

Wine List



The Bushmills Inn Hotel & Restaurant

**Vintages are correct at the time of print.
While we endeavour to update the menu consistently, on occasion
vintages will differ to that stated.**

HOUSE WHITE WINES

70	Chardonnay <i>Las Condes, Central Valley, Chile</i> Pale gold in colour; a medium bodied with soft, rich, creamy fruit and vanilla aromas. On the palate, tropical fruit and a smooth, creamy mouthfeel blend to give a fresh, well balanced finish.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
71	Sauvignon Blanc <i>Waka Taua, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand</i> Vibrant with zesty crisp acidity and a lively palate of gooseberry and white apples and hints of green melon. Fresh and appealingly intense.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
72	Satinela Semi Dulce <i>Marques de Caceres, Rioja, Spain</i> Medium sweet with charming bouquet of white flowers, tropical fruit and pears Fresh and lively in the mouth with soft, succulent fruit flavours.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
73	Pinot Grigio <i>Renideo, Italy</i> Pale straw in colour, with aromas of melon and pear dominating the nose. Good weight of fruit with a fresh twist of crunchy apple and a steely floral finish on the palate, with strikingly crisp acidity.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35

HOUSE RED WINES

75	Silver Series Shiraz <i>Tempus Two, Australia</i> Aromas of rich, ripe raspberries with subtle white pepper undertones. On the palate, the red berries are delivered with the same white pepper and spice undertone, soft integrated tannins, great length and finish.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
76	Merlot <i>Las Condes, Central Valley, Chile</i> Clean and fruity palate offering ripe tannins, blending perfectly with soft sweet tones delivered from barrel aging. Unpretentious, soft and fruity with berry-like flavours. Full bodied and wonderfully balanced.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
77	Premier Pinot Noir <i>Carmen, Leyda Valley, Chile</i> A fresh nose of cherry, pure raspberry and soft spice of cinnamon, mocha and gentle earthy notes. The wine delivers with a balanced and vibrant juicy and soft fruit mouthfeel.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35

HOUSE ROSE WINES

78	White Zinfandel <i>Devil's Ridge, California</i> Bright pink in colour with a bursting floral strawberry nose. Slightly sweet, with refreshing fresh fruit characters of raspberries, strawberries and ripe apples.	Bottle £23.00 500ml Carafe £16.85 250ml Glass £8.75 175ml Glass £6.35
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Lift away your troubles with bubbles.....



Valdo 'Floral Jungle Edition 2018'

750ml Bottle - £32.00

175ml glass - £7.75

Veneto, *Italy*

Fine and elegant on the nose, with complex notes of blossom and a strong presence of raspberry. A pleasant tickle of delicate bubbles, with warm fruity flavours. A pure delight.

Wine Legend. Vinedo Chadwick 2000



Vinedo Chadwick 2000 – Wine Legend

750ml Bottle - £450.00

Maipo Valley, Chile

Fine and elegant on the nose, with complex notes of blossom and a strong presence of raspberry. A pleasant tickle of delicate bubbles, with warm fruity flavours. A pure delight.

CHAMPAGNE

**Champagne is only necessary on two precise cases:
when you are happy and when you are unhappy.**

- 90 Taittinger Brut n.v** (75cl bottle) £69.50
Champagne, France (125ml glass) £12.10
From Champagne's oldest cellars, this wonderful example has peach and acacia notes on the nose, a citrus-fresh yet delicately honeyed palate, and a beautiful, elegant finish.
- 91 Taittinger 'Nocturne' (Sec)** £79.50
Champagne, France
Pale yellow with delicate, fine bubbles. On the nose, subtly reminiscent of white blossom and ripe fruits, predominantly yellow peach and dried apricot. Soft, fresh and delicately floral with ripe fruit flavours on the palate, the finish is long, soft and delectably sweet. Rounded, balanced and smoothly creamy.
- 92 Cristal 2006 Louis Roederer** £365.00
Champagne France
Yellow appearance with burnished gold reflections. Intense nose of white flowers, citrus and red berries, followed by warmer whiffs of toast and wood. On the palate, ripe lush fruits and toasty flavours. Dense, fleshy structure with a powerful finish.
- 93 Cuvee Dom Perignon 2009** £350.00
Champagne, France
The bouquet from the 2009 offers notes of guava and spicy green grapefruit zest combined with stone fruit, particularly white peach and nectarine. The aromas open up with the initial fruit infusion being complemented by woody vanilla and warm, lightly toasted brioche. On the palate the fruit is majestic – ripe, fleshy and profound. Beyond the richness and a certain voluptuousness is a strong impression of consistency. Remarkably restrained offering something for all the senses in a convergent harmony.
- 94 Henri Abele Brut n.v.** £79.95
Champagne, France
Pale gold with greenish highlights, with remarkably fine bubbles and a beautiful, persistent bead. On the nose, attractive and luscious, with hints of hawthorn and acacia blossoms as well as overtones of peach and apricot. Exceptional ripeness on the palate. Toasty, honey, and cinnamon flavours. This elegant cuvee has a full bodied, generous aftertaste.
- 95 Henri Abele Brut Rose** £95.00
Champagne, France
A symphony of fruity aromas, especially strawberry and raspberry. The aromas carry over onto the palate, which is smooth with all the fruitiness and finesse one would hope for in pink champagne. In between are dried berry, dried rose and spice notes.

Henri Abele is one of Champagne's oldest Houses founded in 1757. It was famously served onboard the Titanic which left Belfast on 2nd April 1912, and bottles of Henri Abele Champagne feature among the 7000 artefacts which have been recovered from the wreckage to date.

