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## **COCKTAILS**

Vodka, Cointreau, lime, cranberry Cognac, Kahlua, cream, espresso shot £6.50 AVIATION £7.50 BELLINI Tanqueray gin, Maraschino, lemon Champagne, peach purée £7.00 PERKINS PINEAPPLE EXPRESS £6.50 SIDECAR Cognac, Cointreau, Iemon Vodka, lemon, pineapple, basil £6.50 SOUR £7.00 BLOODY MARY Vodka, lemon, tomato, basil Chosen spirit/liqueur, lemon £6.50 PINKY & PERKINS £7.50 MOJITO Gin, elderflower, raspberry, apple White rum, lime, mint, soda £3.50 PINKY & PERKINS (non alcoholic) £7.00 CLASSIC MARTINI Elderflower, raspberry, lime, apple Gin/vodka, vermouth, lemon/olive £6.50 FRENCH MARTINI Vodka, Chambord, pineapple

£7.00 ESPRESSO MARTINI

£6.50 COSMOPOLITAN

## WINE BY GLASS/CARAFE

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Bin	Bottle	White Wines	Glass 175ml	Glass 250ml	Carafe 500ml	Bin	Bottle	Red Wines	Glass 175ml	Glass 250ml	Carafe 500ml
16	£16.5	Colombard, France	£4.15	£6.00	£11.90	69	£16.5	CARIGNAN+, France	£4.15	£6.00	£11.90
43	£18.5	CHARDONNAY, South Africa	£4.75	£7.00	£13.50	85	£19.5	MONTEPULCIANO, Italy	£4.95	£7.25	£14.00
12a	£19.5	SAUVIGNON BLANC, Chile	£4.95	£7.25	£14.00	93	£19.5	SHIRAZ+, South Africa	£4.95	£7.25	£14.00
35	£19.5	PINOT GRIGIO, Italy	£4.95	£7.25	£14.00	66	£23	PINOT NOIR, Chile	£5.85	£8.35	£16.50
13	£25	VIOGNIER+, Chile	£6.35	£9.25	£18.00	72	£28	MALBEC+, France	£6.95	£9.95	£19.50
39	£28.5	SAUVIGNON BLANC, New Zealand	£6.95	£10.50	£20.00	94	£32	PINOTAGE, South Africa	£7.95	£11.75	£22.50
		Champagne	Glass 125ml					Rosé			
1	£39.5	CHAMPAGNE, NV, Brut	£6.95			51	£19.5	MERLOT+, France	£4.95		£14.00
		Dessert Wine						Port	Glass 75ml		
	£19	VIOGNIER, Argentina	£5.25			p18	£45	QUINTA DA TEDO LBV 2001	£4.75		£31.00
	£24	GRENACHE+, France (Red)	£6.45								

## **CHAMPAGNE**

#### 1 £39.5 NV DOMAINE FLUTEAU, "Blanc de Noirs"

12% Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

From a small, dedicated private grower, rather than a large Champagne House, this is delightfully pure and gentle Champagne.

#### 2 £55 NV LAURENT PERRIER

Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

Today Laurent Perrier deserve all their name recognition. A wonderfully light, elegant, crisp style, with white fruits above a rewarding yeasty, citrusy palate.

#### $3\,$ £59 2002 JACQUART "Mosaique"

12.5% Chardonnay and Pinot Noir

An emphasis on Chardonnay, and a little ageing, make this a Champagne of the Boulangerie/Patisserie: fresh bread, praline, hazelnut, butter, nougar, cream!

#### 4 £78 2000 PHILIPPONNAT, "Cuvee 1522"

12% Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

Philipponnat are rightly in-vogue. This wine, from Grand Cru vineyards, complements its indulgent aromatics with a stunning dose of minerality.

#### 5 £110 2000 BOLLINGER, "La Grande Annee"

12% Pinot Noir and Chardonnay

1999 made "La Grand Annee" stylistically a complete Champagne - offering power and finesse. A dream with smoked salmon.

#### 6 £175 1996 DOM RUINART "Blanc de Blancs"

12.5% Chardonnay

Taking a different direction to Krug, this is the peak of delicate Champagne. Almonds, brioche, dried fruits, citrus and even coffee: the list goes on forever.

#### 7 £250 1995 KRUG

12% Chardonnay and Pinot Noir

Vintage Krug: explosive, opulent, zesty, intense, creamy, sumptuous, persistent exhilaration. For nirvana, combine it with a cream-sauced main course!

#### Rosé Champagne

#### 8 £49.5 NV DOMAINE FLUTEAU, "Cuvee Rubis"

12% Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

Fluteau are experts in the red grapes of Champagne, so their rosé delivers. Rosé Champagne is a romantic treat at any time, but do try it with fruit desserts.

#### 9 £79 NV TAITTINGER, "Prestige"

12% Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier

There's Haute Couture style and elegance to all that Taittinger do. A wine of natural depth, decorated with refined red berry fruits and lovely creamy notes.

#### Argentina

10 £19 2009 ZONDA VALLEY, "Pacha-Mama", Las Moras

13.5% Torrontes

An organic wine (meaning no chemical fertilisers used), Pacha-Mama has aromas of roses and peaches, followed by good tropical fruit flavours.

