

Dalhousie Castle Wine List

Wines By the Glass

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A selection of our fantastic Wines available by the glass. All glasses are 175ml unless stated

Champagne

Mercier Brut NV 125ml

£11.25 1

A straw yellow colour with aromas of seeded white fruits and fresh baked bread, the high proportion of Pinot Noir is expressed in a palate of ripe apple and pear which climax in a delightful fresh finish.

White Wines

The Sann Chenin Blanc, South Africa

£5.50 13

Rich tropical aromas of pear, guava and yellow stone fruit jump out of the glass. The abundance of flavours carry on through to the well structure palate

Gewurtztraminer Maden Flight, Casablanca, Chile

£7.50 14

A beautiful bright yellow colour with golden hints, Its aroma is elegant with flower notes like roses and lychee fruit. To taste it is creamy, complex and soft with a pleasant mineral finish, drink with oriental foods, chicken, assorted vegetables and spices. Bittersweet combinations match superbly

Spy Valley Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand

£6.25 15

Lifted fruit aromas of grapefruit and passion fruit with a background citrus character, the initial fruit sweetness is balanced by refreshing acidity to leave a mouthwatering finish

Zenato pinot Grigio, Italy

£6.75 16

Straw yellow colour with a delicate bouquet

Chablis Jean Claude Martin, Burgundy, France

£7.00 17

Crisp and dry with racy acidity and taught apple and citrus fruit flavours. Well balanced, showing some complexity and a clean refreshing finish.

Sancere 'les Bouffants' Loire France

£7.25 18

Classic dry, steely Sauvignon fruit with subtle smoky grapefruit character and an intense core of crisp, mineral fruit. Elegant and long.

Rose Wines

Marques de Caceres Rioja Rosado, Spain

£5.00 46

A bouquet of strawberries and raspberries that mingle with fresh acid and floral notes. This Rose will delight your taste buds with mineral character that highlight the long lasting fruit flavours

St Rosa Syrah Rose

£6.25 47

A vivid, bright pink with all the ripe, succulent fruit one would expect. Soft, well rounded and oh so gluggable, this is the perfect accompaniment to long sunny days - or the perfect refuge from long wet days!

Delicato Zinfandel Rose, California

£7.50 48

Dryer than many white zinfandels it however has plenty of raspberry and watermelon fruit flavours with refreshingly bright acidity on the finish

Red Wines

Valdivieso Merlot, Chile

£5.50 49

Ultra smooth merlot with lashings of plum, blackberry and damson jam with mocha coffee and chocolate. A classic Chilean Merlot that offers a lot of pleasure

Ceppaiano Chianti, Italy

£6.00 50

Notes of cassis, black cherries and leather with smooth tannic structure and a long lasting finish

Stormhoek, The Siren, Pinotage, South Africa

£6.25 51

Beautifully presented, this pinotage has a ripe, sweet subtlety with bright red fruits, the touch of greenness works well with the chocolate richness

Chateau de la Pierre, Beaujolais Villages, France

£6.75 52

More weight than a classic Beaujolais but still very fruity, it has more depth and delicious forward fruit and a touch of acidity for zest

Musician, Cabernet Shiraz, Australia

£7.50 53

Using the same fabulous fruit that goes into the much revered Majella Cabernets and Shiraz, Musician is younger, more fruit driven version using a little less new oak. Very much in the mould of it's big brothers with crisp, blackcurrant, eucalypt and mint on the nose followed by a huge whack of juicy, savoury fruit on the palate. This is pure Coonawarra at a bargain price - awesome!

Rioja Crianza, Luis Canas, Spain

£8.00 54

Twelve months oak ageing give a little complexity and softens the wine - yielding a well balanced ripe fruited wine with a soft, sweetish oak finish.

Champagne

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From the towns of Epernay and Reims, comes the drink that says celebration, we have a selection of styles from the bone dry ultra brut to the sweeter demi sec.

Mercier Brut NV	75cl	£45	1
A straw yellow colour with aromas of seeded white fruits and fresh baked bread, the high proportion of Pinot Noir is expressed in a palate of ripe apple and pear which climax in a delightful fresh finish.			
Laurent Perrier Brut NV	75cl	£60	2
Pale gold with wonderful citrus aromas that are confirmed on the palate, these give way to a slight yeastiness and biscuit character			
De Castellane Demi Sec NV	75cl	£70	3
Intense gilt yellow colour, on the nose a complex mix of white flowers, rose, peach, cinnamon and hazelnuts, the palate feels sophisticated and rich with hints of peaches, spice and dried fruits			
Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut NV	75cl	£80	4
This delicious Ultra brut is referred to as zero dosage, meaning there has been no added sugar after fermentation as is the normal method in champagne, a crisp dry champagne that goes well with oysters and caviar			
Bollinger Special Cuvée NV	75cl	£90	5
Pale straw with citrus and caramel nose, nice structured acidity with caramel and coffee to taste			
Krug Grande Cuvée NV	75cl	£200	6
Gleaming gold in colour with an expansive bouquet, the creamy texture explodes into flavours such as soft spices, dried and candied fruit with a crisp clean finish, sublime stuff...			

