture envelops the palate while the balanced flavors welcomingly linger on the finish.

USA

Robert Mondavi Napa Pinot Noir 2013

€50

Napa Valley, USA

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 14.5%

A wonderful expression of Carneros Pinot Noir from the King of Napa. There are spicy and generous blackberry fruit flavours, with crisp acidity and a tight structure leading into silky, smooth tannins.

The Spice Trail

AUSTRALIA

Shottesbrooke Shiraz 2014

€36

McLaren Vale, Australia

Grape Varieties: Shiraz

Abv: 14%

Intense redcurrant, raspberry and black cherry characters dominate the bouquet, with hints of pepper and spice complement just a whisper of subtle oak.

FRANCE

Olivier & Lafont Crozes Hermitage 2014

€52

Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: 100% Syrah

Abv: 12.5%

Aromas of blackcurrant and dried olive with a smokey overtone. Spicy dark fruit flavours show good depth. Finishes pure and fresh with a strong peppery persistence. One of our wine-list favourites!

Domaine Jean Pierre Boisson Le Petit Caboché Rouge 2014

€40

Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Caladoc, Marselan, Egiodola, Syrah

Abv: 13.5%

Deep ruby red colour with complex nose of red berries with notes of leather and spice. Made by the daughter of the Lord Mayor of Chateauneuf-du-Pape using the younger vines from family vineyards.

Château Montauriol Rigaud Corbières 2012

€43

Thézan-des-Corbières, France

Grape Varieties: Syrah, Grenache

Abv: 13.5%:

This wine reveals a straightforward and pleasing red fruit bouquet with hints of thyme and pine nuts. It offers wonderful structure on the palate, with elegance and strength in perfect balance.

Château Michel Cazevielle
'Grande Réserve' Saint Chinian 2012 €40

Languedoc-Roussillon, France

Grape Varieties: Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah

Abv: 13.5%

Powerful, somewhat rustic wine, with attractive aromas of ripe, red and black fruit flavours and a peppery spiciness typical of the region.

Domaine de la Mavette Côtes du Rhône Village Sablet 2013 €42

Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache

Abv: 14%

Beautiful ruby colour with a rich intense nose of Kirsch, licorice and spice. Supple and well-balanced tannins obtain a gentle harmony. The finish is ruled by spicy aromas.

La Martinière St. Nicolas De Bourgueil 2015 €52

Loire, France

Grape Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

Abv: 12.5%

Along with fruit notes of raspberry and hints of currant, this wine carries the distinct herbaceous mark of Cabernet Franc, adding the pleasant vegetal notes that make this wine so appealing.

LEBANON

Château Ksara Reserve du Couvent 2013 €46

Beeka Valley, Lebanon

Grape Varieties: Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

Abv: 13,5%

A rare balance of dry fruitiness, of delicacy and coarseness, and of freshness and vigour, this dark ruby wine exhibits the fruit of Cab Sauvignon with the spice of Syrah and Cabernet Franc. It is complemented by vanilla and roundness on the palate.

PORTUGAL

Flor de Maio, 2014**€36***Alentejano, Portugal**Grape Varieties: Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira, Aragonez**Abv: 13.5%*

This solid, dense blend of Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira and Aragonez has good structure with juicy berry fruits alongside sweet tannins. It's rich, the firm texture giving the wine weight and concentration. The aftertaste brings forward more juicy fruitiness.

Quinta da Alorna Reserva Red 2011**€40***Tejo, Portugal**Grape varieties: Touriga Nacional, Cabernet Sauvignon**Abv: 13,5%*

Intense aromas of blackcurrant and vanilla with complex sweet spice imparted by French oak barrel ageing. Portugal's most prominent indigenous grape – known for its use in Port – shines here.

SPAIN

Honoro Vera Organic Monastrell 2014**€39***Jumilla, Spain**Grape Varieties: Monastrell**Abv: 14%*

A wine of great aromatic complexity, richness, and length. Notes of cherry pie, raisin bread, ripe plums, and a little tobacco; this mouth-filling Monastrell over-delivers in a big way.

