

London is the wine capital of the World, and when The Langham, London was first opened in 1865 as Europe's first 'Grand Hotel', English merchants were already shipping and bottling wines from Europe's finest estates.

My brief in creating this list was to develop a snapshot of 21st century fine wine production, but I also wanted to capture the traditions of the London wine market. We have drawn upon the more studied aspects of wine appreciation, whilst acknowledging the fact that the vine has journeyed way beyond the confines of its old European home.

Uniquely, we have also invited winemakers to write dedications and create collections within the list. We are delighted that growers like California's Paul Draper and Jean-Louis Chave in Hermitage have opened up their cellars so generously to us, and we hope their words will encourage some adventurous drinking choices.

Finally, our wine list has been further enhanced with the addition of some selected wines hand-picked by legendary Le Gavroche former General Manager Silvano Giraldin.

Zack Saghir  
Head Sommelier

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## WINE BY THE GLASS

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			Glass 150ml
<b>Champagne</b>			
Laurent-Perrier NV			£16.00
Albert Roux Grand Cru (Lenoble) Blanc de Blanc NV			£14.00
Albert Roux Grand Cru (Lenoble) Rosé	2005		£15.25
Laurent-Perrier Rosé NV			£24.00
Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, Blanc de Blanc	2000		£25.00
<b>White</b>			
Pinot Blanc	Leon Beyer, Alsace, France	2009	£6.75
Basa Blanco	Telmo Rodriguez, Rueda, Spain	2009	£7.00
Domaine Gavoty	Cuvée Clarendon, Côtes de Provence, France	2009	£7.50
Ardèche Viognier	Vin De Pays, Des Coteaux, De L'ardèche	2010	£7.50
Sauvignon Blanc	Isabel Estate, New Zealand	2009	£8.00
Sequillo Blanc	Swartland, South Africa	2008	£9.00
Riesling	Domaine Zind Humbrecht, France	2008	£10.00
Chablis	St. Martin, Domaine Laroche, Burgundy, France	2009	£9.50
<b>Red</b>			
Moulin à Vent	Henry Fessy, Beaujolais, France	2009	£7.50
Languedoc Syrah Grenache	Appellation Languedoc Controlée	2010	£7.50
Rioja Crianza	Viña, Amezola, Spain	2006	£8.50
Pernand Vergelesses	Domaine Rollin Pére et Fils Burgundy, France	2009	£11.25
Le Soula	Gerard Gauby, Cotes Catalanes	2005	£12.50
Frog's Leap	Zinfandel, Napa Valley, California	2009	£13.00
Château De Gironville	Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France	2008	£14.50
<b>Rosé</b>			
Domaine Gavoty rosé	Cuvée Clarendon, Côtes de Provence, France	2008	£7.75
<b>Dessert</b>			
MR Moscatel	Telmo Rodriguez, Malaga, Spain	2008	£9.75
Château de Cérons	Cérons, Bordeaux	1998	£10.50
LBV Quinta De la Rosa	Port		£9.00
Fonseca	Vintage Port	1985	£26.00
Blandy's Madeira	Malmsey 15 years old		£15.00

## CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING

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The chalky hills of Champagne mark the northerly limit of French viticulture. The vineyards face north, south and east across open plains, the flat line of the horizon adding to the sense of climatic exposure that peaks during the run-in to vintage.

Spread around the eaves of the French *L'Hexagon*, Champagne is a roomy appellation, and the loose ties of provenance become further weakened by blending wines from different villages and different years. Originally, Dom Perignon saw blending as a pragmatic solution to the uneven fortunes of vintages, but what he didn't anticipate was the energy of combination that the practice would unleash within the wine. Fine Champagne is far more than the sum of its parts, and the firm, crystalline constitution of the finished wines show little semblance to the stark and pallid base wines from which the cellar master structures the blend.

## CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING

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### Non-Vintage

		<b>Bottle</b>
100	Laurent-Perrier Brut NV	£75.00
102	Louis Roederer Brut NV	£95.00
103	Veuve Clicquot Brut NV	£102.00
104	Bollinger Brut NV	£115.00
111	Laurent-Perrier Grand Siécle	£310.00
105	Krug Grande Cuvée NV	£340.00

### Blanc de Blancs

152	Albert Roux Grand Cru (Lenoble) Blanc de Blanc NV		£65.00
120	Ruinart Blanc de Blancs		£135.00
155	Lenoble Cuvée Les Aventures, Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc		£185.00
157	Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, Blance de Blanc	2000	£175.00
121	Bruno Pallard	1995	£190.00

### Rosé

153	Albert Roux Grand Cru Rosé (Lenoble)	2005	£75.00
131	Laurent-Perrier Rosé NV		£135.00
158	Laurent-Perrier Alexandra Rosé	1998	£525.00
132	Cristal Rosé	2002	£790.00

### Vintage

141	Billecart-Salmon, Nicolas Francois Billecart	1998	£170.00
146	Louis Roederer	1996	£265.00
161	Pol Roger 'Churchill'	1995	£385.00
163	Dom Perignon	2000	£290.00
165	Cristal	2004	£490.00
162	Billecart-Salmon, Le Clos St Hilaire	1996	£740.00
151	Krug Blanc de Noirs, Clos D'ambonnay	1995	£4,100.00

### Sparkling

190	Prosecco NV	Cipriano, Veneto, Italy		£45.00
193	Shiraz, The Black Queen	Peter Lehmann, Barossa Valley, South Australia	1999	£54.00
191	Pelorus NV	Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand		£61.00
192	Blanc de Blancs	Nyetimber, West Sussex, England	2000	£85.00

## BURGUNDY

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Two-Thousand years ago, when the Romans had a stab at globalisation, they took their vines and viticulture with them. Once in Burgundy, the invasion passed-up the chance to improvise with any local vines, hence cultivation of the local Pinot Noir did not start until after the Empire's collapse. A peculiarly French logic therefore has it that while the Romans brought viticulture to France, it was France's destiny to bring fine wine, via Pinot Noir, to the world.

Over the centuries, Burgundy yielded to a gentle empiricism that saw its vineyards partitioned, a few hectares at a time, according to the quality and style of the wine they produced. Thus, the top white wine appellations of 1er Cru "Les Pucelles" and Grand Cru "Le Montrachet" lie along the most sheltered parts of Puligny's slope, whilst the red Grand Crus of La Tâche, Richebourg and Romanée Conti are planted behind the village of Vosne Romanée on a thin layer of gravelly hill wash. And so it goes on. Enthusiasts might find the pixel-like grid of vineyards and appellations edifying, but for the majority of drinkers, this deeply encrypted system has only acted as a deterrent.

Adding to this confusion is Pinot Noir itself; notoriously difficult to grow, it gives another layer of inscrutability to red Burgundy, a kind of mystery within a mystery. If the vintage is either too hot or too cold, then Pinot struggles to intensify its flavours or soften its hard edges. Encouragingly, the weather over the last two decades has been pretty kind to the Burgundians, allowing them to fashion wines we can all easily enjoy, though not necessarily always understand.