Sparkling Wines

They might not be from Champagne, but these bottles of fizz represent real quality from around the world.

Pinot Grigio Sparkling Rose, Italy	75cl	£22	9
A deliciously off dry that is brimming with ripe, creamy, strawberry fruit.			
Castillo perlada Brut Cava NV, Spain	75cl	£25	10
Pale lemon in colour with delicate pearling. This cava has aromas of citrus and flowers with a creamy and well balanced mouth feel. Excellent with light food and summer salads			
Prosecco 'oro' Casa Defra, Spain	75cl	£30	11
A delightfully frothy sparkler with aromatic apple and pear flavours on the nose followed by a crisp palate of succulent fruits. Gently foamy, just off dry and possessing an enticing, bright finish.			
Clover Hill Brut, Tasmania	75cl	£46	12
Produced from vineyards in northern Tasmania, Clover Hill is often quoted as the finest sparkling wine made in Australia. Clover Hill is rich and soft with yeasty, nutty hints coupled with pear and apple fruit flavours			

White Wines

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Gewürztraminer

Though its finest expressions often come from Alsace and Germany, developments in New World Viticulture mean that real quality can now be found elsewhere, Chile in particular are producing some stunning wines. Spicy with fruit undertones such as Lychee and Honeysuckle, Gewurztraminer is a real foodie wine

Our Gewurztraminers

Clas

Andante Gewurztraminer/Muscat Cave de Ribeauville, Alsace, France	75cl	£29	31
Founded in 1895 this is from the oldest collective in France, spicy citrus and grape jelly on the nose, crisp and light on the palate and no over the top sweetness like some wines of this style, it has great structure and a long finish			
Maiden Flight Gewurztraminer Reserva, Chile	2008	75cl	£30 14

A beautiful bright yellow colour with golden hints, Its aroma is elegant with flower notes like roses and lychee fruit. To taste it is creamy, complex and soft with a pleasant mineral finish, drink with oriental foods, chicken, assorted vegetables and spices. Bittersweet combinations match superbly

Chardonnay

Chardonnay is without a doubt one of the world's finest and most favourite grape varieties, excellent examples being found in California, Chile, Australia not to mention the wines of Burgundy and Champagne. Styles of Chardonnay vary as much as the countries and areas that produce it, meaning you can find one to suit almost any occasion from the often upfront vanilla of an oaked Chilean to the dryer citrus styles of a Chablis. We will always try to give guidance as to the style of Chardonnay on our list, so if your ABC we dare you to test us.

Our Chardonnays

Chablis Jean Claude Martin, Burgundy, France	75cl	£28	17
Crisp and dry with racy acidity and taught apple and citrus fruit flavours. Well balanced, showing some complexity and a clean refreshing finish.			
Wirra Wirra Unwooded Chardonnay, McLaren Vale, South Australia	75cl	£25	21
Honeydew melon and white peach aromas are followed by a sherbet tanginess then soft fruit and a crunchy acidity on the finish			
Chardonnay, Eden Valley, Australia	75cl	£28	26
Utilising fruit from the cooler Eden Valley, Thorn Clarke are able to make a wine with crisp, well balanced tropical fruit and subtle oak ageing. Well rounded, with touches of pineapple and toasty vanilla, this is classy stuff.			
St. Veran Les Ombrelles, Maconnaise, Burgundy, France	2007	75cl	£29 30
Green with golden tints with a floral fruity nose and a dry character that belies it's full yet delicate taste ideal with poached or beurre blanc fish dishes			
Morning Fog Chardonnay, Wente Vineyards, California	2008	75cl	£29 34
From Americas oldest vineyard, Golden colour with aromas of fresh cut red apple, vanilla and well integrated oak are further enhanced with tropical and citrus fruit. Predominant flavours are clean tart apple with hints of toast			
Meursault Domaine Du Pavillon, Burgundy, France	2006	75cl	£60 43
Pretty golden colour with citrus and hazelnut notes and a silky finish			
Puligny-Montrachet Les Enseignerres Domaine Roux, France	2008	75cl	£78 44

Riesling

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What can be said about the Chameleon of the Grape world? One could be bone dry with a mineral character, another sweet and sticky and the producers separated by the width of a road. Although adored by Austrian and German producers who excel with this Grape, the range of flavors produced mean that excellent wines can be found all over the world. Look out for fresh lime, Peach and apples.

