



WINE LIST

FOCUS ON ENGLAND

An intrepid tour of England's vineyards last year revealed some very special wines that we are delighted to present to you this season - a stunning sparkling wine, a range of fresh aromatic whites and the juicy Woolley Red. In addition we also have a great lager, cider, gin, vodka & cider brandy, all sourced from small producers hailing from different parts of England.

	Drink In	Take Out
2007 Brut, Jenkyn Place (Hampshire)	£45.70	£25.95
2010 Bacchus, Camel Valley (Cornwall)	£33.25	£15.75
2010 Pinot Blanc, Stopham Estate (West Sussex)	£30.00	£14.50
2010 'Surrey Gold', Denbies (Surrey)	£21.95	£ 9.50
2009 Willow Brook', Three Choirs (Gloucestershire)	£20.50	£ 8.95
2009 Veritas, Astley Vineyard (Worcestershire)	£35.45	£17.95
2010 Woolley Red, Avonleigh (Wiltshire)	£29.45	£13.95

Camden Town Hells Lager – 330ml £4.40



Jasper Cupaidge at Camden Town Brewery has been brewing traditional ale for many years at his flagship pub, The Horseshoe in Hampstead, and has recently moved to a brand new brewery in Camden Town. Inspired by the Pils and Helles styles of Germany, Camden Town Hells lager is a straw-coloured dry lager: crisp and refreshing with an elegant balance between body, bitterness and aroma.

Bullbegger Cider – 500ml £5.95



From a dear friend Nick Smallwood, who has bottled a gem! The local villagers in Lamyatt in Somerset have formed a co-operative to produce their own dry and medium cider. It's named after the Spirit that's said to roam nearby Creech Hill at night and look down on the village. The locals all help harvest the ancient varieties of local apples in Ern's orchard on Apple Day, and sell the resulting tippie at local fetes and festivals. They also produce a limited number of bottles, which are available to a lucky few by private negotiation. As far as Nick can make out, the varieties in the orchard include Bulmers Norman, Yarlington Mill, Michelin, Sops in Wine, Jersey, Dabinett, Somerset Red Streak and Brown Snout. Their simple, old fashioned methods produce small quantities of clean, crisp and fresh tasting cider of the highest quality, which is then matured in old rum barrels to create its distinctive flavour!

Sipsmith Gin and Vodka – Gin and Tonic £5.25; Vodka and Tonic £5.00



It didn't take us long to choose our house pours. Sipsmith distillery is located just over 3 miles away in the heart of Brackenhurst village, in Hammersmith. They're a small independent distiller crafting truly artisanal spirits. They are distilled on a handmade copper-pot still, the first to launch in London for 190 years! The master distiller, Jared Brown, crafts each product by hand, in genuinely small batches - never more than 500 bottles a time, often considerably less. This delivers stunning spirits that are smooth, full of character and intense flavour.

Somerset Cider Brandy – 35ml 3 year old £3.70; 20 year old £8.60

Cider Brandy (similar to French Calvados) had not been distilled in England for several hundred years until the mid 1980's when Somerset Cider Brandy started production in Burrow Hill. Apples have been grown and cider has been pressed here for at least 150 years. It is this soil, climate and the apple varieties that give this cider brandy its unique quality.

Julian Temperley ferments his cider in oak vats in a wooden-slatted cider house. Somerset Royal Cider Brandy is aged for 3 years in oak barrels, with a fine spicy bouquet and a fresh apply palate, it slips down the throat like a dream, but with plenty of kick. Made from a variety of apples, including Royal Somerset, each year produces a different subtlety. The 15-year vintage has only recently been released and it is smoothly polished with good complexity and depth.

VINOTECA'S WINE LIST

Summer 2012

We are very excited about our new list this Spring, and relieved that we have completed it before the opening of Vinoteca Soho! We believe that we offer the ultimate selection of hand-picked wines from the best vintages, regions and countries across the world, all at the keenest prices. We now also buy direct from producers in the Loire, Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rhône and Provence, enabling us to cut out the middle man and offer exciting wines at prices which are, quite simply, unbeatable.

Amongst the new additions this season are: a must-try 10 year-old Alsace Gewurztraminer, a revelatory Petit Chablis, a terrific 22 year-old sweet Loire Chenin Blanc, two astonishingly different Riojas from the 1996 vintage, proof of the seriousness of whites & reds from the Etna region of Sicily, a Pinot Noir-like Greek red, a welcome return of aged Hunter Valley Semillon, the best Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc we've tasted for years and a class-leading Patagonian white blend. Kids in a sweet shop!

We hope you enjoy drinking these wines as much as we have enjoyed choosing them.

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SPARKLING WINES

- NV Cava Brut Reserva, Torre del Gall (Penedes, Spain)** £26.40
 A small, high quality estate now owned by Freixenet, this superb Cava Reserva is tremendous value and has a complex, intense palate balanced by a wonderfully fresh, yeasty & lemony finish.
- NV Prosecco dei Conegliano-Valdobbiaden, Bernardi Refrontolo (Veneto, Italy)** £24.95
 This fine example of Prosecco has aromas of blanched almonds, white flowers and pear skin. The palate is soft and clean with apple and quince fruit flavour. It is sealed with a crown cap, a highly effective closure.
- NV Brut Cuvee , Jansz (Tasmania, Yarra Valley & South Australia)** £35.45
 A 'multi-regional' Australian sparkling wine, and a very good one at that. 'Champagne' in style with fresh, yeasty, appley fruit, good depth and a clean and long finish.
- 2007 Brut, Jenkyn Place (Hampshire)** £45.70
 60% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier grown in beautiful south-facing vineyards which straddle the north downs. From vines planted where hops used to grow, the 2007 is delicate yet intense, and will continue to develop beautifully.
- NV Champagne Blanc de Noirs 'Cuvée Speciale, Renard Barnier (Villevenard, France)** £42.70
 A blend of Champagne's black grapes (Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier), aged for 3 years before disgorgement and resulting in a richer style of wine with great intensity, whilst remaining fresh and focused on the palate. Delicious.
- NV Champagne Blanc de Blancs Brut 'Les 7 Crus', Agrapart (Avize, France)** £58.95
 From the 7 villages of Avize, Cramant, Oger, Oiry, Avenay Val d'Or, Bergeres-les-Vertus & Mardeuil, this brilliant wine (100% Chardonnay) is a blend of the 2007 & 2006 vintages and has wonderful texture & complexity.
- 2004 Champagne Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru, Le Mesnil (Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, France)** £60.00
 This co-operative's principal business is to supply *vin clair* to the top Champagne houses. Their own label is outstanding – the '04 Grand Cru has patisserie aromas, richness, fine structure and a well balanced, complex & fresh finish.
- 1996 Champagne RD, Bollinger (Ay, France)** £183.50
 A logical extension of the Grand Année blend, taken further by extending the aging on lees (8 years!). The '96 has an expressive bouquet of spices, acacia & scented fruit, and a silky palate with hugely impressive complexity & freshness.
- 1990 Champagne Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru, Lenoble (Chouilly, France)** £118.50
 A single-cru Chardonnay from a Grand Cru site in Chouilly, this remarkably expressive Blanc de Blancs is showing an ultra complex palate of toast & spice, brioche and honey, white flower characters and lemon sorbet.

FRANCE WHITE

ALSACE

- 2008 Riesling 'Terroir', Zinck** £33.45
 A racy, mineral and highly focused Riesling which benefits greatly from 4 years age. Dry and aromatic with gooseberry, lime, spice and an evolving, richer 'secondry' palate. Particularly good with raw fish, white fish and shellfish.
- 2002 Gewurztraminer, Domaine Rolly-Gassmann** *Biodynamic* £35.45
 Two important traits of Pierre Gassmann's wines: a rich, complex style and the ability to age magnificently. The key to this '02 Gewurztraminer's true greatness is its intense palate balanced supremely by acidity, texture, minerality and freshness.
- 2008 Pinot Gris Grand Cru 'Kessler', Dirler-Cadé** *Biodynamic* £47.25
 It's easy to overlook Pinot Gris nowadays (or Pinot Grigio as it is known in Italy), but do so at your peril. This organic & biodynamic grand cru Pinot Gris is simply brilliant. Amazing richness, texture, complexity, length & purity - what joy!

LOIRE

- 2010 Vouvray Sec, Raimbault** £29.45
 A delicious dry Vouvray great for early drinking. From vines with an average age of 25 years old grown on limestone & flint clay soils. Grape bunches are pressed whole, and once fermented the wine is aged in stainless steel & cement until spring.
- 2009 Vouvray, Le Clos de La Meslerie** *Organic* £47.25
 Peter Hahn's attention to detail and respect for his vineyard & the people that work with him results in a breathtakingly fine, handcrafted wine. Produced in tiny quantities using organic methods, it is fabulously complex with rich, honey-tinged fruit and a vein of pure, gunflinty minerality which gives the sensation of a drier finish. Very special indeed.
- 2010 Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie, Domaine la Haute Fèvre** £22.50
 From vines with an average age of 35 years, this superb Muscadet is dry, zesty and fabulously expressive. Contact with lees further enhances the depth & texture, and the palate has great balance of pure fruit and good minerality.
- 2010 Touraine Sauvignon, 'Domaine de la Croix Bouquie', Alpha Loire** *Bottled on site* £17.95
 A classic Loire sauvignon with aromas of blackcurrant leaf & elderberry, and a fresh palate of gooseberry & fruit salad with clean acidity and a long, aromatic finish. Wonderful wine making from this eco-friendly vineyard.
- 2011 Sancerre, Domaine Vincent Delaporte** £35.00
 Delaporte's Sancerre is blended from 28 vineyard plots, which gives the wine finesse, aromatic complexity and superb minerality. Aged for 3 months on it's lees, it is one of the best Sancerres we have tasted, and has great ageing potential.

BURGUNDY

- 2010 Petit Chablis, Billaud-Simon** £34.25
 Challenge your conceptions of 'petit' Chablis as this is better than most Chablis that we have tasted in the last year. This vineyard, scandalously close to a *grand cru* site, produces pure, aromatic, focused & lipsmackingly drinkable Chardonnay.
- 2008 Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaucoupins', Patrick Piuze** £49.25
 Negociant Patrick Piuze goes a step further than simply sourcing grapes by involving himself in vineyard management. This 1er Cru is a triumph: complexity & texture with intense minerality and super-focused pure apple fruit.
- 2008 Bourgogne Aligoté Raisins Dorés, Domaine Michel Lafarge** £33.00
 An usual Aligoté, made from a strain of the grape which produces smaller grapes with a distinctly golden hue. Ample acidity as expected, but with a more generous & open palate, pure & ripe citrus fruit and good texture & complexity.

