

wine list

our list is a cosmopolitan compilation of fine wines designed to suit all occasions, complement our menus and enhance your dining experience. chosen with quality, character and variety in mind; all representing excellent value

you'll notice we're keen on the smaller (almost 'boutique' in some instances) independent wine producers noted for their passion and flair to create that 'little extra'...

we hope you will thoroughly enjoy your choice

please note, vintages are subject to change

'wine is a little like love, when the right one comes along, you know it'

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varietal	white wines by the glass	style	bin	small 125ml	med 175ml	large 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
albariño	`d pedro' rias baixas, spain bodega adegas galegas	dry	32	4.90	6.55	9.20	18.20	26.85
chardonnay unwooded	south-eastern, australia woolloomooloo	medium	4	3.55	4.65	6.50	12.80	18.70
chablis vieille vignes	`tour de roy' france domaine malandes (vegan)	dry-med	7	5.90	8.00	11.25	22.30	32.95
chenin blanc	coastal region, s africa klippenkop vineyards	med-sweet	1	3.60	4.75	6.65	13.10	19.15
colombard & manseng	côtes gascogne, france domaine de miselle	dry-med	3	3.45	4.55	6.40	12.60	18.70
picpoul de pinet	`seléction' france cave de l'ormarine (vegan)	dry	23	4.75	6.30	8.85	17.60	25.85
pinot grigio	`la voluta grande' italy castel boglione (vegan)	dry-med	6	3.65	4.80	6.65	13.20	19.25
sauvignon blanc	valle central, chile tierra de estrellas	dry	5	3.50	4.60	6.40	12.70	18.50
sauvignon blanc	marlborough, new zealand southern lights	dry	2	4.20	5.55	7.80	15.40	22.65
sauvignon blanc	sancerre, loire, france domaine du pré semelé (vegan)	dry	8	5.65	7.60	10.75	21.30	31.45
viura	rioja blanco, spain viña palaciego	dry-med	35	4.40	5.85	8.15	16.20	23.75

try a glass of the good stuff?

chardonnay	`five soldiers' Stellenbosch rustenberg, south africa	dry	70	8.10	10.95	15.60	31.00	46.00
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'single serve' prosecco & rosato spumante		style			bin	'single serve' 200ml bottle
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prosecco (vegan)	'lunetta' veneto, italy	medium			1260	6.95
rosato spumante	'lunetta' veneto, italy	rosé medium			1076	6.95

champagne	style	bin	glass 125ml	bin	½ bottle 375ml bottle
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champagne	'réserve' white foil, brut, france champagne vollereaux	dry	1162	6.80	61	19.50
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varietal	red wines by the glass	style	bin	small 125ml	med 175ml	large 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
cabernet sauvignon	languedoc, france 'saint martin' l'olbet (vegan)	medium	18	4.05	5.40	7.50	14.80	21.75
gamay	beaujolais villages, france 'manoir du carra'	light-med	54	4.80	6.40	9.00	17.90	26.30
malbec	haute vallée aude, france les volets	med-full	102	4.10	5.45	7.65	15.10	22.15
merlot & tannat	côtes de gascogne, france domaine de miselle	lighter	15	3.45	4.55	6.35	12.60	18.40
merlot	valle central, chile tierra de estrellas	light-med	16	3.50	4.60	6.40	12.70	18.50
pinot noir	marlborough, n zealand marisco vineyards	lighter	58	5.25	7.00	9.90	19.60	28.90
pinotage	darling, south africa 'chocoholic' darling cellars	full	59	4.50	6.00	8.45	16.70	24.55
sangiovese	provincia di puglia, italy 'la voluta grande' (vegan)	medium	13	3.55	4.70	6.55	12.90	18.85
shiraz	south-eastern, australia woolloomooloo	med-full	14	3.65	4.85	6.75	13.30	19.45
shiraz	langhorne creek, australia 'selkirk' bremerton	full	75	5.90	7.95	11.25	22.30	33.00
tempranillo	rioja 'reserva', oyón, spain bodega el meson	medium	56	5.65	7.45	10.50	20.80	30.75

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cabernet, shiraz et al	stellenbosch, s africa 'proprietors' ernie els	full	84	7.45	10.10	14.25	28.35	42.00
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varietal	rosé wines by the glass	style	bin	small 125ml	med 175ml	large 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
cabernet & merlot	somontano 'montesierra' spain bodega pirineos	dry	4138	3.50	4.65	6.45	12.80	18.70
pinot grigio	provincia di pavia, italy 'la voluta grande' (vegan)	med-dry	4140	3.70	4.90	6.85	13.50	19.75
zinfandel	lodi region, california discovery beach	med-sweet	4137	3.70	4.90	6.80	13.50	19.70

varietal	white wines		bin	bottle
albariño	rias baixas 'd pedro' bodega adegas galegas 15	spain	32	26.85
	named after pedro madrua, a noble galician warrior at end of the fifteenth century and whose victories are attributed in great measure to his early rising habit! 100% albariño. stainless steel vats with temperature control. ripe aromatics with layers of peach, floral and honeyed notes which mingle with mountain herbs, sweeter mandarin skin and apple notes. generous on the palate with hints of textural ripe galla melon, minerality, vivacious sense of citrus freshness giving a lively acidity on the impressive persistent finish. style: 2			
chardonnay	south-eastern woolloomooloo 16	australia	4	18.70
	pale golden in colour with an enticing aroma of inviting peach and citrus aromas fill the nose. soft and full on the palate, generous tropical fruit flavours are joined with just a hint of slight oak notes. the grapes are picked at optimum ripeness to give a rich rounded flavour of tropical fruit but balanced out by a crisp clean finish. style: 3			
chardonnay barrel aged	haute vallée du l'aude les volets 14	france	37	24.65
	hand-picked grapes, old oak barrels. hugely aromatic with candied fruit, apricots & orange peel. harmonious palate, smooth, slightly nutty character giving way to hints of toasted hazelnut & buttery brioche. intense, opulent flavours fill the mouth, nothing overpowering but the gentle oak touch is there. vegan, style: 2			
chardonnay	chablis vieilles vignes 'tour de roy' domaine des malandes 15	france	7	32.95
	a beautiful example of how 'traditional' chablis should be from lynne marchive. aromas of honey and beeswax, with touches of vanilla or toast. perfectly balanced fruit, slightly honeyed, opening up quite quickly to show the typically evocative classic flinty/steely highly sort-after vivid chablis freshness edge. vegan, style: 2			
chenin blanc	coastal region klippenkop vineyards 16	south africa	1	19.15
	from the cape winelands, praised for the quality and value of its wines. off-dry, highly aromatic, full bodied wine with powerful varietal flavours of pineapple, lemon, melon and green apple. good structure with lovely balancing acidity. style: 4			
colombard & gros manseng	côtes de gascogne domaine de miselle 15	france	3	18.40
	if you want something crisp, fruity and very sippable, here's just the tippie... almost sauvignon in style but not so over-powering in acidity. fresh mandarin, lemon and grapefruit are lifted by hints of juicy, tropical peach, melon & hints of freshly sliced green pepper notes. excellent balance, a pure textbook gascon wine! style: 3			
garganega	soave classico 'castello di soave' veneto giacomo montresor 15	italy	26	23.55
	100% garganega, hand-picked grapes, matured in stainless steel vats for a few months. an excellent example of good quality soave, fresh and lightly fruity with delicate floral aromas of honeysuckle and elderflower. crisp & refreshing on the palate with good depth of lemony fruit, a dry, lightly nutty finish style: 3			
gewürztraminerr	mittlewihr, alsace philippe gocker 14	france	27	28.65
	light straw yellow colour with youthful, pale green highlights, it is star-bright with fine, unctuous 'tears' that trickle down the glass. one is immediately overwhelmed by its graceful, charming perfume and aromas, from fresh-cut roses to the most mystic of oriental spices. silky, supple, soft and seductive, yet still dry and refreshing, it has body and structure, with an aromatic finish of juicy, flavourful grapes. style: 4			
melon de bourgogne	muscadet de sèvre et maine 'sur lie' loire valley, château la bigotiere 15	france	29	24.15
	left undisturbed on the 'lees' until bottled to pick up yeasty, salty flavour and keep its fresh prickly taste. it is a light bodied wine which is clean, fresh, flinty, mineraly with notes of lime, a distinctive atlantic zing, slightly salty and yet bone dry. vegan, style: 1			