SPARKLING WINES

- 96 Simmonet-Febvre Cremant de Bourgogne** **£37.50**
Chablis, *France*
A harmoniously balanced wine with fine bubbles, a persistent foam and a wonderful length in the mouth. It is fresh and powerful on the nose with aromas of citrus.
- 97 Prosecco NV Extra Dry** **(75cl bottle) £27.00**
Valdo, Veneto, *Italy* **(20cl snipe) £9.25**
Pale gold with a sweet honey nose. Dry, light and vibrant, offering green apple, honey and a touch of pear with a tart but refreshing finish.
- 98 Proa Brut Cava** **£29.50**
Piedmont, *Spain*
Aromas of spring flowers, with crisp green apple and ripe pears on the palate, pinpoint effervescence and a wonderful dry finish.
- 99 Valdo Floral Jungle Edition 2018** **£30.95**
Veneto, *Italy*
Fine and elegant on the nose with a strong presence of raspberry. Fine bubbles coat the mouth with a warm, summer fruit sensation.

HALF BOTTLES (37.5cl)

- 120 Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV** **£49.00**
Champagne, *France*
Ripe pears, smoke, spices, dried flowers and herbs are some of the many nuances that emerge from the glass. Lovely mid-palate depth and overall balance.
- 121 Forget-Brimont Brut 1er Cru** **£37.50**
Champagne, *France*
Pale gold colour. Delicate nose, very fresh, lovely complexity. Fresh and subtle on the palate. The first impression is of fresh green apples with a hint of white flowers and hazelnuts. Well balanced with good length.

WHITE WINES

BURGUNDY

- 1 **Macon Charnay les Chenes** **£39.95**
 Manciat-Poncet
A crisp nose of ripe green apples and just a hint of citrus. Light oak subtly underpinning the delicate fruit, displaying crisp acidity and minerality, leading to a plump, lush long finish. Superb.

- 2 **ChablisAC** **£41.95**
 Domaine les Verger, Alain Geoffroy
Pale gold with a subdued nose revealing a hint of mineral and fruit scents. Extremely polished and suave on the palate, delivering on the focused, youthful aromas. Lovely persistency on the finish showing mineral and buttery notes.

- 3 **Saint-Veran, Macon-Villages** **£38.95**
 Vins Auvigue
Floral and citrus notes on the bouquet and superb purity and clarity on the lingering finish.

- 4 **Grand Cru Chablis 'Les Clos' 2012** **£95.00**
 Simonnet-Febvre
An ample and harmonious Grand Cru, offering slightly exotic notes and a very rich palate. Smooth with a persistent and a unmistakably mineral finish.

- 5 **Puligny Montrachet 2016** **£120.00**
 Maison Louis Latour, Cote-d'Or
Beautiful nice yellow with subtle green tints. Floral notes with almond paste on the nose that do not disappoint on the palate. Opulent, full bodied and creamy, with rounded vanilla and toast in perfect synergy. Wonderfully fresh, with a long finish and stunning mouth feel.

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- 6 **Meursault Les Tillets** **£110.00**
 Patrick Javillier
Expressive on the nose, marked by aromas of white flowers, yellow and white fruit as well as lightly spiced notes. Complex with great elegance. Rounded on the palate with lovely vivacity, excellent aromatic freshness and minerality. Finesse, persistent on the palate, elegant and clearly linear.

Domaine Faiveley Batard Montrachet Grand Cru **£595.00**
An intensely aromatic nose disclosing notes of tart fruits and roasted hazelnut. The palate is smooth and distinctive with excellent balance and a remarkably smooth finish found in only the finest white Burgundies. This wine is evolving beautifully with bottle aging.

ALSACE

- 7 **Cuvee Les Amours Pinot Blanc** **£37.50**
 Famille Hugel
Youthfully pale green, with a crisp refreshing nose of subtle, delicate fruit. Charmingly soft and supple, with a balanced acidity giving a fresh, thirst-quenching juicy mouthfeel.

- 8 **Gewurztraminer Reserve** **£35.00**
 Cave de Turckheim
Perfumed nose, fruity, floral and spicy. Long aftertaste, rich and elegant with a fruity finish.

LOIRE

- 9 **Muscadet Sur Lie** **£22.50**
Domaine de la Chauviniere
Ripe fruit and savoury aromas with real Sur-lie character. The generous palate displays subtle stone fruit underscored by yeast while still displaying the textbook zest and balance.
- 10 **Andre Dezat et Fils Pouilly Fume** **£40.50**
Domaine Thibault
Pale gold. Refined nose with toasted mineral notes, blackcurrant bud, wild flowers and pineapple. Archetypal Pouilly with a lovely crispness. Aromas unfurl and reveal themselves on the finish. Full, fresh, well-structured with lashings of minerality.
- 11 **Vouvray Cuvee de Silex** **£39.50**
Domaine des Aubusieres
Fresh green melon, white ginger and green almond notes glide along, with finely beaded acidity carrying the floral-tinged finish.
- 12 **Picpoul de Pinet** **£29.95**
Saint-Peyre, Pomerols
Complex aromas of gooseberry and citrus fruits. Fresh and fruity with a lengthy, lingering finish.

ITALY

- 13 **Principessa Gavia Gavi D.O.C.G** **£33.50**
Castello Banfi, Piedmont
Pale straw, offering an intense fruit forward bouquet, with typical hints of pineapple and apple. Well balanced with gentle acidity and a delicate dry finish.

SPAIN

- 14 **Albarino 'Sobre Lias'** **£36.50**
Castro Martin, Rias Baixas
A distinct salty minerality on the nose, and an array of pure, clean, limpid white fruit aromas. The palate almost shimmers with tang and vibrancy, and although it has a steely precision, it is balanced by fruit with a peachy pear-like quality and backed by a vivid streak of lemon and mineral acidity.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 15 **Old Vine Chenin Blanc Reserve** **£35.00**
Tormontoso, Paarl
Intense aromas of apricots and canned white peaches with touches of coconut cream. The palate is packed with ripe yellow fruit and other tropical flavours, with balanced, refreshing acidity and a long mineral finish.

ARGENTINA

- 16 **'La Linda' Viognier** £29.95
Bodega Luigi Bosca, Mendoza
Straw coloured, lightly golden in colour. Aromas of orchid, musk and ripe apricot. Unctuous and gentle on the palate. Fresh with intense acidity and persistent finish.
- 17 **Torrontes** £26.00
Santa Ana, Mendoza
Fragrant white flower and rose aromas lead to a fresh, crisp and smooth palate with hints of peach flavours and a well-balanced finish.