- 2008 Bourgogne Blanc ‘Les Herbeux’, Domaine Michel Caillot** £35.45
 A single vineyard Bourgogne Blanc made from vines just south of ‘La Barre’ in Meursault. Indeed it bears many of the hallmarks of Meursault –rich lemon & fine oak and a complex palate with definition & structure, rich fruit and a fresh finish.
- 2009 Mâcon-Prissé ‘Le Clos’, Domaine des Valanges** £28.45
 Excellent fresh & pure Chardonnay with a wonderful balance of spiced apple, lemon rind & mineral acidity. From a small single vineyard and a producer with only 11 hectares of vines on limestone soils at an altitude of 200-300 metres.
- 2010 Pouilly Fuissé Vieilles Vignes, Domaine la Soufrandise** £40.70
 A beautiful Pouilly Fuissé with that all important balance between pure, fresh & punchy fruit and richness, texture and fine-quality oak. Francoise & Nicolas Melin’s old-vine Chardonnay from the awesome ‘10 vintage is Burgundy heaven.
- 2008 Saint-Aubin ‘La Fontenotte’, Marc Colin** £47.25
 St Aubin tends to be highly underrated, and this brilliant example from Marc Colin proves how good it can be. Intense yet elegant, with restrained oak and a ripe & textured palate. Only 10,000 bottles of ‘La Fontenotte’ are produced annually.
- 2009 Chassagne Montrachet 1^{er} Cru ‘Clos St Jean’, Michel Niellon** £90.50
 Michel Niellon’s production is tiny, and the quality extremely high. The 2009 ‘Clos St Jean’, from a higher location in the village, has supreme elegance with amazing depth. The finish is rich, clean & mineral-tinged with a hint of hazelnut.
- SAVOIE & JURA*
- 2010 Roussette de Savoie ‘Cru Frangy’, Domaine Bruno Lupin** £28.45
 From one of the best ‘crus’ in Savoie, located close to the Swiss border near Lake Geneva. Made from the Altesse grape (aka Roussette), it has hints of pear & gingerbread and is soft, fresh & delicious.
- 2007 Arbois Traminer, Stéphane Tissot** *Biodynamic* £36.45
 Stéphane Tissot calls this ‘Traminer’, as the Savagnin grape is a cousin of Gewürztraminer. Following malo-lactic fermentation, it is aged on lees for 16 months. Citrus aromas, complex fruit & minerality and a clean & expressive finish.
- BORDEAUX & SOUTH WEST*
- 2010 Vin de Pays du Gers Blanc, Lesc (Gascony)** £15.95
 Exceptional wine from the south western region of Gascony, made from Uni Blanc and Colombard. Fresh citrus flavours with a long, rich finish this is great as an aperitif or with chicken or pork dishes.
- 2010 IGP des Côtes de Gascogne Blanc, Brumont (Gascony)** £24.50
 From the extraordinary Alain Brumont, maker of the inimitable Montus & Bouscassé Madirans, comes a wonderful fresh, ripe & zesty white made from a blend of Gros Manseng and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. Refreshing, structured and elegant.
- 2010 Bordeaux Blanc Sec, Chateau des Antonins (Bordeaux)** £21.95
 Located in the southern part of Graves, this estate has been owned by the Roquefeuil family since the 1850s. A blend of 70% Sauvignon & 30% Semillon, it is fresh & textured with good aromatics, clean pear fruit & hints of gooseberry bush.
- 2010 Bergerac Blanc ‘Cuvée des Conti’, Château Tour des Gendres (Bergerac)** £28.00
 A brilliant example of how Bergerac can rival its illustrious neighbour Bordeaux. Luc de Conti’s 2010 is 70% Semillon, 20% Sauvignon & 10% Muscadelle, tank fermented and lees-aged. Pure & expressive with white peach & pink grapefruit.
- RHÔNE, PROVENCE & THE SOUTH*
- 2011 Costieres de Nîmes Blanc, Mas des Bressades (Rhône)** £25.95
 A classic southern Rhône blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc & Viognier. Aromas of white peach & almond flowers and a complex palate with exotic fruit, good minerality & grapefruit acidity.
- 2010 St Joseph Blanc, Pierre Gaillard (Rhône)** £43.75
 This St Joseph, unlike most others, is made entirely from Roussanne, helping to give it the acidity it needs to lift this beautifully rich, textured & aromatic wine. Vines on granite soils adds minerality and helps develop its fresh character.
- 2007 Condrieu Pierre, Benetiere (Rhône)** £57.95
 Pierre Benetiere’s beautiful Condrieu has a floral nose with hints of honeysuckle & beautifully elegant flavours of apricot, pear and spice. A wine which is modern in style, silky, concentrated and perfumed, without being over extracted.
- 2010 Côtes de Provence Blanc ‘Valerie’, Saint André de Figuière (Provence)** £29.45
 Cuvée ‘Valerie’ is made predominantly from Provence’s classic white variety Rolle (aka Vermentino), with the addition of a little Semillon & Ugni Blanc. It has delicate floral & citrus aromas with good weight, full & pure fruit and a fresh finish.
- 2010 IGP d’Oc Vermentino ‘Vieilles Vignes’, Les Archères (Languedoc)** £18.95
 An old vine Vermentino with plenty of character, this dry white has peach & white blossom aromas and a soft and well-balanced palate. Ageing on its lees in stainless steel tanks lends depth and complexity whilst retaining freshness.
- 2010 IGP d’Oc Viognier ‘Grande Réserve’, Domaine Cazal Viel (Languedoc)** £25.95
 This domaine is situated in a spectacular region at the foothills of the Caroux mountains, and specialises in Syrah & Viognier. The ‘Grande Réserve’ is perfumed & full with delicate apricot & orange blossom and fresh, citrus characters.
- 2011 Coteaux du Languedoc ‘Picpoul de Pinet’, Felines-Jourdan (Languedoc)** £21.95
 One of the very few French appellations which bears the name of the grape, this clean, crisp, yet full & complex white has perfumes of pear & citrus fruit, aniseed & fennel, and a zesty finish. We think Felines-Jourdan’s Picpoul is the very best.
- 2011 IGP d’Oc Roussanne, Domaine La Croix Gratiot (Languedoc)** £22.50
 Unbeatable value for this high quality 100% Roussanne from the Languedoc. Pear, peach & jasmine aromas with a juicy lemon and pear palate, it is dry with a long, refreshing finish and plenty of apple and stone fruit characters.
- 2011 Coteaux du Languedoc Blanc ‘La Brise Marine’, Château de la Negly (Languedoc)** £29.00
 From the La Clape cru of Languedoc, this is an unusual blend of 60% Bourboulenc, 30% Grenache Blanc & 10% Marsanne. Aged on lees for 8 months, it is medium to full bodied with rich & pure fruit, good minerality and lovely acidity.

FRANCE ROSÉ

- 2011 Reuilly Rosé Pinot Gris, Denis Jamain (Loire)** £29.25
This unusual Loire rosé is made entirely from Pinot Gris and is delightfully fresh and light, albeit with good intensity. Apricots, white peach & lychee aromas and a racy palate with perfect balance between freshness and fruit ripeness.
- 2011 Sancerre Rosé, Domaine Vincent Delaporte (Loire)** £35.45
Wonderful pink wine from Delaporte, made from 100% Pinot Noir. It is delightfully aromatic, and the palate is fresh and fruity with raspberry & peach characters, a 'crunch' of tannin and a long and lifted citrus finish.
- 2011 IGP du Var Rosé 'Le St André', Saint André de Figuière (Provence)** *Organic, bottled on site* £22.50
This superb, organically certified producer's 'Le St André' rosé is classic Provencal pink; pale in colour and crisp, fresh & fruity. A blend of Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache & Cinsault it has apple & redcurrant aromas and a ripe, pure finish.
- 2011 IGP d'Oc Rosé, Domaine Cazal Viel (Languedoc)** £20.50
It is entirely evident that this domaine produces only two varieties – Syrah & Viognier – as this low yield Syrah rosé is awesome. Clean & fresh yet with grip, spice & complexity, it has redcurrant fruit and long finish with loads of character.

FRANCE RED

ALSACE & THE LOIRE

- 2010 Pinot Noir 'Terroir', Zinck (Alsace)** £30.00
A return to the more classic Alsace Pinot style in this vintage; light in colour with spice and savoury characteristics dominating, textured tannins, red cherry fruit and fresh acidity lifting the palate on the finish.
- 2010 Bourgueil 'Venus', Domaine de la Chevalerie (Loire)** £28.00
A delicious, ripe expression of Loire Cabernet Franc with the characteristic juicy fruit and crunchy texture typical of the variety. A genuinely lovely medium-bodied red from one of the Loire's best red wine producers.
- 2009 Saumur Champigny, Domaine Le Petit Saint-Vincent (Loire)** £30.45
100% Cabernet Franc from 25 to 30 year-old vines, this Saumur Champigny has a supple, natural quality, a black cherry nose and is packed with cranberry fruit, nicely underscored with minerality from the chalky soil.
- 2010 Touraine Malbec 'Le Poir', Guy Allion (Loire)** £24.95
A little less common in the Loire but nonetheless excellent, this 100% Malbec from Guy Allion has an intense nose of fresh ripe plums and blackcurrants. The palate is medium-bodied and juicy, with spicy hints and a refreshing finish.

BEAUJOLAIS, BURGUNDY & JURA

- 2009 Beaujolais Villages, Chateau de la Pierre (Beaujolais)** £25.25
Classic, and superb, Beaujolais Villages with lovely juicy plum, raspberry & cherry fruit, lively fresh acidity and a spot-on textured structure which carries the flavours perfectly throughout the whole palate.
- 2010 Brouilly, Chateau de Pierreux (Beaujolais)** £29.00
A 'serious' Beaujolais which also happens to be forward and luscious. Aged in large wooden vats for six months before bottling, it benefits from fresh & precise fruit and the support of very fine tannins. A great showcase for Gamay.
- 2008 Bourgogne Rouge, Paul Pernot (Burgundy)** £33.45
Paul Pernot is based in Puligny Montrachet and quietly produces classic red & white Burgundy of the very highest quality. His Bourgogne Rouge Pinot Noir is light, pure, textured and spicy with crisp red cherry and a delicately scented finish.
- 2008 Savigny-lès-Beaune, Domaine Jean Féry (Burgundy)** *Biodynamic* £45.70
A forward & fruity Pinot Noir with deep raspberry fruit and hints of dark plum. Old-vine-concentration with perfectly ripe fruit and tannins and a powerful structure. The oak is evident but not dominant and there is a lovely elegance.
- 2008 Mercurey 'Les Vignes de Maillonge, Michel Juillot (Burgundy)** £43.75
A wonderful single vineyard Mercury from the Juillot estate, which has been producing wines for four generations. Light cherry-red in colour, showing perfectly ripe fruit with savoury & spicy overtones, finely-textured tannins & lovely balance.
- 2008 Gevrey-Chambertin, Mark Haisma (Burgundy)** £57.50
Mark Haisma trained under the legendary Dr. Bailey Carrodus at Yarra Yering in Australia. Now in Burgundy, Mark has released this top class Gevrey Chambertin in limited quantities. It is muscular and rich yet elegant and restrained.
- 2008 Chassagne Montrachet Rouge 1er Cru 'Maltroie', Michel Niellon (Burgundy)** £57.00
Not known for its production of reds, and the reason why this top class red Burgundy is such value, this 1er Cru Chassagne Montrachet is supremely elegant with an irresistible balance of juicy, pure & complex fruit and fabulous tannins.
- 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru 'Champs-Chenys', Joseph Roty (Burgundy)** *Limited stock* £99.50
From a single vineyard site situated just below the Grand Cru Charmes Chambertin with exceptionally old vine stock (90 years) and from the outstanding 2002 vintage, it is complex with full flavored black cherry fruit & exceptional length.
- 2002 Gevrey-Chambertin, Domaine Hubert Lignier (Burgundy)** £101.50
An outstanding Gevrey made by Romain Lignier towards the end of his life, from the majestic '02 vintage. Everything you would expect from one of Burgundy's most distinctive producers, with fleshy, deep fruit and serious complexity & intensity.
- 1999 Morey St Denis 1er Cru 'La Riotte', Domaine Hubert Lignier (Burgundy)** £128.50
From 45 year-old vines in the 'La Riotte' cru of Morey, Lignier's '99 is incredibly luscious and ripe with a seductive balance of primary cherry fruit and nicely developed savoury, spicy characters. Full, deep and fabulous.
- 2008 Trousseau 'Cuvee Grevilliere', Domaine Daniel Dugois (Arbois)** £35.00
Made from 100% Trousseau – an expressive bouquet, pure & elegant with a slightly musky nose. Morello cherry, spices and blackberry flavours on the palate and a slight pine sap character. A medium-bodied red with incredible character.

BORDEAUX & THE SOUTHWEST

- 2008 Château Civrac ‘Element’, Cotes de Bourg (Bordeaux)** £21.95
 From the underrated Bordeaux appellation of Cotes de Bourg, this 100% Merlot cuvee is a modern wine which keeps the essence of great, easy-drinking Bordeaux alive. Medium-bodied with plum & cherry fruit, a lick of oak and good complexity.
- 2008 Château Le Grand Verdus, Bordeaux Supérieur (Bordeaux)** £24.95
 A delicious Bordeaux from this estate established in the 16th century, located to the south east of the town of Bordeaux. Spending 12 to 14 months in used oak, it is elegant, fruity, well structured and delicious with roast meats.
- 2007 Château La Croix Bonneau, Montagne St Emilion (Bordeaux)** £34.45
 A blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc from this St Emilion satellite appellation, tank fermented and aged in new and used *barriques* for 14 months. Spice, damson fruit & cassis aromas with firm tannins and focused red berry fruit on the palate.
- 2006 Château du Pavillon, Canon Fronsac (Bordeaux)** £30.45
 Another Merlot based Bordeaux, this time from south-facing slopes of the famous hillsides of Canon Fronsac. 6 years in bottle has allowed it to open wonderfully, and on the nose & the palate it expresses intoxicating plum & spice characters.
- 2000 Château Potensac, Médoc Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel (Bordeaux)** £71.00
 Robert Parker called this ‘the best Potensac since 1982’. Now perfectly mature, the 2000 is elegant, fresh and ruby coloured with redcurrant, black cherry, cedar and mineral characters. All in all a cracking package.
- 2000 Château Haut Bages Liberal, Pauillac Grand Cru Classé (Bordeaux)** *Limited stock* £97.50
 The wonderful 2000 vintage yielded one the best wines for decades at this Pauillac estate. 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, it spends 16 months in 40% new oak. Intense liquorice, cassis & pepper with ripe tannins & medium acidity. Superb.
- 1999 Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois (Bordeaux)** £42.75
 Beaumont is around 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot. The 1999 has marvellously developed flavours of cigar box & cedar with soft and ripe black fruit, tannins with bite and a lick of fresh acidity.
- 1999 Château Grand Pey Lescours, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (Bordeaux)** £46.75
 A superb Merlot-rich Grand Cru St-Emilion with over a decade in the bottle. The wine has developed & complex flavours of cinnamon, cedar & clove to complement the underlying ripe black plum fruit flavours and still-fresh acidity. Excellent.
- 1995 Canon La Gaffeliere, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (Bordeaux)** £128.50
 One of the highest rated estates in St Emilion, and one which has consistently performed brilliantly over the last 20 years. It is full and intense with black cherry & blackcurrant aromas, layers and layers of fruit & spice on the palate and an incredible tannin structure. This is now close to being at its peak, but will develop for a further 10 years if allowed.
- 1990 Chateau Rausan-Segla, Margaux Grand Cru Classé (Bordeaux)** *Limited stock* £178.50
 This is a massive, super-concentrated Margaux from one of the classic vintages of the century. Good deep ruby colour and some vanilla oak & sweetness on the nose. Lots of sweet blackcurrant and an astonishing level of life enhancing tannin.
- 1990 Château Lagrange, St-Julien Grand Cru Classé (Bordeaux)** *Limited stock* £183.50
 A real blockbuster. Deep, unctuous & bold with super-ripe red & black fruit, the ’90 shows developed characters but is remarkably dark & youthful despite being fully ready-to-drink.
- 1989 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac Leognan Grand Cru Classé (Bordeaux)** £153.50
 This estate claims that the ’89 is comparable to their wines in the great vintages of 1970, 1961 and 1945. Tight-knit, dense & plum-coloured, perfumes of black fruits & smoke, flavours of vanilla & black tea with fleshy fruit and a very classy finish.
- 2009 Madiran, Laplace (Gascony)** £25.95
 An excellent Madiran made from 70% Tannat & 30% Cabernet Franc & Cabernet Sauvignon grown on gravel & clay soil. Deep dark fruit, full tannins and great natural acidity in a surprisingly approachable package.
- 2009 Cahors ‘Purple Malbec,’ Château Lagrezette (Southwest)** £26.25
 An almost tongue-in-cheek presentation of a modern styled Malbec from a Cahors producer with 500 years of history to their name. Its a brilliantly drinkable wine, dark in colour, fleshy and seductively fruity with plenty of texture & character.
- 2002 Cahors, Chateau de Paillas (Southwest)** £26.00
 The ’02 vintage in Cahors was superb, and this Malbec-dominated red from ancient vines planted on the river terraces of the Lot is aromatic with aromas of morello cherry, fennel, earl grey tea & old wood. Medium-bodied, elegant and savoury.