Our Rieslings

Riesling, Claire Valley, Tim Knappstein, Australia	75cl	£28	27
Lovely citrus fruit aromas, lime overtones to taste without overpowering acidity, this medium bodied wine has a luxuriant mouth feel.			
Maiden Flight, Riesling Reserva, Chile	2008 75cl	£30	35
Bright yellow Riesling with green hints and aromatic citrus notes like mandarin, lime and grapefruit and jasmine, it is balanced, fruity and has great personality			
Riesling Kabinett Halbtrocken, Germany	75cl	£33	38
A single vineyard riesling from one of the best producers in the Rhinephalz. Medium dry, with crisp lemon and lime fruit.			

Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon blanc is the go to grape if you are looking for a nice dry style of wine with good acidity and fruit character, flavors vary from the tropical fruits of a southern hemisphere wine to the more traditional gooseberry nose of a Loire Valley.

Our Sauvignons

Lands End Sauvignon Blanc, Cape Agulhas, South Africa	75cl	£26	22
Situated at the most southerly point of Africa, Land's End Estate produces iconic Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah from an extreme microclimate. In vineyards where the pruners sometimes have trouble standing up because of the wind, the grapes ripen slowly giving great intensity of flavour and texture. Low yields and careful winemaking further add complexity to make what will become one of the textbook Sauvignons from the Cape. Concentrated gooseberry, mineral and guava character with a mouthwatering, crisp, tangy finish.			
Les Nuages Touraine Sauvignon Blanc, Loire, France	75cl	£28	28
Lovely Loire Sauvignon with classic mineral lemon and lime on the nose and palate, Crisp and dry with refreshing seafood friendly acidity.			
Sincere 'Les Bouffants', Loire Valley, France	75cl	£29	18
Classic dry, steely Sauvignon fruit with subtle smoky grapefruit character and an intense core of crisp fruit. Elegant and long.			
Zephyr Sauvignon Reserve, Marlborough, New Zealand	75cl	£34	41
An extraordinary new Marlborough based producer that relies on some superb vineyards (previously used for Cloudy Bay and Wither Hills) and the winemaking expertise of the Glover family (Ben is head winemaker for Wither Hills). Intensely aromatic with amazing aromas of guava, mango, passionfruit, asparagus and grass which lead through to a palate of richly textured, green tropical fruits. Stunning.			

Albarino

Though its name means 'the white from Rhine' this is not believed to be a Riesling clone (there being close to 300 years before you find mention of Riesling). Typically the nose is aromatic similar to a Viogner or Gewurtz, but hinting at peaches and apricot.

Our Albarino

Albarino Laggar de Bouza, Rias Baixais, Galicia, Spain	75cl	£28	24
Albarino has long been likened to Riesling for its lemony, crisp style but this indigenous grape of the region of Galicia has a personality very much of its own. Paired with seafood or shellfish, is a delicate, invigorating partner			

Cortese

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Wines made from this grape are highly favored by restaurants, the wines light acidity and crispness making an excellent partner to lighter flavored fish. Medium bodied with notes of limes and greengages, poorer vintages can be more acidic.

Our Cortese

Dezzani, Gavi, Italy	75cl	£29	32
Ripe peach and almonds on the nose with a full persistent and balanced taste			

Fiano

Fiano has the potential to combine freshness and power with the scent of peaches and nuts, displaying more complexity than the whites of northern and central Italy. In the past it was prone to oxidation but with modern cultivation methods the low yielding, early ripening grape is producing wines renowned for freshness and that benefit from ageing for 2-3 years in the bottle.

Our Fiano

Villa Dei Fiori, Fiano, Sicilia, Italy	75cl	£25	20
White peach and pear with a nice crisp citrus finish			

Muscat

Muscat, Moscato, Muskateller, whatever you call it, it is one of the oldest grape varieties in the world (some believe that the vitis vinifera strain of grapes are descended from it) and responsible for one of the worlds most popular sweet sparkling wines, Asti Spumante. Grown around the globe, a diverse range of wines can be found. Complex wines with citrus flower aromas and peach.

Our Muscat's

Chateau Ka Source Blanche, Muscat, Sauvignon, Semillon, Lebanon	75cl	£33	40
This innovative and vibrant white is full of tangy, citrus fruit and honeysuckle character. Crisp, lively, yet rounded on the palate with a lifted, refreshing finish.			

Pinot Blanc

Pinot Blanc, often overlooked for its sexier cousin Chardonnay, is a descendant of Pinot Noir by way of pinot Gris (Grigio), as you can imagine with a complex background the grape has a issues. Late ripening and robust it's discreet aromas disguise a roundness and full body with hints of apple and melon.

