



PENMAENUCHAF
HALL

Penmaenuchaf Hall...Wine List

WINE LIST

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AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR WINE LIST

Welcome to our wine list, we hope you enjoy perusing it and choosing your wine.

At Penmaenuchaf Hall we have a passion for wine and are continually striving to present a list that is well balanced, representative of today's wines, reasonably priced, accurate and user friendly.

In selecting these wines we have enjoyed visiting many wine fairs, wine tastings and vineyards throughout the world where we have met many people dedicated and passionate about the wonderful wines they are producing.

Although our list covers a wide spectrum of wines from many wine producing regions of the world, at this time it remains French orientated. Despite what people may say, France still has the widest range of grapes, styles and expertise and other wine makers throughout the world seek to emulate the best qualities of French wine. As far as sales go, Australia has recently overtaken France for volume of wine drunk in the UK with the USA hard on its heels.

At the beginning of our list we have a choice of three wines of the month, these are wines we have tasted and particularly liked in addition to the list, and are for future consideration to place on the main list. Let us know what you think of them. Our interesting range of half bottles can be found towards the back of the list, this is followed by our wide selection of dessert wines, fortified wines and spirits.

A recent addition to the list is 'The Collectors Choice' a page of interesting and unique wines that have been cellared here at Penmaenuchaf Hall and are now ready for drinking. Have a look through them, if you need any further information on them we can supply it.

We have also put together some exciting wines by the case. There are several themed cases ready for you to take home or have delivered direct to your front door. If you have enjoyed a particular wine with your meal we can offer a competitive quote or can make up a case to your specific requirements. They make great gifts, are all excellent quality wines and are supplied with tasting notes. Please ask.

Lorraine and I have both attended Wine and Spirit Education Trust courses to Higher Certificate and Diploma levels respectively. Should you need any advice when choosing your wine we will be only too pleased to assist you.

Note: Unfortunately due to the weakness of the Pound against the Euro we have recently had to increase many of the European wine prices. We try to keep our prices as reasonable as possible and we have spotted some of our mid range wines, priced at £20 or more than our price for exactly the same wine in other hotels in Wales

MARK and LORRAINE
Penmaenuchaf Hall
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We have specially selected these “Wines of the Month” to give you the opportunity to taste some wines that are at the forefront of wine making today

*All three are very interesting and excellent examples of their styles.
We hope you enjoy them.*

All our wines are available at retail prices to take home.

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| WM1 (C) | LES SABLONS CAVE TERRAVENTOUX GRENACHE SYRAH 2008 | £19.00 |
| | Ventoux France 13% Vol.
From the Southern Rhone close to Mont Ventoux with 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah
This ripe generous easy drinking wine is full of cooked autumn fruits with supple
Tannins. Complements red meats with rich sauces. | |
| WM2 (C) | SPRINGFIELD ESTATE WHOLE BERRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009 | £26.25 |
| | Robertson South Africa 14% Vol.
A modern winery producing a range of top quality wines produced in the traditional
way with up to the minute production equipment but with little interference. Hand
picked grapes during the coolness of night no pumps or crushers, natural yeast, racking
and one years maturation in oak barrels. Cooked red fruits on the nose and palate
with a soft velvety tannins at the end. | |
| WM3 (2) | CAVE DE RIBEAUVILLE, COLLECTION RIESLING | 2008 £22.75 |
| | Alsace, France. 12.5% Vol.
Hand picked grapes from the slopes of the Vosges mountains along the
Ribeaupville fault line where a variety of soils come together to give this wine
a lovely lemon lime nose with a fresh and racy palate, shot through with pithy lemon
acidity. A perfect accompaniment to fish, shellfish and white meats. | |

White Sweetness Guide (1) – very dry, (9) – very sweet
 Red Body Guide (A) – light bodied, (E) – full bodied

THE COLLECTORS' CHOICE

We have purchased and cellared these wines over the past ten years or more and now present them to you ready for drinking and in excellent condition. Further tasting notes available on request.

White Wines

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| 200 | CHATEAU D'YQUEM 2004 (France)
No sweet wine surpasses Yquem. It is amazingly rich and opulent with a razor sharp focus. A very good vintage. | £248.00 |
| 201 | CHATEAU GRILLET 1999 (France)
From France's smallest AOC region consisting of just this Chateau comes this fascinating, complex wine. | £89.25 |
| 202 | VIN DE CONSTANCE 1998 (South Africa)
Famous Muscat dessert wine. Vanilla pod, mixed peel, spiced oranges, cloves, raisins, thick and gloopy but with a whistlingly fresh finish from the acidity that keeps magnificent balance. The orange character is really pure on the palate, like tangerine slices – tangy and freshly-peeled. Drink 2009-18 | £49.50 |

Red Wines

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| 250 | PENFOLDS GRANGE 1997 (Australia)
Australia's most sought after premium wine delivers great complexity and body with age. | £203.00 |
| 251 | VEGA SICILIA UNICO 1990 (Spain)
Holding almost mythical status amongst Spanish wine aficionados, this is a multi layered complex wine, only made in the best vintages. | £285.25 |
| 252 | SASSICAIA 1997 (Italy)
A stunning vintage and a stunning wine full of complexity, length, style and great elegance. Memorable. | £359.50 |
| 253 | BAROLO DOCG, CANNUBI BOSCHIS, Luciano Sandrone 1997
Dedicated small grower making magnificent Barolo from his small patch of the Cannubi Boschis, arguably the top site for Barolo. Concentrated, powerful, balanced and elegant.) | £176.00 |
| 255 | ALION 1997 (Spain)
From the Vega Sicilia stable, this is great value, full bodied, still fresh and youthful but with complexity and length. | £61.50 |
| 256 | STAGS LEAP WINE CELLARS 2006 (Napa Valley USA)
Iconic wine from the Napa Valley California. Limited production with soft cherry and plum flavours and a long smooth finish | £55.75 |
| 257 | AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA 2005 (Italy)
This full, thick Amarone offers masses of ripe fruit and fresh herbs, with velvety tannins. Turns to black pepper and fruit on the finish. Should age beautifully, but why wait? Drink now. | £60.00 |

258	CASTILLO YGAY RIOJA GRAN RESERVA ESPECIAL COSECHA 2001 (Rioja Spain)	£50.50
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This classically-styled Gran Reserva is only made in the finest of vintages, and 2001 is among the best in recent history. Temperature-controlled fermentation is followed by a lengthy 31 months' ageing in American oak barriques, and a further 3 years' bottle ageing before release. Powerful notes of leather and pomander fill the bouquet, and the raisiny palate is rich and supremely polished.