Classic Bordeaux

FRANCE

Le Bordeaux de Citran Bordeaux Superieur 2014 €37

Bordeaux, France

Grape Varieties: Merlot 82%, Cabernet Sauvignon 7%, Cabernet France 11%

Abv: 13%

Intense colour and complex nose combining ripe black fruits, woody and spicy notes. Elegant and delicate, this wine brings great length and fruit giving it personality.

Château Côtes de Bonde Montagne Saint Emilion 2012 €48

Bordeaux, France

Grape Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Abv: 13%

A nose with evokes leather and undergrowth with hints of coffee, chocolate and caramelized cherry. On the palate, a supple attack, developing into harmonious sensations and very discernable tannins on the finish.

Château Pierre de Montignac Médoc (Cru bourgeois) 2010 €48

Bordeaux, France

Grape varieties: 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot

Abv: 14%

From the stellar 2010 vintage this classic left bank blend is showing generous coffee, oak and black fruit on the nose; and then delivers a rich, attractively dense but smooth mouthful of blackcurrants and blackberries, really ripe, and spiced with vanilla and cinnamon.

Chateau Leoville Barton 'La Reserve' Saint Julien 2010 €90

Bordeaux, France

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc

Abv: 13%

(Please see Private Cellar section for more on this wine and our other selected Fine Wines from Bordeaux).

Power and Elegance

ARGENTINA

Michel Torino 'Cuma' Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (ORGANIC) €37

Cafayate Valley, Argentina

Abv: 13.5%

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

This wine has a dark ruby-red colour, with purple highlights. On the nose, there is an explosion of spicy dark berries and black currants, with red pepper and black olive notes. These aromas are echoed on the palate as harmonious flavours, along with ripe black berries, before firm but ripe tannins and an elegant, persistent finish.

Bodegas La Rosa 'CXV' 2011 €59

Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec

Abv: 14.5%

This perfumed and elegant wine shows lovely complexity. The nose displays some of the meaty Syrah tones along with a touch of cedarwood. The palate offers sweet blue fruits, soft tannins and a surprising freshness.

ITALY

Astorre Noti Chianti 2013 €33

Tuscany, Italy

Grape Varieties: Sangiovese 85%; Merlot 10% Canaiolo and Malvasia Nera 5%

Abv: 13.5%

Fragrant and fruity with typical scent of violets. Well structured, smooth and harmonious in the mouth with a wonderful earthiness typical of great Chianti.

Astorre Noti Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2012 €49

Tuscany, Italy

Grape Varieties: Prugnolo Gentile 90%, Canaiolo, Mammolo

Abv: 13%

Ruby red with purple tones, surprisingly fresh red fruit aroma is present along with characteristic tones of oak aging – well structured with notable tannins and a long finish.

Leone de Castris Primitivo di Manduria ‘Villa Santera’ 2014 €46

Puglia, Italy

Grape Varieties: Primitivo

Abv: 14.5%

This Primitivo di Manduria is very deep in colour, black to purplish. Rich perfume of plum, black cherry, ginger and vanilla. Full bodied, velvety and balanced. Primitivo is the rising star of the red wine world. Pure expression of Primitivo!

Leone de Castris Salice Salentino Riserva 2011 €48

Puglia, Italy

Grape Varieties: Negroamaro, Black Malvasia

Abv: 13,5%

Irish wine of the year in 2013, this nuanced wine is laced with wild cherries, plums and spices. Silky tannins frame an exceptional, elegant finish.

Ambasciata Del Buon Vino Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore 2011 €50

Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: 70% Corvina - 25% Rondinella - 5% Molinara

Abv: 14%

Maceration and re-fermentation in oak barrels with the Amarone must produces a full-bodied, intense and spicy Ripasso with notes of ripe cherry and a long balanced finish.

Arbèta Barbaresco D.O.C.G. 2012 €54

Piedmont, Italy

Grape Varieties: 100% Nebbiolo (Lampia)

ABV: 14%

Floral notes of rose and violet, slight minty nose. Medium body, decisive balsamic notes on the finish and silky tannins. The Queen of Piedmont!

‘Toar’ Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Masi, 2011 €56

Valpolicella, Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: Corvina, Rondinella, Oseleta

Abv: 13%

In this wine the usual valpolicella grapes are joined by the Masi re-discovered Oseleta grape. Oseleta adds deep colour and a tannic structure and flavours of damson and dark chocolate to the lovely cherry fruit of the Corvina and Rondinella grapes. There are also floral and tarry notes to accompany the sweet fruit flavours. Overall a complex and intriguing Valpolicella.

