our seasonal collection 2012

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champagnes and sparkling wines

1. prosecco frizzante, italy

very fashionable and instantly appealing light italian sparkler with a gentle mousse and a pleasing lemon sherbet hue - perfect as an aperitif.

2. roederer quartet, california

a bright star of californian winemaking, showcasing the fantastic summer with its intense fruit, with the delicacy and refinement you'd expect from one of the most well respected house's in champagne.

3. camel valley pinot noir rose, cornwall

lovely soft english pinot flavours, with a delicate mousse showing finesse and skill, gentle floral notes with delicate strawberry and a great crisp acidity.

4. nyetimber classic cuvee 2007, west sussex

persistent yet light, buttery brioche and zesty almond notes. pronounced lemon and green apple on the palate, fantastic cleansing acidity and light biscuit-like mousse.

5. r de ruinart

delicate yet confident with a well balanced lingering dry finish, beautiful pale gold colour with yeasty notes and that identifiable house style shining through (also available by the half bottle £35)

6. ruinart rosé

that inimitable style is there again, a mousse so fine and light, with a gentle blush colour, yet showing the structure and weight on the palate you'd expect from a matured champagne (also available by the half bottle £45).

7. ruinart blancs de blanc

100% chardonnay, exceptionally fresh and vibrant with a wonderfully fine mousse. a perfect balance of fruit and acidity, ruinart pride themselves on their delicate style, with this you can understand why (also available by the half bottle £45).

8. gosset grande reserve

toasty, earthy and a little gingery, all within a rich luscious golden liquid, aromatic notes of summer cherry and blackberry lead to a flavour of fig, almond and biscuit. a finish that is crisp and elegant, a sublime wine from the oldest champagne house in aÿ.

9. krug grande cuvée

showing its immense potential, krug's 'multi vintage' is full, crisp, vibrant, deep flavour of almost smoke and lemon along with the brioche, the king of champagne.

10. ice cuvee

from the peller family estate a fantastic combination of method traditionelle and canadian ice wine. straw yellow in colour, apricot, honey and ripe apple aromas that are enhanced by the flavour of the ice wine with a crisp sweet grapefruit finish. a stunning sparkling wine that excels with dessert.

11. dom perignon 2002

an incredible vintage, epic in size and structure, epitomising its style with a great sense of achievement. utterly world class .

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bottle

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glass

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£9.50

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wines by the glass

13. kintu sauvignon blanc, chile

white

14. mariano blanco, alicante made using sauvignon blanco and moscatel, intense perfume of lychee and exotic flavours but rounded with a nice crisp and acidic finish

15. dart valley reserve, devon

from the banks of the river dart near totnes, just off dry and not too weighty, deliciously fragrant and uplifting.

from the maule valley, who's climate is great for this varietal, fully ripened grapes but with a lovely

16. jurstich gruner veltliner, austria

aromatic, slightly spicy gruner veltliner from an organic producer, lightly flavoured and crisp. austria's native grape **is** effortlessly clean and stylish.

17. sauvignon de touraine, domain guy allion

acidity maintained. a great expression of chilean sauvignon.

quintessentially a baby sancerre, wonderfully dry citrus flavours but without the fuss and price tag that comes with its more recognised ally.

18. macon prissé, burgundy

a fantastic chardonnay with the new vintage proving to carry a little more depth than the last which marries up well to its intense colour and wonderful creamy buttery flavour.

rosé

£7.25 19. planeta rosé, sicily £29 the planeta family, famous for their chardonnay, have done it again. an outstanding dry rosé that's crisp and elegant and very grown up.

20. domaine houchart, cotes de provence £7 exhibiting both fruity and floral notes, a beautiful dry and fresh rosé with great acidity.

red

£5 £20 21. finca el picador merlot, chile dark berries, with edgy fruit and a deep red colour. soft and round and all together a very well delivered wine.

22. montepulciano cantina frentano, italy

ruby red colour with purple hints. to the nose, violets, and ripe black cherries, the palate has a fully rich and harmonious taste.

23. muriel rioja, bodegas, spain £5.75 £23 warm tempanillo fruit enhanced by smoky oak characteristics. a firm favourite here with just a hint of cinnamon that lifts the wine.

24. terras d'alter, portugal £6.75 intense violet in colour, ripe red fruit, plum aromas and a little liquorice on the palate.

£32 25. chateau l'heyrisson, bordeaux £8 lovely blackcurrant and damson fruit flavours with good structure and gentle tannins makes this a beautifully easy wine to drink.

26. wildflower valdigué, california

taking its inspiration from the beaujolais region of france, but executed with a very cool new world style, great blueberry flavour and the most incredible violet colour. a fun bottle which makes you wonder why more people aren't making wine like this.

