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**WINE LIST 2023**

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## SYMBOLS



Vegan



Vegetarian



Organic



Biodynamic



Drink now



Drink or keep



Keep



Half bottles available



White wine



Rosé wine



Red wine



Sweet wine



Fortified wine

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# TANNERS

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*Dear Customer*

I do hope you enjoy this vinous exploration of the world.

Between us we have done plenty of travelling over the last year, visiting producers new and old, and catching up on their news post pandemic. Inevitably, every trip leads to taking on more lovely wines, but having a manageable range means we must weed out wines which aren't performing so well. This discipline means that the quality of the range remains high. There is absolutely no room for wines that the team and I aren't more than happy to drink at home.

There is a discernible link between quality and organic, biodynamic and properly sustainable viticulture in a way that didn't exist 20 years ago. This means that our joint aims of having the very best wines and supporting environmentally friendly practices have now coincided.

We look forward to supplying you with more delicious wines over the coming 12 months.

*James Tanner*

## PRODUCTION

The photos in this wine list were principally taken by James Tanner, Robert Boutflower, Stephen Crosland, Graham Mason and Simon Jones who always travel with notebook and camera in hand. Other photos are courtesy of Uta Heath and our producers. Cover design by Natasha Ward.

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## TASTING NOTES

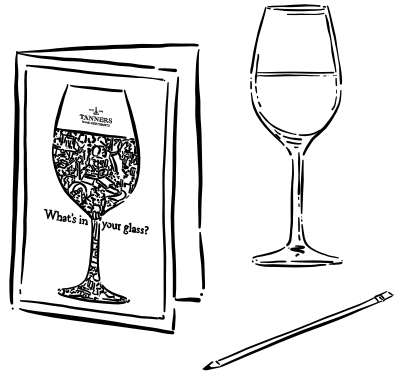
Full tasting notes are available on our website, [www.tanners-wines.co.uk](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk)

## PRICING

All prices are inclusive of VAT. All wines are 75cl bottle size and spirits are 70cl unless otherwise indicated. Prices may be subject to alteration to reflect changes to exchange rates, customs or excise duty, tariffs, VAT or other fiscal changes outside the Company's control.

## ABBREVIATIONS

- AOC Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée
- AOP Appellation d'Origine Protégée
- DOC Denominazione di Origine Controllata
- DOCG Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita
- IGP Indication Géographique Protégée or Indicazione Geografica Protetta
- IGT Indicazione Geografica Tipica
- VdT Vino da Tavola or Vino de la Tierra
- DO Denominación de Origen





# Tanners Labels

Our own-label wines have to be extra good because the Tanners name and reputation rests squarely on their shoulders. Enormous effort goes into the quality of these wines, after all, they should each be an exemplar of their particular grape or region. It is therefore very pleasing that Tanners own-labels are always among the company's best sellers. Tanners doesn't own any vineyards, instead we go to producers who are at the top of their game in their given region, and then blend a wine in partnership with them to a style that we believe our customers will like. Often this will be with long-term, trusted suppliers, for example Maison Sichel, from whom we have bought Bordeaux wines since the 1890s. None is selected on price alone, each must bring the identity of the region to your table and be a wine you can rely on – after all, they are made by some of the best winemakers in the world!

France still dominates the range, but we are expanding our New World own labels, watch this space for the imminent arrival of Tanners New Zealand Pinot Noir. Consistency between vintages is key, however where the character of the vintage is more dominant, we have taken to spot-buying very special parcels to go under the 'Super' label, namely Super Claret, but when they run out, they run out! These, and the Tanners labels in general, tend to get some great reviews from the national press.

## CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

Tanners Cava Brut, Traditional Method, 12%	FI001		11.80
Tanners Prosecco Brut, Treviso, 11%	FI048		12.90
Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut Champagne, 12%	FC001		29.00
Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut Champagne - Half, 12%	FC001H		18.90
Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut Champagne - Magnum, 12%	FC001M		68.00
Tanners Extra Réserve Spécial, Brut Champagne, 12%	FC002		33.00
Tanners Extra Réserve Rosé, Brut Champagne, 12%	FC035		36.00

## WHITE

Tanners Chardonnay, Pays d'Oc 2020, 13.5%	FW02420		9.95
Tanners Gascony Dry White, Côtes de Gascogne 2020, 11.5%	FW02920		9.95
Tanners Chilean Chardonnay, Colchagua Valley 2021, 13%	QW09821		9.95
Tanners Sauvignon, Pays d'Oc 2020, 11.5%	FW01920		10.95
Tanners White Burgundy, Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022, 12.5%	BW00122		14.50
Tanners White Burgundy, 2020 - Half, 12.5%	BW00120H		9.30
Tanners New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2021, 12.5%	NW05121		14.40





























## SWEET

Tanners Sauternes - Half, 14%	CS001H		14.60
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## ROSÉ

Tanners French Rosé, Côtes de Gascogne 2021, 12%	FP00121		9.95
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## RED

Tanners Merlot, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13%	FR00821		9.70
Tanners Argentinian Malbec, Mendoza 2021, 14% 	TR05221		9.95
Tanners Douro Red 2019, 13.5%	PR00519		9.90
Tanners Douro Red 2019 - Half, 13.5%	PR00519H		5.95
Tanners Douro Red 2017 - Magnum, 13.5%	PR00517M		21.00
Tanners Douro Red 2018 - Double Magnum (3L), 13.5%	PR00518J		75.00
Tanners Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley 2020, 13% 	QR08820		9.95
Tanners Spanish Reserva, La Mancha 2018, 13.5% 	SR10018		9.95
Tanners Claret, 50th Anniversary, Bordeaux, 13.5% 	CR001A		9.95
Tanners Claret, Bordeaux - Half, 13.5% 	CR001H		6.50
Tanners Claret, Bordeaux - Magnum, 13.5% 	CR001M		22.50
Tanners Australian Shiraz, Victoria 2021, 14.5%	AR12721		10.90
Tanners Rhône Valley Red, Côtes du Rhône 2020, 14.5%  	RR00120		12.50
Tanners Rhône Valley Red, Côtes du Rhône 2020, 14.5% - Half  	RR92020H		7.50
Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2019, 12.5% 	BR20519		21.50
Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2019 - Half, 12.5% 	BR20519H		12.80

## FORTIFIED

Tanners Fino Sherry, 15%	VS001		12.90
Tanners Mariscal Manzanilla Sherry, 15%	VS002		12.90
Tanners Cream Sherry, 17%	VS004		14.50
Tanners A Blend of Amontillado, Medium Dry Sherry, 17%	VS003		14.50
Tanners Patrono Fine Ruby Port, 20%	VPI09		12.50
Tanners Late Bottled Vintage Port 2015, 19.5% 	VP00215		18.95
Tanners Late Bottled Vintage Port 2015 - Half, 19.5% 	VP00215H		10.95
Tanners Crusted Port, bottled 2006, 19.5% 	VP00606		25.50

## SPIRITS

Hereford Finest Dry Gin, Tanners, 40% vol	WG001		15.95
Tanners Peaty Creag, 8 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky, 40% vol	WH001		18.95
Tanners Sloe Gin, 25% vol	WLI15		25.50
Tanners 14 Year Old Glenfarclas Highland Single Malt, 46% vol	WH460		59.95






















# Champagne

The supply problems of the last couple of years continue with the champagne houses juggling the competing global needs of demand and supply. However, there is some hope on the horizon with the CIVC (the trade body of Champagne) amending some rules to allow growers to add more wines to their reserves. The small growers have been largely insulated from these problems and are well worth seeking out. At Tanners we try to offer you a range of the well-known brands such as Pol Roger, Bollinger and Louis Roederer, all very good houses, but also a small, carefully selected range of growers' champagnes. These are the farmers, if you like, that have decided to go one step beyond growing grapes and supplying the big Champagne houses. Instead, they bottle and market the wines themselves. With no big marketing budgets, they must rely on the quality of the wines they produce to speak for themselves.

## BRUT NON-VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE





Non-vintage (NV) champagne is blended from dozens of individual cuvées and vintages, so that the 'house style' is consistent. It must have spent a minimum of 12 months on the lees. They are usually a blend of grape varieties: Chardonnay for fruit and body; Pinot Noir for elegance and structure; and Pinot Meunier for softness and fruit. All three Tanners Champagnes – our house, spécial and rosé – are supplied by **Beaumont des Crayères**, based in Mardeuil, a village west of Epernay. A highly impressive small co-operative of about 250 growers, with 90 Ha under the control of Matthieu Château and, President of Board of Growers, Jean-Noël Plançon. The vineyards are mostly located around the village in the Marne Valley. We also offer **Joseph Perrier** – the Perrier family has been producing Champagne since 1825. We can also provide a wide range of different champagne bottle sizes, including quarters, half bottles, magnums, jeroboams and methuselahs.

Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut Champagne, 12%  †	FC001		29.00
Tanners Extra Réserve Spécial, Brut, 12% 	FC002		33.00
Baron de Beaupré, Brut, 12% 	FC003		29.00
Ayala Brut Majeur, 12% †	FC043		33.00
Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale, Brut, 12%  †	FC008		39.50
Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée, Brut, 12% 	FC074		46.00
Billecart-Salmon Brut Réserve, 12%	FC835		49.00
Pol Roger Réserve, Brut, 12.5%	FC011		45.00
Veuve Clicquot 'Yellow Label', Brut, 12% 	FC010		52.00
Bollinger Special Cuvée, Brut, 12% †	FC014		54.00
Louis Roederer Collection 243, Brut, 12.5%  †	FC243		53.00
Billecart-Salmon Brut Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru, 12%	FC109		66.00

## GROWERS' CHAMPAGNE











Traditionally these small, family-run operations, such as **André Clouet** and **Michel Arnould**,

used to supply the big houses with grapes or wines. More recently some have decided to go it alone. Often this means you have a wine as good as, or even better than the well-known houses, punching well above their relatively modest price tag.

Michel Arnould & Fils Réserve, Brut, Grand Cru Verzenay, 12% 	FC016		33.00
André Clouet Grande Réserve, Brut, Grand Cru à Bouzy, 12%	FC017		35.00
André Clouet Silver, Brut Nature, Grand Cru à Bouzy, 12%	FC018		36.00





## VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

Vintage champagnes are only produced in the best years. They have undergone a longer maturation than their non-vintage counterparts and consequently have more depth and complexity along with more breadly flavours and aromas. For champagne to be specified as 'vintage', 100% of the grapes must have been grown in the year on the label. Vintage champagnes spend a minimum of three years on their lees whilst some of the top champagne houses keep their wines on the lees in excess of five, or even ten years, in some cases. There is still good value to be had here in the likes of the Fleur Noire from Beaumont des Crayères.

Beaumont des Crayères Fleur de Prestige, Brut 2012, 12% 	FC02012		39.95
Beaumont des Crayères Fleur Noire, Blanc de Noirs 2014, 12% 	FC08014		44.00
Joseph Perrier Vintage, Brut 2012, 12% 	FC04712		69.00
Louis Roederer Vintage, Brut 2015, 12%	FC02615		69.00
Pol Roger Vintage, Brut 2015, 12.5%	FC02415		89.50
Pol Roger Vintage, Brut 2015 - Magnum, 12.5%	FC02415M		230.00
Bollinger La Grande Année, Brut 2014, 12%	FC02514		150.00

## PRESTIGE CUVÉE CHAMPAGNE

A *prestige cuvée* is a wine produced by a champagne house to represent the pinnacle of their range – therefore it is not hard to see why they have a price tag to match! Louis Roederer's Cristal, Moët & Chandon's Dom Pérignon, Pol Roger's Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill and Bollinger's RD lead the roll call in the who's who of Champagne. Krug bucks the trend slightly by only producing prestige cuvée wines. These are becoming increasingly sought-after so may not be available all year round.

André Clouet "Un Jour de 1911...", Brut, Grand Cru Classé, 12%	FC027		65.00
Dom Pérignon, Brut, Vintage 2012, 12.5% 	FC02912		195.00
Louis Roederer Cristal, Brut, Vintage 2014, 12%	FC03314		280.00

## DEMI-SEC CHAMPAGNE

Often overlooked, these wines are a great, decadent match to desserts. They are usually a better match than their drier counterparts when served as a toast with cake! Pol Roger's Rich has an excellent balance ensuring it is not too sweet but just sweet enough.

Pol Roger Rich, Demi-Sec, 12.5%	FC831		48.00
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## ROSÉ/PINK CHAMPAGNE

Rosé or 'pink' champagne can be produced in two ways: either by the *saignée* method whereby the clear juice of black grapes is left in contact with its skins for a short time, or, more commonly, by adding a small amount of still Pinot Noir red wine to the sparkling wine blend. Rosé champagne is one of the few exceptions in the wine world where it is permissible to create rosé by adding red wine during blending. This method produces a colour that can be replicated, so each year the champagne looks the same, as you will see with the excellent **Billecart Salmon Rosé**. As the *saignée* method is comparatively expensive and more difficult for the winemaker, there are very few producers that continue to use it: Laurent Perrier and Louis Roederer are two that do.

Tanners Extra Réserve Rosé, Brut, 12%	FC035		36.00
Michel Arnould & Fils Rosé, Brut, Grand Cru Verzenay, 12%	FC036		34.00
Ayala Rosé Majeur, Brut, 12%	FC053		39.00
Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale Rosé, Brut, 12%	FC044		53.00
Bollinger Rosé, Brut, 12%	FC039		62.00
Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé, Brut, 12%	FC038		69.00
Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé, 12%	FC824		75.00
Pol Roger Rosé, Brut 2015, 12.5%	FC78315		92.00
Bollinger La Grande Année Rosé, Brut 2014, 12.5%	FC04014		180.00

## HALVES & QUARTERS CHAMPAGNE

Ideal for occasions when a full bottle is too much, though we are struggling to think of one!

Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut - Half, 12%	FC001H		18.90
Ayala Brut Majeur - Half, 12%	FC043H		19.50
Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale, Brut - Half, 12%	FC201H		23.00
Louis Roederer Collection 244 - Half, 12%	FC244H		27.00
Bollinger Special Cuvée, Brut - Half, 12%	FC014H		29.00
Moët et Chandon Impérial, Brut - 20cl, 12%	FC004Q		14.50

## LARGE CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES

As Winston Churchill famously said, "a magnum is the ideal size for two to share provided one of them isn't drinking!" For those who do want to share we have larger sizes too. A Jeroboam equates to four bottles; a Rehoboam is six; a Methuselah is eight; a Salmanazar is 12; a Balthazar is 16 and a Nebuchadnezzar is 20.





Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut - Magnum, 12%	FC001M		68.00
Ayala Brut Majeur - Magnum, 12%	FC043M		72.00
Louis Roederer Collection - Magnum, 12.5%	FC242M		120.00
Bollinger Special Cuvée, Brut - Magnum, 12%	FC014M		120.00
Bollinger La Grande Année, Brut 2014 - Magnum, 12%	FC02514M		280.00
Beaumont des Crayères Grande Réserve, Brut - Jeroboam, 12%	FC106J		190.00

# Sparkling Wine

The continuing issues with the availability of champagne and the economic cycle are combining to put sparkling wines in pole position to benefit. Prosecco has put fizz on the map as an everyday drink and fuelled an interest in all things sparkling. With lovely peachy fruit character in Tanners Prosecco, it is easy to see why this has become such a hit with our customers. Tanners Cava still commands its place in our range; with its weightier style, not only is it great to share for a toast, it also goes well with food. For those looking for a real champagne alternative Nyetimber's English fizz is second to none, while the Blanquette de Limoux region predates Champagne in making sparkling wine. The Crémants from France's other regions, such as Jura, Alsace and Burgundy (Bourgogne) amongst others, are rapidly, and justifiably, gaining popularity. For those wanting something a little more frivolous for the summer months, try the brilliant dry rosé 'Malbec Bubbles' from master craftsman Patricio Gouguenheim's stable. Anyone eschewing alcohol should look at the So Jennie Alcohol Free from France as a good example.

## PROSECCO

The popularity of Prosecco has continued to grow in the last few years. It is a charming sparkler made from the Glera grape variety, sourced from the regions of Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia in Italy. This light, dry, sparkling wine is perfectly suited to parties, summer evenings and/or serving as an apéritif. Prosecco is also the key ingredient for the classy Bellini cocktail: simply pour a measure of white peach purée into a flute glass and top up with well-chilled Prosecco to whet the appetite of your guests. The recently added Prosecco Rosé DOC, with up to 15% Pinot Noir allowed, is proving a hit.

Tanners Prosecco Brut, Treviso, 11%	FI048		12.90
Amori Prosecco, Spumante Extra Dry, 11% 	FI053		12.50
Fabio Ceschin Prosecco, Frizzante, Treviso, 10.5%	FI036		11.95
Fabio Ceschin Prosecco Superiore, Conegliano Valdobbiadene, 11%	FI123		14.95

## CAVA

Cava, one of the world's finest sparkling wines, is made by the bottle-fermenting 'traditional method'. Cava differs fundamentally from champagne only in the grapes used for the blend: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier of France are replaced by Parellada, Macabeo and Xarel.lo from the Catalan region. Although Cava can be made from other grapes and other regions across Spain, its heartland is San Sadurn d'Anoia, south of Barcelona, where some 250 companies produce over 50 million bottles annually. The autolytic ageing of the wine in bottle, on the lees, is for a minimum of nine months, or 15 months for Reservas and 30 months for the top wines, though in practice this can be even longer. This extended ageing brings depth and a biscuity flavour, while the whole effect of good quality Cava is less piercing acidity and more smoothness with a creamy fizz in the mouth.

Tanners Cava Brut, Traditional Method, 12% 	FI001		11.80
Castell d'Olerdola Cava Brut, 11.5%	FI116		12.95












Champagne - Grapes From Michel Arnould










## FRENCH SPARKLING

Whilst dominated by Champagne, most wine producing regions of France also produce their own style of fizz, some of which are very good indeed. The best is produced in the same way as champagne, the traditional method, with a secondary fermentation taking place in bottle followed by prolonged ageing on the lees (the yeast cells, left after the fermentation has finished). First among equals must surely be **Blanquette de Limoux**. Documentary evidence suggests this sparkling wine, from the south-west of France, predates the ‘invention’ of champagne. Made from the Mauzac grape with the addition of Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay, the results are stunning and **Rives Blanques** produce one of the best. Sitting alongside this ‘band’ are the Crémants from across France such as: **Crémant d’Alsace**; **Crémant de Loire**; **Crémant de Bourgogne** and **Crémant de Jura**. All made from the local grapes of each region, they offer refinement and elegance at a fraction of the price of champagne. From the next tier, still made using the traditional method, are the likes of **Saumur Brut** from the Loire; less ageing on lees means a less complex wine, but sometimes we don’t want too much complexity, just a decent glass of wine with bubbles!

La Grande Marque Saumur Brut, 12.5%	FI806		13.50
Crémant d’Alsace, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Dopff & Irion, 12%	FI125		17.20
Vézizet, Crémant de Bourgogne Brut, Cave de Viré, 12.5% 	FI156		17.90
Blanquette de Limoux Brut, Château Rives-Blanques 2019, 12.5%	FI01019		19.90
Crémant du Jura, Brut Zéro Dosage, Champ Divin 2020, 13% 	FI04620		24.00









## ENGLISH SPARKLING

The belt of chalky soil, so prized by the Champenois in northern France, runs on north-west emerging in the southern English counties of Kent, Sussex and Hampshire (where **Nyetimber** straddles the county borders). The grape varieties from Champagne, namely Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier, therefore find themselves quite at home. In recent years English sparklers, which need, like all sparkling wines, a little acidity to maintain their balance, have been propelled to the top of the quality pile. With the improvements in technology, and a warmer climate, the future looks very bright for English sparkling wine producers. Two recent listings demonstrate this rise in quality – **Ashling Park Estate** is on the chalky South Downs, whilst **Fairmile Vineyard** is also located on chalky, marl soils like Champagne, this time around the Chiltern Hills. Away from the South-East, improvements are also bearing fruit with some fine sparkling wine produced in the South-West, and in Herefordshire.

Fairmile Vineyard, Classic Cuvée, English Quality Sparkling Wine, 12% 	FI159		33.00
Ashling Park Estate, Brut English Quality Sparkling Wine, 12% 	FI161		35.00
Nyetimber Classic Cuvée, English Sparkling Wine, 12% †	FI016		38.00
Nyetimber Classic Cuvée, English Sparkling Wine - Half, 12%	FI016H		22.00
Nyetimber Classic Cuvée, English Sparkling Wine - Magnum, 12%	FI016M		79.00













## OTHER BRUT SPARKLING

In all parts of the vinous globe there are sparkling wines produced, maybe not on the scale of champagne or Prosecco, but nevertheless where people make wine, they also like to put bubbles in it. Many follow in the footsteps of champagne using the same production methods and even grape varieties. There are some excellent examples: try the superb Pelorus from the Cloudy Bay stable in New Zealand; or closer to home the fizz of **Ancre Hill** Vineyards in Wales, where production is biodynamic, the potential of which is ably demonstrated by Richard Morris.

5° Grappolo, Vino Frizzante, Fabio Ceschin, 10.5%	FI135		9.95
McPherson Three Vineyards Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir Brut 2022, 12%  NEW	FI05922		12.30
Grounded Cru Sparkling Pinot Noir/Chardonnay Brut, Adelaide Hills, 12.5%  NEW	FI060		17.60
Pelorus Brut, Cloudy Bay, 12.5%	FI014		29.00
Ancre Hill Estates Blanc de Noirs, Welsh Sparkling Wine, 11% 	FI113		42.00

## ROSÉ/PINK SPARKLING

There is something irrepressibly romantic about pink fizz making it perfect for weddings and other events. These wines do, however, have a more serious side; beautiful and stylish, they are great with food, often being more full-bodied than their white counterparts and demonstrating great versatility.

Fabio Ceschin Rosé Vino Frizzante, Veneto, 11%	FI037		10.95
Ita Prosecco Rosé, Extra Dry 2021, 11.5% 	FI05521		12.50
Le Contesse Pinot Rosé, Cuvée Brut, Spumante, 11%	FI122		12.90
Gouguenheim Malbec Bubbles, Sparkling Rosé Extra Brut, Mendoza, 12% 	FI119		14.40
Bird in Hand Sparkling, Adelaide Hills 2021, 12.5%	FI02021		15.95
So Jennie Alcohol Free Luxury Rosé Bubbles, Paris, France, 0% NEW	FI057		29.95
Ancre Hill Estates Sparkling Rosé, Welsh Sparkling Wine 2015, 10.5% 	FI15815		38.00
Fairmile Vineyard Rosé, English Quality Sparkling Wine, 12% 	FI160		37.00

## SWEETER SPARKLING

The ideal accompaniment to desserts, the sweeter styles of sparkling wines deserve to be more popular than they are. Elegant, light, fruity and often lower in alcohol, they are perfect to sip on their own and often suited to a toast taking place at the end of a meal.

Vigna Senza Nome, Moscato d'Asti, "Braidà" 2022, 5.5% 	FI02622		15.95
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## RED SPARKLING

A very small amount of red wine is turned into fizz. In the case of Australian Sparkling Shiraz, it is given a little sweetness to counteract the tannins in the wine, the effect of which would be heightened by the bubbles. These rich, chocolaty reds are great with smoky barbecue foods.

Brachetto d'Acqui, "Braidà" 2022, 5.5%  
Mitchell Sparkling Peppertree Shiraz, Clare Valley, 13%

IR08822 14.95  
FI103 25.50

## South of France

A catch-all heading, South of France covers a huge variety of regions and styles from well-known favourites such as Provence rosé and Picpoul to lesser names, virtually unheard of outside of their locality. International varieties are produced by big companies and co-operatives while small producers experiment with amphorae and local grape varieties. The number of organic producers is also on the increase, particularly on the drier Mediterranean side.



Crisp **dry white wines** are abundant in **Gascony** and the **South-West**, some using grapes once destined for Armagnac. The whites of **Languedoc-Roussillon**, in contrast, tend to be bigger and gentler with Mediterranean and Rhône white grapes vying with Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay for space. Within the Languedoc, **Picpoul de Pinet** is *de rigueur* for delivering pure summer pleasure whilst the whites from the cooler climate of Limoux are more serious, Burgundian even, while those from **Collioure** on the Roussillon coast and further inland have great minerality. The pale rosé wines of **Provence** have caught the imagination in the last few years, but there are rivals – often better value – from the Languedoc and these lookalikes can be excellent. Gascony rosés, made from Bordeaux and south-western grapes, tend to be more blackcurranty in flavour.

Overall, **red wines** are the most important style in the South which has a diversity of climates and terroirs that allows it to produce a vast number of very different wines. **Languedoc-Roussillon** is arguably the area of the most wine innovation in France making both varietal wines alongside a roster of AOCs such as Minervois, Corbières and (Coteaux du) Languedoc. Provence's most famous red is from beside the sea at Bandol whereas Gascony and the South-West fields Bergerac, Pécharmant and Madiran as its star players.

### DRY WHITE

#### Pay d'Oc & Vin de France

These classifications give French producers a lot more freedom than they used to have and are increasingly popular, particularly the Vin de France name which gives them flexibility to blend wines from across IGP areas. It's also used by individual estates to make wines that don't conform, notably because their chosen grape variety is not authorised for their region and therefore you should look at the producer rather than the classification.

Pay d'Oc covers a big area from the Rhône to the Pyrenees foothills and, along with Vin de France, allows producers to compete with varietals from the rest of the world. Sauvignon and Chardonnay are very successful here as are Rhône varieties such as Viognier and Marsanne. IGP – 'Indication Géographique Protégée' is one down from 'AC' and covers

many smaller, less well-known areas although producers often decide that it's best to use Pays d'Oc or Vin de France rather than the name of an obscure area.

The **La Cabane** blends are packed with flavour and are made for us near Carcassonne by Xavier Roger, son of our Sancerre supplier, Jean-Max Roger. The **Rémi & Jérôme** wines come mainly from Fonceleu, a sizable but quality-driven co-operative also based near Carcassonne but with growers in Gascony and Provence too. Further east is the co-op of **Alignan du Vent** which makes very attractive varietals under the Domaine Grauzan label.

Tanners Sauvignon, Pays d'Oc 2022, 11.5%	FW01922		10.95
Le Sautarel Dry White, Vin de France, 11.5%	FW001		9.20
Le Sautarel Medium White, Vin de France, 11%	FW003		9.20
La Cabane Reserve Marsanne/Viognier, Pays d'Oc 2022, 12.5%	FW00922		9.70
Rémi & Jérôme Sauvignon, Pays d'Oc 2021, 12%	FW01821		9.80
Tanners Chardonnay, Pays d'Oc 2022, 13.5%	FW02422		9.95
Domaine Grauzan Sauvignon, Pays d'Oc 2021, 12.5% <b>NEW</b>	FW05021		10.50
Domaine Grauzan Chardonnay, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13.5% <b>NEW</b>	FW08921		10.50
Domaine Grauzan Viognier, Pays d'Oc 2021, 14% <b>NEW</b>	FW08821		10.95
Ardèche Chardonnay, Louis Latour 2020, 13%	FW02720		12.95
Domaine Rives-Blanques Chardonnay/Chenin, Haute Vallée de l'Aude 2019, 13.5%	FW02619		13.20








## GASCONY & SW FRANCE

*Dry whites* from the hinterland of Bordeaux – **Bergerac** in particular – are made from Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon, sometimes adding Muscadelle too. Travelling south into **Gascony**, lesser-known grapes come into play such as Petit Manseng, Gros Manseng, Petit Courbu and Arrufiac. Formerly used for Armagnac production, Colombard and Ugni Blanc are responsible for many simple dry whites often labelled IGP Côtes de Gascogne, Comté Tolosan or Gers. The **Plaimont** co-operative dominates the **Saint-Mont** appellation and has long been at the forefront of this crisp, fresh, white wine revolution.

Tanners Gascony Dry White, Côtes de Gascogne 2021, 11%	FW02921		9.95
Colombard, Côtes de Gascogne, Vignerons de Plaimont 2021, 11%	FW03121		9.50
Château Le Fagé Sauvignon Blanc, Bergerac 2022, 12.5%	FW02022		10.95
Château de Tiregand Sauvignon, Bergerac, Comtesse Saint-Exupéry 2021, 12.5%	FW01221		13.40

## Languedoc-Roussillon

Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine des Lauriers 2022, 12.5%	FW01322		11.95
Picpoul de Pinet, Terre d'Eole 2021, 13.5%	FW08521		12.50
Abbé Rous Chardonnay, Côtes Catalanes 2021, 13%	FW08721		13.95
La Cendrillon, Nuance, Vin de France 2021, 13%	FW08021		14.95
Collioure Blanc, Cornet & Cie, Abbé Rous 2019, 13.5%	FW08619		18.40

Château Rives-Blanques Occitania, Mauzac Blanc, Limoux 2021, 13%	FW05721		18.95
Château Rives-Blanques Odysée, Chardonnay, Limoux 2021, 13.5% 	FW02821		18.95
Trigone Blanc by Le Soula, Terroir d'Altitude, Lot XX, 13% 	FW08420		24.00
Le Soula Blanc, Terroir d'Altitude, Côtes Catalanes 2015, 13.5% 	FW07415		36.00

## Provence

Domaine Pey Blanc 'Pluriel' White, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 2022, 12.5%	FW08322		14.50
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## SWEET




### Gascony & SW France

The sweet wines of the South-West are tangier and less grapey than the Muscats of Languedoc-Roussillon. Gascony's **Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh** relies on semi-dried grapes from the same local varieties that are used for the dry whites. **Monbazillac** is more akin to Barsac, being the product of botrytised Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon grapes. Along the slope from the landmark Château de Monbazillac and with tremendous views over the Dordogne Valley, the Gérardin family's Château Le Fagé makes inspiring Monbazillac as well as fine dry white, red and rosé.

Monbazillac, Château Le Fagé 2020 - Half, 12.5% 	FS00320H		8.90
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### Languedoc-Roussillon

The sweet white wines of Languedoc-Roussillon are generally made from Muscat and are usually lightly fortified to make vin doux naturel. **Muscat de St-Jean-de-Minervois** and Muscat de Frontignan are both smaller appellations than Muscat de Rivesaltes which covers much of the Roussillon region. The **Saint-Jean-de-Minervois** appellation is dominated by a small co-operative hidden in the foothills of the Montagne Noire. **Domaine Boudau** run by brother and sister, Pierre and Véronique Boudau, is based at Rivesaltes and makes lovely, sweet Muscat and Grenache wines, 'Grenat' being a fresh ruby style.

Muscat de St-Jean-de-Minervois, Tailhades - Half, 15%	FS002H		8.50
Muscat de Rivesaltes, Domaine Boudau 2022, 15.5%	FS01922		18.50
Rivesaltes Grenat, Sur Grains, Domaine Boudau 2021 - Half, 15.5%	FS01821H		12.50

## ROSÉ

### Pays d'Oc & Vin de France

These can be very attractive without the price tag of wines from Provence. The Cinsault grape performs particularly well in rosé and is the backbone of our Sautarel and Nuit d'Arbres blends.

Le Sautarel Rosé, Vin de France 2022, 12.5% 	FP05222		9.40
Nuit d'Arbres Rosé, Pays d'Oc 2021, 12% 	FP06021		10.50
Piquepoul Rosé, Coteaux d'Enserune, Foncalieu 2022, 13%	FP05922		11.80

Château Sainte Eulalie 'Buona Pulcella' Rosé, Minervois 2021, 13%	FP0612I		12.90
Domaine de la Cendrillon Minuit Rosé, Corbières 2021, 12%  	FP0542I		14.50














### Gascony & SW France

**Rosé wines** from the South-West generally use Bordeaux varieties and tend to be a bit deeper in colour than those from further east but have excellent fruit flavours. **Domaine de Pellehaut**, a family-owned estate in Gascony that originally started in cattle farming, supplies us with both **Tanners Rosé** and Tanners Gascony Dry White.

Tanners French Rosé, Côtes de Gascogne 2021, 10.5% 	FP0012I		9.95
Château Le Fagé Rosé, Bergerac 2021, 12% 	FP0502I		11.50

### Provence

East of the River Rhône, Provence is a large area and generally now best known for its *rosé* wines, consumed in large quantities by holiday makers in villas and restaurants, as well as on the yachts moored in the picturesque harbours along the coast! This has led to some of the best-known examples being able to sell for a lot of money and generally prices are high here. With a little effort, however, decent value can be found such as at **Château Pey Blanc**, just outside Aix-en-Provence where Gabriel Giusiano produces a lovely range of wines and is a true enthusiast. His No 1 rosé has a pale, classic, Provençal style and his Cyprés, sourced from outside the AOC area, and so is a Vin de Pays, has much of the Provence style without the price tag.

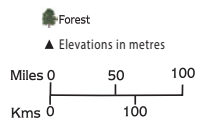
Les Cyprés Rosé, Méditerranée, Pey Blanc 2021, 12.5% 	FP0462I		12.50
No 1 Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, Domaine Pey Blanc 2022, 12.5% 	FP04522		16.50
No 1 Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, Domaine Pey Blanc 2021 - Magnum, 12.5% 	FP04521M		39.00
No 1 Rosé, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, Domaine Pey Blanc 2021 - 3ltr, 13% 	FP04521J		95.00
Bandol Rosé, Le Galantin 2021, 13%	FP0132I		17.50
Selladore En Provence Rosé, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2022, 13% 	FP05322		21.00
Selladore En Provence Rosé, Coteaux Varois en Provence 2022 - Magnum, 13% 	FP05322M		44.00
















### RED

#### Pays d'Oc & Vin de France

**Merlot** and **Syrah** lead the way in the Pays d'Oc with Malbec coming on board, whilst there are also all those wonderful old Carignan vines. **Le Sautarel** represents a range of easy-drinking, appealing wines, the sort that you would expect to see in a good bistro in France. Xavier Roger's **Martinfort** wines are generally from older vines and lower yields. We are most proud, however, of the **Tanners** labels where we work with specialists in each grape variety to bring you the very best of the region.







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Tanners Merlot, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13%	FR00821		9.70
Le Sautarel Red, Vin de France, 12.5% 	FR001		9.20
Rémi & Jérôme Merlot, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13.5%	FR00921		9.40
La Cabane Reserve Grenache/Syrah, Pays d'Oc 2022, 13%	FR00422		9.40
Rémi & Jérôme Syrah, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13% 	FR01821		9.70
Martinfort Carignan, Sélection Vieilles Vignes, Vin de France 2021, 12.5% 	FR09121		9.80
Martinfort Malbec, Sélection Belles Vignes, Pays d'Oc 2021, 13% 	FR09721		9.80
Domaine Grauzan Merlot, Pays d'Oc 2021, 14.5%  <small>NEW</small>	FR11721		10.50
L&F Loron Pinot Noir, Vin de France 2022, 13%	FR07622		12.30
Domaine de Valmoissine Pinot Noir, Louis Latour, Var 2021, 13.5%	FR90721		14.50

## Gascony & SW France

**Pécharmant**, a favoured sub-appellation of Bergerac which has iron-rich slopes above the River Dordogne, produces another structured red wine. Here, **Château de Tiregand**, is making characterful, claret-like reds. Perhaps the leading red wine from the region is **Madiran**, based on the robust Tannat grape variety.

Château Le Fagé Merlot, Bergerac 2020, 15% 	FR04320		11.50
Château de Tiregand, Pécharmant, Comtesse de Saint-Exupéry 2019, 14.5% 	FR04819		17.50
Château de Tiregand, Pécharmant, Comtesse de Saint-Exupéry 2018 - Magnum, 14.5% 	FR04818M		37.00

## Languedoc-Roussillon

Superb reds are produced throughout the Languedoc in an arc following the Mediterranean from Montpellier in the Hérault past Sète and Béziers, and down past Narbonne in the Aude department. The best wines tend to come from the slopes, often from vineyards which are stony and difficult to work, while the valley floors produce more everyday wines. Organic viticulture is on the increase as growers decide that the warm, dry climate allows them to forgo conventional treatments. Arguably the best wines are blends based on Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre where the three complement each other admirably. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, both interlopers, perform well as does indigenous old-vine Carignan as a single varietal wine. Please also see our Pays d'Oc & Vin de France section.






















In the East, **Pierre Clavel** makes some of the region's best wines from vines in favoured sub-districts of Languedoc AOC (until recently called **Coteaux du Languedoc**) namely Pic St-Loup and La Méjanelle. Frédéric Albaret has expanded **Domaine Saint Antonin** from nothing to 30 Ha on the schist soil that is typical of the Faugères appellation, making various cuvées, all certified organic.

**Minervois** occupies the southern slopes of the Montagne Noire overlooking the Aude Valley. We have bought from pretty **Château Sainte-Eulalie**, close to La Livinière, for many years dealing with Isabelle and Laurent Coustal and their predecessors. Down the valley



and close to Narbonne is **Domaine de La Cendrillon**. Owned by the Joyeux family for centuries, their aim is to be the top property in Corbières, something they are well on their way to achieving! This area of Corbières is sandwiched between Fitou vineyards on both sides.

**Roussillon** is the southernmost part of Languedoc-Roussillon and comprises many of the Pyrenean foothills north of the Spanish border as well as the picturesque coastline of the Côte Vermeille. The scenery here is spectacular with valleys running down from the Pyrenees, vineyards clinging to the sides and castles on top. Herby dry reds, evocative of the local, scented garrigue undergrowth, come under various epithets: Côtes du Roussillon, Côtes du Roussillon-Villages, Collioure, Côtes Catalanes and Pyrénées-Orientales included. **Domaine Boudau**, formerly specialising in sweet wines, now principally produces full and satisfying Roussillon reds. High up, near the village of Saint-Martin-de-Fenouillet – where the wild boar abound in the local garrigue – characterful reds are produced under the **Le Soula** and (earlier drinking) **Trigone** labels. **Abbé Rous** make a full flavoured Collioure red from steeply terraced vineyards above the sea.

Le Rouge Vigneron, Castelmaure, Corbières 2020, 14.5%	FR10620		12.70
Château Sainte Eulalie, Buona Pulcella Rouge, Minervois 2021, 14%	FR03521		13.40
Faugères, Les Jardins, Domaine Saint Antonin 2020, 14%  	FR10120		13.50
Domaine Boudau, Le Clos, Côtes du Roussillon 2021, 14%	FR08021		14.90
Domaine de la Cendrillon 'Essentielle', Corbières 2018, 14%  	FR10418		14.95
Le Mas, Coteaux du Languedoc, Domaine Clavel 2020, 14%  	FR08320		15.50
Faugères, Cazalet, Domaine Saint Antonin 2020, 14.5% 	FR10220		15.95
Collioure, Réserve des Peintres, Abbé Rous 2019, 14.5%	FR11619		15.95
Domaine de la Cendrillon Inédite, Corbières 2016, 14.5%  	FR10516		19.90
Trigone Rouge by Le Soula, Terroir d'Altitude, No 21, 12% 	FR11521		22.00
Le Soula Rouge, Terroir d'Altitude, Côtes Catalanes 2014, 12.5%	FR09914		35.00

## Provence

Bandol is one of the best-known areas for red wines and makes big, long-lived wines based on the Mourvèdre grape. Céline and Jérôme Pascal's Domaine Le Galantin Bandol has great depth of flavour while their rosé wine has wonderful intensity, again mainly from the Mourvèdre grape.

Bandol, Domaine Le Galantin 2016, 15%	FR04216		19.50
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# Loire Valley

In spite of a sequence of spring frosts affecting some or all of the region recently, the wines of the Loire remain undervalued. They responded particularly well to the warm summer in 2022, so look out for these. The Loire is a tremendous region offering the wine lover great diversity. There are all the styles of wine one could wish for: dry, medium, sweet, white, red, rosé, still or sparkling. A vinous journey along the Loire Valley takes in crisp Muscadets around Nantes, the gorgeously sweet ‘moëlleux’ Chenin Blancs of the Coteaux du Layon and the superbly complex dry Savennières from around Angers, then the more immediately appealing whites and sparkling wines of Saumur. Cabernet Franc makes the luscious reds of Anjou and the autumnal reds of Chinon and Bourgueil. Continuing upstream leads you to the famous whites of Vouvray and finally on to Touraine, Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé and Menetou-Salon where Sauvignon Blanc reigns supreme.

## DRY WHITE

### Muscadet













Possibly the best value wine region in France, **Muscadet** is home to growers such as the very talented Jérémie Huchet at **Domaine de la Chauvinière**; and brothers Rémi and Jean-Jacques Bonnet at **Bonnet-Huteau** where they farm biodynamically. The region is undergoing a renaissance on the back of the creation of its new Crus Communaux, a classification system for the region’s top vineyards which includes: Le Pallet, Clisson, Gorges, Mouzillon-Tillières, Monnières-Saint-Fiacre, Goulaine, Château-Thébaud, La Haye Fouassière, Vallet and Champtoceaux. Muscadet is the superlative seafood match, designed for drinking with langoustines and oysters in nearby Brittany. Get them now before everyone wakes up to the wines of this region!

Muscadet, Drouet Frères 2021, 11.5% 	LW00121		11.50
Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Sur Lie, Domaine de la Chauvinière 2021, 12% 	LW02721		11.90
Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Sur Lie, Domaine Le Fief de la Brie 2021, 12%  †	LW00221		12.50
Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Sur Lie, Les Gautronnières, Bonnet-Huteau 2021, 12%  	LW02521		15.60
Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Goulaine, Bonnet-Huteau 2019, 12.5%  	LW02619		19.30
Château-Thébaud Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine, Huchet & Mourat 2017, 12.5% 	LW02817		19.80

### Sancerre & Upper Loire







Terrific, world-renowned wines come from **Sancerre** and Pouilly-Fumé in the Upper Loire, or Central Vineyards of France. The names here are as famous as any: Sancerre, the herbaceous, crisp, dry, white produced by the likes of **Jean-Max Roger** in Bué and the Dezat families in nearby Verdigny. This excellent estate is in the process of being divided up as the cousins have different directions they wish to pursue; we are following them

both closely. They both also produce wines in neighbouring **Pouilly-Fumé**, home to those textbook gunflint aromas and steely, refreshing wines. On this eastern bank of the River Loire, Alain and Jérôme **Pabiot** produce whites from the celebrated flint/silex soil. A little upstream at **Château de Tracy**, a family that has been incumbent since 1396 produces a particularly intense and defined example. Slightly less well known but equally as interesting is the AOC of **Menetou-Salon**, where the Rogers create super wines. Twenty miles away at **Quincy**, grower Pierre Ragon at **Domaine Trotreau** produces rounder, softer wines from sandier soil.

Quincy, Domaine de Trotreau 2021, 14%	LW00421		17.50
Menetou-Salon, Morogues, Le Petit Clos, Jean-Max Roger 2018, 13% 	LW00818		19.50
Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine des Fines Caillottes, Jean Pabiot 2021, 13.5%  †	LW01221		19.95
Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine Thibault, Firmin Dezat 2022, 12.5% †	LW01322		21.00
Sancerre, Domaine Balland 2020, 13%	LW03520		21.50
Sancerre, Firmin Dezat 2022, 12.5% 	LW01022		22.00
Sancerre, Cuvée Marnes & Caillottes, Jean-Max Roger 2020, 14.5% 	LW00920		22.50
Pouilly-Fumé, Château de Tracy 2021, 13%	LW02221		26.00

### Saumur & Middle Loire

The 'Garden of France', between Angers and Tours, produces all styles of wines making it one of the most versatile regions of France. The food-friendly, steely wines of Savennières from the excellent **Domaines des Forges**, contrast with affable, appley Chenin Blancs from Anjou and Saumur. **Château de la Roulerie's** P'tit Chenin is perfect quaffing for a summer's day. Further east along the Loire Valley at Vouvray, Alex Monmousseau of **Château Gaudrelle** produces his superb Clos Le Vigneau white which is a lesson in Chenin Blanc. Along the Cher tributary at Montrichard, in arguably the best sector of Touraine, the Lechat brothers, Arnaud and Albéric, make a superb Sauvignon Blanc, an alternative to Sancerre with just a nod to the elevated fruit of Marlborough.