## BURGUNDY WHITE

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				<b>Bottle</b>
200	Chablis	St. Martin, Domaine Laroche, France	2009	£39.00
703	Macon Fuisses	Domaine Cordier Père Et Fil, France	2008	£42.00
704	Saint Véran	Clos Du Chateau Domaine Des Poncety	2008	£44.00
705	Montagny 1er Cru, Château de Saule	Eleven en Fur de chene	2009	£52.00
711	Saint Aubin	Le Ban Domaine Henri Prodhon Et Fils	2006	£52.00
710	Pouilly Vinzelles	Domaine Clos de Rocs	2008	£54.00
202	Bourgogne Blanc	Domaine Michelot	2007	£56.00
708	Saint Romain	Domaine Germain Père et Fils	2005	£61.00
709	Rully Blanc 1er Cru Les Cloux	Domaine de Belleville	2009	£60.00
700	Pernand Vergelesses	Sylvain Loichet	2009	£60.00
203	Pouilly-Fuissé	Climat <<La Roche>>, Bret Bros	2008	£65.00
701	Chablis 1er Cru, Motmains	Domaine Jean Claude Bessin	2009	£65.00
707	Auxey duressese	Domaine Jean Pascal	2008	£66.00
239	Pernand Vergelesses	Domaine Rollin et Fils, Burgundy, France	2007	£67.00
204	Meursault Grand Charrons	Domaine Michel Bauzareaun	2009	£95.00
207	Nuits St Georges 1er Cru	Terres Blanches, Patrice & Michèle Rion	2007	£114.00
205	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru En Virondot	Domaine Marc Morey	2007	£122.00
206	Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru	Les Chalumeaux, Thierry et Pascale Matrot	2009	£128.00
706	Meursault Blagny 1er Cru	Domaine Bouzereau et Fils	2008	£131.00
702	Chassagne-Montrache	Benjamin Leroux, 1er Cru	2008	£142.40
712	Puligny Montrachet, Les Folatieres	Domaine Jean Pascal	2008	£138.00
208	Chablis Grand Cru	Les Preuses Domaine N & G Fèvre	2007	£151.00
237	Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	Domaine Michel Juillot	2007	£260.00
209	Le Montrachet Grand Cru	Jacques Prieur	1998	£522.00





## BURGUNDY RED

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				<b>Bottle</b>
400	Bourgogne Pinot Noir	René Monnier	2009	£38.00
416	Hautes- Côte de Beaune	La Combotte, Francois Charles	2007	£49.00
401	Pernand Vergelesses	Domaine Rollin et Fils	2009	£56.00
417	Savigny les Beaune, Les - Fourches	Maison - Champy	2004	£51.00
402	Mercurey 1er Cru	Champs-Martin, Bruno Lorenzon	2006	£76.00
808	chasagne Montrachet, Les Chaumes	domaine Morey Coffinet	2007	£79.00
403	Beaune 1er Cru	Les Teurons, Albert Morot	2007	£82.00
803	Gevrey Chambertin	Dujac & Père Et Fils	2008	£118.00
802	Volnay 1er Cru, Les Roncerets	Benjamin Le Roux	2007	£119.00
800	Morey St-Denis	Dujac & Père Et Fils	2007	£128.00
404	Vosne Romaée	A. Hudelot. Noellat	2006	£151.00
405	Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru	Aux Beaux Bruns, Ghislaine Barthod	2007	£159.00
406	Nuits St. George 1er Cru	Earl Daniel Bocquenet	2003	£160.00
804	Pommard Clos Des Epeneaux, 1er Cru	Domaine Du Comte Armand	2007	£224.00
801	Clos De Vougeot Grand Cru	Domaine De La Vougeraie	2006	£280.00
805	Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	Pascal Lachaux	2006	£290.00
807	Clos De La Roche	Pascal Lachaux	2006	£345.00
412	Echezaux Grand Cru	Domaine Du Clos Frantin	2001	£512.00
407	Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	Charmes-Chambertin, Rousseau	2005	£620.00
806	Romanee St. Vivant	DRC	2000	£1,650.00
<b>Beaujolais</b>				
410	Moulin a Vent	Henry Fessy	2009	£36.00
414	Fleurie	La Roilette, Bernard Metrat	2010	£41.00
421	Brouilly (Vieilles Vignes)	Jean-Claude Lapalau	2010	£48.00

## THE LOIRE

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The River Loire and its tributaries string together a diverse mix of vines and vineyards. At the mouth of the river, east of Paimboeuf, sea and land infiltrate each other's element in the curling creeks and salt marshes that bound the western perimeter of the Muscadet appellation. The eponymous grape variety is a super-abundant source of skinny white wine that seems far from ordinary when paired with the local moules, oysters and sunshine.

The Muscadet landscape is tamely flat, and the rectilinear pattern of vineyard rows rigorously repeats as the vines track east towards Anjou. Across the meadowy regions of Touraine and Anjou the vineyards become more sporadic, the best appellations perching on the hard bluffs of limestone, tufa, schist and slate that rise above the river. Chenin and Sauvignon Blanc are the preferred white grape varieties here, and the weight and succulence of Vouvray and Savennières provides a soothing counterpoint to palate-pinching Muscadet. Gamay, Pineau d'Aunis and Pinot Noir guest in a few of the region's red wine cuvées, but this is really the home ground of Cabernet Franc, tanker-loads of which sluice through Parisian wine bars. The French capital's besottedness with spindly Loire red wine is hard to fathom, but fortunately for us, diligent work at Frédéric Mabileau and Clos des Cordeliers has lifted some St Emilion-like smoothness from the Cabernet Franc genome.

The most evocative of the Loire's appellations *our* side of the Channel are Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé. A little Pinot Noir has found its way into these vineyards, delicately reemerging as rosé, but their reputation is largely built on minerally, blackcurrant-scented Sauvignon Blanc. Despite competition from New Zealand, Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé have maintained their varietal prominence, principally because the growers are still prepared to sacrifice a little flavour in order to boost Sauvignon's tactile thrill.

## THE LOIRE

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### White

			<b>Bottle</b>
210	Saumur Blanc	Les Vignerons de Saumur	2009 £31.00
211	Sauvignon de Touraine	Jean-Christophe Mandard	2009 £32.00
216	Sauvignon Blanc	Levin	2006 £35.00
212	Pouilly-Fumé	Dominique Guyot	2010 £44.00
213	Sancerre	André Vatan	2010 £46.00
214	Vouvray	Le Mont Sec, Domaine Huët	2007 £61.00
238	Sancerre	Les Culs de Beaujeu, Francois Cotat, Chavignol	2008 £94.00
215	Coulée de Serrant	Savennieres, Nicolas Joly	2004 £133.00

### Red

418	Saumur-Champigny	Domaine Le Pitet Saint-Vincent	2009 £46.00
419	Coteaux du Loir	Rouges Gorge, Domaine de la Bellivière	2004 £45.00
443	St Nicolas de Bourgueil	'Les Quaterons', Domaine Thierry Amirault	2009 £44.00
420	Chinon 'René Couly'	Domaine Couly - Dutheil	2007 £50.00

### Rosé

601	Menetou-Salon	Jean-Jacques Tellier	2008 £42.00
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## BORDEAUX

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The Bordeaux region in southwest France is dominated by two red grape varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, a symbiotic pairing that comes together in Claret.

Lying within the Bordeaux appellation is the Haut Médoc, a forty kilometre-long rib of sand and gravel whose geology has scarcely evolved beyond that of the beaches and dunes deposited on the nearby Atlantic coastline. It is the most written about and studied wine region in the world, and each year the Borderlais spin their accounts of the vintage, the thinly coded pronouncements urging us to buy.

Throughout the Haut Médoc and the more southerly appellation of Graves, Cabernet Sauvignon is the dominant grape, bolstering blends with its bittersweet mix of blackcurrants and brackish cranberries. In the best years, when the fruit is ripe and its tannins properly soluble, the 1st Growths of Latour, Margaux, Haut-Brion, Mouton-Rothschild, and Lafite reach an imperishable level of perfection.

