

By the Bottle

Sparkling

ITALY

- 1 **Prosecco, Stella d'Italia, NV** £34.00
GRAPE: Glera **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 11% 125ml £9.00

Fresh and crisp Prosecco which is aromatic and appealing, all lemony delicacy and fresh, green pears.

SPAIN

- 2 **'Innoble', Corpinnat, Gramona, NV** £65.00
GRAPE: Xarel-Lo **REGION:** Catalonia **ABV:** 12%

Ripe white fruit, baked bread, patisserie, dried almonds and white flowers. Broad and refreshing with fine bubbles that are smoothly integrated into the wine as a whole.

FRANCE

- 3 **Sparkling Love, Chateau Leoube, NV** £45.00
GRAPE: Grenache/Cinsault (Organic) **REGION:** Provence **ABV:** 12.5%

Beautiful red fruit aromas of pomegranate, red berries, and grapefruit. This wine shows elegant yet lively bubbles and a refreshing acidity that compliments the fresh fruit flavours through to a well-rounded soft finish.

- 4 **Pol Roger, White Foil, NV** £90.00
GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir 125ml £18.00
REGION: Champagne **ABV:** 12.5%

The White foil is one of the most stunning of Grande Marque champagne Non Vintages. A straw, yellow colour, fine bubbles, floral and fruity aromas with a thirst quenching palate and luxurious brioche flavours.

- 5 **La Cuvée Rosé, Laurent Perrier, NV** £175.00
GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir **REGION:** Champagne **ABV:** 12%

A glorious sparkling rosé in its iconic bottle that fizzes as much with fine acidity as with bubbles and fills the mouth with fragrant red fruit.

- 6 **Dom Perignon, Moet et Chandon, 2013** £485.00
GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir **REGION:** Champagne **ABV:** 12%

Eucalyptus, Lemongrass, mirabelle plums, apricot and orange blossom, cardamom and licorice sticks, and finally silvery saline all intermingle to create a mouthfeel that is elegant, expressing luxuriant simplicity and precision.

7 Cristal, Louis Roderer, 2014

£595.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir **REGION:** Reims **ABV:** 12%

First produced in 1876 to satisfy the 'demanding tastes of Tsar Alexander II'. Cristal combines finesse and power with such great charm delivering one of the most outstanding 'Special Cuvees' of Champagne. There are layers of complexity at every point. Red fruits, nuts, floral & mineral notes combine effortlessly throughout.

ENGLAND

8 Ambriel, English Reserve Single Vinyard Demi-Sec, NV

£85.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir **REGION:** West Sussex **ABV:** 11%

Founded in 2006 by Charles & Wendy Outhwaite (she was a lawyer, he was in finance), they found the perfect site near the village of Nutbourne in West Sussex. The demi-sec style works! The extra sugar/dosage (32 g/l) perfectly balances the text-book English 'high acid' wines for a truly gorgeous glass of fizz. The blend is from one single plot and is 68% Pinot Noir, 31% Chardonnay and 1% Pinot Meunier. Charles is the winemaker and also the breadmaker utilising the yeast from the vineyard's Chardonnay to produce the most glorious sourdough! Bright, lemony colour with elegant and fresh citrusy flavours on the palate with a beautifully balanced finish.

CANADA

9 'Ice Cuvee', Peller Estates, NV

£75.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay/Pinot Noir

125ml £12.00

REGION: Ontario **ABV:** 12%

Dry but with hints of honey, perfumed with apricots, yeast and ripe apples, with flavours of tropical fruit and sweet grapefruit. Made with the edition of ice wine to increase the opulence of the resultant wine.

White

AUSTRALIA

10 'Traditionale', Pikes, 2022 £46.00

GRAPE: Riesling **REGION:** Clare Valley **ABV:** 12%

Vibrant, alive, bracing Riesling. From the Clare valley - the top site for bone dry Riesling in Australia. Don't worry about the bottle shape - this is a wine for anyone that loves wine.

FRANCE

11 Domaine de Belle Mare, 2021 £38.00

GRAPE: Picpoul de Pinet

175ml £10.00

REGION: Languedoc-Roussillon **ABV:** 13.5%

A crowd-pleaser from Southern France, delicate and floral, perfumed with hawthorn and lively with lemon, with a zip of salinity on the finish.

12 'Palooza, Blanc', Aubert & Mathieu, 2022 £37.00

GRAPE: Viognier **REGION:** Languedoc-Roussillon **ABV:** 12.5%

Deliciously light and refreshing with notes of peach and citrus fruits. A Viognier with real character.

13 Sancerre, Domaine de Vieux Pruniers, 2022 £52.00

GRAPE: Sauvignon Blanc **REGION:** Loire **ABV:** 13%

Textbook clean, fresh, mineral rich flavours. Hints of citrus, elderflower, fresh cut grass and orchard fruit. Long, memorable finish.

14 Pouilly Fume, Chateau Favray, 2022 £54.00

GRAPE: Sauvignon Blanc **REGION:** Loire **ABV:** 13.5%

Classic example of Pouilly Fume. Mouthwatering citrus fruit and green apple with a hint of flinty smokiness on the palate. A superb food friendly wine.