Touraine Sauvignon Blanc, Les Silex, Domaine Beauséjour 2022, 12.5% 	LW03022		12.50
Le P'tit Chenin, Anjou Blanc, Château de la Roulerie 2022, 12.5% 	LW03222		15.95
Vouvray, Clos le Vigneau, Château Gaudrelle 2022, 12.5%	LW02022		18.95
Savennières, Le Clos du Papillon, Domaine des Forges 2021, 14.5%	LW02321		21.00

### SWEET

The Coteaux du Layon and Bonnezeaux appellations produce the epitome of lightly sweet 'moëlleux' wines from late harvested Chenin Blanc grapes. Here Stéphane & Séverine Branchereau show what can be done with dedication, skill and tiny yields in the Coteaux du Layon, Chaume and Quarts de Chaume vineyards of their **Domaine des Forges**.




Coteaux du Layon, Saint-Aubin, Domaine des Forges 2022, 12% 	LS00122		15.80
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At Pabiot's Dom des Fines Caillottes





Charles Joguet vineyards and Domaine in Chinon

Coteaux du Layon 1er cru Chaume, Les Onnis, Domaine des Forges 2019, 12% 	LS00519		25.00
Quarts de Chaume grand cru, Domaine des Forges 2019, 11%	LS00619		42.00













## ROSÉ

Firmin Dezat produces a light and delicate rosé from the Pinot Noir grape. Pale, subtle and gorgeously, it is the ideal match for shellfish or light summer salads. The Rosés from Anjou are mainly from the Grolleau grape and are charmingly off dry.

Rosé d'Anjou, Les Roseraies, Drouet Frères 2021, 11%	LP00221		10.95
Sancerre Rosé, Firmin Dezat 2022, 12.5%	LP00122		22.00

## RED

The reds of the Middle Loire are dominated by Cabernet Franc making voluptuous wines in Saumur and Saumur-Champigny, where Philippe Vatan produces serious, world-class red wines at **Château du Hureau**. Then head towards Chinon where the wines of Domaine Charles **Joguet** can compete with fine Bordeaux for class. Those wanting something a little lighter in style should seriously consider the Anjou Rouge from **Château de la Roulerie**. Sancerre's reds are made from Pinot Noir and are therefore more akin to lighter Burgundies. Firmin Dezat's red is juicy and lighter in alcohol, making it ideal for light dishes or lunch!

Saumur-Champigny, Tuffe, Château du Hureau 2020, 13.5% 	LR00920		16.50
Anjou Rouge, Château de la Roulerie 2020, 12.5%  	LR01420		16.60
Chinon, Les Silènes, Charles Joguet 2020, 13.5% 	LR00420		19.95
Sancerre Rouge, Domaine Arnaud et Stéphanie Dezat 2021, 13%	LR01621		21.50
Saumur-Champigny, Lisagathe, Château du Hureau 2019, 13.5% 	LR01019		32.00
Chinon, Les Varennes du Grand Clos, Charles Joguet 2016, 13.5% 	LR00616		39.50

# Alsace

Alsace is an area full of individuality in everything it does – food, buildings, scenery and, of course, wines, which are very different to any other region of France. As in many places, the flat ground produces good, standard, everyday wines while the ‘*grand cru*’ vineyards are on the slopes, although the process of deciding what is and isn’t a grand cru has been beset by politics and vested interests. Perhaps the producers should move away from the German style ‘flutes’ for some styles, but don’t let this bottle shape dissuade you from trying the clean, fresh Pinot Blancs, the rich and intense Pinot Gris and the exotic and floral Gewurztraminers – they are normally drier than you would expect!



## DRY WHITE

### Various Grape Varieties

Famille Hugel’s wines are always an excellent introduction to Alsace, from a company that still manages to operate out of its original cramped cellars in the middle of the tourist town that is Riquewihr. Kaefferkopf is one of the top Riesling sites in the region and that from Cyrille Ehrhart has great style and complexity.

Henri Ehrhart Muscat, Réserve Particulière 2021, 12%	JW00221	🍷	12.30
Gentil "Hugel" 2020, 13% <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	JW03020	🍷	14.50
Henri Ehrhart Riesling, grand cru Kaefferkopf 2019, 13%	JW00919	🍷	16.50
Château de Riquewihr Riesling, grand cru Schoenenbourg 2020, 13%	JW82920	🍷	22.50

### Pinot Gris & Pinot Blanc

Dopff & Irion is based at the Château de Riquewihr and is once again in private hands, the Schoepfer family having bought back all the shares from the Pfaffenheim co-operative. We look forward to the continued development of these textbook varietal wines. Meanwhile, François Sorg has quietly been purchasing top sites from which he makes full and rich styles of wine.

Dopff & Irion Pinot Blanc, Cuvée René Dopff 2020, 12.5% <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	JW00720	🍷	13.20
Dopff & Irion Pinot Gris, Cuvée René Dopff 2021, 14% <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	JW01121	🍷	14.95
Famille Hugel Classic Pinot Blanc 2020, 13%	JW03120	🍷	15.60
Domaine Bruno Sorg Pinot Gris 2019, 13.5%	JW00419	🍷	18.90
Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Gris, Les Princes Abbés 2017, 13.5%	JW90617	🍷	19.90

### Gewurztraminer

Gewurztraminers are signature Alsace wines – all rose petals and lychees, silky and rich. Schlumberger, in the South, make wonderful examples from their grand cru sites.



Dopff & Irion Gewurztraminer, Cuvée René Dopff 2020, 14% <span style="color: green;">✔</span> †	JW00620	<span style="color: green;">🍷</span>	14.95
Domaine Bruno Sorg Gewurztraminer 2019, 13.5%	JW01019	<span style="color: green;">🍷</span>	18.95
Château de Riquewihr Gewurztraminer, grand cru Sporen 2018, 15% <span style="color: green;">✔</span>	JW07018	<span style="color: green;">🍷</span>	27.00
Domaines Schlumberger Gewurztraminer, grand cru Kessler 2018, 13.5%	JW90818	<span style="color: green;">✔</span>	28.00
Domaine Bruno Sorg Gewurztraminer, grand cru Eichberg 2020, 13.5%	JW02020	<span style="color: green;">🍷</span>	32.00

## Jura

Not an easy region to locate, ask a confirmed wine buff to place Jura on the map and they would probably struggle! Somewhat bucolic in character and certainly in the shadow of its much more prestigious neighbour, Burgundy, you'll find it halfway between the Côte d'Or and the Swiss border, in an area that is also famous for Mont d'Or cheese. Its intriguing range of unique wine styles combined with a great number of artisan, often organic and 'natural', wine producers has made Jura a darling of sommeliers worldwide.

Chardonnay and Savagnin are used for the whites, Pinot Noir, Poulsard and Trousseau for the reds. The AOC districts of Arbois, Château-Chalon and L'Etoile sit within the Côtes du Jura appellation. In the South of the region near Lons-le-Saunier, Fabrice and Valérie Closset at Champ Divin make superbly individual wines using biodynamic cultivation from their five hectares of vines, as well as some rather good honey! White wine styles generally fall into two distinct camps. *Ouillé* wines are 'normal' whereas *sous voile* wines, including *Vin Jaune*, sit under a layer of yeast in the same fashion as Fino or Manzanilla sherry. We sometimes have Vin Jaune on our oddments list.

### DRY WHITE

Champ Divin, Cuvée Pollux Chardonnay/Savagnin, Côtes du Jura 2018, 13.5% <span style="color: orange;">🍷</span>	JW03418	<span style="color: green;">🍷</span>	33.00
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# Bordeaux


















This has always been a region of extremes between the haves and have nots, something which shows no sign of changing. While the very top wines continue to demand and achieve top prices those at the bottom of the pecking order are struggling even to sell all they produce of small vintages and are looking for help to sell their wines or to grub up vines. In between these two extremes there is plenty of good quality, good value wine to be had. There has also been a noticeable change in winemaking styles over the past few years as many of the very late-harvested, heavily extracted and oaked wines are giving way to what we see as more balanced, fresher styles with a more restrained use of oak.

**Dry white** Bordeaux – made predominantly from Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc – is somewhat overlooked but in Pessac-Léognan and Graves, there are oak-aged wines of great complexity. The glorious, *sweet wines* of Sauternes and Barsac are the result of tiny yields, a lot of work in the vineyard and a reliance on nature so it can be very difficult for producers with the declining market for sweet wines. Many are looking at producing increasing amounts of dry whites.

## CLARET

### Bordeaux & Côtes

**Tanners Claret**, which, incidentally, has been on our shelves for over 50 years, is sourced from the Entre-Deux-Mers region and blended to make a good, early-drinking wine but in a 'classic' claret style. **Tour de Luchey**, **Malbat** and **Moulin de Mallet** are great for drinking young to enjoy the supple fruit while the Sichel family's **Argadens** is a more serious wine. The right bank 'Côtes' areas of Fronsac, Francs and Castillon all produce superbly concentrated and supple wines.

Tanners Claret, Bordeaux, 13.5%  †	CR001		9.95
Tanners Claret, Bordeaux - Half, 13.5% 	CR001H		6.50
Tanners Claret, Bordeaux - Magnum, 13.5% 	CR001M		22.50
Château Malbat, Bordeaux 2020, 14% †	CR05420		10.60
Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux 2019, 14% †	CR02319		10.80
Château Moulin de Mallet, Bordeaux 2021, 13%	CR03021		11.30
Château Moulin de Mallet, Bordeaux 2017 - Magnum, 13.5%	CR03017M		24.00
Château Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur 2019, 14.5% †	CR06419		13.50
Château Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur 2018 - Magnum, 14%	CR06418M		29.50
Château Laclaverie, Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux 2015, 14.5%	CR02515		16.90
Château Brisson, Castillon - Côtes de Bordeaux 2016, 14.5%	CR05816		17.95
La Violette du Manoir, Castillon - Côtes de Bordeaux 2017, 14.5%	CR06117		18.95
Château Puygueraud, Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux 2014, 14%	CR04014		19.50
Château La Prade, Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux 2019, 14.5%	CR03919		21.00



## Claret *Vintage Guide*

Early reports suggest the 2022 vintage looks very promising indeed. The 2021 vintage has made wines that are medium bodied with good freshness, in a similar style to 2017. The 2020 vintage yielded wines that are aromatic and concentrated, quite big in structure with freshness and balance. The wines of 2019 are very concentrated, fresh, ripe and plentiful, all in all a very well-regarded vintage. 2018 was a very good vintage in the end but mildew, hail, and a heatwave all served to reduce yields. The harvest across the region took place in near ideal conditions. 2017 is good in terms of quality but short on quantity, following frosts in the Spring that decimated certain properties. 2016 is a worthy successor to 2015, on a par qualitatively and looking very promising across all wine types. A hot summer but with cool nights has produced wines with fruit and freshness. 2015 is exceptionally good across the region for reds, especially the Right Bank, Pessac-Léognan, dry whites (better for Sauvignon than Sémillon) and sweeties: it is certainly the best vintage since 2010. 2014 is a very good Cabernet vintage, particularly in the Médoc where the wines are fresh with fine tannins. Overall, ripeness levels are good and so are quantities. The 2013 and 2012 vintages were not particularly easy for the Bordelais, requiring dedication in the vineyard and modern techniques in the winery. Plenty of attractive short- and medium-term wines have been made, but yields are low.

### Médoc & Left Bank












The classic area of Bordeaux, this is home to the first growths and the majority of well-known properties that make the defining style of the area. When we find a suitable parcel, we release a wine under the ‘**Super Claret**’ label, usually in a traditional Médoc style. **Château Semonlon** is situated near Margaux and makes a supple and fruity wine with minimal oak. The Barton family have built a magnificent new winery at **Mauvesin** which is now turning out some wines with real elegance and depth; while close to Saint-Julien, **Lanessan** is making wines with style and balance. Further north, our old friends at **Cissac** and **La Tour de By** are making wines which are perhaps more fruit-forward than in the past.

**Haut-Médoc** is the area running alongside the Gironde Estuary north of Bordeaux, covering all the vineyards until north of Saint-Estèphe where the Médoc appellation takes over. Most of the classed growth properties are within the individual communal appellations but some of our favourites, such as **Cantemerle**, are under Haut-Médoc which also covers many excellent lesser-known properties. **Margaux** is the first communal appellation on the way north from Bordeaux on the ‘Wine Route’. Its wines, characterised by elegance and pretty fruit, are generally lighter than the other communes. Our favourites include **Angludet** and **Palmer**, with **Château Margaux** as the epitome of the style.

In **Saint-Julien**, **Ducru-Beaucaillou** and the three Léoville estates are the leading properties but there are many others clustered around the village of St-Julien-Beychevelle. The Barton family at **Léoville** and **Langoa-Barton** have always made wonderful wines, very popular in this market, but others such as **Gruaud-Larose**, **Talbot** and **Branair-Ducru** are also well worth following from this very consistent commune. Pauillac is perhaps the most famous of the Médoc communes containing three first growths and a host of other well-known names. The style here virtually defines Bordeaux with plenty of blackcurrant fruit and firm tannic structure. Apart from the firsts, **Grand-Puy-Lacoste** and **Pontet Canet** always produce superb quality, with **Pédesclaux**, **Batailley** and **Haut-Bages-Libéral** well worth looking out for.

**Saint-Estèphe** is the most northerly of the communes and the one which generally produces the most structured and powerful wines. **Cos d'Estournel**, **Montrose** and **Calon-Ségur** are the best-known properties here but others such as **Lafon-Rochet** and **Lilian Ladouys** are making excellent wines. The **Pessac-Léognan** appellation, created in 1987, covers the top properties in the communes of Pessac and Léognan just to the south of Bordeaux, including many properties within the city boundaries. **Haut-Brion** and **Pape-Clément** are foremost amongst these, while Léognan has properties such as **Domaine de Chevalier** and **Olivier**.









Château Semonlon, Haut-Médoc 2019, 14%	CR46819	🍷	14.90
Les Calèches de Lanessan, Haut-Médoc 2015, 13.5%	CR49515	🍷	18.50
Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc 2017, 13% †	CR45017	🍷	19.95
Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc 2017 - Magnum, 13%	CR45017M	🍷	48.00
L'Impression de Mauvesin-Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc 2015, 13.5%	CR40315	🍷	19.95
Château Lamothe-Bergeron, Haut-Médoc 2016, 13%	CR44816	🍷	22.00
Château Lafont Menaut Rouge, Pessac-Léognan 2019, 14%	CR56519	🍷	23.50
Château Mauvesin-Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc 2016, 13.5%	CR49016	🍷	24.50
Château La Tour de By, Médoc 2015, 13.5% †	CR45315	🍷	25.00
Château La Tour de By, Médoc 2017 - Magnum, 13.5% 🍷	CR45317M	🍷	47.00
Château Lanessan, Haut-Médoc 2017, 13.5%	CR45217	🍷	26.50
Fleur de Pédesclaux, Pauillac 2019, 13.5%	CR40119	🍷	29.50
Moulin de La Lagune, Haut-Médoc 2015, 14%	CR40615	🍷	29.95
Saint-Estèphe de Calon Ségur 2017, 13%	CR40017	🍷	32.00
Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe 2017, 13%	CR34517	🍷	32.00
Pauillac Réserve Spéciale, Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) 2020, 13%	CR29520	🍷	35.00
La Dame d'Angludet, Margaux 2019, 13%	CR30819	🍷	35.00
Sarget de Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien 2017, 13%	CR37517	🍷	36.00
Château Cantemerle, 5e cru classé Haut-Médoc 2017, 13.5%	CR27117	🍷	36.00
Frank Phélan, Saint-Estèphe 2016, 13%	CR50516	🍷	36.00
Duluc de Branair-Ducru, Saint-Julien 2018, 14% †	CR38818	🍷	37.00
Lacoste-Borie, Pauillac 2017, 13.5%	CR38017	🍷	39.00
La Réserve de Léoville Barton, Saint-Julien 2019, 13% 🍷	CR37719	🍷	39.00

Château Meyney, Saint-Estèphe 2018, 14.5%	CR35018		39.95
Château Tronquoy-Lalande, Saint-Estèphe 2018, 15%	CR35218		42.00
Château Olivier, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan 2017, 13.5%	CR58617		42.00
Château Angludet, Margaux 2016, 13% †	CR30016		58.00
Château Phélan Ségur, Saint-Estèphe 2018, 14%	CR34718		63.00
Château Batailley, 5e cru classé Pauillac 2016, 13%	CR28016		75.00
Château Branaire-Ducru, 4e cru classé Saint-Julien 2015, 13.5%	CR26115		97.00
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan 2016, 13.5%	CR58816		105.00
Château Léoville Barton, 2e cru classé Saint-Julien 2018, 14%	CR21018		130.00
Château Rauzan-Ségla, 2e cru classé Margaux 2006, 13%	CR21806		130.00
Château Léoville Barton, 2e cru classé Saint-Julien 2016, 13%	CR21016		170.00

### Saint-Emilion & Right Bank

The dominant grape variety here is Merlot, and the wines generally have a softer and fleshier feel than on the Left Bank. The firm of **J-P Moueix** is perhaps the best known in the region and their generic Pomerol and Saint-Emilion blends continue to be benchmarks. We generally buy Saint-Emilion grand cru, from the Mestreguilhem family at **Château Pipeau**, an excellent, well-structured wine. **Château Montaguillon** makes stylish and elegant wine in Montagne St-Emilion. In another of the so-called 'satellite' communities, Lalande de Pomerol's **Les Hauts-Consellants** has excellent depth and concentration. **Pavie-Macquin** and **Vieux-Château-Certan** continue to be two of the top names in Saint-Emilion and Pomerol respectively.

**Pomerol** has become possibly the most sought-after area in Bordeaux in recent years especially from those properties on the clay plateau around the church and village of Pomerol. Here, wines of great concentration and power are produced, on the sandier soils closer to Libourne the wines are lighter whilst still having plenty of soft Merlot fruit. **Château Bonalgue** is a fine example. Saint-Emilion is a large appellation producing wines of differing styles, from the powerful 'extracted' style epitomised by **Château Pavie**, to the elegance of Cheval Blanc. Limestone abounds on the plateau and the Côtes around the town where most of the top properties are, but the large flat area running from the bottom of the town to the river produces many excellent wines with fruit and structure.

Sarmentine, Bordeaux, F Thienpont 2021, 12% 🍷	CR05721		13.80
Château La Pervenche, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2017, 13.5%	CR65317		16.90
Château Montaguillon, Montagne Saint-Emilion 2019, 14.5% †	CR73019		18.50
Château Montaguillon, Montagne Saint-Emilion 2018 - Magnum, 14.5%	CR73018M		37.00
Saint-Emilion, Jean-Pierre Moueix 2019, 14% 🍷	CR00319		18.90
Château du Courlat, Cuvée Jean Baptiste, Lussac-St-Emilion 2014, 13.5%	CR65414		21.00
Les Tours de Laroque, Saint-Emilion grand cru 2019, 14.5%	CR72419		23.00
La Raison d'Hêtre, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2020, 14.5% 🍷	CR03720		23.00

Château Puy-Blanquet, Saint-Emilion grand cru 2015, 13.5%	CR74015		23.50
Château Les Hauts-Consellants, Lalande-de-Pomerol 2014, 13.5%	CR65214		23.50
Château Haut Lariveau, Fronsac 2019, 13.5%	CR08019		23.80
Pomerol, Jean-Pierre Moueix 2019, 15%	CR00419		27.00
L'Etoile, François et Guillaume Thienpont, Lalande de Pomerol 2015, 14%	CR65815		29.00
Château Haut Lariveau, Fronsac 2014, 13.5%	CR08014		29.00
Château Pipeau, Saint-Emilion grand cru 2018, 14%	CR74418		29.50
Château Pipeau, Saint-Emilion grand cru 2018 - Magnum, 14%	CR74418M		65.00
Château Chantalouette, Pomerol 2016, 14% <small>NEW</small>	CR66216		32.00
Murmure de Larcis-Ducasse, Saint-Emilion 2015, 14%	CR77615		35.00
L'Hêtre, Castillon - Côtes de Bordeaux 2020, 14.5%	CR06020		37.00
Collines l'If, Saint-Emilion 2019, 14.5%	CR76319		42.00
Château Bonalgue, Pomerol 2014, 13.5%	CR68514		45.00
Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol 2014, 14%	CR67914		47.00
Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol 2014, 14%	CR67714		49.50
Les Fillottes, Pomerol 2016, 13.5%	CR71216		79.00
La Gravette de Certan, Pomerol 2019, 14.5%	CR69019		85.00
Château La Gaffelière, 1e grand cru classé 'B' Saint-Emilion 2015, 14.5%	CR78115		105.00
Château Canon, 1er grand cru classé Saint-Emilion 2004, 13.5%	CR80804		140.00
Château Canon, 1er grand cru classé Saint-Emilion 2016, 14%	CR80816		225.00

## ROSÉ

Château Tour de Mirambeau, Reserve Rosé, Bordeaux 2021, 12.5%  †	CP00721		14.50
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## DRY WHITE











Graves is the area that extends south-east from Bordeaux down to Langon along the River Garonne. Pessac-Léognan has its own appellation, but there are still many excellent dry white wines made under the Graves name, Graves Supérieures is for sweeter whites. Literally 'between two seas', in this case the tidal rivers Garonne and Dordogne, **Entre-Deux-Mers** is the most picturesque part of Bordeaux with rolling hills, hidden villages and with mixed agriculture rather than the monoculture of the Médoc for example. White, red and rosé is produced in this area but the appellation is for dry white wines, the reds and rosés going under Bordeaux or Bordeaux Supérieur labels.

Château Argadens Blanc, Bordeaux 2020, 12%	CW03320		13.70
Château Tour de Mirambeau, Reserve Blanc, Bordeaux 2021, 12%  †	CW02321		14.50
Château Lafont Menaut Blanc, Pessac-Léognan 2018, 13%	CW00918		22.00
Château Doisy-Daëne, Bordeaux Grand Vin Sec, Dubourdieu 2019, 12.5%	CW01219		28.50
Château Lespault-Martillac Blanc, Pessac-Léognan 2018, 13.5%	CW02818		36.00
Château Olivier Blanc, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan 2019, 13.5%	CW02519		46.00

## SWEET

### Sauternes & Barsac

The mist that forms along the Ciron River creates perfect conditions for producing exceptionally fine, botrytis-affected sweet wines. Barsacs are generally lighter and fresher; Sauternes are fuller in flavour, although much depends on the vintage. Properties such as **Coutet**, **Climens** and **Doisy-Daëne** produce some of the most delicious, complex wines you can find in Barsac, while in Sauternes, **Rieussec**, **Guiraud**, **Suduiraut** and **d'Yquem** are the top names. **Tanners Sauternes** is always sourced from a top property and is wonderful value.

Tanners Sauternes - Half, 14% 	CS001H		14.60
DV by Doisy-Vedrines, Sauternes 2016 - Half, 13% 	CS04016H		13.50
Petit Guiraud, Sauternes 2020 - Half, 13%	CS42020H		16.95
Château Lafaurie-Peyreguey, 1e cru classé Sauternes 2002, 13%	CS01702		46.00
Clos Haut-Peyraguey, 1e cru classé Sauternes 2016, 13.5%	CS02916		49.50
Château Doisy Daëne, 2e cru classé Sauternes 2017, 13.5%	CS00517		55.00
Château Coutet, 1e cru classé Barsac 2012, 13.5%	CS00912		62.00
Château Suduiraut, 1e cru Sauternes 2014, 14%	CS00814		92.00



## Rhône Valley

This is a region that continues to deliver consistency and value from north to south, whilst its white wines are, rightly, becoming much more popular. The Rhône Valley is very much two areas in one: if you drive down the motorway from Lyon, quite often it can be cool and cloudy until you reach Montélimar, when the skies clear and the temperature moves up a notch. The **North** also uses more Burgundian-style winemaking techniques in terms of its use of *demi-muids* oak barrels rather than the large *foudres* of further south. There are unifying factors though and the main one is the use of Syrah grapes. Syrah contributes much character as the single variety in the North for Côte-Rôtie, Saint-Joseph, Crozes-Hermitage, Hermitage and Cornas, or as a blending partner in the **South**. Blending in order to achieve complexity reaches its apotheosis in **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**. If Châteauneuf looks a bit pricey these days, try Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Lirac, Cairanne or Rasteau. Ripe, silky Grenache plays an important role in these wines, as it does in most Côtes du Rhône. Gentle **whites** made from Marsanne and Roussanne, and orange blossom Viogniers, particularly Condrieu, are impressive. Then there's Tavel for rosé and Muscat de Beaugues de Venise for *vin doux naturel*.

## RED



















### Ventoux & IGP

The Southern Rhône has its Grenache-dominated blends, warmer climate and winemaking in larger vats or *foudres*, as in much of Languedoc-Roussillon. **Pigeolet** is mainly sourced from the Ventoux, formerly just a source of cheaper, easy drinking wines but now home to many innovative producers.

Ventoux, Le Vin de Léonard, Famille Gonnet 2020, 14%	RR10720		12.50
Le Pigeolet, Vaucluse, Frédéric & Daniel Brunier 2021, 14%	RR00221		16.70






## Côtes du Rhône & Villages

The appellation system in the South can be complicated, as the difference between a stand-alone village and a named Côtes du Rhône village can be a fine one. It's often more important to the grower than the market. However, the quality, be it Lirac or Côtes du Rhône Signargues, is what is important. A good example of Côtes du Rhône, Tanners Rhône Valley Red is made for us by the **Gonnets** at **La Font du Vent** in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and is full of smooth, ripe fruit. From close to Orange, the **Arbouse** has been a tremendous success with its spicy style. As an alternative to Gigondas, try the powerful reds of Rasteau and the smooth wines of Séguret and Cairanne, then across to the west bank of the Rhône around Lirac too.

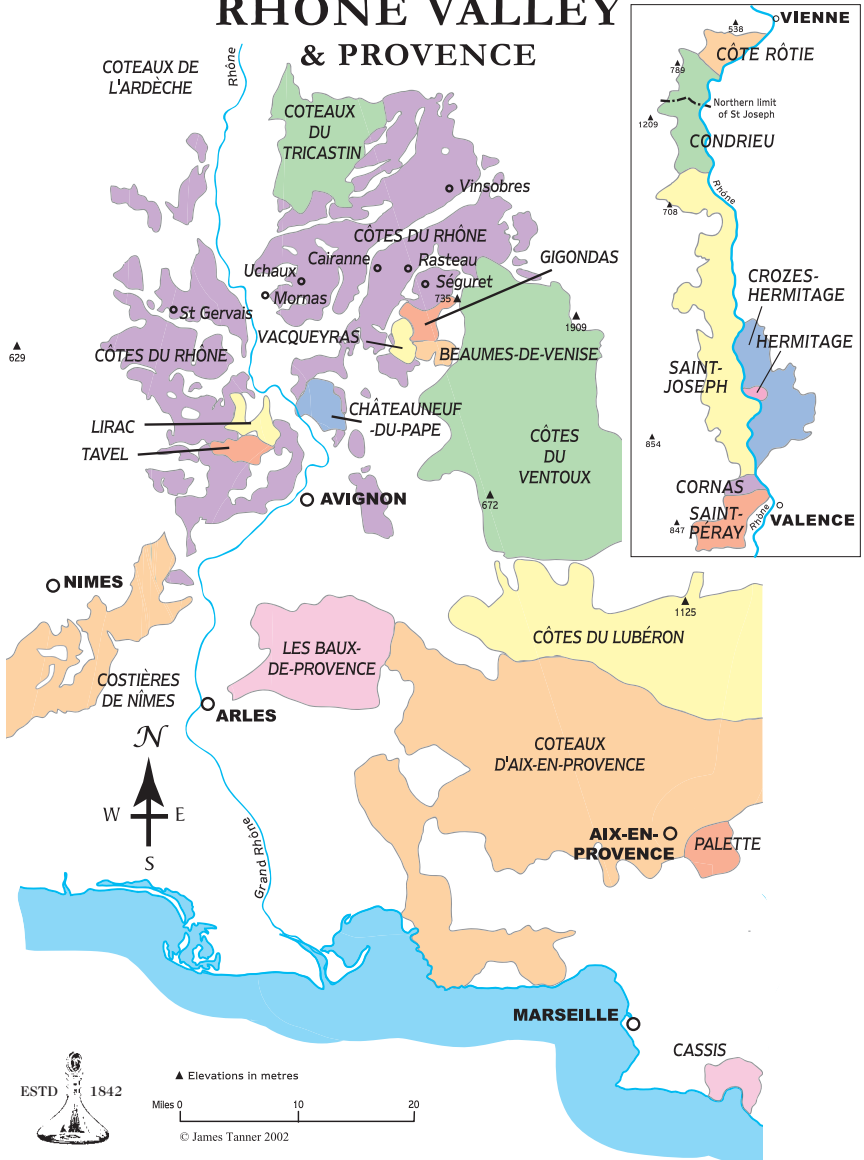
Tanners Rhône Valley Red, Côtes du Rhône 2020, 14.5%   †	RR00120		12.50
Tanners Rhône Valley Red, Côtes du Rhône 2020 - Half, 14%  	RR92020H		7.50
Côtes du Rhône, Vieilles Vignes, Cave Coteaux du Rhône 2021, 14%	RR13421		9.95
Arbouse, Massif d'Uchaux, Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2019, 14.5%	RR12219		11.50
Domaine de l'Amandine Rouge, Côtes du Rhône 2021, 13.5%	RR14221		11.90
Séguret, Côtes du Rhône-Villages, Domaine de l'Amandine 2020, 14% †	RR13520		13.90
Séguret, Côtes du Rhône-Villages, Domaine de l'Amandine 2020 - Magnum, 14%	RR13520M		32.00
Château Courac, Laudun Côtes du Rhône-Villages 2020, 14.5%	RR01120		13.70
Côtes du Rhône Les Bergeronnettes, Domaine La Collière 2021, 13.5%	RR12921		14.50
Baumes de Venise Rouge, Domaine des Bernardins 2020, 14.5%	RR14520		18.50
Lirac, Moon Apogé, Domaine des Carabiniers 2020, 13% 	RR14320		18.90
Lirac Vieilles Vignes, Les Sables d'Arène, Domaine Giraud 2020, 15% 	RR13620		22.00

## Gigondas & Vacqueyras

Châteauneuf-du-Pape may be the jewel of the South, but there are many other fantastic reds to try such as those from Châteauneuf's closest relative, Gigondas. The next village, Vacqueyras, is home to the Vache brothers at **Clos des Cazaux** who make stylish and characterful wine both in their home village and in Gigondas. Also in Gigondas, the Brunier's **Domaine Les Pallières** is now showing all its potential with full and intense wines. Unfortunately, demand is such that we usually sell out on our En Primeur offer. The Faraud sisters' **Domaine du Cayron** always has exuberant fruit and great concentration.

Rasteau, Touillères, Domaine La Collière 2020, 15%	RR14720		16.90
Rasteau, Domaine la Soumade, Frédéric Roméro 2020, 15%	RR02220		17.50
Rasteau, Domaine la Soumade, Frédéric Roméro 2019, 14.5%	RR02219		19.70
Vacqueyras, Cuvée des Templiers, Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux 2020, 14%	RR03420		19.95
Rasteau, Cuvée Prestige, Domaine la Soumade, Frédéric Roméro 2020, 15%	RR02820		22.00

# TANNERS WINES THE VINEYARDS OF THE RHÔNE VALLEY & PROVENCE









Gigondas in full bloom



### *Rhône Vintage Guide*











The 2022 vintage looks to be excellent for the North and South of the region which both excelled in the hot conditions this year. The 2021 vintage has seen some good results particularly in the North where attractive, aromatic, elegant wines have been made. The wines from the 2020 vintage look to be a little fresher and more approachable in their youth than those of 2019 which is a high-quality vintage with yields on a par with 2018. Another good result along the valley in 2018, though the South had more disease problems to contend with, as mildew affected the thinner-skinned Grenache more than other varieties. Quality was high but the yields were down. An early harvest produced some intense wines in 2017 for both the North and the South of the region, though uneven flowering in both reduced yields considerably. 2016 in both Northern and Southern Rhône has produced excellent results, and the South has it by a whisker this year, the opposite of 2015. 2015 is terrific, particularly for the North's Syrah, no problems and decent yields too. An ideal growing season, that was even hotter than 2003 in the daytime but with cooler nights and just enough rainfall to prevent problems in the vineyards. Both whites and reds are excellent. 2014 is not an easy vintage to generalise about but whites are super, reds are very pure with lovely aromatics, and, in the South, as in 2013, Syrah and Mourvèdre have done better than Grenache. In common with most of Europe, 2013 started late but a dry second half of the season resulted in some excellent wines particularly Syrah from the North.



Gigondas, Cuvée de la Tour Sarrasine, Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux 2020, 14.5%	RR03520		25.00
Rasteau, Cuvée Confiance, Domaine la Soumade, Frédéric Roméro 2020, 14.5%	RR09520		26.00
Gigondas, Domaine du Cayron 2019, 14.5%	RR03719		29.95
Gigondas, Domaine du Clos des Tourelles, Famille Perrin 2019, 14.5%	RR13719		65.00

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf-du-Pape dominates in the South and here the Bruniers at **Vieux Télégraphe** are right at the top of their game, although many of the villages in the South produce wines in a similar style that can be better than much of the cheap Châteauneuf on the market. We have been impressed with the wines from Marie and François Giraud which have wonderful intensity and balance in a big and silky style. Two other superb estates we follow are the Perrin family's **Château de Beaucastel** and the Gonnet family's **Domaine La Font du Vent**.
































Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Galets de la Berthaude, Roger Perrin 2020, 15% †	RR13220		27.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Cuvée Tradition, Domaine Font du Vent 2020, 14.5%	RR04120		34.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge, Les Sinards, Famille Perrin 2020, 13%	RR17020		35.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Télégramme, Famille Brunier 2020, 15%	RR03920		37.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Giraud 2020, 15.5% 🍷	RR11020		45.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Piedlong, Famille Brunier 2020, 14.5%	RR15120		49.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Famille Brunier 2020 - Magnum, 14.5%	RR04320M		140.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Gallimardes, Domaine Giraud 2020, 15.5% 🍷	RR11120		86.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Grenaches de Pierre, Domaine Giraud 2020, 15.5% 🍷	RR11620		87.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Grenaches de Pierre, Domaine Giraud 2019, 15.5% 🍷	RR11619		90.00

## Northern Rhône

The North produces only a very small proportion of the total amount made in the Rhône Valley, but what it lacks in quantity it certainly makes up for in quality and big names. Saint-Joseph is the biggest appellation, running all the way from Condrieu down to Valence and covering many different terroirs and styles on its way. The classic area is mostly around Tournon and Mauves and the issue of whether to introduce a grand cru system to distinguish the top vineyards is very topical. Crozes-Hermitage is another big appellation with a great variety of soils which can lead to a variety of styles. Galets (large pebbles), as in Châteauneuf, cover some of the southern parts giving full-bodied wines, but the sandy soil of the North is more suited to **whites**.



The dominant Syrah grape in the North is generally cut with a bit of Viognier in **Côte-Rôtie**, producing wines with wonderful perfume and elegance. Pierre Gaillard's Saint-Joseph

demonstrates precision and purity. Jean-Pierre and Hélène Mucyn's **Crozes-Hermitage** and small parcel of Cornas are producing consistently fine wines. **Cornas** is where the Syrah grape reaches perhaps its greatest intensity and minerality on the steep, granite-based slopes but it is an area expanding beyond its classic core and some wines can lack this intensity. Near Tain l'Hermitage, Florent Viale and his son Axel of Domaine du Colombier make full, rich wines with wonderful black fruits. **Jaboulet** is one of the classic names of the Northern Rhone now run by Caroline Frey, whose family also owns runs Château La Lagune in Bordeaux, their vineyards are run organically and the wines have wonderful style and substance.

Crozes-Hermitage, Coeur de Clairmont 2021, 13% †	RR05021		17.90
Crozes-Hermitage, Les Entrecoeurs, Domaine Mucyn 2020, 13% 	RR05120		21.50
Saint-Joseph, Vignoble de la Tour d'Arras, Catherine & Pascal Jamet 2019, 14.5%	RR05219		23.00
Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Pierre Gaillard 2020, 14%	RR15720		24.50
Saint-Joseph Rouge, André Perret 2020, 14.5% 	RR10220		25.00
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine du Colombier 2020, 13.5%	RR10820		26.50
Saint-Joseph, Les Traverses, Catherine & Pascal Jamet 2019, 15%	RR14019		26.50
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine de Thalabert, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 15% 	RR05520		29.95
Saint-Joseph, Les Pierres, Pierre Gaillard 2020, 14%	RR15620		38.00
Cornas, Aquilon, Domaine Mucyn 2017, 13%	RR12817		39.00
Cornas, Hypsos, Domaine Mucyn 2019, 13%	RR12819		39.50
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine de Roure, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 15% 	RR16020		48.00
Côte-Rôtie, Pierre Gaillard 2020, 13%	RR14920		49.50
Cornas, Domaine de Saint Pierre, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 15% 	RR16220		56.00
Hermitage, La Maison Bleue, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 15.5% 	RR15920		59.50
Hermitage, La Maison Bleue, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2019, 15.5% 	RR15919		62.00
Hermitage, Domaine du Colombier 2017, 14%	RR06717		62.00
Côte-Rôtie, Les Pierrelles, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 14% 	RR16320		66.00
Hermitage, La Chapelle, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 15.5%  	RR07020		195.00
Hermitage, La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016, 14.5% 	RR07016		199.00

## ROSÉ

Tavel is perhaps the most famous rosé of the Rhône and makes full-flavoured wines across the river on the west bank, mainly from Grenache.







Tavel Rosé, Moon Apogé, Domaine des Carabiniers 2020, 13% 	RP00220		17.30
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## DRY WHITE

### Southern Rhône









Complex, nutty white Châteauneuf-du-Pape is great, but the **Amandine** white also achieves

much of this character. Single varietal Roussanne, Marsanne and Viognier can also be full of interest.

Domaine de l'Amandine Blanc, Côtes du Rhône 2022, 14%	RW07222		12.95
Côtes du Rhône Blanc, Les Bergeronnettes, Domaine La Collière 2021, 13.5%	RW06621		14.50
Vacqueyras Blanc Les Christins, Famille Perrin 2019, 13%	RW07619		23.50
Crozes-Hermitage Blanc Cuvée Gaby, Domaine Colombier 2020, 13%	RW05720		35.00
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Famille Brunier 2020, 13.5% 	RW00820		58.00

## Northern Rhône

**André Perret** is the master of Viognier and played a huge role in restoring the reputation and vineyard area of **Condrieu**. His wines are aromatic and intense and can be found on our Oddments List. Mucyn's Crozes-Hermitage, made in tiny quantities, is full of peachy character.

Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Les Charmeuses, Domaine Mucyn 2020, 13%	RW01320		22.50
Condrieu, Pierre Gaillard 2021, 13.5%	RW07121		39.00
Condrieu, Coteaux de Chery, André Perret 2020, 15%	RW02020		54.00
Hermitage Blanc, Le Chevalier de Sterimberg, Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 14% 	RW01720		55.00
Hermitage Blanc, Domaine Colombier 2020, 13.5%	RW01620		65.00
Hermitage Blanc, La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2020, 14% 	RW03220		160.00

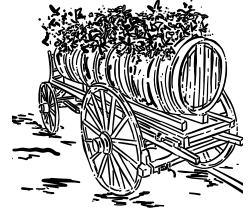
## SWEET

Classic raisiny, grapey Beauges-de-Venise is a *vin doux naturel*, lightly fortified to give a bit more density. The Castaud family of **Domaine des Bernardins** achieved the appellation for the village and the estate continues to produce pure, delicious wines.

Muscat de Beauges-de-Venise, Domaine des Bernardins 2021 - Half, 15%	RS00121H		14.50
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# Beaujolais

If you prefer a lighter-bodied red of invariably excellent quality, this is the region to explore. Beaujolais suffers a little from its undeserved reputation for weedy Beaujolais Nouveau 'celebrated' on a chilly Thursday in November! We regard **Beaujolais Nouveau**, renowned as the 'first wine of the new vintage', as a much better wine these days, while the rest of the region is definitely on a roll. The outstanding 2009 vintage set everything off and pretty much every vintage since has delivered magnificent wines. What is exciting is the subtle differences you will find between the wines, yet the quality of the soft, gorgeous flavours of well-made Gamay has never been better. From humble AOC Beaujolais through **Beaujolais-Villages** to the firmer, almost Burgundian feel of some of the Beaujolais 'cru' wines, there are many very classy, approachable, fruity wines to be sampled. Some keep well too, with Chénas, Juliéna and Fleurie all drinking well into their third year while Moulin-à-Vent and Morgon often need time to even start to show their full potential. Saint-Amour, Brouilly, Côte de Brouilly and Regnié produce delicious, earlier drinking wines and high-up Chiroubles some of the finest.



## RED

### Beaujolais & Villages

Humble perhaps, well priced certainly, these are the 'starting point' wines from the outlying vineyards stretching back up the hillsides. There are a couple of useful points to remember with these lovely wines. Gamay, the only black grape used in the region, is inherently soft, juicy and fruity. It should be top of the list if you dislike the firm or furry structure of more tannic grapes. Beaujolais Nouveau may take this to an extreme! Top négociant **Jean Loron** of Pontanevaux covers the Mâconnais and Beaujolais, bottling some wines under the **Jacques Charlet** label. **Rémi Benon's** Beaujolais-Villages is fuller, an excellent example of the style.

Beaujolais, Jacques Charlet 2020, 13% ✔ †

JR00120 🍷 13.90

Beaujolais-Villages, Rémi Benon 2021, 13% ✔ †

JR03821 🍷 14.50

















### Fleurie & The Crus

The best ground and by extension the best villages in Beaujolais are named on the label and referred to as 'cru'. There are ten villages, each individual cru surrounds its identifying village, yet all are bound together by soft and supple, juicy-fruited, easy-drinking flavours. Most of the cru wines are made with juicy softness as their goal. Saint-Amour in the northern part is the simplest, while **Michel Tête** in **Juliéna** and **Rémi Benon** in **Chénas** make wines with more depth. Fleurie has perhaps the best 'name' and has a charming, pretty edge although Mathieu Mélinand at Domaine des Marrans makes a bigger style on a par with his friend Laurent Guillet who produces fabulous Morgons. For the most age-worthy, choose **Moulin-à-Vent**; **Louis Boillot's** wine is quite 'Burgundian' in style. We



In Morgon, Beaujolais

sometimes list an old vine Fleurie from Domaine de la Madone and a Côte de Brouilly from **Nicole Chanrion**, both of which are worth keeping for a year or two. The past couple of vintages have seen a tiny harvest so keep an eye on our Oddments List for availability.

Côte de Brouilly, Les Volcaniques, Jacques Charlet 2021, 13%	JR00421		15.50
Chénas, Rémi Benon 2021, 13% 	JR01921		15.50
Morgon, Côte du Py, Laurent Guillet, Domaine de la Chaponne 2020, 13.5%	JR01220		16.90
Fleurie, Domaine André Colonge et Fils 2021, 13%	JR01521		16.90
Juliénas, Michel & Sylvain Tête, Domaine du Clos du Fief 2020, 13.5%	JR02020		17.50
Fleurie, Domaine des Communaux, Jacques Charlet 2021, 13.5%  †	JR04121		18.90
Fleurie, Lieu-dit 'Champagne', Domaine des Marrans 2019, 13%	JR04019		19.50
Moulin-à-Vent, vieilles vignes, Louis Boillot 2020, 13%	JR02820		21.50
Moulin-à-Vent, Les Rouchaux, Louis Boillot 2020, 13%	JR04320		24.00
Moulin-à-Vent, Les Rouchaux, Louis Boillot 2020 - Magnum, 13%	JR04320M		49.50
Moulin-à-Vent, Champ de Cour, Louis Boillot 2020, 13%	JR04420		29.50
Fleurie, Grille-Midi, Louis Boillot 2020, 13.5%	JR04620		29.50
Fleurie, Grille-Midi, Louis Boillot 2020 - Magnum, 13.5%	JR04620M		62.50
Moulin-à-Vent, Aux Caves, Louis Boillot 2020, 13%	JR04520		33.00

## Burgundy

A benign climate, limestone-clay soils and perfectly exposed slopes combine to make Burgundy the greatest region in the world for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Its mosaic of tiny vineyards and enormous roster of producers make it all the more fascinating. The region stretches 140 miles from Chablis in the North to Pouilly-Fuissé in the South. In between is the Côte d'Or, an escarpment which neatly divides into the Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune. The former includes villages such as Gevrey-Chambertin, Nuits-St-Georges, Vosne-Romanée and Chambolle-Musigny; the latter, Beaune, Volnay, Pommard, Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet. Travelling south, and before reaching the Mâconnais, lies the Côte Chalonnaise with less-discovered red and white burgundies made from Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Aligoté grapes.

