

# Coravin Wine System

Using the Coravin wine preservation system allows wine to be poured without removing the cork!

A needle pierces the cork, wine is poured and the system replaces the wine with an inert gas preventing any oxygen from entering the bottle.

Therefore the remaining wine is preserved in its original condition. This allows us to offer a much larger selection of wines by the glass some of which would normally only be available by the bottle.

## Sparkling Wines By The Glass

125ml

### **Nyetimber Classic Cuvée** (*Bin 1*)

**Nyetimber Estate, West Sussex, England, NV, 12.0%**      **£16.50**

Established in 1988, Nyetimber was the first producer to make English Sparkling Wine exclusively from the 'Champagne varieties': Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Meunier. Their flagship wine, the Classic Cuvée, was moved to a multi-vintage blend in 2016 and is aged for more than three years on lees. It shows spicy and toasty aromas and a wonderful development on the nose. The palate is elegant and complex, with aromas of honey, almond and pastry.

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Lying on a south-facing slope, this family-owned estate was established in 2010, just three miles from the Channel. Often referred to as the vintage of the decade, 2018 was one of the warmest summers on record. The Rosé is a blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Meunier. While the base wine was fermented in stainless steel, it was blended with Pinot Noir that had been aged in barrel to fix the colour.

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# White Wines By The Glass

125ml 175ml

## **Pinot Gris** (*Bin 35*)

**Framingham, Marlborough, 2023, 13.5%**

**£9.50 £12.50**

The hand-picked Pinot Gris, inspired by the wines of Alsace, is harvested later than other varieties and spends seven months on its lees. This wine has mellow aromatics of red apple and nectarine, with a touch of flinty savoury notes. On the palate, it is richly textured and has generous flavours of stone fruit and ginger.

## **Chenin Blanc** (*Bin 32*)

**Fairview, Paarl, 2024, 13.5%**

**£8.50 £11.50**

Fairview is a true pioneer, credited with bringing Mediterranean varieties to the Cape under the visionary leadership of Charles Back. One of the oldest properties in South Africa, with vines first planted in 1699.

This Chenin Blanc is a pale straw colour with tropical aromas of pineapple and guava with hints of citrus on the nose. The palate is fresh and crisp with lively acidity and flavours of lime and mineral hints on the long finish.

## **Fiano** (*Bin 46*)

**`Fi Fi`, S.C. Pannell, McLaren Vale, 2023, 13.5%**

**£9.50 £12.50**

As one of Italy's oldest cultivars, Fiano is at home in Campania, Basilicata and Sardinia. The proximity to the coast and warm dry summers of these regions bear a striking similarity to McLaren Vale, and it is perfectly suited to growing this Mediterranean white variety. Elderflower cordial, gooseberry and white currant aromas are followed by a palate loaded with fresh stone fruits. Sherbet and chamomile add intrigue to this silky, classy and medium bodied wine.

## **Vermentinu** (*Bin 15*)

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**Riesling** (*Bin 41*)

**Coravin**

**Polish Hill, Grosset, Clare Valley, 2023, 12.7%**

**£14.00**

Jeffrey Grosset established his winery in 1981 in the historic township of Auburn, this iconic single site wine is what many consider to be the ultimate Clare Valley Riesling. An intense nose which combines mineral and tropical. The palate has notes of lime blossom, pineapple and wet slate.

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# Rose Wine By The Glass

125ml 175ml

**Rosebud** (*Bin 53*)

**Gabriëlskloof, Bot River, 2023, 12.5%**

**£8.50 £11.50**

50% Syrah/Shiraz , 50% Viognier. Beautifully aromatic, the 'Rosebud' balances floral notes with fruity aromas of papaya, strawberry and watermelon. The palate is light-bodied with a refreshing acidity.

**Syrah, Cinsault Rose** (*Bin 54*)

**Coravin**

**Mas La Chevaliere, Languedoc, 2023, 12.5%**

**£10.00**

Pale rosé with purple hues, this wine reveals aromas of freshly crushed strawberries and raspberries. The palate is marked by a crisp acidity and an elegant, juicy finish, resulting in a delicate and fruity style of rosé.

# Red Wines By The Glass

125ml 175ml

## **Malbec** (*Bin 103*)

**Finca Flichman Caballero, Mendoza, 2022, 13.5%** £8.50 £11.50

This wine is ruby red in colour with blue hues. The aroma is perfumed and complex, on the palate, it is concentrated with blackberries, ripe plums and tobacco leaves. Sweet, ripe tannins balance the fruit.

## **Pinot Noir** (*Bin 85*)

**Wild Earth, Central Otago, 2021, 13.5%** £10.50 £14.00

Our NZ tour in 2011 took us to Central Otago and Felton Road in Bannockburn. Surrounded by hill this is one of the South Islands finest wine regions. This wine is deep garnet in colour with intense aromas of cherry, blackberry, cedar, wild thyme, mushroom and earthy loam. The palate is well-structured with great intensity and length, silky tannins and enticing layers of vibrant fruit.

## **Shiraz/ Viognier** (*Bin 92*)

**Willunga 100, McLaren Vale, 2021, 14.5%** £9.50 £12.50

A classic blend of Shiraz (95%) with a touch of Viognier (5%) to add perfume. It has a full and rich palate typical of McLaren Vale. The Shiraz offers dark plum, liquorice and spice while the touch of Viognier brings a vibrant and fragrant lift to the nose. Fine grained tannins give a savoury edge.

## **Merlot** (*Bin 104*)

**Montes Classic, Colchagua Valley, 2022, 14.5%** £9.00 £12.00

Montes was established in 1988, with the aim of producing the best wines in Chile from the best regions. Chosen to produce the best examples of each variety, this Chilean Merlot is ripe, full, plummy, layered and full flavoured.

## **Cabernet Sauvignon** (*Bin 79*)

**Great Heart, Stellenbosch, 2020, 14.0%** £12.50 £15.50

We visited Leeu Estate in 2024 and you will find a number of the Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines on our list. Founded in 2021, Great Heart is their staff empowerment project collectively owned by the winery workers of Mullineux & Leeu Estates. Deep garnet red with lifted aromas of cranberry, blackcurrant leaf and cocoa. The palate is broad and layered with silky tannins and complex notes of dark plum, graphite and pomegranate. The finish is structured and long.

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**Carménère, Petit Verdot** (*Bin 105*)

**Coravin**

**`Purple Angel`, Colchagua, 2020, 14.5%**

**£17.00**

The grapes for Purple Angel come from Montes' own vineyards in Apalta and Marchigüe, arguably two of the finest sites in the Colchagua Valley. Purple Angel displays the rich flavours typical of Carménère. Deep crimson red in colour, this wine has aromas of blackberries, ripe blueberry, dried plum and candied fruit combined with toasted notes of nutmeg, sweet spice, vanilla and pastry.