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glass

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white wines

light

27. via nova pinot grigio, italy

from northern regions, a pinot that does everything you'd expect it to, reflecting our tastes for lighter and crisper, more delicate wines.

28. pierre lunegu-papin folle blanche, loire valley

considered by many to be one of muscadet's leading producers, fantastic on the nose to start, with a tight acidity and a zippy finish.

29. cristobal 1492 verdelho, mendoza

for the purist this is one of the most elegant wines on the list, the tiniest hints of honeysuckle and ginger combine with a racy acidic finish

30. jurstich gruner veltliner, austria

an aromatic, slightly spicy gruner veltliner from an organic producer, lightly flavoured and crisp. austria's native grape **is** effortlessly clean and stylish.

31. knightor, madeleine angevine, cornwall

a new world approach with classic european methods, this english wine is elegant with delicate floral aromas, bottled early to retain freshness and its primary fruit characteristics.

32. trimbach pinot gris reserve, alsace

thirteen generations of winemaking, one of greatest names in alsace. a full, heady, rich wine. it is technically dry, but the style is so fruity and full, with such a long palate that the illusion of sweetness is maintained. watch out too for a smokiness on the finish. its great depth is balanced by a crisp acidity that gives structure and longevity.

33. cloudy bay sauvignon, new zealand

cracking new direction from the frontrunner of marlborough sauvignon, a small portion of the wine has gone into oak (akin to their te koko) bringing extra depth and beauty to its dry citrus style. (also available by the glass, \pounds 14.50)

34. sancerre 'le m.d' henri bourgeois, loire valley

a fantastic producer really showing what is achievable from the loire valley with time, care and consideration. a touch richer than normal but better for it, deft tropical fruit with juicy acidity and an attractive mineral finish.

medium

35. stump jump riesling, australia

crisp, fresh with expressive notes of passion fruit, lime and pomegranate. a touch of residual sugar makes this approachable, with buckets of tropical fruit and citrus to keep it focused.

36. domaine fontareche viognier, france

9th generation family estate, broad and punchy, though that's not to say without style and intelligence. hits those notes of peach well and makes this very approachable

37. royal tokaji dry furmint, hungary

apricot with a hint of honey, deep flavour balanced out by a mineral backbone, one of the most in demand exotic grape varietals of recent years, from the region's most prestigious house. an absolute stunner.

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38. tratturi fiano, sicily

medium bodied, rich and supple with its melon flavour. pretty floral notes linger on its rounded finish which is balanced excellently.

39. keuhn gewürztraminer, alsace

instantly appealing medium white wine, full of exotic fruit with a cracking acidity to level it off nicely. we fell in love with this from the first taste.

40. tiefenbrunner pinot grigio, italy

ever so slightly spicy, well-structured and full in the mouth, it has a lingering finish on the palate that one wouldn't normally associate with this grape varietal, from the german speaking northernmost wine making region of italy, and this is an indication to its style. a revelation in pinot grigio.

41. domaine binner les saveurs, alsace

unfiltered and slightly cloudy, this organic blend of alsace grapes from one of the region's most exciting producers is complex and heady with notes of peaches and meadows yet remaining fresh and zesty, very impressive.

full

42. chablis le classique, pascal bouchard

a clever piece of blending from the various terriors in chablis, a perfect example of what can be done in this region. with freshness and up front fruit with nicely balanced acidity and great length.

43. champalou vouvray sec, france

if you love chenin blanc as we do, then this is a real must, a chance to try something a little different that is allowed to express all those exuberant aromas of this fabulous grape, green apple and pineapple with searing acidity. blinding.

44. albariño, bodegas terras guauda

single vineyard albariño from a cooler climate means a slower ripening, which helps concentrate the lemon, apple and pear flavours. a touch of sea air on the finish.

45. st. aubin 1er cru dents de chien. olivier leflaive, france

pure gold in the glass, light toast and spiced oak aroma, smoothly full with a long and full finish from one of the shining stars of burgundy

46. meerlust chardonnay 2009 south africa

proof that it's not just the french that can perform wonders with chardonnay. truly burgundian in style, intense toasty and deep fruit with big oak influenced vanilla yet finishes with clean acidity. cracking stuff from Stellenbosch.

47. pouilly fuissé, vielles vignes 2008, burgundy

a highly acclaimed old fashioned chardonnay made from vines in excess of sixty years old, weighty complex fruit beautifully balanced and complimented by non-intrusive new french oak.

£41

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magnum £170

48. pinot grigio ramato, italy

delicate salmon pink rosé made naturally using selected copper skinned pinot grigio grapes, gentle perfumed aromas of peach and rose petals and soft, red fruit flavours on the palate, dry and well balanced.