### WHITE BURGUNDY






The heart of white burgundy is the Côte de Beaune whose wines can sometimes drive their fans into a frenzy of buying, and sometimes its growers to nervous exhaustion! Put simply, the pinnacle of the world's Chardonnay production is here and whole books have been written on single villages and their vineyards. The pressure to excel is enormous whilst the threat of cataclysmic frost, hail and disease is omnipresent. This part of the Côte d'Or is broader and lumpier than its neighbour, the Côte de Nuits. At its northern end is the hill of Corton – the villages of Ladoix, Aloxe-Corton and Pernand-Vergelesses at its foot – and grand cru Corton-Charlemagne sunning itself on its southern slopes. Chorey-lès-Beaune



and Savigny-lès-Beaune are just by the picturesque town of Beaune, where you enter more serious red wine territory, running into Pommard and Volnay. Then there is a ‘useful’ valley containing Monthélie, Auxey-Duresses and Saint-Romain – ‘useful’ in that prices ease off a little – before the world’s most famous Chardonnay vineyards start. An illustrious line of top premier then grand crus follows from the village of Meursault through Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet, Le Montrachet being the culmination. Saint-Aubin and Santenay aren’t far on – what a difference a kilometre or two can make to price! Whilst the Côte de Beaune is revered, much white burgundy action is outside it in Chablis, the Mâconnais and the Côte Chalonnaise.

## Bourgogne Chardonnay

There are 14 variants of straight ‘Bourgogne’, but Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits and Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise are the ones most likely to be seen on labels. Bourgogne Côte d’Or is the most recent and exciting addition as many of our growers, such as **Etienne Sauzet** in Puligny-Montrachet, have respectable vineyards on the ‘wrong side of the tracks’, being just beyond the commune limits. Look out for them on our list and En Primeur offers, as they regularly deliver similar magic of their grander cousins.

Tanners White Burgundy, Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022, 12.5%  †	BW00122		14.50
Bourgogne Chardonnay, Clos de la Carbonade, Monopole, P & L Borgeot 2020, 13%	BW21420		19.95
Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Blanc, Roche de Bellene 2018, 13%	BW28318		24.00
Bourgogne Blanc, Méo-Camuzet Frère et Soeurs 2019, 14.5%	BW27719		35.00

## Bourgogne Aligoté

Aligoté plays second fiddle to Chardonnay by a very long margin, not in terms of quality but in terms of quantity. It produces a white which is more appley than Chardonnay, but Aligoté can have superb creamy texture. At its most neutral it can be improved with a dose of cassis to make a traditional Kir. Our example, however, from top Côte Chalonnaise producer, **Domaine Jacqueson** is far too good for that, and to use their Bouzeron – an appellation exclusively for Aligoté – would be a crime! Keep an eye on our Oddments List for the latest vintage.

## Chablis

The small town of Chablis sits in rolling, open countryside south of Paris, straddling the River Serein, its extensive slopes of grand cru vineyards protecting it from the north-east winds. It’s worth the short detour off the A6 autoroute in summer, but those winds bite in winter. The key to Chablis’ resounding success is soil – Kimmeridgian limestone in particular – which is instrumental in the production of crisp, mineral Chardonnays which are unmatched anywhere else in the world. It is fossil country too and the ammonite and oyster fossils that often decorate the tasting rooms auto-suggest a classic food match: Chablis with shellfish.

The most intense and surprisingly long-lived wines come from the grand cru slopes, Les Clos being the best, but Vaudésir, Valmur and Les Preuses are not far behind. The individual premier crus of Chablis are so numerous that they are often lumped together under the umbrella names of Fourchaume, Montée de Tonnerre and Mont de Milieu – all on the arguably better northern slopes – and then Vau de Vey, Côte de Léchet, Vaillons (including Les Lys) and Montmains (including Les Forêts) on the southern spurs. These vineyards produce more interesting and flavoursome wines than straight Chablis which covers a larger and somewhat argued-over area, with much Portlandian limestone. Petit Chablis covers a patchwork of further flung slopes. In the right hands, however, both are delicious.

Such is our requirement for Chablis that we deal with two of the largest vineyard owners: **Domaine Jean Durup** in Maligny (Les Valéry is our exclusive label) and the **Brocards** in Prény with their **Domaine des Manants**. Both are excellent and both are in the ‘no oak’ camp. At **Moreau-Naudet**, Virginie Moreau continues the work of her husband Stéphane Moreau making precise, citrusy Chablis with a very controlled use of oak. **Domaine Christian Moreau** is a perfectly formed vestige of the large and famous Moreau domaine, with son Fabien crafting brilliant wines from top sites. Another famous surname in these parts is Fèvre. Nathalie et Gilles Fèvre, a wife and husband team, produce super-mineral wines from a 48 Ha estate and the cleanest ever small winery in Fontenay-près-Chablis. We have shipped the wines of **Domaine Vincent Dauvissat** (and his father René before him) for almost 40 years, and the following for his wines means they rarely reach our main list these days.













Petit Chablis, Les Manants, Famille Brocard 2021, 12%	BW01621		18.95
Chablis, Jean de Chaudenay 2021, 12.5%	BW92421		19.95
Chablis, Nathalie & Gilles Fèvre 2021, 12.5%	BW23821		22.00
Chablis, Les Valéry, Jean Durup 2022, 12%  †	BW01722		23.00
Chablis, Moreau-Naudet et Fils 2020, 13%	BW25020		25.00
Chablis, Vieilles Vignes, Daniel-Etienne Defaix 2020, 12.5%	BW02220		29.00
Chablis 1er cru Vau de Vey, Les Valéry, Jean Durup Père et Fils 2021, 12%	BW02321		34.00
Chablis 1er cru Fourchaume, Les Valéry, Jean Durup Père et Fils 2021, 12%  †	BW02421		34.00
Chablis 1er cru Côte de Léchet, Daniel-Etienne Defaix 2007, 13%  †	BW03107		38.00
Chablis grand cru Les Preuses, Marcel et Blanche Fèvre 2019, 13%	BW25319		72.00

### Mâcon & Viré-Clessé

From the far south of Burgundy, the wines of the warm Mâconnais – the hinterland of the large town of Mâcon – tend to be softer, more ready to drink and less expensive than whites from elsewhere in Burgundy. This is a hilly landscape of vines, woods and mixed agriculture. Many villages can make Mâcon-Villages such as the great value Mâcon-Chardonnay from wife and husband Mallory et Benjamin **Talmard**. Dominique Lafon of **Domaine des Comtes Lafon** in Meursault has carefully selected plots around a base in









Milly-Lamartine which are sold under the **Héritiers du Comte Lafon** label. Domaine des Chenevières is situated not far from Mâcon and Cluny and has been in the same family for six generations with cousins Sylvain, Benoît et Aurélien Lenoir currently carrying the torch.

Mâcon-Villages, Chanson Père et Fils 2016, 13%	BW28516		14.50
Mâcon-Chardonnay, Mallory & Benjamin Talmard 2022, 12.5%  †	BW03822		14.95
Mâcon-Villages Vieilles Vignes, Domaine des Chenevières 2021, 13% 	BW28621		15.50
Mâcon-Vergisson, Les Rochers, Domaine Guerrin & Fils 2022, 13.5%	BW03622		15.95
Mâcon La Roche Vineuse, Sur Le Fil, Deux Roches 2020, 13%	BW94020		16.95
Mâcon-Villages, La Crochette, Jean Loron 2021, 13%  †	BW20721		17.50
Mâcon-Lugny, Les Genièvres, Maison Louis Latour 2021, 13% †	BW03721		17.50
Viré-Clessé, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon 2020, 13%	BW17820		32.00
Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine, Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon 2020 - Magnum, 13%	BW04120M		49.50

### Pouilly-Fuissé & Saint-Véran

The southernmost part of the Mâconnais is dominated by the spectacular limestone rocks of Solutré and Vergisson. The latter is where Bastien Guerrin makes an almost Chablis-like Mâcon-Vergisson. Nearby are Davayé and AOC Saint-Véran where brothers-in-law, Christian **Collovray** and Jean-Luc Terrier, produce very flavoursome wines by stirring up the lees into their wines. Then there is the huge bowl of Pouilly-Fuissé, fully planted with Chardonnay vines, and **Château-Fuissé** where Antoine Vincent continues the careful vineyard and oak regime of his father. A good Pouilly-Fuissé should be full and buttery, but mineral too.

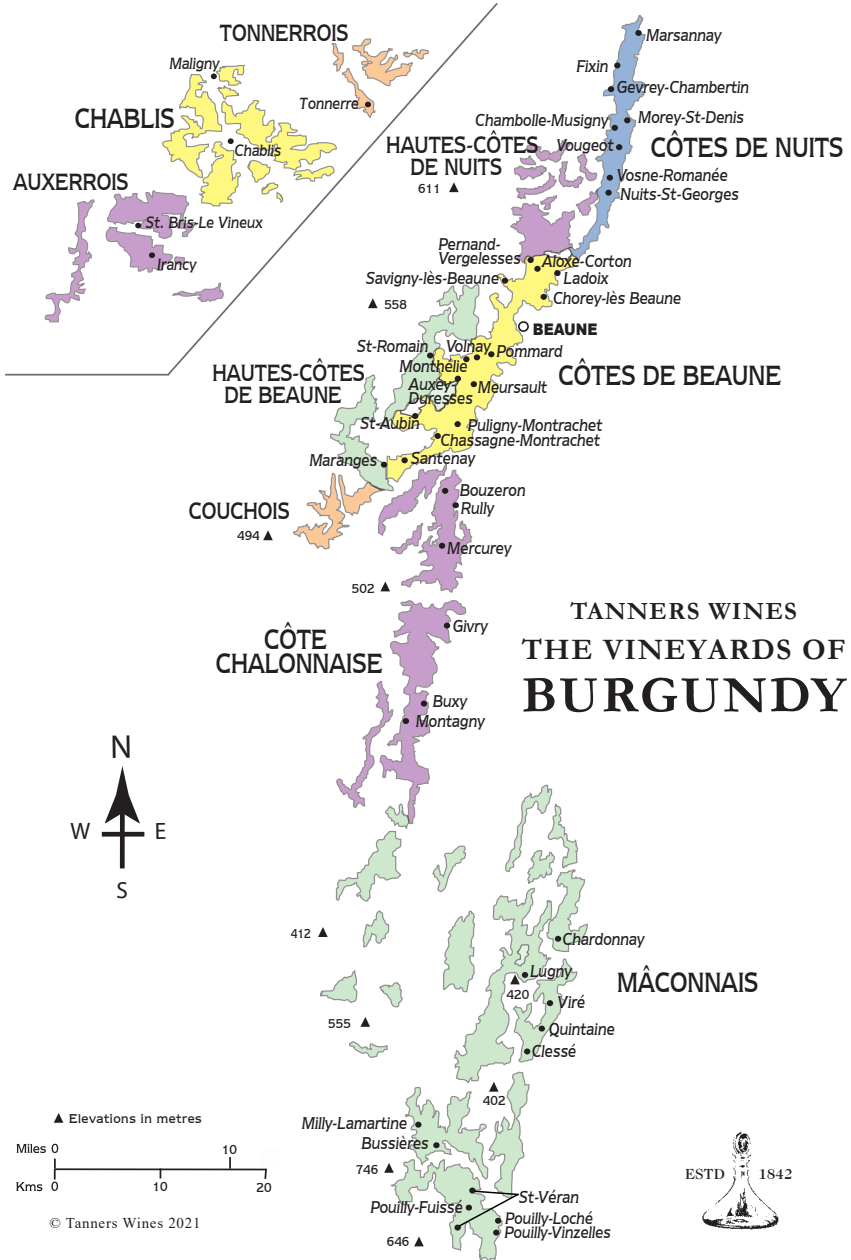
Saint-Véran, Réserve, Christian Collovray et Jean-Luc Terrier 2021, 13% 	BW04721		19.50
Saint-Véran, Château Fuissé 2020, 13%	BW04820		23.50
Pouilly-Fuissé, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guerrin & Fils 2022, 13.5%	BW04922		25.00
Pouilly-Fuissé, Vieilles Vignes, Deux Roches, Collovray et Terrier 2021, 13% 	BW05121		29.50

### Côte de Nuits

Nuits-St-Georges, Vougeot, Morey-St-Denis, Fixin and Marsannay wines can be white, but the other villages can only be red. There is Côte de Nuits-Villages Blanc but no white Côte de Beaune-Villages Blanc. Logical, maybe not?! The Côte de Nuits also has tiny pockets of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and 'Pinot Gouges' a singular white mutation of Pinot Noir.

### Côte Chalonnaise

It's only really the Canal du Centre and some marshy meadows that divide the Côte Chalonnaise from its illustrious neighbour, the Côte de Beaune. For many years those in



the know have savoured the Chardonnays of Rully and Montagny which can be treated as equals to the lesser villages of the Côte d'Or, and that's not to mention the Aligotés of Bouzeron. Marie and Pierre **Jacquesson**, sister and brother, are often rated as the best producers in Rully, fashioning wines which are admired by peers in all parts of Burgundy.

Montagny, Maison Roche de Bellene 2019, 13%	BW27819	🍷	19.95
Rully Blanc, La Chaponnière, P & L Borgeot 2020, 13%	BW25620	🍷	28.50

### Southern Côte de Beaune

Good growers in the outlying, lesser-known villages of the Côte de Beaune can produce wines with many of the characteristics of Chassagne-Montrachet or Meursault, especially in warmer years. Many also have vineyard holdings in the greater villages, one such being **Bachelet-Monnot** in the red wine village of Dezize-lès-Maranges, where the Côte de Beaune escarpment peters out. Brothers Marc and Alex Bachelet are making wines of real precision. The village of Saint-Aubin is tucked behind the main côte but its vines occupy the rear slopes of the hill of Montrachet, as well as stretching down to Chassagne-Montrachet opposite Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet. We have followed the red Les Frionnes from **Henri Prudhon et Fils** since about 1990, but their whites have been getting better and better and Saint-Aubin is predominantly Chardonnay. The tranquil hilltop hamlet of Saint-Romain-Le-Haut is home to **Alain Gras**, whose Saint-Romain Blanc is listed by most of the Michelin 3-star restaurants in France.

Auxey-Duresses Blanc, Michel Prunier et Fille 2020, 13.5%	BW19920	🍷	33.00
Santenay Blanc, Clos de la Comme Dessus, P & L Borgeot 2020, 13%	BW06620	🍷	35.00

### Northern Côte de Beaune

Moving to the northern end of the Côte de Beaune, Corton-Charlemagne occupies a curving, stony hillside and produces wines of great concentration and longevity, with its own exotic richness which is somewhat different to the grand crus of the Montrachets. At **Domaine Rollin**, father and son, Rémi and Simon Rollin, make long-lived Corton-Charlemagne as well as superb Pernand-Vergelesses in immaculate cellars. The fortunes of some of the large merchant houses of Beaune have waxed and waned over the years, but one who has built upon a fine reputation for reliable whites is Louis Latour whose showcase cellars are at Château Corton-Grancey in nearby Aloxe-Corton.

Savigny-lès-Beaune Blanc, Domaine de Bellene 2020, 13%	BW21520	🍷	33.00
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### Meursault

Meursault doesn't have the grands crus of Puligny and Chassagne but at premier cru level it competes ably, turning out opulent, almondy wines which go well with lobster. On the road to Puligny you pass by a line of premier crus: Les Gouttes d'Or, Les Bouchères, Le Porusot, Les Genevrières, Les Charmes (the largest) with Les Perrières above. Jean-François Germain at **Domaine Henri Germain** has particularly cool damp cellars where he quietly goes about fashioning some of the best wines in the village. His brother Eric is winemaker at Vincent

Girardin where he makes superb wines in a larger, more modern facility. Back in the heart of the village at **Domaine Buisson-Charles**, winemaker and ex-teacher, Patrick Essa tends to harvest later than his peers to make very intense wines. Last but not least are two of the great domaines which supply us: **Domaine des Comtes Lafon** and **Domaine Coche-Dury**, run by cousins, Léa and Pierre Lafon, and Raphaël Coche respectively. Both estates are masters in the perfect match of Chardonnay to oak. Red Meursault exists but more often appears as Volnay, its neighbouring village.

Meursault, Louis Latour 2019 - Half, 13.5%	BW23719H	✓	37.00
Meursault vieilles vignes, Buisson-Charles 2020, 14.5%	BW09020	✓	66.00

### Puligny & Chassagne-Montrachet

The wines of Puligny-Montrachet have more of a mineral backbone than those of Meursault and Chassagne-Montrachet, and simplistically one might say the aromas are more honeysuckle than the lemony notes of Chassagne. The authorities were reasonably fair in dividing Le Montrachet almost equally between Puligny and Chassagne, and Bâtard-Montrachet isn't far off either if one includes the sub-sections of Bienvenues-Bâtard and Criots-Bâtard which belong to Puligny and Chassagne respectively. Then Puligny trumps it with 7.5 ha of the wonderful high vineyard of Chevalier-Montrachet as well as a fine roster of premier crus led by Pucelles, Cailleret, Folatières and Combettes. The premier crus of Chassagne are numerous, but Morgeot is one of the best known, being a larger agglomeration of others. In Puligny-Montrachet the terroirs of the wonderful holdings of **Etienne Sauzet** are each expressed brilliantly in bottle by Benoît Riffault, son-in-law of the great Gérard Boudot. At **Domaine Leflaive**, Brice de La Morandière and Pierre Vincent have taken on the mantle of the late Anne-Claude Leflaive, continuing the biodynamic methods in the production of very pure wines in a newly built cuverie. In Chassagne-Montrachet, the wines of **Paul Pillot** continue to impress us, now in the hands of the next generation, Thierry and Chrystelle Pillot who have worked extensively in the New World.

Puligny-Montrachet, Chanson Père et Fils 2020 - Half, 13%	BW29620H	↓	26.50
Puligny-Montrachet vieilles vignes, Maison Roche de Bellene 2020, 13.5%	BW18220	✓	72.00
Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Latour 2017 - Half, 13.5%	BW10517H	↓	42.00
Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Hameau de Blagny, Maison Roche de Bellene 2020, 13%	BW29120	→	85.00
Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Latour 2021, 13%	BW10521	↓	93.00
Puligny-Montrachet 1er cru Les Combettes, Maison Roche de Bellene 2016, 13%	BW30016	✓	110.00






### RED BURGUNDY

Stretching 14 miles southwards from the outskirts of Dijon to the marble quarries of Comblanchien, the Côte de Nuits is one long vineyard. Many of the villages are household names to conjure with. If it were a Game of Thrones, then Gevrey-Chambertin would be a sturdy king, Vosne-Romanée a clever queen, Vougeot an expansive great-aunt and

Chambolle-Musigny a pretty princess. Nuits-St-Georges and Morey-Saint-Denis would be princes, the first steadier and the second colder and more scheming, with Fixin and Marsannay mere princelings. This is pre-eminent Pinot Noir territory with its grand cru wines often achieving stratospheric prices, but good value is often to be found in ‘village’ wines (e.g. Gevrey-Chambertin), Fixin, Marsannay and Côte de Nuits-Villages. The Côte de Beaune is also an important area for Pinot Noir, alongside its world class Chardonnays; Volnay, Pommard, Beaune and Corton particularly stand out. Further south in the Côte Chalonnaise, Givry and Mercurey produce good reds.


## Bourgogne Pinot Noir

For many years, the powers-that-be in Burgundy argued over whether to allow Bourgogne Côte d’Or to run alongside appellations such as Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits and Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise. Finally this has happened, giving more legitimacy to the ‘little’ burgundies of famous growers whose vines sit below the route nationale. Other growers, such as Michel Gros, have important holdings in the elevated, later ripening Hautes-Côtes. Aside from Passe-Tout-Grains which includes Gamay, for ‘Bourgogne Rouge’ you can read ‘Pinot Noir’.

Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2020, 13% †	BR20520		21.50
Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2020 - Half, 13%	BR20520H		12.80
Pinot Noir, Bourgogne Côte d’Or, Bachelet-Monnot 2020, 13.5%	BR22420		27.00
Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Rouge, Roche de Bellene 2017, 13%	BR31917		27.50
Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits, Fontaine Saint Martin, Michel Gros 2020, 14% 🍷	BR27920		32.00

## Côte Chalonnaise











The Côte Chalonnaise is a somewhat bucolic area of vines and Charolais cattle, and its reds can be very good too: Mercurey sturdier, occasionally too robust, and Givry softer and prettier. Poncey, a hamlet, just south of Givry, is home to **Domaine Mouton** where Laurent Mouton is upping the game from the lighter style of reds he inherited from his father Gérard.

Givry 1er cru Clos Jus, Domaine Mouton 2020, 14%	BR01020		35.00
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## Southern Côte de Beaune












Maranges, an agglomeration of three villages on the southern shoulder of the Côte de Beaune, and then the lower vineyards of Santenay and Chassagne-Montrachet, are important areas for Pinot Noir production. Once rustic, the wines are now smoother and softer due to better techniques in the winery such as de-stemming and softer pressing. At Remigny, just across the Canal du Centre from Santenay, **Domaine Borgeot** is run by whirlwind Laurent Borgeot and his quieter bother Pascal. In Auxey-Duresses, the valley uphill from Meursault and Monthélie, Domaine Michel Prunier is the best of a clutch of Pruniers and is run by **Michel Prunier**, the archetypal Burgundian vigneron, with his daughter Estelle. Lovely wines, both red and white! In Chassagne-Montrachet, Pinot Noir

is diminishing in favour of Chardonnay, but Jean-François Germain of Meursault produces a good red, the vines coming from his mother's side (she is a Pillot from Chassagne). For notes on Saint-Aubin and Saint-Romain, see the White Burgundy section.

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Beaune, Michel Prunier et Fille 2020, 13%	BR01320		22.50
Santenay vieilles vignes, P & L Borgeot 2018, 13% 	BR25018		26.50
Santenay vieilles vignes, P & L Borgeot 2020 - Magnum, 13% 	BR25020M		62.00
Saint-Romain Rouge, Alain Gras 2020, 12.5%	BR02020		34.00
Saint-Romain Rouge, Alain Gras 2020 - Magnum, 12.5%	BR02020M		72.00
Santenay 1er cru Les Beauregards, P & L Borgeot 2020, 13.5% 	BR01820		35.00
Auxey-Duresses 1er cru, Michel Prunier et Fille 2020, 13.5%	BR02320		35.00

### Beaune, Pommard & Volnay





Beaune's warm vineyards can produce rich and spicy wines whilst Pommard is famous for structure and Volnay for its Côte de Nuits-like finesse. One of Volnay's best premier crus, Les Santenots, actually lies within Meursault! In the town of Beaune, **Nicolas Potel** operates under the labels Domaine de Bellene and, for his merchant wines, **Maison Roche de Bellene**. Confusingly the wines marketed under his own name are not made by him... a long story! Nicolas is highly talented and has great connections when it comes to buying grapes and wine. **Chanson Père et Fils** is a grand old Beaune house now owned by Bollinger with an enviable holding of Beaune vineyards including Clos des Mouches and Clos des Fèves. Pommard's structure often needs taming by people with a deep understanding of its vineyards, such as **Louis Boillot**.

Volnay, Vieilles Vignes, Maison Roche de Bellene 2020, 13% 	BR04020		42.00
Beaune 1er cru, Bastion, Domaine Chanson 2017, 13%	BR02717		43.00
Beaune 1er cru Clos des Marconnets, Domaine Chanson 2016, 13.5%	BR29116		46.00
Beaune 1er cru, Bastion, Domaine Chanson 2014 - Half, 13%	BR02714H		23.50
Volnay 1er cru Les Caillerets, Michel Prunier et Fille 2020, 13.5%	BR26420		58.00
Beaune 1er cru, Hommage à Françoise Potel, Domaine de Bellene 2020, 13.5% 	BR31220		63.00
Beaune 1er cru Clos des Fèves, Monopole, Domaine Chanson 2020, 14.5%	BR03720		72.00
Volnay 1er cru Clos des Chênes, Maison Roche de Bellene 2020, 13% 	BR28320		76.00

### Northern Côte de Beaune

Côte de Beaune-Villages is usually a blend from multiple villages, but a proportion often comes from the flattish vineyards around Chorey-lès-Beaune. Here **Domaine Tollot-Beaut** also has vines in Savigny-lès-Beaune, Aloxe-Corton and Beaune. Cousins Nathalie, Jean-Paul and Olivier Tollot are setting a good pace at this old estate. At 160 Ha, Corton is a massive grand cru which curls around the hill from Corton-Charlemagne with Les Bressandes and Clos du Roi being favourite vineyards within it. Pernand-Vergelesses, on




the reverse of the hill, is a good source of pretty Pinot Noirs.

Côte de Beaune-Villages, Chanson 2017, 13%	BR01417		28.00
Savigny-lès-Beaune vieilles vignes, Domaine de Bellene 2020, 13.5%	BR26720		33.00
Savigny-lès-Beaune, Louis Latour 2018, 13.5% 	BR05218		37.00

## NUITS-VILLAGES

### Southern Côte de Nuits

The small town of Nuits-Saint-Georges has no grand crus but some superb premier crus which make age-worthy wines. Aux Boudots and Aux Murgers wines are more silky and Vosne-like in character. To the south of the village, Pruliers, Porets and Les Saint-Georges, with Vaucraains above, produce a full-bodied robust style of Nuits-St-Georges. The new generation at Domaine Gouges, namely Grégory and Antoine Gouges, have instituted changes for the better, making wines which are much more charming when young. The villages south of Nuits-St-Georges – Corgoloin and Comblanchien, along with Fixin in the North – go to make Côte de Nuits-Villages.

Côte de Nuits Villages, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine de Bellene 2020, 13.5%	BR26920		33.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges, Chanson 2017, 13%	BR16417		52.00
Nuits-Saint-Georges, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine de Bellene 2020, 13.5%	BR07120		52.00

## White Burgundy *Vintage Guide*

A warm season but with cooler nights, 2022 looks to have brought both excellent quality and, importantly, a decent quantity. The 2021 vintage was heavily affected by frost meaning quantities are well down though the quality is very good. 2020 was historically early and regarded as a great vintage. 2019 is a worthy successor to the excellent '18s, where low yields have given very concentrated wines. A seriously good vintage here in 2018 as the region escaped the frosts which have plagued recent years. They have a good crop of rich, aromatic whites across the region as a result. Despite a familiar and now all-too-frequent late frost in 2017 the growers in the Côte d'Or were better prepared and the vintage has delivered excellent results, with many domaines back to 'normal' yields. In the Mâconnais and Chablis growers were not quite so lucky with yields down for the second year but wines of excellent quality. What there is in 2016 is very good but sadly frost and hail had a bigger than usual impact this year, particularly in Chablis and the Mâconnais, but almost no-one escaped unscathed. 2015 produced round, full whites with good, ripe fruit. 2014 started well enough with an early spring but a cooler than average summer, and hailstorms in the south, reduced yields. The resultant wines, however, have elegance and beautiful balance. A cold season in 2013 meant yields were low but good growers have produced some very drinkable wines.



## Central Côte de Nuits

Arguably the pinnacle of world Pinot Noir production, this small section of the Côte d'Or from Vosne-Romanée to Morey-Saint-Denis, via Flagey-Echézeaux, Vougeot and Chambolle-Musigny, is littered with grand crus. Vosne and Flagey between them have eight, half of which are monopoles including Romanée-Conti. The other grand crus are Echézeaux, Romanée-St-Vivant, Grands Echézeaux and Richebourg in descending order of size. Next is Clos de Vougeot which at 50 Ha occupies pretty much the whole slope, its landmark château towards the top. Many call for the re-classification of parts into premier cru. Chambolle-Musigny has Le Musigny and most of Bonnes-Mares, and Les Amoureuses as a grand cru 'near-miss'. Then Morey-Saint-Denis has Clos de Tart and Clos des Lambrays on one side, Clos St-Denis and Clos de la Roche on the other. Premier crus and *lieux-dits* are too numerous to mention and village wines, particularly vieilles vignes, are worthy of your attention.

In Vosne-Romanée, **Michel Gros** has a monopole, Clos des Réas, which is a star turn in a range of silky, classic Pinot wines. His son Pierre has recently taken over the winemaking. **Domaine Méo-Camuzet** produces extremely sought-after, satin-textured wines in a range which is now supplemented with wines from bought-in grapes under the 'Frère et Soeurs' label. Chambolle-Musigny is famous for its elegant, raspberry-scented wines and none more so than those of **Ghislaine Barthod** who also shares a cellar with her husband **Louis**

### Red Burgundy *Vintage Guide*

The region basked under the summer sun in 2022, and thanks to cool nights the wines have avoided excess alcohol while retaining elegance, it all looks very promising. The 2021 vintage was severely affected by frost in the spring which means yields are historically low, the wines are fresh and juicy. 2020 was one of the earliest vintages on record following a warm summer but the wines have an appealing freshness too, like a combination of the previous two vintages. There was an absence of frost in 2019 but yields were still restricted, this time by drought, the resulting wines have great richness and concentration. A very good vintage in 2018 with no frosts in the early part of the season though rain in the first half of summer caused some disease pressure. Hail affected Nuits St-Georges and the Hautes-Côtes reducing yields. The resulting wines are rich and concentrated. Quantities in 2017 will be better than 2016 with equally good results. They are more red fruited than black, showing great elegance. 2016 proved a rollercoaster of a season with everything thrown at the growers in the early season but what fruit survived through to harvest is very good. Quantities, however, are small. 2015 is a memorable vintage for red Burgundy, certainly on the rich side. The red wines of 2014 are more 'classic', have a great combination of red and black fruits as well as being charmingly approachable in their youth. After a late start and a cool summer, a dry September saved the day in 2013, the Pinot being light but very pure.

Cheese and wine; perfect tasting companions



**Boillot.** He also owns vines in Volnay, Gevrey-Chambertin and Pommard. The wines of both domaines are now made by their son Clément. At the top of the village is long-time Tanners supplier, **Domaine G Roumier**, where Christophe Roumier is one of the most respected Burgundy winemakers of his generation. In Morey-Saint-Denis, Sébastien Odoul of **Domaine Odoul Coquard** is a master of preserving gorgeous, fresh Pinot fruit in his wines.

Gevrey-Chambertin 1er cru Aux Combottes, Odoul-Coquard 2020, 14%	BR29520	89.00
Clos de Vougeot grand cru, Odoul-Coquard 2019, 15.5%	BR29719	130.00
Clos de Vougeot grand cru, Drouhin-Laroze 2018, 14%	BR26518	160.00
Bonnes Mares grand cru, Drouhin-Laroze 2017, 13%	BR10217	160.00
Echézeaux grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2015, 13.5%	BR17315	190.00
Bonnes Mares grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2015, 13.5%	BR22815	270.00
Les Grands Echézeaux grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2016, 13.5%	BR28416	330.00
Chambolle-Musigny 1er cru Les Amoureuses, Maison Roche de Bellene 2016, 13%	BR28916	330.00
Richebourg grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2014, 13%	BR24414	660.00

### Northern Côte de Nuits

This section runs from the mighty Gevrey-Chambertin through Brochon and Fixin to Marsannay. Gevrey-Chambertin has a sizeable surface of vines and nine grand crus, led by Chambertin and Clos de Bèze equally. The price of Mazis (Mazy) and Charmes is often exceeded by Clos Saint-Jacques, a grand cru in all but name, to the north of the village. There are also multiple premier crus and a good supply of village wines too. Brochon's better vineyards fall under Gevrey-Chambertin, then you come to Fixin whose wines are bought by those in the know as 'mini Gevreys'. Marsannay, just short of Dijon and once famous only for its rosé wines, produces Chablis-like white and reds which, while not robust, are generous in nature. **Domaine Drouhin-Laroze** occupies a leafy enclave in Gevrey itself, where Philippe, Christine, Caroline and Nicolas Drouhin are custodians of a fine range of vineyards including a chunk of Clos de Bèze. Loïc and Bernard Dugat-Py nurture incredibly old and low-yielding wines to make very intense Gevreys, suitable for ageing. The cellars, with their high-vaulted ceilings, were part of an old abbey. Along the road is the grand old domaine of **Armand Rousseau** with its unrivalled constellation of grand crus. One of the first estates to bottle its own wines, it is now run by Eric Rousseau with his daughter Cyrielle. Their wines sometimes appear on our 'Oddments' List.

Gevrey-Chambertin, Chanson 2017, 13% †	BR10917	55.00
Charmes-Chambertin grand cru, Odoul-Coquard 2017, 14%	BR29617	120.00
Chapelle-Chambertin grand cru, Drouhin-Laroze 2017, 13%	BR18717	140.00
Charmes-Chambertin grand cru, Odoul-Coquard 2019, 14.5%	BR29619	140.00
Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Dugat-Py 2020, 13.5%	BR12420	150.00
Gevrey-Chambertin, Coeur du Roy, Très Vieilles Vignes, Dugat-Py 2017, 13%	BR12617	150.00

Chambertin Clos de Bèze grand cru, Nicolas Potel 2004, 13.5%	BR13504	170.00
Charmes-Chambertin grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2019, 13.5%	BR25219	220.00
Chambertin-Clos de Bèze grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2015, 13.5%	BR22715	320.00
Chambertin grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2019, 13.5%	BR19519	480.00
Chambertin-Clos de Bèze grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2019, 13.5%	BR22719	490.00
Chambertin-Clos de Bèze grand cru, Maison Roche de Bellene 2020, 13.5%	BR22720	560.00

## Spain

For a generally hot country the wines you encounter across Spain are very diverse. Invariably generous in nature and easy to drink, such diversity is all the more remarkable if you consider that so many rely on the famous Tempranillo grape at their core. You will notice our range has been expanded recently with additions from Ribera del Duero and Navarra; the former producing full-bodied, deliciously dense wines (using the Tempranillo clone indigenous to the region) while for an alternative option we have brought in some Navarran wines that have a lighter feel, featuring a mix of French and Spanish grapes. You'll also notice a couple of outstanding reds from Andalucía featuring the Bordeaux export Petit Verdot which does surprisingly well down here. Historically the use of oak has been very important: barrel ageing for one, two and three years is often the key to making Crianzas, Reservas and Gran Reservas respectively across the whole of Spain. Blending with other grapes like Garnacha, Mazuelo and Cabernet also helps, bringing a complexity that has driven Rioja in particular, to the fore. In the main, the Spanish winemaker wants to produce a warm, mellow glass of red wine with a rich slug of oak and a spicy finish. And don't forget the whites! Some of the best are made from Verdejo in **Rueda**, Godello in Bierzo and glorious, peachy **Albariño**, the star of Rías Baixas in Galicia.

### RED

#### Central & Southern

Excellent value 'Rioja look-alikes', typically mellow and easy drinking, are the prizes in Spain's South. The likes of Jumilla and Almansa can be bakingly hot in summer but produce generous reds, while we've turned to La Mancha to source Tanners Spanish Reserva, made very much in the soft, traditional style that cemented Spain's popularity many years ago. The high plains of La Mancha, the land of windmills and Don Quixote, have an enclave in its southern section called Valdepeñas which enjoys an enhanced reputation for almost 'old-fashioned', oaky Reservas and Gran Reservas made from Tempranillo which is called Cencibel in those parts. High in the hills to the east of Jerez, way down south in Andalucía sits the delightful boutique bodega of Cortijo Los Aguilares. We love their impressive red that uses the Petit Verdot grape blended with Syrah and Tempranillo to great effect.

Tanners Spanish Reserva, La Mancha 2018, 13.5%	SR10018	9.95
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Tallis Joven, Jumilla 2020, 13.5%	SR30820		8.80
Pago El Espino, Ronda, Cortijo Los Aguilares 2018, 14%	SR30918		19.95
Tadeo Petit Verdot, Ronda, Cortijo Los Aguilares 2018, 14% <sup>NEW</sup>	SR31018		37.50

## Rioja

Rioja is famous for its oak-matured Crianza, Reserva and Gran Reserva red wines. This famous wine region however offers a whole host of wine styles with many more 'modern' black-fruited reds aged in French oak and coming from individual vineyards coming to the fore. These are complementing the American-oaked, vanilla-flavoured wines favoured in the past. If you are looking for a lighter red to accompany mixed tapas, vino joven (literally 'young wine') is a fresh, juicy unoaked version of the Tempranillo grape. There's plenty going on in the region, as a recent visit underlined, although the 'modern Rioja' producers are kicking over the traces somewhat, and steering away from the historic Crianza, Reserva and Gran Reserva classifications – yet another move towards more fruit character and less dusty old oak. We think there's a place for both, hence the old favourites like venerable Reservas from CVNE and **La Rioja Alta** sitting side by side with 'new wave' additions.

















The **Aldonia** wines, in the new wave camp, concentrate on the Garnacha grape rather than sticking mainly to Tempranillo, with intensity of flavour and a touch more oak being applied as you move up the range. On the other hand, the **Alto del Obre** Reserva is a traditional, comfortable Rioja at a great price and stuffed with spicy, mature flavours. Then take a look at the three different sub-regions: Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Oriental. **Bodegas Bagordi** is based in the warm Rioja Oriental while at the other end of Rioja you'll find the **Tobelos** wines in Rioja Alta. **Rioja Vega** sits between them in style, using grapes from both areas; try them all against each other at Crianza level to see the diversity of character on offer right across the region. An exciting new venture by renowned winemaker, Jesús Madrazo, who made Imperial Riojas for many years, has allowed us to list some more premium wines which are beautifully crafted and will age magnificently too.

Rioja Vega Tinto, Rioja 2021, 13.5%	SR06621		9.50
Bagordi Tinto Cosecho, Rioja 2021, 14%	SR29221		10.50
Aldonia Vendimia, Rioja 2021, 14.5%	SR09721		10.50
Rioja Vega Crianza, Rioja 2019, 14%	SR03119		11.90
Rioja Vega Crianza, Rioja 2018 - Magnum (Wooden Gift Box), 14%	SR03118M		28.00
Aldonia, Rioja 2021, 14.5%	SR09921		14.90
Alto del Obre Reserva, Rioja 2016, 13.5%	SR29416		16.40
Tobelos Crianza, Rioja 2018, 14%	SR03618		16.90
Aldonia 100, Rioja 2021, 14.5%	SR09821		18.90
Viña Real Reserva, Rioja, CVNE 2016, 14%	SR04016		21.50
Marques de Murrieta Tinto Reserva, Rioja, Finca Ygay 2017, 14.5%	SR90517		25.50
Jesús Madrazo Num IV, Rioja 2019, 14.5%	SR30719		28.50
Viña Arana Gran Reserva, Rioja, La Rioja Alta 2015, 14.5%	SR08515		37.50
Imperial Gran Reserva, Rioja, CVNE 2012, 14%	SR04112		59.00











## Catalonia & NE Spain

This is Cava country but there are excellent table wines too. **Somontano**, in the foothills of the Pyrenees is a favourite area for us; the vineyards for **Paso Primero** are at 700+ metres which ensures real freshness and vivacity in their red berry flavours, whilst the fame of Penedès has been carried worldwide by one particular producer, Torres. Often the bridesmaid to Rioja's bride, **Navarra** is a great area for bright, fruity flavours in both red and white wines with just enough oak to reassure you that you're drinking super Spanish wines. **Castillo de Monjardin** is making very pure, modern wines from a mix of mainly French grapes to great effect. South of Barcelona, **Priorat** was rediscovered in the late 1980s, with the soil, known as 'llicorella' being a slaty, mica-schist blend that is very free-draining. Their concentrated reds are outstanding, showing a particularly fine, classy line.

Pleno Tempranillo, Navarra 2021, 14% 	SR06421		7.95
Príncipe de Viana Garnacha, Roble, Navarra 2020, 14% 	SR07920		9.50
Paso-Primero Tinto, Somontano 2021, 13.5% 	SR28921		10.90
Castillo Monjardin Crianza, Origen, Navarra 2019, 14% 	SR10819		11.90
Castillo Monjardin Pinot Noir, El Cerezo, Navarra 2018, 14% 	SR10918		11.95
Torres Gran Coronas, Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Penedès 2018, 14.5%	SR07418		14.90
Priorat, Celler Cal Pla 2019, 15% 	SR15219		17.80
Pasotismo, Somontano 2020, 14.5% 	SR15420		21.00
Torres Mas la Plana, Cabernet Sauvignon, Penedès 2017, 14.5%	SR08317		53.00

## Galicia & NW Spain

Ribera del Duero, north of Madrid, produces the finest Tempranillos when it's on song. Here a clone of Tempranillo – called Tinto Fino locally – has smaller, darker grapes and makes a deeper coloured, more intensely fruity red which ages well in bottle after, typically, 18 months in oak. World-beating bodega **Vega Sicilia** sets a very high standard, but there is a chasing pack. **Dominio de Basconcillos** is a genuinely exciting find for us, a stand-out winery with superb wines, and **Abadía de Acón** is only just behind – both are producing big, rich reds with loads of class. They sit well alongside the more established wines from Pesquera. To the north-west, Bierzo is where the red grape Mencía comes into its own, making a characterful, herby wine with plenty of freshness and style.

Acón Roble Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero 2019, 14.5%	SR30419		14.40
Viña Magna Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero, Dominio Basconcillos 2020, 15%	SR30120		16.90
Acón Crianza Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero 2018, 14.5%	SR30518		19.50
Pesquera Tinto Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Alejandro Fernández 2019, 14.5% 	SR02419		24.00
Acón Reserva Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero 2016, 14.8%	SR30616		28.00
Viña Magna Crianza, Ribera del Duero, Dominio Basconcillos 2019, 15.5%	SR30219		28.50
Viña Magna Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Dominio Basconcillos 2018, 15.5%	SR30318		49.95





## Spain *Vintage Guide*

Always difficult to generalise about Spain but 2022 saw high temperatures and an early harvest of clean grapes, the early signs look good. The 2021 vintage is very good after a warm dry season with wines showing good concentration and aromatics. A wet first half of the 2020 vintage meant a lot of work in the vineyard was needed but a better, more consistent second half resulted in some juicy young wines with those ageing in barrel looking very promising. A very good year, 2019 had warm dry conditions but yields were limited by a tricky flowering period. A cooler and wetter year than other recent vintages has endowed the wines of 2018 with greater freshness and lower alcohols. Across the country the wines are showing good aromatics, plenty of weight, and a juicy fresh character. Growers had a complex year in 2017 having to contend with frost, hail and drought. Yields are down as a result, but the picture overall is of good quality particularly in Galicia and the South, Penedès also performed well. The 2016 vintage was pretty good on the whole with Ribera del Duero, Rioja and Rueda having excellent results. 2015 was heralded as the best vintage across Spain in recent years, and particularly so in the north. 2014 saw some good wines made with a little rain in the second half of harvest and low yields. This came after the potentially great 2013 vintage which has given fresh, vibrant, robust wines.

### Mallorca

If you've been on holiday to Mallorca you will know that there is a lot of wine produced on the island. It mostly comes from the centre around Binissalem, where wines such as Susana Sempre are crafted from a combination of international and local grape varieties including Manta Negro and Prensal, both indigenous to the Balearics. They are perfect wines to evoke the spirit of the Mediterranean!

Susana (Sempre...) Roble, Mallorca 2019, 14%  SR09419  13.90

### ROSÉ

Spain, and particularly Navarra, has a long reputation for producing cracking 'rosados'. This slightly cooler region (when compared to Rioja or La Mancha) has a great grape-growing climate and producers such as **Príncipe de Viana** who make the Pleno wines can get bags of flavour from Garnacha and Cabernet Sauvignon, yet preserve the fresh, pure feel in their wines.



