**Amarone** (*Bin 71*)

**Coravin**

**Corte Giara, Valpolicella, 2020, 15.0%**

**£13.50**

The name Valpolicella means "Valley of Many Cellars" because there are so many in the region which is situated North West of Verona. This wine is intensely perfumed with an inviting ruby red colour. The blend of Corvina and Rondinella grapes gives characteristic hints of black cherry and freshly ground black pepper are followed by subtle herb on the nose. Dry and well-balanced.

**Tannat** (*Bin 106*)

**Coravin**

**Bodega Garzón, Maldonado, 2020, 14.5%**

**£12.50**

Bodega Garzón is a family-owned winery in Maldonado, on the Atlantic coast in southern Uruguay. Their Tannat, Uruguay's signature variety, is rich and full-bodied with flavours of spicy black plums and tobacco. The 2020 vintage was awarded a Gold Medal at the International Wine Challenge (the only Uruguayan wine to receive this award), as well as a 95-point score.

**GSM - Grenache/Shiraz/Mataro** (*Bin 91*)

**Coravin**

**'Nine Popes', Charles Melton, Barossa, 2018, 14.5%**

**£17.50**

It is fair to say that we love the "Barossa" having visited in both 2016 and 2019. Since 1984, Charlie Melton has produced premium Barossa red wines and was among the first to recognise the value and tradition of Barossa Valley's old-vine Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre (Mataro).

This wine displays a lovely deep ruby colour with a bright crimson edge. The nose opens with a prominent spicy liquorice, supported by sweet perfume and spice. The palate offers savoury flavours and hints of anise, leading into a plush, rounded structure

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**125ml**

**Gevrey-Chambertin** (*Bin 67*)

**Coravin**

**Jane Eyre, Burgundy, 2022, 13.5%**

**£18.50**

Jane Eyre is originally from Melbourne. Jane “fell in love” with Burgundy while doing work experience at Domaine Chevrot in 1998. Back in Australia, she studied winemaking at Charles Sturt University and worked vintages at Cullen in the Margaret River, and Felton Road and Ata Rangi in New Zealand. She returned to Europe in 2003.

Jane’s Gevrey-Chambertin is an impressive expression of this prime Cru in the Côte de Nuits. 100% Pinot Noir, the nose has cherry aromas, wild savoury characters with some trademark earthy Gevrey notes. The wine is well-balanced and accessible with lovely dark cherry and raspberry fruit on the palate, fine grained tannins and a lasting finish.

**Cinsault** (*Bin 80*)

**Coravin**

**Leeu Passant, Franschhoek, 2018, 14.0%**

**£14.50**

In January 2024 we managed a visit to the legendary Leeu Passant tasting room in Franschhoek, it was quite an afternoon!

The wines are, quite simply, masterpieces, the Old Vines ‘Lötter’ Cinsault is 100% whole bunch fermented, which gives it lifted aromas and tannins that drive the fruit through the palate. The intensely aromatic nose is full of red berry, spice and heathland character. The intense palate shows succulent mixed berries, charcuterie and some savoury notes. The grippy tannins give structure and texture to the wine.

**Hieronymus** (*Bin 88*)

**Coravin**

**Elephant Hill, Gimblett Gravels & Te Awanga**

**Hawke’s Bay, 2018, 13.5%**

**£17.50**

Back in 2011 we celebrated Steph’s birthday with lunch and a vineyard tour of the stunning Elephant Hill estate. Stunning architecture, great food and world class wine! The pinnacle of Elephant Hills winemaking. This is a classic Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Merlot from hand harvested grapes. Packed with creme de cassis, smoked vanilla, sweet cherry, cigar box and espresso characters. A very sophisticated wine with a long engaging finish.

# Sparkling Wines

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**Rathfinny Wine Estate Rosé Brut** (*Bin 2*) **(Available by the glass)**

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Lying on a south-facing slope, this family-owned estate was established in 2010, just three miles from the Channel. Often referred to as the vintage of the decade, 2018 was one of the warmest summers on record. a pale coral hue and a vibrant nose with aromas of cranberry, cherry blossom and red apple.

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# White Wines

## France

### **Mâcon-Villages** (*Bin 4*)

**J.C. Perraud, Burgundy, 2022, 13.0%**

**£50.00**

Encouraged by his parents at the age of 24, Jean-Christophe Perraud is a fine example of a young producer striking out on his own, with the family's vineyards, to create what will soon be one of the Mâconnais' most respected domaines. The palate is medium to full bodied, with lively citrus acidity and flavours of melon, white peach and a hint of pineapple.

### **Saint-Aubin** (*Bin 5*)

**Château Philippe le Hardi, Burgundy, 2022, 13.0%**

**£80.00**

The Saint-Aubin, sourced from their four hectares in `En Vesveau` which, is located in the north of Saint-Aubin, right on the border with Meursault. The soils are free-draining, comprised of clay, sand, and a subsoil with a high limestone content. The soil composition causes the roots to grow deep for vital nutrients and water, producing a high flavour concentration within the fruit. Bright with golden reflections with concentrated notes of apricots, lemon, and delicate toast on the nose.

### **Chablis Grand Cru 'Les Clos'** (*Bin 6*)

**Domaine de L'Enclos, Burgundy, 2022, 14.0%**

**£85.00**

This is one of the most exciting new domaines to have emerged from Chablis in the past decade. The Grand Cru 'Les Clos' is complex with hints of minerality on the nose, the flavours on the palate are extremely concentrated with a superb balance.

### **Pouilly-Fuissé** (*Bin 7*)

**Domaine Corsin, Burgundy, 2021, 13.5%**

**£67.00**

The domaine is in its fifth generation, run by Jean-Jacques and Gilles Corsin. This Saint-Véran 'Vieilles Vignes' is made using fruit from vines which are on average 40 years old. It is fermented in stainless steel, with 35% of the wine then aged in oak barrels on fine lees for eight months, with occasional bâtonnage. It offers flavours of citrus and yellow peach complemented by a bright acidity that lifts the aromas on the finish.

### **Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru** (*Bin 8*)

**Domaine Borgeot, Burgandy, 2021, 13.5%**

**£120.00**

Domaine Borgeot is situated in the village of Rémigny in the Côte de Beaune and is now run by fourth generation brothers Laurent and Pascal Borgeot. This is a creamy chardonnay where smoky notes underpin the fruit and add to the structure and finish.