Australia

11 £37.5 2004 BAROSSA VALLEY, "Margaret", Peter Lehmann

11.5%

Semillon

Quite possibly the world's best Semillon-based dry wine - and so an exceptional-value 'Fine Wine'. A divine honey character is balanced by a firm, noble core... and yet, the wine continues to feel rounded and easy. Wonderfully contradictory; wonderfully complex. Named 'Margaret' for Peter Lehmann's wife.

Austria

12 £24 2008 WACHAU, "Terraces", Domaine Wachau

<sup>12%</sup> Gruner Veltliner

Showing Gruner's trademark peppery aro matics - here perhaps white pepper - then citrus and herbs. Lovely purity, and a distinctly drystyle.

Chile

12a £19.5 2011 CENTRAL VALLEY, Casa Azul

13% Sauvignon Blanc

Proof of how Chile has upped its game in the Sauvignon stakes in recent years, this is crisp, correct and refreshing, with bright, green-to-yellow fruit character.

13 £25 2011 COLCHAGUA VALLEY, "Reserva", Ventisquero

13.5% Viognier

Viognier always delivers serious flavour, but fortunately these days that doesn't have to come with over-sweetness. The nose shows indulgent orange blossom and lychees. In the mouth there is youthful freshness to balance the good midweight flow of the wine.

England

14 £24 2010 WEST SUSSEX, Bolney Estate

12%

Müller Thurgau, Würzer and Schönburger

The grape varieties make this wine sound rather Germanic, but actually our climate yields a fresh and floral wine, which can even suit lightly spiced dishes.

15 £45 2006 WEST SUSSEX, "Ridgeview", Merret Bloomsbury

<sup>12%</sup> Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

Great care has gone into this sparkling wine, and it is clearly better than many Champagnes. Subtle, dry and zesty, with real finesse and length.

#### France

16 £16.5 2010 COTES DE GASCOGNE, "Aramis", Laplace

12% Colombard and Ugni Blanc

Our longstanding House White is irreplaceable. Whilst technically a dry wine, it caresses with gentle honeysuckle and lime flavours.

17 £19.5 2010 D'OC, L'Orangeraie de Pennautier

Viognier

Pennautier are in the very north-west of Languedoc, meaning that southern heat is balanced by cooling Atlantic influences. Result: a more crisp and stylish Viognier.

18 £23.5 NV BOURGOGNE, "Blanc de Blancs", Philippe Herard

2% Chenin Blanc, Bourboulenc, Chardonnay and Ugni Blanc.

Sparkling wine, assembled in Burgundy but actually a blend of grapes from across France. Excellent wine, with classic baked-bread aromatics.

19 £24 2009 VAL DU LOIRE, Domaine Bourgeois

12.5% Sauvignon Blanc

Made by a leading Sancerre producer, on land right on the Sancerre boundary. Impressive, ripe or chard fruit and florality.

 $20\,$  £25 2007 JURANCON, Clos Lapeyre

12.5% Gros Manseng and Petit Manseng

Jurancon has been in vogue in food circles in recent years for its combination of stylish dryness and rich fruit. River-fish are a great match.

21 £28 2008 LIMOUX, "Toques et Clochers", Sieur d'Arques

13% Chardonnav

The first of two contrasting but wonderful French Chardonnays. This variant is analagous to the great Burgundy 'Meursault'. That is, the combination of a hot southern climate and careful use of oak barrels, adds a little buttery tone to the honeyed, citrus fruit. There's nothing over-sweet - it is a very well balanced dry white, and, coming from a relatively anonymous region, is stunning value. %Toques et Clochers+means "Hats and Bells", and this is indeed a wine of celebration, to celebrate, and celebrate with!

22 £29.5 2009 ST-VERAN, Domaine Arnaud Combier

13.5% Chardonnay

Most of the 'Maconnais' region of Burgundy goes by the name of 'Macon-Villages'. St-Veran is a village adjudged worthy of using its own name. Made by one of the new generation of young French winemakers who've studied winemaking at university then served apprenticeships at top estates. So confident is young Arnaud that he's added his forename to the family's estate name. In seeking true expression from his patch of land, he chooses not to oak his Chardonnay. The result is a limpid, crisp wine of yellow apple to citrus, which gains a richer (if still subtle) nut, cream and lemon character as it breathes.

23 £33 2008 ALSACE, "Holzweg", Andre Scherer

3% Gewurztraminer

'Holzweg' is Scherer's top Gewurtraminer, as is evident in the classic nose of lychees and spices, followed by a rich, indulgent palate. A superb wine.

#### France

24 £36 2008 SANCERRE, "Les Vallons", Domaine Fouassier

8% Sauvignon Blanc

The Fouassier family have been making wine in Sancerre for ten generations. They know how to use this famous patch of land: witness this vital, exciting Sancerre.

25 £39 2000 SAVENNIERES, Domaine La Roche-aux-Moines

12.5% Chenin Blanc

Aged Loire Chenin Blanc is one of the world's great wine styles. Ten years of ageing has given this wine has a wonderful, transfixing, honeyed bouquet.

26 £41 2008 CHABLIS 1er Cru Montmains, Domaine Tremblay

13% Chardonnay

Basic 'Chablis' can be rather basic, so we stepped up to this wine from a 1er Cru vineyard. Flinty-minerality, concentration, sophistication.

