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Our wine philosophy is simple, we find great tasting wines at terrific value for money, in doing so we don't always tread along the most common path, so we don't serve a Pinot Grigio by the glass, but what we do offer is a fabulous Falanghina that we would happily drink all day long.

Likewise, we don't always look in the most conventional of places for wine, so you'll see the traditional places like France, Italy & New Zealand rubbing shoulders with wines from China, Turkey & Lebanon. These wines aren't here for shock value they are genuinely fantastic wines which always feature highly when recommending a tippie.

Additionally, we offer a buy back service on bottles of wine, so if you're looking at something which isn't usually open or you just decide that a whole bottle is too much we will just charge for what you have drunk.

Finally, we have been lucky enough to have collected wine over the years, some of which is very rare now, some are older vintages to what we offer normally or in some cases we only have a couple of bottles left, if this is of interest please speak to Dave who is happy to talk you through what we have additionally in the cellar.

All our wines can be purchased to be enjoyed at home at a reduced rate, these must be purchased in multiples of 6, again if you are interested please speak to Dave regarding price.

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All things fizzy...

NV Rocco Prosecco Superiore di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene Brut £28

Velvety smooth & creamy on the palate with hints of citrus peel, the grapes come from two of the best areas for prosecco and this boutique house produces the same prosecco for the likes of Alfa Romeo.

NV Casa Rojo Moltó Negre Brut, Cava, Catalunya, Spain £35

Made from Trepát grape variety, used in the north-east of Spain for generations to make sparkling wine. The style is fresh and fruit-led, although there are notes of brioche; the fizz, developed by the Traditional Method, is generous and combines well with the freshness on the finish.

NV Doyard Cuvee Vendemiaire, Blanc de Blanc, Champagne, France £50

A lesser known champagne but none the worse for it, this 100% chardonnay champagne uses predominantly Grand Crus sites for the grapes and the current blend is a mix of 2007, 2008 & 2009 wines. With a low level of sugar this will seem like a very dry offering but once opened it shows its full range with Brioche & Honey to the fore. For the quality of wine, we think this is an absolute bargain.

2011 Doyard Oeil De Perdix Grand Cru Rose Extra-Brut Millesime, Champagne, France £90

*A few things about this wine to start. They only make 3500 bottles per year, it is the driest or dry champagnes and at £90 for a rose champagne for a less than well-known producer we realise it is a bit of a stretch. **HOWEVER**, put simply this is the best rose champagne we have ever drunk and cannot recommend it more highly than that.*

2005 Bollinger Le Grand Annee Brut, Champagne, France £120

The Quintessential vintage champagne. Base wines are still fermented in oak casks to add complexity. Full bodied, toasty flavours.

Rose...

2015 Te Awa Left Field Rosé, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand £25

A blend of Merlot, Pinotage (more commonly found in South Africa) and Arneis (a northern Italian white) a truly left field assemblage! It shows bright, ripe strawberry, raspberry and cranberry fruit and plenty of freshness on the finish.

2015 Estandon Heritage Rose, Cotes de Provence, France £25

Made from the classic Provence mix of Cinsault, Grenache & Syrah and pale salmon pink in colour, tastes of ripe pear and peaches this is excellent value Provence rose that has enough structure and body to be enjoyed with food

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White Wines

France...

2016 Picpoul de Pinet, Petite Ronde, Languedoc £20

White peach, exotic fruits and a hint of pineapple on the palate balance with livewire acidity. Wonderful as an aperitif or with white meat, the best match is oily fish like Sea Trout or Salmon where the wine really comes alive.

2016 Chateau du Cleray, Muscadet de Sevre et Maine Sur Lie, Loire £24

From one of the oldest estates in the region, this is classic Muscadet, very dry with a richness towards the end, flavor of green apples. An obvious match for Shellfish.

2015 Chablis, Domaine Marguerite Carillon, Burgundy £45

The grapes for this fresh, minerally wine come from a 20-hectare estate where the average age of the vines is about 20 years. The juice is fermented in stainless steel vats and the wine aged for about six months on the fine lees prior to bottling.

2015 Cotes du Rhone, les Abeilles Blanc, Jean-Luc Colombo, Rhone Valley £25

The winemakers here are very environmentally conscious and believe that the dwindling Honey Bee population could have huge repercussions not only to the wine making industry but nature so not only is the wine named Les Abeilles (The Bee's) but 10p in every bottle goes to the British Beekeeping Association, we have decided that we will donate 50p in every bottle as well. Cotes du Rhone Blancs by and large go a little under the radar and as such offer a lot of bang for your buck. Grenache offers structure and the Viognier gives it balance, highly recommended for fans of chardonnay.

2014 T de Thenac Blanc, Bergerac £27

A blend of Sauvignon & Semillon this is the 2nd wine of Chateau Thenac, whose investors include Chelsea FC owner Roman Abramovich. The wine itself offers a great alternative to Loire sauvignons, herbaceous flavours are foremost with Greengage & nettles

2007 Gewurztraminer Cuvée des Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre, Trimbach, Alsace £80

It is a wine with flowery and spicy aromas and a dry personality, and yet so rich and so fruity that it almost hints at sweetness ... a mere illusion.

2015 Sancerre, Domaine des Chaintres, Joseph Mellot, Loire £33

Mainly situated on calcareous clay soils around the hill of Sancerre, the Domaine des Chaintres covers approximately five hectares divided up into a multitude of small plots; the vines are cultivated according to the principles of sustainable agriculture. The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are gently crushed and the juice fermented at low temperatures; the wine is aged on its fine lees. Aromatic floral aromas of white blossom and grapefruit on the nose; the palate is refreshing and dry.

2011 Arbois Savagnin, Domaine de La Pinte, Jura £55

This wine is rich yet lively and utterly delicious. On the nose it gives great complexity, with fresh, conserved and dried fruit aromas, hints of white flowers and beeswax. On the palate, it is silky and has great balance. A mineral finish gives a wonderful freshness. An unusual grape and a lesser known area but we couldn't recommend this wine more strongly, not for everyone as it takes a little getting used to but if you persevere you will be well rewarded.