49. sancerre rosé, domaine la garmière, loire valley

made exclusively from pinot noir, hence a little amber in the colour, gentle rounded damson fruit with a very welcome finishing grip. much sought after, a pink wine from the loire valley.

red wines

light

51. fazio montelimo, sicily

strawberries and cherries in abundance, full palate yet distinctly smooth and not overpowering, northerly winds and sea breezes cool these grapes down beautifully.

52. bertani valpolicella, italy

using just stainless steel to let the light berry flavours of this valpolicella along with nice delicate spices really speak for themselves with no fuss or intervention.

53. fleurie jean tête, beaujolais

bright brick red with ruby highlights, forward and fruit driven. raspberries and cranberries with just a hint of spice, finishing elegantly and dry. pretty beaujolais.

54. bourgogne pinot noir, domaine maillard, burgundy

juicy and complex yet a very good natured wine. the winemaker brings warmth and charm to what can be an appellation of 'hardness' and completes a pure and elegant wine, pale ruby red with aromas of wild strawberries and red currents.

55. montepulciano, framingham estate, new zealand

bright fruit flavours of cherry, prune and even some plum, concentrated and lengthy offering up new world interpretation of this italian classic. a real treat

56. cloudy bay pinot noir, new zealand

rich in morello cherries, with smokey, spicy hints. silky yet still crisp texture with a long finish hinting at the more sweet, summer fruits. work beautifully when lightly chilled to emphasise the wonderful fruit and mouth feel.

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Medium

57. cotes du ventoux, france

to put it quite simply, this is a perfect ripe juicy red, the perrin family well renowned for their production of rhone wines and this is no exception. wonderfully simple.

58. the red mullet by pikes, australia

a wine that builds on the palate, with expressive rhone-rioja notes yet the underlying characteristic is one of juicy succulent appeal.

59. yering station, shiraz viognier, yarra valley £28 concentrated aromas of blackberry, spice, black pepper and vanilla, rich and powerful palate softly rounded with an earthy finish.

60. terre de mistral, rhone valley

red and dark fruits with notes of pepper and garrigue and superb freshness - this wine has incredible drinkability. a natural wine, it is unfiltered, unfined and unsulphured, possibly a little hazy in the glass, but just letting the grape do all the talking here.

61. musar jeune, lebanon

from the most famous of lebanese wine houses this has been released early to make the most of the vivid fruit flavours. spicy cherry and ripe plum with the tiniest hint of musk, attractive freshness and purity in its long finish.

62. rioja reserva, dinastia vivanco

a tempranillo led rioja reserva with complex aromas of spicy oak overlaid with black and red berries. deliciously soft rounded mouth feel with soft and supple tannis. a hint of toast and liquorice on the finish. an outstanding wine.

63. quartz reef pinot noir, central otago

characters of plum cherry and blackcurrant though this is a wine all about texture and structure rather than primary fruit showcasing a wonderful deft touch, outstanding.

full

64. chateau tour des gendres, le classique, bergerac

on the last of the bordeaux land grows this merlot and malbec. clear, ripe and powerful on the nose, with a nice and fine structure.

65. antu ninguén cabernet carmenère, chile

a well worthy gold medal winner, low production and careful handpicked fruit show respect for the terroir and it follows in the bottle, delicious ripe fruit and spice dominate.

66. meerlust red, south africa

outstanding second wine from a leading producer in stellenbosch, intense plum and cassis flavours with a great stretch of minerality that runs through it.

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67. wangolina station, cabernet sauvignon shiraz, australia

sweet blueberry and mulberry, pepper and spice and subtle toasty mocha notes. aged in french and american oak, with a good acidity keeping it honest on the finish.

68. merlot thelema stellenbosch, south africa

dark berry fruits on the nose, wonderful warmth and rounded palate feel, it's almost as if this wine was specifically constructed for cold winter evenings. one of the true stars of south african winemaking.

69. chateau civrac, cotes du bourg, 2006, bordeaux

dark and rich in colour with bright black cherry. slightly peppery with lightly spiced fruit and a mineral edge. aged in new oak, nicely balanced. a classic blend in a contemporary honest style by cornishman mark hellyar. (also available in magnum, £85)

70. chateau cissac cru bourgeois, 2007, bordeaux

whilst still showing good aging potential this vintage is alive and kicking with fruit laden spicy notes, undoubtedly one of the top cru bourgeois houses in medoc.

71. terrazas malbec, argentina

shiny smooth wines have resulted from this high altitude cool climate in mendoza, bit of a hero really with dark succulent fruit but a soft green herbal twist, this was born ready to drink. (also available by the glass, £10)

burgundies and bordeaux's

72. meursault 1er cru sous le dos d'ane, domaine leflaive 2007

rich and buttery yet light in colour. lemon with tart orange and clementine with a mineral and chalk palate, a hint of hazelnut from the oak. a mersault with leflaives fat juicy style.