27 £47 2008 LoHERAULT, Domaine Leon Barral

13% Terret Blanc, Terret Gris, Viognier and Roussanne

Leon Barral is one of the more dedicated, obsessive winemakers you will come across. His estate is biodynamic: all-natural wine-production, in the vineyard and the cellar. Yields are a (widely considered to be crazily low) '5hl/ha. That at third of the level of usual Fine Wine production! It results in a serious concentration of the best that the land and the vine can offer. Specifically, this is an intense dry white; with complex aromatics including honey, nuts and herbs; and an incredibly-pure, citrus-flecked palate. Consider especially with our fully-flavoured fish dishes.

28 £55 2005 VOUVRAY, "Le Haut Lieu" Sec, Huet

13% Chenin Blanc

The highest profile estate of the Loire; a famed vineyard; a great vintage. A tremendous wine that will keep improving across your meal.

29 £60 2002 PESSAC LEOGNAN, Chateau Carbonnieux

12.5% Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon

One of the handful of top white wines of Bordeaux. 2002 was an excellent vintage, now opening out into complexity.

30 £79 2007 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET 1er Cru, Chavy

13% Chardonnay

This is Alain Chavy's Folatieres 1er Cru, from 2005! This sort of Burgundy is why Chardonnay has been planted across the world.

31 £90 1995 MEURSAULT 1er Cru, Remoissenet

13.5% Chardonnay

Aged Burgundy (white and red) deliver the peak of wine's hedonistic aromatic complexity. Remoissenet focus on this ageing style.

#### Germany

33 £35 2009 OBERHAUSER LEISTENBERG, Kabinett, Donnhoff

8.5% Rieslin

'Kabinett' is the driest style of serious German Riesling. Elite-producer Donnhoff deliver pale fruit, minerality, great length, and concentration yet weightlessness!

34 £60 2004 WEHLENER SONNENUHR, Spatlese, J J Prum

8% Riesling

W-S' is a crazily steep Mosel vineyard, which indisputably makes some of the greatest white wines in the world. There is almost no soil - mostly just shattered blue slate, which seems to translate directly into the minerality of the wine. Whilst the bin 33 Fritz Haag caresses with its adorable fruit, this wine from J J Prum adds a delicate yet electric acidity, making it seem to dance on the palate. On opening there's also some gentle, natural spritz too! Although technically quite sweet due to its Spatlese (late-harvest) origin, acidity balances the wine and makes for a wonderful fit with our white meat dishes.

Italy

35 £19.5 2010 VENETO, Trefili

<sup>12%</sup> Pinot Grigio

We tasted a number of Pinot Grigios to ensure that we only listed good wines at Perkins. This is clean and crisp, with a twist of fine citrus fruit.

35a £21.5 2009 VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLO DI JESI, Laila

12.5% Verdicchio

Verdicchio, when made with style like this, can be thought of as a cross between Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc. A classy, light, easy-drinking wine.

36 £24 2008 SICILIA, Fazio

13.5% Grillo

Sicily is at the forefront of modern, natural winemaking. Delicious and quite refined fruit, herb and nut flavours. Wonderful with richer fish dishes.

37 £37 2007 VALLE D'AOSTA, "Vigne Champorette", Les Cretes

12.5% Petite Arvine

In the Les Miserables musical, Eponine laments (so exquisitely) how Marius never noticed her. Our customers seem to rarely spot this special, rare, crisp, vital lemonled wine. Make not that mistakeõ

New Zealand

39 £28.5 2009 GROVE MILL, Malborough

13.0% Sauvignon Blanc

Generic 'Marlborough Sauvignon' has become very well known. Grove Mill is so superior that their junior wine has been used for supermarket 'Taste the Difference' offerings! This is divine Sauvignon. Available by the glass and the carafe.

#### New Zealand

40 £39 2008 CENTRAL OTAGO, "Dry", Felton Road

Riesling

Central Otago is coming to be recognised as New Zealand's best wine region. Lively lime and lemon Riesling. Technically dry, but still rounded and indulgent.

£45 2008 MARLBOROUGH, Clos Henri

13.6% Sauvignon Blanc

Clos Henri is a special hillside site owned by a family from Sancerre. With its length and gentle minerality, a candidate for New Zealand's best Sauvignon.

£52 2005 CENTRAL OTAGO, Felton Road

Felton Road is New Zealand's number one estate. The 2005 vintage delivered Chablis-esque Chardonnay. Great depth, and burgeoning complexity.

South Africa

43 £18.5 2010 STELLENBOSCH, Good Hope Winery

13.5% Chardonnay

South African wines today offer excellent value, and that means we can opt for the high quality which is evident in the purity of this ripe, easy Chardonnay.

44 £22.5 2010 STELLENBOSCH, "Sunbird", Simonsig

Sauvignon Blanc

This premium wine is the product of relatively old vines, giving a classy, subtle intensity to the plethora of ripe, green and yellowflavours and aromas.

 $45~{\rm \pounds 26}~2009$  COASTAL REGION, "Creative Block 2" , Spier

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon

"Creative Block+ is named after the art-based community programs run on the Spier Estate. (They presumably arend familiar with the English term of suffering from creative blocko) Anyway, the creativity went well when it came to this wine. The blend is an explicit homage to white Bordeaux; but the style, stemming from South African sunshine, is fairly different: the aroma is packed with green-spectrum goodies like gooseberries and nettle; the palate having a luscious swathe of tropical fruit. The absence of oak is gratifying; it all wine in this bottle.