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France continued...

2015 Limoux Chardonnay, Zephyr, Abbotts & Delaunay, Languedoc-Roussillon £38

70% of the wine goes through a malolactic fermentation; prior to ageing for eight months in French oak barrels, 30% new. Green-gold, the nose shows apricot, preserved lemon with white flowers, backed by a vanilla spice; the palate is complex, rich, yet fresh.

2011 Meursault 1er Cru Les Charmes, Domaine François Mikulski, Burgundy £90

Top end Burgundy at its best and the reason we fell in love with wine and chardonnay in particular in the first place, a complex nose shows a mix of toasted nuts, gun smoke & flint, the palate continues this theme while adding toasty brioche and butter flavours. Our dessert island wine!

2015 Rare Vineyards Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d'Oc £17

Our house white wine and to us the most important wine on the list. This wine sets the benchmark for everything that is to follow, its easy to fill a list with prestigious names, the trick to a great list is to find something brilliant at this end, something that can be drunk all year round, is not too challenging to drink on its own while standing up to the appropriate food. A blend of Rhône varieties grown in the warm vineyards of the d'Oc region of southern France. Unoaked, the emphasis is on fresh, lively citrus fruit, backed by notes of peach blossom; the finish is soft and rounded.



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Italy...

2014 Pecorino Abruzzo, Giocheremo con I Fiori, Torre dei Beati, Abruzzo £29

Pecorino was thought to be extinct by the middle of the 20th century, it was rediscovered in an overgrown vineyard and cuttings were taken in the 1980s to re-establish the variety. The wine has a fine and elegant nose showing pear and floral notes of broom and gardenia, rounded off by a touch of honey; the vibrant palate has citrusy fruit flavours and typical herbal notes of sage, rosemary and lavender.

2013 Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Trambusti, Tuscany £23

When people think of Tuscan wines most people think of Chianti, Brunello or Montepulciano, however in Vernaccia we have an amazing grape and wine who though unheralded by comparison offers the perfect summertime white, ripe apple and peach with a bitter citrus twist, it might of fallen out of trend but we like retro.

2015 Feudi Salentini 125 Malvasia del Salento, Puglia £25

Fashioned from hand-harvested Malvasia grapes, from vineyards around Taranto, about half way up the 'heel' of Italy. Straw-yellow with golden hints; it shows tropical and grapey fruit flavours, with notes of almond, apricot and blossom. The palate is off-dry with honeyed fruit and a fresh finish

2014 Chardonnay 'Grand Cru' Terre Siciliane, Rapitalà, Sicilia £45

Straight Chardonnay made from grapes grown in high vineyards, about 450 metres above sea level, where the altitude's cooling influence allows for a long ripening period when the grapes develop their flavour. Hand-harvested grapes are fermented in a mixture of stainless steel and oak barrels, with the young wine being matured in contact with its lees for about a year. Pale gold in colour, it shows rich, Sicilian fruit reminiscent of honeydew melon and tropical fruits like pineapple and greengage, with notes of vanilla and cream acquired from a period of oak ageing.

2014 Pinot Grigio, Collio Tentuta Sant 'Helena', Fantinel, Grave de Friuli £30

Pinot Grigio doesn't have the best of reputations, some of which is very deserved, but in some cases such as this it is a joy to behold and happily stands shoulder to shoulder with other great wines. Only the best grapes are selected from the Collio vineyards allowing the wine to be very structured, a surprisingly rich wine is tempered by a citrus nose.

2013 Roero Arneis, Enrico Serafino, Peimonte £28

Arneis is rarely seen outside of Italy and when it is, it is often dismissed at Gavi di Gavi's little brother. However Enrico Serafino champions all varieties from his peimonte home and in this Arneis you have a delicate floral wine that is elegante and refreshing. It is grown just north of Alba and unsurprisingly works wonderfully as a back ground partner to white truffles, as well as scallops and risotto.

2015 Gavi di Gavi, Toledana, Domini Villa Lanata, Piemonte £29

The home of Gavi, vines were first planted here in 1850's with the aim of producing a dry white, Toledana produce two styles of Gavi, this one is the classical style, very dry, minerally with fresh acidity. Perfect with seafood on long hot sunny days.

2016 Tenuta del Porconero Falanghina, San Salvatore, Campania £27

Made from 100% Falanghina grapes that are grown in organically farmed vineyards on south facing slopes close to the sea; these grapes are chilled and undergo a criomaceration prior to fermentation to capture flavour compounds in the grape skins. Straw-yellow with green highlights, the nose is dominated by floral notes; the palate shows notes of dried herbs amongst the citrus and stone fruit flavours.



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The Iberian Peninsula...

2014 *Ánima de Raimat Blanco*, Costers del Segre, Catalunya, Spain £26

An unusual pairing of 3 grapes, Pale yellow with greenish highlights; yellow fruit such as peach and nectarine on the nose, together with pear and melon and aromas of white flowers and Mediterranean aromatic herbs. The 2014 vintage was judged the Best Great Value White at the Wines from Spain Awards 2015.

2014 *Uno Txakoli*, Goianea, Pais Vasco, Spain £33

If there is one wine on our list that encapsulates all the ideas behind what we do then it's this wine, because it's absolutely bonkers!!

Made in the smallest area of recognised quality in Spain, with grapes that unless you are fluent in Basque are almost impossible to pronounce, then blended with a smidge of Riesling! To top that it is a project set up by a priest, a stockman & a restaurateur, all that being said this wine has a truly amazing apricot flavour and an oily finish. So if you want to try something a little different this is for you, and we are so confident you'll love it as much as we do that if on trying it you don't we will happily drink it and find you something else.