Our pinot Blanc's

Pinot Blanc Tradition Adam, France	75cl	£30	42
Dry and crisp with refreshing apple and citrus fruit character			

Pinot Gris/Grigio

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Do I even need to tell you about this? I mean your thinking about buying it anyway.

Pinot Gris or Grigio if your buying it from Italy, is a mutation of Pinot Noir it has a greyish blue fruit (hence the gris part) that produces wines of colour from light pale straw to golden yellow and copper, even wines with a pink tinge. This wine is taking the crown of Chardonnay as being the wine of choice when groups of friends get together.

Oh! the pinot part means pinecone, possibly due to the shape of the clusters of grapes on the vine....

Our Pinot Gris

Zenato Pinot Grigio, Italy	75cl	£28	16
Straw yellow colour with a delicate bouquet			
Red Tree Pinot Grigio, California	75cl	£28	29
This Californian take on the Italian classic is all citrus and pear fruit with a delicious crisp, refreshing style. Medium weight, well balanced and ideal with just about any foods!			

Macabeo (aka Viura)

Grown in the Northeast of Spain and in the Cava producing areas this grape was widely planted to replace the losses of Malvaisa and Gamacha Blanca during the phylloxera outbreak of the late 18th century. Blended with perellada and xarel-lo to make Cava and blended with other grapes, sometimes red's in other wines, it's a versatile little grape. The main grape of white Rioja it adds mild fruitiness, aroma and acidity to the blend.

Our Macabeo

Vivanco Rioja Viura/Malvaisa, Spain	75cl	£30	36
Intense and elegant aromas of green apple and citrus, pineapple and floral hints round out the varietal expression, the palate has the same flavours rounded out with nice acidity for a fresh finish.			

Picpoul blanc

One of the 13 permitted grapes in chateaufeuf du pape it is present in only small amounts, whereas in Languedoc it is the only grape in the Picpoul de Pinet AOC. Thanks to the grapes naturally high levels of acidity, the wines produced make a great accompaniment to oysters. Green gold in colour they tend to be full bodied with hints of lemon.

Our Picpoul Blanc

La Cote Flamenc, picpoul de Pinet, Coteaux du Languedoc, France	75cl	£26	23
Medium bodied dry wine with citrus and tropical fruits with spring flowers and mineral notes make this a well balance clean fresh wine			

Veltliner

Grown primarily in Austria this grape can produce many styles, all with a reputation of being food friendly. The wines of the Danube having mineral characters and potential for ageing while in the lower lying vineyards you will find wines with aromas of peach and citrus with hints of tobacco and spices.

Our Veltliner

Friendly Gruner Veltliner Laurenz V, Austria	2007	75cl	£31	37
Austria's wonder grape does it again, the friendly Gruner Veltliner delivers it customary and bewildering array of delicious flavours, peach, apple, pepper, you name it this wine's got the lot.				

Semillon

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It's not often you would wish your carefully tended vines to be affected with a fungus, but that's exactly what producers in areas such as Bordeaux encourage with this grape. The noble rot (*Botrytis Cinerea*) causes the grapes to shrivel condensing the natural sugars and allow the producers to make the great dessert wine Sauternes. Semillon is not just used for dessert wines, grown all over the world and beloved by Australians due to the way it goes with shellfish, the wines are known for nice complexity and buttery feel with a fresh citrus zing. Often paired with sauvignon blanc, Semillon's more subtle characters are drawn out by the former.

Our Semillon

Stella Bella Semillon/Sauvignon, Margaret River, Australia	75cl	£33	39
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A classic Margaret River blend of crisp, grassy Sauvignon and tangy, citrusy Semillon. Vibrant, massively refreshing and likely to become a true star.

Verdejo

Grown in the Rueda region of Spain and brought there in the 11th century by Iberian Christians, Verdejo was up until the later half of the 19th century used to make sherry like wines. It was then that producers started making fresher styles of wine and in the 1980's it was given its classification as a DO, under which it must contain 85 to 100% Verdejo if labelled as such. Wines labelled simply Rueda, must contain 50% Verdejo with the rest being made up from Sauvignon Blanc or Macabeo.

Our Verdejo

Castillo de Nava, Verdejo, Spain	2008	75cl	£24	19
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Light crisp wine, aromas of grapefruit and kiwi with green apple acidity. The fresh fruity mouth makes this a very enjoyable easy drinking wine, by itself or with food

Viognier

If you went back a decade ago you would be hard pushed to find a Viognier that didn't come from the Rhone in France. Possibly due to the fact that it's one of the hardest grapes to grow, low fruit yields, prone to disease etc. It is now more widely found with some excellent Viognier's coming from California. The highly aromatic, fruity style of grape allows the wine to be paired with spicy foods, Thai cuisine and is an excellent partner to the more powerful French cheeses. One of my favourite styles of wine.