House Wines

Our House Wines have been selected with great care to find exceptional value. The House Reds are from France, Italy, Australia, Argentina and Spain. The whites come from Australia, France, Italy and Germany and for a real treat try the Laroche Viognier, its flavours of apricots, peaches and kiwi fruit are amazing. Plus a great Rose from Spain.

Red

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| 1. | HECULA BODEGAS CASTANO Monastrel Yecla Spain, 2008
(An impressive concentration with a peppery nose and an attractive dark liquorice fruit. Aged for six months in American oak casks to give soft, polished tannins which balance the spiced, plummy, redcurrant fruit.) | £19.95 |
| 2. | VALPOLICELLA CORTE GIARA BY ALLEGRINI DOC. Veneto Northern Italy, 2009
(This wine is produced near Verona and Lake Garda. It is one of Italy's most popular wines. From the grapes Rondinella, Corvina and Molinara, it has a nose of ripe cherries with hints of spice and a balanced elegance of soft red fruits, acidity and soft tannin and above all drinkability Allegrini Valpolicella is also available in halves see Bin 170) | £19.95 |
| 3. | CHATEAU D'ARGADENS A.C. Bordeaux Superior, 2007
(Purchased in 2002 by sichels, this property is situated in the Entr-Deux-Mers. The excellent terroir produces robust and soft fruited wines with concentration and balance D'Argadens is one of the best Bordeaux Superieur around)
(Claret is also available in half bottles see Bin 159) | £19.95 |
| 4. | THE STUMP JUMP, d' Arenberg Mc Laren Vale Australia 2009
(A Southern Rhone mix of Grenache Shiraz & Mourvèdre from Chester Osbourne chief wine maker. This is a full-bodied juicy wine with hints of cigar box on the nose, well balanced cooked fruits on the palate and a satisfying finish) | £19.95 |
| 5. | ALAMOS MALBEC, MENDOZA Argentina 2010
(From the eastern slopes of the mountains of Mendoza. Hand harvested and selected grapes make this fruity, soft balanced red with rich fruit character. Malbec is the name of the grape variety originally from Bordeaux where it is called Cot. It is now an unimportant variety there. The conditions in Argentina are more suitable and it is the third most planted variety.) | £19.95 |

White

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| 6. | WOLF RIESLING, Pfalz Wachenheim Germany 2010
(Ernst Loosen has been making wine from this estate since 1996 when he purchased it. With its low yielding old vines in a prime setting he has produced a wine in true Pfalz style, lime, grass and straw on the nose and a full rich palate of citrus fruits with a crisp finish) | £19.95 |
| 7. | ALAMOS CHARDONNAY MENDOZA, Argentina 2009
(From the revered Catena family, this Chardonnay is from grapes grown on the low mountains of the Andes. Light oak ageing has given some vanilla nuances in the tropical and citrus fruit aromas. Lots of fruit flavours and a crisp finish) | £19.95 |
| 8. | CHÂTEAU LE FAGÉ SAUVIGNON BLANC, A.C. Bergerac Sec 2010
(Ripe but perfectly fresh, with pronounced floral notes and citrus fruit on the nose and a hint of lychee on the palate) | £19.95 |
| 9. | LAROCHE VIOGNIER, Beziers, Southern France, 2010
(Originating from the Northern Rhone the Viognier grape is flourishing here in the South of France. A spicy floral and peachy nose, rich and ripe palate with hints of Apricots and a touch of spice with a rich mouth feel) | £19.95 |
| 10. | PINOT GRIGIO, Trentino IGT, Lamberti, Santepietre, 2009 | £19.95 |

(Dry with a slightly honeyed nose, creamy fruit and good length)

Rosé

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| 11. | CUNE RIOJA. Rosado, Spain, 2010
(This wine has an attractive strawberry, raspberry colour and is full of ripe summer fruits and complexity. From a reliable and meticulous producer.) | £19.75 |
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LOIRE

For the lover of white wine and seafood, this is the best source of supply for good, crisp, attractive wines. Despite their coming from vineyards situated along 600 miles of France's longest river, the Loire, the wines have a remarkable likeness.

White

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| 12. | MUSCADET DE SEVRE-ET-MAINE SUR LIE A.C.,
Chateau du Coing de St. Fiacre 2009
(Crisp, dry white wine from the mouth of the Loire. Bottled straight off its lees, (sur lie) it is delicious with all kinds of seafood) | £21.75 |
| 12a | DOMAINE FL CHAMBORCEAU SANVENNIERES 2007
Chenin Blanc from an exciting new estate with grapes from some of the most prized sites. Nearly all organic with meticulous wine making, resulting in a wine of exceptional quality. | £35.75 |
| 13. | SANCERRE A.C., André Dezat et Fils 2010
(This comes from a small grower and is one of the best Sancerres we have tasted. It is dry and fruity with a wonderfully delicate bouquet and great length)
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 154) | £27.00 |
| 14. | DOMAINE THIBAUT, POUILLY FUME A.C. André Dezat 2009
(Made from the Sauvignon grape variety, dry with good length of grassy fruit)
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 151) | £27.50 |

Red

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| 15. | SANCERRE A.C. Pinot Noir, André Dezat 2009
(Elegant, light red wine produced from the traditional Burgundy grape – Pinot noir Also available in halves see Bin .154) | £28.25 |
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ALSACE

Today Alsace is actually part of France and lies along the banks of the Rhine. Wonderful white wines are produced here from vines planted on the sheltered lower slopes of the Vosges mountains. In style they are more akin to French wine than German, being dry and distinctive in flavour, although in German shaped bottles. Alsace wines are named after the grape variety from which they have been made.

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| 16. | GEWÜRZTRAMINER A.C., Bruno Sorg 2009
(Lively, spicy Gewürztraminer nose. Soft, full and well balanced fruit, with lychee and tropical fruit flavours) | £27.75 |
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17. PINOT GRIS A.C., Pffafenheim 2010
(Pinot Gris is a grape that produces full-flavoured,
succulent wines. This is made by a very respected producer)

WHITE BORDEAUX

This area is best known for its magnificent, rich white dessert wines of Sauternes and Barsac. These seem to be regaining a well-deserved popularity for they make the perfect accompaniment to desserts and even to some rich, blue-veined cheeses such as Stilton. This section is also well worth the attention of lovers of dry white wine – those listed below are full of fruit, light, fragrant and crisp.