Spain

46 £21 2008 RUEDA, "Exceptional", Bodegas Con Class

12.5% Verdejo

> High altitude and night picking allow creation of a bright, refreshing wine, showing citrus, mint and garden peas. Richer fish dishes are a lovely match.

## **ROSÉ WINE**

#### 50 £17 2010 WESTERN CAPE, Spier

13% Pinotage and Shiraz

Strawberry is the key word here; mingling cheerfully in the aroma with sweet notes like candyfloss, and on the palate flowing easily by itself.

#### 51 £19.5 2010 BERGERAC, Chateau Ladesvignes

13% Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon

Chateau Ladesvignes focus on their rosé wine, as is immediately evident from the striking signature nose of strawberries and black pepper.

#### 52 £22 2009 BIERZO, "Tres Obispos", Bodegas Pittacum

13% Mercia

New-World ripeness is on display here, courtesy of Spanish sunshine. Cherries and red plums are followed by a refreshing of red pepper and delicate spice.

#### 53 £25 2009 COTES DE PROVENCE, Domaine Carteron

12.5% Cinsault, Grenache and Shiraz

This wine from Carteron - their "Cuvee Elegance" - seems to sum up all that is good about Provencal Rosé. The colour is different to rosés from elsewhere - a famous salmon pink. The aroma is captivating: it's patently refined, and has lovely notes of jasmine and other flowering plants of the Mediterranean. The delicate palate adds mango and lychee notes, as well as more savoury notes such as peach-stone.

#### 54 £35 2009 BANDOL, Domaine de la Suffrene

13% Mourvedre, Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan

The reds of Bandol are amongst the biggest and scariest in the world. The rosés, thankfully, are instead delightfully delicate, utilising qualities which in the reds mean tannin to here mean a fine-boned texture. adding an extra dimension to rosé wine. Close your eyes and you could be drinking Chablis. And yet, Bandol is the pinnacle of rosé because it goes beyond even that, adding subtle notes of pale red cherries, mint, peach and more.

#### Argentina

60 £21.5 2008 MENDOZA, "Roble", Vina Maipu

13.8% Malbec

Argentina may be 'New World', but this winery started in 1898. Real length here, with purple fruits, dark chocolate, and a certain savoury beef-friendlinessõ

61 £58 2005 UCO VALLEY, "Primus", Salentein

15.5% Pinot Noir

Salentein are Argentina's #1winery. 'Primus' first gained fame for being selected for a Dutch Royal wedding. Gently textured, utterly classy Pinot.

Australia

62 £19.5 2009 SOUTH AUSTRALIA, "Select", McWilliams

13.5% Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon

Whilst the grapes dond come from a particular patch of land, McWIlliams have selected carefully to produce a clearly-Australian, sweetly-fruited red.

63 £25 2009 VICTORIA, Sanford Estate

<sup>b%</sup> Shira

This is vibrant Aussy Shiraz, 'done proper': full, heady, glossy blackberry fruit; sprinkled with white and black pepper; and backed up with a note of dark chocolate.

64 £38 2006 COONAWARRA, Wynn's Estate

14% Cabernet Sauvignon

Wynn's has been the most famous Australian Cabernet for the last 50 years. Today it consistency receives critical reviews and ratings comparable to the best wines of Bordeaux yet it is famously good value compared to those. It's not Bordeaux in style: it's dense and rounded, with very black fruit character. It's a wonderful match with hearty meat dishes. Enjoy your meal and enjoy your visit with us: this wine will show you many aspects of its personality as it breathes across the evening!

65 £48 2005 CLARE VALLEY, "The McRae Wood", Jim Barry

15.5% Shiraz

A 'Trophy Wine' the literal sense - you'll note the string of gold medals on the label. The full body, velvet texture and rich flavours says the awards are justified.

Chile

66 £23 2009 CASABLANCA VALLEY, "Reserva", Ventisquero

13.5% Pinot Noir

Available by the glass and carafe, this is an impressive young Pinot; with vital dark-cherry flavours, and a gentle, comforting, medium-bodied mouthfeel.

#### Chile

67 £27 2008 MAIPO VALLEY, "Gran Reserva", Queulat

14% Carmenere

A dense, velvety wine from the 'lost' grape variety of Carmenere - the wines were once thought to be Merlot; the wines taste closer to Cabernet Sauvignon!

68 £45 2006 MAULE VALLEY, Botalcura

14.5%

Nebbiolo

Yes, Nebbiolo (the majestic grape of Barolo) from Chile. In fact, it is the first one made! Peach, floral and spicy aromas preface a fully ripe, modern wine.

France

69 £16.5 2010 VALLE DE L'ORB, "Terres d'Orb", Roquebrun

13% Carignan, Merlot, Grenache, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon

Our House Red does Southern France in a modern, supple, fruity style; but with no little complexity on account of that grape blend!

70 £19.5 2009 BORDEAUX, Chateau Terrefort-Lescalle

Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon

The celebrated 2009 Bordeaux vintage is well expressed in the ripeness of the blackcurrant fruit, which is deliciously balanced by cedar and dark chocolate.

71 £24.5 2010 MORGON, Cave Bel Air

12.5% Gamay

Morgon is famed as one of the 'bigger' wines of Beaujolais. In the grand scheme of things this is actually elegant, clean, delicately-spiced, red-fruited happiness!

