

Welcome to our Wine List...

We are justifiably proud of our extensive wine list, carefully chosen with the help of our wine merchant Christopher Piper Wines.

We offer nearly a hundred different wines, over half of them under £20.00 per bottle and over a third of them under £15.00. We have personally tasted the wines here, looking for wines of real character, which express their roots – their country of origin, and their grape variety.

We do not want to just offer big names at a price point. Ultimately we believe that wine, at all levels, should be a pleasure to drink, that along with our fabulous food, will create an experience that will be remembered long after the name of the wine itself! We are always happy to give you a cork to take any undrunk wine home with you should you wish to try more than one style of wine with your meal.

Please do not hesitate to ask for any advice on choosing your wine.

Enjoy!

HOUSE SELECTION

We have chosen our 'House Selection' with great care, the wines offered are of high quality combined with good value.

WHITE WINES	175ml Glass	Bottle
1. PINOT GRIGIO 2007 Italy Fresh dry and delicate with gentle floral and citrus aromas. A perfect match for white meats, fish or perfect on its own.	£3.60	£14.50
2. NIERSTEINER COTES DONTAL Both floral and leafy with a sweet fresh fullness.	£3.10	£12.75
3. MONTES SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2006 Montes Winery, Curico, Chile Made by Aurelio Montes, arguably Chile's top winemaker, this classic Sauvignon is intensely fruity, classic gooseberry and elderflower aromas.	£3.60	£14.50

White Wines continued...

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| 4. | CHARDONNAY 'Altyerre'
South-Eastern Australia | £3.60 | £14.50 |
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- From one source near Griffiths in the Riverina region, this wine sees 10% influence and so the clarity of the ripe Chardonnay fruit is very apparent. Decidedly fruity, easy drinking and stylish, with plenty of soft, ripe peach and melon fruit with a very subtle hint of oak. This is extremely well balanced with considerable finish. Excellent with grilled fish, simple pasta dishes and creamy sauced chicken.

RED WINES

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| 5. | TEMPERANILLO – CASTILLO DE LA VEREDA 2006 | £3.60 | £14.50 |
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- Bursting with red fruit flavours, the palate is soft, full and vibrant with a touch of spice and smooth, rounded tannins.
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| 6. | MERLOT, 2005 – Edmond Bernard
Vin de Pays d'Oc, Estate Bottled | £3.60 | £14.50 |
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- Typical Merlot – deep purple in colour, full bodied with soft tannins. Delicious wine.
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| 7. | ALTYERRE SHIRAZ-CABERNET | £3.60 | £14.50 |
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- A duo-varietal blend with a little over 65% Shiraz from Riverina in the make up with the balance being Cabernet sourced from North-West Victoria. This is certainly a substantial wine but with very soft edges.
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| 8. | CABERNET/MERLOT, 2006
Cornellana Estate, Rapel, Chile | £3.60 | £14.50 |
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- The fresh, blackcurranty Cabernet gives superb depth and structure to the fleshy, plump and juicy Merlot, a pairing made in Heaven (think Bordeaux). Well structured and approachable with classic Chilean panache.

FRANCE

WHITE WINES

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| 9. | VOUVRAY Demi-Sec 2005
Domaine le Peu de la Moriette, Vouvray, Loire, France | | £22.50 |
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- From the oldest established estate in Vouvray (est 1739) this spectacular wine is a true reflection of how good Chenin Blanc can be when it is coupled with great 'terroir'. The palate is a glory of rich grapey, fruit flavours without being masked by residual sugar, a lovely long finish completes a truly fantastic experience!

France White Wines continued...