GERMANY

- 18 **Estate Riesling** £25.50
Dr Loosen, Mosel
Light, yet vibrant, with enticing aromas of white peach flowers and citrus peel. A dusting of pollen and saffron accentuate this bright, sunny Riesling full of peach and nectarine flavour. Off dry in style, juicy and thirst quenching, but structured with fresh revitalising acidity and mineral notes.

AUSTRIA

- 19 **Gruner Veltliner** £33.50
Hopler
Intense varietal fruit flavours redolent of lemongrass and citrus fruits. The palate is refreshing with elegant fruit and crisp acidity.

AUSTRALIA

- 20 **Windy Peak Chardonnay** £31.50
De Bortoli, Yarra Valley
Light straw with a green edge. Bright complex chardonnay with citrus florals, nutty oak, minerally and fine. Gently textured palate, savoury, chalky phenolics, hints of nuts, lovely balance.
- 21 **'Willowglen' Gewurtraminer Riesling** £25.00
De Bortoli, Riverina
A green tinge on a pale straw background. Heavy perfumed aromatics of musk and rosewater with complementing fresh spice and lime. A gorgeous, balanced palate of freshly dusted Turkish delight and lychee freshened by a fresh and zesty finish.
- 22 **Koonunga Hill Autumn Riesling** £35.00
Penfolds, Barosa Valley
Light straw with lime green hues, intensely perfumed aromas of pink rose petal, Turkish delight and lemony bath salts with a subtle suggestion of spice. On the palate, a delightful balance of soft talcy mouth-watering acidity and sweetness with a lengthy finish.
- 23 **Dixons Creek Vineyard, Estate Grown Chardonnay** £47.50
De Bortoli, Yarra Valley
Light straw with a green edge, on the nose quite fine with hints of white flowers and hazelnut, underpinned with an unmistakable oak influence. On the palate, initially mineral, textured and nervy, with a long brioche finish. Overall very fine, balanced and composed.

CALIFORNIA

- 24 **'Wild Boy' Chardonnay 2016** **£69.50**
 Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara
Golden straw in colour, an attractive nose reveals notes of citrus, ripe stone fruit, toast and a hint of smoke. Rich and creamy in texture, the palate is concentrated and generous with an abundance of layered ripe fruit and harmoniously integrated oak. Crisp and focused on the finish, this is one of the best Burgundy style wines made outside Burgundy itself.
 ****Note – not suitable for lactose intolerance****

NEW ZEALAND

- 25 **Hunter's Chardonnay** **£36.50**
 Marlborough
Peach, cedar and creamy vanilla aromas. Beautifully ripe and smooth palate that delivers excellent fruit intensity, nicely framed by bright acidity. Flavoursome and silky to the finish.
- 26 **The Jumper Sauvignon Blanc** **£30.50**
 Spring Creek Estate, Marlborough
Crisp, with rich aromas of asparagus, gooseberry and passionfruit. The nose is carried onto the palate with rich and vibrant intensity and a fresh finish.
- 27 **'Ten Rocks' Sauvignon Blanc** **£29.45**
 Lawson Dry Hills, Marlborough
Displaying lifted grass and green capsicum aromatics along with lime and passion fruit. The palate is crisp and fresh with strong citrus flavours and a chalky mouthfeel. Good weight, lovely texture and a long finish.
- 28 **Sauvignon Blanc 2017** **£49.50**
 Dog Point, Marlborough
From Marlborough's Wairau Valley, grapes enjoy a long cool growing season with little rainfall, enabling the development of vibrant fruit flavours. An enticing bouquet of ripe citrus and tropical fruits underlined by a steely minerality. The palate is fresh, concentrated and full bodied with an excellent balance between fruit and acidity.

The Bushmills Inn Cellar Collection

Over the years we have been collecting some truly special wines, and are pleased to offer a selection that are now, in our opinion ready to be enjoyed. As they are stored in optimum conditions in our cellar, these wines may take a little longer to reach your table.

We hope you enjoy the very finest our cellar has to offer

Penfolds Grange 1997 Barossa Valley, Australia **£600.00**
A classic Grange, though slightly softer and more forward than the 1996. The saturated purple-coloured 1997 offers a gorgeously sweet nose of blackberry liqueur, cherries, camphor, chocolate, plums and mocha. Opulently-textured, extremely soft, layered and seductive, with Grange's tell-tale personality well-displayed, but in a seamless, seductive style. This is a superb Grange that can hold its own against the more heralded 1996.

(94 points Wine Advocate)

Chateau Leoville Las Cases 1996 St Julien, France **£475.00**
Having previously rated it near perfect, I was apprehensive of a let-down about tasting the 1996 Leoville Las Cases once it had been bottled, but that concern was quickly dismissed once I put my nose in the glass. A profound Leoville Las Cases, it is one of the great modern day wines of Bordeaux. This wine's hallmark remains a sur-maturite (over-ripeness) of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape. Yet the wine has retained its intrinsic classicism, symmetry, and profound potential for complexity and elegance. The black/purple colour is followed by spectacular nose of cassis, cherry liqueur, pain grille, and minerals. It is powerful and rich on the attack, with beautifully integrated tannin, massive concentration, yet no hint of heaviness or disjointedness. As this wine sits in the glass it grows in structure and richness. It is remarkable, seamless, palate-staining and extraordinarily elegant wine – the quintessential St-Julien.

(98 Robert Parker Wine Advocate)

Chateau Pontet Canet 2000 Pauillac, France **£350.00**
Tasted at the Pontet-Canet vertical, the 2000 is perhaps where things start getting interesting, as Alfred Tesseron's top-to-toe reconfiguration of the vineyard and vinification began to impact and ameliorate the wine. It has a lovely bouquet of blackberry and briary fruit, hints of black truffle developing, later damp earth. There is an intensity here, if not the complexity of the best millennial Pauillacs. The palate is medium-bodied with a mixture of red and black fruit, cedar and sous-bois percolating up through and rendering it a serious Pontet-Canet in keeping with the vintage. There is a subtle and yet insistent grip on the finish. It has always been a tannic wine, but these are now softening.