## France (continued)

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**Sancerre** (*Bin 10*)

**`L'Indiscrète`, Anthony Girard, Loire Valley, 2022, 13.5%** **£56.00**

Anthony's vineyards are located in the south of the appellation between Vinon and Sancerre. The vines are an average of 45 years old. Bright and pale golden. A fresh, citrus palate with mineral notes of flint from the caillote soils. Richly textured but with crisp acidity and textbook minerality.

**Pouilly-Fumé** (*Bin 11*)

**Domaine Figeat, Loire Valley, 2022, 14.5%**

**£52.00**

A fantastic example of this popular varietal from a family owned vineyard. Fresh, dry white wine with classic Sauvignon Blanc characteristics of citrus and gooseberry flavours.

**Picpoul de Pinet** (*Bin 13*)

**Domaine La Croix Gratiot, Languedoc, 2022, 13.0%**

**£50.00**

The proximity of the zone to the sea means cool maritime breezes moderate the climate, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and retain good levels of acidity, resulting in fresh and vibrant wines.

Bright aromas of grapefruit, lemon and white flowers on the nose. The palate has an attractive, rich texture which is well-balanced with racy acidity.

**Gewurztraminer** (*Bin 14*)

**(Available by the glass)**

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## Germany

**Riesling** (*Bin 20*)

**Axel Pauly, Mosel, 2022, 11.0%**

**£50.00**

Axel Pauly is one of the dynamic young stars of German wine. The nose has fresh hay aromas along with yellow and exotic fruits. The palate is fresh and medium-bodied, with a striking mineral character and clear tropical fruit notes before the long finish.

## Austria

**Gruner Veltliner** (*Bin 22*)

**Pichler-Krutzler Niederösterreich, 2018, 12.5%**

**£54.00**

Gruner Veltliner, Austria's most widely cultivated varietal. Spicy and juicy, vigorous and elegant at the same time this wine develops stunningly – an absolutely Grüner Veltliner classic.

# Italy

## **Pinot Grigio** (*Bin 23*)

**Cesconi, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2022, 14.0%**

**£52.00**

The four Cesconi brothers have transformed their family estate, in the village of Pressano, into one of the Trentino region's most admired wineries. Deep straw yellow in colour, this wine opens with intense notes of pear, brioche, white peach and zesty citrus. The palate is round and rich, with complex layers of fruit and savoury characters that carry through onto the long, mineral finish.

## **Soave Classico** (*Bin 24*)

**Pieropan, Calvarino, Veneto, 2017, 12.5%**

**£54.00**

The 'Calvarino' is pale straw yellow in colour, with youthful hues turning golden with age. Fresh, floral aromas with elderflower, lemon and cherry. The palate is dry, well balanced and elegant, with tremendous length and finesse.

## **Gavi di Gavi** (*Bin 25*)

**La Giustiniana `Lugarara`, Piedmont, 2022, 13.5%**

**£47.00**

La Giustiniana comprises 110 hectares of vines in the heart of the commune of Rovereto in Gavi. Lugarara is a vineyard located in Rovereto di Gavi at around 300 metres above sea level. aromas of white fruit, stone fruit and lime zest, which are immediately beguiling and followed by a subtle yet persistent bouquet of green apples. The palate is well-balanced with a fresh acidity.

# Spain

## **Rioja Blanca** (*Bin 26*)

**Izadi Larrosa, Rioja, 2022, 13.5%**

**£50.00**

Bright aromas of lemon peel, pear and honeysuckle entice on the nose. The palate has superb purity of fruit, with notes of stone fruit and zesty acidity leading to a refreshing, fruit-driven finish.

## **Marmajuelo** (*Bin 27*)

**Bodega Tamerán, Gran Canaria, 2024, 12.5%**

**£65.00**

The winery, based in San Bartolomé de Tirajana in Gran Canaria, is a collaboration between ex-Manchester City footballer David Silva and acclaimed winemaker Jonathan Garcia Lima. In 2019, under Jonatan's guidance, David bought an existing south-facing vineyard in Gran Canaria at an elevation of 600-700 metres above sea level, planted with indigenous white varieties Marmajuelo.

The 2024 Marmajuelo from Tamerán is vibrant and inviting, with lifted aromas of freshly squeezed passion fruit and lime juice. The palate is textural and expressive, revealing layers of apricot, orange zest, lime, and a delicate hint of rose. The finish is persistent, combining exotic fruit character with finesse and freshness.

# Portugal

## **Loureiro, Alvarinho** (*Bin 28*)

**Azevedo, Vinho Verde, 2022, 12.0%**

**£42.00**

The Loureiro/Alvarinho is a crisp and refreshing wine, boasting aromas of ripe citrus fruit, nectarine and freshly cut apple. The delicate Loureiro lends notes of lime blossom and subtle hints of bay leaf to the wines, while Alvarinho brings stone fruit aromas, structure and complexity.

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**Viognier** (*Bin 31*)

**Fairview, Paarl, 2021, 13.5%**

**£50.00**

Vines for this Viognier are grown on decomposed granite soils, giving the wine powerful stone fruit and honeysuckle aromas, followed by a full bodied palate with spice and lingering fruit flavours.

**Chenin Blanc** (*Bin 32*)

**`Elodie`, Gabriëlskloof, Swartland, 2022, 13.0%**

**£62.00**

The Elodie is made from old vine (over 35 years old) dry-farmed Chenin Blanc grown in the Swartland. This wine is light golden in colour with subtle aromas of apricot and white peach coupled with layers of almond, orange blossom and herbs. The palate is full-bodied with great natural acidity and freshness which is typical of old vine Chenin.

**Chardonnay** (*Bin 33*)

**`Clay Shales` Crystallum, Walker Bay, 2022, 13.5%**

**£67.00**

The single-vineyard 'Clay Shales' is in a cool-climate area just outside the Hemel-en-Aarde, which gives the wine lovely acid and balance, while the wild yeast fermentation adds superb texture. This is certainly one of South Africa's best Chardonnays. Deeply concentrated and yet restrained, this vintage shows the tropical notes of lychee and banana, a savouriness from lemon thyme and oatmeal and steely spine of crushed stone, alongside a citrus peel-textured acidity that makes for a mouth-watering and seemingly endless finish.

# New Zealand

## **Gewurtztraminer** (*Bin 34*)

**Lovat Dry River, Martinborough, 2016, 13.5%**

**£67.00**

A deep Gewurtztraminer with a broad and dense palate showing lush aromatics and ripe sweetness. Typical flavours of quince, ginger and florals are enhanced by a small portion of botrytised wine, adding subtlety, depth and complexity.

