

# Fox & Hounds

The logo for 'Fox & Hounds' features the words 'Fox' and 'Hounds' in a large, serif font, with an ampersand (&) in between. A silhouette of a fox is positioned behind the ampersand, and a silhouette of a hound is positioned behind the 'H' in 'Hounds'. The hound's tail is curved upwards and to the right, extending over the top of the 'H'.

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 Slovenia, Turkey & Lebanon. These wines aren't here for shock value they are genuinely fantastic wines which always feature highly when recommending a tipple.

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.



## **Rosé & All things fizzy...**

### **NV Carpenè Malvolti '1868' Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore, Prosecco Extra Dry £28**

*Grapes are only taken from Conegliano & Valdobbiadene, areas renowned as the benchmark for top quality prosecco. Delicate, aromatic and fruity with enticing notes of fresh green apple and floral nuances. Lively, with a crisp acidity enveloped in soft, gentle bubbles and an elegant, dry finish.*

### **NV Casa Rojo Moltó Negre Brut, Cava, Catalunya, Spain £33**

*Made from Trepat 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 Cuvée Vendemiaire, Blanc de Blanc, Champagne, France £45**

*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 blend of 75% Pinot Noir and 25% Chardonnay from the Grand Cru vineyards of Ay and Avize respectively, oeil de perdrix (eye of partridge) is a traditional term to describe this hue. Very dry, this is a vinous rosé with complex palate and long, pure finish.*

### **2005 Bollinger Le Grand Année Brut, Champagne, France £120**

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

### **2017 Mesta Organic Tempranillo, Uclés, Spain £20**

*Pale strawberry in colour, with fresh berry aromas and subtle floral notes, this shows excellent fruit concentration on the palate. A slightly off-dry finish is beautifully balanced by a crisp acidity and a refreshing, savoury note*

### **2016 Domaine Fabre 'Cuvée Henri Fabre' Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France £26**

*Pale salmon in colour, this is the quintessential Provence rosé. A refreshingly fruity bouquet leads to delicate white spice and mineral flavours on the palate and an elegant finish*

### **2016 Saint Clair, Pinot Gris Rosé Marlborough, New Zealand £30**

*A fresh and luscious palate with bright sweet strawberries, watermelon and red cherry. Well balanced fresh acidity ensures a round elegant palate and a lingering finish.*



## White Wines

### France & Germany...

**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.*

**2016 Domaine de la Rossignole, Sancerre, Loire £33**

*Family owned since 1848, Complex aromas of exotic fruits, mango and passion fruit combine with citrus zest and a hint of smoke. A beautifully structured Sancerre, with a dense, fleshy palate and refreshing flavours of exotic fruits and citrus zest echoing the nose, enveloped by distinctive mineral overtones.*

**2015 Chablis 1er Cru, Domaine Moutard Diligent, Burgundy £45**

*Francois Moutard is renowned for making very high quality yet affordable champagne and the same approach is evident here. An elegant and pure 1er Cru Chablis, with delicate floral aromas complemented by refreshing grapefruit notes. A wonderful streak of minerality on the palate flows through to a long and stylish finish.*

**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!*

**2014 Chardonnay 'Les Ursulines', Jean-Claude Boisset, Burgundy, France £35**

*Fresh bouquet with notes of citrus, pear, blossom, honeydew melon and white peach. The palate is very well balanced, with good acidity and a silky texture. Very approachable, well made and good value white burgundy.*

**2011 Arbois Savagnin, Domaine de La Pinte, Jura £50**

*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.*

**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.*



## France & Germany continued...

### **2014 T de Thenac Blanc, Bergerac £28**

*A blend of Sauvignon & Semillon this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

### **2011 Le Faite Blanc Plaimont, Saint Mont, Gascony £40**

*Powerful with a rich, crisp attack & a lasting firm finish. It's youthful aromatic exuberance of tropical fruit slowly gives way to a greater complexity of mineral notes with a noble touch of undergrowth.*

### **2015 Limoux Chardonnay, Zephyr, Abbotts & Delaunay, Languedoc-Roussillon £35**

*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.*

### **2016 Prima Nature Chardonnay, Gerard Bertrand, Languedoc-Roussillon £28**

*100% organic, they use the wild yeast that floats in off the vineyards to ferment the wine, two reasons why this wine has an uncanny ability to win over non-chardonnay drinkers as well as delighting those who normally love it. Completely different to what you might expect, which is fresh and elegant with delicious hints of white flowers and citrus scents. Harmonious and well rounded on the palate this is a wine of remarkable elegance, a lightness of touch and a magnificent balance of flavour.*

### **2017 Domaine de Cigalus 'Cigalus Blanc', Aude Hauterive, Gerard Bertrand, Languedoc-Roussillon £40**

*Gerard Bertrand in our humble opinion is a wine making magician, everything he turns his hand to is liquid gold, the cigalus blanc is taken from the vineyards that surround his house and as such typify his style. A blend of Chardonnay, Viognier & Sauvignon Blanc. An intense, complex bouquet of ripe citrus fruits, grapefruit, with peach, honey and dried fruits, combines with lovely toasted notes. Full, rich and silky on the palate with vanilla, lightly toasted oak and buttery nuances layered with aromatic tropical fruits.*

### **2016 Tournée du Sud, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc-Roussillon £22**

*A steely, poised dry white wine, with an aura of lemon peel and flora on the nose. Great concentration on the palate, zingy acidity and unusual depth on the finish.*

### **2016 Weegmüller, Pfalz, Scheurebe Trocken, Germany £33**

*This 100% Scheurebe wine is enticingly fragrant, with irresistibly intense aromas. Notes of mandarin and blood orange combine with delicate spicy flavours. This is refreshingly crisp on the palate, with a lifted, aromatic finish.*

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## Italy...