varietal	white wines contd..	bin	bottle
picpoul de pinet	coteaux de languedoc 'sélection' cave de l'ormarine 15 cyril payon, meticulous winemaker, carefully selects & picks at different times to capture different flavour profiles, 15 day fermentation. floral aromas of green melon, grapefruit with hints of rose petal, extremely well balanced, fleshy pear, lemon, lime & white grapefruit notes mingling, zippy acidity & tons of dissolved flinty minerals. vegan, style: 1	france	23 25.85
pinot grigio	pavia 'la voluta grande' castel boglione 16 crisp & lively dry white, gently lifted aromas of pears, musk, exotic fruits, peach and honey. the wine is complex, rich and full bodied, balanced by a refreshing mineral backbone with an underlying hints of nuts & a gently honeyed persistent finish. vegan, style: 2	italy	6 19.25
pinot gris	martinborough 'the edge' escarpment 15 100% martinborough pinot gris, grown on the alluvial gravel terraces for which the district has become famous. the season was exceptionally warm allowing high quality fruit to be harvested early with brilliant perfumed fruit flavours. the style is off dry (7gms residual sugar) showing the pear/white stone fruit flavours this variety is renowned for with a soft ripe backbone and long lingering finish. style: 3	new zealand	36 29.80
riesling reserva	bio-bio valley vinedos santa emiliana 13 hand-picked grapes, fermented in stainless steel then aged in inert environment on its fine lees to obtain more body and more complex aromas. bright lime and grapefruit pith nose, citrus oil and a hint of varietally typical kerosene. the palate has a limey richness, with minerality and a lovely mouth watering lime zest finish. classic, varietal expression in this pure off-dry chilean riesling. vegan, style: 4	chile	34 23.60
riesling réserve	alsace cave de turckheim 14 classy medium-dry white and typical of a fine riesling - elegant pear and citrus fruit on the nose underpinned by pungent mineral and 'petrol' aromas (the classical perfumed & 'stoney' oil trademarks when this grape develops in bottle), broaden & gets richer in the mouth yet the finish is crisp, steely & racy. 'the' original 'noble' varietal. vegan, style: 4	france	28 26.75
vinho verde	azal & pederra, beiras caves aliança 16 'green' young wine. light with a delicately refreshing characterful spritz, floral, rounded & slightly off dry palate, combines slightly nutty flavours, soft tropical notes & fresh acidity to finish - a contemporary, 'retro' classic! vegan, style: 1	portugal	33 19.95
viognier	languedoc domaine de vedilhan 15 unwooded, ultra clean, appealing textbook viognier aromas of super ripe pears and peaches with a twist of turkish delight, hints of honey and pineapple merge into a palate of matching concentrated flavours. fresh vibrant fruit, a hint of zestiness, zippy and elegant - sheer mouth filling finesse! vegan, style: 3	france	31 19.50
viura	rioja blanco viña palaciego de rioja 15 100% viura. the soils are heterogeneous on a balanced alluvial terrain, composed of sand/silt and clay, there are many rounded stones and are slightly alkaline with active limestone. a deliciously dry yet hugely aromatic wine expressing intense flavours of apples and pears with a light floral background. on the palate a freshness and vivacity comes through with an additional handful of lavish fruit. style: 3	spain	35 23.75

featured white varietal: sauvignon blanc	bin	bottle
<p>originating from bordeaux, france. it's still found in it's purist expression in the loire valley (sancerre, pouilly fume). however, it also makes superb wines in new zealand, california (where it is sometimes called fumé blanc), australia, south africa, chile – pretty much everywhere!</p> <p>the most salient characteristic of sauvignon blanc is its distinctive, penetrating aroma, which can evoke scents of grapefruit, lime, green melon, gooseberry, passion fruit, freshly mown grass, and bell pepper. grown in cooler climates and in fertile soils promoting excessive vine growth, herbaceous smells and flavours can dominate the character of the wine, while in warmer regions, the melon, citrus and passion fruit aromas and flavours emerge.</p> <p>most producers ferment and age their sauvignon blancs in stainless steel to accentuate the wine's crisp, zesty, bracing qualities, while a few barrel-ferment the wine. malolactic fermentation is rare, and barrel-aging usually is limited to a few months' duration</p>		

sauvignon blanc	valle central tierra de estrellas 16	chile	5	18.50
	tierra de estrellas translates as 'land of the stars'; an accolade awarded to chile as its famously clear night skies make it a mecca for astrologists and stargazers. the image on the label depicts the 'southern cross'; a cross-shaped constellation clearly visible from most countries in the southern hemisphere. pale lemon in colour, this sauvignon blanc combines aromas of fresh grapefruit and lime, followed by green gooseberry and melon on the palate. herbaceous flavours marry exquisitely with fresh tingling acidity creating a crisp lively finish. style: 2			
sauvignon blanc	languedoc domaine de vedilhan 15	france	21	20.15
	a complex sauvignon blanc from the heart of the languedoc. piercing gooseberry aromas, reminiscent of ripe cool climate sauvignon, coupled with crushed limes on the palate make vedilhan as crisp and refreshing as (dare i say) a pouilly fumé? delivering an ultra clean, mineral character reflecting the terroir of the domaine. zippy acidity makes it the perfect accompaniment to most seafood or white meat dishes. vegan, style: 2			
sauvignon blanc	paarl 'enita' niel joubert 16	south africa	24	20.95
	ripe, lemony nose, but more restrained than from say new zealand. now showing hints of passion fruit and fresh grass cuttings, lively fruit filled flavours, zesty hints of lime, good weight in the mouth, easy gooseberry style reminiscent of asparagus tips with some long, apple zingy finish. style: 3			
sauvignon blanc	marlborough southern lights 16	new zealand	2	22.65
	southern lights sauvignon blanc is sourced from established vineyards in marlborough's southern valley region. it is a fresh and vibrant wine, with passionfruit, gooseberries and some melon characters. nice sweetness of fruit with a floral note through the palate, good depth of flavour and a firm finish. style: 2			
sauvignon blanc	marlborough omaka springs estate 16	new zealand	30	28.95
	vibrant aroma of passionfruit, limes and grassy herbs. nifty and pleasing, fresh and zesty expressing fine flavours of dried grapefruit rind, ripe melons, bursting with limes, passionfruit, gooseberries, grass and lots of juicy fruit-sweetness, herbaceous bell pepper helped with the addition of 11% semillon. crisp, bone-dry finish with just enough acidity to whet the palate for more, more, more.... very tasty! style: 2			
sauvignon blanc	sancerre 'domaine du pré semelé' rémy, julien et clément rimbault 15	france	8	31.45
	grapes are hand-picked and gently pressed, fermented at 18°C by indigenous yeasts in stainless steel vats - all to preserve natural aromas, elegance and complexity. showing pure sancerre style - fragrant aromas of grapefruit and citrus with a waft of mineral pungency, full and round in the mouth with further fruity grapefruit and orange flavours but also almond nuttiness, supported by elegant zingy lees and acidity. vegan, style: 3			