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## **Old Vine Riesling** (*Bin 37*)

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**£57.00**

A deliciously balanced "old-world" style, the nose has concentrated lime fruit with hints of honeysuckle and stony minerality. Medium to full bodied, the palate is intense with rich, balanced flavours of mandarin and ripe apple. Layered and complex, citrus fruits and wet slate perfumes continue throughout. Crisp, lively Riesling acidity carries through to the dry, long finish.

# Australia

## **Semillon** (*Bin 41*)

**Elizabeth, Mount Pleasant, Hunter Valley, 2019, 10.5%      £52.00**

Mount Pleasant was founded in 1921v“there’s an argument to say it is Australia’s most important wine estate. The ‘Elizabeth’ Semillon is bottled and cellared for five years before release. It is quintessential unoaked Hunter Valley Semillon, which perfectly showcases the wine’s ability to age. Fresh lemon and lime are harmoniously integrated with honey toast, fresh hay, vanilla and lanolin notes from bottle age. The palate is rich in flavour, complex and textural while retaining the brilliant acidity present in its youth.

## **Riesling** (*Bin 41*)

**Polish Hill, Grosset, Clare Valley, 2023, 12.7%      £72.00**

Jeffrey Grosset established his winery in 1981 in the historic township of Auburn, Clare Valley, 100 kilometres north of Adelaide. Jeff is best known for his Rieslings which have shown a consistency of style and quality, making this one of Australia’s greatest wineries. The palate has a richness and freshness only found in great wine: notes of lime blossom, pineapple and wet slate. Youthful and multi-dimensional.

## **Chardonnay** (*Bin 42*)

**Tolpuddle, Coal River, Tasmania, 2022, 13.0%      £80.00**

Scott & Steph’s 2018 wine tour took us to Tasmania including the Coal River Valley. The Tolpuddle Vineyard was purchased by Michael Hill Smith MW and Martin Shaw in 2011, it has since established a reputation for growing exceptional quality grapes. The Chardonnay is a wine of finesse and poise, with delicate flavours of lime, green apple peel and a savoury biscuit note .

## **Sauvignon Blanc** (*Bin 43*)

**Shaw + Smith, Adelaide Hills, 2023, 12.5%      £50.00**

The 30th vintage of this wine that has become known as the benchmark for Australian Sauvignon Blanc. The style has remained fresh, aromatic, and pure with distinct pink grapefruit flavour profile, mid-palate weight and texture and a fine acidity.

## **Riesling** (*Bin 45*)

**Peggy’s Hill, Henschke, Eden Valley, 2023, 12.0%      £54.00**

‘Peggy’s Hill’ Riesling takes its name from a local landmark at the top of the range between the villages of Eden Valley and Keyneton. Pale lemon with lime-green hues. Fragrant aromas of lemon and lime zest, white peach and citrus blossom, with hints of ginger, lemon balm and white rose. The palate is concentrated and pure with flavours of tangerine, grilled lemon and crisp green apple, framed by fine minerality giving shape and focus, excellent balance and a long finish.

## Australia (continued)

**Fiano** (*Bin 46*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**`Fi Fi`, S.C. Pannell, McLaren Vale, 2023, 13.5%**

**£50.00**

As one of Italy's oldest cultivars, Fiano is at home in Campania, Basilicata and Sardinia. The proximity to the coast and warm dry summers of these regions bear a striking similarity to McLaren Vale, and it is perfectly suited to growing this Mediterranean white variety. elderflower cordial, gooseberry and white currant aromas are followed by a palate loaded with fresh stone fruits. Sherbet and chamomile add intrigue to this silky, classy and medium bodied wine.

## USA

**Chenin Blanc/Viognier** (*Bin 47*)

**Pine Ridge, Clarksburg, California, 2022, 12.0%**

**£52.00**

Crisp, bright and lively, this wine boasts a bouquet of pink grapefruit, orange blossom, honeysuckle, and jasmine. On the palate, there are ripe fruit flavours of tangerine, green apple, white peach and lime curd alongside more herbal notes of lemongrass and ginger. It is medium-bodied, with refreshing acidity and a hint of minerality on the long, round finish.

## Uruguay

**Albariño** (*Bin 48*)

**Bodega Garzón Reserve, Maldonado, 2023, 13.5%**

**£50.00**

Bodega Garzón is a family-owned winery, in November 2018, their pioneering status was recognised with the 'New World Winery of the Year' award. Intense aromas of peach and citrus. The freshness and minerality on the palate is superb, supported by a remarkable acidity with a juicy fruit on the crisp finish.

# Argentina

## **Chardonnay** (*Bin 49*)

**Finca Flichman, Mendoza, 2022, 13.0%**

**£54.00**

For decades Finca Flichman's best wine was not released to the market, but rather kept in the family cellar and given as gifts. On the bottle was a handwritten label stating 'Dedicado a amigos' (dedicated to friends), which became the inspiration behind Finca Flichman's flagship series 'Dedicado' made from the best, hand-harvested estate vineyards in the Uco Valley. This wine is pale yellow in colour with subtle aromas of lemon, apricot and peach, with hints of toast. It has medium body with a long finish.

## **Chardonnay** (*Bin 50*)

**Otronia, Patagonia, 2020, 13.5%**

**£86.00**

'Extreme winemaking' best describes Alejandro Bulgheroni's ambition to produce world-class, cool-climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in Patagonia's far south. Otronia is located at 45.33° S in the province of Chubut, the most southerly winemaking region in the world.

The environment here is incredibly hostile, with very little rainfall, bitterly cold temperatures, year-round frost risk and blustering winds of up to 110km/hr, all providing highly challenging conditions for viticulture. In addition to implementing nets, thousands of trees have been planted to help shelter vineyards from battering gales. Proving that fortune favours the brave, these merciless conditions give rise to elegant wines with distinct vibrancy, aromatic intensity and a unique sense of place. The Chardonnay is a blend of the best fruit from the limestone soils of blocks 3 and 6. Aged for 18 months in old French foudres, the wine displays lovely freshness and purity.

# Rose Wines

## South Africa

**Syrah, Viognier Rosebud** (*Bin 53*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Gabriëlskloof, Bot River, 2023, 12.5%**

**£46.00**

50% Syrah/Shiraz, 50% Viognier. Beautifully aromatic, the 'Rosebud' balances floral notes with fruity aromas of papaya, strawberry and watermelon. The palate is light-bodied with a refreshing acidity.

## France

**Syrah, Cinsault Rose** (*Bin 54*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Mas La Chevaliere, Languedoc, 2023, 12.5%**

**£50.00**

Pale rosé with purple hues, this wine reveals aromas of freshly crushed strawberries and raspberries. The palate is marked by a crisp acidity and an elegant, juicy finish, resulting in a delicate and fruity style of rosé.