Arbèta Barolo D.O.C.G. 2011 €67

Piedmont, Italy

Grape Varietal: 100% Nebbiolo

Abv: 14.5%

A giant of Italian red wine and one of only 5 noble grape varieties the world over. This vino rosso is garnet with orange hues, intense notes of red fruit and violet. Ample and velvety palate with a finish full of spice and subtle vanilla.

FRANCE

Château Vincens “Les Graves des Paul” Cahors 2012 €67*Cahors, France**Grape Varieties: Malbec**ABV: 15%*

A concentrated wine that is the epitome of dark, dense Malbec. Spice, tense acidity, black fruits, dark plums and licorice are all present in this impressive wine.

Olivier & Lafont Chateauneuf du Pape 2012 €77*Rhone Valley, France**Grape Varieties: 60% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah, 10% Cinsault**Abv: 15%*

Floral-accented aromas of red and dark berries, allspice and anise. Abundant cherry, strawberry and cassis flavours. Well-delineated focused medium bodied style.

SPAIN

Bodegas Urabain ‘Finca Santa Barbara’ 2011 €38*Navarra, Spain**Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot**Abv: 14%*

Aged in the finest oak casks this wine is endowed with aromas of vanilla, smoke, spice and leather. Refined and elegant, like a well-tailored linen suit.

Campo Viejo Grand Reserva 2010 €51*Rioja, Spain**Grape Varieties: Gran Reserva: Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo**Abv: 13.50%*

Deep vibrant colour. On the nose there are ripe red-berry fruit aromas of blackberries, blueberries and black plums. Gradually it opens up to reveal smoky, toasted wood nuances, with spices and hints of minerals and tobacco. Smooth mouth-feel, with sweet, polished tannins. A long, elegant, perfumed finish with final hints of coffee with chocolate.

Bodegas Fuentespina Avelino Vegas – 2014 €51*Ribera Del Duero, Spain**Grape Varieties: Tempranillo**Abv: 14%*

Intense with superb fruit depth. Showing mulberries, black fruits with mineral notes. Very well integrated notes. Soft and ripe in the mouth, good tannin structure with toasty and spicy notes in the long delicious finish.

Alvaro Palacios ‘Camins del Priorat’ 2015 (ORGANIC) €54

Priorat, Spain

Grape Varieties: Garnacha, Samsó, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah

Abv: 14.5%

The lascivious Camins del Priorat is a blend of 35% Garnacha, 35% Samsó, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah. It has a very pure bouquet of lifted blackberry and cassis fruit, the French oak well-integrated. The palate is full-bodied with a soft, sensual entry. There is a lot of puppy fat here, low in acidity with a spicy, dense, warm spirituous finish.

USA

Trinchero – Napa Cellars Zinfandel 2014 €50

Napa Valley, California, USA

Grape Varieties: 87% Zinfandel, 13% Petite Sirah

Abv: 15%

This is a great example of a rich, mouth-filling old vine Zinfandel. It has tremendously ripe, almost dried fruit flavours. It is an unashamedly BIG wine. Indulge in it with roasted and chargrilled meats.

Morgan Bay Cellars Zinfandel 2013 €48

California, USA

Grape Variety: Zinfandel

Abv: 13.5%

This is a bright ruby-colored wine, with bright berry character and pepper spice. The aromas and flavors are of blackberry, ripe strawberry, red raspberry and black pepper. It has a full mouth feel and a long, smooth finish.

Rutherford Ranch Cabernet 2014 €85

Napa Valley, California, USA

Grape Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 13.5%

This wine leaps from the glass with perfumed aromas and velvety flavours of black cherry, dark chocolate with a hint of fresh spearmint. This wine is full-bodied with soft tannins and a long, lingering finish.

Rosé

Casa de Vila Verde 'Pluma' Vinho Verde Rose 2015 €30/16/7.95

Vinho Verde, Portugal

Grape Varieties: Espadeiro

Abv: 10%

Wonderful low alcohol option, aromatic and fresh, this wine presents aromas of strawberries and blackberries.

