



House Wines

White Wines

1. *Cépage Colombard, VdP des Côtes de Gascogne, Producteurs Plaimont France* £14.50
Another success from Gascony where the Plaimont co-operative continues to deliver drop dead gorgeous whites.
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00

2. *Sautarel Medium White, France* £14.50
This medium dry white, with its bundle of soft fruit and good balancing acidity, the sort of easy to drink quaffer that the French consume on a daily basis.
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00

3. *Freedom Cross Chenin Blanc, Franschoek, South Africa* £14.50
Brilliant value wine from Chenin, the Cape's favourite white grape. Full, ripe apple fruit mingles with tropical flavours leading to a clean, dry finish. As ideal with food as it is without.
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00

4. *Stellar Organics Running Duck, Chenin/Sauvignon, Western Cape, South Africa* £16.50
Fresh, full and flavoursome, this Fairtrade and organic wine combines peachy Chenin fruit with grassy Sauvignon nuances. Ideal for many situations and conscience-free enjoyment!
175ml Glass £4.50 250ml Glass £5.60

5. *Miguel Torres Santa Digna Sauvignon Blanc, Curicó, Chile* £16.50
Easy drinking, full-flavoured Sauvignon. More gutsy than European Sauvignons.
175ml Glass £4.50 250ml Glass £5.60

6. *McHenry Hohnen Sauvignon/Semillon, Margaret River, Australia* £19.30
Master winemaker, David Hohnen sources fruit from the cooler southern Margaret River for this Sauvignon/Semillon blend using natural yeasts and finished in oak barrels. Fruity, juicy and pure with good body and a crisp freshness.
175ml Glass £5.00 250ml Glass £6.50

Rosé Wine

7. *Tanners French Rosé, VdP des Côtes de Gascogne* £14.50
Sourced from the Béraut family at Domaine de Pellehaut in the Gers, this juicy, racy rosé has been a fantastic success since release. Vibrant summer fruits nose and a soft strawberry flavour mean one bottle isn't enough!
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00





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8. *Rémi & Jérôme Merlot, VdP d'Oc, France* £14.90
A soft, fruity Merlot with juicy flavours of plums and blackcurrants sourced from vineyards close to the Mediterranean. Merlot is the grape of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol but is also very successful in the South of France.
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00
9. *Sautarel Red, France* £14.90
A light, fruity, easy drinking red with bags of ripe summer fruits that works equally well with food or just perfectly on its own. Wonderful, uncomplicated drinking!
175ml Glass £3.90 250ml Glass £5.00
10. *Pampas Shiraz/Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina* £13.90
A full, meaty wine with lots of spicy plum fruit and soft tannins providing the structure. Nice weight and good length in this perfect blend of Shiraz and Malbec.
175ml Glass £3.80 250ml Glass £4.80
11. *Alto Pampas Pinot Noir, Mendoza, Argentina* £13.90
The grapes are grown in higher altitude vineyards to keep freshness, so the wine shows fine, very pure New World Pinot fruit with typical leafy, raspberry flavours and soft, ripe tannins.
175ml Glass £3.80 250ml Glass £4.80
12. *Zweigelt, Esterházy, Austria* £16.90
Very fresh and pure with soft ripe red berry fruit, then juicy and succulent with supple tannins. The Princes of Esterházy have been involved in viticulture for over 250 years & have opened a stylish winery outside of Eisenstadt.
175ml Glass £4.90 250ml Glass £5.90





Champagnes

14. *Michel Arnould Brut Réserve, grand cru à Verzenay* £35.00
A rich, floral and elegant champagne made from two thirds Pinot Noir and one third Chardonnay. Exquisitely balanced and delicious with good length, it is from a family estate where all the land comprises Grand Cru sites.
15. *Louis Roederer Brut Premier* £56.50
Embodying Louis Roederer's style - fresh, creamy, fruity and structured. Delicate yet rich with aromas of almonds, toast and may blossom. Creamy, round and silky, this is gorgeously luxurious, generous and mature in style.
16. *Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut* £60.00
A powerful yet elegant, bone dry champagne with a high proportion of Pinot Noir giving a wonderfully biscuity nose, and flavours of citrus, nuts, figs and spice. Complex, muscular yet graceful with fine length and lovely maturity.
17. *Cuvée Dom Pérignon, Moët et Chandon, vintage 2000* £160.00
Dom Pérignon has a deservedly fine reputation. Rich, bready and yeasty with vanilla aromas and floral notes overlaying an intense, sumptuous palate of citrus, apple and pear. Very elegant with a superfine mousse and long finish.