# Red Wines

## France

### **Margaux (2ème Cru Classé) (Bin 59)**

**Château Durfort-Vivens, Bordeaux, 2019, 13.5%**

**£120.00**

Château Durfort-Vivens is a 55-hectare estate that is widely regarded to be one of the finest producers in Margaux. This vintage offers a very subtle expression of finesse, elegance, freshness of fruit and a harmonious finish. On the nose, there are intense aromas of violets, blackcurrant jam and touch of cloves. On the palate, there are hints of spice and light tobacco with smooth, silky tannins. It is a well-balanced and elegant wine, with a long and lingering finish.

### **Saint-Emilion (Grand Cru) (Bin 60)**

**Fleur de Lisse, Bordeaux, 2017, 14.5%**

**£72.00**

The wine shows notes of vibrant red berries, blackberry fruit and liquorice spice, underpinned by elegant, fine-grained tannins and a lingering, fresh finish. Château Fleur de Lisse is located in Saint-Étienne-de-Lisse in Saint-Émilion. The Château was acquired in 2015 by the Teycheney family, who have a particular interest in biodynamic farming. We enjoyed our cycle round the vineyard (and tasting) in 2023.

### **Médoc (Bin 61)**

**Château Patache D'Aux, Bordeaux, 2017, 13.5%**

**£65.00**

Château Patache d'Aux is made from a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, fermented in a combination of used oak, cement, and temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks, with regular racking and pump overs. It is then aged for 12-14 months in equal parts new French oak barrels, one-year-old oak barrels, and stainless steel. The resulting wine displays a plush, bright fruit character, with notes of blackcurrant and spiced black plum, and a powerful richness on the palate.

### **Beaujolais-Villages (Bin 62)**

**Jean-Marc Burgaud, Beaujolais, 2022, 12.5%**

**£50.00**

100% Gamay Noir. An attractive deep ruby in the glass, the nose boasts bright aromas of crunchy red fruits and violets. On the palate, the wine has a superb structure, with grainy tannins, concentrated red fruit flavours and excellent acidity lifting the finish.

### **Fleurie (Bin 63)**

**Dominique Morel, Beaujolais, 2022, 13.0%**

**£50.00**

This family-run winery based just north of Fleurie dates back to the early 1900s and has been run by current Winemaker Dominique Morel since 1967. This wine has fragrant violet and red fruit aromas on the nose and a palate bursting with bright fruit and supple tannins. It is an elegant wine with a long, persistent finish

## France (continued)

### **Brouilly** (*Bin 64*)

**Château de Pierreux, Beaujolais, 2022, 13.5%** **£52.00**

It is one of the finest domaines in the Beaujolais region, with a magnificent château and winery built during the Renaissance. This wine is very aromatic, full of morello cherries, blackcurrants and sweet spices. The palate is complex, revealing flavours of wild strawberry and violet with medium body and soft tannins.

### **Châteauneuf-Du-Pape** (*Bin 65*)

**Chateau De Vaudieu, Rhône, 2021, 15.0%** **£62.00**

A blend of 58% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 11% Mourvèdre and 6% Cinsault. Aged in used oak for 12 months, adding power and complexity to the finished wine, which boasts flavours of ripe red and black fruits, sweet spice and hints of liquorice.

### **Côtes Du Rhône Villages** (*Bin 66*)

**Famille Perrin, Rhône, 2021, 14.5%** **£48.00**

Only 20% of the Côtes-du-Rhône region is permitted to add the word 'Villages', which signifies the best vineyard sites within the region. Made from Grenache and Syrah from the cooler climate of Vinsobres, supplemented with Mourvèdre from Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Saint-Maurice.

### **Gevrey-Chambertin** (*Bin 67*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Jane Eyre, Burgundy, 2022, 13.5%** **£115.00**

Jane Eyre is originally from Melbourne. Formerly a hairdresser in one of the city's top salons, Jane "fell in love" with Burgundy while doing work experience at Domaine Chevrot in 1998. Back in Australia, she studied winemaking at Charles Sturt University and worked vintages at Cullen in the Margaret River, and Felton Road and Ata Rangi in New Zealand. She returned to Europe in 2003.

Jane's Gevrey-Chambertin is an impressive expression of this prime Cru in the Côte de Nuits. 100 % Pinot Noir, the nose has cherry aromas, wild savoury characters with some trademark earthy Gevrey notes. The wine is well-balanced and accessible with lovely dark cherry and raspberry fruit on the palate, fine grained tannins and a lasting finish.

We also stock Jane's Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir from Australia.

### **Nuits-Saint-Georges** (*Bin 68*)

**Jean-Claude Boisset, Burgundy, 2021, 12.5%** **£108.00**

Making wines from 'lieu-dits' or tiny plots of vines, is something which accounts for the limited production. This wine comes from the single site 'Coteau des Bois' vineyard. A bright ruby coloured Pinot Noir in the glass with aromas of crunchy red cherry, sweet spice and subtle smoky notes. On the palate the flavours are well concentrated, with silky tannins and bright acidity giving the wine great structure and length.

## France (continued)

### **Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru** (*Bin 69*)

**Domaine Tollot-Beaut, Burgundy, 2021, 12.5%** **£97.00**

The fifth generation of the family now produces this 100% Pinot Noir from hand harvested grapes of the 'Les Fournières' vineyard. This wine has expressive aromas of wild strawberry and blackberry fruit. On the palate, it displays firm, ripe tannins, bright notes of black fruit with a touch of clove spice lifted by fresh acidity. The finish is long and layered.

## Italy

### **Dolcetto D'Alba** (*Bin 70*)

**D.J. Vajra, Piedmont, 2022, 12.5%** **£50.00**

This Dolcetto d'Alba is a vibrant deep purple in colour. The nose opens with notes of wild berries and mulberry, with hints of white pepper, sweet spices and fresh thyme. The palate is bursting with blueberries and fresh plums, with a refreshing acidity that makes it a great accompaniment to food. The finish is elegant with a lovely almond note.

### **Amarone** (*Bin 71*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Corte Giara, Valpolicella, 2020, 15.0%** **£70.00**

The name Valpolicella means "Valley of Many Cellars" because there are so many in the region which is situated North West of Verona. This wine is intensely perfumed with an inviting ruby red colour. The characteristic hints of black cherry and freshly ground black pepper are followed by subtle herb on the nose. Dry and well-balanced.