Vigneti Radica 'Cerasuolo' d'Abruzzo Rosé 2014 €33/17.50/8.50

Abruzzo, Italy

Grape Varieties: Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Abv: 12.5%

Bright pomegranate red colour. Delicate fruity aroma and notes of cherry, intrinsic to rosé wines made of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo grapes.

Sparkling

Biancavigna Prosecco Frizzante NV

€38/9.50

Valdobbiadene, Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: Glera

Abv: 11%

Brilliant straw-yellow with green reflexes, fruity nose with a marked scent of apple and white fruit.

Tenuta Giol, Prosecco Colfondo Sur Lie, 2014

€40

Abv: 11%

(Non-Filtered, No added Sulphites, Organic,)

Its Prosecco, Jim – but not as we know it! This is an alien deviation from the sixth dimension. A return to a traditional method of making Prosecco where the wine is bottle fermented without disgorgement – so it is bone dry and cloudy.

Biancavigna Spumante NV

€40

Grape Varieties: Glera

Abv: 11,5%

Fine and persistent appearance, straw yellow with greenish reflections. Fruity, with hints of apple and white flowers and a slightly aromatic nose. Fresh, lively and harmonious taste.

Champagne

Champagne Lété Vautrain Brut NV

€70/15

This light-medium bodied, value-packed gem makes its way to the palate on a silky smooth texture dishing out a balanced, crisp and refreshing mouthful of racy blood orange and lemon zest.

Moët Chandon NV

€80

The colour is an elegant golden straw yellow with amber highlights. Its aromas are radiant, revealing bright yellow-fleshed fruits (apple, pear, yellow peach), honey, floral nuances (lime blossom) and elegant blond notes (brioche and fresh nuts) followed by a delicately fresh crispiness (fruit with seeds), to reveal the magical balance of Champagne.

Perrier-Jouët NV

€80

Fresh and lively with spiraling bubbles, delicate bouquet, and a subtle complex flavours. Serve for all occasions, hors d'oeuvres, caviar, seafood dishes with light elegant sauces, or smoked salmon.

Drappier Brut Nature sans soufre, zero dosage

€80

Without Sulphur and added Sugar) cuvee

Very fresh nose evoking pear, lemon and hazelnuts. On the palate, a very dry, mineral Champagne bursting with life. It will delight enthusiasts and purists on the lookout for new taste bud sensations. Recommended for those allergic to sulphur.

Bollinger Special Cuvée NV

€95

The famous house of Mme Lily Bollinger produces a mighty, full-bodied Champagne of great class. Delightfully pale gold in colour, the mousse is light and persistent. Densely packed apple and pear fruits give way to a noticeably creamy, caramel-like finish. An 'Absolutely Fabulous' Champagne!

Laurent Perrier

€85

Crisp, fresh and elegant, reflects the fundamental essence of Champagnes. Laurent Perrier House style. The color is a pale golden hue, with fine and persistent bubbles. The nose is fresh and delicate, showing good complexity with hints of citrus and white fruit.

Ayala Brut Majeur NV

€90

Light gold, with abundant and fine bubbles. Made from a blend of the finest Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, is the epitome of a non-vintage brut from a great, historic House. Extended ageing in the cellars and a low dosage make this wine suitable for any occasion.

Pannier Brut

€90

Perfect alliance of the three Champagne grape varieties, this fresh and harmonious champagne combines subtle notes of brioche, pastries and acacia flowers with fresh fruit aromas.

Gosset Grand Reserve Brut NV

€95

The Oldest Champagne house in the world, created in 1584. Their Grande Reserve is an elegant blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier and shows all the hallmarks of great Champagne including a rich but restrained palate, a creamy mousse and super fine bead.

Ruinart Blanc de Blanc NV

€95

Ruinart Blanc de Blancs is produced from a blend of 100% premiers crus Chardonnay grapes from the best of recent vintages. Smoky and focused, with an intensity to the racy acidity and tightly knit flavors of white peach.

Perrier-Jouet Belle Epoque 2007

€120

This sublime and consistent Grand Brut reflects the House terroir: a blend 25% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir, 40% Pinot Meunier, a wine which is light and elegant from the exceptional quality of the Chardonnay component. Exceptionally elegant

Dom Perigon Vintage Brut 2004

€190

The soft delicate flavours continue while the senses are tickled by the most delicate of fine bubbles. Though this is such a fine delicate wine, the complexity is astounding, along with its length. Stunning.