varietal	rosé wines	bln	bottle
cabernet & merlot	<p>somontano 'montesierra' bodega pirineos 15</p> <p>only a few hours maceration with the skins to preserve all the fruit and freshness. wonderfully clean, it has an appealing strawberry pink colour with blue tones & orange glints. intense aromas of red fruits, violets and sandalwood. elegant on the palate, smooth and harmonious with a pleasant persistence making it very appealing. style: 2</p>	spain 4138	18.70
pinot grigio	<p>provincia di pavia 'la voluta grande' castel boglione 16</p> <p>produced from grapes grown in the province of pavia in the lombardia region, northern italy. the ripest grapes were selected from mature hillside vineyards and hand harvested in early september. the extra ripeness allows the dark-skinned pinot grigio grapes develop a pink tinge which is further enhanced by the addition of a small proportion of pinot noir grapes from the same vineyards. vegan, style: 3</p>	italy 4140	19.75
zinfandel	<p>lodi region discovery beach 15</p> <p>a delicious, medium-sweet rose from the north central valley in california. allowed only a short maceration on the skins to impart the beautiful salmon-pink colour, and then cool-fermented to retain freshness and acidity. ripe juicy grapes produce this delightful wine with aromas of fresh strawberries and soft red fruits. mouth-watering summer berry flavours with a hint of candy create this perfectly balanced easy drinking refreshing rose. style: 4</p>	california 4137	19.70

varietal	red wines		bin	bottle
cabernet sauvignon	'saint martin' languedoc domaine de l'olibet 15 100% cabernet sauvignon. a perfumed intensity of sweet-ripe fruit with hints of ripped mint melds on the palate into a savoury core of creamy classic cabernet sauvignon blackcurranty fruit with ripe integrated tannins, vanilla and good length. a stylish cabernet sauvignon with generous fruit and puissance. vegan, style: c	france	18	21.75
cabernet & malbec syrah & carmenere	'grande réserve' colchagua viña los vascos 12 grande réserve is a benchmark for elegance and finesse in chile. 12 months in oak barrels (50% new). blend of mainly cabernet sauvignon and is produced using traditional vinification and maturing techniques. characterized by the complexity and persistence of its bouquet of cherries and blackcurrants (cabernet sauvignon), strawberries (malbec), raspberries (syrah) and plums, with notes of bay leaves and black pepper (carmenère). round and fleshy like a coffee éclair with silky tannins. style: d	chile	41	30.60
cabernet sauv & merlot	'bradgate' stellenbosch jordan wines 13 maturation in new and used french oak barrels for between 12 and 14 months results in a harmonious integration of soft tannins and fruit. ripe blackberry cabernet sauvignon flavours blend easily with the velvety-rich, plummy fruit of the merlot.shiraz adds a spicy, red berry complexity. style: d	south africa	46	26.45
cabernet franc 'organic'	du gard domaine mas barrau 15 a wild ripeness of sweet scented fruit twinned with an edgy woodland perfume. scrumptiously juicy fleshy rhone flavours are counter-balanced and intertwined with the savoury crunchy rooty character of cabernet franc. very exciting, totally unmissable – a wine that releases cabernet franc to new levels of pleasure.. organic, style: c	france	53	22.95
carménère	'reserva' colchagua valley casas del bosque 14 representing the pinnacle of their winemaker's creative art. 12 months in american & french oak. intense, inky colour while aromas of redcurrants and raspberries intrigue the senses. on the palate rich fruit flavours, well integrated oak and silky tannins join harmoniously to create a truly satisfying & memorable wine with lingering finish. style: e	chile	49	27.35
gamay	beaujolais-villages non-filtré 'manoir du carra' sambardier 15 a decidedly up-market beaujolais from a 'boutique' grower using very low yielding 'old' vines, intense bouquet with aromas of small red fruit bursting through to intense cherries on the palate and the long lasting textbook gamay finish. style: a	france	54	26.30
grenache & syrah & carignan	corbières 'cuvée les crozes' château montauriol rigaud 13 long maceration of 3 weeks and is then separated between stainless and 1 yr old oak (50% each). the wine is then blended together after 10-12 months. a most aromatic corbières, with perfumes of violets, thyme and rosemary found everywhere around the vineyard, marked by red fruits (blueberries), with light notes of thyme and pine nuts. its elegance and its power are in perfect balance. bottles individual numbered. style: b	france	42	24.00
merlot	du gard 'côté des abricotiers' domaine mas bahourat 15 incredibly well balanced and easy to drink, engorged with sumptuous red fruit, rippling with nuances of crushed morello cherries and crunchy fragrant minty dark chocolate. seriously good without being too serious! vegan, style: c	france	47	19.20
merlot	valle central tierra de estrellas 16 an inviting deep ruby-red colour. rich notes of plums and blackberries are lifted by traces of chocolate and mocha. strong flavours with soft notes of wild fruit. succulent in the mouth, bringing out the woodland fruit, berries, blackberries & slight blueberry flavour. persistent with velvet-textured tannins & a pleasing ripe plum finish. style: b	chile	16	18.50