Pleno Rosado, Navarra 2022, 12.5%  SP90322  8.50

Paso-Primero Rosé, Somontano 2022, 13.5%  SP00722  10.90

Bagordi Rosado, Rioja 2021, 13.5%   SP00521  10.50


## DRY WHITE

If you are searching for fresh, peachy whites then head west to Rueda and Galicia beyond. Telmo Rodríguez, maker of **Basa**, cut his teeth in Rioja but has hit great form with his whites from Rueda; the Verdejo grape is magnificent in his hands. Further north in Galicia you'll find delicious, fresh, aromatic whites, miles apart from Spain's tired old whites made in the days of yore. **Bodegas Aquitania** coaxes a spritzzy, lemony freshness into their Albariño from seaside vineyards in **Rías Baixas**. Castillo de Monjardin's very pure and clean Chardonnay has a feel of the Mâconnais about it, while if you prefer some oak influence in your wine, CVNE's barrel-fermented white or that of Jesús Madrazo must be your choice. In the North-West, particularly in Valdeorras, the Godello variety starts to come into its own.

Pleno Blanco, Navarra 2021, 12% 	SW90621		8.50
Rioja Vega Blanco, Rioja 2021, 12.5% 	SW91021		9.50
Bagordi Blanco, Rioja 2021, 13% 	SW10121		10.50
Viña Esmeralda, Cataluña, Torres 2021, 11.5% 	SW08821		10.80
Paso-Primero Blanco, Somontano 2021, 14% 	SW09621		10.90
Castillo Monjardin Chardonnay, El Cerezo, Navarra 2021, 13% 	SW10521		10.95
CVNE Blanco Barrel Fermented, Rioja 2020, 13% 	SW01120		12.30
Basa Blanco, Rueda, Telmo Rodríguez 2021, 13%	SW10821		12.90
Susana (Sempre...) Blanco, Mallorca 2018, 11.5% 	SW09318		13.60
Rioja Vega Tempranillo Blanco, Rioja 2020, 13.5% 	SW10920		14.50
Bernon Albariño, Rias Baixas, Bodegas Aquitania 2022, 12.5% 	SW09722		15.50
Paso-Prima, Somontano 2019, 13.5%	SW10219		16.50
Lagar de Cervera Albariño, Rias Baixas 2021, 12.5%	SW00821		17.20
Pasotismo Blanco, Somontano 2021, 11.5%  <small>NEW</small>	SW11021		19.95
Fransola, Sauvignon Blanc, Penedès, Familia Torres 2021, 13.5%	SW08921		25.00

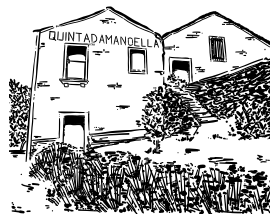
## SWEET

Spanish sweet whites, mostly made from Muscat or Moscatel, are usually fortified to 15% in the same style as you'll find in the South of France. Occasionally, and particularly in Navarra, you may find a sweet Chardonnay, not usually fortified but made in a late-harvest style.

Príncipe de Viana Vendimia Tardia, Late Harvest Chardonnay, Navarra 2019 - 50cl, 14%	SS00519C		14.95
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# Portugal

If you're looking for a new angle to your enjoyment of wine, Portugal must be one of the best places to explore, mixing a long vinous history with a willingness to embrace modern technology. It is such a fascinating wine-producing country, stuffed with interesting, deep-coloured reds and exhilarating, well-crafted whites. We champion **Douro Valley** reds, certainly a 'must taste' for claret enthusiasts, as these wines are full of silky,











dark fruit with great ageing potential. The southern **Alentejo** region has been performing superbly, garnering plenty of followers. They are such good value in the scheme of things! Crisp white **Vinho Verde** is making a well-deserved come back and you should also try the wines from Lisbon and its surrounding areas, now labelled as Vinhos de Lisboa. We've also found a great new producer in the Algarve, proving it's not just a holiday destination!

## RED

### Mid & South


















From Dão to the Alentejo, this section of Portugal is home to many interesting, well-priced wines. Winemaking technology here has improved in leaps and bounds, and winemakers such as **J P Ramos** and the **Symington** family, with their new installation in sub-region Portalegre, have taken to blending high-quality indigenous varieties like Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro and Baga with Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah to excellent effect. The Algarve also has some good pockets of winemaking and we've unearthed a bit of a gem in **Quinta do Francês** near the Odelouca River whose wines you may encounter in the top restaurants of the region.

Terra de Lobos Castelão/Cabernet Sauvignon, Tejo, Casal Branco 2021, 13.5% 	PR03721		9.50
Gandarada Tinto, Dão 2019, 13% 	PR07119		10.30
Smart Dog Syrah/Trincadeira, Alentejo, J P Ramos 2021, 13.5%	PR07221		10.80
Odelouca, Black Label, Quinta do Francês, Algarve 2020, 13% <small>NEW</small>	PR09620		13.50
Quinta do Francês, Odelouca River Valley, Algarve 2019, 13.5% <small>NEW</small>	PR09719		21.00
Quinta do Francês Syrah, Terraços, Algarve 2018, 15% <small>NEW</small>	PR09818		33.00

### Douro

The Douro Valley is possibly the most exciting, emerging quality region in the world of wine at the moment. The area is capable of producing great, age-worthy red wines on a par with Bordeaux, Barolo and Australian reds of high repute. In good hands, all the class of fine Port grapes is, with judicious handling, transferred into fabulous bottles of red wine. Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz aka Tempranillo are the leading grapes. Wines made for us, including Tanners Douro, at the **Duorum Project** in Douro Superior are dynamic and simply delicious. Not far, away we have recently picked up the excellent range from **Carvalho Martins**, full of freshness and life, while the **Symington** family of Dow's,

Warre's, Graham's fame, have invested in very ecologically sustainable table wine production. Husband and wife, Jorge Borges and Sandra Tavares, at **Wine + Soul** make super reds while Dirk Niepoort nowadays concentrates more on his bewitching reds than his Ports.









Tanners Douro Red 2019, 13.5%	PR00519		9.90
Tanners Douro Red 2019 - Half, 13.5%	PR00519H		5.95
Tanners Douro Red 2017 - Magnum, 13.5%	PR00517M		21.00
Tons de Duorum, Douro Tinto 2020, 13.5%	PR04420		10.80
Altano Naturalmente, Organic Douro Tinto, Symington 2020, 13.5%  	PR03820		12.80
Duorum Colheita, Douro Tinto 2019, 14%	PR05919		15.50
Churchill's Estates Grafite Tinto, Douro 2019, 13.5%	PR00219		16.50
Manoella, Douro Tinto, Wine & Soul 2020, 14% †	PR06720		17.95
Golpe Reserva, Douro Tinto, Carvalho Martins 2019, 14% <b>NEW</b>	PR10019		19.95
Vertente, Douro Tinto, Niepoort 2018, 12.5% 	PR04718		24.00
Pintas Character, Douro Red, Wine & Soul 2019, 14.5%	PR01719		28.50
Redoma, Douro Tinto, Niepoort 2018, 12.5% 	PR01518		42.00
Quinta Vale D Maria, Douro Tinto 2018, 15%	PR01318		52.00

## ROSÉ

The Portuguese climate makes for very appealing dry rosés which are easy foils for the straightforward lunches enjoyed all over Portugal, often on the veranda in the heat of the afternoon.

## DRY WHITE

Fresh, spritzzy, dry **Vinho Verde** is making a comeback. Although this is a style of wine, made red or white but referring to their tart, slightly 'green' crispness, it is white wines that you are more likely to encounter. Steely, 'sour-plum' flavoured white grapes like Loureiro are a joy to drink and partner perfectly with the rustic, often fish-based cuisine of this coastal region. The Douro *whites* from **Churchill's**, **Carvalho Martins** and **Duorum** are from the even less familiar varieties such as **Gouveio**, **Roupeiro**, **Rabigato** and **Viosinho**, but the results are fresh and full of character. The whites of **Mid & South Portugal** show a delicious, full-flavoured style with Encruzado and Arinto as the main components of some world-beating white wines.








Vidigal, Vinho Verde 2021, 9.5%	PW02921		9.40
Terra de Lobos Fernão Pires/Sauvignon Blanc, Tejo, Casal Branco 2021, 13%	PW00321		9.50
Vinho Verde, Loureiro, João Portugal Ramos 2021, 12%	PW04621		9.95
Tons de Duorum, Douro Branco 2021, 12.5% †	PW02821		10.80
Altano, Douro Branco 2021, 12.5% 	PW03521		11.80
Rufo, Douro Branco, Vale D Maria 2020, 12.5% 	PW03620		12.30



Wine &amp; Soul, Douro

## Douro *Vintage Guide*

Despite temperatures hitting 47°C the resulting wines in 2022 are already showing freshness and good concentration, although some are reporting smaller yields as a result. In contrast 2021 was a gentler season without excessive heat that has delivered aromatic wines with freshness and elegance as well as depth. Plenty of rainfall in the first part of 2020 set up the vineyards perfectly to weather the heatwave in the summer giving small yields of deeply concentrated wines. In 2019 Portugal escaped the heatwave of the rest of Europe meaning the wines are wonderfully aromatic and elegant. Tiny yields for the second year in a row in 2018, after the previous year's drought finally broke in spectacular fashion. Heavy rain caused soil erosion and hail was also a problem. A hot summer saved what was left in terms of quality but could not make up for the yields already lost. 2017 proved to be a hot, dry year with one of the earliest harvests on record and yields down about 35% but the quality is very good for table wine. 2016 was a complex but ultimately satisfying year with a wet winter followed by a summer that was drier and warmer than usual; the resulting wines show great balance and concentration in both red and white. 2015 was excellent and reds and whites have depth and concentration. Cooler conditions in 2014 produced some of the best whites yet. After a slow start, 2013 gave high quality wines in the end, drinking well now.

Golpe, Douro Branco, Carvalho Martins 2021, 12.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	PW06221		13.90
Duorum Colheita, Douro Branco 2021, 12.5%	PW03821		15.50
Churchill's Estates Grafite Branco, Douro 2020, 12.5%	PW03220		16.50
Manoella, Douro Branco, Wine & Soul 2020, 12.5%	PW05020		17.95
Golpe Reserva, Douro Branco, Carvalho Martins 2020, 13% <sup>NEW</sup>	PW05420		18.30
Redoma, Douro Branco, Niepoort 2020, 12%	PW03020		25.00
Familia Carvalho Martins Branco, Douro Meda 2019, 13% <sup>NEW</sup>	PW05619		59.00






## Italy


















The Tanners Italian range just keeps on growing as we continue to taste more and more lovely wine, especially from small estates with wines that are pure expressions of their 'terra'. It's a complex country wine-wise so here is a whistle stop tour. As far as great reds go, the star players in Piedmont are Barolo and Barbaresco made from Nebbiolo grapes. Tuscany fields players such as Chianti Classico, Brunello di Montalcino, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano – all made from Sangiovese – to add to its line-up of Supertuscans from French varieties. Primitivo, Negroamaro, Nero d'Avola and Nerello Mascalese feature in the South. Exploring the **whites**, there is so much more to discover than budget Pinot Grigio! Gavi, Friuli and Soave should be remembered in the North, but the South is an equally good source of richer, silkier wines made from grapes such as Fiano and Greco. From the middle are the old favourites, but much-improved Vernaccia di San Gimignano and Verdicchio.

### DRY WHITE

#### Northern Italy










Most of Italy's finest whites come from the North of the country, particularly the states of Veneto, Alto-Adige and Friuli-Venezia Giulia from where we have introduced the fragrant wines of **Fernanda Cappello**; her vines grow on the poor alluvial soils of **Grave del Friuli** against a spectacular backdrop of the Dolomites. They are better value than those of nearby Colli Orientali and Collio. The **Soave** and **Lugana** regions are situated near Verona, and just to the north of the city on Lake Garda, the **Zeni** family make super examples. Just by Venice is Luca Botter who makes the excellent value **Amanti** range for us. We are delighted to have wines of Tiefenbrunner in the South Tirol back in the list. Now run by 5th generation Christof and Sabine **Tiefenbrunner**, the estate remains dedicated to making wines of the highest quality from Alpine vineyards at altitudes from 250 metres up to 1000. The two **Tibaldi** sisters make beautiful, modern style whites from family vineyards in the Roero district of Piedmont. Cortese is one of the best white grapes of Piedmont and reaches its zenith in **Gavi di Gavi**. We've tasted many but few come close to the greengage fruit of the small **La Chiara** estate.

Amanti del Vino Trebbiano, Rubicone IGT 2022, 12% 	IW04622		8.60
Amori Pinot Grigio, delle Venezie 2022, 12% 	IW06322		8.90
Il Palù Pinot Grigio, Friuli Grave 2021, 12.5%	IW06521		9.95

Soave Classico, Zeni 2021, 12.5%	IW00921		11.40
Fernanda Cappello Friulano, Friuli Grave 2021, 12.5%	IW06021		11.70
Fernanda Cappello Sauvignon, Friuli Grave 2021, 12.5%	IW06221		12.30
Fernanda Cappello Traminer Aromatico, Friuli Grave 2020, 13.5%	IW06120		12.80
Tiefenbrunner Merus Pinot Grigio, Alto Adige 2021, 13.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	IW17721		15.90
Tiefenbrunner Merus Müller-Thurgau, Alto Adige 2021, 13% <sup>NEW</sup>	IW17821		15.90
Favorita Langhe, Tibaldi 2020, 13% 	IW17120		15.95
Gavi del Comune di Gavi, La Chiara 2022, 13% 	IW02022		16.50
Lugana, Vigne Alte, Zeni 2022, 13.5%	IW01522		16.50
Roero Arneis, Tibaldi 2021, 13.5% 	IW17221		16.80
Tiefenbrunner Merus Gewürztraminer, Alto Adige 2021, 14% <sup>NEW</sup>	IW17921		17.90
Il Fiore, Langhe Bianco DOC, Serra dei Fiori 2021, 13.5%	IW02121		18.50
Langhe Arneis, A Val, Paolo Conterno 2021, 14%	IW17521		22.50
Tiefenbrunner Feldmarschall Von Venner Müller-Thurgau, Alto Adige 2019, 13.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	IW18019		46.00

## Umbria & Mid Italy

**Cappella Sant'Andrea** is a delightful, small, organic estate making **Vernaccia** within sight of the famous medieval towers of San Gimignano. **Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi** is the classic fish wine of the Marche on the Adriatic coast whereas Orvieto is a more nutty white from Umbria where Marchesi Antinori own the Castello della Sala estate; **Santa Cristina** is a sub-brand. **Tenuta del Priore** is situated in the hills inland from Pescara and is now run by Fabrizio Mazzocchetti, son of one of the founders. His emphasis is on indigenous grapes grown at higher altitudes with the Campotino label being used for earlier drinking, fruit-driven wines and **Col del Mondo** label employed for his more concentrated, structured wines.

Amanti del Vino Pinot Grigio, Terre di Chieti 2022, 12% 	IW01022		8.70
Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico, Pontemagno 2021, 12.5%	IW05121		9.50
Campotino, Abruzzo Bianco, Tenuta del Priore 2021, 13.5%	IW16521		11.30
Campotino Pecorino, Colline Pescaresi, Tenuta del Priore 2021, 13.5%	IW16821		11.80
Col del Mondo 'Sunnae', Abruzzo Bianco 2021, 13.5%	IW16621		12.80
Orvieto Classico, Campogrande, Santa Cristina 2021, 12%	IW02521		14.50
Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Clara Stella, Cappella Sant' Andrea 2022, 13.5% 	IW05022		16.90







## Southern Italy

Some of Italy's fullest and most interesting whites come from the steep, volcanic slopes of the Apennines: Fiano at Avellino and Greco at Tufo in **Campania**. The Mastroberardino family's **Terredora** vineyards excel at these, along with fine Lacryma Christi from Mt. Vesuvius. A long hunt for a Falanghina has turned up a great example from **La Guardiense**, a go-ahead co-operative north-east of Naples. Please see the red section for a note about the wines of **Alovin** across the border in **Basilicata**.














Views of Barolo near Grinzane Cavour

Falanghina del Sannio, Fremondo 2021, 12.5%	IW16921		9.95
Carlomagno Fiano, Puglia 2021, 12.5%	IW16321		10.50
Le Ralle Greco, Basilicata, Alovini 2021, 13%	IW02921		12.90
Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Bianco, Terredora Di Paolo 2021, 13.5%	IW03021		19.20
Greco di Tufo, Loggia della Serra, Terredora Di Paolo 2021, 13%	IW03121		19.50
Fiano di Avellino, Terre Dora, Terredora Di Paolo 2021, 13%	IW03221		22.50

## Sicily

The massive island of **Sicily** was the breadbasket of the ancient world and has plenty of space for wines. **Benanti** is a family-run winery which champions Mount Etna's terroir and indigenous varieties such as Carricante, used to make their highly reputed Etna Bianco. Stefano Girelli has useful contacts here for the production of the good value Preciso wines from the Vittoria area of southern Sicily. Bruno **Fina's** house and winery are spectacularly situated above Marsala with views over Mozia and the Egadi islands. Having worked on viticultural research for many years, he knows the right spots for international grapes as well as the indigenous Grillo.

Preciso Pinot Grigio, Terre Siciliane 2021, 12.5% 	IW05621		9.30
Preciso Grillo, Terre Siciliane 2021, 13% 	IW05721		9.20
Fina 'Kebrilla' Grillo, Sicilia 2022, 13.5% 	IW03422		12.90
Fina 'Vola Vola' Viognier, Sicilia 2022, 13%	IW03522		14.50
Etna Bianco, Benanti 2021, 12% 	IW17021		25.00

## Sardinia

Vermentino is the grape of the shores of the Tyrrhenian Sea including Sardinia where, in the south-west corner, family-owned **Melis** makes a great example.

Vermentino di Sardegna, Melis 2021, 13.5%	IW05921		12.90
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## SWEET

### Italian Vendemmia Tardiva Wine

As far as late-harvest and *muffia nobile* (botrytis) wines goes, Italy has some rare gems as well as wines from grapes dried on mats and 'cooked' in barrels in lofts such as Tuscan Vin Santo. Please see the 'Other Fortifieds' section for the Marsalas from the Lombardo family.

El Aziz, Vendemmia Tardiva, Sicilia, Fina - 50cl, 14%	IS001C		17.80
Vin Santo del Chianti, Geografico 2015, 16%	IS00515		23.00

## ROSÉ

Pinot Grigio is a pinkish-hued grape so if you leave the juice on the skins for a while you can achieve a pretty pink colour.










Amanti del Vino Pinot Grigio Rosato, Terre Siciliane 2022, 12% 	IP00422		8.70
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Amori Pinot Grigio Blush, Venetie 2021, 12% 	IP00521		8.90
Alfa Tauri Rosato, Maremma Toscana, Val di Toro 2021, 13%  	IP01021		14.70

## RED

### Veneto & NE Italy

In Verona, Bologna, Venice and Trieste there are plenty of people in need of red wine, so vineyards abound, making some of the country's most elegant reds. Next door in Veneto you will find extremely drinkable reds: **Valpolicella** and **Bardolino** from the **Zeni** family who also have a charming wine museum above the shores of Lake Garda. **Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso** is a typical grape of the Friuli-Venezia-Giulia region. To the northeast of Milan close to the Swiss border, Valtellina is part of Lombardy and is another outlier for Nebbiolo, known here as Chiavennasca. Mattia Franzina has a miniscule 0.8 Ha of vines in Buglio-in-Monte, mostly planted with 100-year-old Chiavennasca.

Amanti del Vino Sangiovese, Rubicone 2021, 12% 	IR09521		8.70
Bardolino Classico, Zeni 2021, 12.5%	IR00521		10.90
Fernanda Cappello, Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso, Friuli Grave 2020, 13%	IR16120		11.80
Valpolicella, Zeni 2021, 12.5%	IR00821		12.90
Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, Marogne, Zeni 2020, 14%	IR00620		19.95
Tiefenbrunner Turmhof Lagrein, Alto Adige 2020, 13.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	IR21420		22.50
Tiefenbrunner Turmhof Blauburgunder, Alto Adige 2020, 13.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	IR21520		22.50
Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Vigne Alte, Zeni 2017, 16%	IR01117		39.95
Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Nino Zeni, Zeni 2015, 16%	IR19615		120.00
















### Piedmont & NW Italy

The great red wine-producing area of Piedmont (Piemonte) is centred on Alba, the truffle capital of Italy and also the home of some of Italy's best cooking, therefore providing many an interesting wine and food match. Creamy pastas are often the order of the day here, cut through by the tannins and acidity of wines such as Barbera, Dolcetto, Barolo and Barbaresco. The **Barolo** region is extremely hilly in the southern part near Monforte d'Alba and here you will find the **Paolo Conterno** estate. Run by energetic Giorgio Conterno, they cultivate just 7 Ha of vines including in nearby Ginestra, one of the most famous 'cru' vineyards of Barolo. Artisan and family-owned, **Crissante Alessandria** makes pretty, almost ethereal Barolos from top 'cru' vineyards in the shadow of La Morra. Fratelli Serio & Battista **Borgogno** is a family operation whose winery crowns the hill of Cannubi, one of the most famous 'crus' of Barolo. **Eugenio Bocchino** makes a super range of wines from seven vineyards in the district, some with dachshund-adorned labels! Aldo **Manfredi** runs a larger, family estate with stunning views of the Alps from their hilltop winery above in Dogliani. Our most recent addition is Fratelli Alessandria, an estate that has quietly transformed itself over the past twenty years to now rival some of the great names in Piedmont. The 12 Ha estate based in Verduno is run by Vittore Battista, alongside his uncle Alessandro and parents Flavia & Gian. Moving to **Barbaresco**, whose wines can be prettier

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and more immediate than Barolo, and none more so than those of **Renato Fenocchio**. Coming from 11 tiny, steep vineyards, they are very pure expressions of his vines. **Roagna** at Barbaresco is a traditional family estate with a modern touch making superlative Barbaresco and Barolo (find them on our Oddments List). Daniela and Monica **Tibaldi** make fruit-filled reds from family vineyards in the Roero district which is just across the Tanaro river from Barolo. Roero deserves to stand alongside Barolo and Barbaresco in stature. Sizzano in the Alto Piedmont, northeast of Turin, is less recognisable than Barolo and Barbaresco, but Nebbiolo is still the main grape variety. Paolo Cominoli looks after 5 Ha of vines at Cantina Comero, where they have a small winery in some renovated farm buildings and the first vintage was in 2011.

Dolcetto d'Alba, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno 2021, 12.5% 	IR17721		16.50
Dolcetto d'Alba, Crissante 2021, 13% 	IR17421		16.90
Dolcetto d'Alba, Renato Fenocchio 2021, 13%	IR01921		17.50
Langhe Nebbiolo, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno 2020, 14% 	IR17820		18.90
Barbera d'Alba, Tibaldi 2020, 14.5% 	IR17120		19.90
Langhe Nebbiolo, Tibaldi 2020, 14% 	IR17220		19.95
Curej, Barbera d'Asti, "Braida" 2020, 15%	IR22020		21.00
Rosso di Valtellina, Franzina 2020, 12.5%	IR20620		22.00
Barbera d'Alba DOC, Tom, Eugenio Bocchino 2020, 14.5%	IR02020		22.50
Sizzano, Alto Piedmont, Cantina Comero 2018, 14%	IR19918		22.50

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A dry winter followed by a hot summer has certainly affected yields in 2022, but the quality looks excellent across the country. Small but perfectly formed seems to sum up the 2021 vintage here. Across most of the country the 2020 vintage is looking very good indeed with ripe fruit and lovely aromatics. A classic if not straight forward vintage 2019 has delivered some excellent wines but in smaller quantity. Overall, the results are very good in 2018, though a warm wet early summer led to disease pressures in many parts of the country. The Northeast, home to Prosecco amongst others did particularly well; so too did Tuscany and Piedmont but yields were a little down in some estates. 2017 saw a small crop of excellent wines; spring frosts and a later heatwave nicknamed 'Lucifer' reduced yields, but you'll find good results on the whole with excellent results in Piedmont. Yields were down in 2016 but quality is high, Piedmont and Tuscany at least as good as 2015. 2015 is generally an excellent vintage across Italy, perhaps reds having the edge over whites. A year that necessitated a lot of work in the vineyards due to the rains, 2014 produced some surprisingly good results with elegant fresh wines across the country.





















Barbera d'Alba, Elena, Renato Fenocchio 2021, 14%	IR02121		23.50
Roero Roccapalea, Tibaldi 2018, 14.5%	IR17318		23.50
Il Bacialé, Monferrato DOC, Rosso "Braida" di Giacomo Bologna 2018, 15%	IR01818		24.00
Barolo, Manfredi 2018, 14%	IR02518		25.50
Barbera d'Alba, La Ginestra, Paolo Conterno 2018, 15%	IR19418		26.50
Nebbiolo Langhe DOC, Roccabella, Eugenio Bocchino 2019, 13.5%	IR10619		27.50
Langhe Nebbiolo, Crissante 2021, 14.5%	IR17521		28.00
Barolo, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno 2018, 14%	IR18918		36.00
Barbaresco, Rombone, Renato Fenocchio 2018, 14.5%	IR02218		38.00
Barolo del Comune di La Morra, Crissante 2019, 14.5%	IR17619		39.50
Barolo, Cannubi, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno 2018, 14%	IR17918		46.00
Barolo del comune di Verduno, Fratelli Alessandria 2017, 15%	IR19117		48.00
Barolo, del comune di Verduno, Fratelli Alessandria 2018, 14.5%	IR19118		49.50
Barolo, Riva del Bric, Paolo Conterno 2018, 15%	IR02818		52.00
Barolo, Lu, Eugenio Bocchino 2017, 14.5%	IR02617		56.00
Barolo Riserva, Cannubi, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno 2015, 14.5%	IR18015		67.00
Barolo, Gramolere, Fratelli Alessandria 2018, 14.5%	IR19218		69.50
Barolo, Ginestra, Paolo Conterno 2016, 15.5%	IR02916		83.00

## Chianti & Tuscany

Tuscany is principally known for its aristocratic red wines. They run from the humblest **Chianti** – brimming with bright cherry fruit – to the rich, dense wines of Brunello di Montalcino. At the heart of Tuscany is hilly **Chianti Classico** and at its centre is an area known as the Conca d'Oro, shell-shaped due to its spurs of land. Giampaolo Motta's **La Massa** estate occupies one of these with densely planted Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet vines. Higher up in the forested hills above Gaiole-in-Chianti, **Riecine** makes very fine, svelte wines which have a great sense of place. Delicious Chianti from the **Geografico** co-operative and wines from Florentine dynasty, Marchesi Antinori, further add to our range. Skipping south of Siena to **Montalcino**, you will find the brilliant wines of astrology expert Giugi Sesti and his daughter Elisa at picturesque **Castello di Argiano** which have a great following among our customers. **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano** comes from about 20 miles east, and the **Barbanera** family are a good source of this and Chianti too under the **Duca di Saragnano** label. Towards the coast, in the downland Maremma region, Anna-Maria Cruciata makes lovely Morellino di Scansano at her **Val di Toro** property.


Chianti Colli Senesi, Borgo Alla Terra, Geografico 2021, 13% †	IR19521		11.20
Chianti, Duca di Saragnano 2021, 13%	IR10421		11.40
Rosso di Montepulciano, Duca di Saragnano 2021, 13%	IR10921		11.80
Rosso Ribelle Sangiovese, Maremma Toscana, Val di Toro 2019, 13%	IR16419		14.50



Morellino di Scansano, Reviresco, Val di Toro 2019, 13%  	IR16319		17.50
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Duca di Saragnano 2018, 13%	IR11018		17.50
Sesti 'Grangiovese', Toscana, Castello di Argiano 2021, 14.5% 	IR03521		18.90
Villa Antinori Rosso, Toscana 2019, 13.5% †	IR03619		19.95
Chianti Classico, Pèppoli, Antinori 2020, 13.5%	IR10720		23.50
La Massa, Toscana 2018, 14% 	IR03818		24.00
Chianti Classico, Riecine 2020, 13%	IR03720		24.50
Rosso di Montalcino, Sesti, Castello di Argiano 2017, 14% 	IR03917		27.00
Maremma Toscana, Val di Toro 2016, 14%  	IR16216		27.50
Chianti Classico Riserva, Riecine 2020, 15%	IR04220		35.00
Brunello di Montalcino, Sesti, Castello di Argiano 2016, 13.5% 	IR04716		72.00
Testamatta, Toscana, Bibi Graetz 2019, 14%	IR18419		96.00







### Supertuscans

Big silky Supertuscans rely on varying proportions of Bordeaux grapes – Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot – for their star appeal. **Bolgheri** is a newish DOC near the Tuscan coast and is famous for Tenuta San Guido (Sassicaia), Ornellaia and Masseto but there are Supertuscans now from all over Tuscany which are labelled as IGT Toscana, usually because they don't conform to the correct levels of Sangiovese.

Giorgio Primo, Toscana, La Massa 2018, 15.5%	IR04918		89.50
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### Umbria & Mid Italy

Abruzzo and Umbria are important states for red wine production. Over an earthquake prone part of the Apennines from Umbria, **Abruzzo** is home to the Montepulciano grape. The 700 grower-strong **Roxan** co-operative stands guard over the Pescara river valley. Please see the white section for a note on the super **Col del Mondo** and **Campotino** wines.

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Voluntè 2021, 12.5% 	IR11521		9.50
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Noi Cento, Roxan 2021, 13.5%	IR80821		10.50
Campotino, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Tenuta del Priore 2021, 13.5%	IR16721		11.30
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Terre dei Vestini, Col del Mondo 2017, 14.5%	IR16817		17.50
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Kerrias, Tenuta del Priore 2017, 14.5%	IR20317		26.50

### Southern Italy

Gloriously generous reds are the hallmarks of the warm South or 'Mezzogiorno' with its winemaking history going back to the time of the Ancient Greeks. The vineyard area of **Puglia**, the heel of Italy, is large, making it a significant producer on a world scale of both international varieties and, more interestingly, Negroamaro and Primitivo aka Zinfandel. Four **Cantele** family cousins now run the eponymous winery whose roots go back to 1907. In **Basilicata**, the seven-peaked, extinct volcano of Monte Vulture is the focal point for the Aglianico grape from which frenetic winemaker, Oronzo Alò of **Alovini**, coaxes brilliantly silky wines. **Taurasi** is the most famous red of Campania.



Amanti del Vino Primitivo, Salento 2021, 13% 	IR10321		9.50
Carlomagno Primitivo Appassimento, Puglia 2021, 14% 	IR92021		10.95
Terra degli Eventi, Basilicata, Alovini 2019, 12.5%	IR05919		11.50
Cantele Negroamaro, Salento 2020, 13%	IR11820		12.90
Cantele Primitivo, Salento 2020, 14%	IR11920		13.30
Aglianico del Vulture, Le Ralle, Alovini 2019, 13%	IR06319		13.50
Salice Salentino Riserva, Cantele 2018, 13%	IR11718		13.50
Cabánico, Basilicata, Alovini 2019, 14%	IR06519		17.50
Taurasi, Fatica Contadina, Terredora Di Paolo 2014, 13.5%	IR06714		36.00




## Sicily

The slopes of volcanically active **Mount Etna** lend themselves to the fashionable reds made at **Romeo del Castello** from Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio grapes grown in between the lava flows, the last of which engulfed half of Chiara Vigo's estate when she was a child! Nero d'Avola is the most famous red grape of the island, in the right hands producing generous, fruity reds.

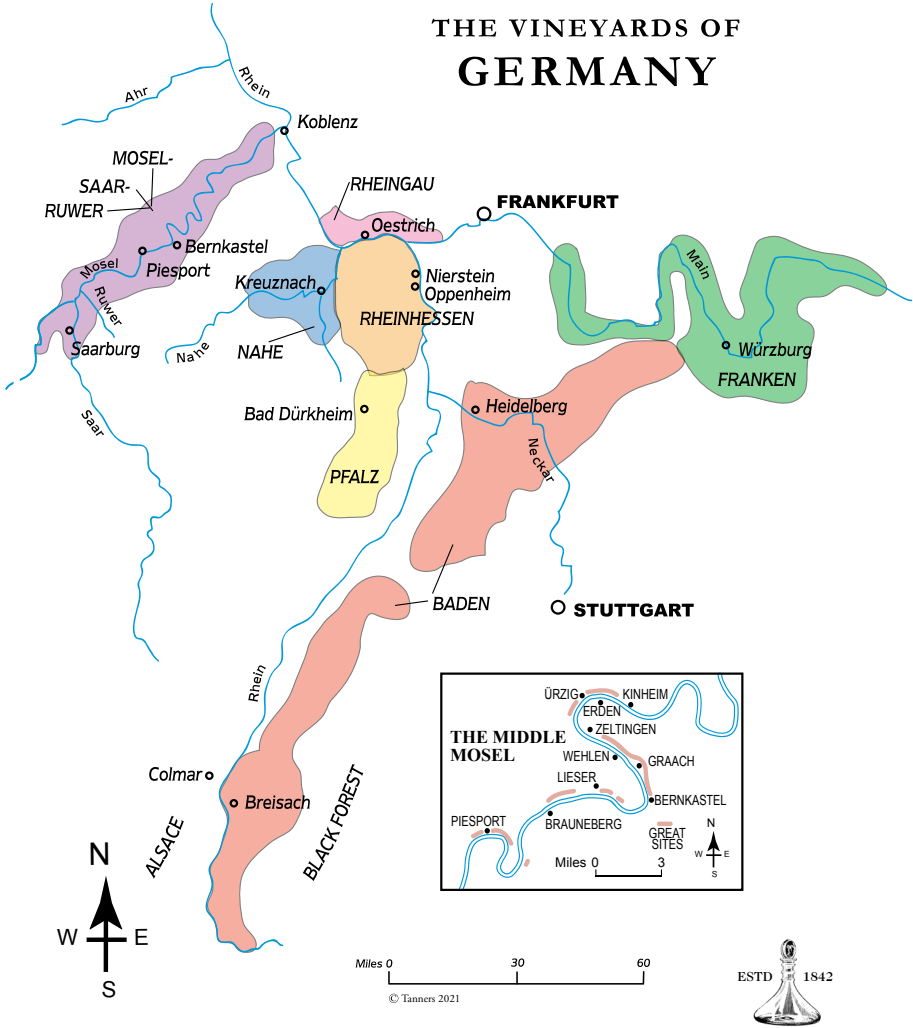
Fina Nero d'Avola, Sicilia 2021, 13.5% 	IR07021		12.90
Allegracore, Etna Rosso, Fattorie Romeo del Castello 2019, 13.5%	IR12719		28.50

## Sardinia

The Mediterranean's second largest island is a significant producer of wine. Many of these are made from local clones of western Mediterranean grape varieties also found in Tuscany, Spain, South of France and Corsica. Flavio **Melis** and French winemaker, Lucien Andrei, work principally with these regional varieties which have interesting synonyms such as Bovale Sardo (the books say it is Graciano, they say it is Mourvèdre), Bovale Grande (Carignan) and Cannonau (Grenache). We are also bringing over small quantities of richly fruited wines from **Enrico Esu**, also in the south-west of the island. Originally shepherds, the Esu family have 10 Ha of ungrafted Carignano vines planted by Enrico's father Silvio in 1958.

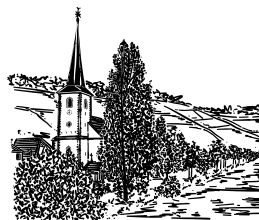
Melis Bovale, Isola dei Nuraghi 2021, 13.5%	IR13021		13.95
Nerominiera, Carignano del Sulcis, Enrico Esu 2019, 14%	IR20419		25.50
Seruci, Carignano del Sulcis Riserva, Enrico Esu 2018, 15%	IR20218		29.95

# TANNERS WINES THE VINEYARDS OF GERMANY



# Germany

The changes to the UK duty system coming into effect this August will benefit Germany, with their generally lower alcohol wines, more than any other major wine producing country and hopefully will encourage you to experience the great range of wines produced there.



The classic light, off dry, low alcohol, refreshing style epitomised by Mosel Riesling Kabinett is still very much there but there are also large numbers of crisp, dry, mineral Rieslings and fuller bodied wines from further south, particularly in areas such as Baden where there is very little Riesling and an increasing number of top-quality reds such as Pinot Noir. Full sweet wines are still made, although in smaller quantities and Eiswein has become particularly rare due to winter temperatures not being cold enough.

The **Mosel** is the classic area for elegant, balanced, off-dry Rieslings from its steep, slatey slopes. Appellation-wise it now includes the tributaries of the Saar and Ruwer. Try a floral Wehlener Kabinett for a great introduction to this style and then contrast it with a Kabinett from the deeper soils of Piesport's Goldtröpfchen to appreciate the difference a few miles make. Brilliant wines – full of white pear fruit – are produced in the Saar Valley from lesser-known vineyards in Wiltingen and Oberemmel. Back on the **Middle Mosel**, Braunebergers are full and slatey then one goes down the river through Bernkastel to the very fine wines of Graach. Finally, the vertiginous slopes of Erden and Urzig – Prälat, Treppchen and Würzgarten – produce some tremendous wines, both dry and sweet.

Along the Rhine, the **Rheingau** is where the importance of late harvesting Riesling was first discovered. The story goes that the proclamation announcing the start of the harvest was delayed. For many years production was dominated by a small number of underperforming larger producers, but things are now looking up again. Round, full-flavoured wines are made on mostly gentle slopes going down to the Rhine. The River **Nahe** actually rises in the Hunsrück hills and flows northwards, away from France, through rocky escarpments before flowing into the Rhine at Bingen.

## MOSEL WHITE

### Mosel Dry/Trocken

To our mind the Mosel is more suited to off-dry wines which give better balance, but many producers make excellent dry wines, particularly from 'grand cru' sites which have the benefit of extra degrees of ripeness.

Goldschild Riesling Trocken, Moselland, Saar 2021, 11%	GW16721	🍷	12.70
Blauschiefer Riesling Trocken, Kerpen, Mosel 2021, 12%	GW16821	🍷	13.90
Piesporter Riesling Trocken, Hain, Mosel 2021, 11.5%	GW18521	🍷	13.90
Devon-Schiefer Riesling Trocken, Meulenhof, Mosel 2021, 12%	GW14321	🍷	14.50

## Mosel Off-Dry/Halbtrocken

'Feinherb' is the new word for Halbtrocken, as being 'half something' was not thought to be positive! Generally it is a term for a drier Kabinett.

Mülheimer Sonnenlay Riesling Kabinett Feinherb, Richter, Mosel 2021, 9.5%	GW0682I	🍷	19.95
Graacher Riesling Feinherb, Willi Schaefer, Mosel 2021, 11%	GW1822I	🍷	21.00

## Mosel Fruity/Fruchtig

Classically fruity Kabinett styles are becoming less popular in Germany, but a peachy Piesporter such as that produced by Gernot **Hain**, a slatey Wehlener from **Martin Kerpen**, a limey Saar or an elegant Ruwer wine still take some beating. Christoph **Schaefer** has taken over from his father Willi and continues to make wonderful wines in the tiny cellars under their house which are on allocation the world over.

Piesporter Michelsberg, Moselland 2022, 8.5%	GW0572Z	🍷	9.50
Moselland Riesling Kabinett, Mosel 2021, 8%	GW0012I	🍷	10.40
Moselland Riesling Spätlese, Mosel 2021, 8.5%	GW0762I	🍷	10.90
Dr Loosen Fruity Riesling, Mosel 2021, 8.5%	GW1402I	🍷	12.95
Goldschild Riesling Spätlese, Müdener Funkenberg, Moselland 2021, 7.5%	GW1632I	🍷	13.90
Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett, Meulenhof, Mosel 2021, 9.5%	GW0642I	🍷	14.50
Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett, Kerpen, Mosel 2021, 8%	GW0662I	🍷	15.30
Piesporter Goldtropfchen Kabinett, Hain, Mosel 2021, 8%	GW0672I	🍷	15.50
Riesling Classic, Max Ferd. Richter, Mosel 2021, 11.5%	GW1882I	🍷	16.50
Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese, Meulenhof, Mosel 2021, 8%	GW0782I	🍷	18.70
Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett, Max Ferd. Richter, Mosel 2021, 7.5% 🍷	GW0692I	🍷	19.95
Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese, Hain, Mosel 2021, 8%	GW0842I	🍷	19.95

## Mosel Sweet/Edel











You will also find a full range of sweeter styles from Spätlese through Auslese right up to Eiswein and Trockenbeerenauslese (TBA) produced in tiny quantities by dedicated growers although warmer winters are making the production of Eiswein more difficult, even for such practised producers such as Weingut **Max Ferd. Richter**. Stefan Justen of Weingut **Meulenhof** uses the great vineyards of Erden to maximum effect with sublime late-picked Rieslings.

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese*, Kerpen, Mosel 2021, 7.5%	GS0232I	🍷	24.00
Dr Loosen Riesling Beerenauslese, Mosel 2018 - 18.7cl, 7.5%	GS04018Q	🍷	16.95
Urziger Würzgarten Beerenauslese, Dr Loosen, Mosel 2005 - Half, 6%	GS05505H	🍷	120.00

## RHINELAND WHITE

### Rhineland Dry/Trocken

South of the **Rheingau** are the large areas of the Hessen and Pfalz where much of the bulk wine came from but is now increasingly given over to quality dry whites. The new kids on the block in the **Pfalz** are the **Rings** brothers, fast tracked to the prestigious VdP organisation, with their fine, dry Rieslings from vineyards around Freinsheim. Geographically the **Nahe** is in the middle between the Mosel and the Rheinhessen and its wines have elements of both. **Dönnhoff** is the leading grower with spicy and slatey wines from the complex terroirs around Schlossböckelheim, Kreuznach, Niederhausen and Oberhausen. The area of **Baden** is the southernmost in Germany with its best area being the Kaiserstuhl, an extinct volcano rising from the valley floor opposite Colmar in Alsace. There are more Pinot varieties than Riesling here and Konrad **Salwey** makes full-flavoured, dry wines from these.

Niesteiner Riesling Trocken Dry, Rheinhessen 2021, 12%	GW01521		9.95
Villa Wolf Pinot Gris, Ernst Loosen, Pfalz 2021, 12%	GW90421		13.90
Riesling Trocken, Rings, Pfalz 2021, 12% 	GW15621		15.90
Salwey Pinot Blanc, Kaiserstuhl, Baden 2019, 12.5% 	GW01819		16.20
Hochheimer Guts Riesling Trocken, Domdechant Werner, Rheingau 2020, 12.5%	GW15220		17.90
Jacobus Dry Riesling Trocken, Peter Jakob Kühn, Rheingau 2020, 12.5%  	GW12520		18.30

### Germany *Vintage Guide*

The warmest year on record, 2022 has produced some super results. The wines of 2021 are lighter in style and more aromatic with evident acidity compared with the previous two vintages. 2020 saw a warm summer, giving ripeness, while a prolonged harvest has given freshness and perfect quality fruit. The 2019s show wonderful rapier-like style, good weight and depth, yields are lower than the generous 2018 vintage. “A glorious vintage” said one grower, amongst many superlatives bandied about for 2018. For the first time in 10 years growers were truly happy with the quantity and the quality. The resulting wines are pure, rich, aromatic, and show a fine acidity. An early harvest following frost earlier in the season meant 2017 produced excellent light, fruity wines with great finesse. Weather conditions were tricky in 2016 and growers had to earn their stripes; the early season was wet, which reduced yields, followed by a hot summer with cool nights bringing excellent aromatics but with wines a little lighter than 2015. The brilliant 2015 vintage took place in ideal conditions and produced wonderfully ripe wines in all styles. Kabinetts are a bit short in quantity, but the dry wines especially are very approachable. 2014 saw a good crop of light, well-balanced wines with well integrated acidity.