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| 10. | MACON BLANC DAVAYE 'Les Belouzes', 2006
Domain des Mailettes, Burgundy
Guy and Annie Saumaize run this 10 hectare estate with passion and total dedication. Careful selection of grafts to match the correct soil-type is somewhat of a speciality and this, coupled with some meticulous wine-making, ensures wines that have vivid fruit flavours and excellent concentration. This wine has a lovely, lemony crispness married to that typical Maconnaise floweriness, and a surprisingly creamy finish. | £20.50 |
| 11. | CHABLIS, 2006 Domaine Pinson, Burgundy, France
This is proper, traditional Chablis from one of the regions most respected wineries, bright, crisp and very complex, with the classic flinty, mineral character exclusive to Chablis. | £25.50 |
| 13. | MUSCADET, 2006 de sevre et Maine "Surlie"
Sauvion et Fils, Vallet, Loire, France
A crisp and deliciously fresh dry white, which has undergone a major revival over the last few years. Lemon and white blossom scent is followed by zingy citrus flavours with just a hint of 'mineral' on the finish, making it a superb partner to all fish and seafood dishes.. | £16.50 |
| 14. | CHABLIS 1er CRU, "Mont de Milieu", 2005
Domaine Pinson, Chablis
This 10 hectare estate, established in the 17th Century, is regarded as one of the most "senior" in the region. The vines have an average age of over 30 years and are tightly pruned to intensify the flavours. Using a tiny bit of new and old oak for ageing, the premier cru wines are very traditional and complex, and the 2002 vintage is ripe and relatively early drinking. Very much a wine to be enjoyed now!. | £34.50 |
| 15. | CHATEAU CARBON D'ARTIGUES, 2005
Graves, Bordeaux
An exceptionally well-made unoaked blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, this dry and lively wine exudes luscious melony fruit, with an added dimension of complexity showing through on the end palate. | £19.50 |
| 16. | SANCERRE 'Chavignol', 2006
Domaine Serge Laporte, Chavignol, Sancerre
Produced from Sauvignon grapes grown on the chalky slopes of Chavignol, Serge Laporte's example is vivacious, pure and elegant reflecting beautifully ripe gooseberry fruit, followed by a balancing acidity, which explodes in the mouth.. | £25.50 |

France White Wines continued...

17. GEWURZTRAMINER Cuvée l'Ambroisie, 2004 £25.50
Henry and Catherine Fuchs are in their late-forties and the third generation of the family to run this splendid 10 hectare domaine situated in the quality heartland of Alsace at Ribeauvillé, a village renowned for its rich and opulent dry white wines. The Fuchs use no weed-killers or man-made fertilisers on their vineyards which goes a long way to restricting yields, but they also prune very 'tightly' so that their final 'rendement' (yield) is a least 20% below the village average. In the winery, Henry avoids the use of pumps, preferring to rely on gravity to move his wine around, there by reducing its contact with air. Sulphur Dioxide is avoided during the fermentation and is only added in minimal quantities following racking and filtration. All this means that these wines are as natural and eco friendly as it is possible to buy!
The Gewurztraminer is very aromatic with exotic fruit. Hints of Earl Grey and Roses on the nose lead to a voluptuous mouthfeel with good balance, and a touch of honey on the palate. Delicious, very rich ripe and up front.
- 17a. MONTAGNY 1er CRU, 2004 £35.00
Chateau du Cray, Buxy
Recently voted the best Chardonnay in the Melbourne awards in Australia no less! Roland Perret will not release his wines until he feels they are ready to drink and this shows in its superb complexity. This is fermented and aged in barrel, but there is no new oak heavy handedness on the palate. The 'terroir' shine through (perfect limestone soils) this is a wine for burgundy lovers.
18. MEURSAULT, Vieilles Vigne, 2005 £45.00
Domaine Paul Garaudet
A top class Meursault from a class estate, equivalent to many a premier cru in its depth and structure. Typically rich with a wonderful cocktail of spice – clove and nutmeg on the nose, yielding to an explosive full flavoured fruit palate, and a wonderfully long creamy finish.
Classic Meursault at its finest.

RED WINES

20. CHATEAU MEUNIER ST LOUIS 2005 Bottle £15.50
Corbieres
Made from Carignan, Syrah and Grenache, this is a serious, traditionally made wine which has seen 10% oak-ageing to give it an added dimension. The result is serious and remarkably soft, smooth and juicy red with an incredible intensity of fruit on the palate.

France Red Wines continued...