The Haut Médoc is a fenland of drainage dykes, tidal inlets and shingle banks, but at Bourg the Gironde Estuary divides into the Garonne and Dordogne rivers, which then head further inland. Thirty kilometres along the course of the Dordogne are the appellations of St. Emilion and Pomerol, where the balance of planting shifts towards Merlot. St. Emilion has a real mish-mash of soils and Cabernet assumes a subordinate role; but in Pomerol, clay and Merlot hold full sway. The aggrandisement of Pomerol's wines is relatively recent, and its châteaux, though surrounded by some of the most valuable vineyards in the world, have none of the Médoc's architectural swagger. Here, Merlot, reaches its zenith, tempting us with its sweet blurring of fruit, spice and earth.

The last element of Bordeaux's sophisticated flavour-trap is Sauternes, and its neighbouring appellation of Barsac. Picked when the shades and mists of autumn are closing-in, the shrivelled berries of Semillon, Sauvignon and Muscadelle patiently ferment into golden wines that are irresistibly sweet, honeyed and delicious.

## BORDEAUX

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
220	Château le Chec	Graves	2008	£38.00
221	L' Esprit de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan, Graves	2007	£52.00
222	Domaine de Chevalier Grand Cru Classé	Pessac-Léognan, Graves	2006	£210.00

### Red

425	Château la Croix des Moines	Lalande de Pomerol	2008	£40.00
825	Château Callac Graves	M. Rivrere	2008	£39.00
826	Château Haut Chaigneau	Laland Pomerol	2006	£51.00
426	Château Beau-Site	St. Estèphe	2004	£54.00
424	Château De Gironville	Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France	2008	£67.00
832	Château Cantermerle	Haut Medoc	2006	£89.00
829	Château D'Angludet	Margaux	2005	£91.00
428	Château Batailley Grand Cru Classé	Pauillac	2005	£113.00
427	Château La Lagune 3me Cru	Haut Médoc	1996	£145.00
828	Château Grand Puy Ducasse	Pauillac	2000	£130.00
835	Château Gloria	Saint Julien	2005	£135.00
827	Château Gruaud Larose	St. Julien	2001	£155.00
431	Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux	2003	£170.00
834	Château Haut Bailly	Graves	2003	£165.00
430	Château Leoville Barton Grand Cru Classé	St.Julien	2001	£185.00
429	Château Malartic-Lagravière	Pessac-Léognan	2002	£189.00
432	Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	2004	£220.00
831	Château Beauséjour 1er Grand Cru Classé	Saint-Emilion	2005	£245.00
830	Château Clinet	Pomerol	2001	£275.00



## BORDEAUX CON'T

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<b>Red</b>			<b>Bottle</b>	
433	Château Pape Clément	Pessac-Léognan, Graves	1990	£277.00
833	Château Lynch Bage	Pauillac	2000	£590.00
449	Château Cos d'Estournel 2me Cru	St Estèphe	2000	£358.00
438	Château Cheval Blanc 1er Grand Cru Classé	St Emilion	2001	£960.00
437	Château Margaux 1er Cru	Margaux	1986	£1,130.00
441	Château Latour	Pauillac	1990	£1,640.00
439	Château Latour 1er Cru (Magnum)	Pauillac	1990	£3,330.00
440	Pétrus	Pomerol	1982	£6,670.00

<b>Dessert</b>				
616	Château de Cérons	Cérons, Bordeaux	1998	£53.00
618	Château d'Yquem	Sauternes	1988	£780.00

**BORDEAUX**

**FRANÇOIS MITJAVILE**

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The role of the vigneron is to hold a mirror up to nature. Each day brings something new, and over the season the vine gathers a memory of sunshine, humidity and warmth. Every year is profoundly different, and my role is to recover this memory and to articulate these differences. I never think of myself as a winemaker; winemaking is about domination. It is sometimes harder to let yourself be steered by nature, rather than resist it.

François Mitjavile



**BORDEAUX**FRANÇOIS MITJAVILE

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<b>Red</b>				<b>Bottle</b>
451	Château Roc de Cambes	Côtes de Bourg	2002	£87.00
450	Château de la Rivière	Fronsac	2001	£94.00
453	Château le Tertre Roteboeuf	St Emilion Grand Cru Classé	2002	£256.00
455	Château le Tertre Roteboeuf	St Emilion Grand Cru Classé	1995	£266.00
454	Château le Tertre Roteboeuf	St Emilion Grand Cru Classé	1998	£292.00

## RHÔNE AND MIDI

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The vineyards of the Northern Rhône barely stray from the river's course, and the two principal appellations, Côte Rôtie and Hermitage, are situated where the swerve of the flow brings a warming southerly exposure to the steep valley sides. Syrah is the dominant grape variety, and the parallel rows of vines impose their own geometry on the rugged landscape of granite and limestone. Côte Rôtie is the more flattering of the two wines to drink when young, whilst the wines of Hermitage have exceptional staying power, with great vintages seemingly as immortal as the rocks on which they are grown.

Travel south down the Rhône, and the climatic mood changes rapidly as you pass south of Valence. The Midi is the destination that comes to mind when most of us imagine France: sunshine, shutters, peeling render and houses crammed tight for shade. All the regional appellations share in the dazzling light, but the range and quality of wine is vast, varying from modestly pitched Vin du Pays through to generous and more serious world-beating blends.

## RHÔNE AND MIDI

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<b>White</b>				<b>Bottle</b>
225	Sauvignon Blanc	Les Fumées Blanches, Lurton	2009	£33.00
348	Ardèche Viognier	Vin De Pays Des Coteaux De L'ardèche	2010	£37.00
253	Domaine Gavoty	Cuvée Clarendon, Côtes de Provence	2010	£39.00
226	Roussanne	Domaine La Croix Gratiot	2010	£38.00
227	Mas de Daumas Gassac	Vin de Pays de l'Hérault	2007	£70.00
243	Crozes Hermitage	Cuvée Particuliere, Domaine des Remizieres	2008	£58.00
231	Condrieu	Les Cassines, Paul Jaboulet Ainé	2007	£112.00
229	Crozes-Hermitage (Magnum)	Alain Graillot	1998	£116.00
230	Château Grillet	Neyret-Gachet	2004	£135.00
<b>Red</b>				
460	Hegarty-Chamans	Cuvée 2, Minervois	2009	£33.00
521	Languedoc Syrah Grenache	Appellation Languedoc Controlée	2010	£36.00
461	Côtes-du-Rhône	Domaine St Gayan	2009	£37.00
462	Gigondas	Grand Montmirail	2008	£49.00
463	Domaine Richeaume	Tradition, Côtes de Provence	2009	£51.00
464	Crozes-Hermitage	Alain Graillot	2009	£78.00
466	Mas de Daumas Gassac	Vin de Pays de l'Hérault	2006	£87.00
465	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Le Vieux Donjon	2008	£94.00
469	Mas Jullien	Coteaux du Languedoc	1999	£123.00
467	Cornas	Auguste Clape	2000	£146.00
468	Domaine de la Grange des Perès	Vin de Pays de l'Hérault	2000	£184.00
470	Domaine de Trévallon (Magnum)	Vin du Pays Bouches du Rhône	1995	£270.00
471	Côte Rôtie	La Turquie, Etienne Guigal	1998	£830.00
<b>Rosé</b>				
602	Tavel	La Forcadière	2009	£41.00
603	Domaine Gavoty	Cuvée Clarendon, Côtes de Provence	2008	£39.00

RHÔNE AND MIDI

JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE, HERMITAGE

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Our family have been making wine at Hermitage since 1481. We are privileged to have vine holdings in ten different climats, which gives us a broad palette of fruit to blend and work with.