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| 20. | *CHATEAU BEL-AIR, A.C. Bordeaux 2010
(Deliciously light, crisp and fruity white Bordeaux. This area is now making excellent white wines) | £22.75 |
| 21. | CHATEAU DOISY-DAENE GRAND VIN SEC, A.C. Bordeaux,
Duboudieu 2007
(Very well made wine, mainly from Sémillon and Sauvignon.
Lots of fruity flavour. Dry with lovely length) | £29.75 |
| 23. | CHATEAU DE LA CHARTREUSE, A.C. Sauternes 2006
(Rich, luscious dessert wine with excellent
fruit and length) | <i>(½ bottle only)</i> £25.75 |
| 24. | CHATEAU RIEUSSEC, A.C. 1er cru Sauternes 1995
(A worthy neighbour of the famous Château d'Yquem.
Classic, rich wine with excellent botrytis character) | £84.50 |
| 25. | CHATEAU DELMOND A.C. Sauternes, 2006
(Semillon, Sauvignon and Muscadelle are used in this clean scented wine with aromatic
complexity on the nose and rich clean yet balanced flavours on the palate that last and last.) | £30.25 |

CLARET VINTAGES

- 2006** Good structure fruit and balance endow these wines with the ability to age well. In their youth they are a full flavour and quite masculine in style.
- 2004** A very good and underrated vintage, delicious fruit and balance. Good for short and medium term drinking.
- 2003** A very warm vintage endowing the wines with great fruit and power
- 2002** A small harvest that has yielded some first-rate, well-structured, stylish wines, especially from the Médoc and the Graves, with the best wines requiring considerable cellaring before they reach their peak.
- 2001** An excellent and underrated vintage. The wines have lovely fresh juicy fruit, soft ripe tannins and lovely balance.
- 2000** The millennium vintage and what a classic! Fantastic wines with plenty of ripe rich fruit and ripe tannins. Endowing the wines with longevity but allowing them to be drunk throughout their evolution.
- 1996** Excellent weather in October led to a wonderful vintage, with the wines giving lots of character and rich ripe fruit flavors.
- 1995** The light at the end of the early 90's tunnel; far and away the best vintage since 1990. The wines are full of concentrated jammy fruit with soft, ripe tannins and excellent length and structure. They are drinking very well already though will improve with keeping. Slightly better on the right bank than the left.

RED BORDEAUX

The most prestigious wine producing area in the world. Bordeaux lies in southwestern France. The generic name of claret, given to the red wines of this area, is derived from the French word "clairet". To the connoisseur, each of the areas within the Gironde produces wines of distinct character – the St. Emilions have great flavour and bouquet and are fuller and softer than the Médocs. Pomerol wines are similar but distinct, while the full, soft, elegant Graves have much finesse and mature reasonably early.

Per bottle

30. CHATEAU SOCIANDO-MALLET A.C. HAUT MEDOC 2000 £76.50
 ("This is a beautiful wine and certainly one of the sleepers of the vintage. Still inky/purple with notes of acacia flowers intermixed with wet rocks, blackcurrants and blueberries, the wine is full bodied, displays no real evidence of any oak and offers up terrific concentration texture and length Drink 2010- 2030 92 points" Robert Parker June 2010)
31. CHATEAU FEYTIT-CLINET A.C. POMEROL 2005 £69.75
 (This small property is run by J P Moueix of Petrus fame. It enjoys the advantages their organisation especially as far as the vineyard and winemaking are concerned The wine is plummy fruit on the nose with a more elegant flavour than expected with good length and a firm finish. Drinking well now.)

RED BORDEAUX (cont')

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| 32. | CHATEAU PATACHE D'AUX, MEDOC 2004
(This impressive wine has masses of black fruit, lots of ripe flavours and very good concentration.) | £28.00 |
| 32a. | CHATEAU LA TOUR DE BY, A.C. Médoc 2004
(There cannot be many Châteaux as consistently good as La-Tour-de-By: Impeccably made claret, ripe and substantial with judicious oak and balanced tannin) | £30.25 |
| 32b. | CHATEAU DU BREUIL , A.C. Haut-Médoc 2000
(From the outstanding 2000 vintage this wine is a dark ruby colour and has a fully mature bouquet of sweet fruit and cedar. It is a rich fruity medium-bodied wine with a gentle and soft finish. To top it all it is a bargain) | £25.50 |
| 32c. | CHATEAU PIPEAU, A.C. grand cru Saint-Emilion 2007
(A delicious upfront fragrant wine with ripe fruit, liquorice, bayleaf, oak characteristics, from a well regarded modern property Also available in halves. See Bin 163) | £39.75 |
| 33. | CHATEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE, 5me cru Pauillac 1996
(A classic Pauillac with cassis and damson fruit, cedar and pencil lead undertones and good structure. The chateau is on the quayside at Pauillac with the vines in three parcels in different parts of the appellation.) | £52.75 |
| 33a. | CHATEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE, A.C. 2me cru Saint-Julien 2003
(Powerful bulky style, with plenty of cassis, spicy new oak and roasted herbs on the jammy fruit nose. Husky, muscular wine with chunky tannins and good ageing potential) | £80.00 |
| 34. | CHATEAU LAFON ROCHET AC St. Estephe 2004
(Spicy fruit with some toasty oak and smoky mineral elements. A supple start on the palate with gentle to moderate weight with a nice texture. A good fleshy spicy fruit finish. | £63.75 |
| 35. | CHATEAU D'ANGLUDET, A.C. Margaux 2004
(A delicious wine, well made with concentration and class. Rich ripe and supple) | £47.75 |
| 37a. | CHATEAU PALMER, A.C. 3me cru Margaux 1995
(An impressive dark ruby colour, black fruit, floral truffle and cigar box scents on the nose with excellent ripeness and richness on the palate.) | £244.25 |
| 38 | VIEUX-CHATEAU-CERTAN, AC POMEROL 2006
(Alexandre Thienpont does a fine job here. This wine is deep and complex with hints of spice, black berries and liquorice.) | £178.75 |

WHITE BURGUNDY

Produced over a wide area from just south of Paris to below Dijon in central France, white Burgundies possess a luscious, rich, buttery quality that makes them unique. The Chardonnay grape, grown here, gives superb bouquet, fruit and length in that it can be the most perfectly balanced of all white wines.