2014 *Paco & Lola Albariño*, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain £30

Our staff love selling this wine, partly because its striking packaging makes it easy to find and partly because it's just delicious. Attractive straw colour with hints of green in the rim; expressive and harmonious nose of green apples, pear and lemons, with hints of herbs and flower blossom base notes. The palate is clean and textured with seductive exotic notes of pineapple and mango intermingled with refreshing citrus flavours amplified by mineral accents.

2015 *The Orange Republic Godello*, Casa Rojo, Valdeorras, Galicia, Spain £34

The wine's name, 'The Orange Republic', is a nod to the thousands of orange trees that surround the five hectares of old vines just outside the village of Petín in north-west Spain. Aged on its fine lees for about five months prior to bottling, it shows aromas of pear, apricot and peach; the palate is rich and full-bodied with a fresh finish. A lovely alternative if you're an Albariño fan and want something a little different.

2014 *El Gordo del Circo Verdejo*, Rueda, Casa Rojo, Spain £31

The art on the label is apparently a representation of Dave the boss, a little harsh but see what you think! The wine itself comes from old vines, grown in pebble-strewn vineyards the best grapes are grown; these are harvested at night to keep the grapes cool, with indigenous yeasts being employed for the ferment. Bright and aromatic, the nose shows pear, apple, tropical nuances and fresh herbs; wide and intense on the palate with a spicy richness gained from a period of lees ageing. The perfect wine if you're looking for a grown up mature alternative to Sauvignon Blanc, while having a childish side to admire the packaging.

2015 *Alentejo Branco*, Herdade do Peso, Alentejo, Portugal £25

A fine example to show there is more to Portuguese wine than port & big juicy reds. Bright gold in colour with green hues. On the nose, aromas of citrus blossom arise over ripe pear and peach notes. On the palate, the wine is full of juicy white fruit flavours. Lively acidity balances the wine and leads to a long and fresh finish.

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Unexpected Europe...

2015 Soellner Wogenrain Grüner Veltliner, Wagram, Austria £29

The wines are biodynamic and since 1997, the land has been farmed under strict organic guidelines governed by the Austrian state authority. This blend makes a light and typically characteristic wine. The grapes are hand-picked, and the juice is slowly fermented in stainless steel tanks. Maturation takes place for a short time in oak casks. After the second racking, the Wogenrain is kept in tank until the following spring in order to retain freshness and fruit purity.

2014 Fritz's Riesling, Fritz Hasselbach, Rheinhessen, Germany £27

The beauty of this Riesling is its approachability, matching a true great in the winemaking world with a region renowned for more consumer friendly wines we think we have a wining match. The wine is off-dry but is nicely balanced with good levels of acidity, flavours of lime and honey melon should be apparent.

2013 St Tamas, Mád Dry Furmint, Tokaji, Hungary £30

Although known primarily for making fantastic dessert wines, Tokaji is also home to some fabulous dry wines, and the producers of this wine are at the forefront of everything good. We appreciate the nose is a little challenging, the kindest way to describe it is musty, once you get past that you have a wine that sits somewhere between somewhere between Loire Chenin and Chablis in style. Elegant blend of apricot and peaches with a warming, ginger spice. Just off dry in style.

2015 Camel Valley Bacchus Dry, Cornwall, England £33

Named after the Roman god of wine, the Bacchus variety was created in 1933 and is ideally suited to the relatively cool-climate of Cornwall. Dry, it has an intense, aromatic fruit character showing grapefruit, lemon and greengage - not unlike a good Sauvignon Blanc.



Tri Nations...

2016 Oakridge Over the Shoulder Chardonnay, Yarra Valley, Australia £32

Fruit from six different clones and from a variety of sub-regions across the valley was used in the blend. Made in three parts: one third whole bunch pressed directly to barrel and left on fermentation lees until blending; one third whole bunch pressed to tank, fermented, then transferred to barrel with its lees three months after the vintage; the third part, whole bunch pressed, fermented and matured 'sur lie', in tank. The palate is lithe, fresh and racy: mineral, wet stone, citrus flowers and grapefruit. It is long and linear in shape, with a juicy, mouth-watering natural acidity.

2014 Chalk Hill Il Vivace Vermentino, McLaren Vale, Australia £28

Vibrant and aromatic, this wine shows lifted tropical fruit with dried fennel notes. The palate is bursting with fresh tropical fruits and dried herbs; zesty, it shows a minerality that sets up the fresh and dry finish.

2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Bay of Fires, Tasmania, Australia £29

Tasmania has the enviable position of being the boutique wine area for Australian wine, cool climate, state of the art wineries and award winning wines normally equate to sky high prices and are therefore rarely seen on wine lists like ours. What we have found however is all of the above but at a fraction of the usual price. A nose of herbs and asparagus and a hint of tropical fruits on the palate with a green apple finish, this wine perfectly encapsulates our philosophy on great wines at fantastic prices.

2015 Pinot Gris, Bay of Fires, Tasmania, Australia £31

The lively, just off-dry palate features characters of melon and peach, while a smooth, supple mouth-feel is derived from allowing certain parcels of fruit to undergo a wild-yeast fermentation. The result is a wine which is full and complex with a crisp, refreshing acidity.

2013 Paringa Estate, Peninsula Chardonnay, Mornington Peninsula, Australia £50

The new world's answer to Burgundy! The hallmark of Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay is the fresh grapefruit acidity that is abundant in this Peninsula Chardonnay and highlights the subtle nuances of vanilla and ripe peach. The extended finish has noticeable minerality adding to the complexity.

2015 Te Awa Left Field Albariño, Gisborne, New Zealand £29

Another wine showcasing our love of something recognisable but different at the same time. Albariño is classically from Galicia but the climate in Gisborne with its long warm summers has proven a perfect area for this to prosper, added to that a set of wine makers who know how to deal with varieties that don't immediately spring to mind when thinking of Kiwi wines, and you have a match made in Heaven. The nose shows aromas of citrus flowers, melon and peach; the palate shows some richness and weight and is backed by stone fruit and lime on the finish.