15 Collioure Blanc, Clos de Paulilles, Domaine Cazes, 2022 £67.00

GRAPE: Grenache Blanc & Gris (Organic)

REGION: Languedoc-Roussillon **ABV:** 13.5%

A wine with a sense of place. From vineyards hugging the coast of French Catalonia this wine is bursting with ripe pear and the restrained acidity of grapefruit and perfumed with white flowers and fennel.

16 Bourgogne Blanc Les Setilles, 2021

£69.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay **REGION:** Burgundy **ABV:** 13%

Sourced from fruit grown in vineyards in Meursault, Puligny Montrachet, Auxey Duresses and Hautes cotes de Beaune and Nuits, this is a classic white Burgundy from grapes with impeccable pedigree. The majority of the blend (85%) is aged in French oak barrels for eight months, enhancing flavour complexity and textural finesse. The wine is instantly seductive with its white blossom scent and supple orchard fruit, gently creamy on the palate with a fresh mineral finish.

17 Pouilly Fuisse, Saumaize-Michelin, 2020

£75.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay **REGION:** Burgundy **ABV:** 13.5%

Succulent, ripe nose of creamy vanilla and pineapples. Rounded and generous palate, offering ripe grapefruits and lemon rind. A judicious use of oak brings depth, texture and nutty characters and helps with the soft finish.

18 'Cuvee Frederic Emile', Trimbach, 2016

£142.00

GRAPE: Riesling **REGION:** Alsace **ABV:** 13%

One of the iconic wines of Alsace made by the masters of the Riesling variety. Bone dry (as it should be in Alsace) with an endlessly perfumed nose and a palate packed with perfectly balanced flavours - each sip brings a new experience.

19 Chassagne-Montrachet, Benoit Moreau, 2020

£200.00

GRAPE: Chardonnay **REGION:** Burgundy **ABV:** 13.5%

Domaine Benoit Moreau is a new star on the Chassagne-Montrachet scene, having recently taken over his share of the vineyards from Domaine Bernard Moreau in November 2020. Benoit's commitment to biodynamic farming and natural winemaking techniques has quickly garnered attention and critical acclaim, and his 2020 releases have been met with great success. Beautifully poised, ripe with impressive structure.

20 Hermitage Blanc Tardieu-Laurent Magnum, 2017

£275.00

GRAPE: Marsanne/Roussanne

(Magnum 1.5L)

REGION: Northern Rhone **ABV:** 13.5%

Famille Tardieu has become one of the best micro-negociant in Rhone Valley. Nowadays, Bastien and Michel are exploring the vineyards to find grapes from very old vines, often located in the historical heart of each appellation. Aged for 24 months in barrel, a blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne. A stunning nose of white pear, apricot, white flowers and spice ... layer upon layers of complexity. Mouth-filling rich, silky (poached fruits) textures and fine acidity with a breath taking length.

21 Meursault Perrieres 1er Cru, Domaine Jacques Prieur, 2015 £395.00
GRAPE: Chardonnay **REGION:** Burgundy **ABV:** 13%

The domaine's Perrieres is a tiny parcel of 0.3 hectares of four decade old vines. The power of this site is much evident on the glorious palate. This is a fine benchmark for the cru.

GERMANY

22 Berncasteler Doctor Spatlese, Weingut, Dr H Thanisch, 2020 £130.00
GRAPE: Riesling Organic) **REGION:** Mosel **ABV:** 12.5%

Sofia Thanisch and her daughter Christina represent the 11th and 12th generations of the family. The most famous site, Berncasteler Doctor, includes parcels the family has owned for 200 years. These wines are revered all over the world for their finesse, depth and complexity.

HUNGARY

23 Tokaji Furmint (Dry), Egy Kis, 2021 £47.00
GRAPE: Furmint (Organic) **REGION:** Tokaji **ABV:** 13.5% 175ml £13.00

Barta's dynamic young female winemaker, Vivien Ujvari is redefining this 'noble grape' in a spectacularly 'dry' fashion. Produced organically, 'Egy Kis' is a ripe, stone-fruit infused, steely white that works so well with all types of fish and shellfish.

ITALY

24 'Love Story', Arcole DOC Sartori, 2022 £35.00
GRAPE: Pinot Grigio **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 12% 175ml £9.00

A lovely example of Pinot Grigio from the "Arcole" zone which is particularly suited to this grape. A mouthful of peaches and white pears, accompanied by a waft of flowers.

25 Gavi di Gavi, Antonio e Raimondo, 2022 £40.00
GRAPE: Cortese **REGION:** Piemonte **ABV:** 12.5% 175ml £11.00

The Cortese grape is Piemonte's great white varietal. Delicious Gavi delivering bright lemon and almond vibrancy with berry leaf freshness and a dry, rich yet crisp finish.