73. puligny-montrachet clavoillon 1er cru domaine leflaive 2003

taut but rich herby, toasty nose has some minerality. The palate is broad, fat and softly textured with a minerally, spicy, toasty twist.

75. nuits st-georges les petit plets, domaine de l'arlot 2008

a deep jet-plum ruby, rather restrained but gradually revealing dark fruits perfumed with violet and delicate spice, as opposed to any primary berry character. there is a distinctive minerality and an earthy quality which sets this apart.

76. beaune 1er cru, clos du roi, domaine j and h boillot 2009

a delicious mouthful of pinot noir. ripe, rich, smoky black cherry, game, leather spice and mocha notes are evident in its detailed intricate personality. long, smooth, persistent finish. the care, time and precision that go into maintaining his imaculate vineyards is refected in his georeous wines.

77. gevrey-chambertin 1er cru, la gibryotte, la famille dugat 2007

son and daughter team of the burgundy megastar claude dugat, made under his tutoring. a refined, medium bodied wine with a beautiful bright ruby colour. dense wild blackberry fruit, licquorice and nutmeg flavours explode on the palate like a firework. the woody character is subtle and marries well with the other aromas and flavours.

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78. lafleur de quinalt st emilion grand cru 2004

merlot, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon and malbec, a firm favourite here at no. 6 and despite its relative youth there's an abundance of concentration and fruit with a lush and succulent texture.

79. prelude a grand puy ducasse 2008

the wine exhibits a dense, almost opaque colour with deep cherry and tobacco elegance on the nose. the palate is up-front with sweet ripe fruit and touches of spice. it has a gorgeous chewy and well-endowed plush texture. pure, complex and interesting.

80. chateau palmer 2002

sweet, tarry, almost fudge-like edge to the fruit on the nose, which is showing some evolution. ripe and full with lovely richness. opening out beautifully. the palate shows wonderfully pure fruit that's developing some earthy, spicy complexity. intense with impeccable balance. lovely stuff.

half bottles

white

81. muscadet clos de la chapelle

showing a racy sea-breeze fruit, and a fantastic minerality you can almost sense the granite of the soils, yet never losing sight of its freshness.

82. albariño, bodegas terras guauda

single vineyard albariño from a cooler climate means a slower ripening, which helps concentrate the lemon, apple and pear flavours. a touch of sea air on the finish.

83. silver bullet gruner veltliner 2008

the silver bullet is an extraordinary example of a grape varietal going through a major renaissance. white pepper and floral notes on the nose with zesty intensity that develops into a lovely creamy smooth texture with an excellent lengthy finish.

red

84. chateau tour des graves

a mid-bodied claret that has ripe spicy fruit with a slight liquorice note.

85. beaujolais villages combe aux jacques, france £16 bursting with ripe, juicy raspberry and cherry fruit flavours. light bodied, beautifully balanced and truly scrumptious.

£18

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£85

£205

dessert wines

86. chateau belingard monbazillac, france £5.00 £26 similar to a sauternes in style, intense honeyed fruit with pear and peach dominant, with lovely refreshing acidity.

£6.00 £30 87. campbells rutherglen muscat, australia described as 'liquid christmas pudding', one of the few wines to be able to take on chocolate and stilton, dangerously moreish.

88. tamar ridge botrytis riesling, 2006, tasmania £7.80 amazing intensity, not too sticky, 100% riesling, uplifting eye-watering concentration of racy fruit with sweet 'n' sour appeal.

89. chateau filhot 2005, grand cru classe

rich, luscious and very elegant, with complexity and weight, made from a high percentage of sauvignon without any use of oak hence achieving more fruit and aromatic overtones than many of its rivals.

90. vin de constance 2002, klein constantia,

burnished copper in colour, abundant aromas of dried mangos, apricots and honey, palate is full bodied and intensely flavoured yet a fresh mouth watering finish from this excellent wine from south africa.

91. the royal tokaji blue label 5 puttonyos, hungary

the blue label is this incredible house's classic wine, combining a stunning burnt orange colour with intense flavour and wonderful concentration. something truly decadent and wonderful to finish you off.

92. coteau du houet 'bonnezeaux' marc angeli

a top class syrup-sweet wine from the chenin grape, with copious botrytis, lots of minerals, high acidity and a nice balance. the wines can age for a long time and then develop a very rich texture, nwith a nice hint of white chocolate.

glass £16 75cl bottle £160

£40

£90

£70

£60

50cl bottle

1/2 bottle

glass