2015 Riesling, Mahana Estates, Nelson, New Zealand £26

According to the winemaker this wine is far closer in style to a Germany Riesling than its antipodian cousins and on tasting it you can see why. Honeyed fruits, herbal notes, its only 9.5% alcohol and because of that it is an explosion of flavors in the mouth. The wine sits at medium dry but because of its well balanced acidity the wine never feels cloying or sweet, more like a ripe stone fruit. Best enjoyed with food, especially spicier offerings.

2016 Vidal Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand £28

Selected from the Awatere and Wairau Valleys in Marlborough, New Zealand's premier Sauvignon Blanc growing region. Cool-fermented in stainless steel. Classic gooseberry and passion fruit aromas mingled with a crisp, grassy flavour.



Tri Nations continued...

2017 Nederburg The Manor Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa £22

Fresh and crisp with aromas of pineapple, peach and guava; well-balanced with delicate layers of ripe fruit on the finish. All grapes were hand harvested prior to fermentation.

2014 Shannon Semillon, Elgin Valley, South Africa £35

Closer in style to a Bordeaux than a Hunter semillon, the wine is worth working past the musty nose. On the palate it is far more lively with ginger, lime and quinine jumping out. The finish has a saline quality backed up with a little spice.

2014 Olifantsberg, Breedekloof, Chenin Blanc, South Africa £32

A Chenin Blanc which exudes layers of tropical fruit and develops beautifully in the glass. Elegant and fresh, with subtle oak nuances which add complexity and texture to the rich and creamy palate

2014 Lismore Chardonnay, Greyton, South Africa £38

A complex, expressive bouquet with touches of smoke and walnut infusing the citrus fruit and a hint of toffee just underneath. The palate is lively and ripe on the entry with apricot, mandarin, orange zest and white peach. It is long in the mouth with a fine, walnut inspired finish.

2016 Nederburg The Beautiful Lady Gewurztraminer, Stellenbosch, South Africa £34

A very pleasant recent discovery that only confirmed that the guys at Nederburg make exceptional wines. With 22 g/l of residual sugar, the wine is rich, yet the sweetness is well tempered by the acidity; shows pronounced aromas of rose, lychee and pineapple. This wine is a real gem and we urge anyone who enjoys well balanced aromatic wines to try it.

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The Americas'...

2014 Malbrontes Torrontes, Mendoza, Argentina £24

Very on trend at present and this wine typifies the style with a mix of floral and spice, the big plus with this wine is the purity of the flavors and the weight of the wine, deffinantly worth exploring if this is a new wine to you.

2016 Errázuriz Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile £23

The grapes are picked in several stages to combine both the grassy-gooseberry and the ripe, tropical-fruit flavours. Skin contact and cool fermentation in stainless steel as well as three months lees ageing produces a wine with great depth of flavour and superb aromas. Multi award winning wine that offers tremendous value for money.

2016 Veramonte Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, Chile £26

An elegant style of Chardonnay resulting from the cool growing conditions of the Casablanca Valley. Crisp acidity and flavours reminiscent of green apple and tropical fruit. About 25% of the blend is barrel-fermented and aged on the lees for eight months in French or American oak barrels to add complexity.

2013 Omero Ribbon Ridge Pinot Gris, Oregon, USA £30

Made in a style reminiscent to that of Alsace, this wine is rich, bright, and complex with notes of white flowers, lychee, apricot, quince and a touch of spice on the finish. Its high acidity makes it a perfect pairing to many different styles of food.

2013 Robert Mondavi Winery Fumé Blanc, Napa Valley, USA £50

This partially barrel-fermented Sauvignon Blanc is made using grapes sourced from the Stags Leap, Oakville and Rutherford areas. The warm yet still temperate growing conditions produce fully ripe grapes which result in a full-bodied almost creamy textured wine with pronounced aromas of jasmine and orange blossom, citrus and tropical fruit such as lime and lychee, honey with subtle oak nuances on the palate.

2014 Chardonnay, Cannonball, Sanoma County California, USA £40

Sophisticated nose of lemon curd, peaches, and a hint of pie crust. On the palate, zippy stone fruit and tropical notes, pineapple and soft vanilla bean on the finish.



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Red Wines

France...

2015 Rare Vineyards Carignan Vieilles Vignes, Vin de France £17

Our house wine, the fruit is sourced from vines that are 40 years old meaning you get a really intense fruit flavor. The wine is rich and fruit driven, cherries being the most obvious, a herbaceous nose adds to the all round appeal.

2012 Château de Camarsac Oak-aged, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux £27

Château de Camarsac stands on a promontory between Bordeaux and Saint-Émilion. Founded in the early 14th century, the imposing building is referred to as one of the Black Prince's castles, as the son of Edward III was known to have stayed here; it has an extremely long wine-producing history with evidence of vineyards going back to 1408. The wine shows a complex and elegant palate and is made from a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, aged for six months in oak barrels.

2012 Baron de Brane, Margaux £60

Baron de Brane is the second wine of Château Brane-Cantenac, a second growth château owned by Henri Lurton and one of the oldest and largest properties in Margaux. The blend is made up of about 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot. Aged for a year in French oak this supremely elegant wine has plenty of complex fruit on the palate and silky tannins on the finish

2013 Château des Bardes, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru £38

Classic Merlot dominates this blend from the right bank with Cabernet Sauvignon making up the balancing 30%; the wine is aged for over a year in oak barrels. The resulting wine has rich, fruit aromas; juicy, sweet tannins backed by soft touches of vanilla-toastiness from time spent in oak. This wine is the second wine of Château Boutisse.

2010 Echo De Lynch Bages, Pauillac £75

The second wine of Chateau Lynch Bages. Dark berry fruit, cherry, blackcurrant, sandal wood, leather, spices and coffee aromas. On the palate the wine shows red and black fruits such as cherry, redcurrant, blackcurrant with hints of tobacco and tea leaves. It has a high acidity, ultra ripe tannins and very good length.