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| 39. | MACON CHARDONNAY A.C., Cuvée J. Talmard 2009
(Fine, elegant white Mâcon with delicious fruit and balance) | £22.75 |
| 40. | MONTAGNY A.C., 1er cru 'Les Loges' Vieilles Vignes 2008
(Excellent wine, made from old vines which gives the wine a wonderful concentration and still it remains elegant) | £27.00 |
| 41. | CHABLIS 1ER CRU Les Forets, Moreau-Naudet et Fils, 2008
(A superb, intense Chablis, this has a lovely balance of lemony crispness and full, nutty richness. Forets is a part of Montmains 1er cru and is a relatively new wine for Stephane Moreau, a young grower forging a good reputation.) | £29.25 |
| 42. | DOMAINE DE LA BONGRAN, Cuvée Tradition,
A.C. Mâcon Villages, Jean Thévenet 2003
(Single vineyard Mâcon, delicate and well made. Produced exclusively from the Chardonnay grape variety) | £31.25 |
| 43. | ST-VERAN A.C., Jean Claude Boisset 2006
(Top class wine maker in an area, which is providing some of today's best value white Burgundies) | £24.25 |
| 45.
(v) | PULIGNY-MONTRACHET A.C., Moret-Nominée, 2007
(A gorgeous, honey rich Puligny, sun drenched, delicious and very long in the mouth) | £59.00 |
| 45a. | MEURSAULT Les Clous A.C., Jean Claude Boisset 2007
(A very fine, elegant Meursault with ripe butteriness and a faint, subtle oak influence) | £51.50 |
| 45b. | CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU, Rollin Pere et Fils 2005
(Rich and gently oaky. Length, opulence and class from the specialist in Corton-Charlemagne) | £78.00 |

BEAUJOLAIS

With remarkable ease, the wine makers of Beaujolais can coax the Gamay grape into producing delicious fruit-filled wines that are the envy of the world.

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| 46.
(v) | CHATEAU CHASSANTOUR, A.C. Beaujolais- Villages La Lantignié, M. Perroud 2009
(Produced from the Gamay grape, this is a fine example of Beaujolais.
Light, flowery and delicious with distinctive style) | £21.75 |
| 47. | FLEURIE A.C., Domaine André Cologne 2010
(Fruity, well-made wine. One of the cru wines of the Beaujolais district
and probably the best known)
(Also available in half bottles see Bin 165) | £27.00 |

RED BURGUNDY

Burgundy too produces some of the world's finest wines. Lying to the south of Paris, the region is a lush one with its vineyards situated in beautiful rolling countryside. The Pinot grape variety is capable of producing a cherry red wine that is unsurpassed in its delicious flavour and lingering aftertaste.

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| 48. | CHOREY LES BEAUNE A.C., Tollet Beaut 2007
(The Tollet family makes this wine in an easy and fruity style, preserving the juiciness
for which Chorey-lès-Beaune is known. A good value and long-time favourite red burgundy) | £33.00 |
| 49. | GIVRY 1ER CRU CLOS JUS, Gérard Mouton, 2008
(Gérard Mouton's Clos Jus has such delicious, sappy Pinot Noir fruit that it makes
it an undoubted favourite amongst good value Burgandies. Monsieur Mouton is a
good source in the quaintly named hamlet of Poncey!) | £30.25 |
| 50. | GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN A.C. Racines du Temp, Tres Vieilles Vignes, Rene Bouvier 2004
(Coming from the Côtes de Nuits, the most northerly section of the
Côte d'Or. A superb wine with great finesse. Delicate and full bodied) | £66.00 |
| 51. | VOSNE ROMANEE 1er Cru Clos Des Réas, Michel Gros 2003
(Elegant and silky wine with ripe tannins and a certain spiciness coming
from the oak. Well structured and balanced) | £77.00 |
| 52. | NUITS ST GEORGES A.C. Chanson Père et Fils 2007
(One of the best wine makers producing wines in Nuits St Georges.
Full of fruit and flavours) | £54.00 |
| 53. | MAZY-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU A.C., Armand Rousseau, 2004
(A full red Burgundy, delicate, light with lots of delicious
Pinot Noir flavours) | £79.50 |
| 54. | CLOS -VOUGEOT GRAND CRU A.C. Domaine Rene Engel, 2004
(Full purple in colour and has that extra degree of concentration on the nose. A superb,
seamless, fruit-forward, ultra-long wine which has an intensity of very ripe cherries dominating
the palate. A wine that is very easy to fall in love with) | £94.50 |

RHÔNE

The red wines of the Rhône valley, in many people's opinion, are the best value of any French wines found in this country. Rich, fruity and robust, they seem to carry the warmth of the southern sun. Excellent with full flavoured red meat dishes such as casseroles, roasts and game. The rosés are among the best in the world with full flavour and excellent depth

Red*Per bottle*

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| 59 | LE CLOS DES CAZAUX, AC. GIGONDAS, LA TOUR SARRAZINE 2008
Very concentrated wine made from old vines with low yields. Close to and similar to Chateau Neuf du Pape but a touch more forward with slightly fruitier and more integrated tannins. A delicious, herby mouthful of wine. | £30.25 |
| 60. | CHATEAU DU GRAND MOULAS, A.C. COTES DU RHONE-VILLAGES, MASSIF D'UCHAUX, M. Ryckwaert 2009
(Made from a blend of 50% Syrah and 50% Grenache by the irrepressible Marc Ryckwaert, this is a great favourite here for its peppery fruit and overwhelmingly charming style) | £22.75 |
| 61. | CROZES-HERMITAGE A.C., Les Jalets Paul Jaboulet Aine 2007
(The Frey family purchased Jaboulet Wines in 2006 and since then the wines have gone from strength to strength using modern wine techniques and more thorough grape selection.) | £24.50 |
| 62. | CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE A.C. Domaine Vieux Telegraphe 1998,
(A big masculine, powerful wine full of ripe spicy fruit and rich tannins. A wine with complexity and great length. Also available in halves. See Bin 162) | £72.50 |
| 63. | *COTE ROTIE A.C., Cuvée du Plessy, Gilles Barge 2001 or 2004 Please state preference.
(Wonderfully rich, complex red Rhône with lots of spicy, peppery flavours produced by one of the, if not the, best wine-maker in Côte Rôtie) | £42.75 |
| 64.
(v) | HERMITAGE A.C., MONIER DE LA SIZERANNE, M. Chapoutier 2000
(Big, full of superb length and flavour.
One of the finest wines of the Rhône valley) | £51.50 |

White

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| 65. | CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC A.C.,
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, H. Brunier et Fils 2010
(Intense, dry white with strong floral nose and rich, concentrated flavour. Every bit as good as its red counterpart) | £47.00 |
| 66. | CONDRIEU INVITARE A.C., M. Chapoutier 2008
(An intense aroma of peaches and apricots. The palate is rich concentrated and fat with wonderfully ripe fruit and good balancing acidity) | £48.00 |

Rosé

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| 67 | LE PETIT JABOULET GRENACHE Paul Jaboulet Aine 2008
(100% Grenache from the Ventoux region in Southern Rhone give this wine some lovely raspberry and strawberry notes on the nose with a harmonious well balanced thirst quenching palate) | £19.95 |
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SPAIN

A source of excellent wines – still very good value. The Rioja produces superb red wines made in the Bordeaux tradition, matured in oak casks. They have tremendous fruit, body and a wonderful vanilla flavour on the palate. The Penedès is more temperate and better suited to the production of crisper wines.