26 Vermentino, Cala Silenti, Santadi, 2022 £46.00
GRAPE: Ameis **REGION:** Piemonte **ABV:** 13.5%

Pure Vermentino, intense yet approachable, full of apple, peach, citrus and sunshine. The vineyards are located on the coast of SW Sardinia, with the best possible situation to balance the fruit and the lovely mouthwatering acidity.

27 Capitel Foscarino, Anselmi, 2022 **£52.00**

GRAPE: Garganega **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 13.5%

A 'hidden gem'. A wine made by one of Italy's most revered white wine makers from a single vineyard located on the extinct Foscarin volcano. The fruit character jumps out of the glass. Exciting, pleasing and a great drink!

NEW ZEALAND

28 Frost Pocket, 2022 **£40.00**

GRAPE: Sauvignon Blanc **175ml £10.00**

REGION: Marlborough **ABV:** 12.5%

Green and fresh with lime and gooseberry with background flavours of tropical fruit and nectarine.

PORTUGAL

29 Quinta da Lixa, 2022 **£35.00**

GRAPE: Local Blend **REGION:** Vinho Verde **ABV:** 10.5%

Fruity, floral notes, fresh and well balanced. The nose is aromatic green apple, melon and white peach. The palate is balanced, smooth with a generous texture and a touch of petillance. White peach, apples and tangerine on the palate leading to a long, crisp finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

30 Fairhead, Joostenberg, 2022 **£54.00**

GRAPE: Roussanne/Chenin **REGION:** Muldersvlei **ABV:** 12%

A fascinating 'Cape White Blend' of Roussanne 50%, Chenin Blanc 36%, Viognier 7% and Alvarinho 7%. Medium-bodied, complex with a touch of exotic intrigue. Aromas and flavours of honeysuckle, apple crumble, blossoms and honey. Some waxy notes and a long, pithy finish.

31 FMC, Ken Forrester Wines, 2022 **£115.00**

GRAPE: Chenin Blanc **REGION:** Stellenbosch **ABV:** 12.5%

An iconic wine from an iconic man. The first South African Chenin Blanc to be taken notice of on the world stage and it continues to dazzle with its layer upon layer of pineapple, candied lemon, dried apricot, ginger and vanilla flavours, with touches of honey, spice and crème brûlée; effortlessly supported by gentle oak and lovely freshness.

SPAIN

32 Rioja Blanco, 'Heredad de Tejada', 2022 **£39.00**

GRAPE: Viura **REGION:** Rioja **ABV:** 12.5% **175ml £11.00**

A mouthful of dates, bananas and nuts from this alluring white Rioja, which is fresh yet complex.

33 'O Luar do Sil', Pago de Los Capellanes, 2021

£48.00

GRAPE: Valdeorras **REGION:** Valedorrs **ABV:** 13.5%

Faithfully reflecting the viticultural landscape of the Valdeorras and one of the most expansive and jovial examples of the variety. The result is complete the freshness, clarity and life. Pleasure in purity.

34 Lias (Lees Matured), Martin Codax, 2020

£55.00

GRAPE: Albarino **REGION:**Rias Baixas **ABV:** 12.5%

High aromatic intensity, notes of very ripe fruit of pear, apple or white peach, reminiscent of clean lees aging (yeast, vanilla, fresh warm bread). The wine is upfront in the mouth, with surprising weight and volume. A long finish with fresh fruit, dairy and warm brioche notes.

Orange (skin contact)

SPAIN

35 Orange Wine Albarino, Martin Codax, 2020 £50.00

GRAPE: Albarino **REGION:** Rias Baixas **ABV:** 12.5% 175ml £14.00

Amber coloured with iodized reflections. Nose with medium intensity, ripe fruit notes such as candied orange and orange jam with crushed flowers (roses) and herbal notes. This wine is structured and tannic and has a broad and round feel.

CHILE

36 Palleron Semillon Paredonas, Muturana Wines, 2022 £52.00

GRAPE: Semillon **REGION:** Maule **ABV:** 13.5%

Parellon is made with grapes from some of the oldest Sémillon vineyards in Chile, dating back to 1928, located in Paredones, Colchagua Costa. A deep-yellow wine that tastes deliciously fresh, showing acacia flowers and mandarin zest notes, seasoned with spices. Its aromatic complexity is further enhanced by 4.5 months of skin contact, which also gives the wine some frame. The wine is made with minimal intervention, no corrections in sugar or acidity, and only a low dose of sulphur, no more than 15 ppm, is added at the time of bottling. 75% of the wine was aged in third-use French oak barrels for 4.5 months.

AUSTRIA

37 'Pulp Fiction' Yellow Label, Organic, Erich Machherndl, 2019 £62.00

GRAPE: Frühroter Veltliner/Muscat/Pinot Blanc

REGION: Wachau **ABV:** 12.5%

Orange-tinted aromatic Austrian white, bursting with apricot, peach and juicy Braeburn apple, with a nice lemony waft of citra hops.

ITALY

38 Back To Silence, Lugana DOC, 2021 £85.00

GRAPE: Trebbiano di Lugana (Turbiana) **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 13%

Highly perfumed skin contact wine from vineyards close to Lake Garda, exuding peach, orange and grapefruit, with a sliver of flint on the finish.