varietal	red wines contd..	bin	bottle
merlot & tannat	côtes de gascogne domaine de miselle 15 deep ruby color with purplish glints. very pure, straight forward nose of red fruits, raspberry, blackberry mixed with a well integrated hint of toasted oak. silky, full-bodied and balanced to reveal lingering, harmonious plummy flavours with supple dry tannins making it the ideal 'food wine'. bringing the french lifestyle a little closer to home! style: b	france	15 18.40
nebbiolo	barolo 'alasia' araldica vini piemontesi 11 the most powerful and dramatic expression of the nebbiolo grape, from the town of the same name 9 miles south of alba in piedmont. dark plum, leather and delicate violet aromas, plus notes of vanilla and spice. a full, firm and ripe barolo with an elegant and silky texture, giving a good lengthy finish. widely termed (though one of several!) 'the wine of kings, the king of wines' by its more avid admirers. vegan, style: c	italy	94 32.00
pinot noir	'reserva' valle de casablanca viña carmen 15 benefitting from 80% of the wine spending up to 10 months in french barrels. intense red raspberry colour. ripe and concentrated strawberry jam, violets and floral aromas, like pomegranate. mature and powerful. a medium weight and properly balanced wine, which mixes attractive fruit with barrel toast and firm tannins. long & soft finish. style: a	chile	48 23.15
pinot noir	marlborough marisco vineyards 14 beautifully perfumed, this pinot noir is bursting with bright red fruit and wild herb aromas complimented by some exotic oak spice. flavours of warm ripe red cherry and raspberry are complemented by fine, silky tannins and a long savoury structure. subtle hints of chocolate and spice on the finish complete a wine of charm and distinction from brent marris, marlborough born and raised! style: a	new zealand	58 28.90
pinotage	darling region 'chocoholic' darling cellars 15 8-12 months months on staves to add complexity and layers. a vibrant display of fresh fruit and flavours that includes turkish delight, chocolate, red and black cherries, vanilla, red plum and butterscotch. the flavours follow through on the palate with a fresh acidity to accompany you to all occasions! <i>seductively smooth, sensually soft, subtly sweet, mouthfillingly moreish, unashamedly addictive, decadently pinotage.</i> style: d	south africa	59 24.55
sangiovese	di puglia 'la voluta grande' castel boglione 15 from salento peninsula, no wood ageing, medium bodied, everyday drinking red with aromas of red berry & damson fruit, fresh and lively on the palate with juicy berry fruit & a hint of spiciness, balanced by tangy acidity & soft easy ripe tannins. vegan, style: d	italy	13 18.85
sangiovese & cabernet	chianti colli fiorentini 'prestige' tuscan azienda uggiano 15 90:10 sangiovese:cabernet sauvignon, spending 6-8 months in big oak casks to add further complexity. elegant aromas of cherry and spice mingle in this attractive light chianti. ripe black fruits & sour cherry flavours on the palate, more spice, mellow oak characters add a hint of milk chocolate through to the mouth-watering finish. style: c	italy	50 23.55
shiraz	south-eastern woolloomooloo 16 deep and inky in colour this wine displays a nose of rich ripe plum and blackcurrant flavours with a touch of mint. smooth and full bodied on the palate with spicy flavours of dark berried fruit, velvety tannins and a long lingering finish. style: c	australia	14 19.45
shiraz	big rivers 'murphy vineyards' trentham estate 14 showing lifted spice and plum on the nose. delightfully ripe and flavoursome style, peppery with soft tannins, bulging with rich rounded supple fruit, just a hint of spice from subtle oak influences with a soft, appealing finish. style: d	australia	51 22.20

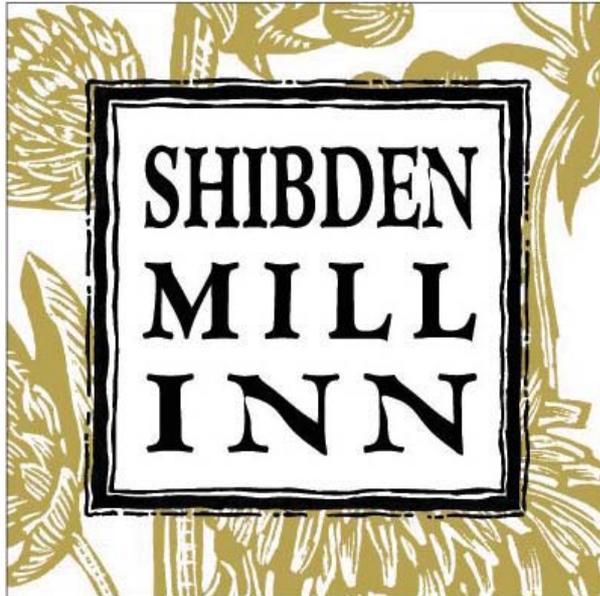
varietal	red wines contd..	bin	bottle	
syrah	stellenbosch 'bradgate' jordan wines 14 matured for 9-16 months in new and used french oak barriques. combining the soft, accessible fruit of the New World with the elegance of classic wine styles. a complex flavour spectrum of violets, sweet ripe plums & wild scrub with nuances of crushed pepper & bay leaf. maturation in oak adds a spicy smokiness to the savoury fruitcake finish style: d	south africa	101	26.45
syrah & mouvèdre	stellenbosch 'pepper pot' edgebaston 14 french and american oak barrels for 11 months, created to show the fresh, fruity and spice driven flavours of these rhone varietals. the colour is youthful and purple/red. the nose is one of crushed black pepper, dark mulberry and mixed berry coulis. pure, clean dark red berry flavours flow onto a smooth palate. style: c	south africa	45	24.75
tempranillo	rioja reserva, oyón, rioja bodega el meson 11 tempranillo 100% from the rioja alta and rioja alavesa. it's complexity and potential are remarkable. brick-cherry red. hints of oak aromas stand out over the ripe fruit. developed, spicy fragrance with hints of plums, chocolate and leather. fairly mature palate with round, complex lengthy vanilla flavours from 18 months aging in american oak casks with a particularly broad, layered structure. style: d	spain	56	30.75
temp, merlot, cabernet, syrah	tierra de cadiz, andalucia 'the bullseye' bodega barbadillo 14 the passionate character of the tempranillo enhance the cabernet, merlot & syrah, an intense cherry-red colour with violet tones highlighting its youthful nerve, fruity aromas of ripe red berries and a hint of spice introduce the fresh flavours & soft, solid tannins found on the palate, finish is long & harmonious with persistent reminders of the lush aromas of this distinctive & original coupage. unique wine 'right on target' for any food pairing.. style: c	spain	17	17.95
tempranillo & mazuela	rioja 'zarabanda' barrel aged vinedos de solarano 14 hand harvested tempranillo & mazuelo, 'semi' crianza aged 8 months in a mixture of american and russian oak barrels. a delicious 'modern' rioja with a deep colour and ripe plum and cherry fruit aromas. richly flavoured, substantial with dominant fruit & a smoky, spicy dimension from the oak maturation. style: c	spain	19	22.20
zinfandel	'old vine' lodi region scotto family 11 this important usa grape is the same as southern italy's primitivo. very cassis and bilberry on the nose, the fleshy mix of black fruits have a dark chocolate richness. the tannins are ripe ensuring a supple, fleshy feel to the palate, a weight of sweet fruit that gives lushness on the finish. style: d	california	57	24.60

as argentina's flagship grape and the most widely planted, the malbec grape drastically changed the landscape of the country, the economy and the international wine community. the varietal is recognized for its depth of colour, strong bouquet of aromatic fruits – including plum, raisin, and violets – set upon supple tannins and a velvety textured finish.

though every malbec varietal contains basically the same genetic structure, the effects of *'terroir'* can drastically change the taste of the grapes and the characteristics of the wine that results. argentine malbec tends to have smaller berries in tighter clusters than its french counterpart. often the wine is softer with greater intensity of rich fruit flavours. french malbecs have more tannins present, greater structure which suggests they age better although those from the argentine are certainly improving over the last few years.