Each year we make a rigorous selection of barrels before settling on the final blend for our Hermitage Rouge and Blanc. When the right conditions prevail we supplement our production of Hermitage with tiny quantities of our Cuvée Cathelin and Vin de Paille. All too often these wines vanish into the cellars of collectors, so it is gratifying for us to see them offered *à table* on The Landau list.

Amitiés

Jean-Louis and Erin Chave

**RHÔNE AND MIDI****JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE, HERMITAGE**

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**White**

234	Hermitage Blanc	J.L Chave	1992	£330.00
236	Hermitage Blanc	J.L Chave	1998	£370.00

**Red**

478	St Joseph	J.L Chave	2007	£92.00
480	Hermitage Rouge	J.L Chave	2001	£395.00
479	Hermitage Rouge	J.L Chave	2006	£475.00
481	Hermitage Rouge (Magnum)	J.L Chave	1996	£630.00
482	Hermitage Rouge Cuvée Cathelin	J.L Chave	1995	£1,750.00
483	Hermitage Rouge Cuvée Cathelin	J.L Chave	1998	£1,900.00

**Dessert**

620	Hermitage, Vin de Paille	J.L Chave	1996	£496.00
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Chateau Cabezac is a 65 hectare estate in the AOC Minervois, Languedoc Roussillon, in the south of France. The owner Gontran Dondain, a passionate wine enthusiast, purchased the estate in 1997 with the intention of restoring it to its proper place in the hierarchy of wine, an ambition satisfied in the ten following years. Chateau Cabezac uses the finest terroir, sustainable farming methods, progressive wine making techniques to handcraft quality, value for money, premium wines and a team of skilled professionals. We have established long-term relationships with top quality, value for money, premium wines and a team of professionals. We have established long term relationships with top quality restaurants and luxury hotel chains, importers, distributors and specialist wine shops both domestically and across available for the enjoyment of wine drinkers as widely as possible.

Gontran and Stephanie Dondain

## RHÔNE AND MIDI CHATEAU

## CABEZAC MINERVOIS

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			<b>Bottle</b>
<b>White</b>			
254	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois Alice	2010 £35.00
257	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois Les Capitelles	2010 £42.00
<b>Red</b>			
484	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois La Garrigue	2007 £34.00
485	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois Tradition	2007 £36.00
486	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois Le Petit Arthur	2006 £39.00
491	Château Cabezac	VDP Val de Cesse Carinu	2006 £45.00
492	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois cuvée Arthur	2007 £64.00
493	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois cuvée Belveze	2005 £84.00
<b>Rose</b>			
606	Château Cabezac	AOC Minervois Rosé	2009 £35.00

Catalan culture is fiercely independent, but its viticulture was traditionally centred on the co-operative movement. When we started in 1985 with 5 hectares of inherited vines, the fruit was all sent to the Calce Co-operative. Today, with 45 hectares in and around Calce, we bottle our entire production.

Without belonging to any specific organisation, we choose to work our vineyards biodynamically, treating with plant based 'tisanes' and respecting lunar influences. We believe in picking early to capture the freshness and energy of our fruit, and not waiting to maximise potential alcohol.

In 2001, we discovered a commune high up in the Agly valley, called Saint Martin de Fenouillet. At up to 600m of above sea level, and with a soil of decomposed granite overlain with limestone, this seemed an ideal spot to craft wines of finesse and elegance. The varieties are even more diverse than at Calce, with the addition of Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin in white and Cabernet Sauvignon in red. We were immediately surprised and gratified by the concentration and freshness of the white, and by the structure and the minerality of the red. Le Soula was born.

Gérard and Ghislaine Gaub



**RHÔNE AND MIDI****DOMAINE GAUBY AND LE SOULA, ROUSSILLON**

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**White**

240	Le Soula	Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes	2005	£52.00
241	Le Soula	Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes	2001	£56.00

**Red**

488	Le Soula	Gerard Gauby, Cotes Catalanes	2005	£63.00
489	Le Soula (Magnum)	Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes	2003	£158.00
490	Côtes de Roussillon Villages (Magnum)	Muntada, Domaine Gauby	2001	£245.00

## ALSACE

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Rather like those wish-fulfilling Carlsberg *ads*, winter in Alsace offers a snowman's vision of vineyard utopia: the land is hard with frost and the hills are crested with snow. Through July and August, however, this alpine backdrop suddenly looks surreal; for two months, daytime temperatures soar, and the chlorophyll sizzles. But just as dramatically as it arrives, so the summer hurriedly departs. By late September, the first frosts have felt their way into the vineyards, and overnight the leaves turn, from their margins inwards, a papery-brown. During harvest, a thick mulch of leaf litter covers the ground.

For the vine, summer is a time of accumulation, and autumn a time of consolidation. Once the grapes have changed colour, their skins become more porous, and hot weather can all too easily evaporate flavours and aromas from the grapes. Fortunately, the early onset of the Alsacien autumn seals-in the rapidly hoarded sugars and savours of summer, and provides both Gewürztraminer and Pinot Gris with a rich and distinctive ambrosial element.

## ALSACE

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### White

			<b>Bottle</b>
244	Pinot Blanc	Leon Beyer	2009 £35.00
245	Pinot Blanc	Paul Blanck	2008 £38.00
246	Pinot Gris Reserve	Cave de Hunawihr	2010 £39.00
247	Riesling	Domaine Zind Humbrecht	2008 £53.00
248	Pinot Gris	Rotleibel, Vendanges Tardives, Rolly Gassmann	1996 £71.00
251	Gewurztraminer	St. Hippolyte, Marcel Deiss	2006 £72.00
250	Riesling	Clos St Hune, Trimbach	2003 £220.00

### Red

423	Pinot Noir	Burlenberg, Marcel Deiss	2002 £78.00
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## GERMANY

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Traditionally, viticulture in the Mosel Valley provided a perilous level of subsistence for man and vine alike. The steeply inclined vineyards loomed impressively above the river, but the toil that fastened these vines to the hillsides sapped every last joule of effort from the growers. In rain-jinxed years that yield little or no crop, the perennial graft of pruning and tying-in felt more like the labour of Sisyphus than the bucolic labour of love it was reckoned to be.

As with the rest of Europe, Germany's vineyards have heated-up significantly over recent decades, and the harvest has moved forward in the year. Vintage is now more likely to coincide with the soft warmth of late summer than with the first frosts of autumn. The tongue-knacking Germanic names may not changed, but the extra degrees of summer heat have plumped-up Riesling, so that it is now offers a broad and easy exit for drinkers looking to escape the enveloping tide of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

## GERMANY

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
318	Riesling Trocken	Rupertsberger	2008	£34.00
252	Dr. Burklin-Wolf	Riesling, Pfalz	2008	£46.00
255	Schloss Vollrads, Riesling Kabinett	Rheingau	2010	£51.00
256	Pinot Gris	Georg Breuer, Rheingau	2005	£52.00
249	Hochheimer Riesling Auslese	Domdechant Werner Rheingau	2006	£67.00

### Red

494	Spätburgunder "S", Goldkapsel	Meyer Näkel, Ahr	2001	£142.00
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### Dessert

626	Riesling Auslese	Schloss Johannisberg, Rosalack, Rheingau	2002	£162.00
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## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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Austria and Hungary seem cursed to be in a perpetual state of wine revival. Our confidence in wine seems to fade as we edge east into Europe, yet both countries offer something unique in terms of grape varieties and style, and, to my mind, perfectly fuse the current trends for drinking less, and drinking better.