Rosé

USA

39 West Coast Swing, 2022

£32.00

GRAPE: White Zinfandel **REGION:** California **ABV:** 10% 175ml £8.50

Full of ripe fruit aromas such as peaches, mango and melon. Juicy on the palate with strawberry and tropical fruit flavours with fresh acidity balancing the sweetness.

FRANCE

40 Chateau la Tour d'Il'Eveque Rosé AOC Cotes de Provence, 2021 £40.00

GRAPE: Grenache Blend (Organic) 175ml £10.00

REGION: Provence **ABV:** 12.5%

Made by the highly respected Regine Sumiere. She and her family has really driven this 'salmon pink', Provençal style of rose since they bought the estate in 1946. A blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah (red grapes), Vermentino & Semillon (white grapes). Fresh, aromatic, juicy cherry and red fruits, wiffs of herb, stone fruits with a soft, rounded, light to medium-bodied palate and fine (citric/redcurrant) acidity.

41 Sancerre Rosé, Domaine des Vieux Pruniers, 2022

£50.00

GRAPE: Pinot Noir **REGION:** Loire **ABV:** 13%

Lightly aromatic Sancerre rosé from Pinot Noir, with a cool wash of strawberry and raspberry. Juicy, moreish and approachable.

SPAIN

42 Las Fincas, Rosado, Chivite Family Estates, 2022

£52.00

GRAPE: Garnacha/Tempranillo **REGION:** Navarra **ABV:** 13.5%

The bouquet is very fruity, strawberry, pomegranate, raspberry, blackberry with rose petals at the end. Smooth and balanced palate, with a textured mouth feel. Long persistence on the finish with notes of cherry in the aftertaste.

FRANCE

43 'Symphonie', Cotes du Provence Rosé, Cru Classe, 2022

£67.00

GRAPE: Grenache/Cinsault (Organic) **REGION:** Provence **ABV:** 12.5%

Finesse, elegance and aromatic pleasure - it is clear and bright with a light pink hue. On the nose, it's floral and delicate with aromas of white flowers and passion fruit. On the palate, delicate acidity with notes of peach, orange peel and exotic fruits.

Red

ARGENTINA

- 44 'Don David Reserva', El Esteco, 2022 £40.00
GRAPE: Malbec **REGION:** Salta **ABV:** 14% 175ml £10.00

A standard bearer for the Salta region of Argentina. Ripe, rich flavours with a lovely savoury edge and a fine tannic structure.

AUSTRALIA

- 45 Coonawarra, Wynns, 2021 £35.00
GRAPE: Shiraz **REGION:** Coonawarra **ABV:** 13.6% 175ml £9.00

From the famous 'Terra Rossa' soil of Coonawarra - an approachable elegant and silky red, with generous mulberry and blackberry notes. Delicate oak is used without dominating its distinctive cool climate character.

CHILE

- 46 'Reserva', Vina Leyda, 2022 £35.00
GRAPE: Merlot **REGION:** Leyda Valley **ABV:** 13.5% 175ml £9.00

Sweet aromas of plums, cherries, and spices followed by dark chocolate and tobacco notes.

- 47 Polemico Pais, Vina Laurent, 2021 £44.00
GRAPE: Pais (Organic) **REGION:** Itata Valley **ABV:** 13.5%

Produced from 150 years-old un-grafted vines located in Itata Valley, this wine gathers novelty and heritage in what is a fragrant and supple expression of País. Made by Viña Laurent, a small, independent winery dedicated to the production of premium Chilean wines. Perfumed, floral, smoky on the nose that leads to fresh juicy red fruit/cherry characters and crunchy textures and fine acidity on a long, mouth-filling length.

- 48 Pai-Gar Loncomilla, Maturana Wines, 2019 £50.00
GRAPE: Garnacha (Grenache) (Organic)
REGION: Loncomilla, Maule Valley **ABV:** 12.5%

Polished and silky Garnacha made from old vines grown in Loncomilla, a remote sub-region of the Maule Valley in Chile. A gorgeous intensity of kirsch and redcurrant on the nose leads to a velvety, mouthfilling and plummy palate backed with great freshness and fine tannins. Think 'Chateaufeuf in the Maule Valley'!

FRANCE

49 L'Ostal de Souquet, Carignan Vieilles Vignes, £33.00
Jean d'Alibert, 2020 175ml £8.50

GRAPE: Carignan **REGION:** Languedoc **ABV:** 13%

Made from old gnarly bush vines, nearly 50 years old on average and planted at about 150-250 metres above sea level in the Coteaux de Peyriac, a sub-region of Minervois. Notes of ripe blackberries, wild Mediterranean herbs and savoury on the nose with a lovely depth of fruit on the palate with a rustic edge and juicy finish.

50 Cotes du Rhone, 'Cuvee Laurent B', Domaine Brusset, 2022 £40.00

GRAPE: Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre **REGION:** Rhone **ABV:** 13.5%

A vibrant Cotes du Rhone with distinctive, vivid deep purple colour with a marvelous fleshy fruit character and a good turn of black pepper on the finish.