(92 Neal Martin - Wine Advocate)

Ridge Lytton Springs 2016 Sonoma, California **£165.00**
Complex aromas of vanilla, raspberry and black pepper. Full bodied with firm acidity, focused blackberry and an elegant lingering finish.

Chateau Brane Cantenac 2005 Margeaux, France **£400.00**
'A sexy style of wine from the Lurtons at Brane Cantenac, this wine has a stunning nose of forest floor, liquorice, blackcurrants, plums and spring flowers. Soft tannin, full-bodied opulence and beautifully textured, lush richness, make for a brilliant wine. In spite of it's stunning forward fragrance and lushness, the colour still looks as if it is 3-4 years old, rather than a decade. This is a big time winner in 2005 and should drink well now and for the next 25+ years.

(Robert Parker - Wine Advocate)

Domaine de Cambes 2013 Cotes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France **£105.00**
This younger brother of the famous Roc de Cambes boasts a bouquet in which fruity notes and gentle spicy nuances combine. On the palate, it is appealing with a good balanced body and a finish full of freshness. A very accomplished wine.

Jim Barry 'The Armagh' Shiraz 2009Clare Valley, *Australia***£395.00**

Deep plum red with purple tints. It shows the hallmarks of low-yielding vines, with intense, tightly coiled aromas of cranberry, mulberry, milk chocolate, boysenberry and spearmint. It is bright, fresh and balanced with intense yet reserved characters of rosemary, sage, cinnamon, cedar and black pepper. On the palate this wine really shows its true colours with solid tannin structure playing an integral role in the overall picture. Flavours of redcurrants, black cherries and blueberries are in abundance, with an undercurrent of freshly turned earth and truffles in the background. The length of flavour and power in this wine, whilst still showing finesse and restraint, is what sets it at the zenith of red winemaking at Jim Barry Wines.

Tenuta San Guido Bolgheri Sassicaia 2011Tuscany, *Italy***£395.00**

The 2011 Bolgheri Sassicaia speaks to a broad, yet very distinct audience. I am absolutely charmed by this vintage. Soft cherry and blackberry confit emerge from the bouquet in thick, luscious waves. Leather, spice and tar play supporting roles. The wine offers a generous and expansive style. It also shows impressive balance and coherent inner integrity. This vintage certainly bears the hallmarks of a hot vintage, but it never feels overdone. It delivers volume, intensity and rich textures. This Sassicaia is a wine of enormous craftsmanship.

(94 + /100 Monica Lerner - Wine Advocate 04/17)**Joseph Phelps Insignia 2015**Napa Valley, *California***£550.00**

The 2015 Insignia is blended of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec aged for 24 months in 100% new French oak. Deep garnet-purple coloured, it opens with stunning black and red plums, cassis and mulberry scents with loads of redcurrant sparks and compelling wafts of lilacs, pencil shavings, black olives and tinted soil with a hint of bay leaves. Medium to full bodied, the palate explodes with red and blackcurrant fireworks plus some exciting mineral nuances coming through, framed by firm, grainy tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing very long and beautifully layered.

(98 Points, Lisa Perotti-Brown, RobertParker.com)**Frog's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**Rutherford, Napa Valley, *California***£210.00**

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc

The 2015 is a remarkable wine: rich, deep mocha aromas, superb balance, with very long and deep flavours. Finely balanced with the right amount of muscle, the firmly structured wine exudes currants and savory spice in a length silky finish.

Penfolds Bin 389 'Baby Grange' 2015Barossa Valley, *Australia***£135.00**

Vibrant blood-red with a staining dark core. On the nose, typical barrel-fermented characters of prune, fig, date and quince with a soy undertone. Apparent freshness with scents of chargrilled, Italian vegetables. Full bodied, complex and perfectly intertwined Cabernet and Shiraz, offering newly tanned leather and dark red berries. Vibrant, with a tangy freshness augmented by sculptured tannins, lively acidity, respectful oak and a well-balanced but lengthy finish.

(91 points Wine Advocate)

The 2009 Collection

A fine selection of limited supply 2009 gems, ready for your enjoyment.

Domaine Faiveley Batard Montrachet Grand Cru Burgundy, France **£595.00**

An intensely aromatic nose disclosing notes of tart fruits and roasted hazelnut. The palate is smooth and distinctive with excellent balance and a remarkably smooth finish found in only the finest white Burgundies. This wine is evolving beautifully with bottle aging.

Echo Lynch Bages Pauillac, France **£120.00**

Sweet berry and currant on the nose and palate, with hints of mint. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. This is like Lynch from the 1980s. This is made from more Cabernet Sauvignon than the second wines of Lynch and shows more class.

(89-92 points James Suckling, Wine Spectator)

Chateau Poujeaux Moulis, France **£110.00**

Medium to deep garnet colour and delivers expressive blackberry preserves, prunes, sautéed herbs and fragrant earth notes with hints of tobacco and fallen leaves. Medium-bodied with refreshing acidity and a chewy texture supporting the earthy flavours in the mouth, it finishes on a stewed tea note.

(90 points Lisa Perroti-Brown, Wine Advocate)

Chateau Gazin L'Hospitalet de Gazin Pomerol, France **£135.00**

Deep garnet with seductive aromas of ripe cherries and blackcurrants, with complementary nuances of toasted oak, pepper and caramel. Generous and luxurious on the palate with rich, silky textures, fine tannins and a long heady finish.

MAGNUMS (1.5L)

Vina Tondonia Tinto Reserva, Bodegas R Lopez de Heredia *Haro, Rioja Alta* **£275.00**

Tondonia's extended ageing process results in a wine that is not about fruit but has so much complexity, so much character that it is impossible to put down. The excellent 2004 vintage has brought additional concentration and personality to the wine, which is still unbelievably fresh.