Please note we do hold a small amount of the first wine Chateau Lynch Bages, 24 hours notice is required please speak to Dave.

2013 T de Thénac Rouge, Bergerac £27

Made from hand-harvested Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc grapes from 30-year-old vines. Black cherry, cassis, mulberry and hints of spice are accentuated by notes of cedar and vanilla that come from 15 months ageing in premium oak barriques. A lovely alternative to Bordeaux Superior, and infinitely superior wine for the money.

2014 Cuvée Cabernet Franc Pays d'Oc, Sainte Marie des Crozes, Languedoc £25

Deep ruby hue and complex floral, blackcurrant and raspberry fruit aromas. The palate is fresh, but generous with sweet, ripe fruit and fine supple tannins finishing with notes of mocha and caramel. The wine works superbly with Lamb, Game or Beef with a fat content due to the tannic nature of the wine.

2015 Côtes du Rhône, Les Abeilles Rouge, Jean-Luc Colombo, Rhone Valley £24

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre. Old vines, a minimum of 25 years. Intense bright purple. Seductive nose of small red fruits, but also coriander and bay leaf. Fresh and silky on the palate, the aromas follow through on to the mouth prolonged by notes of liquorice and spice. Spends nine months maturing in oak.



France continued...

2015 Crozes Hermitage, La Tuilière, Jean-Luc Colombo, Northern Rhone £33

The wine possesses typical aromas of Syrah from the northern Rhône: small red fruits, blackcurrants, supported by spicy notes. It spends nine months maturing prior to bottling, half in one or two-year-old oak barrels.

2015 Cahors, Malbec, Château Labastide Haute £25

This wine varies slightly in profile from a typical Cahors, as Merlot makes up a small portion of the blend, adding more juicy fruit flavours. The palate is rich and bursting with blackberry, blackcurrant, liquorice and spicy notes, before finally finishing smooth. Sixth generation winemaker Philippe Bernède adopts a traditional approach to producing this wine, in both vineyard and winery, avoiding using chemicals on the vines. The wine is aged in a mixture of large vats and older oak barrels, prior to bottling

2014 Abbotts & Delaunay Solaire Pinot Noir, Domaine de la Métairie d'Alon, Pays d'Oc £41

Located in a mountainous area around the village of Magrie, between Limoux and Roquetaillade, in the Languedoc's Haute Vallée de l'Aude. This area of high altitude is exceptional in growing terms and allows the otherwise tricky Pinot Noir to flourish, the result is classic old world pinot, the nose opens with forest-floor notes and moves into raspberry, ripe cherry and chocolate; the palate has silky tannins, offers plenty of complexity and finishes fresh with hints of liquorice.

2013 Abbotts & Delaunay Boréas, Faugères, Languedoc £37

Think of Faugeres as a Chateau Neuf du pape without the price tag. Deep garnet-red and shows red and black berries and cherry; the palate demonstrates freshness backed by ripe tannins and delivers plenty of fruit with notes of cocoa and spice.

2015 Pinot Noir Alsace, Tradition, Emile Beyer, Alsace £29

Pinot Noir is the only red grape variety authorised in Alsace; here, in the relatively dry climate to the east of the Vosges Mountains it produces light, fruit-led red wines. The grapes, from plots on limestone soils, are de-stemmed and fermented with native yeasts. Maceration lasts two weeks and regular pumping over to extract compounds from the skins takes place. The malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel, and the wine is aged on the fine lees for about a year. Very light red fruits.



Italy...

2013 Barbera d'Alba, Enrico Serafino, Piemonte £28

Garnet-red, with a dry, quite full-bodied palate, it shows cherry, currant and spice. A wine which although good on its own is taken to the next level when drunk with food. Lamb, mushrooms & truffles work particularly well.

2015 Passori Rosso, Passori, Veneto £25

Tuscany has long been famous for ignoring Italian wine making rules and using internationally varietals to great acclaim, less so in the rest of Italy, so it was our delight to discover this little gem hidden in amongst a plethora of Valpolicellas. The blend still consists of the local corvina grape but plays a supplementary role to the late harvested merlot. When the grapes are ripe, the bunches are partially cut from the vines; hanging in the warm autumn air the grapes dry, concentrating the juice within and giving rise to the finished wine's fruit character.

2013 Chianti Classico, Riserva Agostino Petri da Vicchiomaggio, Tuscany £39

A richer Chianti with ripe concentrated flavours made from 90% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo and 5% Cabernet. The grapes come from mature vineyards, about 20 years old that is trained to produce low yields. Enticingly sweet, ripe fruit on the nose; the palate shows concentrated black cherries with rich, almost opulent tannins. A velvety wine with great complexity.

2012 Modus, Ruffino, Tuscany £50

A blend of 50% Sangiovese, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot, most of which comes from Ruffino's Poggio Casciano estate which houses its own agronomy research centre. The grapes are vinified separately prior to blending and then aged for about 18 months in French oak barrels. Complex and intense bouquet of cherry, plum and blackberry, with a tremendous weight of fruit flavour on a rich and velvety palate. With the 2010 vintage, Modus extends its track record as one of Tuscany's most critically acclaimed wines, now boasting 12 years of 90+ scores from esteemed critics at the world's most respected wine publications.

2015 Salice Salentino 35 Parallelo, Puglia £20

Made from the Negroamaro grape which is native to the region. Juicy, red and dark fruit-packed wine with a smooth, slightly smoky finish.

2011 Cannonau di Sardegna Riserva, Sella & Mosca, Sardinia £31

Dark ruby-red it has a complex, slightly 'gamey' nose with hints of violets. The palate is rich, fleshy with plum and dark fruits mingling with oaky tones gained from two years ageing in large Slavonian oak casks.

2015 Feudi Salentini 125 Primitivo del Salento, Puglia £25

It has an elegant ruby-red colour and an intense aroma, with notes of ripe plum, cherry jam, tobacco leaf and cocoa, followed by notes of white pepper spice.