Domdechant Werner Riesling Classic, Rheingau 2017, 12%	GW11117	🍷	19.70
Dönnhoff Riesling Dry, Nahe 2021, 11.5%	GW13221	🍷	21.00
Dönnhoff Tonschiefer Riesling, Dry Slate, Nahe 2021, 12%	GW12621	🍷	23.00
Peter Jakob Kühn 'Quarzit', Oestrich Riesling Trocken, Rheingau 2021, 12% 🍷 🌿	GW17421	🍷	25.00
Kallstadt Riesling Trocken, Rings, Pfalz 2021, 12% 🍷	GW18621	🍷	27.00
Oestricher Klosterberg Erste Lage, Peter Jakob Kühn 2020, 12.5% 🍷 🌿	GW14820	🍷	29.50
Hallgartener Hendelberg Erste Lage, Peter Jakob Kühn, Rheingau 2020, 12.5% 🍷 🌿	GW18720	🍷	32.00
Roxheimer Höllenpfad Riesling Trocken, Dönnhoff, Nahe 2021, 12.5%	GW15521	🍷	32.00
Ungsteiner Nussriegel Riesling Trocken, Rings, Pfalz 2021, 12.5% 🍷	GW15821	🍷	36.00
Saumagen Riesling Trocken, Rings, Pfalz 2021, 13% 🍷	GW17221	🍷	69.00

### Rhineland Fruity/Fruchtig

The warmer climate of the **Rheingau** gives fuller and richer wines but still with wonderful balance as Franz Michel of **Domdechant Werner** demonstrates at Hochheim. Further west, at Oestrich, the **Kühn** family make intense and full wines using biodynamic methods.

Hochheimer Riesling Kabinett, Domdechant Werner, Rheingau 2019, 10%	GW15319	🍷	22.00
Lenchen Riesling Kabinett, Peter Jakob Kühn, Rheingau 2020, 10% 🍷 🌿	GW03620	🍷	22.00
Oberhäuser Leistenberg Riesling Kabinett, Dönnhoff, Nahe 2021, 8.5%	GW03821	🍷	22.50
Lenchen Riesling Kabinett, Peter Jakob Kühn, Rheingau 2021, 10% 🍷 🌿	GW03621	🍷	24.00
Hochheimer Hölle Riesling Spätlese, Domdechant Werner, Rheingau 2016, 9.5%	GW18116	🍷	25.50

### Rhineland Sweet/Edel

These gloriously rich wines are made in tiny quantities on rare occasions these days.

Kurfürst Karl Kaspar Auslese, Rheinhessen 2020, 8.5%	GS00120	🍷	10.50
Oestricher Lenchen Riesling Auslese, Peter Jakob Kühn, Rheingau 2021 - Half, 7.5% 🌿	GS01121H	🍷	45.00
Laumersheimer Kapellenberg Riesling TBA, Knipser, Pfalz 2003 - Half, 7%	GS06703H	🍷	150.00

### RED

Growers such as Konrad Salwey in the Kaiserstuhl look to Burgundy for their inspiration for their Spätburgunders (Pinot Noirs) and the quality in recent years has improved dramatically. The deep-coloured Dornfelder grape can make easy, accessible wines such as that from the Rietburg co-operative.

Rietburg Dornfelder, Pfalz 2021, 12.5%	GR01021	🍷	9.50
Salwey Pinot Noir, Kaiserstuhl, Baden 2017, 13.5% 🍷	GR00117	🍷	18.50

# Austria

We're constantly amazed by the consistently excellent quality of Austrian wines across all the many styles that they produce. It helps that the signature grape variety, Grüner Veltliner makes a distinctive clean and fresh style with a peppery touch. This single-minded pursuit is further aided by a dynamic marketing body, sustainable viticulture and the avoidance of fruity, medium Germanic styles of white. The west of Austria is good for skiing but too mountainous for proper wine production whereas the east of the country around Vienna has rolling land and a dry climate, making it ideal for vines. About two thirds of the plantings are white grapes and one third black grapes which make red wines with softness and body. And don't overlook the brilliant, sweet wines which are world class!

## DRY WHITE

One grape, Grüner Veltliner, is almost synonymous with Austria and, whilst a bit of a mouthful to say, the wines can rival good Chardonnays and Sauvignon Blancs. It is perhaps the world's most underappreciated white grape variety! The large **Weinviertel** region (literally the 'wine quarter') satisfies Vienna's thirst for large amounts of spritzzy, peppery Grüner Veltliner. Close to the Czech border, Wieland **Baumgartner** and his daughter Katharina run Austria's largest winery producing very consistent and great value wines. South towards the River Danube is the **Kamptal** region, based along the River Kampt and centred on the town of Langenlois. It has a great variety of soils – with loess and schist being particularly favoured – and slopes, many of which are steep and terraced. Nearby the **Kremstal** region straddles the Danube valley and is based on the imposing riverside town of Krems. Just south of the river, Marlies Hanke (née Müller) and her husband Florian, make delicious, characterful white wines from their 10 Ha estate Weingut **Müller-Grossman**. Travelling east up the Danube, the valley becomes more gorge-like and Riesling and Grüner Veltliner vines cling to sometimes precipitous slopes. This is the **Wachau**, the source of Austria's (and some of the world's) most expensive whites.

**Burgenland** is an important wine producing state south-east of Vienna where the climate is dry and more associated with the Pannonian plain in nearby Hungary. Within Burgenland, **Leithaberg** is a broad ridge and an important area for weighty Chardonnays, Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), Grüner Veltliner and Neuburger. Down towards Slovenia, **Styria** (Steiermark in German) is arguably the world's most beautiful wine region and is home of the fresh, steely 'Styrian Classic' style, Sauvignon being its signature grape.

## Niederösterreich

Domäne Baumgartner Grüner Veltliner, Trocken, Weinviertel 2021, 13%	HW05621	🍷	11.30
Müller-Grossmann Grüner Veltliner, Satz Viertel, Kremstal 2022, 12%	HW05822	🍷	15.20
Schloss Gobelsburg Grüner Veltliner, Löss, Kamptal 2021, 12%	HW06421	🍷	15.50
Müller-Grossmann Riesling, Furth, Kremstal 2021, 12.5%	HW06621	🍷	17.60
Müller-Grossmann Grüner Veltliner, Silberbichl, Kremstal 2020, 13.5%	HW05920	🍷	26.50



## Burgenland

Estoras Chardonnay, Burgenland, Esterházy 2020, 12.5%	HW04420	🍷	15.90
Feiler-Artinger Neuburger, Burgenland 2021, 13.5% 🍷	HW06521	🍷	27.00

## RED

**Burgenland** makes the best reds in Austria from its heavier, mineral-laden soils and warm climate, especially from the north-east end of the huge, shallow lake of **Neusiedlersee** near the villages of Gols and Mönchhof. Good reds also come from the **Leithaberg** area to the west of the lake, whilst the **Weinviertel** produces large amounts of fruity Zweigelt, a popular crossing of Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent. Blaufränkisch is a dark, fruity variety whereas St. Laurent is more in the mould of Pinot Noir, but a little more powerful. Pinot Noirs can be highly successful and are now being made in a more elegant style as at the **Esterházy Winery** just outside Eisenstadt in Leithaberg. The palace of the Esterházy princes, where Joseph Haydn spent much time composing music, dominates the town and the former estates, vineyards included, are now held in a national trust.

Estoras Zweigelt, Burgenland, Esterházy 2019, 13%	HR00119	🍷	15.90
Estoras Pinot Noir, Burgenland, Esterházy 2020, 14%	HR00220	🍷	16.50
Feiler-Artinger Blaufränkisch, Umriss, Burgenland 2018, 13% 🍷	HR02618	🍷	22.50

## SWEET

The **sweet wines** produced in Burgenland around **Neusiedlersee** are some of the best in the world and are considerably cheaper than their German equivalents! This huge shallow lake – the town of Rust even has a large marina – gives ideal conditions for botrytis cinerea to work its magic. **Rust**, home to classic producer **Feiler-Artinger**, is on the west shore and has its own DAC (Districtus Austriae Controllatus!) whereas the east shore villages of Illmitz and Apetlon fall within Neusiedlersee DAC.

Esterházy Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese, Burgenland 2015 - Half, 9.5%	HS01915H	🍷	24.50
Domäne Baumgartner Grüner Veltliner Eiswein, Niederösterreich 2019 - Half, 9.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	HS02519H	🍷	25.00
Feiler-Artinger Ruster Ausbruch, Burgenland 2017 - Half, 12.5% 🍷	HS00917H	🍷	37.00



Rust, Burgenland

# Northern Europe

English and Welsh wines continue to go from strength to strength with not only the sparkling wines competing on equal terms with champagne but increasingly the still white wines making a case for international recognition and even a few top-quality reds appearing. The poor-quality wines of former communist Eastern Europe have now largely faded from the memory as wineries and vineyards have returned to private hands, investment flowing into winemaking facilities has been crucial in improving quality.

**Romania** is an example and is producing many excellent value varietal wines which can form a stepping stone to the top quality wines the country also makes. **Hungary** has a long wine tradition, not just from the famous Tokaj region, and to the north Slovakia produces a range of excellent wines with the Pinot Noir showing particular promise. **Croatia** makes a great range of wines, familiar to the many tourists in the region. The old Welschrlizing of Yugoslav Riesling fame has been rebranded Graševina and makes a delightfully aromatic white.



## England

The success of English wines looks set to continue through finer autumns and interest in all things local. Sparkling wines are at the forefront of this success and vineyards, especially on the chalky South Downs, are expanding and attracting considerable investment. Nyetimber is one of the oldest established and produces top quality wines from their original vineyards in Sussex and new plantings in Hampshire. Also in Hampshire, Ashling Park makes a hugely successful sparkling and further north, on the chalk of the Chilterns, Fairmile Vineyard is very promising. Madeleine Angevine is by far our favourite grape variety for still wines, making, to our minds, the fullest and most balanced whites. Seyval Blanc is the most widely planted, followed by a host of other grapes led by Huxelrebe, which are all crossings specifically bred for cooler, wetter climates. Even **reds** in England are improving as varieties such as Triomphe and Rondo are giving some good results.

### WHITE





While generally the best wines in England are sparkling (see the sparkling region for our range), there are some very good still **whites**, especially those that contain some Madeleine Angevine which gives almost Sauvignon-like aromas and flavours. **Sharpham**, on the Dart Valley estuary in Devon, make a particularly good example while the big Chapel Down vineyard in Kent produces the best oaked English wine we have tasted.

Three Choirs Estate Hand Harvested Willow Brook, English Regional Wine 2021, 11%	HW07521		11.90
Sharpham Dart Valley Reserve, English Quality Wine 2021, 11%	HW04321		14.95
Chapel Down Kit's Coty Chardonnay, North Downs 2019, 12.5%	HW07019		33.00

## Wales

Welsh vineyards are small in number and struggle with the slightly wet climate, but there are some great successes. **Ancre Hill** near Monmouth is in full biodynamic production and expanding rapidly while **Glyndwr**, near Cowbridge, makes aromatic wines alongside keeping llamas!

### WHITE









Glyndwr Dry, Welsh Regional Wine 2021, 10.5%	HW03321		16.50
Ancre Hill Estates Chardonnay, Welsh Regional Wine 2020, 10%  	HW03520		25.00

## Slovakia

The wines from here are little known in Britain, but the vineyards are generally in the south of the country parallel to the Hungarian border. Vineyards have returned to private ownership and a new generation of growers, such as **Martin Pomfy**, are energetic and experimental.





### DRY WHITE

It's not often that you come across Cabernet Sauvignon made into a white, while Rizling Vlassky is what used to be called Welsh Riesling. Both make interesting and full wines. **Devin** is a variety which is similar to Gewürztraminer.

Via Magna Rulandské Sedé (Pinot Gris), Juznoslovenská 2021, 13%  <sup>NEW</sup>	HW06121		12.50
Martin Pomfy Rizling Vlassky, Ruban 2020, 13% 	HW05420		16.50
Martin Pomfy Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc, Juznoslovenská 2021, 12.5% 	HW06221		16.95
Martin Pomfy Devín, Juznoslovenská 2020, 13.5% 	HW05520		18.50

### RED

Reds from classic varieties tend to do well, especially **Pinot Noir** which can be very elegant and full of flavour. Pomfy's vineyards in the Little Carpathian hills bear a striking resemblance to Burgundy.

Martin Pomfy Pinot Noir Rúbaň, Juznoslovenská 2019, 13.5% 	HR02219		18.50
Martin Pomfy Special Selection Pinot Noir, Juznoslovenská 2018, 15% 	HR02118		25.50



## Hungary

Hungary has a wide range of vineyards from the famous Tokaj region in the North-East of the country to vineyards producing a lot of sparkling wine around Budapest, Hungary's most famous red is Egri Bikavér or Bull's Blood, based on Kékfrankos (Blaufränkisch) grape.

### SWEET

The **Tokaj** area actually straddles the border with Slovakia, with a small number of wineries in the latter country, but the best known are from around the Hungarian town of Mád

where the **Tokaj Classic Winery** makes a fine example. Here autumn mists allow botrytis-affected Tokaji Aszú to be produced with an extraordinary balance between tingling acidity and sweetness. The late harvesting of grapes, in this case Hárslevelű, Furmint and Muscat, was employed here before it was in Sauternes or Germany.

Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Tokaj Classic Winery 2013 - 50cl, 11.5%	HS02213C		47.00
Tokaji Aszú Essencia, Tokaj Classic Winery 2006 - 50cl, 8%	HS02306C		150.00

## Croatia

### DRY WHITE









Croatica Grasevina, Kvalitetno Vino 2021, 12.5% 	HW06921		10.80
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## Romania

Sandwiched between Bulgaria and Ukraine, this large country is on the same latitude as Bordeaux and Burgundy. The resulting climate, combined with a culture that is Latin and therefore more conducive to wine than its Slavic neighbours, points immediately to fine wine production. Post-communism however, the transition from quantity to quality has been slow. One beacon of virtue is Cramele (Winery) **Recaş** which makes well-packaged, modern-style varietal wines at very reasonable prices under the Paparuda label. This winery was formerly owned by the state but was bought out by its management and is now as advanced as any in Western Europe. It is found near Timișoara which is in the furthest west of the country near Serbia, a mere seven hours' drive from the capital, Bucharest!

### DRY WHITE

Single varietal wines from international grape varieties sit alongside local varieties such as the aromatic Feteasca Regala. Orange wine is made by leaving the skins on during fermentation to give texture and body, this is a great entry to the style.

Paparuda Feteasca Regala, Estate Selection 2021, 11.5%	HW90321		8.50
Paparuda Pinot Grigio, Estate Selection 2022, 12.5% 	HW03822		8.50
Paparuda Chardonnay, Estate Selection 2021, 13%	HW07421		8.50
Paparuda Sauvignon Blanc, Estate Selection 2022, 12% 	HW04022		8.70
Orange Natural Wine JP, Recas Estate 2021, 12.5% 	HW90521		13.50








### ROSÉ

Pale, delicate rosés are found here in an easy drinking style with plenty of fruit.

Paparuda Rosé, Estate Selection 2021, 12.5% 	HP00421		8.50
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### RED

Pinot Noir is perhaps the best-known variety in Romania and **Recaş** makes a fine example, full of bouncy red fruit.

Paparuda Pinot Noir, Estate Selection 2021, 12.5% 	HR00921		8.50
Paparuda Merlot, Estate Selection 2021, 13.5% 	HR90321		8.50
Paparuda Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Selection 2021, 13%	HR01321		8.50
Selene Feteasca Neagra, Recas Estate 2020, 14.5% 	HR01420		18.50

## Moldova

With gentle rolling hills and a continental climate, Moldova is well suited to vine growing.

### DRY WHITE

Orietto Pinot Grigio, Moldova 2021, 13% 	HW05021		9.50
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## SE Europe & Asia

Forget France, forget Italy and forget the Romans, the origins of wine production lie rather further east! Lebanon and Israel lay claim to be the cradles of viticulture, but a 'winery' dating back over 6,000 years has recently been found in Georgia. Then there's Armenia, Iran, Turkey and Greece in the frame so the counter-claims may go on until the aurochs come home! Even wine production in India dates back to several centuries BC. What doesn't change is the consumers' surprise that such countries even make wine.

## Bulgaria

Back in the 1970s Bulgarian wine was so popular that it was in the top five biggest suppliers of red wine to the UK! Times changed, quantity and quality diminished, however things are once again on the rise and there is plenty of potential to be realised.

### RED

Blue Ridge Merlot, Domaine Boyar 2019, 12.5%	ER01419		8.95
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## North Macedonia

This landlocked Balkan country, due north of Greece, makes some very impressive wines. It isn't to be confused with the nearby Greek province of Macedonia so is correctly called the 'Republic of North Macedonia'. It's a large and ancient wine producer, particularly of red, and the local grape variety, Vranec, is rich and full-flavoured. Most wine production is in the middle of the country in the Vardar River Valley, also home to the capital Skopje. Production in the hilly west and mountainous east of the country is on a smaller scale.

### RED

Stobi Wines has seen massive investment since it was set up in 2009 and is centrally placed near the Vardar River.

Stobi Vranec, Tikves Region 2020, 14.5% 	ER02020		9.95
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Views from Massaya Winery







## Greece

With its mountainous mainland and scattered islands, Greece produces some brilliant and individual wines from varied sites. Ancient Greece is regarded as the origin of much of the diffusion of winemaking into the far-flung regions of both its own, and subsequently the Roman Empire. Vines travelled with trade and, where they blossomed, inevitably a wine region was created. The Greek wine scene is now a far cry from simply resin-infused Retsina, and we just need a greater following for the wines so we can import more!

### RED

The noble red grape Saint-George (Aghiorghitiko) is fashioned into a world-class wine at the state-of-the-art Skouras winery in the Peloponnese's Nemea region. Naoussa is made from the Xinomavro grape with the **Diamantakos** producing a great example from just 4 Ha of vines at 300 m above sea level.

Skouras Saint George, Aghiorghitiko, Nemea 2020, 14.5%	ER01720		16.70
Naoussa, Diamantakos 2018, 13.5%	ER02818		29.00




### DRY WHITE

Intense and almost saline in character, **whites** from the volcanic island of Santorini, made from Assyrtiko grapes, are often praised by the press. Family-owned Estate Argyros has 42 Ha of vines and a state-of-the-art winery on the island.

Argyros Santorini Assyrtiko 2020, 14.5% 	EW01820		29.95
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### SWEET

The Samos *sweet* 'sticky' comes from a seaside co-operative on the large island of Samos in the eastern Aegean. The best grapes come from the mountains where they ripen more slowly retaining all that Muscat grapiness. **Vinsanto** is the sweet wine of Santorini. Made from sun-dried grapes and aged in barrel, it is spelt slightly differently and made in a different way to Vin Santo of Tuscany.








Samos Grand Cru, Co-operatives Vinicoles de Samos 2021 - 50cl, 15%	ES00221C		13.50
Vinsanto First Release, Santorini, Estate Argyros 2014 - 50cl, 13.5% 	ES00314C		48.00

## Lebanon

Politics aside – and it hasn't been the easiest couple of years in Beirut – Lebanon is the most beautiful country and, on a visit, we criss-crossed the main mountain range four times passing through ski resorts and hillsides of cedar trees, their tresses flattened by countless snowfalls. Panoramic views stretched down towards Israel with Syria only blocked out by another range of mountains, neatly capped by snow. Lying in between is the **Bekaa Valley** – a massive expanse of fertile land with vines growing on its western slopes. The Lebanese argue that this is the 'cradle of winemaking', where the Romans built the Temple of Bacchus at Baalbek, and whence Phoenician traders took vines to Spain.

**RED**

In the **Bekaa Valley** is a little corner of Tanners: a plaque on the wall of the **Massaya** winery, commemorating us as their first British importer! Brothers Sami and Ramzi Ghosn have now established a second Massaya outpost high in the mountains, both to grow high altitude grapes and to insure against trouble in the Bekaa. **Château Musar** is spectacularly situated above the Mediterranean in northern Beirut and its wines have a loyal following, its wines are becoming a little more fruit-driven than they have been in the past.

Massaya 'Le Colombier', Bekaa Valley 2019, 14.5% 	ER00419		16.20
Massaya 'Terrasses de Baalbeck', Bekaa Valley 2018, 14.5%	ER00518		27.00
Massaya 'Cap Est', Bekaa Valley 2017, 14.5%	ER02317		39.50
Château Musar, Bekaa Valley, Gaston Hochar 2016, 14%  †	ER00916		49.00
Massaya Reserve, Bekaa Valley 2012, 14.5%	ER01012		49.95

**ROSÉ**

The old harbour of Byblos is picture-postcard pretty, more like the south of France than the Middle-East, begging for a large platter of gambas prawns and a bottle of Massaya **Rosé**.

Massaya Rosé, Bekaa Valley 2021, 13.5%	EP00121		18.50
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**DRY WHITE**

Massaya Classic White, Bekaa Valley 2021, 13%	EW00921		21.00
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**Israel**

Israel has a sophisticated domestic market for its wines, and a large diaspora to follow them overseas. Dating back several thousand years, wine production in Israel has waxed and waned under Jewish, Muslim and Christian domination. The modern industry started in earnest in the 1880s with a massive injection of capital from the Rothschild family. There are now over 300 wineries with grape varieties and winemaking largely based on the French model. The Golan Heights, Shomron, Samson and the Judean Hills all have their fair share of wineries.

**RED**

Clos de Gat is situated in the foothills of the Judean Mountains, with the winery located on the site of an ancient, pre-Roman '*Gat*', Hebrew for wine-press.

Har'el Syrah, Judean Hills, Clos de Gat 2018, 14%	ER01118		25.00
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**DRY WHITE**

Clos de Gat's owner, Eyal Rotem, has planted 35 Ha of noble varieties and uses quality French oak barrels to make excellent reds and whites.



Clos de Gat Chardonnay, Judean Hills 2020, 13.5%	EW00420		35.00
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## Georgia

Part-Europe and part-Asia, Georgia occupies the Caucasus with Russia to the north, Turkey and Armenia to the south. It's a country with a wine-growing heritage that goes back at least six thousand years and is chock-full of interesting, indigenous grape varieties. Formerly much of the wine was sweet and went to the Russian market, but recently its wine producers have sought closer links with the West and many of the wines are now made more to our tastes. There are however still plenty of traditional Qvevri wines produced in amphorae for home consumption. Winemakers in other countries are now re-discovering this method of making wine in amphorae and marketing it as something new, despite its long history!

### RED

**Khareba Winery** was founded in 2004 by three brothers who now have over 1000 Ha of vineyards.

Winery Khareba Saperavi, Dry Red Wine 2016, 14.5%	ER02616		14.50
Khareba Kindzmarauli, Semi-Sweet Red 2019, 11.5%	ER02119		14.90

### DRY WHITE

A series of tunnels built into the Caucasus Mountains by the Russians for military purposes serve wine production well at Khareba Winery!



Winery Khareba Rkatsiteli, Dry White Wine 2019, 12.5%	EW01619		12.50
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## Armenia

Another country which, along with neighbouring Georgia, claims to be the oldest wine producer in the world with evidence of winemaking going back to 4200 BC. The Armenian Wine Company was founded in 2006 and uses more modern methods to make their Yerevan range from vineyards at over 1000 metres high, mainly from local grape varieties.

### RED

This is a surprisingly light and fruity wine for a hot country, showing the benefit of growing at altitude.

Yerevan Areni/Karmrahyut, Winemaker's Blend Red, Armenia Wine Co. 2020, 12.5% 	ER03220		10.95
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### DRY WHITE

Rkatsiteli is a widely used grape variety in the Caucasus region, giving freshness and flavour.

Yerevan Kangun/Rkatsiteli, Winemaker's Blend White, Armenia Wine Co. 2020, 12.5% 	EW02020		10.95
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# Australia

Tanners customers' heads may have been turned a bit by the warm climate wines from closer to home, specifically from Spain and Italy. It's time however to revisit Australian wines in all their varietal glory, so look out for minerally Chardonnays, Shirazes (Syrahs) with a white pepper sappiness and very fine Cabernets, and that's before getting into the Italian and Iberian varieties that are fleshing out the ranges. Putting grape varieties aside for a moment, let Tanners take you on a vinous tour of Australia.



**South Eastern Australia** is a catch-all appellation, this sobriquet allowing producers to blend wines sourced from Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. You might think this means trucking grapes huge distances, but it isn't always so as these three states meet between the Murray Darling and Riverland areas which together with Riverina form the powerhouse of the Australian wine industry. Irrigation from the mighty Murray River keeps these vineyards alive, and an awful lot of fruit groves too. The heart of the Murray Darling at Mildura in Victoria is the excellent source of our **Tanners Shiraz** and **Sunnycliff wines**. The Murphy family's **Trentham Estate**, complete with riverside restaurant, is just north-east of Mildura in New South Wales.

The big-name line-up in **South Australia** makes this the undeniable home of the Australian wine industry. It includes almost all the country's most famous regions and the top winemaking school at Adelaide University. Just north of Adelaide you come to the **Barossa Valley** with plenty of old wine families of German origin... and very old vines too, including those of new producer The Barossa Valley Wine Company making rich, ageworthy reds. Almost two hours north of Adelaide is **Clare Valley** where the Mitchell family – highly regarded as one of Australia's best 'boutique' producers – grows vines on four sites in the hills behind Watervale. The **Jim Barry** winery is just north of Clare itself, and they too have a new generation of the family in the shape of Tom and Sam to take the helm, with Shiraz and Riesling also featuring heavily.

The temperate **Adelaide Hills** rise steeply behind the city and here Bird in Hand was named after a local gold mine. Moving round to the south of Adelaide, temperatures in **McLaren Vale** are cooled by the nearby ocean, helping Peter and Duncan Lloyd, the third generation at **Coriole** Vineyards to make delicious wines which we have followed since the Australian bicentenary in 1988. Over the hills you come to Lake Alexandrina and **Langhorne Creek** where there are some super Shirazes and Cabernets to be found. New to the list is enthusiast Geoff 'Joffa' Thompson from **Grounded Cru** who sources his wines from all three areas, making him the master of "Vale, Hills and Creek"! It's then a long haul to Coonawarra towards the Victorian border, where fine Cabernets are made on a rather featureless strip of all-important Terra Rossa soil.

Melbourne is five hours from here going directly across western Victoria, but it takes much longer on a wine tour taking in the Pyrenees, Bendigo, Heathcote and the Goulburn Valley.

Cooler pockets for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are found in Mornington Peninsula, Yarra Valley and Geelong, all easy drives out of the city. In the heart of the Yarra Valley, **Mac Forbes** (a person not a Scottish surname!) is regenerating old, neglected vineyard sites to produce wines with a real sense of terroir. **Rutherglen** is the production capital of Australia's 'stickies', where Natasha Killeen at Stanton & Killeen represents the seventh generation of a family making these superb, sweet wines. Michel Chapoutier, of Hermitage fame, chose trendy **Heathcote** in central Victoria, for his base to make his subtle Rhône-like Tournon wines from nearby vineyards and further afield in the Victorian Pyrenees. Not far away McPherson Wines' talented winemaker Jo Nash has been making superb reds in particular next to the Murray River for over twenty years. Her XV Pure Cabernet is a classic, red, full throttle Aussie red with bags of flavour.











**New South Wales** is the historic home of the Australian wine industry but has lost out rather as far as quality wine regions go. The **Hunter Valley** is still important though, not least with its winery-lined roads, pretty vineyards, winery restaurants and golf courses making it a wonderful destination to visit from Sydney. **Margan** is a family affair with Andrew Margan making the wines and wife Lisa running a superb winery restaurant. We are also big fans of his wines under the **House of Certain Views** label, a nod to Pomerol's Vieux Château Certan!

**Western Australia** is a massive state with only the south-western corner being climatically suitable for wine. **Margaret River** – 'Margs' to the locals – is three hours' drive from Perth, whilst Albany in the Great Southern area is five. Surrounded on three sides by ocean and therefore often cool and rainy, Margaret River is renowned for fine Cabernets, Merlots and elegant whites. **McHenry Hohnen** is one of the leading wineries and was founded by Perth wine retailer Murray McHenry along with his brother-in-law David Hohnen, the man who was behind Cloudy Bay. He has three well placed vineyards focussed on biodynamic viticulture. Plan B wines, based in Frankland River, were set up in 2003 by Terry Chellapah, a musician and self-appointed 'corporate-free wine man'. His **Eureka Effect** range, made since 2016 by Vanessa Carson, also known as 'the Wine Juggler', has great individuality and character – the vibe that emanates from this part of the Australian wine scene.

## RED




















### Various Grape Varieties

The same principle applies as it does in the warm climate of the Southern Rhône: blending is good to achieve completeness. The indigenous grapes of Italy and Spain are also good news.

Coriole 'Molly's Garden' Shiraz/Sangiovese, McLaren Vale 2020, 14.5%	AR11020		14.50
Trentham Estate Pinot Noir, Murray Darling 2020, 14% 	AR02320		14.50
Two in the Bush Merlot/Cabernet, Adelaide Hills, Bird in Hand 2020, 14.5% 	AR01020		14.90
Grounded Cru GSM, Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvedre, McLaren Vale 2021, 14.5%  <small>NEW</small>	AR16821		15.50
Margan Ceres Hill Barbera, Hunter Valley 2019, 13.5% 	AR15119		19.50
Mac Forbes Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley 2020, 11%	AR15220		29.50








## Shiraz

Australia's most famous vinous product, Shiraz – the Syrah grape of the Rhône Valley – comes in a variety of styles from medium-bodied and peppery to deep and brooding.

Tanners Australian Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 2021, 14.5%	AR12721		10.90
Lyrebird Shiraz, Victoria 2021, 14% 	AR00121		9.40
Barry & Sons Shiraz, Clare Valley, Jim Barry 2017, 14% 	AR15317		14.50
Grounded Cru Shiraz, McLaren Vale 2020, 14.5%  NEW	AR16720		15.50
House of Certain Views Shiraz, Hunter Valley, Margan Wines 2021, 13%	AR03021		15.50
Rocky Road Shiraz, Margaret River, McHenry Hohnen 2018, 14%	AR93218		16.20
Margan Shiraz, Hunter Valley 2021, 13% 	AR03321		16.20
Tournon 'Mathilda' Shiraz, Victoria, M Chapoutier 2019, 14.5% 	AR12919		16.50
Barossa Valley Wine Co Stockyard Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2020, 14.7%  NEW	AR16520		17.50
Bird in Hand Shiraz, Mount Lofty Ranges 2018, 14.5% 	AR04118		21.50
Barossa Valley Wine Co The Farms Shiraz, Barossa Valley 2019, 14% NEW	AR16619		22.95
Tournon 'Shays Flat Vineyard' Shiraz, Pyrenees, M Chapoutier 2016, 14.5%	AR13016		23.00

## Merlot & Cabernet









Cabernet Sauvignon ripens consistently well in Australia, with Merlot hitherto being generally used in Bordeaux-type blends.

XV Pure Cabernet, Victoria 2021, 15%  NEW	AR16921		11.20
Barry & Sons Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Jim Barry 2018, 14% 	AR15418		14.60
Rocky Road Cabernet/Merlot, Margaret River, McHenry Hohnen 2017, 14.5%	AR11917		16.20
Bird in Hand Merlot, Adelaide Hills 2015, 14.5% 	AR05315		21.50

## DRY WHITE

### Various Grape Varieties

White varieties that retain acidity and aromatics in the face of 40-degree heat are most suited to Australia, so a shopping basket of grapes which originate around the Mediterranean often performs well.

Margan Verdelho, Hunter Valley 2022, 12% 	AW00922		14.50
Barry & Sons Riesling, Clare Valley, Jim Barry 2021, 12.5%	AW09421		14.60
Tournon 'Mathilda Chapoutier' White, Victoria, M Chapoutier 2021, 13%	AW08821		16.20
Eureka Effect Riesling, Western Australia 2022, 12.1%  NEW	AW13322		18.20
Coriole Fiano, McLaren Vale 2021, 13%	AW07621		18.60
Jim Barry Assyrtiko, Clare Valley 2020, 12.5%	AW09120		22.50



View from Waihopai Road, Marlborough



## Semillon & Sauvignon

Sauvignon's crisp acidity works deliciously well combined with the fatness of Semillon, but both succeed on their own too.

Rocky Road Sauvignon/Semillon, Margaret River, McHenry Hohnen 2018, 12.5% AW02118 🍷 16.20

## Chardonnay

Once a byword for blousy and overblown, Australian Chardonnays are almost becoming too refined as producers swing too far the other way. When done well, they take their oak nicely or impress as unoaked versions.

Lyrebird Chardonnay, Victoria 2021, 13% AW00121 🍷 9.40

House of Certain Views Unwooded Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, Margan 2022, 12% AW03522 🍷 14.50

Margan Chardonnay, Hunter Valley 2022, 12% AW03722 🍷 14.60

Two in the Bush Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, Bird in Hand 2021, 12.5% AW08121 🍷 14.95

Bird in Hand Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills 2020, 13% AW08020 🍷 21.00

Mac Forbes Chardonnay, Yarra Valley 2019, 12.5% AW13019 🍷 28.00

## SWEET

Late-harvested, super-ripe grapes deliver fabulous, sweet flavours balanced by clean acidity. Please see our 'Other Fortifieds' for a great Muscat from Rutherglen.

Mitchell Noble Semillon, Clare Valley 2018 - Half AS00118H 🍷 12.50



Contemporary food on Waiheke Island

# New Zealand

Frosts in 2021 and apocalyptic floods in 2023, at least 2022 saw a relatively trouble-free, generous harvest. New Zealand's relatively pristine environment, large variation between night and day temperatures, and vineyards protected from rainfall by tall mountain ranges, give great conditions for making fruit-filled wines. In the southern hemisphere these cooler latitudes are only shared by Tasmania and Patagonia. Following New Zealand's huge worldwide success with Sauvignon Blanc, now it is raising the stakes with Pinot Noir as well, particularly from Central Otago, Martinborough and Marlborough. We also rather like the Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots from Hawke's Bay.

Starting with the South Island, **Marlborough** on the north-east coast has become, in not much more than 30 years, the world's pre-eminent region for Sauvignon Blanc. Blenheim is the main town and the Wairau is the braided river that drains into Cloudy Bay, having deposited large beds of gravelly soils along the way. These soils, along with low rainfall (this valley sits in a rain shadow) and cool nights, give the perfect growing conditions for Sauvignon. Most vineyards are on the valley floor but Sam and Mandy Weaver, with sons Jack and Ben, of Churton Wines (named after a village in Shropshire!) chose the southern slopes for their Sauvignon and Pinot Noir wines. **Cloudy Bay** is now a large operation owned by French conglomerate LVMH, but it still produces benchmark wines. We work with talented Ben Glover, based just outside Renwick in the heart of Marlborough, to produce Tanners New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. **Waverider** is produced in Marlborough then shipped to the UK for bottling.

North-west of Marlborough, across the Mt Richmond Range, **Nelson** benefits from the maritime influence of Tasman Bay. Curiously, it is actually further north than the southernmost bit of the North Island. The perfectly formed organic estate, **Greenhough**, run by Drew and Jenny Greenhough, makes fruit-filled, elegant wines. **Central Otago** has several sub-districts occupying the valleys down from Queenstown and Wanaka, both in the South Island's Lake District. It competes with Patagonia to have the most southerly vineyards in the world, making it ideal Pinot Noir and light white wine territory. **Domain Road** Vineyard is near Bannockburn in the centre of the region; owners Graeme and Gillian Crosbie have 14 Ha of vines and old family links to the area going back to the gold mining days. Also making superb wines next door is **Felton Road** which is owned by Brits, Nigel Greening and his daughter Nicola, whose vineyards were amongst the earliest in the area; they are managed biodynamically.

Jumping up to the **North Island**, Wairarapa with its sub-district **Martinborough**, is not to be confused with Marlborough! Here Larry McKenna, an icon of the Kiwi wine scene, co-founded **Escarpment** with its terroir-focussed wines from 24 Ha of vineyards. It's a long drive from there through open sheep country up the east coast to **Hawke's Bay** and the towns of Napier and Hastings. Here the main secret of success is the wonderful free-draining alluvial soils including the Gimblett Gravels which are not dissimilar to those of the Haut-Médoc. They ripen both Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully. **Pask Winery** has new owners, the Benton Group, which is investing heavily in both the vineyards and

the winery, including an on-site brewery. Kate Radburnd is now producing a small range of top-quality wines under her own **Radburnd Cellars** label made in a bijou winery using carefully sourced fruit from the Hawke's Bay area. **Te Mata Estate** at Havelock North is the oldest winemaking property in New Zealand, with the Buck family making a sophisticated range of wines. To the north-west of **Auckland**, the climate should, on paper, be warmer than vineyards further south but is sandwiched both sides by cool oceans. At **Kumeu River** Michael Brajkovich MW and family produce some of the most respected Chardonnays in the world from 30 Ha of vines, carefully subdivided into single vineyard sites. To this they have recently invested in a top site, inland from Hawke's Bay, called Ray's Road.

## DRY WHITE

### Various Grape Varieties

Generally cooler than its neighbour Australia, New Zealand lends itself well to the grape varieties of Alsace and southern Germany.

Kumeu Village Hand Harvested Pinot Gris, Auckland 2022, 14%	NW09322		13.90
Escarpment Pinot Gris, Martinborough 2020, 13%	NW00320		17.50
Domain Road 'Defiance' Pinot Gris, Central Otago 2020, 14%	NW09120		17.95
Domain Road 'The Water Race' Dry Riesling, Central Otago 2019, 12.5%	NW04819		16.70
Greenhough 'Apple Valley' Riesling, Nelson 2022, 9%	NW09722		16.90
Natural State Field Blend, Marlborough, Churton 2021, 13.5%	NW09521		21.00
Churton Viognier, Marlborough 2019, 15%	NW04519		25.50

### Sauvignon Blanc













We are advocates of a little restraint here: all that gooseberry, tinned asparagus and tomato leaves can be too much of a good thing! Marlborough is not the only place though to find good New Zealand Sauvignon.

Tanners New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2022, 12.5%	NW05122		14.40
Waverider Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2022, 12%	NW10422		12.50
Perfect Cut Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2022, 12.5%	NW05822		12.40
Pask Instinct 'Bud Burst' Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2021, 13%	NW03421		13.20
Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Sauvignon Blanc, Hawke's Bay 2022, 13%	NW00222		11.80
Greenhough 'River Garden' Sauvignon Blanc, Nelson 2022, 13%	NW09822		15.50
Domain Road Sauvignon Blanc, Central Otago 2021, 13.5%	NW03721		16.20
Churton Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2022, 14%	NW00122		17.90
Churton 'Best End' Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2019, 14%	NW05419		26.50
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2022, 13.5%	NW01922		28.00

### Chardonnay

New Zealand is fielding some real competition for white burgundy with minerally Chardonnays carefully matured in French oak.



Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2020, 13%	NW02120		11.80
Kumeu Village Chardonnay, Auckland 2021, 13.5% 	NW04021		14.50
Greenhough 'Road Block' Chardonnay, Nelson 2019, 13.5% 	NW09619		18.60
Te Mata Estate Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2020, 13.5%	NW04420		19.50
Pask 'Declaration' Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2019, 13%	NW03519		19.95
Kumeu River Ray's Road Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2020, 13.5% 	NW09420		25.00
Cloudy Bay Chardonnay, Marlborough 2020, 13.5%	NW03020		34.00
Radburnd Chardonnay, Hawke's Bay 2018, 13% 	NW09918		43.00

## SWEET











The quality of sweet wine is on the up in New Zealand. Churton's Petit Manseng is medium sweet and ideal as an apéritif or dessert wine.

Churton Petit Manseng, Marlborough 2017 - 50cl, 13%	NS00217C		34.00
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## RED












### Various Grape Varieties

Cabernet, Merlot and Bordeaux blends do well in the warm, dry climate of Hawke's Bay, as does Syrah whose white pepper character is more akin to the Northern Rhône than, say, Barossa.

Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Cabernet/Merlot/Malbec, Hawke's Bay 2019, 13% 	NR01419		14.95
Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2019, 13%	NR01519		14.95
Te Mata Estate Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2020, 13.5% 	NR03220		19.95
Te Mata Estate 'Awatea' Cabernets/Merlot, Hawke's Bay 2019, 13.5%	NR01619		32.00
Radburnd Merlot/Cabernet, Hawke's Bay 2018, 13.5% 	NR05018		43.00
Radburnd Syrah, Hawke's Bay 2018, 13.5% 	NR04918		45.00

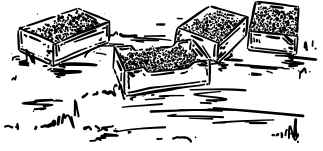
### Pinot Noir

As the vines get older and production methods are refined, Kiwi Pinot Noirs just get better and better, and not only from Central Otago.

Pask Instinct Pinot Noir, Wairarapa 2020, 13.5% 	NR02520		13.80
Greenhough 'Stone's Throw' Pinot Noir, Nelson 2017, 13.5% 	NR08117		19.95
Natural State Pinot Noir, Marlborough, Churton 2020, 13% 	NR04820		21.00
Churton Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2020, 13.5%	NR00120		27.00
Cloudy Bay Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2020, 14%	NR02320		37.00
Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago 2021, 14% 	NR00921		48.00
Churton 'The Abyss', Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2017, 13%	NR03117		48.00

# South Africa

With great wines, food and service, the Cape is an ideal holiday destination, especially when British skies are cold and grey. A week or two spent there helps immeasurably in placing the wines in each region and building an appreciation of South Africa's valuable vinous offering.



Two oceans, two weather systems and two deep-sea currents meet at the Cape, leading to a diversity of weather between regions, even on a given day! This means that areas such as **Stellenbosch**, **Paarl**, **Elgin** and **Constantia** which are really not that far apart, all have a propensity to succeed with different grape varieties. The wine culture is almost the oldest in the New World, being brought by French Huguenots in the years after 1685 and with them cuttings of vines including Chenin and Sauvignon Blanc. **Franschhoek** even means 'French Corner'!

The **Coastal Region** is the most important region for quality wine, encompassing the districts of: Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, Paarl, Wellington, Swartland and Cape Town, Constantia being a 'ward' of the last. The ridges dividing these areas can be viewed from the top of Table Mountain. Chenin, Sauvignon, Pinotage, Syrah and Cabernet grapes all thrive. **Stellenbosch** starts around the bay from Cape Town with **Journey's End**. Here the Gabb family's sloping vineyards are cooled by strong sea breezes. Nearby the name of one of the oldest estates, **Meerlust** even refers to the sea; a producer of fine reds, it has been in the Myburgh family since 1756. Occupying the country between Stellenbosch town and Cape Town are the rolling Bottelary Hills where Danie and Yngvild Steytler of Kaapzicht make generous reds in a proper country winery. Clos Malverne is a 27 Ha property in the Devon Valley sub-section of Stellenbosch with a fantastic view of mountains which reminded a former owner of the Malvern Hills! The Pritchard family has been making wines here since 1985 and have gained a reputation for 'handcrafted' wines, the reds being made using basket presses open top fermenters.

Over the pass between savage escarpments, the pretty valley of Franschhoek is overlooked by La Petite Ferme restaurant which also has vines and a boutique winery. We have imported their wines for many years. Down in the town, Franschhoek Cellars is the source of our ever-reliable **Freedom Cross** wines. In the northern part of Paarl, on the way to Swartland, affable Irishman Edwin Doran and his business partner André Badenhorst, a South African wine icon, make a super range at **Doran Vineyards**. On the eastern flanks of Table Mountain is Constantia where the historic style of sweet wine – Vin de Constance – was revived at Klein Constantia.

The **Cape South Coast** region stretches from the popular holiday resort of Hermanus on **Walker Bay** right round to Cape Agulhas, the most southerly point of Africa. It's the Cape's most maritime region so makes great Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and aromatic wines. In its inland section, **Elgin** is a centre for apple growing which wasn't enough for the Cluver family, so they started **Paul Cluver** Wines specialising in cooler climate varieties. Also in Elgin, Mark Dendy-Young, formerly of La Petite Ferme, is working with Pinot specialist

Franschhoek wine tram



Franschhoek









Cathy Marshall to produce some special wines from high lying, cool vineyards for his **Cape Elevation Vineyards** label. If you follow the pretty Hemel-in-Aarde (Heaven on Earth) valley down towards the coast, you come to **Bouchard Finlayson** where Peter Finlayson does a very good job of making truly Burgundian style wines.