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| 21 | CHATEAU LES JOUALLES 2003
Bordeaux Superieur
From a cepage of 60% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc, this a deeply coloured, ripe, fruit-driven Claret, with excellent structure. | £19.50 |
| 22. | CHATEAU DU TABUTEAU, 2004
Lussac St Emilion, Bordeaux
Lussac is a satellite area just outside St Emilion in Bordeaux, on the Right Bank of the Gironde estuary. The wine is produced from 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon – Merlot flourishes in this area due to the clay/limestone/sand soil. Most of the vines are over 35 years old, allowing a relatively complex fruit character – this brings chocolate and cassis flavours to the fore, along with a very smooth velvety texture in the mouth. | £23.50 |
| 23. | CHÂTEAU CARBON D'ARTIGUES, 2004
Graves
A wine created drink superbly in its youth, the 2003 vintage of this wine is the best to date. From vines averaging 30 years old, an intense, rich fruity wine with a deep colour, a nose of tobacco, herbs and black cherries, ripe and succulent with soft tannins and beautiful balance. | £20.50 |
| 25. | FLEURIE, Clos de la Chappelle des Bois, 2005
Domaine Fernand Verpoix, Fleurie
Fleurie is known as the 'Queen' of Beaujolais because of its elegance and finesse. Produced from 100% Gamay, this is fresh, light and 'ultra-juicy' with a very pronounced fruit gum and fresh banana scent, followed by vibrant flavours of raspberry. | £22.50 |
| 26. | MORGON, Les Versauds, 2006
Jacques Perrachon, La Bottier, Julienas
One of the famous 'heavier' Beaujolais (grown on granite soil with a high manganese content!) that has all the attributes of Fleurie, but with a firmer structure and an extremely light tannin backbone, which makes it suitable for more robust foods.. | £20.50 |
| 27. | PINOT NOIR, 2006
Domaine des Coussergues, Languedoc, France
The Vineyards overlook the Mediterranean and cooling breezes keep the summer temperatures low enough to let a subtle, expressive Pinot develop, still ripe and rounded, with mellow strawberry scented fruit. | £18.50 |
| 28. | COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES, "Visan", 2005
Domaine Roche-Audran, Buisson, Rhone Valley
With a bright purplish hue, and a nose hinting at tar with ripe plums and a whiff of smoke. The tannins are supple giving a lovely mouth feel, full of rich damson and slightly smokey fruit. The finish is very long. Perfect with casseroles and game. | £18.50 |

France Red Wines continued...

29. CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE, 2004 £35.00
Domaine de Roquette
When the Brunier family bought la Roquette in 1986, (already owning the famous Vieux Telegraph estate) no one really realised the potential of this extraordinary 40-hectare property. The domaine is made up from a number of fragmented parcels of very old vines (average age 45 years old) situated in three distinctive zones on the rock plateau to the north of the town of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The wine has leap-frogged into the top division in the past five years or so. Since 1994, none of the reds have been filtered or fined and the 2004 (a blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre) is voluptuously textured and is very rich with a domination of spicy mulberry and blackberry fruit and an almost floral bouquet.
30. CORTON, Grand Cru le Rognet, 2002 £65.00
Domaine René Durand
With a rich flamboyant fruitiness and superb balance, this is Cote d'Or Burgundy at its finest. For those who remember a richer style of Burgundy, before the ethereal, lighter pinot noirs of today, this is for you, but no less complex or elegant than that. René Durand is an immensely talented winemaker, and this is a rare find.

SPAIN

WHITE WINES

33. RIOJA BLANCO, MONOPOLE, 2005 Bottle £19.50
Barrel Fermented C.V.N.E, Rioja Alta
Classic White Rioja, full bodied and dry, with a crisp fruitiness and a good dollop of creamy vanilla oak. The Monopole Blanco is a barrel-fermented white Rioja, a style which was pioneered by CVNE's winemaker Basilio Izquierdo, combining the classical use of American oak with the intense fruity flavours and refreshing acidity of the Viura and Malvasia varieties.
34. GRAN VINA SOL, (CHARDONNAY) 2005 £16.75
Miguel Torres, Penedes, Spain
With zesty, tropical fruitiness, tinged with a hint of vanilla. This is unbelievably good Chardonnay, pure, and not at all oaky, with near perfect balance and superb length.
35. RUEDA, VERDEJO, 2006 £17.50
Palacio de Bornos, Rueda
Rueda, tucked away in the central North Western part of Spain is producing some of the most interesting wines in Spain. This Verdejo is light, fresh and aromatic, with open melon and peach fruit flavours..