### **2016 San Silvestro 'Fossili', Gavi del Comune di Gavi, Piedmont £28**

*This crisp white wine shows incredible mineral, zesty and floral notes, with a hint of spice and the typical hints of bitter almond that makes this wine unique. Prominent mineral characters linger on a precise finish.*

### **2016 Ancilla Lugana 'Ella', Lugana, Lombardy £33**

*Third generation all female winery based near lake garda. Lovely floral aromas with a touch of pithy bitter lemon and pineapple and a wonderfully crisp and lively finish. A hidden gem amongst our list and one you will often see our chefs savouring.*

### **2015 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.*

### **2015 Tramin, Stoan, Alto Adige £38**

*A blend of 4 grapes made up in the north near the austrian boarder. This mouthwatering white has complex aromas of golden apple, quince and lime. Elegant and spicy aromatics follow through on to the rich, full bodied palate, which has a long, fresh finish. All that being said what you should know is that this is our favourite wine on a list of wines we really like!*

### **2016 Francescobaldi Castello Pomino, Pomino, Bianco, Tuscany £29**

*Grown in the smallest area of quality wine in Tuscany, the area is all the highest allowing for cool climate varietals to flourish, in this case a 90% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Bianco Blend. ntensely floral with frangipani and jasmine aromas combining with the fruity notes of apricot and quince. Generous and lively on the palate with exotic flavours of tropical fruit and fresh cardamom, this wine has a balanced structure and a persistent finish.*

### **2014 Soave DOC, Roccolo Grassi, Veneto £34**

*The thoughts of drinking Soave to a generation evoke memories of truly terrible anglo italian restaurants and double glazing salesmen, the 80's has a lot to answer for, the one saving grace is wine of this quality should be far more expensive. The wine itself shows fine white flowers aroma, peach and apricot-scented notes combined with a spicy mineral nose. A wine of great finesse and aromatic complexity with a long and elegant finish.*



## Italy continued...

### **2017 Fattoria La Valentina, Pecorino, Colline Pescares, Abbruzzo £30**

*Another grape that nearly didn't see the twenty first century, A pure yet lively aroma, with mineral and lime leaf notes, leads to an immediately charming palate that is both delicate and persistent, with great balance between body, freshness and exotic fruit flavours.*

### **2016 Falanghina 'Albente', Feudi di San Gregorio, Campania £26**

*Feudi di San Gregorio are one of the main protagonists in bringing southern Italian wines back to the international markets, they were only able to do this by first understanding the unique character of the indigenous grapes such as this Falanghina, thereafter it has allowed them to make truly world class wines. Fresh and intense showcasing aromas of stoned fruit and white flowers.*

### **2016 Colomba Bianca 'Vitese', Grilo, Sicily £21**

*Grillo is the flagship of the Sicilian indigenous white varieties. A fresh and spicy wine with stone fruit and ginger flavours finishing on an almond note.*



## **The Iberian Peninsula...**

### **2016 Pegões, 'Fontanário de Pegões', Palmela, Portugal £18 (house white)**

*Our house wines are hugely important as these are the bench marks for everything that is to follow. The wine first and foremost is fantastic to drink by the glass in the bar while also having enough structure to handle white meats, fish (especially oily types) and shellfish. A refreshing wine made from Fernão Pires, full of herbal, melon and peachy flavours.*

### **2016 Prunus, Dão Branco, Portugal £26**

*Well-rounded and harmonious, with notes of tinned peaches and fresh herbs, a fresh juicy palate and a long, mouthwatering finish. Think Viognier with well balanced acidity.*

### **2016 Finca os Cobatos, Godello, Monterrei, Galicia, Spain £25**

*A highly aromatic wine showing zesty citrus aromas combined with ripe stone fruits, a mineral sensation and hint of white pepper. Dry with a refreshingly crisp palate of pineapple, tropical fruits and a delicious, dry, citrus finish. A regional alternative to Albariño.*

### **2014 Paco & Lola Albariño, Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain £32**

*Our staff love selling this wine, partly because its striking packaging make it easy to find and partly because its just deliscous. 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 minerally accents.*

### **2015 Xosé Lois Sebio, 'OCon', Rias Biexas, Galicia, Spain £40**

*Another Albariño, if the paco & lola is a 'fiat 500' fun energetic and cool, then the 'O Con' is a 'Mercedes CLS AMG', it's a more grown up version and all the benefits of a little life experience. An intense and aromatic example of Spain's iconic variety. Aromas of citrus fruits combine with floral notes and mineral nuances. Deliciously refreshing and balanced with deep fruit flavours enveloped in an enticing mineral character. This is wonderfully sapid with a very long, fine and intense finish.*

### **2014 Uno Txakoli, Goiaena, Pais Vasco, Spain £33**

*If there is one wine on our list that encapsulates our ideas behind what we do then its this wine, because its absolutley 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 smigin of reisling! To top that it is a project set up by a priest, a stockman & a restrateur, 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.*

### **2015 Viognier Viura, Tandem, 'Inmácula', Navarra, Spain £28**

*A full bodied style of Viognier with creamy notes of spicy dried pineapple and pepper, packed with flavour. It is expressive, long and has a subtle minerality on the finish.*