Due north and behind the Riviersonderend mountains is **Robertson** in the **Breede River Valley** region. Not only is Robertson a great source of flavoursome wines in serious quantities, it is well-known for breeding racehorses. The **River Grandeur** wines come from vineyards on the banks of the Breede River owned by Fred and Manie Viljoen of **Viljoensdrift**, not the easiest of our suppliers to pronounce! The **Wide River** wines from the excellent Robertson Winery represent super value for money. 'Western Cape' is a widely used designation which allows blending from all the well-known areas of the Cape.

## DRY WHITE





### Chenin Blanc & Blends

Chenin Blanc is the Cape's most important white grape producing some of the best value whites on the market today, and some deliciously concentrated versions from older vines.

Wide River Chenin Blanc, Robertson 2022, 12.5% 	KW00222		8.40
Freedom Cross Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, Franschoek Cellar 2022, 12.5%	KW00122		8.90
Running Duck Chenin/Sauvignon Blanc, Stellar Organics 2021, 12.5%  	KW04121		9.50
Doran Vineyards 'Arya', Voor Paardeberg 2022, 13% 	KW04922		13.50
Doran Vineyards Chenin Blanc, Voor Paardeberg 2021, 14% 	KW04821		13.80







### Various Grape Varieties

The inland areas of the Cape can be quite Rhône-like in climate so Viognier does well with lighter aromatic varieties excelling in the higher or more maritime sites.

Wide River Viognier, Robertson 2022, 13% 	KW00422		8.95
La Petite Ferme Viognier, Franschoek 2021, 14%	KW02221		14.50
Paul Cluver Estate Riesling, Elgin 2022, 12%	KW04322		15.60

### Sauvignon Blanc

Brought over by the Huguenots in the 18th century, Sauvignon has a long history here. Stylistically they tend to sit somewhere between Sancerre and Marlborough Sauvignons.

Freedom Cross Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, Franschoek Cellar 2022, 12.5%	KW01122		9.40
Kingklip Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Coast 2021, 12.5% 	KW05921		9.95
River Grandeur Sauvignon Blanc, Viljoensdrift, Robertson 2022, 14.5%	KW04222		11.80
La Petite Ferme Sauvignon Blanc, Franschoek 2022, 13.5% 	KW01222		13.50

Clos Malverne Sauvignon Blanc, Lightly Filtered, Stellenbosch 2021, 13.5%	KW05821		13.50
Catherine Marshall Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2021, 13.5%	KW02621		14.40
Cape Elevation Vineyards 'Contour Path' Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2020, 13.5%	KW05020		14.95

## Chardonnay

There are some great Chardonnays from the Cape and those from the cooler sites have flavour profiles to match decent white burgundies. We avoid over-oaked examples!

Freedom Cross Chardonnay, Western Cape, Franschhoek Cellar 2021, 13.5%	KW01521		9.30
Baboon Rock Unwooded Chardonnay, Franschhoek, La Petite Ferme 2022, 14%	KW03622		13.70
Journey's End 'Haystack' Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2021, 13%	KW03221		13.30
Bouchard Finlayson 'Sans Barrique' Chardonnay, Overberg 2020, 13.5%	KW01720		16.50
La Petite Ferme Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Franschhoek 2020, 12.5%	KW02120		16.50
Journey's End 'Destination' Chardonnay, Stellenbosch 2019, 14%	KW05619		24.00
Bouchard Finlayson 'Missionvale' Chardonnay, Walker Bay 2020, 13.5%	KW03920		24.50
Stonebird Chardonnay, Cape South Coast 2017, 13.5%	KW07917		27.00

## SWEET

Some fascinating sweet wines come out of South Africa despite it being generally too dry for Noble Rot. There is also a long history of making 'Port' and 'Sherry' style wines.

Vin de Constance, Constantia, Klein Constantia 2018 - 50cl, 14%	KS00118C		62.00
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## RED














### Various Grape Varieties

Pinot Noir does surprisingly well in the cooler spots of South Africa; it can be blazing hot in Stellenbosch whilst blowing a gale in Hermanus on the same day!

Freedom Cross Cinsault/Cabernet, Western Cape 2020, 13.5%	KR00120		9.30
Cape Elevation Vineyards 'Trig Beacon' Pinot Noir, Elgin 2019, 13.5%	KR05819		19.95
Stonebird Pinot Noir, Cape South Coast 2017, 14%	KR06017		27.00
Bouchard Finlayson 'Galpin Peak' Pinot Noir, Walker Bay 2020, 13.5%	KR02620		32.00









## Shiraz

The Shiraz (Syrah) from South Africa is very exciting due to its fine peppery character and juiciness. It enjoys the warmer inland sites best.

Wide River Shiraz, Robertson 2021, 13.5% 	KR00321		8.95
Running Duck Shiraz, Western Cape, Stellar Organics 2021, 13%  	KR02121		9.50
River Grandeur Shiraz, Robertson, Viljoensdrift 2020, 14.5%	KR05020		13.50
Doran Vineyards Iosa Shiraz/Grenache Noir, Voor Paardeberg 2018, 14% 	KR05218		13.80
Journey's End Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2018, 14% 	KR03818		16.80
La Petite Ferme Shiraz, Franschhoek 2019, 14%	KR02419		16.90
Kaapzicht 'Suidooster' Shiraz, Stellenbosch 2019, 14% 	KR00819		19.50





















## Pinotage

The Pinotage grape, a 1925 crossing between Cinsault and Pinot Noir, is unique to South Africa. In the right hands it makes lovely soft reds whilst avoiding the somewhat 'tarry' character it can have.

Freedom Cross Pinotage, Western Cape 2021, 13.5% 	KR01021		9.20
Doran Vineyards Pinotage, Voor Paardeberg 2019, 14% 	KR05319		13.80
River Grandeur Pinotage, Robertson, Viljoensdrift 2020, 14.5% 	KR05120		15.70
Kaapzicht 'Rooiland' Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2020, 14.5% 	KR01220		19.50

## Merlot & Cabernet

Most South African estates aspire to making great Cabernet, Merlot or Bordeaux blends. A good number succeed in making truly world class wines. These grapes are reliable performers.

Wide River Merlot, Robertson 2020, 13% 	KR04020		8.95
Journey's End 'Pastor's Blend' Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot, Stellenbosch 2020, 14%	KR03620		12.90
Clos Malverne Merlot, Traditionally Basket Pressed, Stellenbosch 2019, 14% 	KR06719		14.50
La Petite Ferme Cabernet Sauvignon, Franschhoek 2019, 13.5%	KR02319		16.50
Journey's End Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2017, 14.5% 	KR03717		16.70
Journey's End Cabernet Franc, Stellenbosch 2019, 14% 	KR06519		16.70
Journey's End 'Cape Doctor - The Red', Stellenbosch 2017, 14.5% 	KR04217		24.00
Meerlust Merlot, Stellenbosch 2017, 14%	KR01917		23.50
La Petite Ferme Merlot, Franschhoek 2020, 14%	KR02220		16.50
Clos Malverne Reserve 'Auret', Basket Pressed, Stellenbosch 2018, 14.5% 	KR06818		18.50
Verdict, Franschhoek, La Petite Ferme 2017, 14.5%	KR04417		24.00
Meerlust 'Rubicon', Stellenbosch 2018, 14% 	KR03018		35.00
Steytler 'Vision', Stellenbosch, Kaapzicht 2020, 14.5%	KR03120		49.50

# Chile

Chile's reputation is for good quality 'entry-level' reds, which is much deserved, but the country has so much more to offer. It is a great wine producing nation with wonderfully bright sunshine tempered by cool sea-breezes or sloping vineyards and higher altitudes. It is also a relatively pristine environment that seems to bring real purity to the wines. There is such an interesting variety of flavoursome, mid-range wines to explore, as well as powerfully dense, top-end stars. It's Chile's lateral valleys that run down from the Andes, across the Central Valley and through Coastal Range, that bring variety to the table. Great, gluggable glasses of Merlot and Carmenère are here for the taking, but if you search further you will come across the more complex blends, with a curranty claret-like edge to the Cabernet-dominant wines. The **Maipo Valley** which fans out from capital city, Santiago, is Chile's most established vineyard area and the first region of the fertile **Valle Central** or Central Valley. It is home to the original 'grandee' companies of Chilean wine and is the heartland for lovely Bordeaux-inspired reds. Pressure from real estate development here has steadily pushed Maipo's vineyards eastwards onto the slopes of the Andes, which has actually improved the finesse and elegance of many reds. This Alto Maipo sub-area probably has the best terroir and is now producing world-class reds. One grandee is **Cousiño Macul** – a family-owned operation with some 267 Ha of vines – which has jumped ship from the encroaching suburbs to Buin. **Santa Ema** is owned by the Pavone family, who originated in Piedmont, and is situated at El Peral in the Isla de Maipo sub-area, surrounded by 50 Ha of the company's own vines.









The next region south is the **Cachapoal Valley** around the town of Rancagua which is now the main wine-producing area for Santiago. Then you come to **Colchagua** which is fast developing as a prime production area with many new wineries springing up. It's the stronghold for **Luis Felipe Edwards (LFE)**, an important family company which produces our **Pacamaya** wines, amongst others. **Sutil Family Vineyards** are also in Colchagua, but they source grapes from other top regions too, making the superb Cucao range as well as top red blend Acrux. It was founded by energetic entrepreneur, Juan Sutil, in 1995. The Lolol Valley, a sub-area in south-west Colchagua, is the Chilean home of François Lurton, of the famous Bordeaux wine family, who produces flavoursome biodynamic wines at **Hacienda Araucano**. Colchagua and Cachapoal grapes can be used together in wines labelled '**Rapel**'. Two hundred kilometres south of Santiago, the Curicó region, along with its neighbour, **Maule**, is relatively sheltered from the maritime weather by the coastal range, but the vineyards can be dry-farmed, without irrigation, to produce excellent reds and whites. Famous Catalanian wine producers, **Miguel Torres**, has been in Maule since 1979. These regions, from Maipo down to Maule, can all provide grapes for wines labelled '**Valle Central**'. Vineyards are also being planted in the Coastal Range near the Pacific Ocean, benefiting from the cooler breezes that blow inland. Just north of Santiago, the **Aconcagua Valley** is warmer, making very good Merlot-based reds. West of Santiago is **Casablanca**, on the way to the Pacific port of Valparaíso, which produces world class whites with brilliantly fresh flavours. South-west is San Antonio with its better-known enclave, the short **Leyda Valley** which is reputed for top quality Pinot Noir. In the southern region, at latitudes

similar to Tasmania and NZ's South Island, the vineyards of Bío-Bío, Itata, Malleco, Cautin and Osorno – these last two being in the Lake District – are most suited to aping Burgundy and Germany, such are the vagaries of the weather. Way north of Santiago, the vines of the Limarí, Chopapa and Elqui Valleys – in the Coquimbo region – need altitude and morning fog to mitigate against the intense heat. Sadly, they have been suffering from lack of water in recent years. Huasco is on the edge of the Atacama Desert whereas Copiapó is within it.

## DRY WHITE

















### Various Grape Varieties

There are plenty of cooler spots in Chile's various valleys where aromatic grapes such as Gewurztraminer flourish, especially in the more southern regions, whilst **Viognier**, **Roussanne** and **Marsanne** thrive in certain spots too.

Los Coches Viognier, Valle Central 2022, 13.5% 	QW09222		8.95
Los Coches Pinot Grigio, Valle Central 2021, 12.5% 	QW10121		8.95
Alto Los Romeros Gewurztraminer, Reserva, Valle Central 2021, 13% 	QW09321		9.90
Alto Los Romeros Roussanne/Marsanne, Gran Reserva, Colchagua 2020, 13.5% 	QW09420		12.50

### Sauvignon Blanc

Fresh and pin-bright, Chilean Sauvignons have lots of clean fruit that's not as full-on as those from New Zealand.

Ladera Verde Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2022, 12.5%  †	QW00822		8.60
Pacamaya Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2022, 12.5% 	QW09022		8.70
Pato Torrente Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2022, 12% 	QW03522		8.70
Cucao 'Reserva Especial' Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2021, 12.5% 	QW09521		10.50
Santa Digna Sauvignon Blanc Reserva, Valle Central, Miguel Torres 2021, 13%	QW01321		11.70
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Sauvignon Blanc, Maipo 2020, 13.5% †	QW04520		11.80
Cucao Gran Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2021, 13% 	QW09621		12.30
Cucao 'SB Reserva' Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2020, 13% 	QW09620		12.50
Humo Blanco Sauvignon Blanc, Valle de Lolol, Hacienda Araucano 2020, 13.5%  🍷	QW04020		14.50

### Chardonnay

The most established vineyards are the Casablanca Valley, now justifiably famous for Chardonnay, as well as big new plantings in the coastal mountain range, near the sea in the Colchagua region. Our own-label is particularly juicy with a hint of oak – not as much as you find in Reserva and Gran Reserva styles which tend to be weightier and show a more oaky side to their flavour.

Tanners Chilean Chardonnay, Colchagua Valley 2021, 13% 	QW09821		9.95
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Ladera Verde Chardonnay, Valle Central 2022, 13%	QW02822		8.60
Pato Torrente Chardonnay, Valle Central 2021, 13%	QW01721		8.70
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir Reserva' Chardonnay, Maipo 2021, 13%	QW06421		11.80
Cousiño-Macul Chardonnay, Maipo 2021, 13.5%	QW01921		11.90
Cucao Chardonnay, Winemaker's Collection, Valle Casablanca 2021, 14%	QW09721		14.50
Humo Blanco Chardonnay, Vale de Lolol, Hacienda Araucano 2022, 14%	QW04122		14.50

## ROSÉ

Made a little darker and fuller compared to a classic French rosé, the quality of Cabernet comes through well, and works with lighter, pasta style dishes.

Pato Torrente Rosé, Valle Central 2021, 12%	QP00121		8.70
Santa Digna Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé Reserva, Valle Central, Torres 2021, 13.5%	QP00221		11.30

## RED

### Various Grape Varieties

**Pinot Noir** is making strides forward, but it's Chile's flagship grape, **Carmenère**, that really leads the line-up with highly drinkable, chocolatey wines. For the best expression of what Carmenère can do in a blend, try the top wines from Colchagua; they are beautifully tempered.

Los Coches Carmenère, Valle del Rapel 2022, 13%	QR07922		9.40
Los Coches Pinot Noir, Valle Central 2021, 12.5%	QR08121		9.40
Cucao 'CA Reserva Especial' Carmenère, Valle Central 2019, 13%	QR00919		10.50
Sutil Grand Reserve Carignan/Garnacha, Valle de Maule 2020, 14%	QR08920		14.50
Santa Ema Gran Reserva Carmenère, Cachapoal 2021, 14%	QR07321		15.80
Sutil Limited Release Syrah, Valle de Limari 2019, 14%	QR08719		18.50
Acrux, Colchagua, Sutil 2017, 14%	QR08317		25.00
Acrux, Colchagua, Sutil 2019 - Magnum, 14%	QR08319M		59.95

### Merlot











The grape that put Chile on the map is still a dependable choice for easy, versatile red wines. There are important plantings all the way down from Maipo into the cooler parts of the Central Valley.

Ladera Verde Merlot, Valle Central 2022, 13%  †	QR01922		8.60
Pacamaya Merlot, Valle Central 2022, 13%	QR07822		8.70
Pato Torrente Merlot, Valle Central 2022, 12.5%	QR04722		8.80
Cucao Reserva Especial Merlot, Colchagua 2019, 13%	QR08219		10.50
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Merlot Reserva, Maipo 2020, 13.5% †	QR07120		11.80



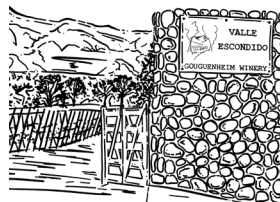
## Cabernet Sauvignon

The quality of Cabernet Sauvignon in Chile is excellent, perfectly demonstrated by our 'own label' wine. If you want a softer, more generous style than claret whilst still keeping elegance and finesse, this is a good hunting ground. Blackcurrant and cigar box flavours are hallmarks.

Tanners Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley 2020, 13% 	QR08820		9.95
Ladera Verde Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Central 2022, 13% 	QR06122		8.60
Pato Torrente Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Central 2021, 13% 	QR02521		8.70
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo 2021, 13.5%	QR07221		11.80
Cucao Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley 2019, 13.5% 	QR02619		12.30
Cousiño-Macul 'Antiguas Reservas' Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo 2018, 14%	QR02918		14.95

## Argentina

Not just known for its footballing talent, there has been a massive explosion in popularity for Argentinian Malbec in recent years, and without doubt this has carried the perception of Argentina as a recognisable wine-producing country to the wine consumer. Rich and spicy reds are the order of the day in Argentina, often produced on the lower hillsides of the snowy Andes. It's the slopes in the **Mendoza** province, with their deep alluvial soils brought down by rivers from the Andes, that produce stunning wines including **Malbec** which is now recognised as a world-class variety. These smoky, beefy Malbecs are backed up by dense, juicy Merlots and Bonardas, to say nothing of the spicy, sherbety delights of Viognier and Torrontés in the whites. With all that Latin blood from the early settlers, it's not very surprising that the Argentinians get a lot of flavour and passion into their wines, making this range one of the most exciting we have!



Mendoza city, Argentina's wine capital, is a mere 70-odd miles from the Chilean border and over the years we have regularly shipped wines out via Chile and the Pacific rather than take the long overland trip to the Atlantic. Mendoza predominantly produces red wines and includes the crucible of Malbec, the **Luján de Cuyo** area, just south of Mendoza city. Here **Don Cristóbal 1842**, a family bodega run by Eduardo Lapania, has vineyards and produces Tanners Argentinian Malbec for us alongside their fabulous 'top' blended red, Triana. South-east of the city is Maipú where son and father, Sebastián and José Zuccardi, of **Familia Zuccardi** have their Santa Julia winery. They have recently built a state-of-the-art winery further south in the Uco Valley (Valle de Uco), which is an important area of Mendoza that is burgeoning with foreign investment. François Lurton, a senior member of the Bordeaux dynasty, identified the Uco Valley's gravelly soils for making top reds and Pinot Gris when he set up **Bodega Piedra Negra** near Tunuyán. In contrast and despite




his surname, Patricio **Gouguenheim** is Argentinian. His family winery in the Tupungato district of the Uco Valley makes the most of the area's propensity for international grapes. With grapes growing at an altitude of 1,000 metres or more, you'll find freshness and pure harmony in all these wines.

The other Argentinian wine regions are somewhat confusing until one realises that they are labelled simply according to their province. **San Juan**, one province up from Mendoza, is building a reputation for Syrah, then historic **La Rioja** has big areas producing large quantities of soft, easy-drinking wines. Wine-wise, **Salta** is the most important province in the North with its wineries clustered around Cafayate and it lays claim to the world's highest vineyard at 10,206 feet above sea level. Down in windy Patagonia, the main bodegas are situated along the Río Negro. With our Welsh heritage, we so want to like the wines of **Patagonia** and are pleased to have found a worthy, quite simple Malbec from near the **Río Negro**. The Welsh settled further south in Chubut province which itself has vines but only 100 Ha, however one day it will doubtless beat New Zealand in having the world's most southerly vineyard.

## RED













### Various Grape Varieties

Settlers in Argentina were mainly of Latin origin, so it is no wonder that alongside Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah from France, you'll find Tempranillo from Spain and Bonarda from Italy. All benefit from the extra sunshine that they enjoy here, fleshing out the core of these wines and making them rich and ripe to drink.

Las Pampas Shiraz/Malbec, Mendoza 2022, 12.5%	TR05122		9.50
Cristóbal 1492 Bonarda, Mendoza 2021, 14%	TR01921		11.80
Gouguenheim Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Escondido, Mendoza 2020, 13.5%	TR04420		12.50

### Malbec & Blends

Argentinian **Malbec** is now recognised around the world as a mostly rich, soft style of red wine that is as easy to drink on its own as it is to pair with the beef for which Argentina is justly famous. Grown at altitude in the Andean foothills, Malbec has good purity of flavour, yet plenty of concentration and power, which combines to make it a major world player today. Don't forget that the French still make Malbec, its origins being south of Bordeaux and around Cahors, and it is doing well in the Languedoc.

Tanners Argentinian Malbec, Mendoza 2022, 13.5% 	TR05222		9.95
Las Pampas Malbec, Mendoza 2022, 13.5%	TR04922		10.30
Cristóbal 1492 Malbec, Mendoza 2021, 13.5% 	TR01821		11.60
Cristóbal 1492 Malbec, Mendoza 2020 - Magnum, 14% 	TR01820M		23.50
Ojos del Sur Malbec, Patagonia 2021, 13.5% <small>NEW</small>	TR06521		12.90
Piedra Negra Malbec, Alta Coleccion, Mendoza, Lurton 2022, 13.5% 	TR01122		13.90
Bodega Piedra Negra Reserve Malbec, Mendoza 2021, 14.5% 	TR01321		17.50

Zuccardi 'Apelación' Malbec, Vista Flores, Mendoza 2020, 14%	TR05320	17.90
Gouguenheim Blue Melosa (Malbec), Flores del Valle, Mendoza 2018, 14%	TR04718	18.90
Don Cristóbal 'Triana', Mendoza 2015, 15%	TR02415	24.00
Zuccardi 'Concreto' Malbec, Mendoza 2020, 14%	TR06220	28.50
Piedra Negra Reserve Malbec, Mendoza, Lurton 2017 - Magnum, 14.5%	TR01317M	34.00
Chacayes, Valle de Uco, Bodega François Lurton 2008, 15.5%	TR03108	67.00

## DRY WHITE

**Torrontés**, originating in north-west Spain, is Argentina's flagship white grape. It is deliciously floral and grapey in flavour. **Pinot Grigio/Gris** performs well too, keeping lovely aromas when grown at altitude but also developing a richness and personality sometimes lacking in Italian examples. **Chardonnay** arguably shows the most quality; again, the cool micro-climates found on the higher slopes of the Uco Valley can produce precise flavours which combine well with oak to give great potential to age.

Las Pampas Chenin/Torrontés, Mendoza 2021, 12%	TW02121	9.50
Cristóbal 1492 Torrontés, Mendoza 2021, 13%	TW01521	11.60
Cristóbal 1492 Chardonnay, Mendoza 2021, 13%	TW01421	11.60
Gouguenheim Torrontés, Valle Escondido, Mendoza 2021, 13%	TW01821	11.90
Ojos del Sur Sauvignon, Patagonia 2022, 12.5% <sup>NEW</sup>	TW02422	12.90
Piedra Negra Pinot Gris, Alta Colección, Valle de Uco, Lurton 2022, 12.5%	TW00822	13.50

## SWEET

Invariably dry autumnal weather allows 'Late-harvest' wines to be made around Maipu, mainly from the aromatic Torrontés and Viognier grapes. The fermentation is stopped by cooling and filtering, which allows the natural sweetness and balance to shine through.

Santa Julia 'Tardío', Mendoza 2021 - Half, 8.5%	TS00121H	8.50
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Grape sorting at Don Cristobal



# United States

Worldwide demand for the top wines of California, and increasingly Oregon, is driving prices and investment up meaning the wines are getting ever better but also scarcer. We have periodic allocations of these super wines so keep an eye on our Oddments List and our email offers.

**California** is by far the biggest wine-producing state in North America. Two of the best-known regions, Napa and Sonoma, sit side-by-side to the north of San Francisco Bay. Carneros straddles the two and is the source of **Doug Shafer's** Chardonnays whilst the winery is in Stag's Leap, a district of Napa which is famed for its Cabernets and Merlots. **Christian Moueix**, the famous Right Bank Bordeaux producer, established Dominus Estate on the 43 Ha Napanook vineyard in 1983. Situated near Yountville in southern Napa, three wines are produced: Dominus, its flagship, Napanook and Othello. In Carneros, the Swiss-owned **Cuvaision Winery** has been perfecting superbly elegant Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays for nearly 50 years, while based in the north of Sonoma, **Rodney Strong** vineyards has holdings throughout the area and carefully matches grape varieties to the soil type and microclimates to produce excellent examples. Fred Cline of **Cline Cellars** in southern Sonoma produces some great wines from Rhône varieties that are terrific value. East of Napa is the city of Sacramento and the Clarksburg and Lodi wine areas, both great sources of excellent value wines from some different grape varieties. The **Bogle Vineyard** holdings run to some 650 Ha but remain firmly in family hands. The grapes are grown in a sustainable manner taking full advantage of the warmer climate. Near Livermore to the east of San Francisco Bay, is **Wente Vineyards** with 5th generation Karl Wente at its head. Founded in 1883, it claims to be the longest continuously operated family winery in the USA. Proximity to the water provides cooling fogs which protect the vines from the intense summer heat giving more elegant wines. Just by San Jose in the Santa Cruz mountains is **Ridge Vineyards** which champions single-vineyard wine production from across California.

Heading south again, towards Los Angeles, takes you through Santa Cruz and Monterey but such is the scale of this country that LA is still over a five-hour drive away! This far south the climate is noticeably hotter. This region is home to the 'Rhône Rangers': rich blends of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre/Mataro) which excel in the southern heat. The wines from the Pacific North-West comprise those of firstly Oregon and then Washington State as one travels north. **Oregon** is synonymous with world class Pinot Noirs made by small, family-run wineries. Its vineyards are concentrated in the state's west and the Willamette Valley where, at the **Willakenzie Estate**, they make the most of the cool climate to fashion Burgundy-inspired wines, the name coming from a combination of the nearby Willamette and McKenzie rivers. On paper **Washington State** should be cooler than Oregon but the Columbia and Yakima Valleys are in the rain shadow of the Cascade Mountains giving a warm, dry, more continental climate that is ideal for grape production. The West Coast's success means that the wines of the East Coast are largely overlooked by British wine lovers and critics. **New York State's** Finger Lakes and Long Island regions produce some super, edgy Rieslings, Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs. **Virginia** has a vibrant wine industry near

the Blue Ridge Mountains and has a noticeably warmer and more humid climate where Chardonnay, Cabernet and Petit Verdot are doing very well.

## DRY WHITE






### Various Grape Varieties

The USA makes full-flavoured, elegant white wines from a wide variety of different grapes planted in selected sights to suit their individual needs such as Viognier and Chenin Blanc, both of which give pleasure to sip on their own or equally to accompany food.

Cline Viognier, North Coast, California 2021, 14.5% 	UW00221		16.50
Bogle Vineyards Chenin Blanc, Clarksburg, California 2021, 12.5%	UW00121		21.00

### Chardonnay

From the elegant Chardonnay of Carneros and Sonoma with their cooling influence of morning fogs to the bigger, richer examples from warmer areas further south and inland, one can find complex, world-class wines.

Wente 'Morning Fog' Chardonnay, San Francisco Bay 2020, 13.5% 	UW01220		16.20
Rodney Strong Vineyards Chardonnay, Sonoma County 2020, 13.5%	UW02120		24.50
Cuvaision 'Estate Grown' Chardonnay, Carneros, Napa Valley 2018, 14%	UW01618		29.50
The Hilt Estate Chardonnay, Sta Rita Hills, Santa Barbara 2019, 13% <sup>NEW</sup>	UW02919		62.50




## SWEET

In the warm San Joaquin Valley, south-east of San Francisco, Quady Winery specialises in Muscat and fortified wines.

Essensia California Orange Muscat, Dessert Wine, Quady 2021 - Half, 15%	US90021H		15.60
Elysium California Black Muscat, Dessert Wine, Quady 2021 - Half, 15%	US90121H		15.60

## ROSÉ

The demand for easy-drinking rosé wines grows each year, a testament to their friendly flavours and appeal. Rosé made from thick skinned black Zinfandel grapes hardly needs any skin contact to make a pale, off dry and, if well balanced, very drinkable White Zin or Blush Zinfandel.

Foxcover White Zinfandel, California, 10.5%	UP005		9.60
Angel's Flight White Zinfandel, California 2019, 11% 	UP00119		9.95




## RED

### Various Grape Varieties

Rhône varieties, such as Syrah and Mourvèdre, often make for good value wines which



benefit from the warm climate of California. Similarly, these climes also suit more esoteric varieties such as the characterful Petite Sirah grape which is mostly the obscure French Durif grape. These wines, with their warmth and flavour, are great for big-flavoured foods.

Bogle Vineyards Petite Sirah, California 2019, 14.5%	UR00319		21.00
Cline 'Ancient Vines' Mourvèdre, Contra Costa County, California 2019, 14.5% 	UR00419		22.00




## Zinfandel

Zinfandel at its best is rich and tarry with bags of character. Fantastic with red meats, spicy or barbecued, America's 'own' variety makes serious wines. Careful handling in the vineyard and the winery ensures it has both class and structure.

Wente 'Beyer Ranch' Zinfandel, California 2019, 14%	UR00219		16.90
Bogle Vineyards Old Vine Zinfandel, California 2019, 14.5%	UR01719		22.50










## Pinot Noir

Elegant and ethereal, Oregon's Pinot Noirs are very reminiscent of red burgundy while those of California tend to show darker fruit character but are appealing and complex with it.

Cuvaision 'Estate Grown' Pinot Noir, Napa Valley, Los Carneros 2018, 14%	UR02218		35.00
WillaKenzie Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2017, 14%	UR02317		39.00
The Hilt Estate Pinot Noir, Sta Rita Hills, Santa Barbara 2019, 13% <sup>NEW</sup>	UR07219		62.50

## Merlot & Cabernet

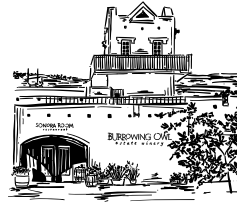
Merlot has, historically, always been strong from California with producers looking to copy topflight Bordeaux reds, often blending it with Cabernet Sauvignon. These top reds are elegant, structured wines that, though capable of ageing, give pleasure throughout their life.

Bogle Vineyards Merlot, California 2019, 14.5%	UR02719		21.00
Wente 'Charles Wetmore' Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley 2018, 14%	UR02918		23.00
Rodney Strong Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County 2019, 14.5%	UR05419		26.00
Othello, Napa Valley, Christian Moueix 2018, 14.5% 	UR05918		46.00
Napanook, Napa Valley, Christian Moueix 2018, 15% 	UR05818		79.95
Dominus, Napa Valley, Christian Moueix 2017, 14.5% 	UR04417		260.00



## Rest of Americas

The European explorers and subsequent settlers brought with them the culture of grape growing and wine-making the results are evident for all to see. Whilst the USA, Chile and Argentina are the most prolific producers in the Americas, Uruguay, Brazil and Peru all produce wines and we continue to be on the look-out for good bottles from these countries. Grape growing, and as a result wine production, has spread throughout the American continent but is generally concentrated on the more temperate regions. Brought by European pioneers, the grape varieties planted often reflect their geographic roots. There are some fantastic wines produced in Canada and Mexico, and we are eagerly watching developments as the other countries of South America start to make inroads into our market.



### Mexico

Those thirsty conquistadores weren't going to go without wine, so they kicked off wine production as early as 1521! This is the earliest of any country in the Americas. In truth however, Mexico's modern wine industry only dates from the last 30 years or so, much of it the result of considerable investment from Spain. Baja California, just south of the US border, has the greatest area under vine, with temperatures tempered a little by the proximity of the Pacific Ocean. The vine-covered **Guadalupe Valley** is only 1½ hours' drive south from the border town of Tijuana; there are other vineyards down towards Mexico City, but they need to be at higher, cooler elevations.

#### RED

The LA Cetto winery in the Guadalupe Valley produces characterful reds from international grape varieties such as Italy's Nebbiolo, as well as the lesser-known Petite Sirah.

LA Cetto Petite Sirah, Baja California 2019, 14%	TR01619	10.50
LA Cetto Private Reserve Nebbiolo, Baja California 2015, 14%	TR01715	16.95

### Canada

The modern Canadian wine industry is relatively young but has a great approach to producing quality wines, which are increasingly travelling outside the country. The industry is 200 years old, but it wasn't until a free trade agreement with the USA in 1988 that it started to expand externally. At first thought, it seems too cold, but the south of the country has a milder climate offering great scope for wine production. This is mainly in British Columbia in the West and, in the East, Ontario with smaller amounts of wine produced in Quebec and Nova Scotia. The Niagara Peninsula area is renowned for icewine. The Okanagan Valley in British Columbia is arguably the finest source in the country. It is home to the Wyse family of Burrowing Owl Estate Winery who make excellent Chardonnay and Syrah from vineyards largely around Osoyoos Lake. Small owls burrow locally, and bears are 'discouraged from sharing the harvest but are never harmed'!

## DRY WHITE

About 300 miles inland from Vancouver, British Columbia's Okanagan Valley has a mild climate, not unlike central France, making it suitable for the production of elegant white wines from French grape varieties, particularly Chardonnay.

Burrowing Owl Chardonnay, Okanagan Valley 2019, 13.5% UW02419  29.50

## RED

The Okanagan Valley's dry climate is also ideal for growing red grape varieties. Merlot and Syrah are doing extremely well, making wines with great character and personality.

Burrowing Owl Merlot, Okanagan Valley 2018, 14% UR06018  34.00

Burrowing Owl Syrah, Okanagan Valley 2018, 14% UR06318  36.00


# Half Bottles

## CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

Tanners Extra Réserve, Brut Champagne - Half, 12%  FC001H  18.90

Ayala Brut Majeur, Champagne - Half, 12% FC043H  19.50

Nyetimber Classic Cuvée, English Sparkling Wine - Half, 12% FI016H  22.00

Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale, Brut Champagne - Half, 12%  FC201H  23.00


Louis Roederer Collection 243, Champagne - Half, 12%  FC243H  27.00

Bollinger Special Cuvée, Brut Champagne - Half, 12% FC014H  29.00

## WHITES

### Burgundy

Mâcon-Chardonnay, Mallory & Benjamin Talmard 2021 - Half, 13%  BW03821H  8.90


Mâcon-Villages, La Crochette, Jean Loron 2020 - Half, 13% BW20720H  9.80

Mâcon-Lugny, Les Genièvres, Maison Louis Latour 2020 - Half, 13% BW03720H  10.50


Chablis, Les Valéry, Jean Durup 2021 - Half, 12%  BW01721H  12.50

Chablis 1er cru Fourchaume, Les Valéry,  
Jean Durup Père et Fils 2021 - Half, 12%  BW02421H  17.50

Chablis 1er cru Côte de Léchet,  
Daniel-Etienne Defaix 2007 - Half, 13%  BW03107H  19.70

Puligny-Montrachet, Chanson Père et Fils 2020 - Half, 13% BW29620H  26.50

Meursault, Louis Latour 2019 - Half, 13.5% BW23719H  37.00

Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Latour 2017 - Half, 13.5% BW10517H  42.00

### Rest of France

Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine Sur Lie,  
Domaine Le Fief de la Brie 2021 - Half, 12%  LW00221H  7.60

Château Tour de Mirambeau, Reserve Blanc,  
Bordeaux 2021 - Half, 12%  CW02321H  7.95

Dopff & Irion Gewurztraminer, Cuvée René Dopff, Alsace 2019 - Half, 14%	JW00619H		9.60
Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine Thibault, Firmin Dezat 2022 - Half, 12.5%	LW01322H		10.95
Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine des Fines Caillasses, Jean Pabiot 2020 - Half, 13.5%	LW01220H		11.50
Sancerre, Firmin Dezat 2022 - Half, 12.5%	LW01022H		11.60

### Rest of Europe

Bagordi Blanco Cosecho, Rioja 2020 - Half, 12.5%	SW10120H		6.20
Tons de Duorum, Douro Branco 2020 - Half, 12.5%	PW02820H		6.20
Dr Loosen Estate Riesling, Mosel 2020 - Half, 8.5%	GW14020H		7.60

### New World

Ladera Verde Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central 2021 - Half, 12%	QW00921H		5.20
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Sauvignon Blanc, Maipo 2020 - Half, 13.5%	QW04520H		6.80
Pask 'Gimblett Gravels' Sauvignon Blanc, Hawke's Bay 2021 - Half, 13.5%	NW00221H		6.95

### ROSÉ

Bagordi Rosado, Rioja 2020 - Half, 13.5%	SP00520H		6.20
Château Tour de Mirambeau, Reserve Rosé, Bordeaux 2021 - Half, 12.5%	CP00721H		7.90









### RED

#### Claret









Tanners Claret, Bordeaux - Half, 13.5%	CR001H		6.50
Château Malbat, Bordeaux 2020 - Half, 14%	CR05420H		5.95
Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux 2020 - Half, 14%	CR02320H		6.30
Château Moulin de Mallet, Bordeaux 2021 - Half, 13%	CR03021H		6.95
Château Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur 2018 - Half, 14%	CR06418H		8.20
Château Montaignillon, Montagne Saint-Emilion 2019 - Half, 14.5%	CR73019H		9.80
Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc 2019 - Half, 13.5%	CR45019H		12.50
Château La Tour de By, Médoc 2019 - Half, 14%	CR45319H		13.50
Duluc de Branaire-Ducru, Saint-Julien 2018 - Half, 14%	CR38818H		19.50
Château Angludet, Margaux 2019 - Half, 13.5%	CR30019H		29.50

#### Rest of France





Tanners Rhône Valley Red, Côtes du Rhône 2020 - Half, 14%	RR92020H		7.50
Tanners Red Burgundy, Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2020 - Half, 13%	BR20520H		12.80
Beaujolais, Jacques Charlet 2020 - Half, 13%	JR00120H		7.50
Séguret, Côtes du Rhône-Villages, Domaine de l'Amandine 2020 - Half, 14%	RR13520H		8.30

Crozes-Hermitage, Coeur de Clairmont 2020 - Half, 13%	RR05020H		9.95
Beaujolais-Villages, Rémi Benon 2021 - Half, 13% 	JR03821H		9.95
Fleurie, Domaine des Communaux, Jacques Charlet 2020 - Half, 13.5%	JR04120H		10.50
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Galets de la Berthaudé, Perrin 2020 - Half, 15%	RR13220H		15.95
Beaune 1er cru, Bastion, Domaine Chanson 2014 - Half, 13%	BR02714H		23.50
Gevrey-Chambertin, Chanson Père et Fils 2017 - Half, 13%	BR10917H		29.50
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Famille Brunier 2020 - Half, 14.5%	RR04320H		36.00

## Rest of Europe

Tanners Douro Red 2019 - Half, 13.5%	PR00519H		5.95
Bagordi Tinto Cosecho, Rioja 2020 - Half, 14% 	SR29620H		5.95
Chianti Colli Senesi, Borgo Alla Terra, Geografico 2020 - Half, 13%	IR19520H		6.60
Rioja Vega Crianza, Rioja 2019 - Half, 14% 	SR03119H		6.95
Manoella, Douro Tinto, Wine & Soul 2020 - Half, 14%	PR06720H		9.70
Villa Antinori Rosso, Toscana 2018 - Half, 14%	IR03618H		14.50

## Rest of World

Ladera Verde Merlot, Valle Central 2021 - Half, 12.5% 	QR01921H		4.95
Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Merlot Reserva, Maipo 2020 - Half, 13.5%	QR07120H		6.80
Château Musar, Bekaa Valley, Gaston Hochar 2016 - Half, 14%	ER00916H		25.00

# Port

There has never been a better time to polish up the decanter; Port is on a roll following the rare back-to-back vintage declarations of 2016 and 2017 and a succession of great wines since. Some shippers declared 2018 or 2019, many 2020 too, while there have been Single Quinta releases which we still rate very highly as well. All Ports come from the Douro region in northern Portugal with its spectacular main valley which has huge hillsides of cascading terraces of vines. Grape growing is organised into quintas, or farms, some of which are famous in their own right such as Quinta de Vargellas belonging to Taylor's and Quinta dos Malvedos owned by Graham's. Much production still lies in the hands of independent grape growers.





The greatest development in quality in the last decade or so has been the change of attitude to viticulture, with the city-based Port shippers (based in Vila Nova de Gaia and Porto on the coast) taking a much greater interest in how the vines are managed, whether in their own vineyards or under contract. And quite a jigsaw it is with the Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo) and Tinto Cão grape varieties all having their own particularities – and those are just the main black ones. The second biggest change has been the replication of foot treading by similarly soft pressing techniques of colour,

flavour and tannin extraction as opposed to the almost exclusive use of the autovinification tanks that largely replaced foot treading in the 1960s and 1970s. A further development has been the interest in using a better quality of spirit to fortify the young Port. These days it is quite normal to go to Bordeaux to select fine French spirit, whereas back in the eighties, by law, they had to use rough old stuff from down by Lisbon!

The different styles of Port can be confusing, but we attempt to explain them below with classic Vintage Port being at the pinnacle which, with Single Quinta Vintages, Crusted, LBV and Ruby, make up Ports on the darker, fruitier side whereas Tawny and Colheita Ports belong to the paler, more figgy flavoured camp. Each house, or shipper, has preferences for different styles, sometimes according to their origins be it Portuguese, Dutch or British. The British presence in these parts dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and greatly benefited from trade wars with the French and the signing of the 1703 Methuen Treaty which gave preferential treatment to Portuguese wines. Many of the British named brands persist though few remain in the hands of the original founding families.

### FINE RUBY, LBV & CRUSTED

**Ruby** should be a good, honest and well-priced young Port and we are particularly pleased with Tanners Patrono Fine Ruby which we buy from the family owned **Fladgate Partnership**, producers of Taylor's, Fonseca and Croft. **LBV (Late Bottled Vintage)** Port is kept in barrel for up to six years, twice as long as a classic Vintage Port. This leads to a more complex style than Ruby Port and most, like Tanners LBV, are filtered making decanting unnecessary. Some, however, with the word 'Traditional' on the label are not filtered, which brings us on to a rarer British invention, **Crusted Port**. This type of Port is a blend of various vintages and, having spent less time in wood, will throw a sediment known formerly as a 'crust'. The year of bottling is normally shown on the label. Port decanting is easy so we strongly recommend you try Tanners Crusted Port which is created for us by Johnny Graham of **Churchill's**, the house he founded in 1981, his family having sold Graham's some years before.

Tanners Patrono Fine Ruby Port, 20%	VP109	🍷	12.50
Tanners Late Bottled Vintage Port 2016, 19.5%  †	VP00216	🍷	18.95
Tanners Late Bottled Vintage Port 2016 - Half, 19.5% 	VP00216H	🍷	10.95
Tanners Crusted Port, bottled 2007, 19.5% 	VP00607	🍷	25.50
Taylor's Late Bottled Vintage Port 2017, 20%	VP01417	🍷	16.70
Niepoort Unfiltered Late Bottled Vintage Port 2018, 19.5%	VP01518	🍷	24.50
Churchill's Reserve Port - 20cl, 19.5% 	VP007Q	🍷	7.95

### TAWNY PORT

Aged in large barrels rather than bottle, Tawny Ports lose more colour, hence the name 'tawny'. It is an oft overlooked but versatile style. Usually bottled at 10, 20, 30 or 40 years old, they have increasing levels of complexity the older they are, with spice, dried fruit and nutty flavours abounding at all levels. This also makes them superb accompaniments to foods such as goat's cheese, fig or apple tart, pâtés and roasted almonds. **Colheitas** are tawnies from a single year and are worth seeking out, with Dirk **Niepoort** making very













The arrestingly picturesque Douro Valley



good examples. **Wine & Soul** is another good producer of these styles since Jorge Borges, who co-owns it with his wife Sandra Tavares, has great sources of older, wood-aged Ports.

Noval 10 Year Old Tawny Port, 19.5% 	VP003		27.00
Manoella 10 Year Old Tawny Port, Wine & Soul, 20% 	VP501		32.00
Niepoort Colheita Port 2004 - Half, 20%	VP01204H		32.00
Quinta do Noval, Colheita 2007, 21%	VP01007		59.00
Noval 20 Year Old Tawny Port, 21% 	VP005		59.50

## WHITE PORT












Made from Gouveio (Godello), Malvasia Fina and Viosinho grapes this is a very popular apéritif in Portugal, to be savoured on its own or mixed in a deliciously refreshing Port & Tonic.