51 Chateau des Gravieres, Graves, 2020 £43.00

GRAPE: Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** Bordeaux **ABV:** 13.5%

Claret from gravelly Graves, scented with wood and toast, then transforming into prunes and liquorice in the mouth.

52 Cotes du Rhone Les Bec Fins Tardieu-Laurent, 2021 £45.00

GRAPE: Rhone Blend (Organic)

REGION: Southern Rhone **ABV:** 12.5%

Tardieu-Laurent is essentially a négociant-éleveur. The concept centres around Michel Tardieu's ability to source small parcels of quality fruit and then taking care of their élevage, bringing them on his cellar. Tardieu works with small growers sourcing, in the main, low production, old vine and organically farmed fruit. From 60% old vine Grenache & 40% Syrah fruit, dense raspberry, blueberry, cassis and damson, with a hint of fig on a beautifully balanced palate and structure.

53 Cahors 'Lucter', Chateau de Haute-Serre, Vigouroux, 2019 £50.00

GRAPE: Malbec **REGION:** Cahors **ABV:** 12.5%

Balanced, berry-filled red from Cahors, a juicy mouthful of blackcurrant and raspberry and a gently perfumed bouquet of violets, mocha and peppermint.

54 'Gaspard' Terrasses du Larzac, Aubert & Mathieu, 2020 £54.00

GRAPE: Mourvedre/Grenache/Syrah

REGION: Languedoc-Roussillon **ABV:** 14%

A subtle nose with notes of black fruits, cinnamon and even hibiscus. Molten mouth. A wine breathing liquorice, spices, blackcurrant, eucalyptus and even garrigue. An acidity that unfolds into the tannins.

55 St Emilion, Chateau Barrail du Blanc, Grand Cru, 2018 £75.00

GRAPE: Merlot Blend **REGION:** Bordeaux **ABV:** 13.5%

This tiny property, just 3 hectares, is situated in St Sulpice de Faleyrons on rather light, well-drained soils, 80% pure gravel with the rest a mix of gravel and sand. The wine is made by the 'Etablissements de J-P Mouiex' the current owners of Ch. Petrus. 70% Merlot & 30% Cabernet Franc, the wine is drinking beautifully – bold flavours, a mix of black and red fruits with a lovely herbal edge on a medium bodied, rounded palate and savoury, dry tannins.

56 Pinots Maceres Ambre Domaine Trapet, 2020 £84.00

GRAPE: Pinot Gris/Pinot Noir **REGION:** Alsace **ABV:** 14.5%

The grapes for the Ambre Rouge Pinots Macéré sur B.B.H.M come from Beblenheim and were macerated on the skins for one month. Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris form the foundation of this wine, which is then further vinified like a red wine. The grapes come from a total of four plots and is farmed according to bio-dynamic guidelines. This a fascinating bottle of wine that weighs in at 14.5% abv. delivering a huge range of flavours and spice. The textures and silky and rich and a wine that can match with more complex dishes.

57 Castillon, L'Aurage, 2017 £115.00

GRAPE: Merlot/Cabernet Franc **REGION:** Bordeaux **ABV:** 14%

Louis Mitjavile cut his teeth in both the vineyard and the cellar, at Tertre Roteboeuf Saint Emilion Grand Cru and Roc de Cambes, Bourg, Côtes de Bordeaux, working alongside his father François Mitjavile. Louis had set his heart on acquiring his own property, not far from Saint-Emilion. The Côtes de Castillon came up trumps with similar clay-limestone (argilo-calcaire) soils to those he knows so well - effectively a continuation of the Saint-Emilion slopes but affordable here. He seized upon this lovely property, taking full control from the 2007 vintage. L'Aurage is always a crowd-pleaser and something of a rising star, luscious and seductively ripe.

58 Chateauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee Speciale Tardieu-Laurent, 2010 £150.00

GRAPE: Grenache (Organic) **REGION:** Southern Rhone **ABV:** 15%

The family sources fruit from two parcels of 100-120 year old grenache vines. There's a wonderful mix of poached and fresh red fruits packed with savoury and herbal notes leading to 'sensual opulence' on the palate and finish.

59 Chateau Grand-Puy Ducasse, 2010 £200.00

GRAPE: Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** Bordeaux **ABV:** 13%

With 45 hectares of well-sited vineyards adjacent to the estates of Batailley, Lafite and Mouton Rothschild, this is consistently one of the appellation's over-achievers. Seductive with underlying power, this is a great wine that develops beautifully in the glass.

60 Pomerol, Chateau La Fleur-Pétrus, 2012

£350.00

GRAPE: Merlot Blend **REGION:** Bordeaux **ABV:** 13.5%

La Fleur-Pétrus is situated between Château Lafleur and Pétrus, a vineyard made up of three parcels on the plateau of Pomerol with altitudes averaging 33 to 38 meters above sea level. The parcels offer complementary styles of wine all contributing complexity to the final blend. Predominantly Merlot, the wine is silken, supple and generous.