2016 Vinuva Organic Nero d'Avola, Terre Siciliane, Sicily £19

Made from Nero d'Avola grapes grown without the use of man-made herbicides, fertilisers and pesticides. Overtly fruity with sweet blueberry and bilberry on a soft palate with a touch of spice.



Iberian Peninsula...

N.V - The Guv'nor, Castilla -Leon, Spain £22

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2014 Ánima de Raimat Tinto, Costers del Segre, Catalunya, Spain £26

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo and Syrah grapes used in this blend are harvested at night, a cooler fermentation generally results in a wine that shows more fresh-fruit flavours. The nose shows developed aromas of black fruits mingled with cocoa and mocha, underlain with spices including pepper, nutmeg and clove. Initial ripe-fruit on the palate is backed by a toasty note from a brief period of oak ageing; the finish shows both richness and freshness.

2014 Esporão Reserva Tinto, Alentejo, Portugal £31

A blend of Alicante Bouschet, Aragonez and Trincadeira with a small quantity of Cabernet Sauvignon, each vintage varies slightly with the percentages. Shows aromas of mature red berries and oak spice; the palate is full-bodied with a firm tannin structure, plenty of fruit and a long spicy finish. The label changes every year with a different artist commissioned

2012 The Invisible Man Tempranillo, Rioja Alta, Casa Rojo, Spain £33

From our friends at Casa Rojo again, this Rioja is fruit driven, with an almost New World style, red and black berries to the fore; the palate hints at fine pastries with notes of vanilla.

2012 Bierzo Crianza, Losada, Spain £28

A wine that shows the softer, juicy side of the Mencía grape; the delicious ripe fruit is reminiscent of cherry and other red berries; it finishes on a smoky note. A wonderful alternative to the more traditional Spanish reds.

2015 Pablo Old Vine Garnacha, Calatayud, Spain £24

Garnacha has been the mainstay of wine production in the mountainous Calatayud region for hundreds of years. The grapes for this richly flavoured wine were hand-harvested from bush-trained vines, many of which are about a 100-years-old, grown in vineyards up to 800 meters above sea level. Shows ripe blueberry, blackberry and cherry fruit, backed by a refreshing juicy finish.

2012 Alexander vs The Ham Factory Tinto Fino Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Casa Rojo, Spain £44

Wines from Ribera del Duero have a renowned reputation for producing very big age worthy wines, and this is no different. At 5 years, old it still shows the innocence of youth. Red fruits are slowly giving way to liquorice and dark fruits, a little spice appears towards the end. We would recommend that this wine is decanted so if eating order, it early so we can get it into its best condition



Unexpected reds...

2012 Kayra, Buzbag Reserve, Anatolia, Turkey £28

With its dense fruit and lively acidity which gracefully evolve to reveal subtle nuances of exotic spice, leather, cassis and a hint of toasty smoke. The soft silky texture adds to the red forest fruits and savoury notes on the palate with a long, lingering finish. Fun fact, prior to the fall of the Ottoman empire there was no word in the Turkish language for wine, upon the westernising of turkey under Atatürk the word BUZBAG was created, hence buzbag means wine.

2007 Chateau Musar Red, Gaston Hochar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon £55

This wine made from grapes grown in the Bekaa Valley, is constructed differently each year; but the style is always emphatically Lebanese: enticingly aromatic, with persistent fruit flavours. There are some constants though; the wine is made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Carignan and aged for some time, usually about a year, in French Nevers oak. It is bottled in its third year and cellared for four more years prior to release.

2013 Soellner Oibelos Blauer Zweigelt, Wagram, Austria £29

The Blauer Zweigelt grape was developed in Austria in 1922; it is now Austria's most widely-grown red grape. This light, smooth and slightly spicy wine is made from biodynamic grapes fermented in large oak vats, prior to maturation for over a year in oak barrels. Blackberry and summer-berry fruits, savoury notes and a touch of white pepper appear, backed by a delicious freshness.

2015 Changyu Cabernet Sauvignon, Ningxia, China £25

Grown in vineyards in the arid Ningxia Province of central-western China close to the Gobi Desert, the vineyards are planted at high altitudes so the vines benefit from plenty of sunlight hours and the grapes are kept cool during the nights, to extend the ripening period. Unoaked, this dark-coloured red shows aromas of blackberry fruit backed by hints of chocolate, fresh spice and black tea. The mouth-feel is rich and supple with freshness on the finish.



The Americas'...

2016 Square Ranch Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina £22

With a fresh and fruity bouquet, this aromatic Malbec provides an abundance of bramble fruit and ripe dark plum. The palate combines fruit, with light spice and smooth tannins.

2015 Atamisque Serbal Cabernet Franc, Tupungato, Mendoza, Argentina £29

Cabernet Franc grapes, grown at high altitude in the Tupungato region of Mendoza, are hand-harvested and quickly transported to the gravity-flow winery to maintain the quality of the juice. The wine is unoaked but allowed to bottle-age prior to release. Shows typical Cabernet Franc fruit, red berry and bramble, on a fruit-driven palate that is juicy and ripe.

2015 Arido Bonarda, Mendoza, Argentina £25

The grape variety called Bonarda in Argentina is closely related to the Douce Noir variety from the Savoie region of France; the translation of which 'sweet black' is thought to be a reference to the grapes' inky-black juice. The grape grows well in Argentina and is the second most widely planted red variety after Malbec. Made from hand-harvested grapes that are sourced from vineyards which experience mild daytime temperatures and cold nights in the summer. Robust and full-bodied it shows strawberry and dark fruit flavours with hints of smoke and mint.

2013 Alpasión Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina £40

Grapes grown in the high, Uco Valley sub-region of Mendoza are employed to make this robust full-bodied Malbec. The hand-harvested grapes are fermented whole in small concrete vats using indigenous yeast and the wine is moved through the winery by gravity flow: no pumps are used to move the wine. no filtration is carried out prior to bottling. Full-flavoured, with a classic Malbec pal. Currently regarded as one of the finest Malbec's in the world.