Our Viognier's

Hermit Crab, Viognier, Marsan, Rousanne, McLaren Vale, Australia	75cl	£28	25
Clay Station Viognier, Lodi, California	75cl	£29	33

Floral aromas of stone fruit and orange blossoms accompany flavours of ripe peach and guava

Chateauneuf du Pap White

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Some wines can't come under one grape variety, the predominant grape variety isn't clear, there may be no information on the grapes used or as in the case of Chateauneuf du Pap there are just too many, 13 in all. Some of the grapes used include Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Roussanne and Picpoul, in the past considered rustic, these wines are now highly thought of.

Our Chateauneuf

Chateauneuf du pap blanc, Domaine Vieux Lazaret, Rhone	75cl	£40	45
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Fragrant and fruity when only a few years old, the wine develops a more honeyed note with acacia under tones with five or more years ageing.

Red Wine

Cabernet Sauvignon

Cabernet Sauvignon is grown in nearly every wine producing country, the fact that it can be grown in such a diversity of climates such as New Zealand or Lebanon, shows the hardiness of this vine. It is in Bordeaux areas Medoc and Grave though that we most commonly associate it, where it is often blended with Merlot or Cabernet Franc to produce wines of impeccable quality.

Our Cabernet Sauvignon's

The Musician Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia	75cl	£30	53
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Using the same fabulous fruit that goes into the much revered Majella Cabernets and Shiraz, Musician is younger, more fruit driven version using a little less new oak. Very much in the mould of it's big brothers with crisp, blackcurrant, eucalypt and mint on the nose followed by a huge whack of juicy, savoury fruit on the palate. This is pure Coonawarra at a bargain price - awesome!

Franschhoek The Churchyard Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa	75cl	£24	57
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Roasted coffee beans on the nose with red berries which continue on to the palate which has a classic, well rounded style with a firm yet silky finish

Chateau Bonnet Reserve Bordeaux Rouge, France	75cl	£26	61
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Stylish bursting with red berry and cherry together with some elegant smoky notes

Mycass Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile	75cl	£30	67
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Rich strong Berry fruit with vibrant tannic structure

Wente, Southern Hills Cabernet Sauvignon, California	2007	75cl	£32	71
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Aromas of cherry vanilla, chocolate and herbal tea. On the palate are rich yet approachable tannins, mouth filling cherry flavours and a long smooth finish.

Chateau Preuillac Medoc, Bordeaux, France	2005	75cl	£49	78
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Garnet-Red with intense violet hints, The aromatic bouquet has a hint of cooked fruit and a touch of vanilla and toast, it has a elegant palate with a long spicy finish with good fruit.

Segla Margaux, Bordeaux, France		75cl	£75	83
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Pretty blackberry and vanilla aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate with fine tannins. Long, caressing finish. Second wine of Rauzan-Séglas.

Carignan

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Much abused in the past to mass produce table wine, the area of Corbieres in the south west corner of France have mastered this grape. By keeping vine yards where there were old, low yielding vines and using the Beaujolais method of carbonic maceration they produce a wine of great strength and fine tannins its spicy bouquet is reminiscent of wild herbs and game. These fruity reds have a zing which leaves its forgettable past behind.

Our Carignan

Chateau Fontareche, Corbieres Rouge "cuvee tradition", Corbieres	75cl	£26	62
A medium bodied red with attractive flavours of dried fruits, a little spice and some cedary wood character. Well balanced and savoury and ideal with Mediterranean foods.			
Chateau de Luc, Corbieres	75cl	£31	68
Every year Chateau de Luc offers an oak aged cuvee of great finesse. It is cherry red in colour and has an elegant nose with strong hints of blackcurrant. It's structure remains light, as ageing for a period of 6 months in oak produces soft tannins with a hint of cocoa and truffles. Has won Gold, silver and bronze medals.			

Corvina

In northeastern Italy Corvina is generally regarded as the best of grapes, and is often afforded the best vineyard locations. In its northern Italian homeland, it produces red wines with mild fruity flavor and hints of almond. The grape is most expressive as the main component of Veneto's full-bodied, powerful and concentrated, dried-grape wines of Amarone and its sweeter version, Recioto.

Our Corvina's

Zenato Classico Superior Valpolicella, Italy	75cl	£32	72
Almond bouquet with a dry velvety flavour. This ruby red wine is an outstanding example of how good Valpolicella can be			
Amarone Cent'Anni, Italy	75cl	£49	80
Surely one of Italy's most revered wine styles, Amarone is made from grapes partially dried in the sun. The result is deep, very rich and powerful with hints of dried cherry, chocolate and coffee			

Gamay

Overshadowed in Burgundy by its neighbor Pinot Noir, growth of Gamay is restricted to the southern part of the region, around Macon and Beaujolais where it produces very light, fruity berry style of wine that is best drunk young. It can also be found in Loire and Jura making it one of the ten most widely planted grapes in France.