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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<b>White</b>				<b>Bottle</b>
259	Santorini	Domaine Hatzidakis, Greece	2007	£39.00
258	Grüner Veltliner	Weingut Rudolf Rabl, Spiegel, Austria	2008	£37.00
260	Ried Pfaffenburg, Riesling Kabinett	Emmerich Knoll, Austria	2005	£47.00
<b>Red</b>				
497	Blaifränkisch Eisenberg	Uwe Schiefer, Austria	2008	£38.00

## ITALY

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Viewed through delicatessens and markets, Italy seems the most generously provisioned country in the world, offering raw, cooked and cured versions of nearly everything it grows and rears. Wine's position on this crowded table is less clear. Only twenty years ago, Chianti bottles came wrapped in woven straw "fiascos"; the empty bottles made good lamp stands and improvised as candelabras, but the quality reminded you that the straw hat was the headgear of the beach donkey, and not the thoroughbred horse.

Tuscany's revival was down to the shared vision of winemakers like Giacomo Tachis, and Franco Bernabei. Tachis combined Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon in Bordeaux-style barrels to make the Super Tuscan "Tignanello", whereas Bernabei set himself the unenviable task of re-establishing the reputation of Chianti Classico. Mercifully, the scrawny, old-style Chiantis of the 1970s have wasted away, to be replaced by better-nourished wines from estates like Fontodi, Bossi and Isole e Olena.

In Barolo and Barbaresco, wine production was also liberated from bucolic ritual. Traditionally, the red wines of Piedmont sat in barrel indefinitely, and even though the venerable vintages looked good on labels, the wines themselves invariably tasted harsh and strained. Returning from Bordeaux in the 1970s, Angelo Gaja set about reviving his family's Piedmont estate along French lines; accordingly, all fermentations and maturations would be tightly controlled, and generic recipes were to be broken down into their constituent parts, the best wines being sold under single-vineyard designations. The Gaja's trio of vintages, 88, 89 and 90 became legend, and by the mid-1990's, Piedmont's borders had been decisively drawn onto the global fine wine map.

At the start of the 21st Century, Italy is a thoroughly modern winemaking nation; growers have taken on and beaten the bureaucrats who had wanted to put a permanent lock-on innovation, revealing a land brimming in flavour from top to bottom.



## ITALY

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
263	Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	Fattoria Nicodemi	2009	£37.00
264	Gavi	Cantine Scrimaglio	2010	£41.00
265	Pinot Grigio	La di Motte, Piave	2009	£41.00
266	Soave Classico	Inama, Verona	2010	£43.00
267	Colli Tortonesi Timorasso	Derthona, Massa	2009	£49.00

### Red

520	Barbera D'Asti	Rocca Nivo, Scrimaglio	2007	£35.00
500	Terredora	Aglianico IGT, Campania	2008	£36.00
501	Valpolicella	Ca Fiui, Corte Sant'Alda	2010	£42.00
503	Dogliani	Siri d'Jermu, Pecchenino	2006	£49.00
502	Chianti Classico	Castello di Bossi, Toscana	2008	£51.00
504	Brunello Di Montalcino	Prime Donne, Donatella, Colombini	2004	£112.00
505	Barolo	Monprivato, Mascarello	2006	£145.00
506	Corbaia	Castello di Bossi, Toscana	2003	£128.00
510	Amarone Della Valpolicella	Monte Del Fra, Scarnocchio	2006	£144.00
507	Tignanello	Antinori, Toscana	1999	£262.00
509	Barbaresco	Angelo Gaja, Piemonte	2001	£385.00
508	Sassicaia	Tenuta San Guido, Toscana	2004	£445.00

### Rosé

604	Bardolino Chiaretto	Giovanna Tantini	2008	£39.00
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### Dessert

630	Valpolicella Recioto	Allegrini, Verona	2008	£75.00
621	Avignonesi Vin Santo, Occhio Di Pernice	Montepunciano, Italy	1992	£425.00

## SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

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The scale and infrastructure of the Spanish wine industry always emphasised supply over demand. The annual influx of tourists soaked up some of the surplus, but Spain's most dependable wine customers were always its own distilleries. Thus, any grower responding to the international call for improved quality had to confront both a backward winemaking culture, and the widely-held prejudice that Rioja's border formed a boundary over which serious drinkers should not stray.

One criticism levelled at modern winemaking is that it diminishes individuality, yet in Spain it has done the very opposite. The latest generation of white wines from Rueda, Galicia and Navarra are readily distinguishable from each other, whilst the reds from the emerging Priorato appellation draw something unique and elemental out of the sun-blasted rocks of Catalonia. Other regions like Ribera del Duero, and the robustly named "Toro", are also flourishing, though nowadays our curiosity for brands such as Pingus and Pesus is most likely to be prompted by their ambitious pricing.

Just as Rioja dominates Spain, so Portugal has also struggled to shed its one-wine-nation status. Port's antique-y style evolves slowly from the dense mass of sugar and alcohol, but impatient and more adventurous drinkers can find a tapered, delicate version of its character in the light red wines of the Douro.

## SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

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### White

			<b>Bottle</b>
270	Rioja Rivallana	Bodegas Ondarre	2009 £30.00
271	Nerola	Torres, Catalunya	2006 £33.00
272	Albariño	Serra Da Estrella, Rias Baixas	2008 £38.00

### Red

512	Quinta do Passadouro	Vinho Tinto, Douro	2007 £39.00
511	Rioja Crianza	Viña, Amezola, Spain	2006 £40.00
514	Tempranillo-Cabernet (Magnum)	Enate, Somontano	2002 £89.00
516	Priorat	Dits del Terra, Sadia Family	2002 £128.00
519	Valbuena	Vega Sicilia, Ribera del Duero	2004 £274.00
518	Rioja Gran Reserva	Castillo Ygay, Marqués de Murietta	1978 £215.00

SPAIN

TELMO RODRIGUEZ

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Like The Langham, the Compañía de Viños de Telmo Rodriguez has its roots in the nineteenth century. Many regions that flourished a century ago have become forgotten, and I made it my mission to find and restore the reputations of these vineyards.

After my training at Bordeaux University, Cos d'Estournel and Gérard Chave, I went home to run the family's Rioja estate, Remelluri. In 1994, I left Remelluri to seek out these ancient vineyards, and a decade on I now have projects across Spain. In all of these regions my team and I are producing wines that reflect their location, terroir and tradition.

Telmo Rodriguez

**SPAIN**TELMO RODRIGUEZ

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**White**

275	Basa Blanco	Rueda	2010	£34.00
276	Gaba do Xil	Valdeorras	2010	£36.00

**Red**

523	Viña 105	Cigales	2006	£36.00
524	Pago la Jara	Toro	2005	£76.00
525	Lanzaga	Rioja	2006	£98.00

**Dessert**

634	MR Moscatel (50cl)	Malaga	2009	£38.00
635	Molino Real (50cl)	Mountain Wine, Malaga	2005	£69.00

## NORTH AMERICA

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Time was when the world divided-up between those who believed California to be Grape-Heaven-on-Earth, and those who saw it as a state of bootleggers, ripping-off European blends and names to satisfy their own ends. Conveniently, this divide was easy to draw: it was the North Atlantic. On the Eastern side of the of "The Pond" were the châteaux and gently accumulated riches of the Bordelais, while stacked-up on the western shore were the aggressively made fiscal fortunes and brick cities of the US of America.

in 1976, an Englishman, Steven Spurrier, proposed a sporting end to this rivalry, and under his supervision a blind-tasting was staged in Paris, where California's best were pitted against Bordeaux's finest. "Quelle horreur!" First place went to Stag's Leap Vineyard. One-nil, California. "Our wines were too young", Team France muttered, after all, when it came to Cabernet/Merlot blends they *had* spent the past few hundred years defining the vernacular. "Repeat the tasting in twenty years time and the result would be reversed", they insisted, confident that Claret's brilliance would, like integalactic starlight, eventually shine out from the darkness. So, in 2006, the tasting panels reconvened, and this time Ridge "Monte Bello" 1971 won. Two-nil... Silence.