we thought we'd tempt you with a few alternatives to discover – *enjoy your choice..*

malbec	western australia the listening station 15	australia	103	21.65	intense ripe blackcurrant aromas with aromatic spices of clove and vanilla. black current and black berry fruit flavours are backed by fine, well structured tannins. the ripe fruit is sumptuous and lingers on the palate. beautifully restrained and elegant malbec from cool western australia. style: c
malbec	haute vallée de l'aude les volets 15	france	102	22.15	not a blend but standing alone for once! complex without being clumsy, raspberries to fore backed up with buttery chocolate truffle richness. mulberries, crème de cassis with touch of underlying parma violets. mid-weight true french classic. vegan, style: c
malbec	mendoza 'sol de mayo' finca los olmos 15	argentina	55	25.40	100% malbec. part of the wine was aged in american and french oak barrels. deep purple red in colour, pronounced aromas of black wild berries, delicate hints of walnut shells with a whiff of mocca. lovely juicy ripe black fruits, cherries and plums on the palate layered with smoky oak. A densely weaved wine with good fullness of fruit and balance, long finish with a good grip and well integrated tannin. style: d
malbec	mendoza bodega nieto senetiner 15	argentina	52	25.90	aged in french oak for 10 months for added depth and complexity. a deeply-coloured, powerful red with great concentration of berry fruit. complex flavours of plums, figs, dried cherries with a smoky vanilla character, juicy fruit & great balance on the finish. a deep, dark blockbuster from 40+ year old vines. vegan, style: d
malbec & cabernet	gran reserva 'amancaya' mendoza bodega caro 13	argentina	104	30.25	amancaya is the native indian name of a flower of the andes that you can find in the mendoza area. 12 months in oak barrels (20%). from the chateâu lafite stable. aromas of red and dark fruit, filling out with notes of vanilla, spices and mocha coming from the french oak. fruit driven wine, with appealing red and black cherry flavours, blackcurrant and plums with a hint of vanilla, mint and cedar. has a pleasant tannic texture, fine, mellow tannins, round and well-balanced. style: d
malbec	mendoza 'monteagreló' bodega bressia 14	argentina	86	33.00	there's something very special going on down a dusty track in one of the farther-flung out posts of mendoza. walter bressia - a winemaker for years, 'for other people...' as-she-puts-it, and son walter are hand-crafting their own very intensely personal wines. there's a kind of secrecy to their source, gnarly old things, beautifully tended, but there is alchemy back at the bodega, production is tiny. pure and powerful yet elegant and aromatic, this is a deeply compelling malbec. the lifted red fruit aromas on the nose are reflected on the palate along with layers of mineral, fruit and balanced acidity to deliver a long finish, very more-ish! vegan, style: d



welcome to our

connoisseur collection

an eclectic mix of old world style and modern
day classics, priced to tempt expert and novice alike

varietal	connoisseur collection - white		bin	bottle
chardonnay	stellenbosch '5 soldiers' rustenberg 13 named after the five stone pine trees (five soldiers) that stand sentinel over the farm. whole-bunch-pressed directly to barrel for natural fermentation and maturation. redolent of flint, peach, lime and a hint of nuts. an elegant wine, fermented and matured in 500 litre burgundian barrels (70% new) for 15 months. drinking wonderfully now or will age for up to 7-10 years of vintage style: 4	south africa	70	46.00
chardonnay	meursault vieilles vignes 'les chevaliers' bachey-legros 13 'old vignes' all planted between 1914-1960 by their grandfather and great-grandfather, they have an average age of at least 60 years. now run and managed by sixth generation brothers sam & leniac. one of meursault's most characterful hillside vineyards, les chevalières offers a very precise bright white fruit with some floral notes and the tingling minerality from limestone pebbles on a steep slope. it will be accessible in youth nonetheless. style: 4	burgundy	71	62.00
chardonnay	chablis grand cru 'les clos' domaine des malandes 12 'our vine of grand cru les clos occupies a surface of 53ha right in the middle of the appellation zone. with a south-eastern orientation, the slope is gentle and at an altitude of 150m. the vines were planted 40 years ago. the style is true to the appellation: austere, even closed but always rich elegant and long on the palate. it is an excellent wine for ageing.' style: 2	burgundy	72	79.00
chardonnay	puligny-montrachet premier cru 'les folatieres' rené monnier 13 domaine rené monnier was founded in 1723 now in the hands of the tenth generation of the family who own 16 hectares of vineyards. great attention is paid to limiting the yields in the vineyards. vinification: part in new french oak barrels and balance in stainless steel tanks. 1/3 of the wine is aged in oak for 8 -10 months. an elegant and generous wine with apricot and mineral notes on the nose and palate. a refined with a lingering finish. style: 3	burgundy	74	88.00
gewurztraminer	alsace grand cru 'brand vineyard' haut-rhin, turckheim 11 the 'brand' (burnt) vineyard overlooks the medieval city of turckheim - an abrupt, southern facing slope, considered one of the best sites in alsace because it benefits from remarkable sunshine. showing a lovely balance of ripeness, varietal purity and finesse (i.e. not overblown and flabby like some). golden yellow in colour, it has powerfully fragrant rose-petal/water, lychee and apricot aromas with a hint of sweet spice; rich and pineappley but with fine structure and complexity, spicy juicy fruit and acidity combine well on the medium-dry finish. style: 4	alsace	76	32.00
sauvignon blanc	marlborough cloudy bay 16 pale straw green in colour and enticingly fragrant, reminiscent of a fresh summer fruit salsa - ripe peach, passionfruit, mango and juicy citrus - sprinkled with fresh fennel and a dash of pastis. the palate is rich and succulent, with a zesty citrus and apple-sherbet acidity that leads to a long, lingering, and characteristically crisp finish. style: 2	new zealand	77	37.00
viognier	condrieu 'terrasses de l'empire' georges vernay 14 from the 'king of condrieu'. grown on exceptionally steep hillsides on granite soils, making any mechanization impossible. the vines are manually kept without the use of residual herbicide nor insecticide. harvest: hand harvested with small cases at full maturity. maturing: small part in casks (10% new wood), the rest in stainless steel vats. this is a lovely example of a fresh, unoaked style, characterised by its peach and apricot flavours. style: 3	rhône valley	79	79.00