There is now a calm authority, not to say profundity about this great vineyard. It has a carapaced nose at first and then spicy red and black fruits, arterially pure and creamy. The palate is supple for sure but subtly concentrated with a deep sensuality lifted by a sweet freshness and a bright power and length.

GREECE

61 'Ramnista', PDO Naoussa, Ktima Kir-Yianni, 2018

£55.00

GRAPE: Xinomavro **REGION:** Macedonia **ABV:** 14.5%

Savoury, aromatic Xinomavro from its best-known home region, perfumed with rose petals, strawberry, cherry and vanilla, yet the sweetness kept in check by notes of tomato and olive tapenade.

ITALY

62 'La Segreta Rosso', Planeta, 2021

£34.00

GRAPE: Nero d'Avola/Merlot/Syrah

175ml £9.00

REGION: Sicily **ABV:** 13%

Planeta is a Sicilian powerhouse and this, from their Menfi vineyards, is spicy, perfumed with crushed strawberry and pleasingly finishes with a light scattering of chocolate.

63 Soraie, Cecilia Beretta, 2021

£38.00

GRAPE: Merlot/Corvina **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 14%

The name Soraie is derived from the Veronese word 'Soravia', used to describe the rows of vines perched on the very top of the hills. The blend is 40% Merlot, 30% Corvina, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon & 10% Croatina. The grapes are hand-picked and then semi-dried for 1 month before fermentation (shorter than for Amarone), so that the grapes lose around 30% of their water content, thus concentrating flavours to deliver bags of raisined and ripe fruits, spice and silky textures.

64 Cabernet Franc, Tunella, 2020

£42.00

GRAPE: Cabernet Franc

REGION: Colli Orientali del Friuli **ABV:** 13.5%

One of those all too rare examples of beautifully ripe and elegant Cabernet Franc that when produced properly, as in this case, we are treated to a wine delivering ripe, dark cherries, blueberries and cassis peppered with pungent eucalyptus and rosemary aromas followed by a delicious firm, vibrant and velvety fruits and a 'crushed cherry skin' dry finish.

65 Brusco di Barbi, Fattoria di Barbi, 2019 £42.00

GRAPE: Sangiovese **REGION:** Tuscany **ABV:** 13.5%

Fragrant Tuscan red made in the same area as Brunello di Montalcino by one of the best exponents of it, the wine is brimming with plums, raspberries and tangy redcurrants.

66 Valpolicella, Valpantena, Bertani, 2022 £45.00

GRAPE: Corvina/Rondinella **REGION:** Vento **ABV:** 12%

Intense notes of black currant red, plum, raspberry, black cherry and spice. On the palate the wine opens, fresh with a good balance between acidity, sweetness and tannin.

67 'Papale Oro', Primitivo di Manduria, Varvaglione, 2019 £75.00

GRAPE: Primitivo **REGION:** Puglia **ABV:** 14.5%

This is Puglian wine at its best, with great character and warmth, and a 'friendliness' sometimes lacking from its northern Italian cousins. It has delicious spiciness, complexity and pure fruit intensity, with ultra-plush, velvety texture.

68 Amarone della Valpolicella, Valpantena DOCG, Bertani, 2019 £102.00

GRAPE: Corvina/Rondinella **REGION:** Veneto **ABV:** 15.5%

Deep dark ruby with a violet rim. Notes of black and sour cherries, berries, spices and dried fruit. The palate is creamy with soft tannins and integrated oak.

69 Barolo 'Via Nuova', Organic, E. Pira (Chiara Boschis), 2018 £220.00

GRAPE: Nebbiolo **REGION:** Piemonte **ABV:** 14%

One of the very best producers in the Barolo area. At the heart of the modernist movement in the 1990's this is a classic example with notes of freshly cut flowers, mint, crushed rocks, chalk and white pepper give the Via Nuova notable energy. A firm but fine tannin and minerality provide the backbone.

LEBANON

70 'Altitudes', Ilixir, 2018 £59.00

GRAPE: Blend **REGION:** Batroun **ABV:** 14%

A Cabernet Sauvignon based blend of enormous charm, as warm in the mouth as its Lebanese homeland, with blackberries, blackcurrants, a dash of green pepper and a slice or two of strawberry.

NEW ZEALAND

71 Pinot Noir, Ular, 2021 £62.00

GRAPE: Pinot Noir (Organic) **REGION:** Gladstone **ABV:** 13.5%

Great fruit intensity while still showing classic Wairarapa savoury elements. Long fine tannins make the wine linger and imprint a sense of place.

PORTUGAL

72 'Flor De Crasto', Quinta do Crasto, 2021 £33.00

GRAPE: Touriga Nacional Blend **REGION:** Douro **ABV:** 13% 175ml £8.50

Expressive Douro red, juicy with wild berries, strawberries, blackberries, all enveloped in a perfume of flowers.