72 £27.5 2008 FRONTON, "Le Bouissel", Chateau Bouissel

14.5% Malbec, Negrette and Shiraz

Something of a one-off, this wine (2008) won a Gold Medal at Paris, and the 'Coup du Coeur' award from France's pre-eminent wine guide. The ripe Malbec provides compelling depth. But it's the super-rare Negrette that makes you smile. It's responsible for the complex floral aromatics. Then there's Shiraz to deliver the more familar brambly fruit and lingering spice. A great match for any red meat dish, it is also really interesting by itself - do try a glass!

73 £30 2008 HAUT-MEDOC, Château Liversan

.5% Cab

Cabernet Sauvignon, with Merlot

Liversan goes from strength to strength - perhaps a climb up the Bordeaux hierarchy is in order? Classic Cabernet: noble; delicately firm; subtly powerful, yet

74 £33 2005 MADIRAN, Chateau Aydie

<sup>4%</sup> Та

Power, opulence, refinement: the trademarks of perhaps the best producer of Madiran today. Rich, red meats are a wonderful match.

#### France

#### 74a £39.5 2009 CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE, Maillard Pere et Fils

13% Pinot Noir

Maillard make Burgundy with the gentle grace that made Pinot Noir travel the globe. Lovely ripe black cherry, red-fruit undertones, faint spice. Perfect with

#### 75 £41 2004 ST-EMILION G C, Chateau La Croix Chantecaille

13% Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon

G C equals "Grand Cru", which in St-Emilion language denotes all the best land. This wine has excellent length, and is recommended with our beef dishes.

#### 76 £41 2009 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, Berthet Rayne

14.5% Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre and Cinsault

Chateauneuf creates enfatuation like few other wines. This is a good example of the lush fruit and spice possible, but consider also the wonderful bin 80.

#### 78 £55 1999 CROZES-HERMITAGE, "Thalabert", Jaboulet

13% Shiraz

Jaboulet's "Thalabert" spent decades renowed as the best wine of Crozes-Hermitage. Whilst the world's rising passion for Shiraz then led some growers to make micro-cuvees of Crozes which to some tastes surpassed it, Thalabert remains one of the world's most distinctive wines. That wonderful bouquet of leather, bricks, plump cherry, earth and spice is becoming evident in the '99. Happily, '99 is the best Northern Rhone vintage of the decade around it, so this wine also has the power and presence which marked out Thalabert in the first place. A great match for game.

#### 79 £60 2000 ST-ESTEPHE, Chateau Petit Bocq

13% Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc

A mature expression of the character of 2000-Bordeaux: ripe and relatively smooth. Classic red-black fruits, graphite, earth and milk-chocolate oak.

### 80 £65 2005 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, Cuvee du Vatican

14.5% Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre

This is the "Reserve Sixtine" cuvee from the strangely-named Cuvee du Vatican estate. It to their best wine; here from a great vintage. Grenache has been characterised as "high alcohol Pinot Noir", with the caveat of that only being true for the most perfectly balanced examples thereof. Here is one. There's a serious depth of material which covers all the structures. The aromas lead with a profound note of lavender. The (old) oak is perfectly judged. This won all the major French Gold Medals and received 5 stars from Decanter. It's a great wine.

#### 81 £79 2006 Pommard 1er Cru, "Les Pezerolles", A-F Gros

3% Pinot Noir

It's tempting to depart from the standard format of our Wine List, and insert a picture of the label here. It contains a line drawing of the face of a woman of rare beauty and determination. Many of us would like to meet her. The wine reflects the picture: focussed, deep, complex, genuine; a presence. Reserved red cherry, spice, subtle animal fur, distinct red-mineral. A Burgundy with newthings of interest to say throughout the evening.

#### France

83 £95 1999 MOREY-ST-DENIS, 1er Cru Millandes, Heresztyn

13.5% Pinot Noir

Wonderful, mature Burgundy, from a great vintage. Classically musky, complex, aromatics are complemented by vital, ripe red-cherry on the palate.

84 £110 1999 MARGAUX, Chateau Giscours

12.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot

This 'Second growth' Bordeaux won the 'Coup du Coeur' award in the Guide Hachette for this 1999. Now at its peak of maturity, it is a wine breadth and length; with stunning natural energy and yet noble restraint.

Italy

85 £19.5 2009 MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO, Frentano

13.5% Montepulciano

Alas, we can't serve this from the amphora depicted on the label. We can from the carafe though. This is warm, fruit-and-chocolate good cheer.

86 £24 2009 MAREMMA TOSCANA, "Principio", Antonio Camillo

13.5% Ciliegiolo

Sharing some of the naturality of Chianti, but frankly far superior to most of said; with a bold and fruity style that pairs brilliantly with our richer meat dishes.

87 £32 2008 SICILIA, Sachia di Perricone

Perricone

Think "Aussy Shiraz with more balance, gentle density and general beauty". Sicily has garnered attention as "Europe's New World" in recent years. Part of the explanation is that EU bureaucrats identified wine as a potential comparative advantage for the island and splashed in the subsidies. What's done is done, so we may as well enjoy the benefits by drinking a wine that has both a flirtatious smile of ripeness and spice, and a breath-taking figure of real elegance.