Red*Per bottle*

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| 70. | TEMPRANILLO, D.O. Navarra, Bodegas Ochoa 2007
(Tempranillo is the quality grape variety of the Rioja.
This is an elegant, medium bodied red with good length of flavour) | £24.25 |
| 71. | PESQUERA RESERVA, Ribera del Duero, A Fernandez 2005
(This is a star on the Spanish wine scene and is a very powerful concentrated wine made from the Tinto Fino grape. Difficult to obtain) | T.O.O.S. £31.50 |
| 72. | MUGA RESERVA, D.O. Rioja 2007
(Made from Garnacha, Mazuelo and Tempranillo. Ripe and supple wine with vanilla aromas on the nose. Red fruit and tobacco on the palate. A long finish with elegance, good depth and intensity) | £25.00 |
| 72a.
(v) | IMPERIAL GRAN RESERVA, D.O. RIOJA 1999
(Wonderfully complex, very concentrated, lots of fruit and lovely oak flavours) | £45.25 |

White

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| 73 | PRADO REY, VERDEJO D.O. RUEDA 2010
(Relatively new modern style white wine from northern Spain with lots of tropical fruit flavours and a lovely round finish) | £21.00 |
| 74. | ALBARINO, LAGAR DE CERVERA, D.O. Rias Baixas 2010
(Deliciously light, slightly spritz, lots of fruit, coming from the North West of Spain) | £29.00 |

ITALY

At long last the wines of Italy are attaining a long overdue recognition, for the country has ideal conditions to yield wines of top quality. Each region produces a wine or wines of distinct quality, whether they are table wines, sparkling, still or fortified.

Red

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| 78 | CAPPEZZANA D.O.C. Barco Reale di Carmignano 2007
(The estate of Capezzana is owned and run by the Contini Bonacossi family has been producing wine for 12 centuries. The Barco Reale di Carmignano is Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Canaiolo. With an elegant refined nose of sweet red fruit and spice followed by elegant fruit flavours and soft supple tannins this is a great easy drinking wine from a highly respected producer Also available in halves)
(They also make wonderful olive oil. We have some 75cl. bottles on sale for £15.75) | £25.25 |
| 79. | BAROLO MARGHERIA MASSOLINI 2007 (Italy)
(Classic Barolo from a very fine vintage. Full of concentrated fruit with plenty of spice and a long finish.) | £85.00 |
| 80. | SALICE SALENTINO DOC Feudi di San Marzano 2009
(All the warmth of the Italian South is expressed in this delicious wine which has a smoky nose, then a very tasty palate that is full of plums, figs and spice. It comes from the Salento peninsular; a "salice" is a willow tree.) | £21.75 |
| 81. | DOLCETTO D'ALBA D.O.C.G. Vajra 2008
(A really delicious and exciting red from one of the star producers of Barolo. Dolcetto is the grape and it means sweet one) | £24.00 |

White

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| 82. | CÀ DEI FRATI LUGANA D.O.C. Lugana 2009
(A richness of fruit is balanced by good acidity and a wonderful aromatic character. Made solely from the Lugana grape on the shores of Lake Garda) | £22.25 |
| 83. | PIEROPAN SOAVE CLASSICO DOC, Veneto, Northern Italy 2006
(Nino Pieropan is a perfectionist. The quality of his wine is attributed to the work carried out in the 30 hectares of vineyards. The skill in the cellar retains and amplifies the quality and style of the grapes. Made from Trebbiano and Garganega grapes, this wine has lots of delicate fruit flavours with hints of almond and spice and a fresh crisp finish.) | £22.00 |

GERMANY

The Rhine forms the backbone of the German wine producing regions, stretching almost as far as Bonn in the north. It is from downstream to the south, from the Palatinate, Rheinhessen and Rheingau that the fine wines come. These wines are renowned for their elegant, flowery bouquet and soft, fruity palate; the best are well-balanced by a touch of acidity which gives them length and definition

Per bottle

Rhine

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| 88. | DREISSIGACKER BECHTHEIMER RIESLING 2009
(Jochen Dreissigacker is one of the rising stars of the German wine scene. He has 21 hectares of vineyards of which 55% are Riesling. He has converted them to biodynamic viticulture, reduced the yields and identified the best parcels of vines in order to vinify each separately. Light yellow in colour. The nose is fresh and lively with white stone fruit, spice and pear. The palate is intense, with a long mineral streak, peach and pear fruit and firm, refreshing acidity) | £27.50 |
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Mosel

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| 89. | ERDENER TREPPCHEN RIESLING SPATLESE QMP, Weingut Meulenhof 2007
(Stefan Justen's vineyards have increased recently due to his purchase of the neighboring Ehlen estate. The classic Treppchen site has produced a ripe and succulent wine with good creamy, mineral character) | £26.25 |
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Rhine

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| 91. | WACHENHEIMER RIESLING TROCKEN, Dr Burklin-Wolf 2008
(Burklin-Wolf are one of the foremost producers of dry wines in Germany. Made from young vines in the grand cru Goldbachel vineyard this is a lovely spicy wine with attractive pineapple and mango fruit) | £28.00 |
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WALES

The Welsh climate is suitable for the production of quality wines. Situated so far north it is more suited to produce fine, delicate and elegant white wines. See the sparkling wine section for our local fizz.

92. MONNOW VALLEY HUXELREBE/SEYVAL BLANC DRY 2007 £20.25
(This is from the valley of the River Monnow, north of Monmouth;
it is light, aromatic, clean and fresh)

AUSTRALIA

An increasing quantity of fine wine is being produced in Australia. The introduction of new grape varieties and the selective planting of the best European vines has led to the development of the new and exciting Carbnets, Chardonnays and the distinctive Shiraz. The wines are generally matured in French or American oak.