Our Gamay's

Chateau de la Pierre, Beaujolais Villages, France	75cl	£27	52
More weight than a classic Beaujolais but still very fruity, it has more depth and delicious forward fruit and a touch of acidity for zest			

Grenache

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Needing hot dry conditions due to its late ripening such as those found in its natural home Spain, Grenache is generally spicy, berry fruit in style with high alcohol levels yet soft on the palate. Low in acid and tannins Grenache usually makes up 80% of Chateauneuf du Pape or in Australia it is partnered in the holy trinity with Shiraz and Mourvedre.

Our Grenache

La Multa, old Vine Grenache, El Escoces Volante, Spain	75cl	£24	60
There aren't many Scotsmen making wine in Calatayud but Norrel Robertson MW is a bit of a maverick! Punching well above its weight, Norrel's Garnacha made from gnarly old vines is rich, concentrated but well balanced with huge, ripe berry fruit, lots of spice and sweet oak and long rich finish.			
Gigondas Arnevels, Rhone, France	75cl	£50	79
Gigondas is home to some of the Southern Rhone's most characterful and best value wines. Redolent of warm berry fruits, dried herbs and leafy tobacco, this meaty red wine is supple, generous and velvety with a long finish.			
Chateauneuf Du Pape, Domaine Vieux Lazaret, Rhone, France	75cl	£60	81
An estate Chateauneuf of the highest quality. A big powerful red wine high in alcohol. Full bodied, dry, but sweet ripe, fruit.			

Zinfandel

Now most widely associated with California, Zinfandel produces a dark red wine nearly black. It has spicy black pepper edge and fruit that varies from red berry fruit to black cherry, it has a chocolaty note. The low tannins means that it can take a bit of spice so BBQ ribs would be a good food match.

Our Zinfandel's

Delecatto Old Vine Zinfandel, California	2008	75cl	£26	63
Rich aromas of cassis and light spice with a full bodied flavour of blackberry jam and plums with ripe soft tannins				

Malbec

Once a major part of the wines of Bordeaux, it has now been relegated in importance and is used for adding colour and tannins, except for the region of Cahors where it is known as Cot and must make up 70% of the wine. Here it will produce wines that are dark, soft and full of earthy tobacco aromas. However all is not lost for Malbec as it has found a new home in Argentina, where the long hot days allow this grape to ripen for longer on the vine to soften its rough tannins producing a plusher more velvety textured wine.

Our Malbec's

Chateau Du Caillau, Cahors, France	75cl	£23	56
Concentrated flavours of black cherry, plum and blackberry followed by notes of tobacco leaf, sage and chocolate on the long finish			
Catenna Malbec, Argentina	75cl	£30	70
100% Malbec sourced from some of the best vineyards in Argentina, rich soft plum fruit flavours with smooth tannins			

Merlot

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THE grape of the Right Bank, Merlot plays the starring role in areas such as St Emilion and Pomerol making up nearly two thirds of the blend, it is also the most widely planted grape in France, it puts plummy fruit and richness into the wine, as so many different styles of wine can be made Merlot can be a good match to a lot of dishes try a lighter style merlot with shellfish such as scallops when wrapped in bacon or pancetta. Oh and one of the worlds most expensive and rarest wines, Chateau Petrus is almost 100% merlot.

Our Merlot's

Valdivieso Merlot, Chile	2009	75cl	£22	49
Ultra smooth merlot with lashings of plum, blackberry and damson jam with mocha coffee and chocolate. A classic Chilean Merlot that offers a lot of pleasure				
Chateau Viramiere, St Emilion Grand Cru, France	2004	75cl	£38	74
Powerful and complex nose with ripe red fruits wntangled in vanilla notes, soft and well balanced				
Chateau Perron Lalande De Pomerol, France	2006	75cl	£48	77
Rising star of the right bank, producing rich smooth and spicy wines this vintage is an absolute triumph				

Nero d'Avola

One of Italy's most important indigenous grapes, found in Sicily this can make big style wines with sweet tannins and plum and peppery characteristics, similar to new world Shiraz, with good aging potential .

Our Nero d'Avola

Bella Modina Nero d'Avola, Italy		75cl	£28	65
A suitably fashionable grape variety from Sicily that is making a name for itself in the U.K for its deep, savoury, spicy plum and blackcurrant flavours. Subtle oak ageing lends this wine some spicy, yet sweet vanillin notes to balance the robust fruit character. The finish is bright, succulent and velvety – making for a seriously sassy little wine.				

Nebbiolo

Responsible for some of the best reds in Italy, Barolo and Barbaresco, it is not used in large amounts elsewhere. With powerful tannins and good acidity creating a great balance to the wine, the aromas hit you with a mixture of earthy and floral (in fact it has been described as tobacco and tar with violets and rose petals...wow) with extensive ageing the softer fruit charecters can come forward.