Spain White Wines continued...

- 35a. SAUVIGNON BLANC, Bornos, 2006 £19.50
Rueda, Spain
Another wine from this fascinating area of Spain, so perfect for the aromatic Whites. This Sauvignon is fresh and deliciously Herbaceous, with prominent gooseberry scented fruit, and so intense, it could almost come from New Zealand.

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36. RIOJA, NAVAJAS CRIANZA, 2004 £19.50
Bottled in Spain – Rioja Alta
A very high example of the lighter style of Rioja, fully mature, cherry and oak flavours, very easy drinking.
37. OCHOA TEMPRANILLO 2003 £19.50
Estate Bottled
Stylish fruit with hints of oak combined with soft elegant fruit on the palate. Outstanding wine.
- 38a. RIOJA MUGA RESERVA, 2003 £29.50
Bodegas Muga, Haro, Rioja Alta
Located in the historic Barrio de la Estacion in Haro, the family run Bodegas Muga is one of the most quality conscious houses in Rioja, the grapes are carefully triaged and hand picked, fermented in large oak vats, then matured for up to 20 months in small oak barriques. This is a handcrafted, serious, traditional Rioja, extremely rich and weighty. Amazing wine!
- 38b. RIOJA IMPERIAL GRAN RESERVA, 1998 £45.00
C.V.N.E., Haro, Rioja Alta
Established in 1879 and today run by fourth generation descendants the Compania Vinicola del Norte Espania (CVNE) is still a traditional style Bodega, owning 1000 acres of vines in all Rioja regions. The Imperial wines are made from grapes sourced from the far north West of the Rioja Alta, in the arid mountainous conditions so good for vines, they are superbly complex, elegant and Multidimensional. 1996 was a superb vintage in Rioja and Grand Reser vas are born in only exceptional vintages. This has been aged for over three years in cask, and has a deep berry nose, with liquorice and spice predominating. Powerful and full bodied on the palate, with fine tannins and a long elegant finish.

ITALY

WHITE WINES

39. FRASCATI SUPERIORE, 2005 £15.00
Vignetti Villa Franca One of Italy's most famous white wines.
Very dry and Fresh, good fruit flavours.
40. PINOT GRIGIO, Alto Adige, 2006 £19.50
St Michael Eppan, Italy
The stepped hillsides of the Alto Adige produce cooler climate
wines with a more intense aromatic quality – the very best region
the all too often bland Pinot Grigio. This example is wonderfully
fresh, with a ripeness and purity of smoky fruit that is rare.
- 40a. VERDICCHIO CLASSICO, Casal di Serra, 2006 £19.75
Umani Ronchi, Osimo, Marche
By far the favourite wine at the Jack in the Green's Italian
Wine Dinner, this single vineyard Verdicchio comes from old,
very low yielding vines, resulting in superb concentration of
apricot scented fruit with wonderful creamy richness. Outstanding.

RED WINES

- 41a CHIANTI RUFINA, 2005 £19.50
Prunatelli, Tuscany
The wines are fresh and supple, and are excellent examples
of traditional Chianti. The Sangiovese grape reaches its greatest
heights in Tuscany offering a wonderful balance between rich
flavours of black cherry stone and raspberry with a piercing
natural acidity. With Chianti Classico commanding increasingly
higher prices, the wines of Chianti Rufina offer an excellent
alternative with change to spare!
- 41b VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO SUPERIORE 2005 £16.50
Made from the classic varieties of Corvina, Rondinella and
Molinara. From the Zenato family (based in Peshiera, on the
southern shores of Lake Garda) the Classico Superiore is proper'
Valpolicella with Classical intense red cherry fruit combined with
a touch of spice and excellent balancing acidity and tannins.

GERMANY

WHITE WINES

43. MOSEL RIESLING, 2005 £13.50
Romerhof Weinkellerei, Piesport
From vineyards situated around Piesport in the heart of the
Mosel, The vineyards are on steep slopes and facing south on a
great sweep of the river, offering extra heat and reflected sunlight for
the grapes as the suns rays bounce back up off the river.