Sparkling Wines

18. *Tanners Cava Brut, Traditional Method, Spain* £17.50
A superb, creamy, biscuity Cava with a lovely fine mousse and plenty of character. Made by the same method as champagne, it has style and finesse beyond its price.
19. *Castell d' Olèrdola Cava Brut Rosado, Spain* £21.00
A fresh and attractive wine with delicious summer fruit aromas and flavours, strawberries and raspberries. It is delicate and floral with a dry finish and is made by the quality minded house of Olivella Ferrari.
20. *Bird in Hand Sparkling Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills, Australia* £29.00
A softer style of fizz, with aromas of strawberries and a colour that varies from pink to almost white (making a blanc de noir is an inexact science). There is a creamy, fine mousse and a light, elegant finish.

Rosé Wine

21. *Massaya Rosé, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon* £19.00
Clean, delicate rosé from Lebanon made with a blend of Syrah and Cinsault. Fermentation in





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22. *Mâcon-Chardonnay, Cuvée Joseph Talmard, France*

£20.00

Growing grapes and wheat in a pretty area of mixed farming, the Talmard family makes a superb value Mâcon that has rich, citrusy fruit and creamy texture. It is both made from Chardonnay and comes from the village of Chardonnay.

23. *Chablis, Caractère, Moreau-Naudet et Fils, France*

£29.00

Rich, lemony fruit with plenty of concentration is the result of low yielding, 40 to 50 year old vines and careful winemaking by Stéphane Moreau, a keen young grower who espouses ageing in a mixture of vats and old wood barrels.

24. *Cà Solare Pinot Grigio, Provincia di Pavia JST, Italy*

£14.00

With a crisp, dry, lightly floral character and a subtle honeyed note on the finish, this is a good example of Pinot Grigio, a white that has quickly become one of the most popular wines in Britain.

25. *Wroxeter Roman Vineyard Madeleine Angevine, Medium Dry, Shropshire, England*

£22.00

An off-dry white, quite full with fruity, appley flavours. Fresh and zesty, this comes from the vineyard at Wroxeter, less than six miles from Shrewsbury, where the Romans may have grown vines and produced wine some 2000 years ago.

26. *La Petite Ferme Sauvignon, Franschoek, South Africa*

£20.00

This ripe, aromatic, New Zealand-style Sauvignon Blanc is made by Mark Dendy-Young in a small winery at the back of his Petite Ferme restaurant. Its stunning views, smoked trout and this wine make an unforgettable combination.

27. *C J Pask Sauvignon Blanc, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand*

£19.00

A typical New Zealand Sauvignon with opulent, ripe, tropical fruit and all the classic Sauvignon character one could wish for. This is from a winery on the outskirts of Hastings run by dynamic duo, Chris Pask and Kate Radburnd.





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28. *Bird in Hand Two in the Bush Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Adelaide Hills, Australia* £22.00
Exciting aromas of citrus and gooseberry, with a crisp, fresh palate of tropical fruit flavours. Slightly herbal with a touch of citrus, round with refreshing acidity. Two in the Bush refers to an old gold mine name.
29. *Mitchell Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, Australia* £23.00
Watervale, an exposed site particularly suited to Riesling, is dubbed Alcatraz, a place for vineyard workers to do penance in the winter! This Riesling shouts petrol, honey and flowers with ripe, rich flavours and lively acidity.
30. *Vicuña Semillon/Sauvignon, Central Valley, Chile* £14.00
A deliciously crisp, classic combination from the sunny Central Valley of Chile, wedged between the mountains and the sea. An aromatic and flavour-filled white for easy drinking.
31. *Constino Macul Chardonnay, Maipo Valley, Chile* £19.00
Unoaked, this is rich and characterful, with ripe Chardonnay fruit showing flavours of butter and toffee with a slightly lemony edge, made by one of Chile's oldest wine firms.
32. *Pinot Gris, Mendoza, Bodega Lurton, Argentina* £19.50
Rare in Argentina, the Lurtons harvest this variety first each year to retain the delicate bouquet and the rich complex flavours of peaches, apricots and raisins. Delicious and interesting.
33. *Bogle Vineyards Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg, California, USA* £24.00
A delightful floral nose of blossom leads on to a classic Chenin palate of honey, green apples and hints of pineapple. The finish is soft and silky. Patty Bogle heads up this family company, whose first vines were planted in 1968.