RHÔNE, PROVENCE & THE SOUTH

- 2009 Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne, La Cuvée du Belvédère (Rhône)** £23.00
 This is a special cuvee of Cairanne, chosen and blended by winemaker Matt Thompson at the Cave de Cairanne, an immeasurably improved cooperative in the heart of the southern Rhône. Full, ripe, supple, spicy and extremely more-ish.
- 2009 Gigondas, Domaine Raspail-Ay (Rhône)** £42.70
 Dominique Ay has been producing first class wines from this area east of Orange for many years. Although full bodied with raspberry, cherry and ‘garrigue’ herb characters, it has admirable elegance & restraint and a particularly attractive finish.
- 2009 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, Domaine Santa Duc (Rhône)** £22.50
 A blend of 80% Grenache, 15% Cinsault and 5% Syrah from the brilliant Santa Duc domaine. Excellent value for what is a ‘serious’ Rhône with complexity and structure, ripe and developed fruit and a long, dry finish.
- 1998 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Domaine La Roquette (Rhône)** £69.75
 Owned by the Brunier family of Vieux Télégraphe fame, this top-notch Châteauneuf domaine produces fruit-forward, complex wines. Extremely impressive, with plenty of developed, spicy flavours & a core of sweet dark fruit that goes on & on.
- 2010 Crozes Hermitage, Philippe & Vincent Jaboulet (Rhône)** *Bottled on site* £29.00
 Philippe Jaboulet worked on his family’s famous estate ‘Paul Jaboulet Ainé’ for 30 years before creating an estate for himself and his son with part of the famous Thalabert vineyard at its heart. This Crozes Hermitage is unoaked, with pure & spicy red fruit and wonderfully grippy tannins. Pure, highly drinkable, northern-Rhone Syrah.
- 2009 St Joseph Rouge ‘Le Mairlant’, Francois Villard (Rhône)** £47.70
 We first tasted this St Joseph from Rhône star Francois Villard in the spring of 2011 and we knew we had to list it. A stunning St Joseph with layers of ripe & complex red fruit, mouth-filling tannins and a super-long finish. Brilliant.
- 2006 Côte-Rôtie, Benjamin and David Duclaux (Rhône)** £66.00
 We couldn’t resist this fabulous Côte-Rôtie. 95% Syrah and 5% Viognier, from an exciting and small 5.8 hectare estate, it is tightly structured with sweet raspberry, black cherry & olive tapenade characters. Given air, it sings beautifully.

2005 Bandol Rouge, Château Sainte-Anne (Provence)		£46.75
60 % Mourvèdre, 20% Grenache & 20% Cinsault & Carignan, this Bandol is produced from old vines grown on terraced vineyards of clay & limestone. Aged for 20 months in large format oak, it is dark & gamey with liquorice & black fruits.		
2010/2011 IGP d'Oc Rouge, La Vigne d'Église (Languedoc)		£17.50
From the Coteaux du Languedoc area, this is a delicious, easy drinking red made from Grenache & Merlot. Red fruit aromas of cranberries & red cherries, followed by a clean, fresh palate with lively acidity and hints of dried herb on the finish.		
2010/2011 Vin de Pays de l'Hérault 'Classic Rouge', Moulin de Gassac (Languedoc)	Organic	£19.50
From the inimitable Mas de Daumas Gassac, this remarkably good value Grenache & Syrah-dominated blend has aromas of ripe red berries & spice and a soft, juicy and fruity palate. Great with most grilled or roasted meat dishes.		
2008/2009 Minervois 'L'Olivier de Reze', Andrieu Freres (Languedoc)	Organic	£24.50
A blend of organically produced Syrah & Mourvedre with soft & savoury tannins, plenty of dark fruit, good depth & freshness. Wines like this help to prove that the Languedoc is now one of the most exciting areas of France.		
2009 Corbieres Rouge 'Vieilles Vignes', Chateau Fontareche (Languedoc)		£21.95
This great-value old-vine Corbieres is a blend of Carignan, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Distinctly of the region, its silex soil lends it a smoky, menthol minerality, which is comforted by ripe fruit, a warm pepperiness and soft tannins.		
2010 IGP d'Oc Carignan, Baron de Badassière (Languedoc)		£18.50
A superb quality, delicious Carignan from vineyards in the Picpoul de Pinet area of southern France, close to the coast. Medium to full-bodied with attractive berry fruit intensity, fresh acidity and firm but smooth tannins.		
2006 Coteaux du Languedoc 'Etats d'Ame', Mas Jullien (Languedoc)		£34.00
A Grenache, Carignan, Mourvedre and Syrah blend from one of the most respected producers in the quality Coteaux du Languedoc area. With 5 years' bottle age, this has developed into a wonderfully complex, dark red-fruited, spicy delight.		
2008 VDP d'Oc Grenache, Filature (Languedoc)	Organic	£34.45
Sam Harrop's Languedoc Grenache is a cracker. Seductive, ripe, wild raspberry fruit with fine tannins and a long, sweet palate. A bit like a forward Chateaufort du Pape with trademark Languedoc garrigue herbs.		
1994 Vin de Pays de l'Herault Rouge, Mas de Daumas Gassac (Languedoc)	Limited stock	£60.00
Often referred to as the Lafite of the Languedoc, this Cabernet-based wine's first vintage was in 1979, and it has gained cult status for its long-lived wines made from fruit grown on highly-prized mineral-rich red soils. The '94 is a stunner, and is approaching maturity. Decant this wine in advance, and the rewards will be large.		
2010 Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes 'Le Canon de Marechal', Dom. Cazes (Roussillon)	Biodynamic	£24.25
Domaine Cazes is the largest certified Organic & Biodynamic estate in France. This is a fantastic example of what Roussillon has to offer – deep, dark berried fruits aromas and flavours and ripe fine tannins; exciting stuff!		
2010 Côtes du Roussillon Villages 'Segna de Cor', Domaine Le Roc des Anges (Roussillon)	Organic	£33.00
From this highly respected Roussillon producer comes Segna de Cor, a grenache-dominant blend made from fruit from younger vines and aged for just 9 months, making it accessible without compromising the highly individual character.		

SPAIN

WHITE

2010/2011 Rioja Blanco, Baron Ladron De Guevara (Rioja)		£24.50
This family have been making wine in Rioja since the 16 th century. The <i>blanco</i> , focused & fresh with good minerality, is 100% old vine Viura, with clean melon and peach fruit and great texture & definition.		
2011 Yecla Blanco 'Molino Loco', Bodegas Castaño (Aragon)		£15.95
A superb value white made entirely from Macabeo grown on vineyards at altitude in Yecla. Bright, pale lemon in colour with fresh aromas of peach and a hint of fennel. Good balance on the palate with perfect levels of refreshing acidity.		
2010 Somontano 'Flor de Chardonnay', Bodga Laus (Aragon)		£30.00
Situated at the foothills of the Pyrenees, Somontano is perfect territory for Chardonnay. Bodega Laus, a relatively new estate, have produced a sensational example with complex fruit & toasted nut aromas and a textured, seamless palate of tropical & citrus fruit. 80% is tank fermented, 20% fermented in fine French oak followed by a short period on its lees.		
2010 Rueda Verdejo 'Cuatro Rayas', Agricola Castellana (Castilla y Leon)		£25.50
Rueda's classic grape Verdejo - clean, powerful & fresh on the nose and a fruity, herbaceous palate with a touch of fennel. 'Cuatro Rayas' is full & fresh with a silky texture and a very long finish.		
2011 Rias Baixas Albariño 'Abadia de San Campio', Bodegas Terras Gauda (Galicia)		£30.45
Terras Gauda's Galician whites are truly something special. The 'Abadia' is 100% Albarino, grown on the estate's highest vineyards and displaying fabulous, pure varietal characters such as apple, pear and citrus. Hard to beat.		
2010 Valdeorras Godello, Bodegas A Coroa (Galicia)		£34.75
This is without doubt the best Godello we have tasted, and it comes from the fascinating, high quality region of Valdeorras. Complex, elegant & intense with blossom aromas and ripe fruit flavours of apples, pears & melon. Fresh & harmonious.		
2011 Penedes 'Blanc de Pacs', Parés Baltà (Cataluña)	Organic	£24.75
An organically produced blend of Macabeo, Xarello and Parellada from established producer Parés Baltà - delicate, clean & soft; fruity and dry without being sharp – an excellent combination and a real crowd pleaser.		
2009 Penedes 'Electio', Parés Baltà (Penedes)*	Limited stock	£58.00
Truly stunning, elegant white made from a single vineyard of old Xarello vines high in the hills of Penedes, by innovative producer Parés Baltà. Fermented & aged in Allier <i>barriques</i> , it is complex, elegant & pure. Like ethereal white Burgundy.		
2010/2011 Terra Alta Garnacha Blanca, La Multa (Cataluña)		£20.50
A white Grenache with a difference. Winemaker and Master of Wine Norrel Robertson uses low-yield fruit from old Garnacha bush vines and produces a wine with freshness & vibrancy as well as weight and intensity. Punchy, and exciting.		
2010 Terra Alta Blanco 'Jaspi Blanc', Coca i Fitó (Cataluña)		£29.45
70% Grenache Blanc and 30% Macabeo from the catalunya area of terra Alta on the southern border of the region. It has excellent minerality which helps to define the vibrant fruit and broad texture of this excellent Spanish white.		
2009 Blanco Navazos, Niepoort (Andalucia)		£40.25
If you like fino or manzanilla you will adore this. Portugal's treasure Dirk Niepoort has produced a non-fortified wine made from Palamino Fino grapes, fermented in sherry 'butts' using wild yeasts and aged under a veil of 'flor' for 5 months. The complexity and endless finish are almost ethereal: a must-try.		