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ENGLAND

- 43a. MANSTREE MAYVAL, 2005 £15.50
Manstree Vineyard, Shillingford St George, Devon.
From a beautiful vineyard just outside Exeter, the Boyce Family have been producing great quality wines for over 20 years. This blend of Madeleine Angevine and Seyval Blanc is deliciously fresh and zesty, off dry, with a floral bouquet and an aromatic fruitiness.
- 43b. MANSTREE SIEGEREBE, 2005 £16.50
Manstree Vineyard, Shillingford St George, Devon.
A great deal easier to drink than pronounce, the Siegerebe is not dissimilar to the spicy Gewurztraminer in flavour, with tropical fruit and lychee characteristics. Produced in tiny quantities, and a regular award winner in English wine competitions, we are lucky to be able to offer this delightfully aromatic, concentrated wine, which is a perfect accompaniment to spicy and smoked dishes.
- 43c. SHARPHAM ESTATE NEW RELEASE £16.50
Sharpham Vineyard, Totnes, Devon.
Another Devon vineyard set in beautiful surroundings overlooking the river Dart. All the wines are made on site by winemakers Duncan Schwab and Mark Sharman.
- 43d. SHARPHAM RED, 2005 £23.50
Sharpham Vineyard, Totnes, Devon.
From the Dornfelder and Rondo grapes, cold macerated to give a fresh, softly fruity wine, with soft, integrated tannins, and bright black cherry.

URUGUAY

44. SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2004 £15.00
Bodegas Castel Pujol, Cerro Chapeau
Sauvignon Blanc is a relatively new departure for Uruguay and the result is somewhat of a cross between Old and New world, with the elegance of a fine Sancerre, and the concentration of flavours and piercing gooseberry freshness of the best from New Zealand. The grapes for this wine were grown at a high altitude, where the cooler temperatures allow extended maturing time and thus fuller flavour. Exceptional value.
- 44a. TANNAT/MERLOT, Don Prospero, 2003 £15.00
Carlos Pizzorno, Caneon Chico
The Tannat grape, perhaps previously best known in the Cahors region of France, has really come into its own in Uruguay. When blended with Merlot, its sometimes assertive tannins are mellowed to make for earlier drinking. This example is really soft with a spicy red fruit nose, flowed by eucalyptus and ripe tannins on the palate.

ARGENTINA

45. CHARDONNAY/VIOGNIER, Santa Isabel, 2006 £15.95
Bodegas Nieto Senetiner, Mendoz
An unusual pairing which works well – the apricot fruitiness and silky smoothness of the Viognier is given structure by the rich Chardonnay fruit.
46. MALBEC, 2005 £15.95
Anubis, Mendoza
Argentina's greatest grape variety, Malbec, when in the hands of winemaker like Alberto Antonini produces richly fruity, warm vibrant wine with plummy, spicy fruit and a hint of chocolate on the finish.

AUSTRALIA

WHITE WINES

Bottle

47. PRIVATE BIN CHARDONNAY, 2005 £16.50
Penfolds – South Australia
Sun ripened Chardonnay gives the rich complex wine with intense peach like flavours, perfectly balanced with Ripe soft new oak.
48. CHENIN BLANC, 2006 £15.50
Browns Brothers, Milawa, Victoria
One of the most recent white wines from Milawa that has been something of a revelation with its fragrant, off dry flavours of melon, lime and greengages combined with a clean, crisp finish.
50. SEMILLON/CHARDONNAY, 2006 £15.50
Aldridge Estate, New South Wales
This is a blend of lemony Semillon with Oak matured Chardonnay which produces a wine packed with creamy, soft and peachy fruit and touches of vanilla, courtesy of the oak.
52. MARSANNE, Thomas Mitchell, 2007 £18.50
Mitchelton Wines, Victoria
Golburn Valley has the world's most extensive and venerable plantings of the North Rhone grape Marsanne outside France. Some Australian examples can be too flabby, but this is quite enough yet has lovely breadth of flavour – with a sort of honeysuckle-cum-marzipan scent. A past vintage won a Gold Medal at the International Wine Challenge in London. Amazing value for money.
53. PINOT GRIGIO, 2006 £17.50
Brown Brothers, Milawa, Victoria
New to the list in response to a nationwide mania for Pinot Grigio! Crisp and fresh, with all the fresh pear and lemon zest character of its Italian counterpart, and added Australian easy going charm.