88 £89 2001 BAROLO, "Riserva", Giacomo Bogogno

13.5% Nebbiolo

> A very serious Barolo, beginning to blossom via age. This wine possesses purple fruit and body as well as the classic aromatics of tar and roses. Patently special

New Zealand

89 £28 2009 MARLBOROUGH, Grove Mill

Pinot Noir

New Zealand is now doing wonderful things with Pinot Noir. This is a heady, juicy example, with excellent fruit quality. But do turn the page!

#### New Zealand

#### 90 £42 2008 ATAWERE VALLEY, Clos Marguerite

13% Pinot Noir

Atawere is a small sub-region of Marlborough. This is an award-winning, new estate, which will one day be very expensive. A gentle and beautiful Pinot.

#### 91 £85 2006 CENTRAL OTAGO, "Block 5", Felton Road

<sup>14%</sup> Pinot Noir

The Perkins Wine List is a sincere expression of the best wines being made to day (rather than a token something from everywhere). And anyway, New Zealand Pinot Noir is top hedonism, so let's have three! Felton Road is New Zealand's greatest estate. The 2006 Block 5 is a 'perfect 10' to many critics. This is a wine of indulgent cherry and mocha aromatics; an initial sense of elegance; flavours which build and build; and a special energy so mewhat reminiscent of Krug Champagne.

#### South Africa

#### 92 £18.5 2010 WESTERN CAPE, Spier

<sup>74%</sup> Merlo

Spier are a very good and consistent producer. Their Merlot offers a ripe plum and blackberry character, with a balancing savoury tone.

#### 93 £19.5 2009 STELLENBOSCH, Simonsig

14.5% Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon

Quite a find, this is a South African blend with a future. Ripe black-red fruit and a faint, positive suggestion of charred wood. Available by the glass and carafe.

#### 94 £32 2006 STELLENBOSCH, "Inkawu", Laibach

14% Pinotage

We think "Inkawu" is the sound of the exclamation that this wine tends to provoke you to make! This is an explosive wine of red and purple berry fruit, supported by (relatively) subtle notes of lavender and oak. Great with rich meat dishes, this is now available by the glass and carafe.

#### Spain

#### 95 £22.5 2009 TERRA ALTA, Artesano

13.5% Grenache, Carignan, Shiraz, Tempranillo and Lledoner Pelut

New World winemakers have been scurrying up mountains in recent years in order to add some beneficial cooler air to their consistent sunshine. Here's the Old World joining in via the heights of Catalan Spain, resulting in a lovely combination of ripeness, freshness and purity. This producer has also prioritised smoothness, so the whole package is really easy-drinking. Ripe red and black fruits mingle with fresh, clear flavours of liquorice and dried herbs. This wine is analagous to an exceptional Cotes-du-Rhone.

#### Spain

## $96 \quad \hbox{£30} \quad \hbox{2005 RIOJA RESERVA, Carlos Serres}$

13.5%

Tempranillo and Grenache

Carlos Serres is one of the longest-standing Rioja houses, meaning that they nabbed the best land first! The result: a classically mellow, balanced Rioja Reserva.

### 97 £48 1996 RIOJA GRAN RISERVA, Bodegas Urbina

13%

Tempranillo, Graciano and Mazuelo

The  $\pm$ Gran Riservaqdesignation obliges a Rioja to be aged for at least two years in oak and at least three years in bottle. This encourages production of wines built of serious components designed to change over time, until, like a graph, they intersect. So here a grand, traditional Rioja right at its harmonious peak: a real fragrance; a polished feel; and a lovely flavour that lingers delicately at such length.

## **DESSERT & SWEET WINES**

#### Argentina

100 £19 2009 SAN JUAN, Late Harvest, Las Moras (500ml)

12% Viognier

> Quite a discovery, this honeyed Argentinean is a proper dessert wine - perceptibly sticky; and hence a good match for sugary desserts.

France

101 £24 2008 BANYULS RIMAGE, Clos de Paulilles (500ml)

Grenache. Mouvedre and Shiraz

Red dessert wineo a natural and delicious match for chocolate. Banvuls is on the Mediterranean coast, just four miles from the Spanish border. The hot climate results in grapes with ripe, dark fruits flavours and plenty of sugar with which to make sweet wine. The sweet-wine-making process here is unusual - adding a little brandy to stop the conversion of all the sugar to alcohol. The result is a wine that leads with mocha chocolate, then shows lovely sweet fruit and notes of herbs. Yes, pair with chocolate, but consider with cheese too. Available by the glass.

102 £29 2006 GAILLAC, "Renaissance", Domaine Rotier (500ml)

Loin de l'Oeil

Winner of the top French wine prize. Moderate sweetness, balanced by delicate acidity. Lovely as aperitif or digestif, or drink with fruit desserts or cheese.

103 £70 1990 COTEAUX-DU-LAYON, Domaine des Maurieres

14.5% Chenin Blanc

This is the producer's best wine - named the "Cuvee du Centenaire". We may still be sipping some around 2020, but at already 20 years of age it is in the absolute prime of life now. The style here is one of the great manifestations of wine magic. Honeyed and succulent, the bouquet is expansive. Yet then on the palate the flavours are delicate... and extremely complex. Richness is balanced by fresh acidity, which also thrillingly adds definition to the flavours. Pair with citrus desserts or creamy cheeses, but equally consider savouring by itself as an apertif of sorts ask us to delay the main course! A 750ml bottle - enjoy!