RED

- 2010/2011 Yecla Monastrell, Bodega Castaño (Yecla)** £18.50
An impressive wine from the up-and-coming Yecla area in south-eastern Spain. Made from Monastrell (Mourvedre), it has a deep colour with a peppery nose and dark, liquorice-tinged fruit.
- 2009 Jumilla Tinto, Bodegas Luzon (Jumilla)** £25.75
A young, intense & fruity red made from a blend of Monastrell & Syrah grown at high altitude in Jumilla. It is a “full-throttle”, exuberant, dense purple-coloured wine with loads of crème de cassis, liquorice, truffle, and acacia flower.
- 2010 Montsant ‘Jaspi Negre’, Coca i Fitó (Cataluña)** £30.00
Grenache, Carignan, Cabernet Sauvignon & Syrah - matured for 3 months in French oak barrels. Deep cherry in colour with ripe fruits, fresh & spicy notes and a touch of aniseed. Soft and silky tannins make this wine a real crowd pleaser.
- 2002 Priorat ‘Clos Martinet’, Mas Martinet (Cataluña)** *Limited stock* £72.50
A great chance to try this iconic Priorat producer’s flagship wine with age. The ’02 Mas Martinet was a triumph, despite a challenging vintage. Beautiful aromas of black cherries blueberries & espresso; rich, medium-bodied, elegant & pure.
- 2006 Gran Recosind Crianza Tinto, Cellers Santamaria (Cataluña)** £25.50
This tiny estate in the village of Capmany produces fascinating wines which they guard carefully until considered ready for drinking. The ’05 is a blend of 40% Garnacha, 40% Cab Sauvignon and 20% Cariñena, aged for 1 year in old barrels.
- 2009 Penedes Arrels, Montau de Sadurni (Cataluña)** £23.00
This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is produced in the Penedes area, to the southwest of Barcelona. It has bags of character, with intense blackberry on the nose and a soft palate with full & ripe tannins and lifting acidity.
- 2008 Conca-de-Barbera Tinto ‘Seleccion Crianza’, Moli dels Capellans (Cataluña)** £36.00
Made in tiny quantities, this old vine Tempranillo & Syrah from Conca de Barbera DO is handpicked and the juice extracted in an old basket press. With 6 months in French oak, it has sweet & spicy cherry fruit and impressive complexity.
- 2008 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla ‘Torre de Barreda’, Bodegas Juan de la Barreda (Castilla La Mancha)** £23.00
An excellent Tempranillo, with ripe and clean chunky red fruit but no overripeness or residual sweetness. Perfect with roast meats or stews, however a great allrounder and a wine of real personality.
- 2010 Tempranillo, Albizu (Rioja)** £15.50
The juice used for this wine would have gone into Albizu’s premium Rioja but, as excess production over the limits imposed by the Rioja DOC, it would have needed to be sold in bulk. Hence the wine is declassified – delicious, fruity “Rioja”!
- 2011 Rioja Vendimia, Bodegas Palacios Remondo (Rioja)** £25.50
A superb new-style Rioja made by magician Alvaro Palacios who made his name in Priorat. This is a 50/50 Garnacha Tempranillo forward-drinking young Rioja, with soft hedge-row flavours & subtle spice, and bags of charm.
- 2001 Rioja Reserva Viña Tondonia, R. López de Heredia (Rioja)** £47.25
This legendary vineyard produces wines with incredible complexity and ageing potential. The ’01 Tondonia Reserva is almost faultless, with the combination of clean & beautifully defined red fruit and developed, textured tannins.
- 1996 Rioja Gran Reserva, Bodegas Urbina (Rioja)** £42.75
Urbina’s Gran Reserva is a blend of 90% Tempranillo, 5% graciano and 5% Mazuelo from the estate’s best vineyards, and is aged in oak for 2 years and in bottle for 4 years before release. This is *real* Rioja, and just gets better every year.
- 1996 Rioja, Remelluri (Rioja)** £87.50
Remelluri’s ’96 is a brilliant example of modern Rioja – aged in smaller, mostly French oak barrels for around a year and a half and then bottled, it is darker and fruitier than traditional Riojas, with more finely textured tannins. This ’96 is a stunning example, and is reminiscent of very high quality aged Bordeaux, albeit with Rioja’s inimitable character.
- 2005 Navarra Tinto ‘Ars Nova’, Tandem (Navarra)** £28.25
Mediterranean herbs and rich black and red fruits. An intriguing take on the classic Bordeaux blend of Merlot and Cabernet, with Tempranillo thrown in to liven things up. This will leave a lasting impression.
- 2010 Cariñena Garnacha ‘Kalius’, Bodega Monfil (Aragon)** £17.50
A juicy Garnacha from old vines grown on hillside plots at 600m in this up-and-coming region. Fresh with wild raspberry fruit, good depth and colour and a sweet and juicy finish.
- 2009 Calatayud Garnacha, Bodega Las Rocas (Aragon)** £24.95
A brilliant, moody Garnacha from bush-grown vines grown at altitude in the Aragon sub-region of Calatayud. Spice & cassis aromas with a full body and a warming, spicy palate. Smooth Grenache tannins gently support the long, ripe finish.
- 2008 Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon ‘Estay’, Dominio Dostares (Castilla y Leon)** £30.45
An exceptional red made from 90 year-old Prieto Picudo, a variety rarely seen, grown on a plateau at 810 metres. Aged in old French, Hungarian & American barrels, it is fruity, complex & textured with floral aromatics & an elegant finish.
- 2010 Ribera del Duero ‘Ebano 6’, Ebano (Castilla y Leon)** £28.75
An early drinking style which has spent only four months in French oak and 2 months in bottle before release. It is however intense, fruity & full with dark fruit & minerality on the nose & palate and plenty of juicy acidity and warm, ripe tannins.
- 2008 Vinos de Madrid Tinto ‘Navaherreros Garnacha’, Bernabeleva (Castilla y Leon)** *Biodynamic* £37.45
A hugely impressive, biodynamic Garnacha - vinified in concrete, steel tanks & barriques, depending on the character of each parcel of fruit. Intense red fruit, brioche & blossom aromas, wild strawberry & raspberry flavours and a great finish.
- 2010 Ribeira Sacra Tinto ‘Peza do Rei’, Adegas Cachin (Galicia)** £28.25
Easily holding its own against the wave of reds from Bierzo, this 100% Mencia is from the Galician DO of Ribeira Sacra. It is medium bodied & fresh with dark cherry & plum, a hint of smoke and a smooth palate with moderate tannins.
- 2010 Binissalem-Mallorca ‘Virat’, Anima Negra (Mallorca)** £33.50
This superb Mallorcan red is a blend of the indigenous varieties Callet and Mantonegro. This has character in abundance, with pure cherry fruit and flavours of cardamom & nutmeg. The fruit is dark, the tannins sweet and the finish fresh.

PORTUGAL

WHITE

- 2009 Douro Branco Reserva, Filoco (Douro)** £29.45
A blend of Malvasia Fina, Rabigato & Viosinho, this fresh & deep white from Port country is fermented first in tank, and then finished in new barriques. It has attractive floral aromas and is intense with impressive freshness, volume & length.
- 2010 Douro Branco 'Redoma', Niepoort (Douro)** £37.00
A near iconic Douro white, Redoma is a blend of mainly Rabigato, Codega do Larinho, Arinto, Gouveio & Viosinho. Fermented in French oak barrels & large casks and aged on lees for 9 months, it is intensely mineral, rich, bright & fresh.
- 2010/2011 Vinho Verde, Arca Nova (Vinho Verde)** £21.50
Made from handpicked Loureiro and Pedernã grapes, this has the solid levels of acidity you might expect from this area, with surprising depth and roundness to the fruit. Light(ish), tasty and extremely drinkable.
- 2010 Vinho Verde Ponte de Lima Loureiro, Quinta do Ameal (Vinho Verde)** *Organic* £29.45
Quinta do Ameal's name is synonymous with the variety Loureiro in the Lima sub-region of Vinho Verde, and for good reason. This brilliant, gently-fermented white displays lovely floral aromatics matched with a smooth, crisp and ripe palate.
- 2010 Vinho Regional Minho 'Morgado do Perdigão', Quinta de Paços (Minho)** £25.95
A very impressive white from the beautiful northern coastal area of Minho, made from Alvarinho & Loureiro. The nose is delicately scented with good citrus notes & floral nuances. The palate is well structured, with pure fruit & lovely minerality.
- 2010 Dao Branco, Cunha Martins (Dao)** £25.95
This superb white is a blend of Encruzado, Bical and Rabo de Ovelha. The last stage of fermentation occurs in Portuguese oak, and the result is a wine with peach, vanilla & hazelnut aromas followed by a balanced, fresh & intense palate.
- 2010/2011 Maria Gomes, Luis Pato (Beiras)** £23.00
Made from the Maria Gomes grape variety by Portuguese legend Luis Pato, this is a very pure, slightly aromatic white with surprising elegance and a long finish. Citrus fruit and green apple characters dominate the palate.
- 2008 Vinhas do Lasso, Quinta do Pinto (Estremadura)** £28.00
From the coastal region of Estremadura, north of Lisbon, this gorgeous white is a blend of local grapes Arinto, Fernão Pires & Antão Vaz. Rich & textured, floral & apricot-tinged with hints of honey and a fresh, mineral-laced finish.
- 2010 Vinho Regional Peninsula de Setúbal Branco, Santo Isidro de Pegoes (Setúbal)** £18.50
This wonderful light (11.5% vol) white from the Setúbal peninsula, south of Lisbon, is a blend of Fernão Pires, Bual de Alicante, Tamarez & Moscatel. Gentle, fresh, soft and spritzy with lovely clean fruit, its a great Summer all-rounder.
- 2010/2011 Vinho Regional Ribatejano 'Talhão 01', Quinta da Lagoalva (Ribatejo)** £24.50
A delicious floral, delicate and clean white that is soft and fruity on the palate. Very attractive, fresh acidity helps to prolong the finish. The grape varieties here are Fernão Pires, Arinto and Alvarinho.

ROSÉ

- 2011 Vinho Regional Ribatejano Rosé, Quinta da Lagoalva (Ribatejo)** £24.50
Strawberry red in colour, with strawberry & raspberry aromas and a balanced, drinkable and fresh palate. Delicious as an apéritif or with salads, pasta, seafood, lean meats or grilled fish.

RED

- 2009 Douro Tinto 'Drink Me', Niepoort (Douro)** £25.95
Dirk Niepoort is arguably the most famous winemaker in Portugal. This is the 3rd vintage of 'Drink Me', an easier drinking red than his top cuvees, but which retains the complexity, mineral notes & depth found in classic Douro wines.
- 2004 Obidos Reserva, Quinta das Cerejeiras (Obidos)** *Limited stock* £34.45
Cerejeira's Reserva blend of Castelão, Touriga Nacional & Aragonas has rich aromas & focused, developed fruit. A core of textured, rich fruit helps this to be a hugely enjoyable red which can be drunk on its own or with red meat dishes.
- 2009 Cerejeiras Colheita Seleccionada, Sanguinhal (Estremadura)** £23.00
Aragonez & Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are picked by hand and fermented in tank at 25-26°C for 20 days. Aged further in tank before bottling, the wine has lively red fruit flavours, spice and a fresh finish. Good with red meat and hard cheese.
- 2010 Vinho Regional Peninsula de Setúbal Tinto, Santo Isidro de Pegoes (Setúbal)** £18.50
A lovely light, soft red, perfect as a versatile food wine or simply on its own, this is made from the variety Castelão Francês, known locally as Periquita. Soft red fruit & soft tannins that lend just enough texture, finished with ample freshness.
- 2009 Dao Tinto, Quinta do Correio (Dao)** £21.95
Quinta do Correio (the "postman's estate") comes from the illustrious stable of Quinta dos Roques in the Dao. Made mostly from Jaen, with just 10% barrel ageing, this offers all the succulence of the Dao, without the heaviness of the grander wines.
- 2009 Dao Tinto, Casa de Mouraz (Dao)** *Biodynamic* £25.95
An organically and biodynamically produced red made from Roriz, Alfrocheiro & Touriga. Casa de Mouraz is located high in the Dao hills, and the Tinto is medium bodied with very clean red fruit, nicely textured tannins and a long dry finish.
- 2008 Vinho Regional Alentejano, Azamor (Alentejo)** £24.75
A blend of 40% Syrah, 40% Touriga Franca and 20% Merlot from the upper Alentejano region of Portugal, near Estremoz. Elegantly structured with soft, plummy fruit and lovely purity on the nose.
- 2009 Vinho Regional Alentejano 'Vinhas do Mouro', Quinta do Mouro (Alentejo)** £25.95
The second wine from cult-status Alentejo estate Quinta do Mouro, and a very special wine. A blend of 45% Trincadeira, 30% Aragonês, 15% Alicante Bouschet and 10% Cabernet, it is elegant, deep, complex, pure and textured. Lovely.
- 2010 Vinho Regional Alentejano 'Virgo', Torre do Frade (Alentejo)** £33.00
An intriguing blend of Trincadeira, Alicante Bouschet, Aragonês & Syrah from the dynamic southern region Alentejo. Part tank, part used French oak fermented, it is fresh & aromatic with blackberry, cherry & plum and full & round tannins.

GREECE

WHITE

- 2011 Peleponnese White 'Cuvee Prestige', Skouras (Peloponnesus)** £23.00
Made from Roditis & Moscofilero, this delightful white has white blossom & avocado aromas followed by citrus, orange oil & mint characters. Refreshingly different, and a lovely fresh wine to enjoy as the weather becomes more Greek-like!
- 2010/2011 Santorini Dry White, Hatzidakis (Santorini)** £28.75
Made from Assyrtiko (Greece's noble white indigenous grape) grown on Santorini's volcanic soil from vines in excess of 100 years. Ripe, spicy & aromatic nose with richness on the palate balanced by racy acidity.

RED

- 2007/2008 Sillogi Organic Red, Moraitis (Paros)** **Organic** £25.50
Produced by 4th generation winemakers on the beautiful island of Paros. The wine is an organic blend of Cabernet & the indigenous Aidani grape, aged in old oak for 18 months. Medium to full bodied with fresh, chunky red fruit & great acidity.
- 2010 Naoussa 'Young Vine', Thymiopoulos (Macedonia)** £25.50
From one of the young stars of mainland Greece's wine production, this almost Pinot Noir-like red is made from young vine Xynomavro. Fragrant, medium bodied, light yet textured tannins and pure cherry & plum fruit. Try with chicken or duck.