White

Per bottle

99. MARGAN VERDELHO, Hunter Valley 2007 £25.50
(This has lovely rich, ripe fruit with a green apple/zesty
character that gives it a fresh and clean finish)
100. SHAW AND SMITH SAUVIGNON BLANC, Adelaide Hills 2009 £24.00
(The Adelaide Hills are recognised as the best place to grow Sauvignon Blanc in Australia. Grapefruit
character on the nose. The palate is fresh and lively pure varietal fruit flavours and crisp acidity)
101. MARGAN CHARDONNAY, Hunter Valley, 2009 £25.00
(When Andrew Margan started producing his own wine in 1989, his aim was to harness the best
possible flavours from his grapes. This rich and powerful Chardonnay delivers with a flavour
fusion of peaches, melons and creamy vanilla oak))

Red

103. KATNOOK ESTATE COONAWARRA Cabernet Sauvignon South Australia 2004 £29.25
(Coonawarra lies 400 miles south of Adelaide. The area is renowned for its dark red
Terra Rossa top soil producing wonderful red wines like this one. Ripe berries, mint
and mulberry on the palate with hints of mocha and cedar. Balanced with soft tannin
on a long persistent finish.)
104. CORIOLE SHIRAZ, McLaren Vale 2008 £28.25
(McLaren Vale is just north of Adelaide, and here Coriole make
a delicious, intense but soft Shiraz with mint and blackberry flavours)

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's cool climate has proved ideal for producing high quality white wines with the Chardonnay and Sauvignon in particular flourishing, giving wonderfully fresh, crisp, fragrant wines.

White

109. GREYWACKE, Marlborough, Sauvignon Blanc 2010 £24.50
Ideal conditions produce the intense aromas and flavours of this delicate aromatic wine
Produced by Kevin Judd pioneer winemaker who was responsible for making the famous Cloudy Bay
Wines. Elegant and appealing with an abundance of fruit and crisp acidity. The same quality
at a much more affordable price.
110. HUIA PINOT GRIS, Marlborough, 2008 £22.00
A single vineyard Pinot Gris. Careful growing, picking and wine making techniques, including
French oak fermentation have produced a wine with a ripe pear nose, lots of fruit, nuts and spices
on the palate and a long smooth velvety finish with lots of complexity.
111. MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC, Churton 2009 £23.50
(Fresh, crisp wine full of typical Sauvignon Blanc character.
From an estate at the north end of South Island)

Red

112. ATA RANGI PINOT NOIR, Martinborough 2009 £51.55
(Probably the best Pinot Noir to come out of New Zealand,
limited production, the whole of the UK getting a tiny allocation of stock)

113. CJ PASK MERLOT, Hawke's Bay 2008 £24.25
 (A delicious soft fruity red wine with lovely concentrated plummy fruit and an elegant structure.
 A real example of the excellent reds now coming from New Zealand)

PORTUGAL

114. AZAMOR Alentejano Portugal. 2006 £20.50
 The vineyards are 350 metres above sea level looking out onto a vast landscape. They are the most densely planted in Alentejano with 5050 vines per hectare. The wine is soft plummy and nicely lifted on the nose and has a lovely purity of fruit and well rounded tannins on the palate.

USA CALIFORNIA

Some of the best wine-makers of the world are to be found here. Highly qualified and dedicated, they strive to produce the finest Carbernets, Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs. Indeed, many extremely fine wines and first class everyday jug wines are made here. Robert Mondavi has been a pioneer in the production of wines that are lighter and more elegant than most, where the hot Californian sunshine causes strong wines of high alcoholic strength.

White

Per bottle

115. DE LOACH CALIFORNIA SERIES CHARDONNAY Sonoma County, California 2005 £24.25
 (An elegant Chardonnay with orchard fruit flavours and a clean well balanced tropical fruit finish. De Loach is owned by Jean Claude Boisset of Burgundy fame)

Red

116. FIRST PRESS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON. Napa Valley, California 2007 £29.25
 (Supple and elegant, deep red colour with rich cherry, currant, blackberry, cedar and chocolate notes on the palate. Hints of French oak. Firm tannins give a good balance to a long lingering finish)
117. DE LOACH PINOT NOIR, Sonoma County California 2007 £24.25
 De Loach produce a fine range of wines assisted by the cooling winds and morning fog, the perfect backdrop for ripening Pinot Noir. This is an excellent value for money Pinot Noir with a silken texture and bright cherry flavours

SOUTH AFRICA

White

118. LA PETITE FERME SAUVIGNON BLANC, Franschhoek 2010 £22.75
 (Superb grassy Sauvignon made in small quantities in the beautiful Franschhoek valley)
120. NEWTON JOHNSON CHARDONNAY Hermanus Walker Bay 2007 £24.25
 A small family winery overlooking Hermanus and the Southern Atlantic. Production of small quantities of premium wine. This Chardonnay offers lots of citrus fruit and a creamy texture with a long and complex finish

Red

119. SPRINGFIELD ESTATE, WORK OF TIME, Robertson 2004 £30.25
 (A classic mix of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot
 From one of the top wine estates in South Africa. Barrel fermented and bottle aged, this carefully made wine is rich, complex and powerful.)

- 119a KLOOVENBURG SHIRAZ Swartland 2008 £25.25
 Kloovenburg means place in the ravine where wine has been produced here since the 1850s. However after a fifty year interlude Pieter du Toit has restored the wine cellars and is now producing some wonderful wines. The Shiraz is full of chocolate and liquorice with hints of dried fruit with a velvety palate and a long smooth finish.

CHILE

White

121. COUSINO-MACUL DONA ISIDORA RIESLING, Maipo Valley 2009 £21.50
 (Dominated by lovely citrusy and floral notes this wine has great character and length)

Red

122. MARQUÉS DE CASA CONCHA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, £22.25
 Maipo, Concha y Toro 2008
 (Wonderful Cassis/Blackcurrant aromas and flavours with lovely ripe tannins and a tremendous length of flavour. This is an excellent wine)
- 122A. VINA PUNTO ALTO EL CHAPARRO PINOT NOIR Casablanca Valley Chile £25.25
 (Cooked cherries and plums with hints of liquorice and leather make this an easy drinking Pinot Noir)

CHAMPAGNE

French law strictly defines the vineyards from which Champagne comes. They are mostly south of Rheims around Epernay and the Marne valley. Surprisingly Champagne is made from red and white grapes, the juice not remaining in contact with the skins long enough to gain any colour.

Per bottle

123. BEAUMONT DES CRAYERES, Fleur de Prestige, vintage 2002 £41.75
 (A delicious Champagne from an excellent co-operative based in the heart of the Champagne region. A complex Champagne, aged at least three years before release)
124. ANDRE CLOUET GRANDE RESERVE, grand cru à Verzenay £38.75
 (This wine is rich and concentrated with excellent fruit, yet has surprising elegance for a Champagne containing only Pinot Noir)
126. VEUVE CLICQUOT BRUT 'Yellow Label' £47.75
 (Delicious non-vintage Champagne, delicate mousse with a lovely nutty aroma and palate)
127. BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE £52.00
 (Dry, full flavoured Champagne from this well reputed house)
128. LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT, vintage 2004 £84.00
 (v) (Excellent vintage Champagne, soft elegant with fresh delicacy)
129. MOET ET CHANDON, Cuvée Dom Pérignon, vintage 2002 £170.00
 (Fine, elegant, delicate. Everything a great Champagne should be)

131. LAURENT PERRIER CUVEE ROSE BRUT £72.00
(Full and fruity with lots of Pinot Noir taste.
A classic pink Champagne)

SPARKLING WINES

The key to fine quality sparkling wine is the manufacture by the Méthode Traditionnelle, where the sparkle is formed in each individual bottle as the wine matures. Other sparkling wines are made by the Cuvée Close method; the sparkle is introduced into the wine when it is in the tank and before being bottled.