Whether heaven or haven, somewhere between L.A. and Seattle on America's West coast exists the perfect environment for every grape variety that has ever been grown, vinified or bottled. The viticultural map of the Pacific States is getting ever more detailed, and we (and that includes the French) should take Americans seriously when they tell us "You ain't seen nothing yet."

## NORTH AMERICA

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
277	Sauvignon Blanc	Paul Dolan, Mendocino, California	2006	£35.00
280	Albariño	Ca del Solo, Bonny Doon, California	2006	£46.00
279	Chardonnay	Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara, California	2007	£51.00
281	Chardonnay	Domaine Drouhin, Willamette Valley, Oregon	2009	£53.00
278	Pinot Blanc	Elk Cove, Yamhill, Oregon	2005	£55.00
282	Riesling	Eroica, Château St Michelle and Dr Loosen, Washington State	2006	£57.00
283	Chardonnay	David Ramey, Russian River, California	2008	£79.00

### Red

531	Zinfandel	Peachy Canyon, Paso Robles, California	2006	£43.00
532	Syrah	Qupé, Central Coast, California	2008	£48.00
539	Zinfandel	Frog's Leap, Napa Valley, California	2009	£58.00
534	Merlot	Frog's Leap, Napa Valley, California	2007	£75.00
536	Pinot Noir	Knox Alexander, Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara, California	2002	£89.00
538	Cabernet Sauvignon	Stag's Leap, Napa Valley, California	2008	£159.00
537	Petite Sirah	Hayne, Turley, Napa Valley, California	2003	£199.00

## **NORTH AMERICA**

## **RIDGE VINEYARDS, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA**

In 1865 the Langham, the first of Europe's great luxury hotels, was opened in London. Its tradition of quality in décor, style and service are evident today in its commitment to excellence.

In 1885 the Monte Bello Winery was built and its vineyards planted high on the slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains overlooking San Francisco. Re-opened in 1959 by the Ridge founders, this cool location with its mature vines and limestone soils has produced forty-five vintages of the most distinctive, complex Cabernet and Chardonnay in California.

After a quarter-century's experience with the quality of its Zinfandel grapes, Lytton Springs became a part of Ridge in 1991. Forty vintages of Geyserville Zinfandel attest to yet another stunning combination of location and varietal.

Though born in the early sixties to the post prohibition world of California wine technology, Ridge turned back to the 19th century approach of minimal intervention and wine growing rather than winemaking. Great wines begin with the earth, with the distinctive character imparted by the site. The naturally occurring yeast transforms the grapes into wine. Man's role is to guide that natural process, keeping the child, the young wine, on the straight and narrow. There is no recipe, only careful attention and sensitivity.

Paul Draper



**NORTH AMERICA****RIDGE VINEYARDS, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA**

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**White**

286 Chardonnay

Ridge Vineyards

2005

**Bottle**

£75.00

**Red**

545 Lytton Springs

Ridge Vineyards

2009

£74.00

546 Geyserville

Ridge Vineyards

2008

£78.00

547 Monte Bello

Ridge Vineyards

2000

£266.00

548 Monte Bello

Ridge Vineyards

1996

£285.00

551 Monte Bello

Ridge Vineyards

1997

£325.00

549 Monte Bello (Magnum)

Ridge Vineyards

2001

£365.00

550 Monte Bello

Ridge Vineyards

1981

£532.00

## SOUTH AMERICA

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The Andes run the length of South America, their immense mineral mass intruding into the weightless realm of clouds and sky. To the west of the Cordillera stretches Chile, 3000 miles north to south, like a solid line of longitude, its vineyards crammed on the fertile plains between the mountains and the Pacific. Argentina's vineyards lie in the foothills to the east of the Andes, and in Salta Province their elevation is measured in miles rather than feet or metres. The dizzying altitude provides some relief from the heat of summer, but more importantly, the Andes are the source of the water without which the vines would die.

Both countries have tried to claim a vine variety for themselves, and while Argentina has planted its flag in fields of Malbec, the Chileans have taken in Carmenère as if it were one of their own. In truth, both vines originated in Southwest France.

The two wine styles are very different. The ultraviolet pours through Argentina's thin mountain air, and after season-long exposure to the light, Malbec stains everything it touches. Following a day's tasting in Mendoza my teeth were stained, but I left Argentina with the thought that if the colour purple did have a taste, then surely it would taste of Malbec.

Chile has a reputation for reliability rather than creativity, and Carmenère on its own is no real guarantee of consistent character or unique style. The best advice is to follow winemakers, particularly those like Alvaro Espinoza and Byron Kosuge, who have successfully nurtured and maintained their vision of hand-crafted winemaking within an otherwise corporate-leaning industry.

## SOUTH AMERICA

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
290	Chardonnay Reserve	La Playa, Limari Valley, Chile	2009	£33.00
291	Chardonnay	Catena, Mendoza, Argentina	2009	£41.00
292	Sauvignon Blanc	Garuma, Viña Leyda, Leyda Valley, Chile	2007	£42.00

### Red

554	Merlot Reserve	Viña Tres Palacios, Maipo Valley, Chile	2009	£34.00
555	Cabernet Sauvignon, Alpataco	Famalia Schroeder, Patagonia, Argentina	2008	£36.00
559	Malbec Reserve	Sophenia, Mendoza, Argentina	2009	£45.00
558	Unus	Mendel, Mendoza, Argentina	2004	£64.00
557	Syrah	Bayo Oscuro, Kingston Family Vineyards, Casablanca Valley, Chile	2004	£69.00

It is no coincidence that Chile's first "garage" wine, Antiyal, was also Chile's first biodynamic one.

My winemaking experiences in Bordeaux (at Château Margaux) and with the Fetzers in California taught me that you often achieve more by doing less.

In other words, allowing the vines to express themselves by farming them as naturally as possible; even if this means the vines look scruffy because weeds and wild flowers have been allowed to grow to provide habitat for the beneficial insects who are much more efficient at pest control than any man-made pesticide.

This kind of viticulture is in tune with the biodynamic philosophy I picked up during my time in California, in which sprays based on herbs, minerals and manure, and composts infused with six medicinal herbs are used to revitalise the vines and the soil they grow in.

Alvaro Espinoza

SOUTH AMERICA

ALVARO ESPINOZA, CHILE

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**White**

242 Chardonnay

Novas, Casablanca Valley

2008

**Bottle**

£33.00

**Red**

561 Novas

Colchagua Valley

2006

£36.00

562 Coyam

Colchagua Valley

2007

£42.00

## AUSTRALIA

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It was inevitable that the "Big Red Land" would one day produce matching *big red wines*, and for a time size proved to be everything. In the 80s and 90s, deeply-hued Shiraz and Cabernet were the norm, served-up either on their own, or as a thumping two-handed blend. Similarly, Chardonnay and Semillon, whether apart or together, overflowed with energy, delivering their hit of fruit and alcohol smoothly and efficiently.