ITALY WHITE

SARDINIA, SICILY, PUGLIA & CAMPANIA

- 2011 Bianco di Sicilia, Borgo Selene (Sicily)** £15.50
A bright straw coloured wine with a fruity bouquet of green apples and pears, this is a blend of Catarratto and Inzolia. Crisp and clean on the palate, it is fresh and medium bodied with lovely crisp acidity.
- 2010 Etna Bianco, Graci (Sicily)** £36.45
Graci's philosophy is that they only grow varieties indigenous to the Mt Etna region (in this case Catarratto and Carricante) and respect local traditions and the distinct character of each vintage. Sold! Lemon rind and a striking mineral-rock character are evident here, with a super-pure palate with lovely weight and texture and a fresh, mineral finish.
- 2010 Vermentino di Sardegna 'I Fiori', Pala (Sardinia)** £28.25
A single vineyard wine from grapes grown on limestone-sandy hills at 220 metres above sea level. Purely tank fermented, it has floral aromas with hints of thyme & greengage. Fabulous depth & freshness – a benchmark Vermentino.
- 2010 Fiano 'Magio', Feudi di San Marzano (Puglia)** £28.25
A fresh and clean Fiano with a lovely hint of floral aromatics alongside perfectly ripe peach and apple characters. Remarkably well balanced white from this sun-baked region, with a light touch that defies its provenance.

ABRUZZO, LAZIO, MARCHES & TUSCANY

- 2011 Madregale Bianco, Cantina Tollo (Abruzzo)** £15.50
From an award winning cooperative in Southern Italy, this wine is a blend of 90% Chardonnay and 10% Trebbiano. An unoaked style with subtle flavours of green apples, yellow plums and almonds, with a refreshing crisp finish.
- 2010 Frascati Superiore 'Crio 12', Cantine San Marco (Lazio)** £25.50
Forget your image of cheap corner-shop Frascati, this is the real thing. 40% Malvasia, 40% Malvasia Candia & 20% Trebbiano Toscano, its crisp & focused with surprising body & complexity. Perfect with chicken & white fish dishes.
- 2010/2011 Verdicchio di Matelica 'Terra di Valbona', Belisario (Marches)** £19.95
Bafflingly good value for this delicious Verdicchio. Aromatic and clean with perfumes of acacia and honey. On the palate it is full-bodied, but with a lovely balance between a crisp green apple character and rich honey and lemon.
- 2010/2011 Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Cesani (Tuscany)** £28.45
This wine has been produced since the Renaissance, in and around the beautiful Tuscan hill town of San Gimignano. Cesani's excellent white has the classic fresh green apple and almond characters, and the palate is lifted by good minerality.

VENETO, FRIULI & ALTO ADIGE

- 2011 'G' Garganega, Alpha Zeta (Veneto)** £16.75
Garganega is *the* best grape from Soave. From innovative producer Alpha Zeta, this is aromatic & rich with freshness & length. Brilliant all-rounder.
- 2009 Soave Classico 'Calvarino', Pieropan (Veneto)** £35.45
Sensational Soave Classico from Pieropan, in the shape of 'Calvarino', a blend of 70% Garganega and 30% Trebbiano di Soave. Intense nose of blossom & apricot with mineral, apple and peach on the palate and a hint of acacia honey.
- 2010 Pinot Grigio Isonzo 'I Feudi di Romans', Lorenzon (Friuli)** £25.95
Superb white from the Isonzo area of Friuli. It has a faint orange hue from the minimal skin contact before fermentation; it is full and round with lift coming from the texture, minerality & fresh acidity. This is how Pinot Grigio should be.
- 2010/2011 Friulano Friuli 'TOH!', Di Lenardo (Friuli)** £28.45
Made from 100% Friulano (used to be known as Tocai Friulano), TOH! has characteristic bitter almond scents with a delicate and refined palate, soft and round texture and pure, clean fruit with gentle acidity.
- 2010 Colli Orientali del Friuli Ribolla Gialla, Perusini (Friuli)** £36.00
Perusini's lengthy clonal selection process has brought out the very best the Ribolla Gialla grape has to offer. Savoury, steely, mineral notes with elegant blossom aromas. It is complex, elegant & cleansing, with a mineral finish.
- 2006 Collio Pinot Bianco Riserva, Russiz Superiore (Friuli)** £49.25
Russiz's Pinot Bianco Riserva is aged on its lees for 3 years before bottling, and has elegant, sweet aromas of ripe apples with a whiff of just-baked bread. Its crisp fruitiness is balanced with a pleasant softness and a perfect, lingering finish.
- 2011 Müller Thurgau Alto Adige, Cantina Andriano (Alto Adige)** £30.25
Müller Thurgau is a hybrid, crossing Riesling & Sylvaner. After fermentation the wine is kept on lees in tank for 6 months before bottling, resulting in greater texture & depth to back up the delicious fresh peach fruit and attractive aromatics.

- 2010 Terlaner Classico, Cantina Terlano (Alto Adige)** £33.45
A blend of three grape varieties from the classic district of Terlano (South-Tyrol): Pinot Bianco, Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc. Aromas of petals, tropical fruit & yeast and a deep & persistent palate with super-pure fruit & wonderful acidity.
- 1998 Alto Adige Chardonnay, Cantina Terlano (Alto Adige)** £143.50
A rare chance to see how well Terlano's whites age. The tiny production '98 Chardonnay has incredible freshness with a delicate yet rich texture, pronounced minerality & great complexity. One of the finest Chardonnays, from anywhere!
- 2010 Kerner Alto Adige, Abbazia di Novacella (Alto Adige)** £35.45
Made from the little-known Kerner grape, this has steely, mineral aromas with touches of lime and mandarin. Its flavours are rich and well textured with sweet apple and citrus fruit, and the finish is minerally and dry. Highly recommended.

PIEMONTE & LOMBARDY

- 2010 Gavi di Gavi 'Lugarara', La Giustiniana (Piemonte)** £33.45
Top Gavi is hard to beat. La Giustiniana's single vineyard 'Lugarara' gets better each year thanks to continual improvements in the winery and vineyard. Scents of apples & pears, with ripe golden apple, almond & honey on the palate.
- 2008 Colli Tortonesi Derthona, Claudio Mariotto (Piemonte)** £34.45
Claudio Mariotto is passionate about each of the Piemonte varietals that he so expertly produces. 'Derthona' is 100% Timarasso, from 40 year-old vines, and is focused, spiced & mineral on the nose and vibrantly alive on its elegant palate.
- 2009 Colli Piacentini Malvasia 'Tasto di Seta', Castello di Luzzano (Lombardy)** £28.00
A superb dry Malvasia. 'Tasto di Seta' means touch of silk - it has an intensely aromatic, floral nose with acacia and mint, and a balanced, soft and fragrant palate with excellent length. A really classy wine.

ITALY ROSÉ

- 2011 Rosato della Provincia di Verona, Alpha Zeta (Veneto)** £15.95
Produced in Valpolicella from Corvina. Vibrant & fresh on the palate, with a fresh, lively cherry fruit character and a fragrant finish.

ITALY RED

SARDINIA, SICILY, CALABRIA, PUGLIA, MOLISE & CAMPANIA

- 2011 Rosso di Sicilia, Borgo Selene (Sicily)** £16.75
A balanced medium to full-bodied red made from Sicilian varieties Nero d'Avola & Nerello Mascalese. Soft, round and quaffable.
- 2010 Rosso di Sicilia 'Sherazade', Donnafugata (Sicily)** £25.75
Donnafugata's wines are brilliant. 'Sherazade' is 100% Nero d'Avola and is full-bodied but still fresh on the palate with blackberry flavours & a touch of chocolate, & soft, ripe tannins & good balance through to the finish.
- 2010 Etna Rosso, Graci (Sicily)** £36.45
Graci's outstanding red is made from the local grape Nerello Mascalese, grown on the volcanic slopes so famously produced by the volcano. Unoaked to preserve the aromatics & complex dark fruit characters, it has unique intensity and character.
- 2010 Isola dei Nuraghi IGT 'Primo Rosso', Cantina Mesa (Sardinia)** £24.50
A blend of Carignan & Syrah from this exciting new winery, Primo Rosso has a powerful palate of spiced blackberries, plenty of full & ripe tannins & flavours of spice and leather giving way to a long, cinnamon and chocolate finish.
- 2009 Cannonau di Sardegna 'Tonaghe', Contini (Sardinia)** £33.00
Contini's Cannonau (Grenache) comes from traditional 'shrub' vines grown in the Ogliastra & Oliena regions of Sardinia. Deeply coloured, wonderfully aromatic & textured with wild-raspberry palate. Eat with grilled meat, game & aged cheese.
- 2008 Primitivo, A Mano (Puglia)** £19.95
This is the 11th vintage of Mark Shanon's now iconic Primitivo A Mano and it is better than ever. It captures the spirit of this fabulous Puglian variety, giving perfumes of ripe raspberries and a spicy, smoky edge from the oak ageing.
- 2008 IGT Terre del Volturno Aglianico 'Vignantica', Selvanova (Campania)** £34.00
A brilliant demonstration of what the grape Aglianico can produce when you take a step up. Part-aged in Acacia barrels, part in huge Slavonian oak 'foudres', it has stunningly pure red fruit, fine tannins, great length and entrancing complexity.
- 2007 Biferno Rosso Riserva, Camillo De Lellis (Molise)** £20.50
From one of Italy's smallest regions, bordering Abruzzo, Lazio, Campania & Puglia. A blend of Montepulciano & Aglianico with a splash of Trebbiano, it is bold & powerful with a complex bouquet, cassis fruit, firm tannins & true rustic warmth.

TUSCANY, ABRUZZO & EMILIA ROMAGNA

- 2010 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 'Frentano', Cantina Sociale Frentana (Abruzzo)** £19.50
A great example of this rustic style; tank-fermented and dark and full-bodied with plenty of prunes, plums and dark cherries.
- 2009 Rosso di Toscana IGT, Poggiotondo (Tuscany)** £21.50
Poggiotondo is Alberto Antonini's family estate, and his Tuscan IGT is a blend of 40% Sangiovese, 40% Merlot & 40% Syrah. Pleasingly rustic with good Sangiovese structure & acidity balanced with spicy dark fruit & a soft, plummy character.
- 2009 Barco Reale di Carmignano, Tenuta di Capezzana (Tuscany)** £28.75
70% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Canaiolo Nero. It is matured for 10 months in Allier oak barrels and 3 months in bottle before release. Blackcurrant & cherry fruit with ripe tannins. Delicious.
- 2009 'Birillo', Tenuta Marsiliana (Tuscany)** £34.00
From an estate high in Maremma hills near the Tuscan coast, 'Birillo' is a Cabernet Merlot blend and is a sheer delight. 6 months in used barriques before bottling, it is full & structured with sweet, pure, ripe red fruit and a dry & textured finish.
- 2001 Tignanello IGT, Piero Antinori (Tuscany)** *Limited stock* £156.00
In 2001 Tignanello captured a super-concentrated and dense expression of fruit. A very-ripe style with tons of dark fruit, smoke and toasted oak. There is remarkable power here, anything less and it wouldn't be the iconic 'Super Tuscan' that it is.