Champagne Rosé

Champagne Lété Vautrain Royal Rose Brut NV

€70

Expressive and elegant showing off its glittering salmon colour beautifully. The palate has a fleshy and fruity start that is characterized by delicate notes of raspberry and wild strawberry. Delicate and subtly textured, it has very light, well-integrated tannins and fine bubbles.

Moët et Chandon Rose Imperial NV

€85

A soft rose touched by raspberry flavors, this is generous and juicy in the middle, cut by a sharp acidity in the finish. It hints at the scent of pressed flowers.

Bollinger Rose NV

€105

A combination of the bronze tints of the Special Cuvée and the intense depth of the red wine with a noble red colour of redcurrant, cherry, wild strawberry and raspberry.

Laurent Perrier Brut Cuvee Rose NV

€135

This salmon-pink rosé Champagne is truly remarkable for its highly expressive bouquet, stemming from very careful preservation of fresh fruit aromas during the winemaking. Made with 100% pinot noir using skin contact, also known as the saignée method, Laurent-Perrier's know-how and attention to quality produces a finely crafted rosé with both depth and freshness. It has become the benchmark for rosé Champagne around the world.

Private Cellar

Vintages are subject to change – please ask your server for current year.

Argentina

Doña Paula Selección de Bodega, Malbec ‘Ugarteche’ 2011 €90

Mendoza, Argentina

Grape Varieties: Malbec

Abv: 14.5%

A serious wine with accolades from International Wine competitions many times over. A lovely supple smooth red wine. Sweet red fruit and vanilla aromas with plum fruit.

France

BURGUNDY WHITE

Domain Thibert Pouilly Fuissé ‘Vignes Blanches’ 2010 €73

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 13.5%

Moderate wood doesn't detract from the otherwise fresh, bright and expressive nose that offers up white orchard fruit aromas, subtle spice hints and floral notes. Rich and admirably pure flavours with excellent length and notable complexity.

Domaine Ramonet Puligny-Montrachet ‘Les Enseigneres’ 2014 €90

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay.

Abv: 13%

A wonderful wine from one of Burgundy's top wine producers, lovely fresh fruit and mint flavours on the palate. Situated right below the famous Batard Montrachet.

Domaine Alain Gras Meursault ‘Les Tillets’ 2014 (ORGANIC) €90

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay.

Abv: 13%

The nose is marked with very delicate mineral aromas, with white flowers and a touch of oak. The balance on the palate is noteworthy, with the whole being linear and powerful.

**Domaine Camille Giroud Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru
'Les Vergers' 2012****€99***Burgundy, France**Grape Varieties: Chardonnay.**Abv: 13%*

Just three barrels were made this year and the wine has a bright gold colour. It has weight without heaviness, is concentrated in flavour, but with finesse. A touch of lemongrass adds zest, it has well balanced oak, and it finishes beautifully.

BURGUNDY RED**Domain du Clos Salomon Givry 1er Cru 2013****€82***Burgundy, France**Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir**Abv: 13%*

This Givry is a definite hit with an intense and complex nose and palate of rhubarb, cola bottle sweets (really), earthy notes, tangy red fruit, orange fruit rind with youthful balanced acidity and a powerful and lengthy finish. Shows how great Pinot Noir can be.

Domaine de La Vougeraie 1er Cru Savigny-lès-Beaune 2013 **€85***Burgundy, France**Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir.**Abv: 12.5%*

From a variety of village vineyards and some premier cru vines. This is a pretty, stylish, suave, balanced and long wine with a strawberry fruit succulence. A delicious red Burgundy.

Domaine Jacques Cacheux Vosne-Romanée 'Aux Reas' 2011 **€95***Burgundy, France**Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir**Abv: 13%*

Vosne-Romanée is the ultimate Burgundy appellation (the most famous Domaine of Burgundy, Domaine Romanée-Conti is located there). This wine is medium dark ruby. Nicely concentrated, red berry and cherry aromas and flavors are married to wood spice and a note of fresh mushroom. It's full in the mouth and finishes with firm tannins. Made from 60 year old vines and aged 18 months in 20% new oak.