2012 Marea Syrah, Leyda Valley, Chile £30

An extremely intense and concentrated wine, this is a big bruiser of a Syrah and yet has great quality, concentration and class. Barrel-fermented and aged in oak barrels, it shows perfumed blackcurrant, leather, spice, black pepper and vanilla notes.

2014 Primus Carmenère, Colchagua Valley, Chile £28

Made from 100% Carmenère from the Primus vineyards located in the renowned Apalta region of Colchagua. This horseshoe-shaped valley is sandwiched between the coastal hills and its warm climate moderated by close proximity to the Pacific Ocean and Tinguiririca River. The grapes from this vineyard produce rich, intensely flavoured wines with a beautiful ripeness, structure and balanced acidity, it shows plum and blackberry mingling with exotic spice and dried fig.

2016 Casa Vista Merlot, Central Valley, Chile £20

Purple with brick-red highlights, this Merlot has blackberry and red plum fruit aromas; the palate is soft with plenty of ripe fruit and freshness. Award winning Merlot at a tremendous price.



The Americas' continued...

2014 Dr. Konstantin Frank Cabernet Franc, Finger Lakes, New York, USA £43

The wine is aged for about 18 months in European and American oak barrels. The nose shows ripe blueberry, cherry and raspberry, with floral and cedar notes. Fresh with balancing tannins it finishes smooth and velvety.

2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Long Meadow Ranch, California, USA £60

The nose has notes of blackberries, the briar patch, cedar, dried herbs and a hint of smoky black tea. The palate is structured and refreshingly generous with additional flavors of dried plums, cherry and cola. The well-knit tannins and pleasant mouthwatering acidity support a persistent finish laced with rich notes of cedar and vanilla.

2016 Meiomi Pinot Noir, Monterey-Sonoma-Santa Barbara, California, USA £38

A blend of Pinot Noir from three distinct vineyard regions; about half from Monterey, the fruit that provides dark fruit flavours and defines much of the texture and structure; a quarter from Sonoma, adding bright cherry and strawberry flavours, and a quarter from Santa Barbara which adds bright red fruit again with notes of Christmas spice. Aromas of bright strawberry and jammy fruit, mocha, and vanilla, along with toasty vanilla oak lead off; the palate shows blackberry, dark cherry, juicy strawberry, and toasty mocha; finishing with supple, silky tannins.

2014 The Federalist 1776 Zinfandel, Lodi County, California, USA £38

Fruit forward with blackberry and black cherry aromas and spicy notes; the palate is balanced and mouth-filling with a rich texture and long finish.

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cannonball, California, USA £45

Balance in the mouth is exceptional from start to finish - strawberry, blueberry, and red apple dipped in dark chocolate, all-spice and a layer of toasted oak. Tannins are structured but not overwhelming, with very well balanced acidity.

2013 Tangle Oaks Merlot, Napa Valley, California USA £36

Napa Valley Merlot grapes were tank fermented and the wine aged for 20 months in French oak barrels. Shows ripe plum, dark cherry and savoury herb notes on the nose. The medium-bodied palate, with its smooth and rounded texture, replays the fruit shown on the nose but adds a touch of mocha.



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Tri Nations...

2015 Durbanville Hills Merlot, Durbanville, South Africa £19

The wine displays a blackcurrant character, with hints of ginger, cream and violets on the nose. Medium-bodied and fruity, with a soft and elegant palate laced with ripe fruit and creamy toffee.

2012 Nederburg The Motorcycle Marvel Grenache-Carignan-Shiraz, Western Cape, South Africa £29

The winemaker used to ride his motorcycle around the vineyard to inspect the wines, hence the name! A new world take on Southern Rhone reds think Chateauneuf with a springbok twist. Spicy hedgerow fruit on the nose, the palate is rich and intense with silky tannins

2014 Flagstone Dark Horse Shiraz, Western Cape, South Africa £31

The nose is filled with ripe blackcurrants and mulberry, supported by subtle spicy undertones of cinnamon and clove. The complexity on the nose flows over to the pallet. The wine is big and round on entry with smooth and silky tannins. Flavours of ripe mulberry and rich dark chocolate lingers on the palate together with flavours of sweet spice and toasted oak.

2013 Shannon Mount Bullet, Elgin Valley, South Africa £48

Constructed from five different clonal components of Merlot, both French and Italian, which are picked and fermented separately from a single three-hectare plot; the harvest dates can differ by ten days. The wine is matured in Bordelaise French oak barrels, 40% new, for about 20 months. Considerable emphasis is placed on maximising the different clonal expressions and therefore each parcel is vinified and matured separately before final blending. The wine has a fragrance of ripe red fruits such as plums and dark cherries, with earthy complexity and yet still expresses minerality, freshness with a well-integrated ripe and seductive tannin structure.

2011 Mary Le Bow Cabernet Sauvignon-Shiraz-Petit Verdot, Western Cape, South Africa £44

A blend of about 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Shiraz and 20% Petit Verdot. The blended wine was aged in predominantly French Oak, about 30% new, for just over a year. Shows a complex nose of blackcurrant, cassis, mulberry and juniper; the palate is rich and multi-layered finishing on elegant vanilla notes.

2015 Wallace, Glaetzer, Barossa Valley, Australia £32

Ben Glaetzer is one of the true stars of the Australian wine making scene and is the youngest recipient of the 'Baron of Barossa' so he knows what he's doing with Shiraz and Grenache, the wine here is a shiraz dominated blend. Bright red fruit and lifted spice on the nose with the palate displaying spicy richness alongside primary red fruit. Very approachable in its youth and this wine will develop great complexity as it ages.

2014 Chalk Hill Barbera, McLaren Vale, Australia £34

A hugely concentrated Barbera which comes dressed in a dark, vibrant purple-red robe. The nose shows lifted floral, cherry and redcurrant fruit with savoury-spice notes and a hint of violet. The palate is bright with a racy acidity which shows red fruit to the fore and floral and spice notes to the rear, the fine lingering tannins add to the crisp finish.