Classic notes of leather, cured meat and spice mingle with warm, macerated red fruits on the nose. The palate is mid-weight, but the true beauty of the 2004 lies in the luxurious mouth-feel and intense core of flavour in the wine.

This freshness, combined with the mouth-coating flavours, suggest that, although a joy to drink now, this is a wine that will hold for at least a decade more. It is, put simply, glorious, traditional, elegant Rioja.

Ridge Monte Bello 2011 *Santa Cruz, California* **£595.00**

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

Saturated ruby, purple colour. Marvellously scented rich mountain bramble fruit, intense anise and fennel, ginger, cardamom and flint. Initial waves of blackcurrant and cassis on the palate, with coffee, forest floor and crushed rock. Full bodied, elegant chalky tannins and refreshing acidity in a lengthy finish.

Ridge Monte Bello 2012 *Santa Cruz, California* **£625.00**

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

Saturated ruby. Ripe cassis, blackberry, violets, liquorice, wet stone and oak spice on the nose. Strong blackberry fruit on the palate, with superb full body and structured velvety tannins. Toasty oak, crushed limestone and a long intense finish.

Ridge Monte Bello 2014 *Santa Cruz, California* **£725.00**

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Opaque ruby. On the nose, intense blackberry fruit aromas, blackcurrant, exotic barrel spice with toasted oak, liquorice and complex forest notes. Rich mountain on the palate with refreshingly high acidity, full chalky tannins and sweet oak and a strong mineral finish.

Ridge Lytton Springs 2014 *Sonoma, California* **£265.00**

Deep purple colour, with appealing aromas of black pepper, cassis and liquorice. Layered plum, blackberry fruit on the palate; medium to full-bodied with silky tannins. Notes of chaparral and mocha on the finish.

Ridge Lytton Springs 2015 *Sonoma, California* **£295.00**

Jammy raspberry fruit with pepper, mint and sweet toasted oak. Brambly fruit on the palate. sensuous, well defined tannins and balanced acidity.

RED WINES

BORDEAUX

- 31 Bordeaux Superior** **£28.50**
Chateau Vieux Barrail
Elegant notes of dried cranberry, herbs and pomegranate with a velvety, fruity fuller body, a warming, lingering finish evoking shades of charcuterie, forest fruits & subtle oak flavour.
- 32 St. Emilion Grand Cru 2015** **£59.95**
Chateau La Fleur Picon, St Emilion
The synergy of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon yields a velvety, rich wine with fine flavours of spice and dark fruits. Mid palate weight comes from the juicy Merlot, with subtle tannins from the Cabernet Franc.
- 33 L'Abeille de Fieuzal 2014** **£81.50**
Pessac-Leognan
The second wine of the domain, this Grand Vin de Graves offers an elegant bouquet of rich black fruit, cocoa and toast with peony notes. A balanced palate with density and freshness to finish.

RHONE

- 34 Cotes du Rhone** **£34.50**
Roger Sabon
Rich and fruity, with dark fruit and liquorice spice on the palate, and a rounded earthy character. Smooth tannins with a subtle yet lingering finish.
- 35 Domaine de Thalabert Crozes Hermitage 2014** **£85.00**
Paul Jaboulet Aine
Sweet black cherries, blackberries, tobacco leaf and earth all emerge from this medium bodied, supple, already delicious Syrah.
- 36 Combes d'Arnevel Chateau Neuf du Pape** **£55.50**
Vignobles Jerome Quiot
Deep crimson, ripe dark berries rounding off to spice. Smooth and persistent with aromatic smoothness.

BURGUNDY

- 37 Beaujolais Village** **£32.50**
Henry Fessy
Deep ruby in colour, offering ripe red fruits and light spice on the nose. Soft on the palate with stunning concentration and full fruit flavours, balanced with mellow tannins, rounded mouthful and a subtle, lingering finish.
- 38 Chateau de Beauregard Fleurie** **£39.50**
Maison Joseph Burrier
Floral aromas of iris, rose petal and violet, with light freshly cut hay and rich red fruits and blackcurrant are matched on the palate with velvety smoothness and a long clean finish.
- 39 Savigny-les-Beaune 2015** **£72.50**
Maison Louis Latour, Cote d'Or
Deep ruby red, with garnet hues, the Savigny-les-Beaune has an intense nose reminiscent of wild strawberry, cherry, coffee and spiced aromas. Powerful mouthfeel with a certain freshness, yet notes of liquorice and cassis, and a beautifully tannic finish.

REGIONAL FRANCE

- 40 Chateau Ventenac Reserve de Jeanne** **£29.95**
Maison Ventenac, Languedoc-Roussillon
A blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Syrah and Grenache, this wine presents hints of fresh red fruits with notes of spice and pepper, rounding on the palate to give a rounded medium finish.

ITALY

- 41 Chianti Classico Peppoli D.O.C.G** **£40.50**
Antinori, Tuscany
The wine has intense aromas of red berries, accompanied with hints of vanilla and chocolate. There is great structure on the palate which is characterised by elegant and gentle tannins on the finish.
- 42 Zagalia Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** **£24.50**
Cantino Minini, Abruzzo
Youthful, with lots of juicy blackberry and red cherry fruits. Delicious touch of spice to the finish with subtle tannins and a balanced acidity.
- 43 Uno Piu Uno** **£28.50**
Michele Biancardi, Puglia
Blended with a mix of Primitivo and Nero di Troia, this is a real warmer, full of black cherry fruits and spice.
- 44 Nebbiolo** **£57.50**
Pira Luigi
intensely garnet red in colour. The nose is young, complex, with fruity and spicy notes and a light hint of leather. The taste is young, round, mouthfilling, with sweet, gentle and persistent tannins.
- 45 Costasera Amarone** **£95.00**
Masi, Valpolicella
Proud, majestic, complex and exuberant: this is Masi's gentle giant. A benchmark for the Amarone category. Deep ruby red in colour, with intense baked fruits, plums and cherries on the nose. Well balanced on the palate with vibrant fruity notes and hints of coffee and cocoa.
- 46 Rosso di Montalcino** **£49.50**
Renieri, Montalcino
Plump and easy drinking, with nuances of bright cherry, blackberry and spicy background notes. Restrained, but not understated Rosso with balanced acidity and tight texture.
- 47 Tignanello 2011** **£225.00**
Marchesi Piero, Antinori, Tuscany
Intense ruby with purple highlights. Ripe on the nose with notes of dark fruit and underlying freshness on the aromatic finish; plum fruit dominates, along with dark cherries, which vigorously evolve to mint and liquorice. While displaying its youth proudly, the wine is inviting, rich and harmoniously balanced, with balanced acidity, solidity and supple tannins. Rich savoury finish with a sweet persistence and length.