## Spain

### **Rioja Reserva** (*Bin 75*)

**Izadi, Rioja, 2019, 14.0%** **£50.00**

A contemporary Rioja that combines the dark fruit flavours of the Tempranillo grape with the spicy oak that marks out the best Rioja. A fresh and fragrant nose, boasting aromas of redcurrant, cherry and plum with notes of tobacco, liquorice and earthy undertones. The palate is pure and concentrated with a long, fruit-forward finish.

### **Ribera del Duero** (*Bin 76*)

**Finca Villacreces, Castilla y León, 2019, 14.0%** **£60.00**

86% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet, 4% Malbec

This wine is inky purple in colour with an expressive bouquet of espresso, toasted bread, graphite, wild blueberries, and blackberry liqueur. This is followed by a full-bodied, full-flavoured, plush wine with layers of spicy black fruit. Well balanced, with lingering hints of smoke.

## Portugal

### **Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional** (*Bin 77*)

**Callabriga, Casa Ferreirinha, Douro, 2020, 13.5%** **£54.00**

This wine is deep ruby in colour with an intense and complex nose of ripe red and black fruits with floral nuances and hints of tobacco and spice. On the palate, it has a lively acidity, firm but velvety tannins and a lovely spiciness on the long and harmonious finish.

### **Touriga Nacional** (*Bin 78*)

**Quinta dos Carvalhais, Dao, 2020, 13.5%** **£54.00**

100% Touriga Nacional, it showcases the signature black fruit and violet characters of this prized indigenous variety alongside a well-integrated spiciness from 12 months in French oak. Ruby-red in colour with intense aromas of ripe black fruit, with floral and herbal notes and a subtle spiciness from the time in barrel. Elegant and balanced, with smooth tannins providing structure.

## South Africa

### **Cabernet Sauvignon** (*Bin 79*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Great Heart, Stellenbosch, 2020, 14.0%**

**£70.00**

We visited Leeu Estate in 2024 and you will find a number of the Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines on our list. Founded in 2021, Great Heart is their staff empowerment project collectively owned by the winery workers of Mullineux & Leeu Estates. Deep garnet red with lifted aromas of cranberry, blackcurrant leaf and cocoa. The palate is broad and layered with silky tannins and complex notes of dark plum, graphite and pomegranate. The finish is structured and long.

### **Cinsault** (*Bin 80*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Leeu Passant, Franschhoek, 2018, 14.0%**

**£87.00**

In January 2024 we managed a visit to the legendary Leeu Passant tasting room in Franschhoek, it was quite an afternoon!

The wines are, quite simply, masterpieces, the Old Vines 'Lötter' Cinsault is 100% whole bunch fermented, which gives it lifted aromas and tannins that drive the fruit through the palate. The intensely aromatic nose is full of red berry, spice and heathland character. The intense palate shows succulent mixed berries, charcuterie and some savoury notes. The grippy tannins give structure and texture to the wine.

## South Africa (continued)

### **Grenache** (*Bin 81*)

**Momento, Western Cape, 2021, 13.5%**

**£52.00**

Born out of a passion for Mediterranean varieties and old-vine fruit, Momento is a solo project from dynamic winemaker Marelise Niemann. Juicy yet refined, the palate reveals crunchy red berry fruit, bracing acidity and a satisfying grip which lends structure and complexity. The finish is saline and moreish.

### **Syrah** (*Bin 82*)

**Mollineux, Swartland, 2020, 14.5%**

**£62.00**

Founded by Chris and Andrea Mullineux in 2007, this winery is now one of the most lauded in South Africa. Named 'Winery of the Year' four times. The wine is aged in oak, 15% of which is new, for 14 months prior to bottling. This aromatic Syrah has notes of spicy citrus zest, black fruit, and violets, which follow through on the palate. The wine is elegant and restrained yet has good body and a silky texture balanced by a fresh, natural acidity. The finish is long with supple, dusty tannins.

### **Pinot Noir** (*Bin 83*)

**'Cuvée Cinéma' Crystallum, Walker Bay, 2022, 13.5%**

**£82.00**

Crystallum is one of the most highly regarded wineries in South Africa.

'Cuvée Cinéma' is from a low-yielding single vineyard in Hemel-en-Aarde at 300 metres above sea level, and five kilometres from the sea.

Pronounced aromas of brambles, black cherry and aniseed on the nose. The palate of red fruits like wild strawberries emerge as the wine uncoils, complemented by a savoury edge with notes of tomato leaf and pomegranate. This is a spicier vintage with a fresh, saline finish.

### **Rubicon** (~~*Bin 84*~~) *OUT OF STOCK*

**Meerlust, Stellenbosch, 2017, 14.0%**

**£66.00**

Our tour of Stellenbosch in January 2024 was never going to miss a stop at the legendary Meerlust Estate. Long recognized for producing world-class wines, Meerlust Estate has been the pride of the Myburgh family since 1756. After a holiday to Bordeaux father Nico returned to Meerlust, filled with inspiration and the desire to create a blend of his own that would match those of the French. In 1980, after several years of experimentation together with winemaker Giorgio Dalla Cia, he announced the birth of the new blend, Rubicon.

49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

The 2017 Rubicon is a classic vintage of this iconic Cape wine. Very deep, youthful colour, and intense almost purple hue. Quintessential Rubicon nose with violets, ripe plum, cedar wood, fennel and intense spiciness. A typical liquorice note also evident on the nose. Still young and intense, promising further maturation potential. The palate is full bodied, structured but packed with fresh dark fruit and rounded, linear tannins.

# New Zealand

**Pinot Noir** (*Bin 85*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Wild Earth, Central Otago, 2020, 13.5%**

**£56.00**

Our NZ tour in 2011 took us to Central Otago and Felton Road in Bannockburn. Surrounded by hill this is one of the South Islands finest wine regions. This wine is deep garnet in colour with intense aromas of cherry, blackberry, cedar, wild thyme, mushroom and earthy loam. The palate is well-structured with great intensity and length, silky tannins and enticing layers of vibrant fruit.

**Syrah** (*Bin 86*)

**Dry River 'Lovat', Martinburgh, 2016, 13.5%**

**£77.00**

Pioneers in the Martinborough region, Dry River was founded in 1979 in one of the best areas for producing quality grapes on New Zealand's North Island. Managed by a team of seven people with a passion for winemaking, they produce very personal wines that faithfully reflect the terroir.

2016 was an outstanding vintage, no less for Syrah. After a moderately cool and very dry summer, the long autumn helped with the late slow ripening. Characters like cherries, fresh blackcurrants, violets and Christmas spices. It cries ripe characters of black liquorice, dark boysenberries and crème de cassis.