### **2017 Verdejo Mesta Organic, Uclés, Spain £22**

*A crisp, aromatic wine, showing great purity of aromas and a precise expression of the Verdejo variety. Fresh notes of grass, fennel and white pepper lead to a dry and refreshing palate, with excellent balance and a persistent finish with a subtle hint of minerality.*



## Unexpected Whites...

### **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.*

### **2017 New Hall Vineyards, Bacchus Reserve, Essex, England £25**

*From the oldest plantation of Bacchus in England, this wine displays intense aromas of elderflower, apple and conference pear. Off dry on the palate, tropical fruit flavours of melon and pineapple prevail leading to an elegant, crisp finish.– an alternative for Sauvignon Blanc lovers.*

### **2015 Grüner Veltliner, Weingut Rabl, Kamptal, Austria £26**

*Spicy grapefruit with tropical fruit notes on the palate through to a mineral, crisp green apple finish. Lends itself to food very well, especially white meats, asparagus and meaty white fish, also works well with south east asian flavours.*

### **2015 Vina Kozlović, Malvazija, Istria, Croatia £28**

*The perfect entry point for anyone wanting to try something a little different without feeling your too far from the sure footed grounds of wine you know. The vineyard in west Istria borders Friuli in Italy and as with most things in this area the wine has an Italian feel to it and is helped by being very food friendly. A crisp, zesty, mineral rich wine with a complex nose of ripe melon, citrus, juicy yellow fruits and floral notes. Dry and intense on the palate with the fruit characters from the nose echoed on the palate.*

### **2015 Malagousia PGI Epanomi, Ktima Gerovassiliou, Macedonia, Greece £32**

*Wonderfully expressive and complex aromas of exotic fruits combine with notes of pepper, orange, jasmine, herbs and lemon. On the palate it is rich and harmonious with a spicy, mouthwatering finish.*

*This wine wins awards for fun and its not for novelty reasons, this is a very serious wine that is very very good.*

### **2017 Quercus, Pinot Bianco, Goriška Brda, Slovenia £26**

*Just a couple miles away and across the Italian/Slovinian boarder lies the region of Collio, arguably the best area in Italy for Pinot Grigio, what we have here is all the same great winemaking techniques, the same soil and climate but at half the price! On the nose there are notes of apple, grapefruit and lemon, as well as a pleasant floral aroma. Smooth and full-bodied on the palate, with a long finish.*



## Tri Nations...

### **2013 Paringa Estate, Peninsula Chardonnay, Mornington Peninsula, Australia £40**

*The new worlds 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.*

### **2016 Wine Makers Reserve Vermentino, Berton Vineyards, South East Australia £25**

*Quintessential Vermentino with delicate citrus and pear leading to a palate which is bursting with tropical fruit, lychee and kiwi fruits. Vibrant and refreshing with its zesty acidity, depth of flavour and a deliciously mouthwatering finish.*

### **2016 Fox Gordon 'Sassy', Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, Australia £26**

*This wine has elegant flavours of honeysuckle and elderflower. The aromatics are punchy and rich, yet have a delicacy associated with the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills.*

### **2016 Laissez Faire Fiano, Larry Cherubino, Frankland River, Western Australia £36**

*A modern style Fiano - very bright with clean citrus flavours surrounding a core of mountain peach and ripe quince that leads to a lively finish. fennel white melon celery bitter herbal finish A modern style Fiano with clean flavours of fennel and celery combined with white melon and a slightly bitter herbal finish.*

### **2016 Larry Cherubino 'Ad Hoc Hen and Chicken' Chardonnay, Pemberton, Western Australia £28**

*A pale, beautifully balanced Chardonnay with hints of vanilla on the nose and a winning cool climate acidity. Careful oak treatment has resulted in a wine of depth and balance.*

### **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.*

### **2015 Olifantsberg, Blanc, Breedekloof, South Africa £29**

*A typical southern Rhone blend that typifies modern south african wine making. Beautiful floral and white spice notes, enveloping aromas of white peach, ripe apricot and delicate citrus notes. The palate is rich and elegant with enough texture and length to support the opulent fruit.*

### **2016 Wild Garden Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa £20**

*A deliciously crisp Chenin blanc with gentle aromatics of green apples and zesty citrus notes. A refreshing palate with a fruity, moreish finish.*

### **2016 Flagstone Noon Gun Chenin Blanc-Sauvignon Blanc-Viognier, Western Cape, South Africa £24**

*A blend of about 34% Chenin Blanc, 34% Sauvignon Blanc, 23% Viognier and 9% Colombard that delivers intense, aromatic, tropical fruit flavours spiked with a wedge of orange peel and a sprinkling of baking spice.*

### **2014 Lismore Chardonnay, Greyton, South Africa £40**

*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.*



## **Tri Nations continued...**

### **2016 Nederburg The Beautiful Lady Gewurztraminer, Stellenbosch, South Africa £32**

*A very pleasant recent discovery that only confirmed that the guys at Nederburg make exceptional wines. 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.*

### **2015 Te Awa Left Field Albariño, Gisborne, New Zealand £28**

*Albarino is classically from Galicia but the climate in Gisborne with its long warm summers has proven a perfect area for this to prosper. 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.*

### **2016 Vidal Reserve Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand £33**

*Juice from gently pressed grapes was partially settled before being racked with light lees to French oak barriques. The oak barrels were selected to give a subtle flavour adding to the natural complexity gained from an extended maturation on the lees. Beautifully balanced it shows ripe tropical fruit, a complex minerality and elegant finish.*