varietal	connoisseur collection - red	bin	bottle
cabernet, merl & cab franc	château batailley pauillac, 5ème cru classé 11 château batailley is one of the oldest properties in pauillac. the name of this land comes from the battles that took place during the 14th century on the plateau which gives access to the nearby château latour. deep ruby, purple colour, showing quite a nutty nose, deeply fruited, elegant blackberry and blackcurrant and truffle flavours, notes of cigar box, pepper and spices lead to hints of liquorice and earth on the finish, now showing a much more appealing, firm but not over-the-top style. <p style="text-align: right;">style: c</p>	bordeaux 80	68.00
cabernet, merl & cab franc	château cantenac brown margaux, 2ème cru classé 07 at the beginning of the 19th century, john lewis brown –the esteemed animal painter of scottish descent– bought the estate and its holdings. designed by brown in a traditional tudor style, the château made the ideal venue for brown’s famous parties, when he took pleasure in showcasing his love of fine wines. now under new management with josé sanfins in charge, methods have changed and the vineyards are run in a more sustainable fashion. characterised by a great finesse, elegance and power. on the palate the wine has volume and great depth and richness complemented by silky tannins and an elegant complex finish. <p style="text-align: right;">style: c</p>	bordeaux 81	98.00
cabernet, merl & c franc	château baron pichon-longueville pauillac, 2ème cru classé 07 opaque and dense in the glass with expressive, deep, fully-ripe berry characters on the nose. there is a lovely weight of fruit on the palate and a very nicely balanced sense of proportion. a refined impression is encouraged by finely expressed tannins as well as a distinctive mineral vein. the cabernet content here, some 65%, asserts itself well though conversely there is a lush, openness on the mid-palate. <p style="text-align: right;">style: d</p>	bordeaux 82	175.00
cab, merlot & malbec	stellenbosch ‘signature’ ernie els wines 12 ernie and jean have been friends from an early age. as they travelled the world to promote their respective careers in golf and wine, they decided in 1999 to combine their efforts and formed engelbrecht els vineyards, where they could produce wines that would reflect their personal styles. in december 2004 they opened their newly built winery, and for them a dream had come full circle. fruitcake aromas are rounded off by a subtle oak spice to the finish. there are also distinctive earthy undertones to this ‘claret’. the fruit from the aroma follows through onto a seductive mid-palate, supported by a silky mineral feel with hints of oak and backed by a sweat tannin finish. <p style="text-align: right;">style: d</p>	south africa 83	77.00
cabernet & shiraz	stellenbosch ‘proprietors blend’ ernie els wines 14 this has to be the finest vintage of the proprietor's blend yet! a cool, concentrated ripening season resulted in an elegant yet resolute wine of great demeanor. the nose is finely tuned cassis, a touch of earth, graphite and meat spice. the silky structure is built like a sky-scraper, towering over a full-bodied, deeply textured palate. cabernet sauvignon and the other bordeaux cultivars produce a classic feel, with 21% shiraz adding a spicy, savoury complexity. the initial mineral impression is followed by juicy plum and black cherry flavours and concludes with a smoky coffee aftertaste. <p style="text-align: right;">style: c</p>	south africa 84	42.00
corvina, rondinella...	amarone della valpolicella ‘la colombaia’ giacomo montresor 13 made from a blend of corvina, rondinella and molinara grapes grown in montresor's valpolicella classico vineyards. the grapes are hand harvested at the end of october. the late harvested grapes are dried for four months (until february following the vintage) and then crushed. fermentation takes place in stainless steel for four months followed by maturation in slavian oak casks and small barrels for 2 years. ripe, warm and generous on the nose with plum and cherry aromas and hints of dried fruits. full bodied and richly flavoured with rich berry and plum fruit, supple tannins and a spicy finish, with the characteristic dry bite of good amarone. <p style="text-align: right;">style: c</p>	italy 85	42.00
grenache, syrah & mourvedre	châteauneuf-du-pape ‘château fargueirol’ pierre revoltier 13 70:20:10 with a third aged 9-12 months in oak. château fargueirol basks in its exceptional location in the north of the appellation, surrounded by vines at slight altitude with a splendid view of mont ventoux, the rhône river and the castle of châteauneuf du pape. gorgeous nose of kirsch, violet & sweet cherry peppercorns, licorice and a lovely minerality dominate the palate intertwined with balsam wood, earth, briery berry fruit, blackberry and spice. elegant, pure, fresh, and full-bodied, a classic example of a marriage between finesse and power. <p style="text-align: right;">style: c</p>	rhône valley 73	41.00

varietal	connoisseur collection - red contd..	bin	bottle
malbec	mendoza 'monteagrello' bodega bressia 14 there's something very special going on down a dusty track in one of the farther-flung out posts of mendoza. walter bressia - a winemaker for years, 'for other people...' as-she-puts-it, and son walter are hand-crafting their own very intensely personal wines. there's a kind of secrecy to their source, gnarly old things, beautifully tended, but there is alchemy back at the bodega, production is tiny. pure & powerful yet elegant and aromatic, a deeply compelling malbec. the lifted red fruit aromas on the nose are reflected on the palate along with layers of mineral, fruit & balanced acidity a long finish, very more-ish! style: d	argentina	86 33.00
pinot noir	gevrey-chambertin. monopole 'clos de la justice' bernard vallet 11 the vallet family is own the entire single vineyard of clos de la justice one of a handful of producers in the cote d'or who continue to use ultra-traditional winemaking techniques. grapes are selected from vines of a minimum 15 years of age, after pressing the juice is decanted then fermented in open wooden casks using only natural yeasts and no temperature control. they don't have a fancy bottling line here - usually a pipe is inserted into the bottles without any filtration and just a candle to check that it's clear! robert parker wrote: 'clos de la justice has only a level of village but has the quality of a 1er cru, it is one of the best gevrey chambertin' style: a	burgundy	87 71.00
pinot noir	nuits saint georges vieille vignes 'aux saint jacques' julien cruchandeau 13 on the vosne-romanee side of nuits, super elegant vosne-like nose loaded with spice, cherry & blackberry, beautiful balance between structure and softness with fine fruit notes too, silky smooth well-balanced tannins - julien (new young-gun definitely worth watching) is already a master of tannin management, long aftertaste reminiscent of fruit syrups & mild spices style: b	burgundy	78 58.00
shiraz	langhorne creek 'selkirk' bremerton wines 13 deep and inky in colour this wine displays a nose of rich ripe plum and blackcurrant flavours with a touch of mint. these grapes are picked at optimum ripeness and blended to create an approachable soft and fruity wine. smooth & full bodied on the palate with spicy flavours of dark berried fruit, velvety tannins & long lingering finish. style: d	australia	75 33.00
shiraz	padthaway-langhorne creek 'the boxer' mollydooker 13 'one of the absolute favourites among our lefty wines. this year, hints of the blue eyed boy make themselves known on the nose and the palate. with aromas of blueberry, raspberry, violets, cedar and tobacco, it has a kaleidoscope of flavours that explode in your mouth with layers of blackberry, licorice, and spicy sweet fruit. super-rich and opulent with a lingering finish of dark fruit and vanilla-oak. there's a reason everyone asks for the boxer by name. incredible power and purity.' the label depicts a boxer with two left gloves; sure to knock you out! 17.0% Vol... style: e++i	australia	88 44.00
shiraz	langhorne creek 'old adam' bremerton wines 12 a stunning example of premium langhorne creek shiraz, showing richness and density integrated with fine elegant oak, giving a structural long finish to the wine. 'we are in a unique position in that we are able to keep all parcels of our wine separate from the time of picking through fermentation to oak maturation. following some barrel maturation, each parcel is assessed, and the most outstanding parcels of shiraz are allowed further maturation before being blended to create the old adam. the concentrated, high quality parcels of fruit were fermented in open vats, then matured for 24 months in new specifically selected, extra fine grain, american oak. an additional 12 months in bottle allows full ingestion fo oak and fruit tannin.' style: d	australia	89 61.00
syrah	stellenbosch 'jean englebrecht' cirrus wines 07 syrah 94%, viognier 6%. appearance: dark, intense. aroma: rich, classic red fruit aromas, most notably plum and mulberries, are immediately prevalent on the nose, and supported by subtle floral aromas emerging from the small amount of viognier added to the wine. palate: this initial orange peel impression from the viognier is overpowered by attractive red fruit flavours on the mid palate. the wine shows ripe, oaky tannins and a well structured finish. style: d	south africa	91 52.00

syrah & viognier	côte-rôtie 'la germine' benjamin & david duclaux 11	rhône valley 92	64.00
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the duclaux family own 6.5 hectares in the cote blonde. 5% is planted with viognier, and there are parcels of syrah dating back to 1940 and 1960, some have just been replanted. they have been bottling their wine since the 1978 vintage, and during the 1990's introduced various new practices - vendage vert, no destalking, dellestage and remontage for extraction, introduction of new oak, in 1998 they stopped fining and filtering their wine. the first year is spent in demi-muds and the second in barriques. david, and now brother benjamin are involved in the winemaking, with their father edmond. Just this single wine is produced.