2009 Rosso di Montalcino, Fanti (Tuscany)		£36.45
An impressive, fruit-forward Rosso di Montalcino. Sangiovese provides lip-smacking acidity as well as full & ripe fruit and tannins, and the Rosso spends 12 months in oak compared with 24 for Brunello, making it accessible a little earlier.		
2006 Brunello di Montalcino 'Palazzo Comunale', Cantina di Montalcino (Tuscany)		£61.50
A superb Brunello in this vintage with perfumes of plums & blackberries and a savoury, lightly spiced note. The palate is full-bodied, with flavours of blackberries & autumnal soft fruit offset by rounded tannins and solid structure.		
2008 Chianti Classico 'Retromarcia', Monte Bernardi (Tuscany)	<i>Biodynamic</i>	£33.00
Produced in Panzano, one of Chianti Classico's prime sites, 'Retromarcia' is a beautifully pure & elegant red from biodynamic & organic producer Monte Bernardi. Elegant red fruit, fine tannins, sweet spice & a long, juicy finish.		
1998 Chianti Classico Riserva 'Cortevecchia', Fattoria le Corti (Tuscany)		£58.00
From the superb '98 vintage, this Reserva has been stored at Le Corti and shipped only recently. A stunning example of fine Chianti with spicy, well textured red cherry fruit, textbook acidity, an elegant palate and a subtly perfumed finish.		
2010 Sangiovese Rubicon, Vinvita (Emilia Romagna)		£16.75
Excellent dark cherry & plum-fruited fresh Sangiovese from this modern producer in the heart of the northern region of Emilia Romagna. Unadulterated, clean and very enjoyable, it makes a great aperitif or will go with most meats & cheeses.		
<i>PIEMONTE & LOMBARDY</i>		
2010 Oltrepo Pavese Pinot Nero 'Umoro Nero', Castello di Luzzano (Lombardy)		£25.50
From the wonderful Castello di Luzzano estate, 'Umoro Nero' is bright ruby in colour and has aromas of rose petal & wild strawberry. It sees no wood nor undergoes ageing and is a refreshingly different yet genuinely delicious take on Pinot Noir.		
2010 Piemonte Barbera, Riva Leone (Piemonte)		£24.50
Superb value for this Piemonte DOC Barbera, packed with fleshy dark fruit, fine tannins and typically keen Barbera acidity. 20% of the wine, following fermentation, is aged in old French and American barriques.		
2010 Dolcetto d'Alba, G.D. Vajra (Piemonte)		£33.45
This wine displays great depth of colour with lovely herbal berry notes that characterise good Dolcetto. Red, black & blueberries with a touch of dried summer herbs follow to the palate and the finish is long and textured.		
2009 Colli Tortonesi 'Braghe', Claudio Mariotto (Piemonte)		£24.95
Made entirely from the little known, haunting grape variety of Freisa. It is medium bodied with a deep colour, lovely spicy and finely textured palate and hints of wild strawberries and fresh crushed nuts. Unusual and excellent.		
2001 Boca 'Casa Rosa', Antonio Vallana (Piemonte)		£36.50
Made predominantly from Nebbiolo, with a little Vespolina and Bonarda, this shows the classic freshness & finesse of the region. Pure & floral on the nose, the palate is fresh with cherry, aniseed and spice and terrific fine, supporting tannins.		
2010 Langhe Nebbiolo, Produttori del Barbaresco (Piemonte)		£35.00
An excellent Nebbiolo, designed to be drunk earlier than Barbaresco, from world-renowned producer Produttori del Barbaresco. Vibrant and textured with floral & spicy aromas, it is loaded with textured black fruit spices.		
2007 Barolo, Riva Leone (Piemonte)		£42.25
A young but extremely forward and drinkable Barolo, as is characterised by the '07 vintage. It carries the distinctive Nebbiolo violet & liquorice scents and a rich, full-bodied but elegant palate with earthy, chocolaty notes & good complexity.		
2004 Barolo, Borgogno (Piemonte)	<i>Limited stock</i>	£70.00
From the superb 2004 vintage, Borgogno's Barolo is drinking well now, although can be cellared for years. It has stunning ripeness & balance with full, smooth tannins and very attractive purity & freshness.		
2001 Barolo, Borgogno (Piemonte)	<i>Limited stock</i>	£70.00
Another brilliant vintage, this has an ethereal nose and remarkable palate. Textbook Barolo.		
1978 Barolo Classico Riserva from Borgogno (Piemonte)		£176.00
Bartolomeo Borgogno founded his winery in 1761; this lays claim to be the oldest estate in Barolo. The '78 has generous aromas of spices, dried flowers & leather and even a hint of beeswax. A velvety mouth feel with amazing length & acidity.		
<i>VENETO, FRIULI, TRENTO & ALTO ADIGE</i>		
2007 IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti 'Moratel', Cesconi (Trentino)		£33.45
The Cesconi brothers go from strength to strength, having transformed their family estate into one of northern Italy's most exciting. Dark, deep & perfumed with spicy red & black berry fruit, this is a Merlot, Cabernet, Teroldego & Lagrein blend.		
2008 Lagrein dell'Alto Adige Riserva 'Gries', Cantina Terlano (Alto Adige)		£42.25
The best white wine producer in Alto Adige also makes unforgettable reds. This single vineyard Riserva, made entirely from Lagrein, is scented, complex & medium bodied with bitter chocolate & violet characters and a pure, spicy finish.		
2011 Merlot Corvina, Ponte Pietra (Veneto)		£15.95
The Merlot lends the wine a soft, blackberry voluptuousness, whereas ripe Corvina adds the characteristic cherry blossom perfume & ripe cherry pie fruit character to the palate and finish. Clean, fresh & well-balanced through to the finish.		
2010 Valpolicella Classico, Le Salette (Veneto)		£25.75
A lovely Valpolicella Classico: intense aromas of dried fruit and spices with a soft & balanced palate and long finish. It is soft & floral, pretty & delicate with red fruit, sweet herbs, liquorice and black pepper.		
2006 Amarone della Valpolicella, Torre del Falasco (Veneto)		£48.70
Stunning Amarone, with unique depth & dimension. Ripe, long & rich with an almost merging of the soft tannins & integrated acidity. The grapes are dried for around 4 months before fermentation, the wine then aged in oak for 18 months.		
2009 Refosco del Friuli, Ponte del Diavolo (Friuli)		£20.50
An easy drinking, fruity version of Friuli's most interesting red grape. Medium to full-bodied with blackberry & cherry fruit and a hint of the savoury, 'meaty' characters that distinguish the grape. Delicious with grilled red meat.		

CROATIA

WHITE

2010 Pošip, PZ Svirce (Dalmation Coast)

£24.75

The white variety Pošip is indigenous to Croatia and is only found here on the Dalmation coast. Considered in Croatia to be the grape, Svirce's Pošip is deliciously fresh & light with clean fruit and a herbaceous twang. Drink with an *al fresco* dinner.

RED

2010 Plavac Mali, Peljesac (Peljesac Peninsula)

£24.25

A variety only found in Croatia, this Plavac Mali is grown on the Peljesac Peninsula, close to Dubrovnik on the Adriatic Sea. It is an ancestor of Zinfandel, and is rustic & spicy with a smooth palate and moderate tannins. And only 12% alcohol.

HUNGARY

RED

2008 Egri Bikaver 'Bull's Blood', Bolyki (Eger)

£29.45

Making a comeback? A superb example of Hungarian Bull's Blood that will leave a lasting impression. Deeply coloured and intense, it has a core of dark, almost tarry fruit, elegant red cherry aromas, lively acidity and a tight tannic structure.

BULGARIA

RED

2008 Organic Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Mavrud, Terra Tangra (Sakar, Thracian Valley)

£28.25

From vines grown on the Sakar mountain plateau, an area known as the Bordeaux of Bulgaria due to the quality of Merlot. Add Cabernet and the indigenous Mavrud, the result is dark & spicy with raspberry, pomegranate, plums and soft tannins.

SLOVAKIA

WHITE

2010 Muller-Thurgau 'Jagnet', Karpatska Perla (Small Carpathians)

£26.00

Made from 100% Muller-Thurgau, this wine is as 'clean as a whistle'. With racy acidity and tantalising citrus and grapefruit notes on the nose backed up with a delicate stone fruit palate. Faultless.

SLOVENIA

WHITE

2011 Štajerska Slovenija Sauvignon, Verus Vineyards (Ormoz)

£30.00

First class Sauvignon Blanc from this cool climate area in eastern Slovenia on the Croatian border. Vibrant fruit with the classic gooseberry, passionfruit & nettle aromas, and good depth of flavour and length. Crisp and elegant on the palate.

AUSTRIA

WHITE

2011 Gruner Veltliner 'Lois', Loimer (Kamptal)

£24.95

Classic Gruner aromas of exotic spice, perfumes, pineapple & grapefruit. On the palate it has medium body with refreshing levels of acidity & good minerality. Great value for quality Austrian Gruner.

RED

2010 'Wien 2', Weingut Pfaffl (Vienna)

£30.00

'Wien 2' is 70% Zweigelt and 30% Pinot Noir grown on vineyards on a plateau with an incredible view of Vienna.

Fragrances of blackberry, raspberry & cherry with soft, nicely structure tannins, hints of strawberry and a dry, juicy finish.

2009 Pinot Noir, Johanneshof-Reinisch (Thermenregion)

£34.00

The Thermenregion is in lower Austria and boasts 200 years of wine growing. This Pinot is medium-bodied with fabulous intensity, spicy wild strawberry & cherry fruit, very fine tannins and flowing acidity.

GERMANY

WHITE

2009 Weisser Burgunder Kabinett Trocken, Bercher (Baden)

£33.25

A ripe and powerful Pinot Blanc with great intensity and weight. Huge complexity, balanced by lively acidity and honeyed, mineral touches. One of our favourites.

2009 QBA 'St Veit' Trocken, Hans Wircher (Franken)

£30.00

This estate has been owned by the Wircher family since 1630. 'St Veit' is a blend of Silvaner, Scheurebe & Riesling and has a complex, layered nose with hints of citrusy apple & blackcurrant. Round & complex, building to a dry & fresh finish.

2010 Riesling Trocken 'Tres Naris', Axel Pauly (Mosel)

£29.25

Axel Pauly, 31 years old, is one of Germany's rising stars after having completed vintages in California & New Zealand and taken over the estate from his father. Fresh hay & yellow fruits on the nose with an intense palate, ripe fruit & a juicy finish.

2010 Scheurebe Trocken, Matthias Gaul (Pfalz)

£29.45

From limestone vineyards surrounding Asselheim Southwest Germany and made from the Scheurebe variety, first cultivated in 1916. Clean tropical fruit with fresh grapefruit & a hint of blackcurrant, and lovely fresh mineral finish.

2009 Riesling QBA 'R3', Stefan Breuer (Rheingau)

£33.45

This 5 hectare estate is to be found around Geisenheim in the Rheingau. This is a lovely pure & complex Riesling with a touch of residual sugar, perfectly balanced by the minerality and natural acidity.

RED

- 2008 Spaetburgunder 'Q Sonnett', Heger (Baden)** £36.00
Germany produces some very high quality Pinot Noir, and this fruit-driven example from the Baden region is no exception. The vineyard was founded in 1935 by Dr Max Heger, grandfather of the current proprietor, and the area has an almost Mediterranean climate. Cherry & strawberry fruit with savoury hints, low tannins & good acidity.

ENGLAND

WHITE

- 2010 Bacchus, Camel Valley (Cornwall)** £33.25
A dry, steely and aromatic wine with fantastic definition. The nose is not dissimilar to good Sancerre, and the fruit is fresh and citrusy with floral hints. Very high quality, cementing Camel Valley's position as one of England's best producers.
- 2010 Pinot Blanc, Stopham Estate (West Sussex)** £30.00
Definitely a contender for best English still white wine, this Pinot Blanc produced from a small vineyard near Pulborough and made by ex-engineer Simon Woodhead, has aromas of white flowers & hedgerow, and delicious orchard fruit flavours.
- 2010 'Surrey Gold', Denbies (Surrey)** £21.95
A highly drinkable, rich and fresh white from Denbies in Surrey. Made from Muller Thurgau, Bacchus and Ortega, it is deliciously fragrant, rich in fruit and floral aromas with subtle hints of spice.
- 2009 Willow Brook', Three Choirs (Gloucestershire)** £20.50
When we visited this stunning vineyard close to the English Welsh border last year we were very impressed. A blend of Schonburger & Siegerrebe, this is fresh with delicate rose petal aromas and lightly spiced pear & white peach flavours.
- 2009 Veritas, Astley Vineyard (Worcestershire)** £35.45
An exceptional off-dry white made from un-chaptalised Kerner. Its residual sweetness is countered wonderfully by the punchy, oily texture and clean, fresh acidity. A wine to think with and to eat with. Try it, it's really good.

RED

- 2010 Woolley Red, Avonleigh (Wiltshire)** *Organic* £29.45
Di and Ingrid planted their Cotswold vineyard in 2006. The '10 Woolley red is made from organic Rondo, with 3 months in French Oak. Savoury, dark cherry aromas followed by a juicy palate with dark berry fruit, soft texture & pure finish.

AUSTRALIA WHITE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 2010 Sauvignon Riesling 'The Opportunist', One Chain Vineyards (Adelaide Hills)** £21.95
A blend of Sauvignon & Riesling from premium fruit grown in the Adelaide Hills. Very well made and incredibly good value, it is herbaceous and vibrant on the nose, with fresh grapefruit, guava and mango on the palate.
- 2011 Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc, Shaw & Smith (Adelaide Hills)** £30.45
A benchmark Australian Sauvignon Blanc made with fruit from several vineyards in the cool Adelaide Hills. Restrained aromas of cut grass, blackcurrant leaf & gooseberry and the palate is fresh & lively with beautifully pure varietal character.
- 2009 Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 'M3 Vineyard', Shaw & Smith (Adelaide Hills)** £44.70
One of Australia's finest premium Chardonnays, made by the impeccable Shaw & Smith winery. Barrel fermented in new and one year old French barriques during which time the lees were regularly stirred and malolactic fermentation took place. Perfumes of ripe peaches and a rich palate with a spicy character and clean, mineral fruit.
- 2006 Riesling 'Kanta', Egon Müller (Adelaide Hills)** £37.45
Egon Müller is an iconic wine producer, based in the Mosel in Germany. Rather than produce Riesling in South Australia's famous Clare Valley, he opted to produce this brilliant, bone-dry, delicate & floral Riesling in the cooler Adelaide Hills.
- 2010 Chardonnay 'The Great Escape', Thistledown (Eden Valley)** £25.50
A delicious oaked Chardonnay from the Eden Valley, next to the Barossa Valley, at a slighter higher altitude. Fresh, focused citrus characters sit alongside perfectly judged French oak flavours, producing commendable balance & finesse.
- 2010/2011 McLaren Vale Viognier, Willunga 100 (McLaren Vale)** £24.50
Willunga 100's wines get better each year, and represent unheard of value. This Viognier is focused & textured, with apricot & blossom aromas and pure peach and pear flavours on the palate. The acidity is lively, the complexity surprising.
- 2009 Verdelho, Chapel Hill (McLaren Vale)** £33.45
Made by rising star Michael Fragos, this classic Verdelho has aromas of lime, lemongrass & herbs leading to a refreshing, medium-bodied palate with a dry, crisp structure and a soft, smooth finish.