Australia prided itself on simplicity. Varietal labelling and blends that blurred regional boundaries just didn't make the same demands on drinkers as had Europe's unpronounceable appellations and historic classifications. But just as man nurtures the vine, so the vine nurtures a deep-curiosity amongst those that tend to it: a restlessness to find out what can be spun from one's own particular stretch of dirt. The desire that drove Burgundy's monks to divide and frame their vineyards hectare-by-hectare, is the same involuting force that is currently breaking Australia up into sub-regions like Coonawarra, Yarra and Beechworth.

Within the current crop of wines, the premium end of the market seems finally to have come of age; even Barossa Shiraz has revealed a lighter side. Much of the improvement has come out of an understanding that Chardonnay, just like Pinot Noir, is too fragile a vehicle for the traditional warm viticultural heartlands, and the move to cooler areas has unleashed a new and exciting wave of quality.

## AUSTRALIA

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### White

				<b>Bottle</b>
223	Chardonnay	Pitchfork, McLaren Vale	2010	£33.00
224	Riesling/Viognier	The Mullet, Pikes, Polish Hill	2009	£33.00
294	Sauvignon Blanc	Shaw and Smith, Adelaide Hills, South Australia	2009	£46.00
295	Riesling	Rolf Binder Highness, Eden Valley	2007	£33.00
298	Chardonnay	Vasse Felix, Adams Road, Margaret River	2008	£39.00
300	Riesling	Museum Release, Pewsey Vale, Eden Valley	2008	£44.00
302	Semillon	Vat 1, Tyrells, Hunter Valley	2002	£59.00
303	Chardonnay	Picaddilly, Grossett, Adelaide Hills	2007	£65.00
304	Chardonnay	Giaconda, Beechworth, Victoria	2005	£183.00

### Red

566	Shiraz-Grenache	The Schnell, Magpie Estate, Barossa Valley	2008	£35.00
567	Dolcetto-Lagrein	Heartland Estate, Langhorne Creek	2007	£49.00
571	Cabernet Sauvignon	Majella, Coonawarra	2008	£51.00
p569	Shiraz	Shaw and Smith, Adelaide Hills, South Australia	2009	£67.00
573	Shiraz	Mount Edelstone, Henschke, Adelaide Hills	2005	£142.00
574	Shiraz (Magnum)	Georgia's Paddock, Jasper Hill, Victoria	2004	£220.00

**AUSTRALIA**

**TWO HANDS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

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We were delighted to respond to the Langham's call to put together a unique offering of Two Hands wines. Our mission, when we established Two Hands in 1999, was to show the diversity of Australian Shiraz by highlighting regional characteristics, so the idea of a collection had instant appeal.

Working with a three-tier classification system, with strict quality parameters, the very best barrels are selected for the Flagship Range, followed by the Garden Series, then the Picture Series labels.

Michael Twelftree, Owner



AUSTRALIA

TWO HANDS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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<b>Red</b>			<b>Bottle</b>
580	Grenache	Aerope, Two Hands, Barossa Valley	2005 £139.00
582	Shiraz	Ares, Two Hands, Barossa Valley	2005 £210.00
581	Cabernet Sauvignon	Aphrodite, Two Hands, Barossa Valley	2004 £218.00

## NEW ZEALAND

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For such a small and ocean-bound country, New Zealand offers a remarkable diversity of climates. The top of the North Island is sub-tropical, with barely a winter to sneeze at, whilst the South Island contains the luminous-skyed vale of Marlborough, and the desert-like Otago.

Sauvignon Blanc has fronted New Zealand's rise through the international ranks of wine producers. The variety's easy domination was inevitable in a country that, judging by its legions of rugby players and sheep, loves specialisation, but with plantings of Syrah, Pinot and Cabernet on the increase the future certainly looks more bountiful than the past. The Martinborough region typifies this new pioneering spirit, and aided by its extra bright sun it has established itself as one of the World's most versatile viticultural environments.

## NEW ZEALAND

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### White

			<b>Bottle</b>
319	Viogner	Yealands Estate, Marlborough	2009 £33.00
320	Sauvignon Blanc	Isabel Estate, Marlborough	2011 £41.00
321	Pinot Gris	Astrolabe, Marlborough	2008 £41.00
322	Chardonnay	Neudorf, Nelson	2008 £43.00
323	Gewürztraminer	Rippon, Central Otago	2006 £46.00
324	Chardonnay	Felton Road, Central Otago	2008 £54.00

### Red

583	Pinot Noir	Peregrine, Central Otago	2010 £58.00
584	Pinot Noir	Dog Point, Marlborough	2009 £59.00
585	Syrah	Bridge Pa Louis, Hawkes Bay	2004 £64.00
586	Cabernet-Merlot	Coleraine, Te Mata, Hawkes Bay	2007 £80.00

## **NEW ZEALAND**

## **MARTINBOROUGH VINEYARD**

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In 1978 a report was published that analysed which areas in New Zealand were best suited for the production of high quality wines from classical grape varieties. The report concluded that the closest New Zealand climatic analog to Burgundy was to be found in the small rain-shadow centred on the township of Martinborough in the south east of the North Island. One of the authors of the report, my brother, Dr Derek Milne, was so convinced of the validity of their conclusions that, together with a group of four other enthusiasts, we bought 16 acres in the zone and started Martinborough Vineyard.

Martinborough Vineyard wines are classic, sensual and elegant with lovely finesse and texture. Our Marie Zelle Reserve Pinot Noir represents the very finest of what we can do.

We're very proud to be associated with another great pioneer and landmark in the Langham, the first Grand Hotel in England.

Duncan Milne, Founder

**NEW ZEALAND****MARTINBOROUGH VINEYARD**

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**White**

329	Riesling	Manu, Martinborough Vineyard	2006	£36.00
328	Sauvignon Blanc	Martinborough Vineyard	2009	£39.00
330	Chardonnay	Martinborough Vineyard	2006	£49.00

**Red**

588	Pinot Noir	Martinborough Vineyard	2007	£64.00
590	Pinot Noir	Marie Zelic, Martinborough Vineyard	2003	£195.00
589	Pinot Noir (Magnum)	Martinborough Vineyard	2000	£220.00

## SOUTH AFRICA

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At the Cape of Good Hope, the World flashes a little of its primitive beauty, as the elements of water and earth face-up to one another. The collision of warm African air with the cool Atlantic Ocean has created a unique flora, and through the spring Nature casts off every veil of her inhibition, smothering the hillsides of daisies and lilies with flamboyantly tinted blooms

The country's wine industry has struggled to harmonise with the natural splendour of this backdrop. Isolation under apartheid hindered development, and when the trade embargo was eventually lifted the majority of producers seemed impervious to the demands of a changed market place. The white wines still offered great value, but a strange yeasty depth consistently blotted-out the more fragile traits of varietal character in the reds.

A decade on, and comparisons between South Africa and other countries are now looking increasingly favourable. White wines, led by Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin, offer the kind of clear varietal expression that we have come to associate with New Zealand, while reds combine potency with volume.

Perhaps the Cape is just too picturesque for there ever to be an even-handed pairing with its wines, but after decades of turmoil, the South African Industry does, at long last, have a happy ending in sight.