Benjamin Leroux Chambolle-Musigny 2013 (ORGANIC) **€99***Burgundy, France**Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir.**Abv: 13%*

A great organic grower. Understated aromas, flowers and fruit. This is very interesting with impressively intense flavours that are long-lasting.

**Domaine Jean Louis Trapet Gevrey-Chambertin
'Ostrea' 2013 (ORGANIC) €99**

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 13%

The Gevrey Chambertin Village is also very refined with a fragrant nose of sweet berries. In the mouth it is very ripe, silky and nicely balanced with soft and smooth tannins.

**Domaine Forey Nuits-Saint-Georges
Premier Cru "Les Saint Georges" 2012 €99**

Burgundy, France

Grape Varieties: Pinot Noir

Abv: 13%

A cool and restrained nose speaks of earthy and spicy red and dark berry fruit. There is excellent density to the extract-rich mid-palate that confers a wonderfully seductive texture plus flavours that exude a subtle minerality onto an impressively persistent finish.

RHONE VALLEY

Olivier Ravoire Côte Rôtie 2007 €95

Rhône Valley, France

Grape Variety: Syrah

Abv: 13%

The 2007 has beguiling aromas of blackberry, wood smoke and violet, with hints of bacon and tapenade. The palate is rich, yet pure, possessing a knockout bouquet of white pepper, blackberry, leather, and hints of game. This flows to a medium to full-bodied, elegant and finesse-driven effort that has vibrant acidity, excellent mid-palate depth and fine tannin.

Paul Avril et Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Clos des Papes' 2013 €120

Rhone Valley, France

Grape Varieties: Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Other (Counoise, Vaccarèse)

Abv: 15%

The Papal indulgence in 2013 comprises 55% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah and five percent other varieties. The higher presence of Mourvèdre is positively felt on the nose with firm blackberries mingling with small, black olive notes, and lovely, mixed spices on the back palate. A beautifully hedonistic wine which might not have the power of past vintages but which, at 14.8 percent, is certainly not fragile or lacking in mouthfeel and body. The Grenache has managed to make a most valuable contribution, adding freshness and a Pinot-like, silky quality to the tannins

BORDEAUX

Marquis de Calon, Saint-Estèphe 2012**€75***Bordeaux, France**Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc**Abv: 14%*

Rich concentrated wine with full fruit and plenty of ripe tannin well intergrated with the fruit. Packed with savoury flavours and good length.

Chateau Citran Haut-Médoc 2010**€80***Bordeaux, France**Grape varieties: 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 55% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc**Abv: 13%*

Ripe and engaging, with dark, juicy plum and boysenberry fruit liberally studded with anise, cocoa and tar notes that hang through the well-structured finish.

Chateau Leoville Barton 'La Reserve' Saint Julien 2010**€90***Bordeaux, France**Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc**Abv: 13%*

This is one of Bordeaux best 'second wines' produced from both young and old vines with liquorice, tar and ripe berry aromas. Pretty and full-bodied with velvety tannins, a solid core of fruit and a long finish.

Chateau Marquis de Terme - Margaux 2006**€99***Bordeaux, France**Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc**Abv: 12.5%*

This excellent wine from the Margaux commune is classified as a 4th growth in Bordeaux. Ripe black fruit with chocolate, round textures and a fleshy blackberry and dark chocolate finish.

Pollen de Corbin Michotte – Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 2011**€90***St Emilion, France**Grape Varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon**Abv: 12%*

Light to medium bodied, on the bright side of the red fruit style range, with some spice and earthy characteristics. Charmingly aromatic and obviously well made to express its provenance rather than any cellar technique. Quite delicate but beautifully balanced.

Italy

CAMPANIA

Il Cancelliere Taurasai DOCG “Nero Né” 2007 €90

Campania, Italy

Grape Varieties: Aglianico

Abv: 14.5%

Displays complex characteristics of animal leather, wild rose and dried fruits. The palate is rich and warming with a lovely vein of acidity and a smooth lengthy finish.