### **2016 Bishop's Leap, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand £28**

*A full and crisp wine with intense aromas and flavours of passion fruit, underlying gooseberry and herbal tones. Mouth-watering acidity is balanced by a full flavoured palate that leads to a long lingering finish.*

### **2015 Saint Clair, Barrique Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand £35**

*Complex aromas of green coffee bean and vanilla pod are complemented by notes of wild flowers, crushed herbs and just a hint of gunflint. The palate is rich and unctuous with layers of preserved lemon, ripe papaya, cocoa powder and toasted hazelnut with hints of red berry. This is a very different style of Marlborough Sauvignon, the oak aging adds real complexity, think a young white Burgundy or a white Rhone.*

### **2017 Leefield Station Pinot Gris, Marlborough, New Zealand £25**

Located in the Waihopai Valley of Marlborough. Fragrant aromas of yellow apples and grapefruit commingle with green tropical fruits and a lifted spiciness reminiscent of powdered ginger, all delivered on a weighty yet tautly structured palate possessing a brightness and freshness that reflects the genuine cool-climate growing conditions.

### **2015 Te Kairanga Riesling, Wairarapa, Martinborough, New Zealand £28**

A refreshing aromatic Riesling made in an off-dry style; the aromatic perfumed fruit is offset by Granny Smith apple, lime blossom, kaffir lime zest and honeysuckle. The gently scented fruit and spice is accentuated on the palate by a mineral, citrussy acidity



## The Americas'...

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

*Partially barrel-fermented Sauvignon Blanc. 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.*

### **2016 Maggio Chardonnay, Oak Ridge Winery, Lodi, USA £28**

*Voluptuous and smooth, this wine shows ripe tropical fruit aromas combined with hints of vanilla. Beautifully balanced, with citrus and butterscotch flavours and a smooth long finish*

### **2014 Lockwood Vineyards, Chardonnay, Monterey, USA £35**

*Pale lemon yellow in colour, with bright citrus and green apple aromas. Flavours are complemented by a touch of crisp spice. The bright fruit with its clean acidity and minerality, leads to a refreshing, long finish.*

### **2015 Eggo Blanc de Cal Sauvignon Blanc, Zorzal, Tupungato, Argentina £33**

*A characterful Sauvignon Blanc showcasing a strong struck-flint mineral intensity, combined with grassy and herbaceous notes. The wonderful volume and texture on the palate is balanced by a refreshing acidity through to the bright, flinty and persistent finish.*

### **2016 Dona Paula, Estate Reisling, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina £26**

*Expressive aromas of jasmine are complemented by zesty citrus notes. Refreshing and beautifully balanced with a marked mineral streak, it has a complex yet attractively delicate character and a long, lifted finish.*

### **2016 Viña Ventolera 'Litoral' Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, Chile £27**

*This Sauvignon Blanc is fresh and bright, brimming with lime, guava, and passionfruit flavours. A touch of freshly cut green peppers and gooseberry lead to the full flavoured palate, which is well balanced and wonderfully vibrant.*



## *Red Wines*

### **France...**

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

*Pinot Noir in the relatively dry climate to the east of the Vosges Mountains 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.*

#### **2010 Château Lestrille Capmartin, Bordeaux Supérieur £29**

*A medium-bodied Bordeaux showing concentrated fruit aromas backed by delicate woody notes. In the mouth it has good freshness, while the structure shows high quality tannins. Nicely balanced, velvety and powerful.*

#### **2012 Château Lestrille, Le Secret de Lestrille, Bordeaux Supérieur £45**

*A rich, powerful wine with a beautiful balance between roasted aromas and intense black fruit flavours. Structured, it has velvety tannins and well integrated oak, complemented by complex dark berry flavours, hints of cigar box and a smooth, elegant finish. Both Chateau lestrille wines are made by our friend Estelle, le Secrete is there top wine and the picinical of the estate, our favourite red on the list.*

#### **2013 Château des Bardes, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux £40**

*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, Bordeaux £65**

*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.

#### **2016 K-or, Clos Troteligotte, Cahors £28**

*A smooth, but dense wine with powerful black plum and berry fruits which are tinged with a herbaceous complexity. Concentrated and spicy, with great structure and a long, firm finish.*



## France continued...

### **2015 Crozes Hermitage, La Tuilière, Jean-Luc Colombo, Northern Rhone £36**

*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 Domaine André Brunel, 'Est-Ouest' Côtes du Rhône, Southern Rhone £23**

*Spicy with exuberant ripe red fruit framed by a good structure, rounded tannins and a lovely balance. A delicious and approachable Rhône blend with an elegant finish.*

### **2014 Domaine Champ-Long 'Tradition', Ventoux, Southern Rhone £27**

*Bright and fruity with aromas of ripe red fruits, wild strawberries and raspberries. The red fruit flavours are echoed on the supple, round palate of this easy drinking wine.*

### **2016 Les Boules Rouge, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon £18 (house red)**

*A beautifully balanced wine, this has the refreshing zing of a good Beaujolais allied to the chunkiness of a southern French blend.*

### **2016 Gérard Bertrand '6ème Sens Rouge', Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon £24**

*A syrah led blend made up with grenach and merlot in equal measure. The nose is dominated by aromas of ripe red fruits and a touch of spice. Smooth on the palate combined with blackcurrant, fresh red fruits and vanilla flavours. The tannins are fine and silky and contribute to the balance of this eminently quaffable wine and one you will find yourself ordering a second bottle quickly.*

### **2015 Cuvée Cabernet Franc, Sainte Marie des Crozes, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon £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.*