## SOUTH AFRICA

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### White

			<b>Bottle</b>
333	Sauvignon Blanc	Tierhoeck Piekenierscoof	2009 £33.00
334	Roulette Blanc	Lammershoek, Swartland	2008 £33.00
335	Chenin Blanc	Tierhoek, Piekenierskloof	2009 £35.00
347	Vondeling	Paardeberg	2007 £35.00
232	Sequillo Blanc	Eben Sadie, Swartland	2010 £45.00
337	Palladius	Eben Sadie, Swartland	2006 £67.00

### Red

594	TMV Viktoria	Tulbagh Mountain Vineyards	2004 £33.00
595	Cabernet Sauvignon	Backsberg, Paarl	2007 £34.00
591	Vondeling	Paardeberg	2007 £38.00
596	Syrah	The Foundry, Stellenbosch	2006 £51.00
597	Syrah	Columella, Eben Sadie, Swartland	2008 £69.00

## DESSERT AND FORTIFIED

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Nowadays, the baggy-sailed barges that tack around the mouth of the Douro are just for show, but once they ferried all the newly fortified wines from the *lagares* and vineyards of the Upper Douro, one hundred-fifty kilometres downstream to the lodges of Vila Nova de Gaia.

Inland, the breeze that pushes the barges across Oporto's harbour fades, and once you reach the *lagares* of the Upper Douro, nearly all traces of Atlantic influence are lost. At the height of summer, the sky, like an upturned blue bowl, pours all its heat and light into the vineyards, forcing the vines into a parched submission that leaves their berries black and thick-skinned. Feet are still state-of-the-art technology for the traditional port houses when it comes to crushing the harvested fruit, human skin and bone having more elasticity than steel; but the squeamish should find comfort in the fact that the brandy that fortifies the grape must also sterilises the wine, leaving it strongly alcoholic, but sweetly flavoured.

Port has a sluggish chemistry. Wood-matured LBVs can take a decade or so to emerge from the barrel's original dark morass of grape must and alcohol, while vintage wines might need thirty years in bottle to find a similar configuration of palate-pleasing molecules. This all makes Port scary primordial stuff for those not in the habit of cellaring wines.

Through the summer, Jerez's chalky soils have an eye-piercing brilliance, and the vineyards shimmer in the haze of reflected heat and light. Chalk's ability to ration water and impart its own mineral-tang to wine is as vital to the producers of Sherry as it is those of Champagne, so despite marking the southern and northern limits of European viticulture, each region keeps to the same terroir-driven faith.

Port's prominence harks back to a period when England either traded with its neighbours, or tried to fight them. Today, both Australia and California have developed their own versions of LBV and tawny-styles, and these should appeal to those who want a touch of sophistication, but would sooner skip all the gory history.



## DESSERT AND FORTIFIED

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<b>Dessert</b>				<b>Bottle</b>	<b>Half</b>
634	MR Moscatel (50cl)	Telmo Rodriguez, Malaga, Spain	2009	£38.00	
616	Château de Cérons	Cérons, Bordeaux	1998	£53.00	£28.00
619	Jurançon	Clos Thou, Henri Laplace	2009		£36.00
635	Molino Real (50cl)	Mountain Wine, Telmo Rodriguez, Malaga, Spain	2005	£69.00	
615	Monbazillac	Château Montdoyen, Albert Roux	2001	£55.00	
630	Valpolicella Recioto	Allegrini, Verona	2008		£75.00
628	Royal Tokaji, Aszú 6 Puttonyos, (50cl)	Royal Tokaji Zrt, Hungary	2005		£83.00
617	Château Rieussec	1er Grand Cru Classé, Sauternes, Bordeaux	2003	£149.00	
626	Schloss Johannisberg, Riesling Auslese	Rheingau, Germany	2000	£162.00	
621	Avignonesi Vin Santo, Occhio Di Pernice	Montepuciano, Italy	1992		£425.00
620	Hermitage, Vin de Paille	J.L Chave	1996		£496.00
618	Château d'Yquem	Sauternes, Bordeaux	1988	£780.00	
<b>Fortified</b>					
680	Starboard Batch 88	Quady, California		£34.00	
684	Oloroso	Emperatriz Eugenia, Lustau, Jerez		£51.00	
683	Late Bottled Vintage	Quinta de la Rosa, Port	2007	£54.00	
681	Puerto Fino	Lustau, Jerez		£54.00	£29.00
687	Croft	Port	1977	£195.00	
688	Fonseca	Vintage Port	1985	£246.00	

## HALF BOTTLES

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### Champagne

651	Billecart-Salmon Rosé			<b>Half</b>
				£67.00

### White

655	Saumur Blanc	Les Vignerons de Saumur, Loire, France	2008	£18.00
656	Sancerre	André Vatan	2010	£22.00
657	Pouilly Fuissé, Les Crays	Domaine Auvigue	2009	£33.00
658	Puligny Montrachet	Domanine Jean Pascal	2010	£56.00

### Red

660	Côtes-du-Rhône	Domaine St Gayan	2009	£18.00
661	Valpolicella Classico Superiore	Villa Piazzola	2009	£22.00
662	Crozes-Hermitage	Alain Graillot	2009	£28.00
664	Savigny les Beaune	Domaine du Prieuré	2008	£29.00
659	Château Beau-Site	St Estèphe	2004	£27.00

### Rosé

667	Lirac	La Fermade	2007	£21.00
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### Dessert

670	Château Cérons	Cérons, France	1998	£27.00
619	Jurançon	Clos Thou, Henri Laplace	2007	£33.00
625	Vin Doux Naturel Rivesaltes	Caricia, Domaine Gauby	2005	£59.00
620	Hermitage, Vin de Paille	J.L Chave	1996	£477.00

### Fortified

675	Puerto Fino	Lustau, Sherry		£29.00
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## MAGNUMS

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### Champagne

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171	Laurent-Perrier NV		£154.00
172	Pol Roger NV	Extra Cuvée de Reserve	£190.00
180	Veuve Clicquot Brut NV		£194.00
170	Jacquart Brut Mosaïque NV		£195.00
176	Louis Roederer NV		£210.00
173	Jacquart et Fils NV	Blanc de Blancs	£215.00
175	Billecart-Salmon Rosé NV		£256.00
174	Laurent-Perrier Rosé NV		£286.00
179	Dom Perignon	2002	£595.00
177	Krug Grand Cuveé NV		£645.00
178	Cristal	1990	£1,200.00

### White

219	Pouilly-Fumé	Les Loges, Jean-Claude Guyot	2006	£85.00
229	Crozes-Hermitage	Alain Graillot	1998	£118.00
218	Pouilly-Fuissé	La Croix	1999	£131.00
233	Chablis Grand Cru	Les Blanchots, Domaine Laroche	1995	£307.00
217	Chablis Grand Cru	Le Clos, Gerard Duplessis	2001	£318.00

### Red

514	Tempranillo-Cabernet	Enate, Somontano	2003	£82.00
489	Le Soula	Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes	2003	£154.00
574	Shiraz	Georgia's Paddock, Jasper Hill, Victoria	2004	£209.00
589	Pinot Noir	Martinborough Vineyard	2000	£206.00
490	Côtes de Roussillon Villages	Muntada, Domaine Gauby	2001	£245.00
470	Domaine de Trévallon	Vin du Pays Bouches du Rhône	1995	£275.00
472	Côte Rôtie	Jasmin	1998	£299.00
549	Monte Bello	Ridge Vineyards	2001	£349.00
409	Pommard 1er Cru	Les Rugiens, Domaine de Montille	1993	£795.00