PIEDMONT

Gabutti Boasso, Barolo DOCG ‘Margheria’ 2011 €90

Piedmont, Italy

Grape Varieties: Nebbiolo

Abv: 14%

Classic Nebbiolo with luminous colour and aromas of fruit and violets. Mineral notes and elegant tannins offer a progressive depth of sensation. Bold black and red fruit on the nose. The palate is rich without being over-extracted. Lush and very drinkable.

VENETO

Ambasciata Del Buon Vino Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG €70

Veneto, Italy

Grape Varieties: Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara

Abv: 15.5%

An expansive bouquet including notes of dried figs and dates, coffee, cigar tobacco, spices and sweet leather – equal parts silky and tannic for beautiful balance. Long spicy finish.

TUSCANY

Scopone, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2009**€89***Tuscany, Italy**Grape Varieties: Sangiovese Grosso**Abv: 14%*

Supervised by the renowned Oenologist Ezio Rivella, you will taste the best example of Sangiovese, fine, subtle, elegant with a great complexity of aromas, this is a gem!

Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia 2012**€89***Bolgheri, Tuscany, Italy**Grape Varieties: 57% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 12% Cabernet Franc**Abv: 14.5%*

A true 'Second vin' of Ornellaia, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia a dense, concentrated wine yet at the same time elegant and smooth, expresses perfectly the superb quality of the 2011 vintage. A remarkably emphatic nose is laden with well-ripened wild red berryfruit, spice, and peppery balsam. In the mouth, its superb ripeness immediately impresses, as do the silky, high-gloss tannins, dense-packed yet supple. It displays significant ageing potential, but is perfectly enjoyable today.

Spain

Bodegas Terras Gaudas 'La Mar' 2011**White €75***Rías Baixas, Spain**Grape Varieties: 85% Caiño blanco, 10% Albariño, 5% Loureiro.**Abv: 12.5%*

Ripe tropical fruits and aromatic herbs are the salient aromas, neatly showing the characteristics of the terroir, giving the wine a mineral quality and earthy notes that are very pleasant in the nose and during retroolfaction.

Its high glycerol content makes this wine very full in the mouth, rich in flavors and very unctuous, with very good structure and body, resulting in an ample, mellow wine that seems to linger endlessly. Its high acidity lends it freshness and makes possible a perfect ageing.

Vina Pomal Gran Reserva Rioja 2009**Red €85***La Rioja, Spain**Grape Varieties: Tempranillo, Graciano.**Abv: 14%*

This wine expresses ripe fruit qualities with a perfect balance of classic Rioja vanilla and supple roundness on the palate, with just a hint of new oak

Jean Leon Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva 2000 €90

Penedes, Spain

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 13.5%

From Penedes in north eastern Spain, this excellent 100% Cabernet Sauvignon spent two years in French oak and a further 3 years in bottle before being released. Now drinking beautifully the wine is Bordeaux-like in style but displays a riper fruit character of cherry and a hint of olive that reveal its mediterranean origins. Rich in texture, with rounded tannins, this is a stylish and polished wine.

USA

Robert Mondavi Chardonnay 2013 €80

Napa Valley, USA

Grape Varieties: Chardonnay

Abv: 14.5%

Ripe Asian pear, autumn quince and white melon fruit mingle beautifully with toasty hazelnuts and a hint of ginger spice in this classic Napa Valley Chardonnay. The tantalizing flavours ride silkily along a rich wave of texture into a long, lingering finish.

Australia

Penfolds Bin 150 Maranaga 2008 €99

Barossa, South Australia

Grape Varieties: Shiraz

Bright red fruits along with liquorice, bread and butter pudding flavours are subtly cloaked in stylish oak. In youth, an almond/amaretto/pistachio flavour/texture gives way to a berried pannacotta-flavoured aftertaste.

Wynns Black Label 2012 €85

Coonawara, Australia

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon

Abv: 13.5%

Excellent crimson-purple, it has richly scented cassis and blackcurrant fruit with cedar notes on the bouquet, then a medium- to full-bodied palate with remarkable power and energy.

Lebanon

Chateau Musar Gaston Hochar 2007

€75*Bekaa Valley, Lebanon**Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault, Carignan**Abv: 14%*

This iconic wine from the Bekaa valley in Lebanon has a very distinct personality and something of a cult following. It has quite a baked fruit character and some volatile acidity.