RED WINES

- 55 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Moores Creek, 2003 £15.00
Tyrrels Winery, South Eastern Australia
Deeply coloured, with a mellow full flavoured blackcurrant
Fruitiness this is outstanding value from the brilliant, still
family – run Tyrrells winery.
- 55a SHIRAZ, Old Pumphouse, 2005 £16.95
Thomson Estate, South Australia
With its perfumed, spicy nose, and crunchy, peppery fruit,
this Shiraz has beaten many a famous name in blind tastings.
It offers everything we love about the grape, at a more than
fair price.
- 57 BOBBIE BURNS SHIRAZ, 2004 £24.50
Campbells Estate, Rutherglen, Victoria
A beautiful deep crimson red colour and bouquet exhibiting
spice and blackberry, with subtle vanilla and a hint of chocolate.
The palate is spicy, yet has a quite dense, mouth filling fruit.
A core of rich plum and blackberry fruit fills the mid palate.
This vintage is faithful to the Bobbie Burns Shiraz style, with
big, soft fruit flavours that make it very enjoyable whilst young,
but belie its long cellaring potential. As with previous vintages
it is the perfect wine to enjoy with all full flavoured meat dishes.

AUSTRALIA CONTINUED

59. MERLOT, King Valley. 2004 £19.50
Browns Brothers Milawa, Victoria
The abundance of plummy fruit is given structure by good ripe tannins.
60. BARBERA 2005 £19.50
Brown Brothers, Milawa Victoria
A brooding, rich alcoholic yet silky smooth supple wine,
with characteristic bramble overtones, but without the high
Italian cousin.

CALIFORNIA

WHITE WINES

Bottle

63. CHARDONNAY, 2004 £17.50
Stonehedge Cellars, St Helena, California
The 2004 Stonehedge 'Barrel Fermented' Chardonnay is
produced from grapes grown in one of California's finest
hillside vineyards in Santa Lucia Highlands of Monterey
County. It flows with a buttery core of pear-pineapple notes
framed by just the right touch of toasty vanilla oak.

RED WINES

65. ZINFANDEL, Vintners Blend, 2004 £17.50
Ravenswood Winery, Sonoma
With characteristic spiciness and a ripe black cherry and prune fruitiness, this is Zinfandel as we love it.
66. PINOT NOIR, Central Coast, 1999 £45.00
Calera, San Benito County, California
Wine Guru Robert Parker said of Calera – ‘Calera is one of the most compelling Pinot Noir specialists not only in the New World, but of Planet Earth.’

“Josh Jensen’s fanatical commitment to traditional Burgundian methods of viticulture, enology and barrel selection yield fruit and wines of such high character that this property more than any other California property deserves to be recognized as Grand Cru.” (Wine buyers Journal)
- The 1999 was full of raspberry fruit, with supple tannins and a fine balance.

NEW ZEALAND

WHITE WINES

- 73 SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2007 £18.50
Conway Hills, Marlborough
Crisp and fresh, with a bouquet of classic Marlborough – intense nettle green aromas of gooseberry, redcurrant and citrus. The palate is well balance and vibrant, with persistent flavours and crisp acidity. The wine maker is Alan McCorkindale formerly head wine maker for Corbans Wines and several times honoured as New Zealand Winemaker of the year. Perfect to drink now, on its own or with fish, poultry or creamy pasta sauces and is an excellent aperitif.
74. SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2006 £25.50
nautilus Estate,, Marlborough
Regarded as one of New Zealand’s most consistent premium quality Sauvignon Blancs, this is a truly wonderful compromise between New World ‘Kiwi’ fruit and Loire elegance and finesse. It is ripe and full with a classically zesty and fresh gooseberry with a herbaceous tang, which is so typical of Marlborough.
76. CLOUDY BAY SAUVIGNON, 2004 £45.00
Marlborough
A hall mark Sauvignon, from New Zealand’s most famous winery, it offers a myriad of floral and tropical aromas an array of intense flavours of tropical fruit, passion fruit and gooseberries and lynchés backed up with a bracing acidity. A wonderfully mouth filling wine.