Churchill's White Port, Dry Aperitif - 50cl, 19.5%	VP012C		19.90
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## SINGLE QUINTA VINTAGE

In years when a shipper doesn't declare a 'classic vintage', they will often release a Single Quinta Port which is the product of one farm. These grapes normally go into the blend of a 'classic vintage' in declared years, along with grapes from other *quintas* that are rarely or never seen on labels.

They can be considered as coming from the 'home farms' but it can be trial to remember which belongs to which! Taylor's releases Quinta de Vargellas and sometimes Quinta de Terra Feita; Graham's has Quinta dos Malvedos; Fonseca has Quinta do Panascal; Churchill's has Quinta da Gricha; Dow's has Quinta do Bomfim and Quinta de Senhora da Ribeira; Croft has Quinta da Roêda; Warre's has Quinta da Cavadinha and Cockburn's has Quinta dos Canais. The quality of these wines has never been higher and they tend to drink a little earlier than their classic vintage counterparts.

Taylor's Quinta Terra Feita, Vintage Port 2005, 20.5%	VP09005		29.50
Croft Quinta da Roêda, Vintage Port 2005 - Half, 20%	VP02205H		14.80
Fonseca Guimaraens, Vintage Port 1998 - Half, 20.5%	VP03998H		15.95
Fonseca Guimaraens, Vintage Port 2012, 20.5%	VP03912		32.00
Dow's Quinta do Bomfim, Vintage Port 2010, 20%	VP04610		35.00
Taylor's Quinta de Vargellas, Vintage Port 2013, 20%	VP02013		36.00
Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos, Vintage Port 2012, 20%	VP01912		36.00
Churchill's Quinta da Gricha, Vintage Port 2020, 19.5%	VP04120		55.00
Dow's Quinta Senhora da Ribeira, Vintage Port 2019, 20%	VP05619		66.00
Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port 2019, 20.5%	VP01719		66.00
Quinta Vale D Maria Vintage Port 2017, 20%	VP05217		69.00

## CLASSIC VINTAGE PORT

Classic vintages are declared several times a decade, traditionally on St George's Day, when the quality is considered to be high enough. There isn't always consensus and the decision to declare is up to each individual house but normally the two main players, the Fladgate Partnership (Taylors's, Fonseca and Croft) and Symington Family Estates (Warre's, Dow's, Graham's and Cockburn's) will usually declare all or nothing. The latter also owns Quinta do Vesuvio, which together with French-owned Quinta do Noval, is normally considered a producer of Classic Vintages rather than Single Quinta Ports. To complicate things further, the houses are now producing tiny amounts of single vineyard Ports along the lines of Quinta do Noval Nacional. Graham's Stone Terraces, Taylor's Vinha Velha and Capela da Quinta do Vesuvio will no doubt be joined by more over the coming years. Traditionally Vintage Port was kept for 20 years or more before drinking, but there is no doubt that younger Port, when it is sweet, fruity and luscious, can also be delicious.

Churchill's Vintage Port 2020, 20%	VP04020	67.00
Croft Vintage Port 2016, 20.5%	VP03316	69.50
Quinta do Noval Vintage Port 2019, 19.5%	VP03419	75.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 2000, 20.5%	VP02400	84.00
Taylor's Vintage Port 1985, 20.5%	VP02585	84.00
Quinta do Noval Vintage Port 2017, 19.5%	VP03417	86.00
Dow's Vintage Port 2017, 20%	VP03017	89.00
Quinta do Noval Vintage Port 2016, 19.5%	VP03416	86.00
Taylor's Vintage Port 2003, 20.5%	VP02503	92.00
Warre's Vintage Port 2000 - Half, 20%	VP02800H	47.00
Taylor's Vintage Port 2018 - Half, 20%	VP02518H	47.00
Graham's Vintage Port 2017 - Half, 20%	VP02917H	47.00
Warre's Vintage Port 1985, 20%	VP02885	95.00
Niepoort Vintage Port 2019 - Magnum, 19.5%	VP06319M	190.00
Dow's Vintage Port 2003, 20%	VP03003	96.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 1985, 20.5%	VP02485	96.00
Warre's Vintage Port 1994, 20%	VP02894	99.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 1992, 20%	VP02492	110.00
Smith Woodhouse Vintage Port 1980, 20%	VP04380	120.00
Warre's Vintage Port 1977, 19%	VP02877	130.00
Dow's Vintage Port 1994, 20%	VP03094	130.00
Graham's Vintage Port 1994, 20%	VP02994	130.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 1983, 20.5%	VP02483	140.00
Warre's Vintage Port 1980, 20%	VP02880	150.00
Taylor's Vintage Port 1977, 21%	VP02577	190.00

## Port *Vintage Guide*






The early indications are positive for 2022 with very concentrated young wines. It is still too soon to tell if 2021 will be declared but the fruit looks good with freshness and aromatics. There was plenty of beneficial rainfall early in 2020 but also plenty of heat which has given exceptionally low yields. What there is, is deeply concentrated and very like 2009 in style. 2019 was a very dry, but not hot, vintage which has given some characterful wines with great elegance, some excellent single quintas have been made. A rain affected start to the season, coupled with hail, reduced yields to very small levels in 2018. A hot summer reduced these further. What there is, looks very good, with some houses declaring a vintage year for the third successive year. The earliest harvest on record in 2017 followed a growing season of drought and high temperatures, the resultant wines being very concentrated with good structure resulting in the first back-to-back declaration with 2016 for many years. 2016 was a tricky vintage for the growers but ultimately, they have been rewarded with super wines with elegance and freshness, good enough for a general declaration. 2015 made some outstanding single quintas, the houses maybe overly swayed by those 2016s into not declaring but the wines are very good in their own right. 2014 and 2013 made good single quintas which are fresh with lively fruit character. 2012 is a great single quinta vintage which produced elegant wines with balance and poise. Looking back through declared vintages, 2011 produced fabulous wines with freshness and a fruity style which will make them great drinking throughout their evolution. 2009, by contrast, is about power, density and longevity. The 2007 vintage was more elegant with great concentration, length and purity. The hot summer of 2003 delivered super ripe, intense wines. The Millennium vintage of 2000 was wonderfully rich and ripe, approachable in style but worth keeping. 1997 was widely declared and rightly praised but still a little backward. Wines from the 1994 vintage remain backward due to their intensity. 1992 is also for the long-term, currently quite closed. The concentrated wines of 1991 are still for keeping, though Ports from the lighter houses are just beginning to emerge. The wines of the bountiful 1985 vintage have a great balance of power with sweetness and are drinking now. The appealing style of 1983 makes it perfect for current drinking. The wines of the 1980 vintage too are much under-rated and very pure. The 1977s, undoubtedly one of the great vintages, have matured well and are firmly in their drinking window, whilst the initially structured wines of 1970 have proved themselves worth the wait and are now at their peak. Lucky indeed are those still fortunate enough to have some 1966s, 1963s, 1960s and 1955s!

# Sherry

Very recognisable yet very poorly understood, Sherry only comes from Andalucia, in Southern Spain, and in particular from the vineyards around the three towns of Jerez de la Frontera, Sanlúcar de Barrameda and El Puerto de Santa Maria. The word ‘sherry’ is derived from the name ‘Jerez’. It’s baking hot here in summer, the buildings are mostly painted white, and the traditional Andaluz culture persists which often involves *ferias* (fairs), horses and, of course, plenty of sherry. The first thing to note about styles of sherry is that well over half of the annual production, and nearly all drunk in Spain, is dry. Think of the bars that line the streets of Seville and Jerez, and you’ll find bone-dry **Manzanillas** and **Finos** partnering all sorts of delicious tapas. Nutty **Amontillados** and **Olorosos** with wonderful depth and presence are equally impressive. Then there is the depth and complexity of wines aged for many years, and a more-ish quality that makes you want another glass! Keep an eye out for our ‘special releases’ during the year, including En Rama styles and other small parcels of rare sherry.



## MANZANILLA & FINO

From the coastal town of Sanlúcar de Barrameda, light, dry and even a little salty, **Manzanilla** can be treated just like a white wine and drunk with or without food but is at its most appetising with a plate of fresh shellfish. There’s often an almondy note to *Fino*, particularly on the palate, but it still has that fresh style if a bit weightier than Manzanilla. Long on flavour, it is very good with salted almonds and olives.

Tanners Fino Sherry, 15%	VS001		12.90
Tanners Mariscal Manzanilla Sherry, 15%	VS002		12.90
Tio Pepe Fino Palomino Sherry, Gonzalez Byass, 15% 	VS015		12.70
La Gitana Manzanilla de Barrameda Sherry, Bodegas Hidalgo - 50cl, 15%	VS009C		9.95

## AMONTILLADO

An **Amontillado** is a Fino sherry which starts to oxidise in the barrel as it loses the protective layer of *flor*, the protective covering of yeast that grows on most young sherries. The action of oxidation darkens the colour, and the character gets deeper and more hazelnut in flavour. Amontillados were traditionally sweetened a little into a medium style, such medium wines must now be labelled as ‘blends’ or ‘selections’ of Amontillado.

Tanners A Blend of Amontillado, Medium Dry Sherry, 17%	VS003		14.50
Viña AB Amontillado Seco de Jerez Sherry, Gonzalez Byass, 16.5%	VS044		17.50

## PALO CORTADO & DRY OLOROSO

Palo Cortado is rare style that occurs when the wine stops making *flor* and natural oxidation happens slowly with the colour remaining quite light. Always dry, a good Palo Cortado has brilliant finesse and elegance, yet has tremendous length. A cut stick (*palo cortado* in Spanish) is the symbol used to mark the casks. An aged, dry Oloroso has a similar intensity

to Palo Cortado but the colour is darker and the wine more robust. The difference in ageing is that Olorosos never had the *flor* in the first place. Their generous deep walnut flavours make them warming winter drinks...and great accompaniments to soup.

Alfonso Oloroso Seco de Jerez Sherry, Gonzalez Byass, 18%	VS038	🍷	17.50
Leonor Palo Cortado de Jerez 12 Años Sherry, Gonzalez Byass, 20%	VS045	🍷	19.50
Wellington Palo Cortado de Jerez Sherry, 20 years VOS, Hidalgo - 50cl, 18%	VS010C	🍷	29.50

## SWEETER SHERRIES

**Cream** sherry is a lovely balanced drink, much maligned as the tippie of grandmothers and reverends! A good cream sherry should have depth and plenty of dried fruit character to go well with a slice of cake. It deserves once again a much wider audience. Pale Cream is made by combining a dry Fino with sweet, grapey Moscatel. Sweet but fresh, it reflects the sherry blender's art! Made from Muscat of Alexandria, younger versions of **Moscatel** are wonderfully grapey in aroma and sweet on the palate while older ones go very dark with age, almost treacly in character with an intense sweetness. **Pedro Ximénez** originates in Montilla and is invariably best when part-fermented to allow natural sweetness to be retained. The dried fruit, fig and walnut flavours get more intense as the PX is barrel-aged in a solera. It a perfect partner for vanilla ice cream.

Tanners Cream Sherry, 17%	VS004	🍷	14.50
Heredad de Hidalgo Pale Cream Sherry, Jerez, 17.5%	VS058	🍷	14.50
Triana Pedro Ximénez Sherry, Jerez, Bodegas Hidalgo - 50cl, 15%	VS063C	🍷	16.50

## Other Fortified Wine

There is so much history with fortified wines and in some ways they are an anachronism, dating from days when wine really didn't travel well and spirit was added to kill any vinegar-producing bacteria. The British, surprise, surprise, were instrumental in setting up a string of fortified wine producing areas conveniently placed for re-supply, such as Madeira on the way over to the Americas or Marsala where Nelson's fleet was victualled in 1798. By and large these wines are sweet with the spirit stopping the fermentation before the natural sugar has been used up. This makes their consumption more of a challenge in these days of drier tastes. Whenever we show them at tastings however, customers rave about them and delight in suggesting food pairings or recipes that their addition would improve. We suggest just pouring glasses and handing them out, no questions asked!

## Madeira

Madeira means 'wood' in Portuguese after the predominant vegetation found by the early settlers in the 1420s. It is a 1 hr 45 mins flight from Lisbon and on the same latitude as Bermuda and Morocco. The island is extremely mountainous and the climate subtropical. Bananas and sugarcane grow alongside vines, though these are generally grown at slightly higher altitudes. Producers are encouraging growers to replant the good workhorse grape,



Cognac Barrels at Château Montifaud












Tinta Negra (Mole), with more noble grape varieties such as Sercial, Verdelho, Bual (Boal) and Malmsey (Malvasia). Moscatel is also grown as well as two rarities, Terrantez and Bastardo.

The 'Canteiro' production method is best whereby casks of Madeira are left for very extended periods in warehouses on stillages (canteiros) in multi-floored warehouses, heat and air being friends of the Madeira winemaker. The 'Estufa' method using heated steel tanks is fine and achieves good results, being the artificial recreation of the old practice of sending Madeira across the equator to the West Indies and back again! Flavours of roasted almonds feature in the younger, fresher Madeiras, with various degrees of ginger, cinnamon and mace through to molasses in the older wines. They have in common balancing citrus notes of lemon, orange and kumquat.

D'Oliveira's is a very traditional (in the best sense of the word) company with, by repute, the best stocks of very old vintage Madeiras. Henriques & Henriques produces a fine range of age-statement-carrying Madeiras as well as very fine old vintage ones. Blandy's is part of the Madeira Wine Company which is now back in the management of the British Blandy family. Barbeito occupies a zen-like winery, extremely high up above the sea in conditions conducive to making a fresher style.

Blandy's Duke of Sussex Dry Madeira, 19%	VM027		17.60
Henriques & Henriques 10 Year Old Verdelho Madeira - 50cl, 20%	VM041C		22.50
D'Oliveiras Sweet Madeira, 19%	VM001		19.95
Barbeito Single Harvest Madeira 2009 - 50cl, 19%	VM07409C		32.00
Barbeito Sercial 10 Years Reserva Velha Madeira, 19%	VM042		42.00
Barbeito Boal Reserva Madeira - 50cl, 19%	VM072C		16.50
Henriques & Henriques 10 Year Old Malvasia Madeira - 50cl, 20%	VM003C		22.50

## Marsala

On the western tip of Sicily, the town of Marsala sits on a stunning coastline with thousands of acres of vines behind it. Its wines shouldn't be used just for cooking, lovely though it is in Tiramisu and Zabaglione! The Lombardo family make a fabulous range of Marsalas in a winery set back from the sea by a short avenue of palms.

Marsala Fine IP, Cucina, Lombardo, 17%	VM004		12.50
Marsala Superiore Old, Secco, Lombardo, 18%	VM022		15.30

## Setúbal

The Setúbal region lies just south of Lisbon, across the Tagus estuary. It is famous for fortified sweet wines made from Muscat of Alexandria grapes, the barrel-aged versions from Bacalhôa are superb. The corniche road from here to Sesimbra is breath-taking.

Moscatel de Setúbal, Bacalhôa 2018, 17.5%	VM02118		13.50
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## Rutherglen

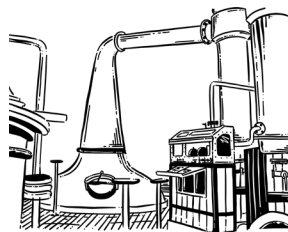
Home to Australia's fortified wine industry, Rutherglen in northern Victoria, sticks closely to its history of making fine fortified wines or 'stickies' in local parlance.

Stanton & Killeen Muscat, Rutherglen - Half, 17.5%

VM007H  16.90

## Brandy

Brandy's sales have grown faster in the last couple of years than they have for a while, this is leading to more investment in the region and the drinks. The big brands continue to dominate but overall things are looking rosier here... The very finest examples come from France in the form of Armagnac from the South-West and Cognac from Charentes. These spirits are usually blended to offer consistency of style and quality. The age of the spirit indicates the quality level at which it appears, from the everyday VS level through to XO and beyond. The best of them offer a fantastically complex drink to round off any meal. The brandies of Spain tend to be fuller, a little sweeter and darker in colour, while those of Asbach from Germany's Rhine valley are a little lighter.



### ARMAGNAC

The famous brandy of Gascony and predating Cognac, Armagnac has been around since the 14th century. It is a little more fiery and earthy than Cognac but fantastic for it. In Bas-Armagnac near Eauze, brothers Armin and Rémy Grassa at Domaine Tariquet are now making the brandies, as well as large amounts of crisp white wine. We have shipped fine Tariquet Armagnacs for many years.

Domaine Tariquet VS Classique, Bas Armagnac, Famille Grassa, 40%	WB002	32.00
Domaine Tariquet VSOP, Bas Armagnac, Famille Grassa, 40%	WB003	35.00
Domaine Tariquet XO, Bas Armagnac, Famille Grassa, 40%	WB004	46.00
Domaine Tariquet Pure Folle Blanche, 12 Year Old Bas Armagnac, 48.2% <sup>NEW</sup>	WB011	49.95

### VS & VSOP COGNAC

The perfect end to dinner or great in a complex cocktail – however which way you drink France's most famous spirit, it remains one of the world's finest. Dominated by big brands, it is worth seeking out smaller producers such as the Vallet family at Château de Montifaud who have been able to offer more of a sense of place and provenance for their produce. It is well worth trying these beautiful artisan Cognacs and they are great value. Young VS Cognacs are perfect to mix in cocktails while the older, more complex VSOPs are ideal for sipping.

Château de Montifaud VS Cognac, Fine Petite Champagne, 40%	WB024	34.00
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Draff being removed from the mash tun at Lochlea Distillery, which goes off to a local farm to feed the cattle.

Château de Montifaud VSOP Cognac, Petite Champagne, 40%	WB012	39.50
H by Hine VSOP Cognac, Fine Champagne, 40%	WB031	42.00
Hine Rare VSOP Cognac, Fine Champagne, 40%	WB032	57.00

### XO, DELUXE & VINTAGE COGNAC

Rich, complex, sublime digestifs with enormous depth and length, these are truly fine spirits. A rule change in April 2018 means that legally they must be at least 10 years old to carry the 'XO' designation.

Château de Montifaud XO Cognac, Petite Champagne, 40%	WB061	73.00
Delamain XO Pale and Dry Cognac, Grande Champagne - 50cl, 42%	WB073C	85.00
Hine Antique XO Cognac, Grande Champagne, 40%	WB050	160.00
Hennessy XO Extra Old Cognac, 40%	WB036	180.00

### WORLD BRANDIES

There are options beyond Cognac and Armagnac from the simple French Brandy – ideal for cooking and champagne cocktails – through the light and nutty Asbach from Germany to one of Spain's very best, Lepanto.

Jules Clairon Oak Aged Napoleon Fine French Brandy, 36%	WB067	14.50
Asbach Uralt, German Brandy, 36%	WB046	28.00
Lepanto Solera Gran Reserva, Brandy de Jerez, 36%	WB058	52.00

## Whisky

There is currently unprecedented demand for whisky, forcing many brands to eschew age statements for brand names, certainly at the entry level. At the same time, releases of age statement whiskies are met with high demand and sell out quickly. Whisky is now produced all over the world with some of the best coming from Japan, Ireland, the USA and, more recently, England and Wales. Scotland's malt whiskies are fascinating and complex. From the light, ethereal Lowland to the elegant Speyside, through the rich Highland style and the peaty, smoky whiskies of the Islands, there is a whisky to suit all occasions, particularly with the raft of new 'expressions' released by the distilleries every year. The Irish style is generally softer, more approachable; look out for Teeling, one of the newer distilleries. Bourbon continues to grow rapidly in interest, the best now rivalling Scotch in terms of complexity, while the fledgling whiskies of England and Wales are beginning to show their quality. Japanese whiskies are very like Scotch, because that is where the Japanese distillers first learnt their craft and there are many superb examples. The subject of Scotch whisky can easily become a fascination: the source of the barley, the way it is malted, the water supply and the shape of the stills all influence the flavour of the spirit, and that is before the type of oak and conditions in which it is matured are determined! There remains strong interest in limited edition bottlings which can come and go quickly so do enquire or keep an eye on our website and Oddments List.

## BLENDING SCOTCH

Scotland is the home of whisky which spawned the nickname 'Scotch'. Blended whiskies continue to dominate the market in terms of volume. These are a mix of malt and grain whisky making them ideal for mixing. Try Tanners Peaty Creag for a little more depth and complexity.

Tanners Peaty Creag, 8 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky, 40%	WH001	18.95
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## ISLAY MALT

The distilleries of this small island continue to fascinate, and the super-rich peaty/iodine character found here still finds favour with connoisseurs the world over. It is worth seeking out the malts from Kilchoman for a sense of place and great character.

Bowmore 12 Year Old, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH050	42.00
Ardbeg 'The Ultimate' 10 Year Old, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 46%	WH061	47.00
Bruichladdich 'The Classic Laddie', Scottish Barley, Islay Single Malt, 50%	WH261	47.00
Laphroaig 10 Year Old, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH052	49.50
Kilchoman Machir Bay, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 46%	WH262	50.00
Bunnahabhain 12 Year Old, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 46.3%	WH049	55.00
Port Charlotte 10 Year Old, Heavily Peated, Islay Single Malt Whisky, 50%	WH420	54.00

## SPEYSIDE MALT

A sub-region of the Highland designation, Speyside is home to some of the most recognisable names. The elegant Speyside character is charming and worth seeking out. Try the whiskies of the family-owned Glenfarclas and Benromach distilleries which offer great value and complexity.

Tanners 14 Year Old Glenfarclas Highland Single Malt, 46%	WH460	59.95
Glenfiddich 12 Year Old, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH019	40.00
Glenfarclas 10 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH024	42.00
The Glenlivet Founder's Reserve, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH299	42.00
Benromach 10 Year Old, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH355	45.00
Cragganmore 12 Year Old, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH028	47.00
Balvenie DoubleWood 12 Year Old, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH029	47.00
Glenfarclas 105, Cask Strength, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 60%	WH036	69.00
Glenfarclas 15 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 46%	WH182	73.00
Balvenie French Oak 16 Year Old, Speyside Single Malt Whisky, 47.6%	WH531	130.00

## HIGHLAND MALT

Classic whiskies, full of the rich Highland style with nutty, cereal aromas and hints of fudge, Highland Malts come in a range of styles from the fresher Glengoyne to the richer, more fruity and spicy Dalmore.

Tomatin Legacy, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH392	32.00
Glenmorangie Original 10 year old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH005	35.00
Edradour 10 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH038	44.00
Tomatin 12 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH161	45.00
Royal Lochnagar 12 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH124	45.00
Dalwhinnie 15 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH007	49.95
Glenogyne 12 year old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH801	50.00
Dalmore 12 Year Old, Highland Single Malt Whisky, 40%	WH037	63.00

## MALT FROM THE ISLANDS

The islands are the home of some rich whiskies. Whilst not exclusively so, they tend towards a smoky style usually with a seaweed tang but with notable differences in style as one moves round the islands.

Highland Park 12 Year Old 'Viking Honour', Single Malt Whisky, Orkney, 40%	WH074	47.00
Talisker 10 Year Old, Single Malt Whisky, Skye, 45.8%	WH075	49.95

## CAMPBELTOWN & LOWLAND MALT

Lowland Malts are increasingly sought-after and becoming more difficult to find. These are gentle whiskies, some triple-distilled to make them even smoother.

Lochlea Our Barley, Lowland Single Malt Whisky, 46%	WH512	45.00
Glenkinchie 12 Year Old, Lowland Single Malt Whisky, 43%	WH158	49.00

## IRISH WHISKEY

The whiskeys of Ireland are softer and more honeyed in style than those of Scotland. Some, such as Bushmills from the North and Jameson from the South, are triple distilled to emphasise their smooth character. Others, such as Teeling, only distil twice like the Scots, giving a little more edge and complexity. Blessed with good reserves of older whiskeys, Teeling's malts and blends are superb.

Bushmills Original White Label, Irish Whiskey, Antrim, 40%	WH094	24.50
Jameson Irish Whiskey, Dublin, 40%	WH095	25.95
Bushmills Black Bush, Irish Whiskey, Antrim, 40%	WH100	29.00
Teeling Small Batch, Blended Irish Whiskey, 46%	WH360	37.00
Bushmills Single Malt, 10 Year Old Irish Whiskey, Antrim, 40%	WH102	39.50
Teeling Single Malt Irish Whiskey, 46%	WH276	49.95

## WELSH & ENGLISH WHISKY

The home-grown producers continue to impress each year as their spirits becomes older and more complex. Penderyn has been producing their whisky since 2004 and now has some excellent stocks with good age. The English Distillery followed close on their heels in 2006



while the Cotswold Distillery is proving to everyone that age isn't everything! More are coming to the market every year, as many familiar to you for producing gin have diversified into Whisky production.

Penderyn Legend, Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 41%	WH364	33.00
Penderyn Myth, Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 41%	WH374	33.00
Penderyn Celt, Lightly Peated, Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 41%	WH375	33.00
Penderyn Madeira Finish, Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 46%	WH092	38.00
Penderyn Peated Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 46%	WH485	40.00
The English Smokey, Single Malt English Whisky, 43%	WH352	45.00
Cotswolds Signature, Single Malt English Whisky, 46%	WH350	45.00
Penderyn Portwood Finish, Single Malt Welsh Whisky, 46%	WH484	58.00

## US & CANADIAN WHISKIES

Canadian Club 1858 Original Canadian Whisky, 40%	WH107	24.95
Buffalo Trace, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 40%	WH823	27.50
Maker's Mark, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 45%	WH110	32.00
Four Roses Small Batch, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 45%	WH354	33.00
Wild Turkey 101, Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 50.5%	WH140	36.00

## WORLD WHISKY

With a well-known whisky writer awarding a Japanese whisky the highest score in the 2015 edition of his book, one can no longer ignore the burgeoning whisky industry outside Scotland.

Nikka 'From the Barrel', Japanese Blended Whisky - 50cl, 51.4%	WH359C	45.00
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# Gin

The gin market has now passed its peak and is undergoing a period of justification which will see some disappear, but the best will endure. Gin is a very individual spirit. It is flavoured with juniper and a number of other 'botanicals', the proportions of which give each gin its individual characteristics and following. As with any flavourings, the job can be done well, and it can be done badly. We are very proud to have an extensive selection of quality gins available at Tanners to suit all tastes. The flavoured gins are finding great popularity, with rhubarb and lemon seemingly the favourites. Don't forget Sloe and Damson Gin which we classify under 'Liqueurs' because they are sweet.

## ENGLISH DRY GIN

These range from our Hereford Dry Gin to artisanal examples from Sipsmith and Forest and an increasing number of others. The chaps at Warner's from Nottingham are now serious players. As increasingly are some of our more local distilleries.

Hereford Finest Dry Gin, Tanners, 40%	WG001	15.95
Gordon's Premium Pink Distilled Gin, 37.5%	WG935	19.95
Tanqueray London Dry Gin, 43.1%	WG012	23.50
Bombay Sapphire London Dry Gin, 40%	WG007	23.50
Plymouth Gin, Coates & Co, 41.2%	WG006	28.50
Sipsmith Lemon Drizzle Gin - 50cl, 40.4%	WG928C	29.00
Camino Gin - 50cl, 40%	WG280C	29.00
Henstone Gin, 44.9%	WG209	29.95
Sipsmith London Dry Gin, 41.6%	WG027	32.00
Wildjac Natural Dry Gin, 37.5%	WG261	32.00
Tarquin's Cornish Dry Gin, 42%	WG916	33.00
Brockman's Premium Gin, 40%	WG117	34.00
Warner's Elderflower Gin, 40%	WG124	34.00
Penrhos Dry Gin, England, 40.5%	WG254	34.00
Tiger No 1 Gin, 40%	WG146	35.00
Pinkster Raspberry Gin, 37.5%	WG159	37.00
Cotswolds Dry Gin, 46%	WG157	35.00
Cucumber Premium Dry Gin, The English Drinks Co, 40%	WG181	35.00
Pink Gin, The English Drinks Co, 40%	WG201	35.00
The Orangery Premium Dry Gin, The English Drinks Co, 40%	WG215	35.00
Chase GB Extra Dry Gin, Herefordshire, 40%	WG113	36.95
Warner's Rhubarb Gin, 40%	WG135	37.00
Sly Gin London Dry Lemon Verbena, Herefordshire, 43%	WG180	38.00
Sly Gin London Dry, Premium Small Batch, Herefordshire, 43%	WG179	38.00
Warner's Raspberry Gin, 40%	WG236	38.00
The Shropshire Distillery Dry Gin, 40%	WG250	38.00
The Shropshire Distillery Aromatic Spiced Gin, 40%	WG251	38.00
The Shropshire Distillery Cherry & Pink Peppercorn Gin, 40%	WG252	38.00
Sly Gin London Dry Pink Grapefruit, Herefordshire, 43%	WG918	38.00
Penrhos Apple & Elderflower Gin, England, 40.5%	WG257	38.00
Chase Rhubarb & Bramley Apple Gin, 40%	WG221	39.95
Chase Pink Grapefruit & Pomelo Gin, Herefordshire, 40%	WG164	39.95
Wardington's Original Ludlow Hibiscus, Orange & Pink Peppercon Gin, 42%	WG289	39.95
Wardington's Original Ludlow Dry No 1 Gin, 42%	WG264	39.95
Wardington's Original Ludlow Triple Citrus and Pomegranate No 2 Gin, 42%	WG265	39.95
Williams Elegant Gin, Herefordshire, 48%	WG026	45.00

## SCOTTISH & WELSH GIN

Gordon Castle Gin from Speyside is stunning with some of the botanicals coming from their own walled garden. Those from the Dyfi Distillery are worthy of consideration; these are genuinely small batch distillations using foraged botanicals to bring unique character and flavour.

Brecon Botanicals Gin, 43%	WG143	25.00
Aber Falls Rhubarb & Ginger Welsh Gin, Rhaeadr Fawr, 41.3%	WG933	26.50
Aber Falls Orange Marmalade Welsh Gin, Rhaeadr Fawr, 41.3%	WG934	26.50
Aber Falls Welsh Dry Gin, Rhaeadr Fawr, 41.3%	WG932	26.50
Hendrick's Gin, 41.4%	WG009	33.50
Dyfi Original Gin, Dyfi Distillery, Wales - 50cl, 45%	WG218C	36.00
Pollination Gin, Dyfi Distillery - 50cl, 45%	WG178C	36.00
Snowdonia Spirit Co Welsh Dry Gin, 43%	WG213	36.00
The Botanist, Islay Dry Gin, 46%	WG108	37.00
Tanqueray No Ten Dry Gin, 47.3%	WG103	38.00
Dà Mhile Organic Seaweed Gin, 42%	WG161	39.00
Gordon Castle Distilled Gin, 43%	WG141	39.95
Hibernation Gin, Dyfi Distillery - 50cl, 45%	WG191C	43.00
Navigation Gin, Dyfi Distillery - 50cl, 57%	WG256C	48.00

## WORLD GIN

The best gins from further afield are sublimely complex, even worth trying neat to savour their depth; Monkey 47, a German gin with 47 different botanicals, is one such. Osmoz is made by our Cognac supplier, Château de Montifaud, and shows what generations of distilling knowledge can bring to the party.

Puerto de Indias, Sevillian Premium Strawberry Gin, 37.5%	WG927	29.95
Osmoz Classic Gin, Famille Vallet, 43%	WG210	32.00
Gin Mare Mediterranean Gin, Spain, 42.7%	WG123	39.95
Monkey 47, Schwarzwald Dry Gin, Germany - 50cl, 47%	WG122C	47.00

## Vodka

This neutral spirit can be made from virtually anything with sucrose in it: barley, rye, potatoes, apples, milk and more besides. Then there is the all-important distillation these techniques will have as much effect on the flavour as the base liquid itself. Many are distilled numerous times to make them as 'clean' and pure as possible. Many charcoal-filter their vodka to increase its purity. Try Black Cow's fascinating, creamy vodka, made from whey, or Chase's amazingly clean and fresh potato vodka.

## PURE VODKA

Traditionally a cocktail ingredient or mixed, pure vodka is being more and more appreciated on its own. Try it ice cold.

Stolichnaya Vodka, Latvia, 40%	WV009	19.95
Absolut Vodka, Sweden, 40%	WV010	22.95
Brecon Five Vodka, Wales, 43%	WV028	25.00
Black Cow Pure Milk Vodka, The Gold Top, 40%	WV903	29.95
Tiger No 1 Superior Vodka, 40%	WV124	35.00
Belvedere Vodka, Poland, 40%	WV023	37.00
Chase Potato Vodka, England, 40%	WV015	39.95
Grey Goose Vodka, France, 40%	WV022	42.00

## FLAVOURED VODKA

These flavoured vodkas make for particularly interesting drinking. Some, such as the Zubrówka Bison Grass vodka, just have a subtle roundness to their flavour, whilst for the likes of Chase with their marmalade and rhubarb vodkas, it is more about the flavourings.

Absolut Citron Vodka, Sweden, 40%	WV011	22.95
Zubrówka Bison Grass Vodka, Poland, 40%	WV126	25.00
Black Cow Vodka & English Strawberries, 37.5% vol	WV918	29.95
Chase Aged Marmalade Vodka, England, 40%	WV057	45.00
Chase Rhubarb Vodka, England, 40%	WV065	45.00



# Rum

Rum is benefitting from the increased interest in fine spirits after the recent gin boom. This is bringing new players into the market, but it is starting with a much smaller base of drinkers. Some are curating excellent ranges source from the Caribbean such as Lost Years, while others are buying molasses and fermenting/distilling them and some even buying unrefined sugar and starting a new category. When it comes to after dinner drinks, the finest golden rums are more than a match for fine cognacs and malt whiskies. There is a tendency for these to come from the French West Indies, but nowadays there are plenty of 'boutique' producers around the rest of the Caribbean too. Many of these 'new wave' rums have a much greater sense of place and are more individual in style than in days of yore, often coming from very small distilleries. Rum is closely associated with the Caribbean islands, but all rum needs is sugarcane which is grown in many tropical climates from Central America to Australia. The famous Demerara region is in Guyana in South America. Some production involves shipping molasses to be processed nearer their markets, and a recent trend has been the importation in bulk for local maturation in barrel. We have two large old wooden vats at Tanners which served just that purpose. Other styles are white and dark rums, as well as the newly-popular spiced rums.

## WHITE RUM

White rums are either very young un-aged rums, or older rums that have had some or all the colour removed by filtration. Rum's such as Doorly's falls into the latter category having spent three years ageing, meaning it is a much more characterful spirit than its more commercial rivals.

Doorly's Fine Old White Barbados Rum, Aged 3 Years, 40%	WR828	28.50
Lost Years Silver Moon White Rum, 40%	WR125	32.00
Lost Years Navy Strength White Rum, 54.5%	WR126	36.00

## GOLDEN RUM

There are two distinct styles of golden rum. The first, Rhum Agricole, is made from distilling fresh cane juice and is more typical of the French islands. Rhum Depaz from Martinique is an excellent example. The alternative style of rum is made from molasses such as those from Doorly's and Mount Gay in Barbados or Mezan in Jamaica, which are a little richer and fuller in body. Both styles offer complexity and richness whilst retaining their unique identities. The Lost Years rums are blends but offer great character and a chance to offer something back to nature on the back of purchasing them.

Mount Gay Eclipse, Barbados Rum, 40%	WR012	23.00
Doorly's XO, Fine Old Barbados Rum, 43%	WR007	39.00
Mezan XO, Jamaica Rum, 40%	WR106	39.50
Lost Years Four Island Rum, 40%	WR127	39.95
Lost Years Arribada Cask Aged Rum, 42%	WR128	45.00

Mount Gay XO, Triple Cask Blend, Barbados Rum, 43%	WR807	57.00
Rhum Depaz VSOP, Très Vieux Rhum Agricole, Martinique, 45%	WR023	58.00

## DARK RUM

This style, made from molasses, is aged in heavily charred barrels or is often coloured with caramel to give a rich intense colour. Some such as Wood's Old Navy maintain their naval heritage and make great sipping drinks or cocktails.

Lamb's Navy Rum, 40%	WR003	18.20
Woods Old Navy Demerara Rum, Guyana, 57%	WR006	29.95

## SPICED RUM

This style is rapidly growing in popularity with cinnamon, ginger, cloves and cardamom regularly being used as well as a bit of honey or sugar. The better ones, such as Wildjac, are very drinkable.

Sailor Jerry Spiced Rum, Guyana, 40%	WR818	22.00
The Kraken Black Spiced Rum, 40%	WR826	26.50
Wildjac Honey Spiced Rum, 37.5%	WR120	32.00
Barti Spiced, Pembrokeshire Seaweed Spirit with Rum, 35%	WR118	32.00

# Eaux de Vie

Eau de Vie, like Aqua Vitae, means water of life, and should be a full strength, twice-distilled, dry spirit, which is normally colourless. All Eaux de Vie – Schnapps in German – start life as clear distillates but may take on colour if aged in wood. They can be made from any fruit ranging from apples, through pears (the Williams variety is favoured) to raspberries and other soft fruits. Eaux de Vie made from pomace (skins and pips) is called Marc in France and Grappa in Italy.

## FRUIT EAUX DE VIE

Distilling fruit Eaux de Vie is an art form and there are some particularly fine producers in the Alsace region of France with family-owned, 150-year-old Massenez being one of the most highly regarded. Theirs are wonderful after-dinner drinks especially when served chilled.

Kirsch, Liqueur de Cuisine, Luxardo - 50cl, 25%	WLI10C	17.80
Eau de Vie de Kirsch Vieux, Massenez - 70cl, 40%	WLI36	35.00
Eau de Vie de Framboise Tradition, G Miclo, 40%	WL019	45.00
Eau de Vie de Poire Williams Tradition, G Miclo, 40%	WL021	45.00

## CALVADOS & APPLE BRANDY

In France, Calvados is the most famous apple brandy and is treated with the same reverence



as Cognac. It must come from the Calvados department of Normandy which is centred around Caen. Calvados from the Pays d'Auge commands a premium and has protected AOC status. England has a fine tradition of cider making with more people trying their hand at making Apple Brandy.

Spirit of Ilmington Cider Spirit Apple Brandy, Cotswolds - Half, 40%	WL155H	26.50
Calvados Fine, Berneroy, 40%	WL073	33.00
Calvados Pays d'Auge VSOP, Domaine L Dupont, 42%	WL022	56.00

## GRAPPA & MARC

Wherever there is red wine, there is Grappa or Marc which is made from the pomace (skins and pips) left after pressing the fermented grapes, after all alcohol shouldn't go to waste! Italy and France have strong traditions of making Grappa and Marc, and have skilful distillers who achieve depth, elegance and fine aromas in their spirits.

Grappa Artigiana Ci Vidina, Bepi Tosolini, 40%	WL013	32.00
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# Non-Alcoholic Drinks

The popularity of gin in the UK has given rise to a number of non-alcoholic variants, which in turn has led to a broadening of the category. Some are distilled in the normal way, the alcohol is then removed, and flavouring added. Others have no alcohol at all in the process just a maceration of the flavourings in water. A variety of different base flavours are used, and they can, served with a good mixer, make an interesting alternative to soft drinks for those looking for something different.

## NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS





Tanqueray Alcohol Free, 0%	WG263	17.40
Caleño Light & Zesty Tropical Non-Alcoholic Spirit - 50cl, 0%	WG988C	17.95
Caleño Dark & Spicy Tropical Non-Alcoholic Rum Spirit - 50cl, 0%	WR922C	17.95

## NON-ALCOHOLIC CORDIALS

Jukes is a collection of sophisticated, non-alcoholic cordials created by well-respected wine writer, Matthew Jukes. A unique blend comprising the finest natural flavours; fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices and organic apple cider vinegar, designed to be mixed with still, sparkling, or tonic water. Not only are they alcohol free, vegan and made in London, they're also just 16 calories per glass when mixed with water – so plenty to feel good about. Jukes are the perfect replacement for a great glass of wine for those occasions when you choose not to drink alcohol and great to pair with food.

Jukes 1 Cordiality, The White, 3cl	YC084	£4.25
Jukes 8 Cordiality, The Rosé, 3cl	YC086	£4.25
Jukes 6 Cordiality, The Red, 3cl	YC083	£4.25

## NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE

Torres Natureo Alcohol Free Muscat, Penedès 2021, 0%	SW01421		7.95
Torres Natureo Alcohol Free Rosé Syrah/Cabernet, Penedès 2020, 0%	SP00620		7.95
Torres Natureo Alcohol Free Syrah, Penedès 2020, 0%	SR10220		7.95
So Jennie Alcohol Free Luxury Rosé Bubbles, Paris, France, 0% <sup>NEW</sup>	FI057		29.95

## Liqueurs

Just about any fruit or herb you can think of, somebody, somewhere in the world is almost certainly macerating in sugar and alcohol. 'Liqueurs' covers a myriad of different styles and drinks but what they all have in common is that they are flavoured and sweetened spirits. We keep an eclectic range in addition to the usual suspects. Smaller producers make more interesting, better value liqueurs such as those from Massenez, based in Alsace. We include fruit gins in this category rather than mix them with dry gins. Complex and fruity liqueurs such as Tanners Sloe Gin and the other flavours from Foxdenton fit the mould perfectly.

### HERB & SPICE-FLAVOURED

Almost medicinal and some still made by monks, these are often taken as a digestif after a meal. They are fascinating in their complexity so also make great cocktail ingredients.

Crème de Menthe Verte, Massenez, 20%	WL137	17.50
Galliano L'Autentico - 50cl, 42.3%	WL089C	19.95
Jägermeister, 35%	WO030	22.00
Mentzendorff Kummel - 50cl, 38%	WL839C	19.60
Glavya Liqueur - 50cl, 35%	WL025C	23.00
The King's Ginger Liqueur with a hint of Lemon Zest - 50cl, 29.9%	WL151C	25.00
Chartreuse Green - 70cl, 55%	WL030	52.00

### CITRUS-FLAVOURED

The basis for many cocktails and desserts, these classic citrus fruit liqueurs are intense, sweet and very moreish. Quality Limoncello is a classic liqueur which was traditionally home-made by the inhabitants of the Amalfi Coast.

Triple Sec Pacifico Liqueur, Giffard - 50cl, 25%	WL939C	11.95
Orange Curaçao, Giffard - 70cl, 25%	WL033	17.30
Liqueur de Curaçao Bleu, Massenez - 70cl, 25%	WL133	15.95
Limoncello Qualità BT Superiore, 28%	WL090	25.00
Dà Mhile Organic Orange 33, 25%	WL120	32.00

### FRUIT GINS & LIQUEURS

British Cassis made in Herefordshire is the essence of fruit in a glass and could even count as one of your five a day! Serve as a winter warmer or add to sparkling wine.

Liqueurs	The Original Sourz Apple, 15%	WO811	10.95
	The Original Sourz Cherry, 15%	WO855	10.95
	Crème Banane, Giffard - 50cl, 25%	WL039C	12.50
	British Cassis, Blackcurrant Liqueur, White Heron - 20cl, 15%	WL035Q	12.50
	Edinburgh Gin Distillery Raspberry Liqueur - 50cl, 20%	WL123C	16.50
	Edinburgh Gin Distillery Rhubarb & Ginger Liqueur - 50cl, 20%	WL125C	16.50
	Crème de Cassis de Dijon, Massenez, 20%	WL131	17.50
	Crème de Violettes, Massenez, 25%	WL140	17.50
	Crème de Pêche, Massenez, 20%	WL150	17.50
	Crème à la Fraise des Bois, Massenez, 20%	WL134	13.60
	Crème de Mûre, Massenez, 20%	WL138	17.50
	Crème de Framboise, Massenez, 20%	WL135	17.50
	Liqueur d'Abricot, Massenez, 25%	WL130	19.95
	Liqueur de Rhubarbe, Edmond Briottet, 18%	WL941	22.00
	British Cassis, Blackcurrant Liqueur, White Heron - 50cl, 15%	WL035C	22.00
	Tanners Sloe Gin, 25%	WL115	25.50
	Foxdenton Damson Gin Liqueur, 18.5%	WL099	27.50
	Foxdenton Sloe Gin Liqueur, 25%	WL100	27.50
	Foxdenton Winslow Plum Gin Liqueur, 17.5%	WL101	27.50
	Chilton Damson Gin, Shropshire, 27%	WL055	26.00
Heering, Cherry Liqueur, 24%	WL048	27.50	
Gordon's Sloe Gin, 26%	WL003	27.50	
Chase Oak Aged Sloe Gin - 50cl, 29.1%	WL118C	29.95	
Fragola, Wild Strawberry Liqueur, Bepi Tosolini, 24%	WL945	33.00	

## NUT-FLAVOURED

Intensely flavoured, the earthy character of these liqueurs is perfect in cocktails or just sipped on their own. The Salizá Amaretto is pure almonds in a glass.