Our Nebbiolo

Riva Leon Barolo, Italy	2005	75cl	£41	75
Rich full bodied but elegant with earthy truffle notes with a hint of violet				

Pinotage

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Something of a signature grape for South Africa, despite making up less than 10% of the total plantings, Pinotage produces wines of a deep red colour with flavours such as brambles with hints of bananas or tropical fruit. Depending on the producer you can get easy drinking wines or ones with good ageing potential intended for cellaring.

Our Pinotage

Stormhoek, The Siren, Pinotage, South Africa	2008	75cl	£25	51
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Beautifully presented, this pinotage has a ripe, sweet subtlety with bright red fruits, the touch of greenness works well with the chocolaty richness

Pinot noir

Pinot noir grapes are grown around the world, mostly in the cooler regions, but the grape is chiefly associated with the Burgundy region of France. It is widely considered to produce some of the finest wines in the world, but is a difficult variety to cultivate and transform into wine. In cool climates that it prefers young wines have (in broad terms) flavours ranging from red berries to cherry's. With aging more earthy aromas come forth. Its greatest strength though is the harmonious combination of fruit, acidity, tannins, alcohol and body. Without a doubt the wine I would choose if I were allowed only one more drink.

Our Pinot Noir's

Mad Fish Pinot Noir, Australia	2008	75cl	£24	58
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Light Pinot from cooler climate West Coast of Australia, lots of strawberry, cherry and raspberry fruit

Loredona Pinot Noir, Monterey County, California	2007	75cl	£28	66
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Ripe Strawberries, red cherries and a subtle hint of cloves are complimented by crisp and refreshing tropical fruit flavours

Savigny Les Beaune, France		75cl	£45	76
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A soft supple Pinot with cherry and violet scents on the nose. Well balanced, bright, ripe fruit on the palate with integrated, creamy tannins and elegant wild strawberry fruit.

Gevery Chambertin, Domaine Roux, France	2007	75cl	£70	82
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Good aromatic expression reminiscent of earthy blackcurrants and other small berries, long and velvety with nice acidity, this is refined and exceptionally pure

Nuits St George 1er Cru, Albert Bichot, France	2005	75cl	£98	84
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Extremely concentrated and impressive red Burgundy, with layers of cedar, spice and fruit flavours and a long silky finish

Syrah/Shiraz

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There are four main types of wine associated with Syrah, the pure varietal such as Hermitage, the Cote-Rotie style when it is blended with small amounts of Viognier, the fifty/fifty Australian blends with Cabernet Sauvignon or the GSM style based on Chateaufeuf du Pape where it is blended with various amounts of Grenache and Mourvedre. Dependant on the climate, soil etc the taste and aroma can vary drastically so there is not a typical characteristic, berries, chocolate, espresso, pepper or violets can, depending on the producer, be found.

Our Syrah

Cotes Du Rhone, Heritiers Plantin, Monreddon, France	2007	75cl	£24	59
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Fine tannins with rich cherry, plum and chocolate aromas and a lightly spicy finish

Ventoux Rouge Terres de Truffes Terra Ventoux, France	2007	75cl	£28	64
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A smooth stylish red with intense black fruit and delicate liquorice all supported with silky tannins

Terra Barossa Shiraz, Eden Valley, Australia		75cl	£31	69
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Thorn-Clarke's family history of grape growing date back to the 1850's and as such they have some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the country. This wine is deep crimson red with bright, juicy black fruits and hints of spice. Soft, creamy fruit and touches of coffee on the palate make for a superb value example of classic Barossa Shiraz.

McHenry Honehnen 3 Amigos, Australia	2006	75cl	£34	73
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The 3 varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mataro work together to make something better than the sum of its parts, the savoury Shiraz and sweet raspberry of the Grenache combine with the earthy Mataro perfectly to give a lovely dry mouth feel with a little tannin and crisp acidity moving on to a long finish

Sangiovese

Most famous for its place in Tuscan blends such as Chianti or Montepulciano, it can also be used to make varietal wines such as Brunello. Young Sangiovese has fruity strawberry like flavours with a hint of spice, but with a bit of barrel ageing can take on oak and tar like notes.

Our Sangiovese

Ceppaiiano Chianti, Italy	2008	75cl	£24	50
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Notes of cassis, black cherries and leather with smooth tannic structure and a long lasting finish

Tempranillo

Spain's Noble grape, used in Rioja, this black grape makes full bodied wines that can be drunk young, but equally in oak barrels for several years, produce wines that are highly priced and sought after. The wines are ruby red in colour with tastes and aromas such as vanilla, plum, tobacco, leather herbs and berries. An outstanding grape.