**Stone Syrah** (*Bin 87*)

**Elephant Hill, Gimblett Gravels & Te Awanga**

**Hawke's Bay, 2018, 13.5%**

**£66.00**

Back in 2011 we celebrated Steph's birthday with lunch and a vineyard tour of the stunning Elephant Hill estate. Stunning architecture, great food and world class wine! The Stone Syrah – is a single vineyard expression grown on rocky soils which radiates the sun's heat and ripens the bunches. Rich Blackberry and ripe cherry aromas leading into a smooth but full bodied palate with pepper, violets and soft vanilla.

**Hieronymus** (*Bin 88*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Elephant Hill, Gimblett Gravels & Te Awanga**

**Hawke's Bay, 2018, 13.5%**

**£98.00**

The pinnacle of Elephant Hills winemaking. This is a classic Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc & Merlot from hand harvested grapes. Packed with crème de cassis, smoked vanilla, sweet cherry, cigar box and espresso characters. A very sophisticated wine with a long engaging finish.

# Australia

## **Pinot Noir** (*Bin 90*)

**Jane Eyre, Mornington Peninsula, 2021, 13.0%**

**£77.00**

Pinot Noir specialist Jane Eyre is one of Australias leading wine makers and one of our favourites when we visit Mornington.

2021 in Mornington Peninsula enjoyed an almost perfect growing and ripening season, with a wet winter and spring followed by a mild summer and prolonged Indian summer throughout much of the autumn. The Pinot Noir from this vintage shows extraordinary colour and purity of fruit flavours, intense aromas of red and black fruit, melded with soft Asian spices and some more complex savoury notes. We also have Jane's Gevrey-Chambertin from her French vintages.

## **GSM - Grenache/Shiraz/Mataro** (*Bin 91*) **(Available by the glass)**

**'Nine Popes', Charles Melton, Barossa, 2018, 14.5%**

**£95.00**

It is fair to say that we love the "Barossa" having visited in both 2016 and 2019.

Since 1984, Charlie Melton has produced premium Barossa red wines and was among the first to recognise the value and tradition of Barossa Valley's old-vine Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre (Mataro). This wine displays a lovely deep ruby colour with a bright crimson edge. The nose opens with a prominent spicy liquorice, supported by sweet perfume and spice. The palate offers savoury flavours and hints of anise, leading into a plush, rounded structure

## **Shiraz/ Viognier** (*Bin 92*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Willunga 100, McLaren Vale, 2020, 14.5%**

**£50.00**

A classic blend of Shiraz (95%) with a touch of Viognier (5%) to add perfume. It has a full and rich palate typical of McLaren Vale. The Shiraz offers dark plum, liquorice and spice while the touch of Viognier brings a vibrant and fragrant lift to the nose. Fine grained tannins give a savoury edge.

## **Grenache** (*Bin 93*)

**The Tithing, Willunga 100, McLaren Vale, 2018, 14.5%**

**£60.00**

The Tithing from Willunga 100 is made only in the best vintages, from small parcels of premium bush vine grapes. "Hundred" and "Tithing" are derived from the Anglo-Saxon terms for units of government within a community. Just as the Tithing was the select part of the Hundred, this wine represents the small selection of the finest old bush vine Grenache, that is hand-picked to ensure exceptional quality. This 'old vine' Grenache has concentrated dark cherry aromas with powerful savoury overtones. It has a long fruit-driven palate with ripe, persistent tannins.

## Australia (continued)

### **Grenache/Mataro/Shiraz** (*Bin 95*)

**Henschke Johann's Garden, Barossa, 2019, 14.5%**

**£67.00**

Named as a tribute to the early German Silesian pioneers of the Barossa, many of whom carried the first name of Johann. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German weingarten. Their traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the winemaking techniques used in this Grenache-led blend. 76% Grenache, 18% Mataro, 6% Shiraz. The soft, luscious palate is complemented by complex flavours of spiced berry compote, raspberry and red liquorice. An elegant style with fine, velvety tannins and balanced acidity.

### **Pinot Noir** (*Bin 96*)

**Tolpuddle, Tasmania, 2022, 13.0%**

**£86.00**

When we visited Tasmania in 2018 we were blown away by the quality of wines in the Coal River Valley. The goal of the current owners, Martin Shaw & Michael Smith, is to make this one of the finest single vineyards in Australia for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This wine has gorgeous aromatics with violets and red berries coming to the fore. There is abundant fruit with notes of sour cherry, raspberry, blueberry, and a touch of rhubarb. Underlying savoury characters include graphite and cured meat, and some toasted spices.

## USA

### **Zinfandel** (*Bin 100*)

**Seghesio, Sonoma County, 2021, 14.5%**

**£62.00**

For over a century, the Seghesio family has played an integral role in the history and evolution of viticulture in the region. The Sonoma Zinfandel is made from carefully selected vineyards across Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley and Mendocino county. It displays purity, balance and freshness. A juicy, vibrant entry with notes of mint and fresh plum is interwoven with supple, textured tannins and acidity on the long, complex finish.

## Argentina

### **Cabernet Sauvignon** (*Bin 101*)

**Kaiken Reserve, Mendoza, 2021, 13.0%**

**£50.00**

This Cabernet Sauvignon is deep ruby in colour. Fresh red fruits intermingle with aromas of tobacco and spices. On the palate, the wine is soft and vibrant. The long, captivating finish has great complexity and spicy notes, typical of the variety.

### **Malbec** (*Bin 102*)

**Bodega Colomé `El Arenal`, Salta, 2020, 14.5%**

**£72.00**

Established in 1831, Bodega Colomé is the oldest working winery in Argentina and home to one of the world's highest commercial vineyards, 'Altura Máxima', planted at a staggering 3,111 metres above sea level.

Flavours of red fruit, delicately laced with floral and mineral notes. A fresh and elegant mouthfeel, with a full body and round tannins.

### **Malbec** (*Bin 103*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Finca Flichman Caballero, Mendoza, 2022, 13.5%**

**£50.00**

This wine is ruby red in colour with blue hues. The aroma is perfumed and complex, on the palate, it is concentrated with blackberries, ripe plums and tobacco leaves. Sweet, ripe tannins balance the fruit.

## Chile

**Merlot** (*Bin 104*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Montes Classic Series, Colchagua Valley, 2022, 14.5%      £48.00**

Montes was established in 1988, with the aim of producing the best wines in Chile from the best regions. Chosen to produce the best examples of each variety, this Chilean Merlot is ripe, full, plummy, layered and full flavoured.

**Carménère, Petit Verdot** (*Bin 105*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**`Purple Angel`, Colchagua, 2020, 14.5%      £92.00**

The grapes for Purple Angel come from Montes' own vineyards in Apalta and Marchigüe, arguably two of the finest sites in the Colchagua Valley. Purple Angel displays the rich flavours typical of Carménère. Deep crimson red in colour, this wine has aromas of blackberries, ripe blueberry, dried plum and candied fruit combined with toasted notes of nutmeg, sweet spice, vanilla and pastry.