RED WINES

- 78a. MERLOT, Hawkes Bay, 2005 £25.50
Kim Crawford, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand
This wine is predominately from grapes sourced from their Te Awanga Vineyard in Hawke's Bay, the maritime position of which ensures a long, slow ripening period ensuring maximum flavour. After pressing the wine was aged on its lees for 10 months in a mixture of new and aged barriques, then, before bottling 14% of Cabernet Franc was added to give fruit lift and some structure to the wine. Varietal characters abound. Rich ripe fruit is balanced with spicy oak and soft ripe tannins and a subtle complexity. A lovely soft wine from one of New Zealand's most famous winemakers.
- 78b. PINOT NOIR, 2005 £37.50
Nautilus, Marlborough, New Zealand
The best Pinot Noir we have tasted outside Burgundy (and from there, a wine of this quality would cost twice the price!)
The Pinot Noir 2005 is dark ruby in colour with a lifted aroma of plums and black cherry against a background of spicy oak. The palate is full bodied with a fleshy middle and fine tannins the finish. A gold medal winner at the 2005 Royal New Zealand East Wine Show! Not to be missed.

SOUTH AFRICA

WHITE WINES

79. CHENIN BLANC, 2007 £15.50
Tulbagh Ridge, Tulbagh, South Africa
Dry and crisp, with a fresh peach and lime quality.
Very easy drinking!
- 79a. LE BOUQUET, GEWURTZTRAMINER 2004 £17.50
Paul Cluver Wines, Elgin, South Africa
Very much a South African trend setter being very up front, stylish and floral with a dominant, performed rose petal nose and mouth filling, spiced up fruit balance with a crisp acidity.
80. SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2006 £19.50
Paul Cluver Wines, Elgin, South Africa
Cooler climate Elgin is wonderful for the aromatic Sauvignon Blanc, and this is intense and full flavoured, stylistically lying between the elegance of the Loire, and the full-on gooseberry richness of New Zealand Sauvignons.
81. CHARDONNAY, 2006 £19.50
Paul Cluver Estate, Elgin
This wine continues to win numerous international awards, a rich, elegant Chardonnay very much in the Burgundy mould. The intelligent use of new oak quietly supports the complex fruit of this stunning wine.

RED WINES

82. WILD RUSH CAPE RED 2005 £15.50
Rietvallei Estate, Robertson, South Africa
This Cabernet Sauvignon with a dash of Tinto Barocca has juicy berry tones and a mulberry palate with a vanilla , framed by good long tannins. The wine is smooth and well complemented by a subtle toastiness. A red wine made in the friendly new Cape style with no hard edges. The Cabernet vineyards are planted on the highest hill of Rietvallei, called Klippiesdal and are between 5 and 15 years old. The vines thrive in the crisp, clean Klein Karoo air.
83. MERLOT, 2006 £18.50
Tulbagh Winery, Tulbagh
A soft, luscious, and full-flavoured, fruit driven wine with masses of sweet mulberry fruit and hints of striking spearmint and mocha flavours set in a matrix of loads of ripe tannins, finishing with a bracing acidity.
84. PINOTAGE 2005 £19.50
Landskroon Estate, Suider Paarl
From vineyards established in 1692 this estate produces excellent wine with its flagship red being this full bodied red. wine shows raspberry and cherry scents, followed by rich, spicy plum flavours with an interesting backdrop of cloves and vanilla on the palate..
- 84a. CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2004 £25.50
Jordan Estate, Stellenbosch
This wine (the 1998 vintage) was voted the best Cabernet , from anywhere, in the 2002 International Wine Challenge. The 2003 is equally good, full of rich cassis fruit with superb structure, ripe tannins and a whiff of mint, supported by properly integrated new oak.