ROMANIA

73 Sanziana, Cramele Recas, 2022 £34.00

GRAPE: Pinot Noir **REGION:** Banat **ABV:** 12% 175ml £9.00

The Cramele Recas Winery is a project based in southwest Romania. Founded in 1998, the Romanian/British privately owned company is run by a team of three families, one of which has been working the Recas vineyards for over 40 years. This remarkably, juicy and balanced pinot is as 'gluggable' as it is 'food-friendly'. Light to medium-bodied, fresh, fruity (strawberry/raspberry) layered with spice and savoury undertones with lovely 'redcurrant acidity' on the finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

74 Cabernet Sauvignon, Thelema, 2019 £69.00

GRAPE: Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** Stellenbosch **ABV:** 13.5%

Forceful South African Cabernet, full of black cherry, blackcurrant and chocolate on a background of warm, toasty oak, freshened by a breath of mint.

75 Ernie Els Signature Bordeaux Blend, 2014 £150.00

GRAPE: Cab Sauv/Cab Franc/Merlot/Malbec

REGION: Stellenbosch **ABV:** 14.5%

The Concept of Ernie Els was born out of friendship between Ernie Els and Jean Engelbrecht (Rust-en-Vrede) back in 1999. The pair, driven by a mutual passion for South African red wine, combined with Jean's knowledge of the world wine markets with Ernie's impeccable worldwide acclaim and reputation, to full effect. Winemaker Louis Strydom often describes his Stellenbosch harvest as the one chance he gets every year to produce something truly memorable. With a raft of awards and ratings behind him, he has remained as consistent as focussed as the estate's namesake himself. A 'masterful Cab-led Bordeaux blend' that continues to pack a heck of a lot of fruit into the flagship label. 'Big & brawny, but plush & subtle, with beautifully modulated fruit & dense tarry aromatic core'.

SPAIN

- 76 Rioja 'Monte Llano', Ramon Bilbao, 2021** £34.00
GRAPE: Tempranillo **REGION:** Rioja **ABV:** 14.5% 175ml £9.00

Red violet colour, with purple hues. On the nose the wine leaves subtle aromas of ripe fruits (blackcurrants, raspberries). On the palate it is fresh, structured and very fruity.

- 77 Rioja, ' Coleccion Privada', Vinedos Sierra Cantabria, 2020** £110.00
GRAPE: Tempranillo **REGION:** Rioja **ABV:** 14.5%

Delicate, pure Rioja, tannic yet fresh, with notes of petals and spice plus a mouthful of firm, just-ripe blackberries. Made in an innovative way by perhaps the most dynamic winemaking team in the whole of Rioja.

USA

- 78 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cannonball, 2018** £65.00
GRAPE: Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** California **ABV:** 14.5%

Glorious California Cabernet Sauvignon, reminiscent of a red apple dipped in dark chocolate, with additional strawberry, blueberry and spice.

- 79 'Napa Valley', Louis Martini, 2018** £99.00
GRAPE: Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** California **ABV:** 14.5%

Lovely intensity and roundness, beautiful velvety texture and oak that while present, is superbly well-integrated into the wine's other attributes. This is full-bodied and succulent in character with a beautiful overall sense of refinement.

- 80 'Fay Vineyard', Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, 2019** £320.00
GRAPE: Cabernet Sauvignon **REGION:** California **ABV:** 14.5%

This single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from a legendary Napa Valley winery offers heady aromas of blackberry, flowers and red liquorice, while filling the mouth with dark berries, black tea and sage.

Dessert

FRANCE

- 81 Rivesaltes Ambre, Domaine Cazes (37.5cl), 2013 £49.00
GRAPE: Grenache Blanc 50ml £9.00
REGION: Languedoc-Roussillon *ABV:* 16%

Many-layered sweet wine, wafting toasted hazelnuts, dried apricots and smoke into the nostrils and peaches, walnut and toffee onto the tongue.

ITALY

- 82 Marsala Vergine DOP, Tenute Orenstiadi (75cl), NV £49.00
GRAPE: Grillo *REGION:* Sicily *ABV:* 18% 50ml £9.00

The bouquet is complex and intriguing with layers of wood combined with spicy nuances of vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, toasted almonds, dried figs and tobacco. The palate is harmonious in alcoholic structure, powerful, dry and complex.

- 83 Recioto della Valpolicella DOC, Bertani, 2020 £65.00
GRAPE: Corvina *REGION:* Veneto *ABV:* 13.5% 50ml £15.00

Intensely sweet Veneto red, offering a noseful of raspberries, plum and cherry, followed by a mouthful of more berries, spice, vanilla and cacao.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 84 'T-Noble', Late Harvest, Ken Forrester Wines (37.5cl), 2020 £75.00
GRAPE: Chenin Blanc *REGION:* Stellenbosch *ABV:* 12% 50ml £18.00

Fresh yet unashamedly sweet wine made by the renowned winemaker Ken Forrester, tropically lush with pineapple, peach, apricot and melon, with wood spice offering a balancing savoury note on the nose.

ITALY

- 85 'I Capitelli', Anselmi, 2020 £75.00
GRAPE: Garganega *REGION:* Veneto *ABV:* 12.5%

Stunningly rich and complex, packed with apricot, honey and pear flavours with tobacco and cedar notes, it is smooth, subtle and velvety.