### **2016 Gérard Bertrand 'Réserve Spéciale' Pinot Noir, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon £28**

*A fruity wine offering notes of ripe cherry and wild raspberry combined with a hint of spice. Smooth and silky on the palate with an elegant and balanced finish.*



## Italy...

### **2015 Michele Chiarlo '16 Mesi Le Orme', Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont £29**

*A juicy Barbera, bursting with vibrant red-berried fruit and layered by floral hints and a touch of spice. An elegant wine which is well-structured, beautifully balanced and has a very pleasant, fresh finish.*

### **2015 Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC, Tramin, Alto Adige £31**

*A fresh, fruity wine with ripe summer fruit aromas underpinned by light mountain herbs. On the palate it shows typical cherry flavours with hints of spice and a touch of oak. Smooth and velvety with an elegant finish.*

### **2015 Passori Rosso, Passori, Veneto £27**

*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.*

### **2015 Ca' Rugate, Valpolicella Ripasso, Veneto £33**

*Concentrated aromas of red fruit cherries with a hint of spice and floral notes. Full bodied palate with soft tannins, an elegant silky texture and a velvety finish.*

### **2015 Rosso Toscana IGT Dogajolo, Carpineto, Tuscany £35 (Magnum only)**

*An innovative baby Super-Tuscan, Dogajolo combines the power and deep flavours of a young wine, with the elegance and balance from the oak ageing. Full bodied, yet soft on the palate with fruity cherry notes interlaced with coffee, vanilla and spice.*

### **2012 Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG, Carpineto, Tuscany £38**

*In our humble opinion the best Chianti producer as this price point, needs time in the bottle and having spent the last 18 months doing so is really starting to come alive. Rich, velvety, full-flavoured and warming with hints of vanilla and raspberries on the nose. A very fine wine with silky tannins and a long, lingering finish.*

### **2016 San Marzano 'Il Pumo', Primitivo, Salento, Puglia £23**

*An intense aroma of plum, cherry and spice, with hints of rosemary and vanilla. A full-bodied wine, soft and balanced, full of ripe fruit flavours through to a savoury finish.*

### **N.V Collezione 50 Vino Rosso, San Marzano, Puglia £38**

*A big, rich, dense wine and one of our favourites on the list, ideal with grouse, duck, venison or Sunday beef. An intense and complex wine showing fruity aromas of prunes and ripe red fruits combined with spicy notes of vanilla and liquorice. Opulent, full bodied and smooth on the palate with a deliciously long finish.*

### **2016 Colomba Bianca 'Gazzera', Nero d'Avola Syrah, Sicily £21**

*Intense blackberry and violet aromas lead to a juicy, fruity palate with supple tannins and wonderful structure, all wrapped up with a warm and spicy finish.*



## Iberian Peninsula...

### **2016 Ronsel do Sil, 'Vel' Uveyra' Mencia, Ribeira Sacra, Galicia, Spain £32**

*An expressive wine with lively notes of vibrant red berried fruits on the palate. Beautifully balanced with a long finish. A real favourite with our chefs, the perfect accompaniment to our dry aged beef or house charcuterie.*

### **2015 Xosé Lois Sebio, 'Superheroe', Ribeiro, Galicia, Spain £45**

*A layered fragrant blend highlighting notes of violet, black fruits, figs and plums, combined with subtle hints of black pepper and mineral tones. Elegant and expansive on the palate, offering fine tannins with a balancing freshness. The rich yet vibrant finish is wonderfully intense and long.*

### **2012 Alexander vs The Ham Factory, Casa Rojo, Tinto Fino Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Spain £48**

*Wines from Ribera del Duero have a renowned reputation for producing very big age worthy wines, and this is no different. At 6 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*

### **2014 Bodegas Ondarre, Ondarre Reserva, Rioja, Spain £29**

*Leather, vanilla and spice of traditionally made Rioja enveloped in a smooth and textured palate. Balanced, with ripe, wild strawberries and integrated tannins through to a long, lingering finish.*

### **2012 The Invisible Man Tempranillo, Casa Rojo, Rioja Alta, 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.*

### **2016 Tandem, 'Inmune', Garnacha, Navarra, Spain £28**

*Deep attractive red colour with a purple rim. This mountain wine displays a powerful expression of terroir, with intense black fruit aromas enhanced by subtle hints of thyme, rosemary and scrubland notes. The palate is fresh, broad and savoury with an appealing texture and a long finish.*

### **2014 Anima 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.*

### **2017 Dominio de Fontana Tinto, Garnacha/Syrah, Uclés, Spain £22**

*A rich, juicy red showing intense aromas and great purity of fruit, complemented by expressive herbal and fruity notes from the Garnacha and pepper spice from the Syrah. A delicate wine with a good tannic grip and persistent, fruit forward finish.*

### **2015 Santo Isidro de Pegões, Touriga Nacional, Península de Setúbal, Portugal £27**

*A bold wine with flavours of black cherry with herbs and vanilla. Smooth and flavoursome on the palate with a spicy and warm finish. Ideal with braised red meat, mature hard cheese or strong blue cheese.*

### **2015 Prunus Dão Tinto, Portugal £26**

*Lightly oaked and perfectly balanced, with a silky texture and crisp edge. The nose is cram-packed with mulberries, blackberries and anise. On the palate black cherry and raspberry fruit tones with creamy and chocolaty oak flavours.*