Our Tempranillo's

Marques de Caceres Rioja, Spain	2008	75cl	£21	55
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Bright ruby red colour with aromas of blackberries and cherry with a touch of Mediterranean herbs. Fresh and fruity in the mouth where strawberries, raspberries and cherry mingle with cinnamon to give a pleasant fullness that enhance the silky smooth tannins.

Rioja Crianza, Luis Cannis, Spain		75cl	£30	54
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Twelve months oak ageing give a little complexity and softens the wine - yielding a well balanced ripe fruited wine with a soft, sweetish oak finish.

Rose Wine

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Lighter style wines of varying styles from dryer fruit based wines to sweeter American Blush styles. These wines are easy drinking on a hot summers day and excellent matches to many types of food.

Marques de Caceres Rioja Rosado, Spain	2008	75cl	£20	46
A bouquet of strawberries and raspberries that mingle with fresh acid and floral notes. This Rose will delight your taste buds with mineral character that highlight the long lasting fruit flavours.				
St Rosa Syrah Rose		75cl	£25	47
A vivid, bright pink with all the ripe, succulent fruit one would expect. Soft, well rounded and oh so gluggable, this is the perfect accompaniment to long sunny days - or the perfect refuge from long wet days!				
Delicato Zinfandel, California		75cl	£30	48
Dryer than many white zinfandels it however has plenty of raspberry and watermelon fruit flavours with refreshingly bright acidity on the finish				

Dessert Wine

Sweet and sticky, with various degrees of fruit and acidity, we even have a refreshing sparkler that is drinkable any time of day.

The Stump Jump Sticky Chardonnay Adelaide Hills/McLaren Vale		37.5 cl	£20	85
A nose of marmalade, cumquat, ripe peach and orange butter, its unctuous palate carries on the cumquat character along with butterscotch and green apple				
Princess Moscato, Peter Lehmann, Australia		50cl	£28	86
This lightly spritzed wine has an enticing pale apricot colour and an aroma of freshly squeezed grapes the natural sweetness enhanced by the zippy effervescent palate				
Chateau Bastor La Montagne Sauternes 2e cru class, France		37.5cl	£38	87
A classic dessert wine from one of our top Chateaux. Concentrated sweet ripe fruit on the palate with a touch of balancing acidity at the finish.				
Bouvier Trockenbeerenauslese, Austria		25cl	£49	88
A remarkable wine made near the shores of the vast Lake Neusiedler where the warm humid nights provide ideal conditions for the production of great "Noble rot" wines. Exotic, rich and luscious with a streak of refreshing acidity that keeps you coming back for more!				

Wee Bottle Collection

With you in mind, we have created 3 collections of half bottles, designed to avoid the White or Red arguments, each collection includes a half bottle of white, a half bottle of red and two glasses of dessert wine to round off your meal. Representing fantastic value we hope that you enjoy this unique collection.

Old World

Chablis, Long-Depaquit Bichot, France 37.5cl
Cool apple with a touch of minerality, it's rich texture kept in check by some citrus sharpness.
Fleurie Chateau de Fleurie, France 37.5cl
Vilification is extended to give more body and six months storing in casks gives a smooth roundness with exuberant red aromas.
2 Glasses of Chateau Bastor La Montagne Sauternes, France 50ml each
A classic dessert wine from one of our top Chateaux. Concentrated sweet ripe fruit on the palate with a touch of balancing acidity at the finish

£40

New World

Sherwood Estates Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand 37.5cl
New Zealand provides us with the world's most characteristic flavours. Ripe, tropical fruit mingles with racy, gooseberry and asparagus hints.
Sherwood Estates Pinot Noir, New Zealand 37.5cl
Sourced from different vineyard sites exclusively for Sherwood, the wine is vinified separately and then aged in oak. Vibrant colours, cherry and plum character. Medium bodied.
2 glasses of the Stump Jump Sticky Chardonnay, Australia 50ml each
A nose of marmalade, cumquat, ripe peach and orange butter, its unctuous palate carries on the cumquat character along with butterscotch and green apple

£35

Best of Both Worlds

Pinot Grigio Dolomiti Alois Lageder, Italy 37.5cl
Expressive aroma with flowery and spicy notes, rich with Smokey character gives way to a fresh finish
Katnook Founders Block Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 37.5cl
Dark berry fruit and dusky plum with hints of mint, soft tannins add complexity to the lingering soft fruit flavours
2 glasse of Bouvier Trockenbeerenauslese, Austria 50ml each
A remarkable wine made near the shores of the vast Lake Neusiedler where the warm humid nights provide ideal conditions for the production of great "Noble rot" wines. Exotic, rich and luscious with a streak of refreshing acidity that keeps you coming back for more!

£45