Red Wines

34. *L' Opéra du Château Villerambert-Julien, AC Minervois, France* £20.00
Michel Julien named this wine after the Trianon opera house in Paris, which is embellished in locally quarried marble. It has good Rhône fruit flavours and elegance attributable to the vineyard's marbly soils.
35. *Château du Grand Moulas, Côtes du Rhône, M Ryckwaert, France* £19.00
Made near Orange at Mornas, this wine is ripe and flavoursome with depth of fruit and herby flavours. It is fresh, easy and very enjoyable now. The irrepressible Marc Ryckwaert has been making wine here for many years.
36. *Château Montaignillon, Montagne-Saint-Emilion, France* £27.50
This has a delicious supple red fruit character of plums, blackcurrants and cherries backed up by good structure and ripe tannins. It will age well.
37. *Valpolicella Classico DOC, Zeni, Italy* £16.50
The charming Zeni family, with their cellars and winemaking museum near Lake Garda, makes this delicious, soft, fruity Valpolicella. A short time in oak adds an extra dimension of flavour.
38. *Feudi di San Marzano Negroamaro, Puglia JST, Italy* £17.00
A spicy, round and delicious wine from the Negroamaro grape, which many consider to be the best grape of Puglia. Black cherry jam and mocha chocolate aromas are followed by stewed, herby black fruit.
39. *Arija, Rioja, Spain* £17.00
Antonio Navajas is a producer with a fine reputation and is based in the Rioja Alta. This has lovely cherry fruit flavours and a hint of vanilla. With a little Crianza wine added, it has an extra dimension.
40. *Churchill Estates, Douro Tinto, Portugal* £23.00
After years of research and development, Johnny Graham now has Churchill Estates producing excellent table wines. His Douro red has a complex nose, blackberry fruits and a floral hint, the eight months in oak giving rounded tannins.

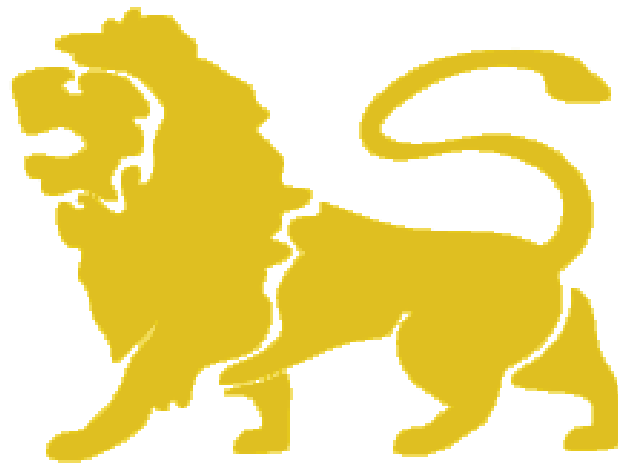




Red Wines continued

41. *Freedom Cross Cinsault/Cabernet, Coastal Region, South Africa* £14.00
Making the most of the Cape's wonderful growing conditions, two French grape varieties are used in this wine to make a fabulously good value red. Juicy blackcurrant is complemented by an attractive pepperiness.
42. *C J Pask Merlot, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand* £24.00
A deliciously soft and fruity red wine with lovely concentrated plummy fruit and an elegant structure. Chris Pask and Kate Radburn are leading the way in demonstrating the excellence of this part of Hawke's Bay.
43. *Bird in Hand Two in the Bush Merlot/Cabernet, Mt Lofty Ranges, Australia* £22.00
A complex aroma of blackcurrant, plum and rhubarb and a soft round palate, oozing chocolate & spice. Aged in American oak, and on limited release, this is excellent with food.
44. *Massaya Classic, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon* £19.00
Spicy notes with ripe, meaty, blackberry and red fruits, and a touch of chocolate. This supple, round wine is from an exciting French-Lebanese collaboration, which owns vineyards at an altitude of 1,000 metres in the Bekaa Valley.
45. *Pato Torrente Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Valley, Chile* £15.00
A good quality, fruity Cabernet which is round, with soft blackcurrant fruit lifted by a little tannin. The grapes are grown in the shadow of the Andes.
46. *Rayon Carmenère, Central Valley, Chile* £15.00
It has taken a while, but Chilean winemakers now understand this old Bordeaux grape variety: late picking and slightly cooler slopes are key, and the result is a rich, curranty wine with depth and length.
47. *Angel's Flight Merlot, California, USA* £16.50
This is classic Merlot - full of plum jam fruit with succulence and a hint of spice. This red is ripe and robust, full in the mouth with charming, easy drinking fruit.





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S H R E W S B U R Y

Wine List

We put together our wine list with the valuable assistance of our wine merchants, Tanners Wines of Shrewsbury. Tanners are an award winning, family owned independent merchants who have been trading in Shrewsbury since 1842. We are delighted to work closely with them to put together our wine list, which regularly changes to reflect new and interesting wines from across the vinious globe.

Their historic cellars are across the road from The Lion, at the bottom of Wyle Cop and all our guests are encouraged to visit and look around their splendid retail shop. We also offer our residents the opportunity to drink any wine purchased from Tanners for £30 or more in our restaurant and we will only charge a nominal £10 corkage.

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