CANADA

86 Icewine, Cabernet Franc, Pellar, 2019 £115.00

GRAPE: Cabernet Franc **REGION:** Ontario, Niagara **ABV:** 14.5%

Icewine is Canada's intense sweet wine and this Cabernet Franc version is fragrant with rhubarb, raspberry, blackberries and herbs, while the acidic flavours of redcurrants and pomegranates prevents the considerable sweetness from becoming overpowering.

87 Inneskillin, Pearl Vidal Icewine (37.5cl), 2019 £110.00

GRAPE: Vidal **REGION:** Ontario, Niagara **ABV:** 9.5%

The Vidal Pearl Icewine has intense aromas of mango, apricot and honey, beautifully integrated with flavours of peach and candied brown sugar, held together by crisp bold acidity.

FRANCE

88 Chateau Doisy Daene Sauternes (37.5cl), 2003 £145.00

GRAPE: Sauvignon blanc/Semillon

REGION: Bordeaux, Sauternes **ABV:** 13.5%

Classified as a second cru in 1855, the Château Doisy-Daëne has been owned by the Dubourdieu family since 1924. The wines from this estate boast unrivalled richness. Generally equipped with fantastic ageing potential, they are a joy to consume from their earliest stages. Characterised by elegance and purity, they are flavourful, refined, supple and fruity, developing notes of honey and rose. They have depth and persistence on the palate, with finesse taking over from power and vivacity gently subduing a heady character.

HUNGARY

89 Tokaji Aszu 6 Puttonyos, Sauska (50cl), 2003 £155.00

GRAPE: Furmint **REGION:** Tokaji **ABV:** 10%

This is a deep and complex sweet wine. The fruit flavours are of dried apricots and caramelised peaches. But the main feature here is the complex array of toffee, smoke, fresh coffee bean and mushroom flavours that have developed with this exceptional wine after nearly two decades in the bottle.

Port

PORTUGAL

90 LBV Port, Quinta do Crasto, 2017 £50.00

GRAPE: Local Douro Blend **REGION:** Douro **ABV:** 20% 50ml £8.50

Dark ruby in colour with red fruit aromas and good concentration and length on the palate. This wine is bottled unfiltered.

91 Fonseca Guimaraens Vintage Port, 2008 £85.00

GRAPE: Varietal Blend **REGION:** Douro **ABV:** 20% 50ml £15.00

In certain years when there is no classic Fonseca Vintage Port, a Guimaraens Vintage Port may be made instead. Guimaraens Vintage Ports nevertheless share the origins, heritage and complex fruity style of the classic Fonseca vintages and are drawn from the produce of the same three estates. They differ only in that they are more approachable, ready to drink earlier. These 'single quintas' are a great way to enjoy vintage by the glass.

92 Cristiano Van Zeller, 20 YO Tawny Port £125.00

GRAPE: Varietal Blend **REGION:** Douro **ABV:** 20%

Produced by one of the icons of the Douro, Cristiano Van Zeller knows the industry and in particular how to source and produce the finest of tawnies. Tawny/ amber in colour, with a complex nose of warming fruit, complemented by hints of orange, nuts and spice, all reflected on the palate. Delightfully fresh on the palate with a truly silky, warm and seductive finish.

93 Taylor's Vintage Port, 1977 £400.00

GRAPE: Varietal Blend **REGION:** Douro **ABV:** 20%

Described by Robert Parker as the 'Latour of Portugal', the 1977 Taylor's Vintage Port is an incredible wine from an outstanding vintage. Great plum red, vibrant. Fresh nose, clean fruit with delicate floral notes. A wine with great complexity of fruit – berry and spice, dense, luscious and concentrated, yet with a soft, delicate finish which belies the inner strength.

Sherry

SPAIN

- 94 PX, Bella Luna (37.5cl), NV £35.00
GRAPE: Pedro Ximinez **REGION:** Jerez **ABV:** 15% 50ml £9.00

Luscious, midnight-coloured sherry, as rich as rum and raisin ice cream and oozing raisins, dates and honey.

- 95 'Velo Flor', Manzanilla (Dry), Bodegas Alonso, NV £75.00
GRAPE: Palomino Fino **REGION:** Jerez **ABV:** 15%

Rich, golden colour and intense aromas of cider apple, butterscotch, blanched almond and salted caramel. In the mouth, it has a rich, rounded smoothness, with the fragrance of golden apples being cellared over the winter, and a slightly gamey, charcuterie element. Long, silky and lovely.

Sake

JAPAN

- 96 Junmai Ginjo Sparkling Sake, Akashi-Tai (30cl), NV £55.00
REGION: Kansai **ABV:** 7% 50ml £9.00

Clean with light hints of citrus fruits. Well balanced, light fruit notes with hints of citrus and melon. Crisp and refreshing.

- 97 Yuzushu Ginjo Sake, Akashi-Tai (50cl), NV £69.00
REGION: Kansai **ABV:** 7% 50ml £13.00

Bright citrus flavours with a fresh crisp finish. Each Yuzu fruit is hand selected locally in Hyogo prefecture and immediately hand-juiced to maintain the highest level of freshness.