Germany

104 £62 2004 TRITTENHEIMER, Eiswein, Heribert Boch (375ml)

Riesling

Icewine is absolute nectar; as is unsurprising in light of the production process. The producer has to balance the opposites of keeping the grapes healthy (rot-free) until well into the winter, yet preventing them from getting so ripe that they won't contain enough refreshing acidity. The tiny proportion of grapes which prove suitable must be harvested at around -8°C and rushed to the winery. The grapes are immediately pressed, leaving their water-component as ice in the press; extracting the liquid essence of the grapes. The resulting wine is marvellously sweet, yet also clean and fresh. Truly magical dessert wine.

# **PORT & SHERRY**

Glass 75ml	Port	Carafe 500ml	Bottle	Glass 75ml	Sherry and Maderia
£4.90 20%	CRUSTED CHURCHILL'S PORT Rich fruit and full bodied	£31	£45 75cl	£3.50 20%	OLD EAST INDIA Lustau A fine rare sherry, rich & smooth, ripe figs.
£4.90 20%	TAYLORS 10YR TAWNY PORT Mellow, elegant with oak and soft fruit	£31	£45 <sub>75cl</sub>	£3.50 20%	MANZANILLA Papirusa Sherry- Dry, light & refreshing
£4.90 20%	QUINTA DA TEDO LBV 2001 Late Bottled Vintage Port. Soft and velvety. Blackberries and plums.	£31	£45 75cl	£4 17%	SAN EMILLIO Pedro-Ximenez Lustau Sherry-Rich, ripe and sweet
21%	AXE HILL CAPE VINTAGE 2003 Smooth and soft. Blueberry and blackberries		£50 50cl	£5 19%	HALF-PALO CORTADO Lustau Sherry-Rich, dry. Coffee and nuts.
20%	CHURCHILL'S QUINTA DA GRICHA 199 Full bodied. Blueberries and deep jammyfruit	9	£80 75cl	£4.75 19%	BARBEITO 1997, Single Harvest, Medium Dry Madeira- medium dry, produced in the traditional style.
20%	NIEPORT VINTAGE PORT 1987 Full and fruity. Ripe spicey palate of dark fruit and prunes		£150 75cl		

Glass 25ml Scottish Malt Whisky

£5 CLYNELISH, 1993, Highlands

43% A warming whisky. Fruit and mild peat.

£3.85 EDRADOUR 10yr, Highlands

40% Made by just three people with limited production. Smooth, creamy, nutty and honeyed.

£3.85 GLENGOYNE 10yr, Highlands

40% Made using air-dried barley. Subtly and delicate. Green apple, grass and almond.

£4 GLENMORANGIE 10yr, Highlands

40% Light, refreshing and elegant. Hints of spice and fruit.

£5 AUCHENTOSHAN three wood, Lowlands

43% Matured in three different cask types; American Bourbon, Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez. Toffee and sherry oak flavours.

£3.50 LITTLEMILL 12yr, Lowlands

40% Light, nearly medium-soft body. Delicious malty sweet and smooth on the finish.

Glass 25ml

£6 SPRINGBANK 15yr Cambeltown

46% From the oldest independent family owned distillery in Scotland. Matured in sherry casks. Rich, dark chocolate and raisins.

£3.50 ABERLOUR 10yr, Speyside

40% Smooth with biscuit and spice.

£4 BENROMACH organic, Speyside

43% The first single malt to be fully certified as organic. Tropical fruit, charred oak, toffee and vanilla.

£6.50 BENROMACH 25yr, Speyside

43% Medium to full oak. Fruit and spice balanced with sweet American oak.

£4.25 DALWHINNIE 15yr, Speyside

43% Smooth with heather, malt and honey.

£4.00 DUFFTOWN Glenlivet 15yr, Speyside

43% Delicate fragrance, smooth with honey and fruit.

Scottish Malt Whisky. Continued Glass Glass 25ml 25ml £4 GLENDULLAN 1991 Unchillfiltered, Speyside £3.35 TOBERMORY Isle of Mull 10yr, Hebrides Hints of fennel and aniseed. Rich and nutty sweet. Light smokiness. £6.50 PITTYVIACH 12 yr, Speyside £4.00 ARDBEG 10yr, Islay Aromatic spicy malt with underlying fruit. Honeyed and peaty. Floral. £4.00 THE BALVENIE DoubleWood 12yr, Speyside BOWMORE Darkest 15yr, Islay £6 Matured in oak then sherry oak. Lively and lightly spiced with honey and Copper and golden. Green apple and minty caramel hints. sherry hints. £4.50 SCAPA 1993 Orkney BRUICHLADDICH 12yr, Islay £5 40% Floral and malty with a touch of peatiness and bracken. Light, crisp and dry with a subtle sweet finish. £3.60 ISLE OF JURA Superstition, Hebrides £4.50 CAOL ILA Connoisseurs choice '96, Islay 43% The people of Jura are superstitious. Drawing on the finest older malts, Copper and golden in colour. Green apple and minty caramel hints. this is a tribute to the people. Well balanced. Peaty but soft and long. £4.25 TALISKER Isle of Skye 10yr, Hebrides

46% Bright amber and malty sweet with pepper spice.

 $_{\tiny{\text{Glass}}}$  Scottish Malt Whisky. Continued

£5.50 Lagavulin 16yr, Islay

43% Powerful, peat & oak.

£4.50 Laphroaig 10yr, Islay

43% Pungent aroma, smoke and peat. Sweet nuttiness of barley.