SPAIN

- 48 Crianza** **£28.50**
Finca del Marquesado, Rioja
Garnet with clean bright cherry tones. Complex aromas with delicate notes of cherry well integrated with the spicy and balsamic nuances from traditional oak aging. Well balanced, fresh and well-rounded with a long smooth finish
- 49 Rioja Reserva 2014** **£47.50**
Marques de Murrieta, Ygay Estate
Intense balsamic notes of incense, smoked meat, leather, fennel and cherries, which make it feel very Rioja. The palate is medium bodied, balanced, with excellent acidity and freshness. A serious vintage of Murrieta Reserva that represents great balance between tradition and modernity.

PORTUGAL

- 50 Duos Quintas Duoro** **£37.50**
Ramos Pinto
Dense, dark red colour with ruby reflections, clean and bright. It has an expressive, vinous aroma, pronounced with spices and tobacco leaf, sweet peach and orange blossom notes. Its presence is felt in the mouth, with fine tannins and body. These are followed by floral and spicy notes, with a long and strong finish.
- 51 Douro Tinto** **£25.00**
Vega, Lisbon
Rich with plum, cherry and mineral elements and complex with a firm grip of tannins. Rounded, balanced, with a smooth lengthy finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 52 Fleur du Cap Pinotage** **£34.95**
Stellenbosch
Deep red in colour with purplish edges. On the nose it shows ample red berry fruit with a sweet fruitcake character enhanced by a spicy oak finish. Full-bodied on the palate with ripe plum flavours, this robust red is supported by a good tannic backbone.

CHILE

- 53 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva** **£23.50**
De Martino Estate
Luxurious aromas of sweet cigar and slightly herbal berry fruit are accented by well integrated vanilla oak. Ripe, chalky tannins give the wine length on the palate, with a rich array of cherry, blackberry, tobacco and leather.
- 54 Cefiro 'Cool Reserve' Carmenere** **£29.50**
Vina Casablanca, Rapel Valley
Deep ruby red. Black fruit aromas, like blackberry and blueberry, with spicy notes. Smooth attack and gentle tannins that lead to a velvety finish. Good and balanced acidity.
- 55 'Cefiro Reserva' Pinot Noir** **£32.50**
Vina Casablanca, Casablanca Valley
Aromas of peach, mint and cherry brandy, with toasted oak and a touch of wet wool. On the palate, ripe blackberry, red liquorice and mint characters that gradually give way to chocolate oak on the finish.

ARGENTINA

- 56 Malbec Reserve** **£39.50**
Finca Solphenia, Mendoza
Found at an altitude of 4000 feet in the foothills of the Andes and ranked among the best wines in Argentina, a deep red and violet colour with aromas of plums, cherries and violets. A wine with serious concentration and complexity, with well-integrated tannins.

CALIFORNIA

- 57 Zinfandel** **£35.95**
Cline, Contra Coast
Wonderful dusty raspberry, blackberry, white pepper and spice, with coffee and chocolate characters lead to ripe fruit and soft tannins. Aged in new and used wood has lent this wine a subtle vanilla quality that nicely complements the explosive fruit notes.
- 58 Napanook** **£135.00**
Dominus estate, Napa Valley
The 2012 Napanook is a clear expression of an exceptional vintage. Pure aromas of fresh strawberry, caramel and minty sage fill the nose. Vigorous and rich with firm, yet integrated tannins, the wine offers earthy complexity, dark cocoa and roasted almonds on a long lingering finish.
- 59 Au Bon Climat Pinot Noir 2012** **£125.00**
Talley Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley
A wine of incredible aromatics and depth with gorgeous cherry, cranberry, cola and earthy notes that carry through on the palate.
- 60 Monte Bello Estate Merlot 2012** **£110.00**
Ridge Estate, Santa Cruz Mountains
Deep purple with ruby hues. Ripe blackberry fruit, cola, exotic spice, eucalyptus. Full bodied, with blackcurrant fruits, dried herbs, firm acidity leading to a lingering finish of red fruit and sweet oak.

AUSTRALIA

- 61 'Rapide' Pinot Noir** **£32.95**
Pike and Joyce, Adelaide Hills
Medium red in colour. Aromas of very attractive bright red and dark fruits with little interference from oak and a slight hint of damp earth. Although elegant, the palate has nice concentration of bright strawberry and cherry fruit displaying a sappy freshness, fine tannins and a subtle oak that makes it very appealing.
- 62 'The High Trellis' Cabernet Sauvignon** **£36.50**
D'Arenberg, McLaren Vale
A serious cabernet. Black olive, bay leaf and blackberry dominate the nose with loads of plum and blackcurrant strewn across the palate. Great fruit intensity with masses of spice and tannin.
- 63 Shiraz** **£47.50**
Heritage Winery, Barossa Valley
Enticing perfume of blackberry, plum, liquorice, smoke and blueberry. This leads to a full-bodied, plush, ripe, layered wine with bucket loads of flavour, well concealed tannin, and superior length.