Per bottle

132. CHARDONNAY BLANC DE BLANCS, £25.25
Cuvée Clémentine, Méthode Traditionnelle (France)
(From Chardonnay grown in Southern France, and given partial barrel fermentation, this is a
fruity, peachy, flavoursome sparkler with fine mousse and good length)
133. LAMARCA PROSECCO CONEGLIANO VALDOBBIADENE (Italy) £21.75
(100% Prosecco grape, soft pressing and fermentation in pressurized tanks with a
bright straw colour a fruity fragrant nose and a taste of almond and orchard fruits.
Great as an aperitif or with a meal from start to finish)
134. JUVE Y CAMPS, Brut Cava (Spain) 2006 £26.75
(This superb Cava has an unmistakably toasty aroma and a fresh, clean palate.
Fuller than other European sparklers, Cava is excellent value for money)
135. GRAHAM BECK BRUT, Method Cap Classique. (South Africa) £26.75
(Made in the traditional method using Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.
Left on the lees for two years before disgorgement. An excellent example
of quality, South African sparkling wine, with lots of malty flavours, a good
mousse, lots of fruit and a long finish.)
136. RIDGEVIEW ESTATE CUVEE MERRET, Brut Grosvenor, 2006 (Sussex England) £30.50
(The best of English wine' produced by the traditional method using the same grape as
Blanc de Blanc Champagne. 100% Chardonnay A persistent mousse, creamy and full bodied,
with biscuity flavours and an attractive tangy freshness. Much to the annoyance of the
Champenois this wine has beaten Champagne in blind tastings)
137. PENARTH ESTATE Montgomeryshire, (Wales) £25.50
Traditional method sparkling wine produced from champagne grapes grown just west of
Welshpool. A crisp dry sparkling wine with lovely aromatic flavours.

HALF BOTTLES*Per Half Bottle***White**

150.	PIEROPAN SOAVE CLASSICO DOC, Veneto, Northern Italy 2009	£13.25
151.	DOMAINE THIBAUT, Pouilly Fumé A.C., André Dezat et Fils 2009	£18.00
152.	CHABLIS A.C., Domaine des Valery 2009	£17.25
153.	GEWURZTRAMINER, Pfaffenheim 2009	£13.25
154.	SANCERRE A.C., Andre Dézat 2010	£17.75
155.	MACON LUGNY A.C., Les Genièvres, Louis Latour 2010 (Excellent buttery Chardonnay lovely long length of fruit)	£13.25
156.	MARQUES DE CACERES BLANCO, D.O. Rioja 2010	£12.75
157.	ROGER BRUN CHAMPAGNE	£28.25

Red

158	SEGHESIO Sonoma County USA. Zinfandel 2009	£23.75
159.	CHATEAU D'ARGADENS A.C. Bordeaux Superior, 2008	£13.00
160.	LES SABLONS A.C. Ventoux Grenache Syrah 2009	£13.00
161.	CHATEAU DU GRAND MOULAS AC Cotes du Rhone, M Ryckwaert. 2009 (Lots of ripe peppery fruit in this fruity red from Orange in the southern Rhone)	£12.50
162.	CAPEZZANA Barco Reale di Carmignano Italy 2008 (see description under Bin 78)	£14.00
163.	CHATEAU PIPEAU A.C. St-Emilion, 2007	£27.00
164.	CHATEAU MONTAIGUILLON, A.C. Montagne-Saint-Emilion 2007	£28.25
165.	FLEURIE A.C., Domaine de la Virolette, Jacques Charlet 2009	£13.00
167.	CROZES HERMITAGE ROUGE A.C., Cave de Clairmonts 2008 (This has a lovely deep purple colour and rich, blackcurranty fruit, both on the nose and palate. It is well structured, with good tannins and a spicy finish)	£16.75
168.	COTE DE BEAUNE VILLAGES A.C., Chanson Père et Fils 2008 (Light red Burgundy from a number of villages in the Côte de Beaune; drinking well)	£24.25
169.	MARQUES DE CACERES TINTO CRIANZA, D.O. Rioja 2007	£13.25
170	ALLEGRI VALPOLICELLA D.O.C. Veneto Italy 2009	£13.00
171.	VILLA ANTINORI ROSSO IGT Toscana 2007 (A well balanced, soft red wine from Tuscany, with fruit and style in	£20.50

the Chianti character. Antinori are an old and highly respected house)

DESSERT WINES

		<i>50cl bottle</i>	<i>100ml measure</i>
173.	FAIRVIEW LA BERYL BLANC, Paarl, South Africa 2010 (Picked and laid on straw to dry and then gently pressed and fermented in fired oak barrels. Fragrant, succulent, yet crisp and sumptuous with balance and finesse)	£17.25	£4.75
		<i>½ bottle</i>	
174.	MOUNT HORROCKS CORDON CUT RIESLING, Clare Valley, Australia 2009 (This unique dessert wine is made from grapes dried on the vine after the the canes have been cut. Intense Reisling character, rich, full and complex with a refreshing finish)	£27.25	
		<i>½ bottle</i>	<i>100ml measure</i>
175.	VICTORIA ORANGE MUSCAT AND FLORA, Late Harvest, Brown Brothers 2009 (There is no botrytis on this blend of two grape varieties, Orange Muscat and Flora. Citrus and stone fruit flavours with a fresh crisp finish. Compliments Fruit based desserts.)	£17.25	£5.50
		<i>½ bottle</i>	
176	D'ARENBURG VINTAGE FORTIFIED SHIRAZ, McLaren Vale, Australia 2002 (Not for the faint hearted. This wine is deep in colour, aroma and flavour with sweet, spicy, black cherry, raspberry and dried fruit notes. A big age worthy wine, cellared for a few years here and now ready for drinking.)	£22.25	
		<i>½ Bottle</i>	<i>100ml measure</i>
177	NEWTON JOHNSON L'ILLA, NOBLE LATE HARVEST South Africa. 2009 The high pH soils in the vineyards provide the wine with a soft and luxurious structure. It shows an optimum balance of residual sugar and natural acidity, while the flavours remain elegant with an eye to retaining their freshness	£20.50	£6.50
179.	TOKAJI ASZU, 5 Puttonyos, Royal Tokaji Wine Co.Hungary 2006 25cl bottle (The 25cl is ideal size for two good glasses. Deliciously sweet, complex, peachy, nectarine nose, dried apricot sand honeyed palate. The Tokaji region of Hungary is the first region of the world to use botrytised grapes to make sweet wines – recommended by Hugh Johnson)		£26.50
180	CHATEAU PAJZOS TOKAJI ESSZENCIA 1993 Hungary 100ml. (Robert Parker gave this wine 100 points in June 2009. One of the world's finest dessert wines. Ultra sweet yet with lovely citrus fruit, marmalade, liquid fruitcake, plum and caramelised tropical fruit A rare opportunity to taste one of the worlds greatest and rare wines)		£35.75
23.	CHATEAU DE LA CHARTREUSE, A.C. Sauternes 2006 ½ bottle		£25.75
24.	CHATEAU RIEUSSECC, A.C. 1er cru Sauternes 1995 <i>per bottle</i>		£84.50
25.	CHATEAU DELMOND A.C. Sauternes, 2006 <i>per bottle</i>		£30.25