style: c

tempranillo, merlot, cab...	somontano 'marbore' bodega pirineos 06	spain 93	32.00
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paying homage to one of the most representative peaks in the pyrenees, is their 'signature wine'. indigenous and european varieties are used looking for diversity and personality of the area. grape assemblage depends on individual quality for each vintage so, every vintage will mean the creation of a new marboré. great elegance and finesse. a good nose, well structured where red fruits, confectionery, bitumen and toasted wood combine well alongside spices such as pepper and nutmeg and hints of butter and chocolate. full bodied and well structured from beginning to end with a surprisingly lingering finish. the wood just melts into the fruit while being all wrapped up in excellent quality tannin. powerful without being aggressive. continues to age substantially in the bottle during its long life-span.

style: c

a 'boutique' champagne house which is still family owned and family run. the vollereaux family owns vineyards of 40 hectares, split up between the principal vintages of the champagne region and mainly on the slopes of epervay. it is in pierry, one of the shrines of the history of winemaking in champagne that the vollereaux house vinifies and sells its champagnes. vollereaux champagne is the fruit of five generations of family tradition based on the constant search for rigour and perfection, where experience and 'know-how' have been developed from working the vines up to the total elaboration of champagne. more than 20,000 private customers throughout france have given them their trust, with loyalty resulting from our constant monitoring of the quality of our champagnes

'reasons to be cheerful...'



house	vollereaux 'white foil' - brut r�serve nv	half	61	19.50
		bottle	62	38.30
		magnum	3062	78.70

a blend of three varieties of grapes from the champagne region (1/3 chardonnay, 1/3 pinot noir and 1/3 meunier) that complement each other marvellously and make it a well-balanced wine. delicate, supple and fruity. three different years of reserve stock are blended to achieve a consistent level of quality. it may be savoured as an aperitif or accompany an entire meal. it's the right champagne for every occasion! style: 2



vintage	'grande cuv�e marguerite' millesime 08	69	58.35
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a prestige vintage of the maison vollereaux, this is the product of our top batches and of our finest vintages. offering aromas of figs, dried apricots, jellied fruit and an aftertaste that is delightfully long-lasting, complex and flavourful. fruity and robust, it is the blending of 75% chardonnay and 25% pinot noir that guarantees the potency and elegance of the marguerite single vintage. style: 3



ros�	'ros� de saign�e' brut nv	half	1070	21.90
		bottle	66	41.60
		magnum	3066	84.70

100% pinot noir. this champagne is produced by the grand, classic champagne-region method of direct maceration of pinot noir, known as 'saign e'. only a handful of houses where the quest for quality permit the winemaker to take a risk in doing this (most rose champagnes are made by blending red with white wines). this ros  champagne is potent and full-bodied, marked by red berry aromas. a delight as an aperitif and to accompany dessert. style: 3

varietal	bubbly - white		bin	bottle
prosecco	veneto `sestiere castel 4357` fabiano nv named after the street of the very first fabiano wine business, a wine merchants, just off st mark's square in venice. 100% prosecco grapes. elegant fruity aromas of pear, apple and citrus. delightfully smooth & fresh, with plenty of light, refreshing bubbles. fresh, fashionable with that touch of venetian elegance ... simply the perfect aperitivo to start a perfect evening! style: 4	italy	60	24.55
english vintage sparkling	`vintage` herstmonceaux, east sussex henners 11 henners name derives from lawrence's french ancestry henners dubois who was forced to flee paris during the french revolution. 33% chardonnay, 33% pinot noir, 33% pinot meunier. 10 g/l dosage. proportion is fermented in aged oak barrels to add subtle character and layers to the wine. this wine spends over 27 months on its lees. biscuity brioche on the nose, with delicate white flower and full fruit. citrus, apple and 'leesy' characters add complexity to the palate. vegan, style: 2	england	105	41.30
italian vintage blanc de blanc	franciacorta `milledì` lombardy ferghettina 12 100% chardonnay. single vintage. 36 months on the lees. franciacorta docg. `milledì` is ferghettina's flagship sparkling white wine. matteo gatti, roberto's son has `re-invented` the wheel with his flat interior sided square base clear bottle which rises like a pyramid. not a design statement but a means to achieve greater (two and a half times compared to traditional) yeast contact throughout secondary fermentation in the bottle - pretty obvious really! fresh and elegant with white flower and citrus notes. palate is complex with brioche & more citrus characters giving a lovely weight and texture. the mousse is fine & persistent. originality, functionality, chic & a magnificent drink too.. elegance personified! style: 2	italy	1081	47.75
grande marque	`brut l-p` tours-sur-marne laurent-perrier nv the flagship of laurent-perrier, it embodies their individual house style: deliciously fresh and easy to drink. a blend composed of over 55 different crus (with an average 94% rating). 45% chardonnay, 40% pinot noir & 15% pinot meunier. pale gold in colour with a fine and regular bead. delicate and complex with hints of citrus and white fruit. consistently delicious, crisply fresh, distinctly fruity with good balance & length. style: 2	france	63	55.50
grande marque	`yellow label` reims veuve clicquot brut nv highly regarded all over the world since its foundation by madam clicquot in 1772, still inspired by her mott.. `one quality, the finest`. identifiable by its full flavour and long fruity aftertaste, as by the distinctive packaging. style: 2	france	64	68.00
prestige	`dom perignon` epervay moet & chandon 06 dom pérignon was the 17th century benedictine monk who's goal was "to make the best wine in the world". for a young monk just 30 years old, it took a visionary spirit and exceptional audacity to set such lofty ambitions. he succeeded in transforming the history of wine and is known today as the person who "invented" champagne. chardonnay and pinot noir are used in roughly equal proportions without one variety dominating the other. showing incredibly smooth, creamy fruit with perfect balance and weight. as it ages, it takes on wonderfully toasty aromas and a finesse equalled by very few others. style: 2	france	65	210.00
prestige	`cristal` reims louis roederer brut 07 the jewel of the house of louis roederer is cristal, created in 1876 for tsar alexander ii, fearing assassination he ordered that bottles be made clear to prohibit hiding a bomb within them, this flat-bottomed bottle needed to be made from stronger, clear lead crystal, hence the name. an intensely floral bouquet fragrant with almonds, hazelnuts and wild flowers is complemented by a touch of acidity to mark a finish of elegant persistence. light and fresh, this is undoubtedly a champagne of admirable magnitude. style: 2	france	68	270.00