VICTORIA & NEW SOUTH WALES

- 2008 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Sandford Estate (Murray River, Victoria)** £21.95
A small estate located on the Murray river in Victoria. This is a subtle, fresh and textured white, made from 74% Semillon and 26% Sauvignon. Kiwi fruit aromas are followed by a fresh, apple palate with texture and an almost savoury edge.
- 2010 Pinot Gris, Innocent Bystander (Yarra Valley, Victoria)** £28.25
An excellent Pinot Gris from this producer established in 2004, with a welcome lightness of touch. Aromas of fresh apples & pear, jasmine & ginger. A crunchy texture with racy acidity & flavours of lime zest, apple and 'slatey' minerality.
- 2004 Marsanne, Chateau Tahbilk (Nagambie Lakes, Victoria)** £30.45
An iconic Marsanne and one which ages superbly. The '04 is delicious now, and will age even further. Butterscotch hints with fresh green pea pod, citrus, quince & pear fruit characters. This will give many white Rhones a run for their money.
- 2007 Semillon 'Old Broke Block', Glenguin (Hunter Valley, New South Wales)** £35.45
Classic Hunter Valley Semillon – a unique animal which needs time. It is 9.5% alcohol, unoaked and full of steely, lemony acidity. Now 5 years old, it is starting to develop the typical Hunter Semillon toasty, honeyed characters along with a slight oiliness to the nose and palate. Lovely now, or keep it for another 10 years!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 2009 Chenin Blanc, Capel Vale (Western Australia)** £26.25
 This Chenin Blanc (rare in Australia) is wonderfully judged and impressively made. Many warm climate Chenins are ripe and undistinguished, but this bears the acidity, minerality and the lick of honey that France's best examples have to offer.
- 2010 Great Southern Riesling, Plantagenet (Great Southern)** £29.45
 Riesling is arguably what this well-established estate does best. Intense aromas of green apple & lemon rind with mineral, slatey hints. Firm acidity is balanced by good depth of fruit, spicy citrus flavours and a crisp finish.

AUSTRALIA RED

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 2009 Shiraz Cabernet 'The Wrong 'Un', One Chain Vineyards (South Australia)** £19.50
 A delicious Shiraz Cabernet from vineyards close to Adelaide, with ripe & spicy fruit, good texture and a pleasingly dry, fresh finish.
- 2009 Clare Valley Shiraz, Mt Horrocks (Clare Valley)** £43.70
 Stephanie Toole's Shiraz is, quite simply, brilliant. Don't expect an archetypal Aussie Shiraz – scents of mulberry & cinnamon, ripe & super-pure, restrained, elegant, spicy & fresh with a precise structure of fine tannins and minerality.
- 2007 The Cabernets, Skillogalee (Clare Valley)** £37.45
 In a stunning location in South Australia's Clare Valley, this made from non-irrigated vines grown at 450m altitude. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Malbec, it is deep and spicy with intense blackcurrant and black olive.
- 2008 Shiraz, Redfin (South Australia)** £19.50
 A fruity, well structured Shiraz that knocks the socks off most easy-drinking Aussie reds. The majority of fruit for this comes from South Australia's premium region McLaren Vale, and it shows. French oak maturation adds spice & texture.
- 2010 Vino di Casa, Domaine Lucci (Adelaide Hills)** £34.45
 From a tiny producer in the Adelaide Hills who believes passionately in literally no intervention in the winery, apart from minimal quantities of sulphur just before bottling. This is an unusual blend of Sangiovese, Petit Verdot and Shiraz, and made to be in the mould of a Rhone red. Sweet berry fruit, soft tannins, not too much colour, earthy and dry on the finish.
- 2010 McLaren Vale Tempranillo, Willunga 100 (McLaren Vale)** £24.50
 From the Blewitt Springs sub-region and grown on dark basalt & sandy soils, this serious Tempranillo has aromas of black cherry & sweet spice, blackberry & raspberry fruit with juicy acidity & fine tannins and a long, savoury finish.
- 1996 Grenache 'Blewitt Springs', Clarendon Hills (Clarendon)** £87.50
 This single vineyard 'Blewitt Springs' Grenache, in this case after 15 years, is full, spiced, sweet and scented with raspberry and lavender and a blueberry pie palate. It has gently developed flavours and good balancing acidity. High impact.
- 2009 Dolcetto Lagrein, Heartland (Langhorne Creek)** £30.45
 A blend of 70% Dolcetto and 30% Lagrein (northern Italian varieties) grown in Langhorne. Dark in colour with aromas of violets, bilberry, cinnamon & vanilla. A velvety texture, assertive acidity and flavours of woodland berries & cherries.

VICTORIA

- 2009 Estate Pinot Noir, Gary Crittenden (Mornington Peninsula)** £35.25
 As the names suggests, the Pinot used for this wine is estate grown. The wine spends around a year following fermentation in new, one and two year-old French barriques. Texture is rich & structured, with soft tannins and a fresh finish.
- 2007 Shiraz, Greenstone (Heathcote)** £34.45
 This is 94% Shiraz with a splash of Mourvedre and drip of Viognier. With 5 years age, this is starting to get really interesting. Densely layered, dark plum fruit, supple & fine tannins and great elegance & freshness.
- 2000 Baptista, David Traeger (Heathcote)** £87.50
 From vines planted in 1891 by Baptista Governa, the eponymous 2000 Shiraz bears David Traeger's trademark characteristics of power & elegance. Now nicely developed, it is nonetheless still youthful with marvellous intensity & spice.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 2008 Shiraz, Capel Vale (Western Australia)** £25.50
 Capel Vale's shiraz is sourced from a number of vineyards in Western Australia, not far from Margaret River and Pemberton. This is great Shiraz, stylish and elegant wine with gentle tannins and excellent varietal characters.
- 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, Vasse Felix (Margaret River)** £33.45
 A first class Cabernet blend from Margaret River, recognised as one of the finest *terroirs* for Cabernet Sauvignon in the country. Elegant and finely structured, the palate is pure and complex with cassis, spice and a dry finish.

NEW ZEALAND

WHITE

- 2010 Dry Riesling, Felton Road (Central Otago)** *Biodynamic* £40.75
 From one of the finest producers in New Zealand, located in Bannockburn in the world's most southerly wine producing area, this Riesling has aromas of spring flowers & green apple, and a textured, crisp palate with clean, pure & elegant fruit.
- 2010 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Little Beauty (Marlborough)** £33.00
 This relatively new producer is starting to make a real name for herself, and the wines are sensational. This Sauvignon has a purity and balance rarely found in Marlborough, with restrained aromatics and spot-on acidity & elegance.
- 2010 Marlborough Pinot Gris, Little Beauty (Marlborough)** £33.45
 Only the third vintage of this Pinot Gris from the unique Waihopai Valley sub-region of Marlborough, this is something special. A complex wine, full of concentration & intrigue. Packed with stone-fruit characters; peach, nectarine and sun-blush apricots, and beautifully textured with a long & rewarding finish.

- 2008 Marlborough Gewurztraminer ‘Pioneer Block 12’, Saint Clair (Marlborough)** £36.00
 Matt Thompson is behind some of the best-made wines not just in New Zealand, but worldwide. This single-vineyard Gewurztraminer is full-bodied and has a soft, round, oily texture with rose petals & Turkish delight, lychee & cinnamon.
- 2009 Dada 1, David Ramonteau (Hawkes Bay)** £45.25
 An outstanding blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier & Gewurztraminer, Dada 1 is a wine which is delicious now but will age gracefully. Fresh, complex, aromatic, rich in feel but focused and minerally. Bordeaux meets the Rhone valley!
- 2009 Hawkes Bay Chardonnay, Trinity Hill (Hawkes Bay)** £39.00
 A beautifully made Chardonnay, with the oak influence and crisp, gorgeously defined apple, grapefruit & melon fruit intermingling and creating a simply wonderful, drinkable Chardonnay.
- 2007 Estate Chardonnay, Kumeu River (Kumeu River)** £36.00
 This iconic estate has proven year after year that they are the benchmark for New Zealand Chardonnay, with *cru* Burgundy quality wines. This ‘07 Chardonnay is a lemon & butter-biscuit scented beauty, finely structured & French oak-influenced.

RED

- 2008 Central Otago Pinot Noir, Michelle Richardson (Central Otago)** £45.75
 From the Cromwell Basin area of Central Otago, Michelle Richardson’s Pinot is elegant, rich & textured (and has attitude according to Michelle). Wild yeast ferment and a year in a mixture of new, one year and two year-old French oak.
- 2009 Central Otago Pinot Noir, Black Cottage (Central Otago)** £36.45
 A gem amongst the ever expanding choice of Pinot’s from this extreme-southern wine region. Tank fermentation with plunging to extract colour & structure, the wine is aged in mostly used French oak and has aromas of strawberry, plum & wild thyme and a supple palate of strawberry, raspberry, cherry and wild herbs.
- 2010 Marlborough Pinot Noir ‘Petit Clos’, Clos Henri (Marlborough)** £29.25
 The second label Pinot Noir from Clos Henri, set up by famous Sancerre producer Henri Bourgeois. But don’t let ‘second’ put you off, this is excellent Pinot, light yet intense, with Burgundian-style complexity and a fresh & elegant character.
- 2009 Marlborough Syrah, Harwood Hall (Marlborough)** £33.00
 A partnership between Digger Hennessy & Corey Hall (Gem wines), Harwood Hall is new & exciting. This is unlike other Marlborough Syrahs - dry, fine tannins, plenty of pepper & spice, dark plum and berry fruit. Complex & memorable.
- 2006 Hawkes Bay Single Vineyard Merlot, Gem (Hawkes Bay)** £40.70
 From the ‘Red Metals’ sub region of Hawkes Bay, this fabulous Merlot has current & blackberry fruit with hints of dark chocolate, leather & cloves. There’s a hint of smokiness, and the firm, fine-grained tannins complete a very serious wine.
- 2008 ‘Larose’, Stonyridge Vineyard (Waiheke Island)** **Organic** £127.50
 Waiheke is a small island not far from the eastern coast of Auckland. This ‘Bordeaux blend’ – Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Cabernet Franc – is produced in tiny quantities and quite rightly has become New Zealand’s most famous wine. After decanting, it reveals the purity, structure & complexity that it is known for. Expensive, but worth it.

SOUTH AMERICA

WHITE

- 2010/2011 Torrontes Chenin Blanc, Villa Vieja (Mendoza, Argentina)** £18.50
 An unusual but delicious blend of Torrontes & Chenin Blanc. The Torrontes provides plenty of aromatic appeal, distinct floral notes of rose petal, fresh Muscat grapes & Turkish delight; the Chenin gives weight, steely balance and firm acidity.
- 2011 Pinot Gris, Santa Celina (Mendoza, Argentina)** £21.50
 From famous French wine producers Jacques & Francois Lurton, this is serious Pinot Gris more similar to full-bodied yet dry Alsace examples than the commonly-found Italian Pinot Grigios. Full, spicy & long with perfect freshness & balance.
- 2010/2011 Viognier, Santa Rosa (Mendoza, Argentina)** £19.50
 Tremendous Viognier from this forward-thinking winery in the heart of Mendoza. Well-defined peach fruit with good ripeness & weight whilst finishing dry, long & refreshing. There is character and complexity here, and above all *drinkability*.
- 2010 Intimo Blanco, Humberto Canale (Patagonia, Argentina)** £23.00
 Produced in the Rio Negro valley of Argentine Patagonia – effectively an oasis in a dessert, brought about by the river Negro’s journey from the Andes to the Atlantic. Intimo Blanco is a Sauvignon Semillon blend, coolly fermented to retain aromatics and briefly stored in oak for texture. Citrus & tropical fruit, fresh & complex.
- 2010 Pedro Ximenez, Elki (Elqui Valley, Chile)** £19.50
 Made, unusually, mainly from the Pedro Ximenez grape with a splash of Sauvignon Blanc for good measure. Lush, peachy flavours with a round, smooth character and a zesty, citrus lift.