NEW ZEALAND

- 64 Main Divide Merlot Cabernet** **£39.50**
Waipara Valley
The bouquet and flavour suggest blackberries, purple plums, cassis, cigar box and vanilla pod. There is an initial impression of softness but the wine then expands in the mouth to become muscular with a generous spine of ripe tannins that support and draw out the lingering aftertaste.
- 65 Forrest Estate Pinot Noir** **£38.95**
Marlborough
Pale to medium ruby purple in colour, the Forrest Pinot Noir offers up a nose of ripe black cherries and black raspberries complemented by hints of underbush and Provence herbs. Framed around a decent core of uncomplicated black and red berry flavors, the medium body is supported by a low level of chewy tannins and lively acid through the medium to long finish.
- 66 Coleraine 2015** **£130.00**
Hawkes Bay
Te Mata estate is the oldest winery in New Zealand and have used a wonderful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot to create the wine called Coleraine, named after the maker, John Buck's grandfather Samuel Morrow's home town here in Northern Ireland. Repeatedly referred to as New Zealand's best ever red wine, the 2011 is a deep crimson, offering intense aromas of blackberry syrup, espresso, marzipan and dried roses. The palate has a concentrated core of perfectly ripe blackcurrants, with layers of damson plums and chocolate leading to a long, powerful, tannins and refreshing acidity.
87 Points, eRobertParker.com, Oct 13
- 67 Dog Point Pinot Noir 2016** **£65.00**
Marlborough
Full, dark ruby-red colour with slight purple hues, lighter edged. This has a firmly concentrated and intense nose of ripe black cherry and dark raspberry fruit with an amalgam of dark plums, violet florals and fresh herbs, and a suggestion of nutty oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate has a deep and concentrated heart with rich, integrated flavours of ripe black cherries, raspberries and plums, melded with nuances of fresh herbs, a suggestion of whole bunch stalk perfumes, violet florals with nutty and spice oak. The fruit is supported by fine grained, flowery and supple tannins providing a velvety structure, with harmonious, balanced acidity. The wine flows to a long, lingering finish of black and dark-red fruits, herbs and florals. Rich, finely concentrated and structured palate.
19/20, Raymond Chan

HALF BOTTLES

WHITE HALF BOTTLES

- 110 Soave** £14.45
Pasqua, Veneto, *Italy*
Pale coloured with lovely, delicate aromas of lemon and citrus fruits, very fresh in the mouth with a typical almond finish in the mouth.
- 111 Sauvignon Blanc** £12.55
Cefiro, Casablanca Valley, *Chile*
Clear amber in colour, exhibiting a pure expression of fruit with aromas of passion fruit, lychee, and a hint of bergamot on the nose. The palate is firm, with natural acidity and notes of exotic citrus. It is refreshing, well-balanced and perfectly integrated with impressive acidity and a finish that is quite long for a Sauvignon Blanc.
- 112 Chablis AC** £18.45
Domaine le Verger, Burgundy, *France*
Crisp focused flavours – clean ripe fruit with mineral backbone, dry with just a hint of toastiness.
- 113 Le Rime Pinot Grigio Chardonnay IGT** £13.45
Castello Banfi, Tuscany, *Italy*
A balance of crispness from the Pinot Grigio with round body from the Chardonnay delivering a fresh, ready to drink wine.

RED HALF BOTTLES

- 114 Cotes du Rhone, Reserve des Armoiries** £13.95
Terre d'Avignon, Rhone, *France*
Deep ruby colour with a fruit-filled nose and a palate suggestive of stewed fruit. The tannins are ripe and the wine is very well balanced.
- 115 Cabernet Sauvignon** £14.55
De Martino Estate, Maipo Valley, *Chile*
Aromas of blackberries, blackcurrant and spice. Full and fresh with subtle toasty oak.
- 116 Crianza** £14.55
Principe de Viana, Navarre, *Spain*
Black cherry colour, berry nose with hints of spices and oak, full flavoured but elegant with dominant fruits of wild red, black and blue berries combined with balsamic, cedar wood and well polished soft tannins.
- 117 'Centine' Toscano, IGT** £14.55
Castello Banfi, Tuscany, *Italy*
Intense ruby red with youthful hints. On the nose, intense, vinous and spicy, perfectly marrying the Tuscan Sangiovese with the character of intense Cabernet and Merlot. Gently approachable, soft, rounded and easy to drink.
- 118 'Rio Albo' Valpolicello, DOC** £17.50
Castello Rugate, Valpolicella, *Italy*
Ruby red, offering a bouquet of blackberry and cherries. The palate is supple with light tannins and plenty of flavour.

ROSE WINES

- 101 Rose d'Anjou** **£21.00**
La Grille, Loire, France
With a light natural spritz, the wine has a refreshing, summery zing. Strawberry and hints of peach fill the palate, with their flavours brought out by the wine's laid back, off-dry demeanour.

DESSERT WINES

- 200 Chateau d' Yquem 1990** **£555.00**
Sauternes, France
Possesses lots of elegance and finesse. An exceptionally sweet nose of honeyed tropical fruits, peaches, coconut, and apricots. High quality, subtle toasty oak is well-integrated. Massive on the palate, with layers of intensely ripe botrytis-tinged, exceptionally sweet fruit. Well-integrated acidity, and a seamless, full-bodied power and richness have created a wine of remarkable harmony and purity. Certainly it is one of the richest Yquems I have ever tasted, with 50-100 years of potential longevity. An awesome Yquem!
99 Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (122), April 1999
98+ Robert Parker, December 2003
- 201 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise** **37.5cl Bottle £27.50**
Delas Freres, Rhone, France **70ml Glass £6.35**
Very youthful pale gold. Pure grape and Muscat aromas, pear fruit and perfumed grape skin. Full and viscous on the palate, sugary pear fruit and cool steely mineral aspect. Lingering finish with that musky fruit skin quality balancing the sweetness.
- 202 Sauternes** **37.5cl Bottle £30.50**
Cypres de Climens, Barsac, France **70ml Glass £9.95**
Aromas of white fruits and flowers, citrus fruit, lime blossom, apricot, pineapple and mint. On the palate, smooth and creamy with a well balanced acidity and a subtle sweetness which buoys notes of fresh marmalade and honeyed fruits.
- 203 Elysium Black Muscat** **37.5cl Bottle £22.95**
Quady, Madera, California **70ml Glass £7.30**
Aromas of honeyed plums and dried peaches and a supple fruity, sweet, medium-to-full body ending in a crisp, spiced pear and honeycomb finish, this is a suitable companion to many sweet courses, in particular those incorporating deep red fruits and chocolate.