Frangelico Liqueur, 20%	WL056	18.95
Salizá Amaretto Veneziano, Bepi Tosolini, 28%	WL942	29.00

## COFFEE & CHOCOLATE-FLAVOURED

Rich and deep, these liqueurs can be added to cocktails, coffee, cakes or just poured over ice cream for a speedy dessert. They are versatile and intense.

Rubis Chocolate Wine, 15%	WO110C	12.95
Crème de Cacao, Massenez, 25%	WL132	15.30
Kahlúa Coffee Liqueur, 16%	WL060	19.50

## CREAM LIQUEURS

A dessert in a glass, these are rich flavourful drinks. The Merlyn liqueur from Wales' Penderyn distillery is a heady blend of Welsh cream and their pure spirit; it is not as sweet as you might think.

Merlyn Welsh Cream Liqueur, 17%	WL064	15.00
Cotswold Cream Liqueur, 17%	WLI29	26.00

## Apéritifs & Cocktail Shelf

Every country has its signature drinks, and many commonplace examples have been re-worked and re-thought out with greater care and passion in recent decades. Fine examples of spirits such as Tequila, once the reserve of the Sunrise or Slammer, are now drinks to sip and savour. Even the British fruit cups have been raised up by the likes of Sipsmith to something more special and individual. Sake is another example that is no longer the reserve of the kitchen cupboard but a fine, complex drink worthy of attention. Whatever your 'tipple' you are sure to find something here.



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## APÉRITIFS

A little something to whet the appetite, most are drunk long. Aperol from Italy makes a great apéritif served with tonic or soda if you like it drier... and lemonade or Prosecco if not. The Pineau des Charentes from Cognac producers Château de Montifaud makes a great start before any meal. Another favourite from France is Pastis if you like aniseed. It is worth seeking out a more traditionally produced one such as that from Henri Bardouin which shows great depth and complexity, or a fascinating alternative is the smoky Arak from the Massaya winery in Lebanon.

Aperol Aperitivo, Barbieri, 11%	WO823	16.50
Vieux Pineau des Charentes, Château de Montifaud, 17%	WO017	22.00
Ouzo 12, 40%	WO020	22.00
Aalborg Taffel Akvavit, 45%	WO037	29.00
Henri Bardouin Pastis, 45%	WO119	33.00
El Massaya Authentic Arak, Lebanon - 50cl, 53%	WO106C	35.00

## VERMOUTHS

To give them their other title, 'aromatised wines' are those infused with a blend of herbs, fruits and spices and traditionally matured in the sun. There is something of a resurgence of interest in this style of drink with Spanish producers leading the way with Vermú and they are great for sipping over ice or as a longer drink. The French too are in on the act, though they have never really been away, with the Lillet and Chambéry Dolin examples being excellent.

Dubonnet, Apéritif à Base de Vin - 75cl, 14.8%	WO016	9.50
Dolin Vermouth de Chambéry, Dry - 75cl, 17.5%	WO014	15.40
Punt e Mes Vermouth, Carpano - 75cl, 16%	WO021	15.50
Noilly Prat Original Dry Vermouth - 75cl, 18%	WO015	16.20
Paso-Vermú Red Vermouth - 75cl, 15%	WO129	16.95
Lillet Blanc - 75cl, 17%	WO065	18.20

### PIMM'S & FRUIT CUPS

Pimm's is a classic British cocktail ingredient: just add lemonade or ginger ale, lots of fresh fruit and a sprig of mint. This sector is expanding with more variations being introduced by Pimm's, some of which are sweeter alternatives, but what is really exciting are the 'cups' being produced by the likes of Sipsmith: drier, more complex drinks equally at home with lemonade or as a base for fruit cocktails.

Sipsmith London Cup, 29.5%	WO118	20.00
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### BITTERS

Very popular in Southern Europe, bitters are often served both at the beginning and end of a meal. The amari of Italy are being joined by some home-grown examples from Britain which are perfect for adding to cocktails to show their herby, spicy depth.

Underberg Bitters - 2cl, 44%	WO027Q	2.00
Angostura Aromatic Bitters - 20cl, 44.7%	WO023Q	15.95
Campari Bitter, 25%	WO025	22.00
Fernet-Branca, 39%	WO026	32.00

### TEQUILA & MEZCAL

The differences between Tequila, Mezcal and Sotol are subtle. Mezcal can be made from any plant in the Agave family while Tequila must be made from Blue Agave (meaning all Tequila is Mezcal but not the other way round!) while Sotol is made from the Desert Spoon, a distant relative of asparagus. All are made in a similar fashion from the piñas or heart of the plant which is cooked and/or steamed, crushed, fermented, then distilled at least twice. Silver or white expressions are bottled young without age while the Gold, Reposado and Añejo are all aged for increasing amounts of time before bottling. There is a lot of interest developing in these wonderfully characterful spirits.

José Cuervo Espécial, Tequila Reposado (Gold), 38%	WO007	24.95
Hacienda de Chihuahua, Sotol Reposado, 38%	WO029	46.00

### COCKTAIL SHELF

Stalwart ingredients for the cocktail cabinet, these are popular with mixers or in cocktails. Cachaça is the famous Brazilian spirit used to make the classic Caipirinha cocktail.

Sirop de Grenadine, Giffard 70cl, 0%	YC035	7.60
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Sirop de Gomme, Giffard - Litre, 0%	YC050L	8.95
Cachaça 5 l, Brazil, 40%	WO090	19.95

### SAKE & RICE WINE

Sake is a Japanese word for alcoholic drinks in general, so more correctly it should be called Nihonshu! It is also not really a wine but more like beer in its production. The best Sake is produced using only the starch in the centre of the rice grain; to this end the grains are polished to remove all but this kernel of starch. Naturally it is brewed to 19 - 20% alcohol but many are cut with water to bring this down to around 15%. The best – such as Akashi-Tai – are rich and earthy. Sake is the national drink of Japan, but they are made in many Asian countries, being known as rice wines.

Akashi-Tai, Shiraume Ginjo Umeshu, Plum Flavoured Sake - 50cl, 14%	WO865C	22.00
Akashi-Tai, Japanese Sake, Honjozo Genshu Tokubetsu - 72cl, 19%	WO872	26.00

### FRUIT, GINGER & BRITISH WINE

Stone's Original Green Ginger Wine, 13.5%	WO056	7.95
Afon Mèl Welsh Honey Mead, Sweet - 75cl, 13%	WO130	18.50

## Extra Virgin Olive Oil

The Sesti family have a wonderful estate: Castello di Argiano near Montalcino in Tuscany. When we ship their lovely Rosso and Brunello wines, we can never resist adding some cases of their intensely flavoured extra virgin olive oil to the orders.

Sesti Olio di Oliva, Extra Vergine Cold Press - 50cl	ZF008	16.50
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You can place an order for delivery at any of our branches which are in Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Hereford, Llandudno Junction, Chester and Welshpool; or see one of our Private House & Corporate Sales Advisers in our Shrewsbury offices.

## DELIVERY IN MAINLAND UK

Delivery is **FREE on orders of £140 or more to a single address** in mainland UK.

Please add £9.95 post & packing **per address** for orders under £140.

Dozens, half dozens and 1, 2 & 3 bottle packs minimize packaging waste.

Unless advised otherwise, you will normally receive your delivery within five working days (in exceptional circumstances this may take longer), Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm. Please contact us should this not be the case.

**Next Working Day Delivery** is available for £14.50, or £5 for orders over £140. **Saturday Delivery** is charged at a flat rate of £25. Next-day delivery orders must be received by 1pm.

We operate a signature service on all deliveries. Goods can be left unsigned for, but you must specify this when you order with instructions on where to leave the goods should you be out. You should allow longer for delivery to the Scottish Highlands.

## DELIVERY TO OTHER AREAS

Please allow up to an additional five working days over standard delivery for delivery to the following areas:

- Deliveries to Isle of Wight and Northern Ireland are charged at £25 for the first case (up to 12 x 75cl) and then £10 per subsequent case.
- Deliveries to the Isles of Scilly, Isle of Man and Scottish Offshore Islands are charged at £30 for the first case (up to 12 x 75cl) and then £10 per subsequent case.

Please note: we do not export from the UK.

## CLAIMS

Important: Goods must be examined and breakages, shortages and mispicks notified immediately, within two days of delivery at the latest. Please telephone on 01743 234455 or email us at [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk).

## PRICING AND AVAILABILITY

This wine list is subject to stock remaining on hand and prices are subject to continual change and revision due to duty, foreign exchange and market fluctuations. All previous lists are hereby cancelled. The prices shown are VAT inclusive per bottle unless otherwise indicated. If an item is out of stock, we will substitute a similar item of equivalent or higher value unless requested not to do so. Goods supplied remain Tanners' property until payment has been received. Please check prices at time of order. Alcohol levels are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing, however they can vary according to each bottling, distillation or brewing.

## PAYMENT

Payment is due at time of order. You can pay by debit card, credit card or by cheque made payable to Tanners Wines Ltd. If paying by cheque, please allow three working days for the cheque to clear. Payment is also welcomed by online banking to Tanners bank account number **02567732**, sort code **30-97-62**, but you must give your customer number and name as a reference. Payment via PayPal is accepted for online orders only. A credit account can be opened once the necessary credit references have been obtained – please speak to one of the team.

## QUERIES OR COMPLAINTS

Should you have a query regarding delivery or faulty wines, please telephone on 01743 234455 or email us at [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). For queries regarding accounts, please ask for the accounts department on 01743 234500 or email us at [accounts@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:accounts@tanners-wines.co.uk). Alternatively for any complaint, write to us at Tanners Wines Ltd, 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 1XD. Complaints will be attended to personally by the directors.

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## CANCELLATION OF ORDERS

You have a 14-working-day right of withdrawal from distance selling contracts. If you wish to cancel, please notify us in writing or by email to [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). Please note that a charge may be made to cover the cost of collecting goods in the event of a cancelled order that has already been delivered.

## Wine in Time Club

Tanners' award-winning Wine in Time Club is designed to be the easiest way to buy great wine. Our experienced and well-respected buyers do the choosing for you, selecting their current favourites and wines suitable for the season from our huge range of wines. New dozens are created every other month comprising six wines with two bottles of each. You can receive cases as regularly as you choose, at a price to suit you. With full tasting notes accompanying the cases, there is no better way to explore the quality and breadth of the Tanners range, both the classic regions as well as lesser-known, 'off the beaten track' areas. You can choose between all red, all white (and occasional rosés) or mixed cases at the Platinum, Gold or Silver levels depending on your budget.

Delivery is free within mainland UK and each case is discounted. To make it as easy as possible, you can pay by Direct Debit or Standing Order. Please ring Wine in Time manager, Rachel Armstrong on 01743 234455 to discuss joining Tanners Wine in Time or apply online at [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/WIT](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/WIT).

## Tastings & Events

With award-winning wines from all around the world, knowledgeable staff and a focus on making the subject of wine fun, there are few better places than Tanners to taste and learn about wine. Join in our busy programme of tastings or host your own event, whatever the occasion. While Tanners' extensive premises on Shrewsbury's Wyle Cop is our main venue, there are the branches too, or a tasting can be held at your own venue, depending on distance.

### OUR TASTINGS PROGRAMME

We hold many tastings of one form or another for customers throughout the year. Keep an eye on Tanners mailings, follow us on social media or take a look at the website [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tastings](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tastings) for details of forthcoming events. Tutored tastings by top producers or journalists, informal walk-round tastings such as our Christmas tastings, the Meet the Producers fair in the Spring and monthly Cellar Tours are always popular.

### WINE COURSES

From time to time we offer evening wine masterclasses, introducing a variety of topics. These can be an elementary introduction to wine tasting, key grapes and regions, or more advanced courses possibly for those wanting to take Wine & Spirit Education Trust exams, for which we are an accredited examiner.



## YOUR OWN EVENT

We are always delighted to show groups around the historic Wyle Cop premises in Shrewsbury. The minimum group size is 15 and virtually any level of wine tasting along with catering (either buffet or sit-down) can be arranged. (Smaller groups can be accommodated but please bear in mind we will require a minimum spend). This can prove an ideal solution whether it's a family celebration, a group of like-minded friends or a work event – maybe team building or a product launch. These events can now be hosted virtually, via Zoom, and have proved a popular way of bringing groups around the country together. For further information or to tailor-make your own event please email our experienced Events Manager Alix Chidley-Utley at [events.manager@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:events.manager@tanners-wines.co.uk).

# Customer Services

## INDIVIDUAL ADVICE

Whether over the telephone, on the shop floor or at tastings, it is crucial for us to give you friendly, down-to-earth advice at whatever level you require. We recruit people who already have an interest in wine, food and travel and then put them through our own training course as well as their Wine & Spirit Education Trust examinations. Here at Tanners, it is easy for staff to taste regularly, have regular contact with the buying team and travel to the vineyards on whatever trips are available. And if your questions cannot be answered immediately, our many long-serving staff provide a vast bank of wisdom to draw upon.

## THE TEAM

Our sales & advice team is directed by Robert Boutflower, managed by Graham Mason and includes Rachel Armstrong, Robin Torrens, Richard Parsons-Jones, Aiden Schwarzer and Aaran Eccles. The website team is made up of Rob McQuattie, Tiffany Vernon, Uta Heath and Emma Ward. They all enjoy wine, have travelled widely and are able to give down-to-earth advice at any level. You are also very welcome to visit in person and discuss orders for delivery including wines for a wedding or to lay down. If you want to see a particular member of the team, please ring ahead. They enjoy putting a face to a name.

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

With new vintages being assessed and parcels of new wines being discovered all the time, keeping in touch is crucial. If you would like to receive Tanners Wine List, Tanners News & Offers, En Primeur Reports and other information please ring us on Shrewsbury 01743 234455 or email us at [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). Our mailing list is kept strictly confidential and we never divulge names and addresses to other companies. You can also receive regular e-mail offers and we ensure that we never overload your inbox! Please send an e-mail to [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk) or sign up at [www.tanners-wines.co.uk](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk). You can also follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for updates.

## WINES NOT ON OUR LIST

If possible, these will be obtained for you by the unsplit case. Rare old bottles, in particular of Madeira, Port and brandy are sometimes available singly. It is always worth checking our Oddments List first by downloading it from [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tanners-oddments-list](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tanners-oddments-list) or by contacting us on 01743 234455.

## CORPORATE CUSTOMER SERVICES

Whether you require wines for corporate events, incentives or gifts for example, we can cater for your individual needs. For details of our services to businesses and institutions, please telephone Graham Mason on 01743 234455. Visits by our Area Sales Managers can be arranged if appropriate.

## RESTAURANT, HOTEL & OTHER ON-TRADE CUSTOMERS

Tanners has great expertise in giving a full, composite service to on-trade accounts including regular deliveries, creation of wine lists and advice on gross profit. Likewise, our wines can add great interest to existing wine lists. Please telephone Trade Support on 01743 234400 who can send you our Trade List and arrange for the appropriate Area Sales Manager to contact you or visit [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/trade](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/trade).

## ALLERGENS, VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN WINES

We are happy to provide allergen information on all our products to confirm whether they contain sulphites, wheat, barley, egg and milk products or other allergens. Please contact us listing the products you are interested in, see online for our selection.

# Fine Wine Services

## WHAT IS EN PRIMEUR?

Also known as 'Lying Abroad', the term 'En Primeur' refers to wines that are yet to be shipped into the UK. They may even still be in barrel. You buy these wines by the case and they are delivered at a later date. Tanners En Primeur offers provide a good way to secure some of the most sought-after wines at opening prices. In addition, we ensure that it is an advantageous way to buy favourite mid-priced wines from Bordeaux, Burgundy, the Rhône, Germany and the Douro Valley. En Primeur also allows you to secure fine wines in large formats or halves.

Timings of offers follow an established pattern starting with Bordeaux each May/June; Rhône in November; Burgundies in January; more Rhône's in March then Vintage Ports (if declared) in May. Growers being growers, there are always exceptions! We collate orders as best we can whilst avoiding shipping in the heat of summer and despatching during the busy Christmas period.

When ordering En Primeur wines, you pay for the wine itself when you place the order and then the duty and VAT at the prevailing rates on the whole at the time of shipment, which can be from a couple of months to a couple of years later. You may find this a great way to split the cost of your wines. If you're still unsure how it works, please call our Fine Wine

Team on 01743 234455 or email [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk) – they will be happy to explain in more detail. If you would like to defer further the cost of duty and VAT, you should consider storing your wines ‘In Bond’. Your En Primeur purchases are covered under The Bunch Code of Practice which can be sent on request or viewed on the Tanners website [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/the-bunch-code-of-practice](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/the-bunch-code-of-practice).

## WINE STORAGE

If you designate your En Primeur wines to be put into ‘In Bond’ storage upon shipment, then you will pay neither duty nor VAT on the wines until you withdraw them. Indeed, if you choose to sell on your wines ‘In Bond’, you will never be charged duty or VAT. Our storage rates are highly competitive and you can store down to the single case. Annual stock certificates with suggested drinking windows are issued each March or on request.

The wine is stored and handled at our own premises under the watchful eyes of our fine wine specialists, Graham Mason and Aaran Eccles, so you can be certain of the best attention at all times. These facilities are fully temperature-controlled and storage rates are inclusive of insurance at full replacement value. All our wine storage terms are in accordance with The Bunch Code of Practice including clearly identified, separate storage of fully marked cases with separate stock records. There are no delivery charges for ‘Duty Paid’ despatches to mainland UK addresses when you withdraw stock.

To discuss storing your wines, please call Aaran Eccles or Graham Mason on 01743 234455 or email [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). We can also offer ‘Duty Paid’ storage.

## INVESTING IN WINE

There is investing in wine to drink, investing purely to sell on and then a probably healthier, happy medium. As a rule of thumb you should buy wines that you would be comfortable drinking. At Tanners we have not used the term ‘investment’ to sell wine since the 1966 vintage!

People who make spectacular returns on odd cases will tell you about it, but they will keep quiet about the modest performance of the rest. Wine prices on the secondary market are very volatile. They are highly responsive to downturns in the economy and reputations are easily destroyed by the verdicts of one or two very influential journalists. You should think long term and take an overall view, keeping wine as part of a balanced portfolio of investments.

Many of our customers enjoy buying their wine early En Primeur when they have the pick of the harvest. Long term, over a number of vintages, customers should have paid less for their wine and they will have enough of the best to cover their future drinking. Some wines increase in value over their lifetime if they have a distinguished reputation, are produced in limited quantities and become rarer as they get older – the basic principles of supply and demand on the marketplace.

Wines for investment are best stored with us ‘In Bond’ which gives good provenance and importantly allows you to sell them ‘In Bond’ to other wine collectors.

## SELLING YOUR WINE

We may be interested in purchasing wines you have for sale, especially if they are already stored with us. Please contact Simon Jones on 01743 234500 or email [buying@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:buying@tanners-wines.co.uk) with your enquiry, ideally with a list of your wines in spreadsheet format. At Tanners we can also offer a broking service for wines already stored with us, acting as agents for the sale of your wine in return for a commission. Occasionally we undertake to sell other particularly large or valuable collections of wine for customers on a similar basis.

We also have excellent relationships with leading auction houses and a number of wine 'brokers' who may have customers looking for your wines. Some of the regional auctioneers now have good visibility on the internet and a professional approach to wine sales.

## CELLAR PLANNING

Cellar Planning with Tanners is an easy way to build a fine wine collection or add to an existing one. The service is bespoke to you so you will relatively quickly be able to build up a 'cellar' for drinking, longer-term enjoyment or re-sale.

Through sound advice from our expert, well-travelled staff, you will have wines which are ready to drink, with seamless replacement by more wines reaching maturity. Cellar Planning with Tanners is easy, with us contacting you to discuss your requirements at regular intervals. You will save time in the planning and choosing of your wine as we will have done the research for you. All wine suggestions are made subject to the quality of each vintage and with reference to your past purchases.

Often the best way to buy is from Tanners En Primeur Offers, where you get first chance to purchase sought-after wines at advantageous prices, and then store your wine with Tanners. Some customers decide to combine Cellar Planning with an optional regular standing order or direct debit to help build up funds to spend on wine.

To discuss Cellar Planning further, please contact Aiden Schwarzer on 01743 234455 or email [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). We will need a reasonable idea of your preferences or you could supply us with an initial wish list.

## THE ODDMENTS LIST

The Oddments List contains many small parcels of fine wines, rare wines and bin ends. Please contact us on 01743 234455 for a copy or download it at [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tanners-oddments-list](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/tanners-oddments-list). If you are looking for particular old vintages, we can often oblige.

For our Fine Wine Services Terms and Conditions, please visit our website [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/terms-conditions-fine-wine-services](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/terms-conditions-fine-wine-services).

# Visiting Tanners

## THE CELLARS SHOP, SHREWSBURY

26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury SY1 1XD

01743 234459 | [cellars.shop@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:cellars.shop@tanners-wines.co.uk) |  [tanners.wines](https://www.instagram.com/tanners.wines)

For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/shrewsbury](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/shrewsbury).

Round the back of our Shrewsbury headquarters, and with masses of parking, the Cellars Shop is the flagship of Tanners' retail operations. You will find the full Tanners range of wines and spirits superbly displayed, together with all the fine and rare 'Oddment' wines. In all, that makes well over 2,000 wines. But if you find the choice daunting, Erica Baker Vilain, Robert Crosland and the team including Marie-Claire Gillett, Howard Hutchins, Amy McCudden, Shania Cole and Tom Manley will give you honest, practical guidance. If you are coming from further afield and would like a look behind the scenes, please ring ahead on 01743 234455 and we will endeavour to organise a tour.

**Directions:** From the south side of Shrewsbury, follow signs to the town centre. Cross the English Bridge and take the second right entrance just before you start to go up Wyle Cop.

## A TASTE OF TANNERS WINE & TAPAS, SHREWSBURY

27 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury SY1 1XD


01743 234499 | [tasteoftanners@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:tasteoftanners@tanners-wines.co.uk) |  [tasteoftanners](https://www.instagram.com/tasteoftanners)

For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/a-taste-of-tanners](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/a-taste-of-tanners).

Relax and unwind in our recently re-launched A Taste of Tanners Wine & Tapas bar, conveniently located on Wyle Cop, within a five minute walk of Shrewsbury's bustling high street. With the option of sitting in our cosy, newly-refurbished indoor snug or charming, secluded courtyard, wines are available by the glass or by the bottle and can be accompanied by a selection of small plates, brimming with charcuterie, cheese and nibbles. We have a selection of wines from lesser-known, up-and-coming regions, alongside the classics, predominantly from small growers and winemakers with a sustainably focused outlook. These are available to enjoy on the premises by the glass or bottle, or to take away. To pair with our Spanish-style cuisine, the drinks menu also includes a selection of sherries by the glass, along with local craft beers and soft drinks, with daily and monthly specials. Natasha Ward and the team will be on hand, whether it's a weekday glass of wine after work or a Saturday afternoon gathering with friends you are enjoying.

## THE WAREHOUSE SHOP, WELSHPOOL

Severn Farm Enterprise Park, Welshpool SY21 7DF

01938 552542 | [wpshop@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:wpshop@tanners-wines.co.uk) |  [tannerswineswelshpool](https://www.instagram.com/tannerswineswelshpool)

For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/welshpool](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/welshpool).

The Warehouse Shop is at the company's central distribution depot and is therefore backed up by massive stocks from both the packing and bonded warehouses. There are often some good bargain bin-ends to be had here too! Browse the shelves in relaxed surroundings or seek the help of shop manager Thomas Corbett and Tess Powell. Croeso i Tanners Trallwng!

Directions: You will find the Warehouse Shop conveniently situated just off the A483 Welshpool bypass/Newtown Road. From the roundabout by the Old Station, loop up over the bypass. Take the first right into Severn Farm Enterprise Park and then the first left. Customer parking is in front of the shop.



Cellars Shop, Shrewsbury



## TANNERS LLANDUDNO JUNCTION

102/103 Tremarl Industrial Estate, Ffordd Maelgwyn,  
Llandudno Junction, Conwy LL31 9PN

01492 874099 | [llandudno@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:llandudno@tanners-wines.co.uk)


For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/llandudno-junction](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/llandudno-junction).

Our warehouse shop can be found close to the seaside town of Llandudno. Although space limits us to offering a smaller range of 500 mid-range wines, with some notice Richard Stevens and Damian Roberts can transfer stock for your collection, and our position is great for stocking up on your way to the coast.

**Directions:** From Junction 19 on the A55 follow signs to Llandudno Junction. Take the first left onto Ffordd Maelgwyn, between the Toyota garage and Junction Auto Park. Follow this road for less than half a mile past the car showrooms and Tanners Wines is on the right-hand side before the right-hand bend. Parking is available in front of the branch.

## TANNERS HEREFORD

4 St Peter's Square, Hereford HR1 2PG

01432 272044 | [hereford@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:hereford@tanners-wines.co.uk) |  [tannershereford](#)


For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/hereford](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/hereford).

Tanners Hereford has a rich heritage running to over 200 years of trading in the city. Our house gin, Hereford Finest Dry Gin, is a reminder of its many years as gin distillers, cider and wine merchants, William Pulling & Co, and is one of the branch's best-selling lines. All Tanners inexpensive and mid-range wines are stocked together with a very large range of fine and rare wines, plus your other drinks requirements. Manager Neil Clarke, James Howells, Lona Jones and Kim Hutchinson would be delighted to welcome you.

**Directions:** From the Blue School Street ring road, take the Union Street turn signed 'City Centre - East'. Go into Saint Peter's Square and you will see Tanners in front of you. You can pick up goods in the loading area outside or there is normally on-street parking along Saint Owen's Street. Gaol Street public car park is nearby.

## TANNERS BRIDGNORTH

36 High Street, Bridgnorth WV16 4DB

01746 763148 | [bridgnorth@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:bridgnorth@tanners-wines.co.uk) |  [tannersbridgnorth](#)

For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/bridgnorth](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/bridgnorth).

In the heart of Bridgnorth's pretty High Town, the Bridgnorth branch is perhaps the most attractive of our shops, and importantly also has its own car park. Carrying almost the full range of our wines plus spirits and other drinks, Tanners Bridgnorth is well worth the

trip from the Black Country, Worcestershire and further away. Extensive cellars and stores mean there is plenty of stock, with capacity for regular tastings to be held in the large upstairs tasting room. The branch dates from 1825 and has been part of Tanners since 1926. Manager Mark Carter, Helen Chaudron, Tim Darrall-Jones and Stephanie Wilson would love to see you there.

**Directions:** As you come uphill from Low Town on the old Much Wenlock road, turn right at the mini-roundabout into St Mary's Street. Our customer car park is on the right under an archway after a few hundred yards. A passageway leads you up to the High Street and the front of the shop.

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## TANNERS CHESTER

150 Christleton Road, Chester CH3 5TD

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For opening hours please see [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/chester](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/chester).

This magnificent branch sits splendidly in the old Art Deco cinema, on your left as you head along Christleton Road towards Chester city centre. Modern lighting of over 1,000 lines sets off the heritage of the building, while there is a dedicated tasting room where guests can enjoy our programme of wine tasting events. Manager Stephanie Pierce, Rachel Huber, Oriana Kelly and Laura Burke look forward to showing you round and discussing the wide range of wines on tasting.

**Directions:** When approaching from the north or east, exit the M53 at junction 40 onto the A41 (signed for Whitchurch). Turn right at the roundabout signed for Chester A5115. Tanners is half a mile on the left. When approaching from the south or west, exit the A55 at junction 39 (signed for Chester A5115). Turn left at the roundabout onto A5115. Tanners is half a mile on the left. When approaching from the city centre, head west on Tarvin Road, then bear right onto A5115 (signed for Whitchurch). Tanners is a quarter of a mile on the right, with parking available in front of the branch.

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## TANNERS WEBSITE

All our list wines are available to buy online at [www.tanners-wines.co.uk](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk) and are accompanied by tasting notes and up-to-date background information. Buying online from Tanners is quick, easy and secure. You will also find it simple to select wines according to your own criteria, for example: price, style, region or grape variety. For the quickest ordering, you can login and place your order based on previous orders. Tanners Oddments and current En Primeur offers can also be purchased from the site. As well as our usual payment methods, it is possible to pay for online orders via PayPal.

# Wedding & Party Drinks

## CHOOSING YOUR BOTTLES

Choosing the wines for a big event should be easy and fun. Tanners is here to help you find the very best bottles for your budget, whilst also taking any stress out of the planning. We can calculate how many bottles you will need, supply on a Sale or Return basis, deliver your order and loan all the glasses you require.

The Tanners team is hugely experienced in advising on wedding and party drinks. They have a fantastic knowledge of Tanners full product range, so can offer great advice on styles of wine to match food, occasion and budget as well as recommending the all-important quantity required!

At Tanners you will find:

- Very competitive prices, especially for large orders
- A huge range of around 1,200 wines
- A selection of over 60 top quality champagnes and sparkling wines
- Great prices on soft drinks, beers, ciders and spirits

You may wish to take advantage of some of our regular special offers on these bottles, and we are always very prepared to discuss special prices for large orders. Contact us now to arrange a chat and a free, no-obligation tasting.

## GLASSES

You can use our high-quality wine glasses, champagne flutes, tumblers, beer glasses and jugs when you order the corresponding drinks from Tanners. There's no need to clean the glasses before returning them because our modest service charge includes washing.

## SALE OR RETURN

All wines are available on Sale or Return for delivery and collection within the Tanners Own Van Delivery Area. Beers, soft drinks and spirits are available on Sale or Return for delivery and collection within this same area, but only in addition to wine orders. Cases of beer, cider and soft drinks must be returned by the unsplit case. If you wish to take advantage of this service, please telephone us on 01743 234455 to check whether your order is covered by Tanners Own Van Delivery. All goods must be returned in a fit state for resale. We reserve the right to take back a maximum of 50% of the total order. All goods can also be collected from and returned to your Tanners branch, although we advise you to ring ahead if you want particularly large quantities of certain lines.

## DELIVERY

We will deliver wines and spirits for free in the mainland UK according to our normal delivery terms. Plus you can have glasses, soft drinks, beers and ciders delivered for free in

addition to your wines and spirits, if you are within the Tanners Own Van Delivery Area which includes all the Welsh Marches. Collection of any returns within this area is also free.

### COLLECTING FROM TANNERS

All drinks and glasses – and usually ice – can also be collected from your local Tanners branch, although we advise you to ring ahead if you want large quantities of certain lines, or glasses during busy periods.

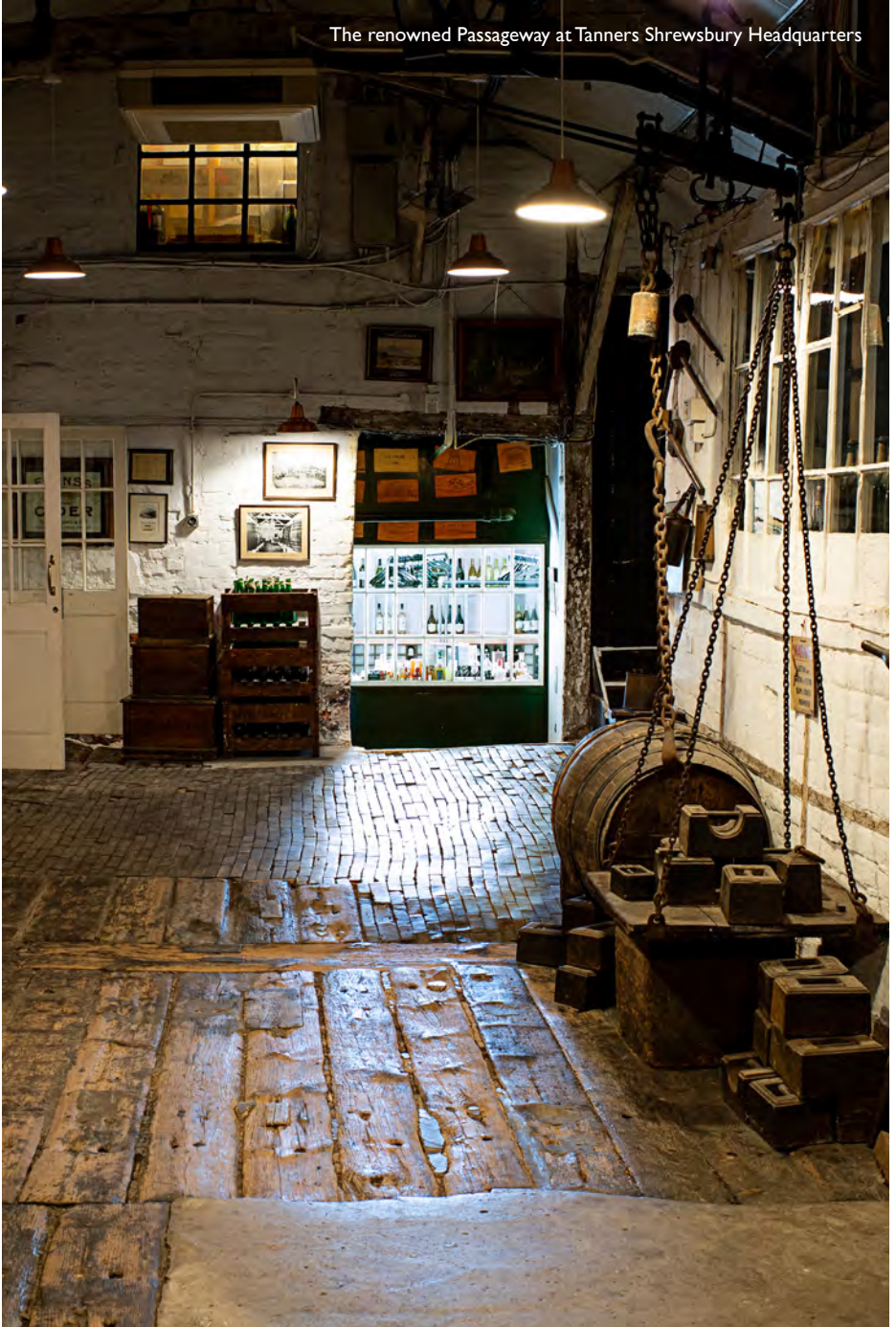
### CONTACT US

To organise a tasting, receive a no-obligation quotation, discuss your requirements, or simply find out more, please contact our Private House Sales team on 01743 234455 or email [sales@tanners-wines.co.uk](mailto:sales@tanners-wines.co.uk). Alternatively, you may prefer to contact your local Tanners branch. For contact details and full terms & conditions, please see our website.

### TANNERS TOP TIPS

- Bottles laid in any large container with a layer of ice over the top (don't add water) will chill down perfectly in 40 minutes. We hire out chiller bins.
- Wedding toasts are often served after pudding when palates are jaded so a good sparkling wine will do a fine job.
- Choosing wines 'by committee' is always difficult and can make it hard to reach a happy consensus!
- Some venues offer reasonable corkage rates so you may still be able to serve your favourite wines from Tanners.

The renowned Passageway at Tanners Shrewsbury Headquarters



# Tanners Today

Tanners is family-owned, family-run, resolutely independent and celebrated its 180th anniversary in 2022. It is run by James Tanner, Chairman and Managing Director, the fourth generation of the family to work in the company, who took over from his father, Richard Tanner. The firm employs over 100 people with the majority split between its distinctive, black & white headquarters in Shrewsbury and its distribution depot in Welshpool.



Approximately half Tanners' sales are to quality-minded hotels and restaurants and half to private clients and corporate customers such as universities, colleges and companies - not only locally but countrywide too. Good traditional service is what Tanners is about, but 'traditional' in the best sense of the word. We find it easier to deliver this with a core of long-serving staff and we are lucky in this respect, Tanners currently has more than a dozen members of staff who have completed 30 years with the firm.

The careful selection of wines is of paramount importance at Tanners. James Tanner and Stephen Crosland have done the buying together now for many years and are helped in their endeavours to travel and taste as widely as possible by Simon Jones and Robert Boufflower. We devote a lot of time to seeing our suppliers either in Shrewsbury or abroad since the best producers have to be convinced that their wine will end up with customers who will appreciate it. Quantities available are often limited and in this respect, a firm the size of Tanners has a distinct advantage over bigger enterprises.

To ensure quality and continuity it is essential to talk to a grower in his or her own cellars or winery. No two years are the same and an indolent farmer can make a good wine in a year that has favourable weather. Useful producers make good wines in the difficult years. It is only by seeing a grower's cellars and assessing his or her attitude during conversation that one can get a proper idea of what sort of wine will be produced on a continuing basis. It is also only by careful questioning that one can establish just how 'organic' a producer really is, finding out whether they are just paying lip service while continuing on with as many treatments as ever! Fortunately many of our suppliers are at the forefront of the organic and biodynamic movement.

We are sometimes asked how we can compete on price. The answer is severalfold. Firstly we are rigorous in going direct to the producer and cutting out layers of middlemen. In this vein we have always maintained that wine is an agricultural product and has no need of big cities. Secondly Tanners is large enough to ship wine from just about anywhere in the world, in complete container quantities if necessary. We save further costs by shipping to our own bonded warehouse at Welshpool in Mid-Wales. Thirdly Tanners is a member of a buying consortium through our part ownership of the Merchant Vintners Company. This 25-strong association of independent wine merchants was founded in 1965 and now has a combined annual turnover of over £400 million.



# A Little History

William Tanner, born in Shropshire in 1839, went to sea and sailed the world, visiting places as far flung as Australia and Chile. Returning as a ship's captain in 1872, he took his brother Henry into partnership and founded the firm of W. & H. E. Tanner in Shrewsbury. Its cellars were those of the now demolished Victorian Market Hall, its offices were in Shoplatch.

The business later passed to Alfred Tanner of Shrawardine near Shrewsbury, a successful breeder and exporter of pedigree Shropshire Sheep and Hereford Cattle. He employed a manager until two of his sons were old enough: Frank, who died in 1960 and Clive who died in 1983. In 1912 they acquired the Old Brewery at Welshpool, founded 1860, which by then had ceased brewing beer and, in 1926, the wine merchants business of Thos. Whitefoot and Sons, Bridgnorth, dating from 1825. The ancient carved figures you can see on the Bridgnorth shop front are great curios of unknown origin. For many years prior to Thomas Whitefoot, when 36 High Street was a coaching inn, they decorated the balcony of the inn yard at the rear of the premises. Eldest brother, Craig Tanner, was a well-known Hereford Cattle breeder and point-to-point rider who farmed at Eyton-on-Severn, carrying on a family tradition of farming in the area going back over 400 years.

Before the wine boom of the 1960s, country wine merchants like Tanners also acted as beer wholesalers, bottled beer and manufactured mineral waters. W. & H. E. Tanner had, since the 1880s, acted as local agents for the excellent Burton-brewed beers of Worthington & Co.. Dumpy green beer bottles embossed 'W. & H. E. Tanner' and pale green mineral bottles with rounded bottoms and marbles in the neck are to be found in collections of old bottles.

Butts of sherry, pipes of Port, hogsheads of claret and burgundy were shipped via London, Bristol or Liverpool and on by rail for resting and bottling in Shrewsbury. The clarets, burgundies and vintage Ports, with full length corks and embossed wax seals, were binned in cellars to rest until mature. Rum arrived in puncheons via Liverpool from Jamaica and Guyana. More Irish whiskey was sold than Scotch, mainly in stone jars surrounded by basket work for protection. Many marked 'W. & H. E. Tanner, Shrewsbury' exist today. Those marked 'W. Tanner, Ludlow' were from Billy Tanner, one of the Clungunford/Ludlow branch of the family, who owned The Feathers Hotel in Ludlow, supplying it with fresh produce from his farm at Bromfield. The room on the right as you enter The Feathers is still called the Tanner Room or 'Tanners'.

Thomas Southam & Son, founded at Wyle Cop in 1842 and having an excellent reputation as wine merchants, was taken over by Tanners in 1936. For some years the two businesses were run separately but, when Tanners' cellars were requisitioned during the war as air raid shelters, both businesses were amalgamated at Wyle Cop. The firm traded as Tanner & Southam until 1960, when the name Southam was dropped to eliminate confusion with Southam's Brewery, then still trading.

In 1978 Tanners acquired the Hereford wine merchants, William Pulling & Co, together

with their bonded warehouse and the old Hereford Distillery. As wine merchants and distillers in Hereford, Pulling's dated from 1813 and has been in the present premises since 1917, but its origins date from 1760 when George Pulling, a Devon cider merchant, leased five 'cyderhouses' in Ledbury. At one point Pulling's had branches in Cardiff, Ross-on-Wye and Ludlow, the latter trading as Keysell & Co, founded in 1780.

In 2001 Tanners opened a new distribution depot at Welshpool, leaving the Old Brewery in Brook Street, Welshpool after almost 90 years. Transport and warehousing operations were moved out of Shrewsbury, thereby allowing us to refurbish our historic premises on Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, and to extend the Cellars Shop and offices. In 2005 Tanners purchased Terry Platt Wine Merchants in Llandudno, North Wales. Many times IWC Welsh Wine Merchant of the Year, Platts was founded in 1964. This brings the number of years trading for the six old companies that make up the present day Tanners 'group' to 1015 years in total! Of course, such experience is only of use if it translates into better services and better wines.

## The Bunch

The Bunch is made up of the proprietors or managing directors of seven of Britain's leading independent wine merchants comprising Tanners, Yapp Brothers, Adnams, Lea & Sandeman, Corney & Barrow, Private Cellar and Haynes, Hanson & Clark. Its Code of Practice governs the way in which we sell En Primeur wines and look after customer reserves. The full code of practice can be viewed on our website: [www.tanners-wines.co.uk/the-bunch-code-of-practice](http://www.tanners-wines.co.uk/the-bunch-code-of-practice).





James Tanner receiving his Ordre du Mérite agricole.  
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## Some Recent *Awards*

- 2022 Best Regional Multi-Store (Central England) Runner Up  
– Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2021 Best National Wine Retailer Runner Up – Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2020 Best National Wine Shops Runner Up – Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2019 Best National Wine Shops Runner Up – Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2018 Best National Wine Shops – Decanter Retailer Awards  
Subscription Wine Club Runner Up – Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2017 Large Independent of the Year – International Wine Challenge
- 2016 Outstanding Retailer of the Year – Decanter Retailer Awards  
Large Independent Wine Retailer of the Year – Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2015 Large Independent of the Year – International Wine Challenge
- 2013 Regional Wine Merchant of the Year Runner Up  
– Decanter Retailer Awards
- 2012 Top Merchant of the Year (over 3 stores)  
– Harpers Top Merchant Awards Telegraph  
Magazine Best Small Shops in Britain. Runner Up – ‘Best for Wine’  
Portuguese Independent Wine Merchant – Wines of Portugal
- 2011 Regional Wine Merchant of the Year – Decanter World Wine Awards
- 2010 Wine List of the Year – International Wine Challenge  
Central Regional Merchant of the Year – International Wine Challenge
- 2009 Independent Merchant of the Year – Decanter World Wine Awards  
Central Regional Merchant of the Year  
– International Wine Challenge  
Austrian & German Specialists – International Wine Challenge
- 2008 Large Independent Merchant of the Year – International Wine Challenge  
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“It’s unwise to pay too much, but it’s worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money - that is all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot - it can’t be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add something for the risk you run, and if you do that you will have enough to pay for something better.”

John Ruskin, *Writer & son of a Wine Merchant.*





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