CHILE

RED WINES

85. CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2005 £15.95
Montes Winery, Curico Valley
A medium-bodied, intensely fruity Cabernet Sauvignon, which is entirely un-oaked to keep all the vibrancy of the fruit character. It is full of rich red berry fruit flavours with a powerful cassis influence, making it ideal with most foods, particularly roasts, pate or even chilli!
86. MERLOT, 2006 £15.95
Cornellana Estate, Rapel, Chile
Classic Merlot with ripe plummy fruit, and a hint of violet on the nose, from an area which is producing some of the best Chilean wines.

ROSE WINE

88. ROSE D'ANJOU 2005 £14.50
Domaine des Maurieres, Loire Valley
Medium dry rose from the central Loire, displaying a vivid pink colour – this wine is produced by magnificently named firm of 'Moron'!

SPARKLING WINES AND CHAMPAGNES

89. ALDRIDGE BRUT, N.V. £17.50
South Eastern Australia
Dry, fruity sparkling wine with hints of quince, and a creamy mousse. This wine offers a well balanced, very flavoursome, elegant glass of fizz at a decent price, so it can be drunk at any time of day to celebrate anything at all!
90. ASTI n.v. £17.50
Araldica Vini Piemontese, Italy
From the Muscat grape, (so many dessert wines stem from this grape) called Moscato in Italy. The classic medium, fresh and fruity sparkling wine is grown in a small region of Piedmont, around the town of Asti.
91. J.M.GREMILLET, BRUT RESERVE, N.V. £34.50
Aube, Champagne
Our 'House' Champagne is made from a blend of 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay. The high proportion of Pinot Noir results in a champagne that is quite creamy in texture and has a lovely depth of fruit. Excellent value for money with an elegant 'mousse' and toasty brioche finish.
92. BOLLINGER, Special Cuvée, N.V. £58.00
Bollinger own nearly all of the vineyards used to make their wines, and age a tiny part of the blend little in oak, adding to the richness and complexity of the wines.
A Celebration deserves the very best!
- 92b. GREMILLET ROSÉ, N.V. £35.00
Aube, Champagne
From our outstanding, award winning Champagne producer; Jean-Michel's Rosé has a lovely, slightly off dry strawberry fruitiness.

DESSERT WINE

93. MOSCATEL DE LA MARINA 2006 Bottle £19.50
Glass 125ml £3.25
bodegas Mendoza, Alicante, Spain
A boldly flavoured yet elegant Moscatel (a dessert wine made from the Muscat grape) that displays a degree of finesse far in excess of that expected from wines of this style. Richly yellow coloured and opulently scented, succulent flavours of freshly picked grapes, leaf and honey are to the fore in the glass. The wine has a lovely, lingering finish of dried candies and honey on the palate. The wine is 'structured' and developed due to the ageing in oak barrels, which gives extra depth/complexity and also stops it being overly sweet.
94. BROWN BROS. LATE PICKED ORANGE MUSCAT 2006 Half Bottle £15.00
Glass £5.00
This is Brown Bros. Star wine, a tangy orange scented wine which has a lovely freshness and is never cloying. Delicious wine.
- 94a NOBLE RIESLING 2006 Half Bottle £18.50
Paul Cluver – South Africa
Paul Cluver Noble Riesling is the best of its kind in South Africa and easily one of the finest in the new world. It is lusciously honeyed and fabulously exotic, decadently potent, and as you'd expect, the acidity is utterly gorgeous, cleaning up the palate after every sip. 'Matthew Juke Top 205 wines – 2005'. We heartily agree. This wine shows dried apricot, spices and honey characters on the nose. The mouth feel is full and big and very balanced with a long lingering aftertaste. The sugar is very well balanced with the acidity and is not cloying. This wine will gain complexity after 2 to 5 years in the bottle.
- 94b. ALEATICO DI PUGLIA, 2000 50cl £25.00
Francesco Candido, Puglia
Added to our list by popular request as a result of our Italian dinner, where it was a star! Made from sun ripened grapes, brimming over with flavours of raisin, stewed apple and spice – this wine is a fantastic accompaniment to cheese, especially salty and blue cheese, or as an after dinner tipple instead of Port.

PORT

95. CHURCHILL'S LATE BOTTLE VINTAGE, 1999 Bottle £29.50
Glass £2.25
One of the finest LBV's available with great purity of fruit And perfect balance.