## Unexpected reds...

### **2012 Kayra, Buzbag Reserve, Anatolia, Turkey £30**

*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.*

### **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.*

### **2014 Peter Schweiger, Zweigelt, Niederösterreich, Kemptal, Austria £32**

*A signature Austrian red grape, Zweigelt gives an amazingly lively, refreshing, juicy wine, full of cherry and blackberry fruit, with the sophisticated gloss typical of Austrian reds. It likes being served slightly chilled – pure pleasure.*

### **2015 Tikveš 'Barovo', Single Vineyard, Macedonia £36**

*Complex and elegant aromas of blackberries, plums and cherries combine with subtle hints of vanilla and toasty notes. Beautifully textured with a mouth-filling palate of ripe berried fruits against a mineral backdrop and a long lasting finish. Excellent with dry aged beef or more mature lamb.*

### **2016 Vina Kozlović, Teran, Istria, Croatia £28**

*A fresh and medium bodied red wine with a combination of black fruits and bitter chocolate, reminiscent of Refosco from Northern Italy. Ideal with pork or lighter braised meats.*

### **2017 Daciana Pinot Noir, Banat, Romania £22**

*A wonderfully uncomplicated wine it shows black cherry, raspberry and strawberry with cinnamon and spicy fruit-cake notes. Very well made by an Australian winemaker, the wine wins awards for fun and shows that emerging regions when as well made as this offer fantastic value for money.*

### **2016 St. Andrea Áldás Egri Bikavér, Eger, Hungary £30**

*St Andrea's uncompromising commitment to quality has helped the revival of Egri Bikaver (Bull's Blood) from the region of Eger. The wine has been hand harvested and aged for 13 months in Hungarian oak barrels. The robust black fruit and dark cherries on the palate finish with a hint of spice.*



## **The Americas', The northern part...**

### **2014 Dr. Konstantin Frank Cabernet Franc, Finger Lakes, New York, USA £44**

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

### **2016 Guenoc, Petit Sirah, California, USA £26**

*Gutsy, appetising wine with blueberry, rhubarb and vanilla on the nose. The palate is smooth and fruit-driven, but still with the robustness to partner hearty dishes.*

### **2016 Meiomi Pinot Noir, Monterey-Sonoma-Santa Barbara, California, USA £35**

*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.*

### **2014 Raymond Vineyards, 'R Collection' Cabernet Sauvignon, California, USA £33**

*The wine opens with aromas of cherry and red plum accented with notes of rhubarb and pepper. On the palate, flavours of cherry, raspberry and cocoa intermingle seamlessly and creates a long, smooth finish. It's beautifully balanced with well-integrated tannins.*

### **2012 Grayson Cellars, Lot 6 Merlot, Napa, California, USA £29**

*Sumptuous and rich with a beautiful purple garnet color. The aromas show rich complexity of black cherry preserves, currant and white chocolate. This is a magnificently decadent Merlot that finishes with soft tannins, dark fruits and elaborate oak.*



## **The Americas', The southern part...**

### **2015 Arido Bonarda, Mendoza, Argentina £25**

*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.*

### **2017 Doña Paula' Paula', Malbec, Lujan de Cuyo, Argentina £24**

*A full flavoured Malbec with sweet, spicy and intense aromas of ripe red fruits through a soft and velvety palate with a rich finish.*

### **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.*

### **2015 Eggo Franco Cabernet Franc, Zorzal, Tupungato, Argentina £35**

*A complex and mineral example of Cabernet Franc with distinct herbaceous notes such as green pepper, enhanced with black pepper spice. Restrained, with a refreshing, silky structure and a long, fine finish.*

### **2012 Marea Syrah, Leyda Valley, Chile £29**

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

### **2014 Viña Echeverria, Carmenère Gran Reserva, Curico Valley, Chile £25**

*Extremely rich and velvety, intense aromas of ripe cherries and blackberries, with hints of red bell pepper, dried fruits and spices. Smooth and full-bodied, it has a round and delicate mouthful due to its ageing in oak barrels.*

### **2015 Viña Perez Cruz, 'Limited Edition' Cot, Maipo Alto, Chile £30**

*Cot is the alternative french name for malbec. Opulent, with a very perfumed nose of fresh cassis, raspberry, lemongrass and eucalyptus. The palate shows chalky tannins, good grip & a balancing freshness. The red cherry flavours are supported by savoury notes of shiitake mushrooms through to a smooth finish.*

### **2013 Morande, Grand Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo, Chile £28**

*A single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon of impeccable poise and pedigree, with focused cassis and black cherry fruit lent breadth and cedary complexity by well-judged oak. Firm tannin supports the natural juicy character giving a well-knit structure and excellent balance on the finish*



## Tri Nations...

### **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.*

### **2014 Lethbridge Pinot Meunier, Henty, Victoria, Australia £45**

*Rarely seen as a still wine, the grapes are usually used for champagne & sparkling wines, A wonderfully aromatic example, blending raspberry and wild strawberry fruit with herbal and floral nuances. The palate is delicate but with no lack of intensity or length. In all, a completely winsome reminder of how well this grape can perform in this location. An ideal alternative for people looking for top end Pinot Noir.*

### **2016 Berton Vineyard 'Metal Label', 'The Black' Shiraz, South Eastern Australia £24**

*The Black Shiraz is an extreme example of Australian Shiraz, with deep colour and aromas of blackberry and plum over toasty coffee and spicy oak. The palate is full flavoured and intense with rich plum, blueberry and mocha notes. The tannins are ripe and dense giving great structure and length to the palate.*