2015 Bay of Fires Pinot Noir, Tasmania, Australia £28

Bright red in colour, this wine displays complex aromas of sweet ripe red berry fruit alongside star anise, cinnamon spice and floral nuances. Although elegant and supple, the wine shows remarkable power, intensity and length on the palate; this is framed by ripe, moderate tannins and a sweet blueberry fruit character which is complemented by spice notes. Tasmania wines hold a high price point, couple that with it being pinot noir and we couldn't be happier to off what we feel is an absolute bargain of a wine.



Tri Nations continued...

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Miamup, Howard Park, Margaret River, Australia £38

A deep and inviting black cherry colour with floral notes of violets and fruity, doughy aromas of just baked blackberry muffins. The palate is soft, inviting, and full of free range forest fruits, vanilla, cocoa and loads of supple, fine tannin.

2016 Stonier Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsular, Australia £38

Black cherry and rose greets the nose; the palate has a strong core of dark to red fruits, with hints of dark chocolate and fennel spice, the tannins are supple and well integrated.

2015 Caves Road Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Australia £26

Classic blackcurrant aromas greet the nose along with a touch of bay, secondary chocolate and cedar; the palate is velvety with good fruit through to the finish. Larry Cherubino oversees the winemaking team meaning there's a lot of wine for your money here.

2015 Te Kairanga Pinot Noir, Martinborough, New Zealand £31

This wine shows ripe intense varietal characteristics of black cherry, strawberry and spice. Although elegant and beautifully balanced, it exhibits complex touches of earth, toasted oak and spice. The soft, juicy, wild strawberry and smoky notes, from maturation in French oak, are balanced on the palate by complex yet smooth tannins and a gentle but lifting acidity.

2013 Te Awa Syrah, Hawke's Bay £36

Although more commonly associated with benchmark Sauvignon Blanc & Pinot Noir, New Zealand has a hidden gem in Syrah when planted in Hawkes Bay, so much so that for this style of wine it favorably compares with the Rhone Valley. Red, with violet hues, the nose shows blackberry fruit, black pepper, liquorice and mocha; the palate has ripe fruit balanced by a savoury game character and spicy oak.

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Wines by the Glass

Sparkling...

NV Rocco Prosecco Superiore di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene Brut £6.50 - 125ml

Velvety smooth & creamy on the palate with hints of citrus peel, the grapes come from two of the best areas for prosecco and this boutique house produces the same prosecco for the likes of Alfa Romeo.

White...

2015 Rare Vineyards Marsanne-Viognier, Pays d'Oc, France £4.50 - 175ml

Our house white wine and to us the most important wine on the list. This wine sets the benchmark for everything that is to follow, its easy to fill a list with prestigious names, the trick to a great list is to find something brilliant at this end, something that can be drunk all year round, is not too challenging to drink on its own while standing up to the appropriate food. A blend of Rhône varieties grown in the warm vineyards of the d'Oc region of southern France. Unoaked, the emphasis is on fresh, lively citrus fruit, backed by notes of peach blossom; the finish is soft and rounded.

2016 Picpoul de Pinet, Petite Ronde, Languedoc, France £5.25 - 175ml

White peach, exotic fruits and a hint of pineapple on the palate balance with livewire acidity. Wonderful as an aperitif or with white meat, the best match is oily fish like Sea Trout or Salmon where the wine really comes alive.

2016 Veramonte Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, Chile £6 - 175ml

An elegant style of Chardonnay resulting from the cool growing conditions of the Casablanca Valley. Crisp acidity and flavours reminiscent of green apple and tropical fruit. About 25% of the blend is barrel-fermented and aged on the lees for eight months in French or American oak barrels to add complexity.

2014 Anima de Raimat Blanco, Costers del Segre, Catalunya, Spain £6.25 - 175ml

An unusual pairing of 3 grapes, Pale yellow with greenish highlights; yellow fruit such as peach and nectarine on the nose, together with pear and melon and aromas of white flowers and Mediterranean aromatic herbs. The 2014 vintage was judged the Best Great Value White at the Wines from Spain Awards 2015.

2016 Tenuta del Porconero Falanghina, San Salvatore, Campania, Italy £6.75 - 175ml

Made from 100% Falanghina grapes that are grown in organically farmed vineyards on south facing slopes close to the sea; these grapes are chilled and undergo a criomaceration prior to fermentation to capture flavour compounds in the grape skins. Straw-yellow with green highlights, the nose is dominated by floral notes; the palate shows notes of dried herbs amongst the citrus and stone fruit flavours.

2016 Vidal Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand £7 - 175ml

Selected from the Awatere and Wairau Valleys in Marlborough, New Zealand's premier Sauvignon Blanc growing region. Cool-fermented in stainless steel. Classic gooseberry and passion fruit aromas mingled with a crisp, grassy flavour.

Wines are also available as 125ml glass or 500ml carafe

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Wines by the Glass

Rose...

2015 Te Awa Left Field Rosé, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand £6

A blend of Merlot, Pinotage (more commonly found in South Africa) and Arneis (a northern Italian white) a truly left field assemblage! It shows bright, ripe strawberry, raspberry and cranberry fruit and plenty of freshness on the finish.

2015 Estandon Heritage Rose, Cotes de Provence, France £6

Made from the classic Provence mix of Cinsault, Grenache & Syrah and pale salmon pink in colour, tastes of ripe pear and peaches this is excellent value Provence rose that has enough structure and body to be enjoyed with food.

Red...

2015 Rare Vineyards Carignan Vieilles Vignes, Vin de France £4.50 - 175ml

Our house wine, the fruit is sourced from vines that are 40 years old meaning you get a really intense fruit flavor. The wine is rich and fruit driven, cherries being the most obvious, a herbaceous nose adds to the all round appeal.

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2012 Château de Camarsac Oak-aged, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux £7 - 175ml

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