rosé	`cuvee rosé' tours-sur-marne laurent-perrier nv	france	67	86.00
<p>blended from 10 different `crus' (villages) situated mainly in the south and north areas of the montagne de reims – including the famous côte de bouzy – notably from the finest crus of ambonnay, bouzy, louvois and tours-sur-marne. 100% pinot noir. elegant, with colour changing naturally from a pretty raspberry hint to salmon-pink. precise and very crisp aroma. wide range of small red fruits: strawberries, redcurrants, raspberries and black cherries. its amazing freshness is the dominating note. intensely fruity flavours, clean, well-defined and slightly sharp, the wine then opens up to provide an impression of plunging into a basket of freshly picked red berries: strawberries, morello cherries, blackcurrants & raspberries. supple & rounded on the finish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">style: 2</p>				

featured pudding wines	bin
<p>often regretfully overlooked as the dinner comes to the final course. seize the opportunity to lift and enhance your dessert with a complimenting glass (why not double up to a 100ml for twice the pleasure..?) or share a half bottle of our carefully chosen pudding wines.</p> <p>when was the last time you had one, try one, you'll be pleasantly surprised...</p>	

petit manseng	moelleux `carte bleu' gascony domaine de miselle 14	75.0cl france ☞ 50ml glass	98	24.50 1.75
<p>attractive citrus fruit aromas and a rich palate redolent of pineapple, peaches, grapefruit and honey offset by a fine acidity on a seductively sweet finish. quintessentially français! fantastic as an aperitif, preserved foie gras & all paté, cheeses particularly blue such as roquefort and <i>even</i> excellent as a lighter dessert wine especially when fruit or chocolate based.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">style: 4</p>				
moscato	pantelleria `passito di pantelleria' carlo pellegrino 15	37.5cl italy ☞ 50ml glass	96	24.95 3.45
<p>the volcanic island home of giorgio armani, pantelleria is halfway between sicily and the tunisian coast. made from grapes that have been dried to concentrate their juice, luscious, strong, hints of cinnamon and honey.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">style: 5</p>				
riesling	noble late harvest `mellifera' jordan estate 14	37.5cl s africa ☞ 50ml glass	95	29.90 4.25
<p>100% rhine riesling. a small south-facing 21 year old block of riesling is home to this limited-release wine. situated at 280m above sea level on glenrosa soil, the vineyard is planted to geisenheim clone 239 on richter 110 rootstock. misty weather during veraison encouraged botrytis (pourriture noble) which concentrated the flavours and sugars. the utmost patience was needed to make this wine, taking the whole day to press the raisined berries. the juice was racked into a stainless steel tank and fermented at 16-17°C with a specially selected strain of yeast capable of handling higher sugars. delicate, floral and fresh ripe apricot bouquet with a limey citrus twist. sun-dried peach and apricot flavours with a well-balanced acidity add elegance to the long rich finish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">style: 5</p>				
semillon & sauvignon	monbazillac `de grange neuve' castaing 11	50.0cl france ☞ 50ml glass	97	22.95 2.45
<p>small parcels of late picked grapes from monbazillac near bergerac. with a fabulous colour which deepens over time. it is an extremely elegant wine with dominant overtones of honey, acacia and peaches and hints of citrus fruits and crystallised `mirabelle' plums. serve chilled as an aperitif or with foie gras, it also goes very well with cheeses such as bleu d'auvergne, roquefort and fourme d'ambert. luscious and rich with a backbone of fine acidity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">vegan, style: 5</p>				



BAS-ARMAGNAC 42% vol VSOP

located in the heart of gascony in the prestigious bas-armagnac area, the 28 ha of vineyards, merged around the cellar, spread over slopes on typical loamy-sand soils called 'fawn sand'. this terroir, perfectly suited to white grape production, gives birth there to noble vintage, elegant, full of freshness and liveliness côtes de gascogne wines.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR

a beautiful and limpid amber shade with light green glints.

BOUQUET

you will be seduced by its intense bouquet steeped with delicate prune, gingerbread and toffee aromas. aeration reveals superb notes of candied fruit, rancio and toast.

PALATE

the palate is bold, smooth, delighting and brings fine oaky vanilla and fruity savours. good length and elegance on the finish. a brandy to discover.

WINEMAKING

rigorous winemaker assessment took place to ascertain the optimum harvest dates for individual plots. ugni blanc grapes are harvested at perfect maturity, while the temperatures are low in anticipation for cold settling, preserving the vibrant fruit flavours.

upon delivery at the winery, the harvest, constantly protected from oxidation, follows a traditional winemaking process:

- skin-contact maceration
- pneumatic pressing
- cold settling
- cold liquid stabulation during 8 to 10 days
- fermentation at low-temperatures to preserve the bouquet

FAST FACTS

COUNTRY: france
APPELLATION: aoc bas-armagnac
TOWN: caupenne d'armagnac
SOILS: loamy-sand

ALCOHOL: 42.0% vol.
GRAPE VARIETY: 100% ugni blanc
MATURATION: 10 years in french oak barrels

MATCHES: the way of serving this armagnac simply depends on the moment and the mood. at the end of a meal to fully enjoy its true character. in an innovative style, as an aperitif, blended to make numerous cocktails - you choose!



featured italian sparkling wine: franciacorta docg 'milledi' ferghettina

one of the emerging estates in italy's booming sparkling wine sector. roberto gatti spent 20 years as cellar master and viticulturalist at bellavista, one of the early pioneers of the franciacorta region, before creating ferghettina in 1990.

a new winery and cellars, started in 2002, were completed in 2005 and sit in a magnificent location overlooking the beautiful lake ideo. roberto is assisted by his daughter laura, also an oenologist, shortly to be joined by his son matteo.

the gatti family control production of chardonnay and pinot noir, using only half of the grapes available for their production of 300,000 bottles. meticulous attention to detail, skillful blending and long bottle maturation give wines of great finesse and individuality.

'milledi'

100% chardonnay - single vintage - 36 months on lees

matteo gatti, roberto's son has 're-invented the wheel' with his flat interior sided square base clear bottle which rises majestically like a pyramid.

not a design statement but a means to achieve greater yeast contact (two and a half times compared to traditional round bottles) throughout the secondary fermentation in the bottle. this leads to even greater finesse, with amplified flavours and aromas (pretty obvious really!)

originality, functionality, chic & a magnificent drink too.. elegance personified!

'the 'italy's answer to champagne' tag is unavoidable but these wines are much more than that'

FAST FACTS

gatti family manage 120 hectares of vineyards in six localities within the doc, each vineyard is individually vinified, cuvée is assembled the following spring. secondary fermentation in bottle, wine rests on the lees for 36 months. 20,000 bottles per year.

franciacorta; southeast of lake ideo, brescia province, lombardy, north italy. 'milledi' name stands for 'one thousand days' on the lees. suitable for vegetarians.



SIGHT

straw yellow, with gold-green hues and tiny, persistent perlage

PALATE

fresh and elegant with white flower and notes of citrus fruit

the mousse is fine and persistent

the palate is complex with brioche and more citrus characters with a mineral freshness giving lovely weight and texture

long, memorable finish

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