PORT

			<i>75ml measure</i>
183	Late Bottled Vintage, 2001	<i>per bottle</i>	£26.50 £4.30
184	Quinta do Infantado 10 years old	<i>per ½ bottle</i>	£28.50 £6.45
185	Noval 20 years old Tawny Port	<i>per bottle</i>	£61.25 £11.25
186	Taylor Quinta de Vargellas 2001	<i>per bottle</i>	£42.75
180.	Chuchill's Vintage Port 2003	<i>per bottle</i>	£71.50
181.	Quinta do Infantado Vintage Port 1997	<i>per bottle</i>	£43.25
182.	Warre, vintage 1980	<i>per bottle</i>	£58.50

COGNACS

VS Cognac			<i>35 ml measure</i>
V.S.O.P. Cognac			£4.00
Denis Mounié 1969, Landed 1974, Bottled 1990		<i>from</i>	£4.80
Remy XO			£9.65
			£14.40

ARMAGNACS

VS Armagnac	£4.00
V.S.O.P. Armagnac	£4.30
Château du Tariquet Bas-Armagnac 1985	£4.80

WHISKIES

We stock a very wide range of blended and malt whiskies. Please see our drinks tariff.

*35ml measure
from £3.75*

LIQUEURS

We have an excellent selection available

*50 ml measure
from £5.35*

SHERRY

Sherry comes from the southern tip of Spain, around the town of Jerez de la Frontera. It was already popular during the time of Shakespeare, as the port of Cadiz, close to Jerez, was the frontier between the Christian and Moslem regions of the time.

Sherry is made from three main grape varieties; Palomino Fino, the greatest part of the production, Pedro Ximenez and Moscatel. Sherry comes from two basic styles, Fino and Oloroso.

Fino produces the styles: Fino, Manzanilla, Amontillado and Pale Cream. Its characteristics come from the growth of a film of yeast called Flor formed on the top of the sherry in the cask. The earlier the sherry is bottled after the Flor dies or is removed, the drier and paler the sherry.

Oloroso produces the styles: Oloroso Dry/Sweet, and Cream Sherry. It is produced by stopping the Flor growing, with the fortification of the wine up to 18% volume. This makes a dark golden or amber coloured wine with a lot more body than the Fino sheries.

MANZANILLA

This is a Fino sherry, which comes from the town of Sanlucar de Barrameda on the Atlantic coast. Here the Flor grows all year. The temperature, climate of the area, imparts a delicate aroma with a salty tang.

Manzanilla La Gitana, Vinicola Hidalgo Bottle : £21.00 50cl Bottle: £14.50 Glass: £3.50
*Light, fresh, clean with a hint of Flor on the palate
delicious salty tang ideal with seafood or as an aperitif.*

FINO

The Fino sherry comes from Jerez, where the Flor is at its best in spring and autumn, due to the more continental climate of the area. It produces a pale straw-coloured sherry that is light and very dry, delicate and refreshing.

Tio Pepe, Gonzalez Byass Bottle : £24.50 Glass: £3.75
*A delicious delicate bouquet with a crisp nutty flavour and
a pale gold colour.*

OLOROSO DRY

The flor cannot grow on this style due to the fortification to 18% volume. This allows contact with the air, producing a dark golden coloured sherry that is elegant with a softer and mellower flavour than the Amontillado style.

Oloroso Dry, Vinicola Hidalgo
Deep amber in colour this is a weighty, nutty sherry with a warmth and intensity that will win many fans.

Bottle: £18.75 Glass: £4.00

AMONTILLADO

Amontillados are Fino sherries with a thinner layer of flor, that lives for 2-3 years then falls to the bottom of the cask. The wine then ages and the contact with the air produces an amber coloured sherry that has a dry and nutty flavour.

Jerez Cortado Wellington Palo Cortado 20 years
This V.O.S. sherry contains wines which are at least 20 years Old. Palo Cortado is made according to the Amontillado principles and will acquire the nutty characteristics of an Oloroso as it ages. With a penetrating nose of walnuts, figs, raisins and caramel the palate has tremendous balance, richness and length.

Bottle: £41.00

Hidalgo Amontillado, Vinicola Hidalgo
A gently sweet Amontillado characterised by deliciously warm flavours of baked bread.

Bottle: £20.00 Glass: £3.50

PALE CREAM SHERRY

This is a Fino sherry which is sweetened with concentrated grape must, making a medium-sweet pale sherry. This style accounts for 20% of the British sherry market.

Croft Original Pale Cream
Light pale gold in colour with a smooth and delicate sweet taste.

Bottle : £19.75 Glass: £3.50

CREAM SHERRY

Cream sherries are Olorosos that are sweetened with Pedro Ximenez and Moscatel wines. This makes a dark amber, sweet sherry with a creamy taste, hence the name.

Harvey's Bristol Cream
A classic sherry. Dark with full rich sweet flavours and complexity.

Bottle : £22.75 Glass: £4.00

PEDRO XIMINEZ

This grape variety is picked, placed on absorbent sheets and covered in tented polythene sheets. This reduces the water content in the grapes and increases the sugar concentration. It is then vinified in a similar way to the other

Oloroso sherries, producing an extremely sweet, dark and syrupy wine which is not very often found on the British market.

Pedro Ximenez Viejo, Vinicola Hidalgo

Bottle : £26.00 Glass: £4.55

Nearly black, this is amazingly intense with aromas and flavours of raisins and prunes with a deliciously lingering finish.