PORT WINES

- 300 Fonseca Vintage 1997** **750ml Bottle £185.00**
Quinto do Seixo, Duoro Valley
It is not without reason that Fonseca is described as the Margaux of the Duoro; its wines have a femininity and grace that never flatter to deceive. The 1997 is a perfect example; combining fresh aromatics and layers of berry fruit flavours with a firm but unobtrusive tannic structure. Enormously concentrated, and perfectly balanced this wine is archetypical Fonseca.
- 301 Warres Vintage 1985** **750ml Bottle £195.00**
Duoro Valley
Ruby red, wonderfully aromatic, packed with complex aromas of ripe red and dark fruits with floral undertones. On the palate typically Warre in style with tremendous elegance and finesse, packed with dark fruit flavours such as black cherry and plums, and silky tannins leading to a long lingering finish.

Bin End Collection

As with all good things, our wines are in limited supply and each case will ultimately come to an end.

CHAMPAGNE / SPARKLING

- Louis Blanc Brut NV** Champagne, France **£55.00**
Supple, fine and round on the palate, well supported by a freshness with melting pear notes, with an elegant finale.
- Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial 1988** Champagne, France **£600.00**
The aroma's top notes are subdued, sombre and dry with smoked roasted malted scents, hints of toasted sesame seed as well as rather original oceanic notes, including a touch of nori seaweed. Subsequently come softer, warmer notes of wax, honey, almond, biscuit and dried fruits (banana and coconut). The palate is energetic, sustained by an invigorating tangibleness with notes of citrus zest and citrus seeds. Middle notes are delicate with slight graininess. Nuances of pine and iodine contribute to a crystalline, saline finish.
- Moët & Chandon 1998** Champagne, France **£255.00**
Beautiful in maturity. Brioche, apricot, apple to the fore, with a honeyed, yeasty quality on the longer palate. Still vibrant and crisp.

WHITE

- 'La Sastreria' Garnacha Blanc** Carinena, Spain **£24.95**
Straw yellow with green reflections. Clean and intense aromas of fresh apricot, pineapple and lime. Very fruity on the palate, balanced with crisp acidity. Crisp, refreshing and pleasantly lengthy.
- La Bohème Act Three Pinot Gris & Friends** Yarra Valley, Australia **£47.50**
90% Australian pinot gris with a backstage crew of 5% Gewurztraminer, 3% pinot blanc and 2% Riesling. Vibrant straw with green edges. Faintly aromatic on the nose, with classic pinot gris characteristics of pear, orange blossom and honeysuckle. Refined palate with dry green apples and mandarin. Gently aromatic with soft acidity.
- Van Lill & Vissier Chenin Blanc** Citrusdal Mountain, South Africa **£62.50**
Enticing stonefruit aromas – nectarine and peach with a tinge of honeyed almonds. The same flavours are apparent in the mouth where they are joined by a touch of green melon. Bright and vivid acid lifts the broad palate and keeps it fresh and vibrant, adding a pithy lemon zest nuance too. Impressively concentrated fruit and lingering flavours. Beautifully balanced and rich.
- Pegasus Bay Sauvignon Semillion 2015** Waipara Valley, New Zealand **£55.00**
A very concentrated full-tilt take on the style. A wealth of ripe lemon, cool herbs and bright tropical fruit accents as well as papaya on the palate. Flesh and acidity are well matched
(Nick Stock, jamesuckling.com)

ROSE

- Chateau Pesquie Terrasses Rose** Rhone, France **£34.50**
A blend of 50% Cinsault, 40% Grenache and 10% Syrah.
Very pale rose, bright and limpid. Fresh red berries and citrus fruits on the nose. On the palate, an intricate balance and freshness with aromas of gooseberries, raspberries and citrus with hidden floral notes.

RED

Conde Valdemar 100% Garnacha 2012 Rioja, Spain **£35.00**
Intensely expressive on the nose, with red berry aromas and mineral notes. A hugely aromatic wine which doesn't disappoint on the palate, punching with powerful and complex fruits and ripe tannins in unison.

Bodegas Valdemar 'Balcon de Pilatos' Maturana 2016 Rioja, Spain **£59.50**
This unique wine is packed with black fruit, coffee, cocoa and subtle spicy notes. On the palate, it combines Rioja flesh with an almost Pauillac-like refinement and acidity, that ensures it remains lively despite its great weight and density. The finish is poised, aromatic and very long.

La Gravette de Certan 2006 Pomerol, France **£175.00**
Showing a beautiful ruby hue, the melange of truffle, red berries, plum and dark cherries pops up with little effort. The fruit displays a spicy quality, with a beautiful purity in its essence. But the palate is perhaps the best part of the experience with its silky, lush, voluptuous textures. 2006 is one of the few vintages when the blend mirrors the vineyard planting. 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir 2016 Waipara Valley, New Zealand **£75.00**
Super vibrant with plenty of earthy forest floor aromas as well as toasted spices. The palate reveals a core of pristine dark cherry fruit flavour, beautifully judged ripe tannins and a level of effortless depth that singles out as a consistently great New Zealand pinot noir

Le Tetre Roteboeuf Grand Cru 1996 St-Emilion, France **£295.00**
This is an outstanding wine produced in the tell-tale style of this well-placed hillside vineyard. The colour is a deep ruby and the nose offers up hedonistic notes of smoky, crème brulee, roasted coffee and chocolate covered cherries. This medium-bodied wine is exhibiting more structure, muscle than I remember from cask. Sweet aromatics revealing moderate tannin in the very good finish.

(90 Robert Parker - Wine Advocate)