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- 2011 Sangiovese Bonarda ‘Vida Organica’, Zuccardi (Mendoza Argentina)** **Organic** £21.95
 Another delicious wine from Familia Zuccardi, made from the Bonarda grape, originally from Piemonte in Italy, and Sangiovese. Full, ripe and spicy red fruit with good structure and balancing acidity.
- 2010 Malbec Clasico ‘Punto Final’, Bodega Renacer (Mendoza, Argentina)** £23.00
 A very quality-orientated estate with vineyards in the premium Mendoza regions of La Consulta and Agrelo. The vines are 50 years old, and the wine shows a combination of perfume, elegance, good depth and brambly fruit.
- 2007 Carignan, Bodega Cecchin (Mendoza, Argentina)** **Organic** £23.00
 This organic Carignan from the Maipú area of Mendoza is unoaked, and is full, dark & scented with good length & acidity. The vineyard’s description, translated, reads “takes you on a journey of red fruits” & “friendly sweet tannins”. Nicely put.
- 2009 Passo Doble, Masi Tupungato (Tupungato, Argentina)** £28.25
 From famous Italian producer Masi, a blend of Corvina & Malbec, which is re-fermented with partially dried grapes, using the ‘ripasso’ system. Great depth of flavour and intensity, long flavours of bitter cherry and blackberry.
- 2009 Petit Verdot ‘Remolinos Vineyard’, Finca Decero (Mendoza, Argentina)** £36.00
 Incredible value for a wine of this quality (awarded 91+ points from Wine Advocate), this single vineyard wine features jasmine, plum & berry aromas, spicy complexity and a refined, balanced palate seldom seen in pure Petit Verdots.

2010 Malbec 'A Lisa', Bodega Noemia (Patagonia, Argentina)	£47.25
The Rio Negro valley, where these Malbec grapes are grown, is 620 miles south of Buenos Aires and 280 miles east of the Andes. Satin-textured, sweetly-fruited, concentrated, and elegant, this complex Malbec is remarkably good.	
2009 Tannat Las Violetas, Bodegas Bouza (Canelones, Uruguay)	£33.45
Historically grown in the southwest of France, Tannat is now one of the most prominent varieties in Uruguay. This wine passes the comparison test effortlessly. Full bodied with full tannins & ripe fruit, complemented by green pepper & spice.	
2009 Sangiovese, Elki (Elqui Valley, Chile)	£19.50
From the innovative Falernia winery in the Elqui Valley, this Sangiovese is ripe & fresh with ripe dark cherry & great acidity. Similar to a modern Tuscan IGT, but much better value!	
2010 Estate Syrah, De Martino (Maipo Valley, Chile)	Organic £20.50
A first class producer who not only produces organic wines but was the first carbon neutral vineyard in South America. The Syrah is elegant, fine and pure with good acidity, complexity and at its heart fabulous, high quality fruit.	
2010 Carmenère Selección, Viña Chocalan (Maipo Valley, Chile)	£21.95
Carmenere is an ancient Bordelais variety. 'Selección' has perfumes of ripe, dark fruit and a hint of pencil lead. It has ripe tannins and an attractive strawberry & pepper character, with touches of leather. Good length & dark fruit on the finish.	
2010 Tempranillo Touriga, Alisios do Seival (Campanha, Brazil)	£25.25
From the superb producer Miolo in Campanha, this Brazilian blend of the Portuguese grape Touriga Nacional and Tempranillo. A small percentage of the wine is aged in oak, and it is packed with cherry fruit, great acidity and ripe tannins.	

SOUTH AFRICA

WHITE

2011 Goats Do Roam White from Fairview (Paarl/Malmesbury/Paardeberg)	£18.95
Yes, a questionable 'appellation', but the quality of the wine is superb. A blend of Viognier, Grenache Blanc & Roussanne, it is fresh, dry, focused and the fruit is pure & complex.	
2011 LAM White Blend, Lammershoek (Paardeberg)	Organic £25.95
New from the awesome Lamershoek stable, and nicely presented too: LAM stand for 'less and more' - nothing added to the wine and lots more character as a result. A Chenin Blanc Viognier blend, rich, dry, good mouthfeel, fresh & steely acidity.	
2011 Grenache Blanc, The Foundry (Paardeberg)	£29.00
All of the following – low yielding vines; whole-bunch pressed and fermented in older, larger oak; part wild-yeast fermentation & barrel-aged for 5 months. Lemon curd & white peach aromas, focused palate, flinty minerality & citrus lift.	
2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Quoin Rock (Cape Agulhas)	Organic £24.75
Cooler growing conditions in Cape Agulhas make this region well suited to producing fine Sauvignon Blanc. Intense passion fruit & lime zest aromas with hints of grapefruit & nettles. Full palate with a lingering aftertaste & fresh minerality.	
2010 Sequillo White, Sequillo Cellars (Swartland)	£37.25
A blend of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne, Palomino & Clairette grown on granite soils. Elegant & intense, with texture evolving in the mouth and long, clean fruit mingling with minerality and dry, savoury flavours.	

RED

2008 Pinotage, Cloof (Darling)	£28.45
A terrific full-bodied Pinotage (a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault). The mature bush vines give impressive concentration & intensity, with a richly textured palate of blackberry, plum, spice and smokey oak.	
2010 LAM Syrah, Lammershoek (Paardeberg)	Organic £25.75
An organic, non-irrigated Syrah with incredible attention to detail, following simple, natural techniques. Fermentation in large open concrete vats, then aged in old casks for 11 months before transfer back to concrete tanks where it rested for 7 months before bottling. Vibrant raspberry & violet aromas, fresh red fruit on the palate with peppercorns and herbs.	
2010 Shiraz, Liberty Fairtrade (Citrusdal)	£19.50
This consortium, headed up by legendary figure Charles Back, is committed to using Fairtrade fruit which engenders social improvement for the local farmers involved. The wine is excellent, with dark berry & spiced plum fruit & soft tannins.	
2010 Pinot Noir 'Peter Max', Crystallum (Walker Bay)	£43.25
A tiny production Pinot Noir from the Walker Bay and Elgin regions. Brothers Peter-Allan & Andrew Finlayson are fanatical about sustainability, and are building a straw bale & recycled steel winery. This is one of the finest premium South African Pinots we have tasted, with earthy strawberry aromas, a vibrant & velvety palate and lovely freshness & complexity.	

NORTH AMERICA

WHITE

2010 Kung Fu Girl Riesling, Charles Smith (Washington State)	£34.50
A dry Riesling from Evergreen Vineyard in the Ancient Lakes area of Columbia Valley, with apricot, peach, lime and satsuma fruit characters and a lifted, lime-rich finish. As Charles Smith states, this is 'kickass'.	
2010 Malvasia Bianca, Birichino Vineyard (California)	£33.45
From fruit grown in Monterey, California, this Malvasia Bianca is special. Fragrance of jasmine, lime blossom & elderflower; dry on the palate with clean, ripe pear fruit and a delightful finish with crystal acidity and a continuation of the bewitching aromatics.	

RED

- 2009 Petite Sirah, Bogle (Clarksburg)** £30.45
 Bogle is a small family vineyard in Clarksburg, near the Sacramento river. Sometimes known as Durif, this Petite Sirah has boysenberry, black pepper & herbs on the nose, voluptuous flavours of ripe fruit & berries and firm tannins.
- 2009 Pinot Noir, Duck Pond (Oregon)** £43.75
 This Oregon Pinot Noir is impressively aromatic with great depth – partly due to the maturity of the Burgundy clones planted in the vineyard. Aged in old French oak, it has pure, textured and complex fruit with spice, length & freshness.
- 2007 Le Cigare Volant, Bonny Doon (Santa Cruz/Central Coast)** *Biodynamic* £58.50
 Named after the law which prohibits flying saucers landing in Chateaufort du Pape (strange but true), the iconic Le Cigare Volant is a superb blend of 38% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 12% Mourvèdre, 8% Carignane and 7% Cinsault. Big yet textured and restrained. Drink it.

SWEET WINES

- 2007 Cadillac, Château Fayau (Bordeaux, France)** £33.00
 From the little-known Cadillac appellation, this wine has deep apricot and marmalade as well as fresh citrus flavours, long and perfectly balanced. Particularly good with fruity desserts. Also superb with foie gras.
- 2008 Coteaux du Layon Beaulieu 'La Soucherie', Château Pierre-Bise (Loire, France)** 50cl £41.75
 Classic sweet Loire wine, made from Chenin Blanc, some of which is affected by botrytis, or noble rot. Claude Papin is an iconic figure in the Loire, and a masterful winemaker. Depth, complexity, honey, flint-minerality, freshness and balance.
- 1989 Bonnezeaux, Domaine Petit Vale (Loire, France)** £70.00
 Bonnezeaux is one of the *cru* within Coteaux du Layon, and as we can see here these sweet Loire Chenin Blancs age magnificently. Toast & spice, lanolin, honey, flint, banana and flowing, lemon acidity. The palate is rich & sweet, however the texture, minerality and acidity help it to give a almost dry finish.
- 2007 Muscat de Rivesaltes, Domaine Cazes (Roussillon, France)** 37.5cl *Biodynamic* £24.50
 This organic & biodynamic sweet, fortified white is a blend of Muscat of Alexandria and Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains. Bright yellow in colour with aromas of peach, citrus & apricot. Full and sweet with pure citrus flavours & fresh acidity.
- 2009 Maury 'Cuvée Aurelie', La Préceptoire de Centernach (Roussillon, France)** 50cl £33.45
 This is a sweet, red wine fortified to 17% alcohol. Made from Grenache, it has great texture and complexity, and the sweet red fruit is countered perfectly by well structured, fine tannins and good acidity, Try with chocolate.
- 1999 Moscatel de Setúbal, Bacalhôa (Setúbal Portugal)** £36.00
 A classic Portuguese style of sweet Muscat, with intense & complex aromas of honey, dried fruits & orange. The all important balance of acidity is there, making it a delicious sweet wine with rich desserts or cakes with dried fruits.
- 2005 Vin Santo del Chianti, Riccardo Falchini (Tuscany, Italy)** 37.5cl £35.00
 Vin Santo is made by hand harvesting Trebbiano, Malvasia & Vernaccia grapes, drying them in a 'Vinsantaia' for 5 months & fermenting in small barrels for years. Huge intensity & length, dried fruit, vanilla, honey, spices & great acidity.
- NV Vin Doux, Samos (Samos, Greece)** 37.5cl £13.95
 Made from Muscat Petit Grain (the only grape variety allowed on the island), this has a floral nose and citrusy aromas and flavours. It is delicious, and accompanies desserts perfectly as well as chicken liver parfait or foie gras.
- 2011 Pink Moscato, Innocent Bystander (Victoria, Australia)** 37.5cl £15.95
 A homage to Italy's great Moscato d'Asti & Brachetto d'Aquis, this sweet, slightly sparkling pink is made from of Gordo Muscat & Black Muscat. It is 5.5% alcohol and perfect with light desserts or as a 'palate-cleanser' at the end of a meal.
- 2007 Ice Cider, Leduc-Piedimonte (Québec, Canada)** 37.5cl £43.70
 Unique to Québec, this amazing 'apple wine' is sweet, complex & intensely fruity with brilliant balance of sugar, acidity & alcohol.

FORTIFIED WINES

- Manzanilla, La Guita (Sanlucar de Barrameda, Spain)** £28.45
 Made from 100% Palomino Fino and aged for more than 3 years in American oak botas - dry, fresh, nutty and a delicious aperitif.
- Amontillado del Puerto, Gutierrez Colosia (Jerez, Spain)** £41.25
 Bone dry and vigorous with delicious nutty aromas. Very concentrated, full and stylish.
- Pedro Ximenez 'San Emilio' Solera Reserva, Lustau (Jerez, Spain)** £36.45
 Dark & magnificently rich, this is made from Pedro Ximenez grapes which are dried under the hot Spanish sun, concentrating the sweetness to create a thick, dark grape must with intense raisin & molasses flavours.
- Marsala Reserva Superiore, Curatolo (Marsala, Sicily)** £30.00
 This makes a surprisingly delicious aperitif, cold from the fridge. Dry, intense, rounded & nutty.
- Ruby Port, Quinta de la Rosa (Douro, Portugal)** £30.00
 Dark and full with intensely ripe fruit that retains some of its fresh flavours. A great 'all-rounder'.
- Tawny Port, Casa Santa Eufemia (Douro, Portugal)** £34.00
 With the fruit sourced from vineyards of more than 25 years old, this complex Tawny has layer upon layer of dried fruit and nut flavours and a pleasing fresh-fruit dimension also.
- 1997 Vintage Port, Dow (Douro, Portugal)** £67.00
 Dark ruby in colour, it has wonderful liquorice, chocolate & coffee aromas and heaps of brooding, hedgerow fruit with sweet, ripe tannins. Drink now or keep until 2025.
- NV Madeira 5 year old Reserve, Broadbent Selections (Madeira, Portugal)** £37.45
 This is a 'Malmsey' style of Madeira, sweet & luscious with vital balancing acidity. Aged for 5 years, it is a full-bodied and rich dessert wine that is equally at home accompanying blue & aged cheeses.