### **2014 Chalk Hill Barbera, McLaren Vale, Australia £28**

*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.*

### **2014 Bullant Shiraz, Lake Breeze, Langhorne Creek, Australia £30**

*Part of the new wave of Aussie wine making and a notable example of the new trend that is cool climate Shiraz. A stunning Shiraz with alluring aromas reminiscent of plums and chocolate enveloped in a touch of earthy complexity. Rich and full of dark fruits on the palate, leading to a long, satisfying finish. A personal favourite and ideal for our dry aged beef.*

### **2015 Berton Vineyard, Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, South Australia £28**

*An impenetrable black colour with a vibrant garnet hue. The aromas are powerful and complex with a wealth of fruit ranging from ripe blackcurrant and blackberries with hints of fresh tobacco and chocolate mint. The rich and harmonious palate displays abundant flavours of blackberry and dark cherry, underpinned by fine toasty French oak and defined by a soft yet dense tannin profile.*



## Tri nations continued...

### **2015 Fox Gordon, Dark Prince Nero d'Avola, Adelaide Hills, Australia £34**

*Nero d'Avola, classically at home in Sicily has found itself a happy new home in South Australia. Juicy sun-kissed plums and redcurrants are set against a herbaceous note of rosemary and thyme. It has an incredibly enticing fresh, almost crunchy texture. Fabulous serve slightly chilled.*

### **2015 Teusner Wines, Joshua Grenache Mataro Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Australia £40**

*The blend is true Australian and is a notable example of what Aussie reds do uniquely well. Overflowing with juicy notes of cranberry, redcurrants, soft red liquorice and hints of rose, the gentle tannins hold it all together seamlessly.*

### **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.*

### **2015 Larry Cherubino 'Apostrophe Possessive Red', Frankland River, Western Australia £27**

*Approachable, striking and modern, this red blend oozes complexity - with the Shiraz's earthiness tempering the Grenache's muskiness; and together they soften the subtle steeliness of the Mataro. Two may be company, but in this case three is perfection.*

### **2015 Larry Cherubino 'Cherubino' Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia £60**

*Currently regarded as Australia's foremost wine maker, this is his top wine and recently scored 96 points by James Halliday. We think its bloody brilliant and although not cheap it is one of those situations where it still offers value for money. Aromas of red earth with a compote of berries and fine nuances of dried bay leaf. The oak is gentle with delicate spice notes, soft tannins and a long complex finish.*

### **2016 Caves Road Classic Red Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot, Margaret River, Western Australia £26**

*A short period of contact with French oak softens and rounds the tannins. Well textured with a soft finish, the Cabernet contributes mulberry fruit, bay leaf and notes of chocolate and orange, whilst the Merlot provide flavours of black plum and violet aromas.*

### **2016 Allegory Pinot Noir, Margaret River, Western Australia £27**

*This beautiful Pinot Noir shows typical characteristics of red cherry, strawberry, earth and spice. The palate is medium-bodied and succulent, with forest floor complexity woven into the cherry fruit, and silky texture.*

### **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.*

### **2011 Mary Le Bow Cabernet Sauvignon-Shiraz-Petit Verdot, Western Cape, South Africa £38**

*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 Groot Constantia, Shiraz, Constantia, South Africa £34**

*A powerful Shiraz with flavours of blackcurrant, plums and raspberries combined with white pepper, black pepper and clove spice. Well rounded tannins lead to an elegant and long finish.*



## **Tri Nations continued...**

### **2015 Swartland Winery, 'Limited Release' Carignan, Swartland, South Africa £26**

*Intense dark ruby red in colour, this 100% Carignan is an exciting and complex blend of mocha chocolate and ripe red fruits, with nuances of spice on the nose. These rich aromas carry through onto the palate, with more vibrant red fruits and mocha undertones, combining with rich, dried peach. The fruit is neatly framed by elegant tannins, completing this complex and balanced wine.*

### **2015 Olifantsberg, Pinotage, Bredekloof, South Africa £29**

*Fresh berry notes are complimented by sweet spice and a well-balanced palate. This is a far more people friendly Pinotage than most with greater fruit expression and less mushroom, although some is still present. Excellent with spiced food and curries.*

### **2015 Ernst Gouws & Co, Pinot Noir, Western Cape, South Africa £28**

*With multiple layers of flavour, the immediate aromas are of raspberry and dark cherry. The flavours of the Pinot Noir are subtle and embraced by a deeper sense of spice, earth and dark chocolate.*

### **2013 Shannon Mount Bullet, Elgin Valley, South Africa £40**

*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.*

### **2013 Swartland Winery, 'Idelia' Cape Blend, Swartland, South Africa £35**

*An intense brick red colour gives way to a complex and forthcoming nose with earthy aromas of forest floor, lively black berry fruit and sweet scented violets. This is a complex wine with sweet scented floral aromas, spices and vanilla backed by lively berry fruit. Full, rich and voluptuous, with firm yet refined tannins, beautiful oak integration and an excellent balance between fruit, tannin and wood. Lingering finish.*

### **2013 Te Awa Syrah, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand £37**

*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.*

### **2015 Sanctuary, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand £29**

*Intense fruit and distinctive varietal characters for which Marlborough is renowned. Ripe plums and dark berries are accented by spicy oak and subtle tannins.*

### **2015 Te Kairanga Pinot Noir, Martinborough, New Zealand £33**

*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.*

### **2016 Rockburn 'Devils Staircase' Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand £34**

*This wine is bursting with flavours of black plums, raspberries and bramble fruit. Rounded and fruity on the palate, with a very moreish finish.*



## September Recommendations

Summer is in full flow, Wimbledon is on the beeb and we are all hoping England don't go out of the world cup on penalties! Food wise vegetables take pride of place on the menu, some from our allotments and pub green house, some from the village and hedgerows surrounding the pub, with long hot days ahead of us we want red wines that show lightness and finesse with the odd one being chilled, and we want whites with first quenching acidity, with all that in mind please see below for this months recommendations...