£5.25 Laphroaig 15yr, Islay

43% Robust. Peat, smoke and caramel. Long finish.

Scottish Premium Blend

25ml

£3.75 ANTIQUARY Tomatin, 12yr

40% Very smooth with a malty finish.

£2.50 BAILIE NICOL JARVIE, Glenmorangie

40% Smooth with vanilla and pear. Traces of smoke.

£3.25 MONKEY SHOULDER, William Grants

40% Light and delicate. Barley sugar with vanilla and marmalade.

 $_{\mbox{\scriptsize Glass}}$  World whiskey

£5.50 JACK DANIELS Single Barrel, American

45% Complex character. To asted oak with vanilla, caramel and dried fruit.

£2.60 JACK DANIELS, Old No.7, American

43% Full and rich. Caramel sweet and rouch around the edges.

£3.50 WOODFORD Reserve Bourbon, American

43% Aromas of chocolate and honeycomb with nuts and spice.

£2.60 JAMESONS, Irish

40% Mellow character, sweet and fruity with hints of spice

£4 JAMESONS, Redbreast 12yr, Irish

40% Smooth and creamy with hints of ginger cake

£4 SUNTORY YAMAZAKI 10yr Single Malt, Japanese

40% Sweet and creamy. Gentle oak flavour with refreshing green apple.

Glass 25ml

£4.50 PENDERYN Single Malt, Welsh

46% Very well balanced. Hints of toffee, new leather, dried fruit. Finished in Madeira casks.

# **BRANDY & CALVADO S**

Glass 25ml	Brandy	Glass 25ml	Calvados
£4.00 40%	ARMAGNAC, Chateau du Tariquet VSOP Freshlybaked bread with touch of ginger. Smooth woodyvanilla.	£3.60 40%	CALVADOS, Bemeroy VSOP Hints of apple with vanilla. Smooth and mildly spiced.
£5.50 40%	FRAPIN VSOP Floral, fruity and smooth.	£3.60 40%	CALVADOS, Henri D'Osne VSOP Aged for 6 years in oak, subtle vanilla.
£8.50	HINE ANTIQUE XO Sophisticated while being light and delicate. Hints of honey and vanilla.	£2.85	CALVADOS, Tradition Pays d'Auge Lighter fruity apple and vanilla.
£2.85	MARTELL VS Fresh and fruity with aromas of peach and banana.		
£3.85	REMY MARTIN VSOP A perfect mix of fruit, cigar box and spice.		
	REMY MARTIN XO Rich and smooth with famous style. Floral with spice.		

# **LIQUEURS**

Glass 25ml		Glass 25ml	
£3.35	ARCHERS	£3.35	GRAND MARNIER
£2.60	BAILEYS	£3.50	GRAPPA CHARDONNAY
£3.35	BENEDICTINE	£3.35	KAHLUA
£3.35	CHAMBORD	£3.35	KIRSCH
£3.75	CHARTREUSE YELLOW/GREEN	£3.35	LIMONCELLO
£3.35	COINTREAU	£3.35	MARASCHINO
£3.35	CRÈME DE MENTHE	£3.35	PERNOD
£3.35	CURACAO	£3.35	SAMBUCCA LUXARDO
£3.35	DISARRANO AMARETTO	£3.35	SOUTHERN COMFORT
£3.35	DRAMBRUIE	£3.35	STREGA LIGU
£3.35	FRANGELICO	£3.35	TIA MARIA

# **OTHER SPIRITS**

Glass 25ml		Glass 50ml	
	Gin		Vermouth
£2.60	PLYMOUTH	£2.60	CAMPARI
£2.60	BOMBAY SAPHIRE	£2.60	CINZANO
£2.60	GORDONS	£2.60	DUBONNET
£2.95	TANQUERAY	£2.60	MARTINI EXTRA DRY
£3.40	HENDRICKS	£2.60	MARTINI ROSSO
		£2.60	NOILLY PRAT
Glass 25ml	Rum	£3.10	PIMMS
£2.60	MYERS ORIGINAL DARK JAMAICA RUM	£2.60	PUNT E MES
£3.00	MOUNT GAY ECLIPSE RUM	£2.60	STONES GINGER WINE
£3.50	MOUNT GAY EXTRA OLD	Glass 25ml	Tequila
£2.60	BACARDI	£3.10	TEQUILA JOSE CUERVO ESPECIAL

# BEER, CIDER & OTHER SPIRITS

		Draught beer			Cider
3.8%	£3.40	HARVEST PALE cask ale, Castle Rock (pint)	5.0%	£4.00	ADDLESTONES cloudy, Somerset (500ml)
3.8%	£1.70	HARVEST PALE cask ale, Castle Rock (half pint)	6.5%	£4.00	WESTONS ORGANIC, Herefordshire (500ml)
5.0%	£3.85	STAROPRAMEN, Prague (pint)			
5.0%	£1.95	STAROPRAMEN, Prague (half pint)			
		Bottled beer			
0.05%	£2.85	BECKS BLUE, Alcohol free, Germany (330ml)			
5.2%	£3.95	KASTEEL CRU, France (330ml)			
5.1%	£3.60	PERONI, Italy (330ml)			
4.6%	£3.60	CORONA, Mexico (330ml)			
4.7%	£3.35	BOMBARDIER Wells (500ml)			