## Uruguay

**Tannat** (*Bin 106*)

**(Available by the glass)**

**Bodega Garzón, Maldonado, 2020, 14.5%      £62.00**

Bodega Garzón is a family-owned winery in Maldonado, on the Atlantic coast in southern Uruguay. Their Tannat, Uruguay's signature variety, is rich and full-bodied with flavours of spicy black plums and tobacco. The 2020 vintage was awarded a Gold Medal at the International Wine Challenge (the only Uruguayan wine to receive this award), as well as a 95-point score.

# Dessert Wines

## **Sauternes**

**75ml**

**Château Laville, Bordeaux, France, 2018, 13.0%**

**£9.00**

A frequent recipient of awards, Laville Sauternes is one of the best kept secrets. A bright golden yellow in colour, this wine opens with aromas of fresh citrus and candied fruit. The palate is intense and layered, with flavours of dried fig, orange blossom and sweet spice, and the finish is remarkably fresh and long.

## **Signature Straw Wine Chenin Blanc**

**75ml**

**Mullineux, Swartland, South Africa, 2020, 7.0%**

**£16.00**

Straw Wine is one of the great sweet wines of the world. Harvested at normal ripeness levels and air-dried for three to four weeks, concentrating the sugars, flavours and, most importantly, acidity. Fermented in old barrels for six to nine months before natural settling and bottling. The resulting wine has an incredibly intense nose of dried fruit, marmalade, marzipan and honey. On the palate, it is powerful and intense, with around 360 grams per litre residual sugar, but this is balanced by a vibrant acidity that leaves the wine tasting fresh and dry.

## **`Molino Real` Moscatel**

**75ml**

**Molino Real, Málaga, Spain, 2021, 13.5%**

**£15.00**

Historically made from Moscatel grapes (also known as Muscat of Alexandria), grown in the canyons around Málaga and sun-dried before fermentation. The resulting 'Mountain Wines' were decadent and rich, as trends changed, these wines fell out of fashion and the wine-growing traditions of Málaga faded into near obscurity. That is, until the 90s when Telmo and Pablo began seeking out the lost regions of Spain. The grapes are so concentrated that two and a half kilos of fruit are required to produce just one litre of juice.

## **Yuzu Sake**

**75ml**

**Keigetsu, Kōchi Prefecture, Japan, 8.0%**

**£8.00**

Forget any pre-conceptions you have about sake!

This mouth-puckering yet sweet sake is made with the zesty & citrus yuzu fruit. It has an intense mix of lemon, tangerine and lime aromas with a fragrant lift, and a balanced sweetness.

# Port

## Sandeman

There are few more iconic images in the world of wine than the 'Don', the logo created for the Sandeman family in 1928 by George Massiot Brown. The cape was modelled on the attire worn by students of the University of Porto, while the sombrero was a nod to the family's presence in Jerez.

Today, the Sandeman Ports are becoming every bit as famous as the image of the Don. This hasn't always been the case, but since the Guedes family bought Sandeman from Seagram in 2002, the major investment that has taken place in the vineyards and the winemaking has seen them rise to the top of the tree in the Port trade.

**50ml**

### **20 Year Old Tawny Port**

**Douro, 20.0%**

**£12.00**

The 20-Year-Old Tawny is a carefully crafted blend of wines between 15 to 40 years of age. Intense flavours of dried fruits, caramel and roasted nuts balanced by a lovely freshness.

### **40 Year Old Tawny Port**

**Douro, 20.0%**

**£17.00**

Proven by the many trophies and 'Best In Show' awards that it has been garlanded with over the years, the 40-Year-Old is a beauty.

Pale tawny in colour, exceptionally pronounced and complex in aroma profile. Intense aromas of dried fruits, roasted nuts, caramel and spice burst out of the glass. Velvety smooth on the palate, with a bright acidity culminating in a deliciously lingering finish.

### **Late Bottled Vintage Port 2018**

**Douro, 20.0%**

**£14.00**

A Vintage Port is only produced in truly outstanding years. Luís described 2018 as "one of the best, if not the best, vintage years I have witnessed" and Sandeman's example was awarded the Vintage Port Trophy at the 2021 International Wine Challenge. It bears the Sandeman hallmarks of powerful structure and incredible depth of flavour.

### **Fine White Port**

**Douro, 19.5%**

**£10.00**

Golden in colour. On the nose, aromas of ripe citrus and tropical fruits such as lemon, melon and pineapple are complemented by subtle honeyed and nutty nuances. A crisp and refreshing acidity on the palate perfectly balances the sweetness and carries the juicy fruit flavours onto the lingering finish. **Served Chilled**

# Sherry

**Fino** **50ml**  
**Sandeman**

**Jerez, Spain, NV, 15.0%** **£6.00**

The House of Sandeman was founded in London in 1790 by George Sandeman, a young Scot from Perth, specialising in wines from Porto and Jerez.

On the nose, there is a bright, aromatic and pungent aroma reflecting the influence of flor yeast – a lightly saline character with notes of bread dough, almonds, olives and dried apples. The wine is dry and fresh on the palate, with a crisp and persistently savoury finish.

**Armada Cream**

**Sandeman**

**Jerez, Spain, NV, 17.5%** **£6.00**

Medium dry with a deep mahogany colour. Complex Oloroso characters of roasted almonds, sweet spices and dried fruits are enriched by coffee and treacle flavours from the addition of PX. The final wine is full-bodied, layered and well balanced with a very smooth and velvety finish.

**Pedro Ximenez**

**Triana, Bodegas Hidalgo**

**Jerez, Spain, 15.0%** **£7.50**

Sherry but possibly not as you know it!

One of the sweetest wines in the world, PX is about as sweet as things can get. Aromas of raisins, molasses, figs, toffee, caramel, nuts, the palate is incredibly thick, dense, with an oily texture, massive concentration and unsurpassed sweetness and prolonged length

## Vermouth

**Valentian Vermouth** **50ml**

**Tait Bros**

**Melrose, Scotland, 16.0%** **£6.00**

Valentian Vermouth's unique flavour is the product of marrying two great flavours and traditions. The Tait brothers dared to pair a crisp Italian white wine with a distinctive Scottish new-make malt spirit. Valentian Rosso is a rich yet delicate vermouth with aromas of bergamot, red summer fruits and malt barley on the nose, lightly candied orchard fruits and gently herbaceous on the palate - a beautiful balance of bitter and sweet.