### **2016 Wine Makers Reserve Vermentino, Berton Vineyards, South East Australia – Glass & Bottle**

*Quintessential Vermentino with delicate citrus and pear leading to a palate which is bursting with tropical fruit, lychee and kiwi fruits. Vibrant and refreshing with its zesty acidity, depth of flavour and a deliciously mouth-watering finish.*

### **2017 Verdejo Mesta Organic, Uclés, Spain – Bottle Only**

*A crisp, aromatic wine, showing great purity of aromas and a precise expression of the Verdejo variety. Fresh notes of grass, fennel and white pepper lead to a dry and refreshing palate, with excellent balance*

### **2016 Fox Gordon 'Sassy', Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, Australia – Bottle Only**

*This wine has elegant flavours of honeysuckle and elderflower. The aromatics are punchy and rich, yet have a delicacy associated with the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills.*

### **2016 Gérard Bertrand 'Réserve Spéciale' Pinot Noir, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon – Glass & Bottle**

*A fruity wine offering notes of ripe cherry and wild raspberry combined with a hint of spice. Smooth and silky on the palate with an elegant and balanced finish*

### **2015 Michele Chiarlo '16 Mesi Le Orme', Barbera d'Asti, Piedmont – bottle only can be served chilled**

*A juicy Barbera, bursting with vibrant red-berried fruit and layered by floral hints and a touch of spice. An elegant wine which is well-structured, beautifully balanced and has a very pleasant, fresh finish.*

### **2015 Eggo Franco Cabernet Franc, Zorzal, Tupungato, Argentina – Bottle only can be served chilled**

*A complex and mineral example of Cabernet Franc with distinct herbaceous notes such as green pepper, enhanced with black pepper spice. Restrained, with a refreshing, silky structure and a long, fine finish.*

### **NV Casa Rojo Moltó Negre Brut, Cava, Catalunya, Spain**

*The perfect half way point between the structure, texture and seriousness of our champagnes with the fun, laidback, fruit appeal of a prosecco. Unfairly condemned to the package holidays of the 1980's this Cava shows how far its come. Ideal as a pre-prandial or with mild cheese. Bottle only*



## Wines by the Glass

### ***Sparkling...***

**NV Carpenè Malvolti '1868' Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore, Prosecco Extra Dry £6.50 - 125ml**

*Grapes are only taken from Conegliano & Valdobbiadene, areas renowned as the benchmark for top quality prosecco. Delicate, aromatic and fruity with enticing notes of fresh green apple and floral nuances. Lively, with a crisp acidity enveloped in soft, gentle bubbles and an elegant, dry finish.*

### ***White...***

**2016 Pegões, 'Fontanário de Pegões', Palmela, Portugal £5 – 175ml**

*The wine is fantastic to drink by the glass in the bar while also having enough structure to handle white meats, fish (especially oily types) and shellfish. A refreshing wine made from Fernão Pires, full of herbal, melon and peachy flavours.*

**2016 Tournée du Sud, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc-Roussillon £5.50 – 175ml**

*A steely, poised dry white wine, with an aura of lemon peel and flora on the nose. Great concentration on the palate, zingy acidity and unusual depth on the finish*

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**2017 Quercus, Pinot Bianco, Goriška Brda, Slovenia £6.50 – 175ml**

*Just a couple miles away and across the Italian/Slovinian boarder lies the region of Collio, arguably the best area in Italy for Pinot Grigio, what we have here is all the same great winemaking techniques, the same soil and climate but at half the price! On the nose there are notes of apple, grapefruit and lemon, as well as a pleasant floral aroma. Smooth and full-bodied on the palate, with a long finish.*

**2016 Maggio Chardonnay, Oak Ridge Winery, Lodi, USA £7 – 175ml**

*Voluptuous and smooth, this wine shows ripe tropical fruit aromas combined with hints of vanilla. Beautifully balanced, with citrus and butterscotch flavours and a smooth long finish*

**2016 Bishop's Leap, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand £7 – 175ml**

*A full and crisp wine with intense aromas and flavours of passion fruit, underlying gooseberry and herbal tones. Mouth-watering acidity is balanced by a full flavoured palate that leads to a long lingering finish.*

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



## Wines by the Glass

### *Rose...*

**2017 Mesta, Organic Tempranillo Rosé, Uclés, Spain £5 – 175ml**

*Pale strawberry in colour, with fresh berry aromas and subtle floral notes, this shows excellent fruit concentration on the palate. A slightly off-dry finish is beautifully balanced by a crisp acidity and a refreshing, savoury note.*

**2016 Domaine Fabre 'Cuvée Henri Fabre' Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France £6.50 – 175ml**

*Pale salmon in colour, this is the quintessential Provence rosé. A refreshingly fruity bouquet leads to delicate white spice and mineral flavours on the palate and an elegant finish.*

### *Red...*

**2016 Les Boules Rouge, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France £5 – 175ml**

*A beautifully balanced wine, this has the refreshing zing of a good Beaujolais allied to the chunkiness of a southern French blend.*

**2017 Doña Paula' Paula', Malbec, Lujan de Cuyo, Argentina £6.25 – 175ml**

*A full flavoured Malbec with sweet, spicy and intense aromas of ripe red fruits through a soft and velvety palate with a rich finish.*

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