

WINES BY THE GLASS

CHAMPAGNE

125ml glass

Bouché Pere et Fils Cuvée Réservee Brut NV	£8.00
Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale, N.V.	£8.00

SPARKLING WINE

125ml glass

Prosecco Extra Dry, Vigneti Fantinel	£5.00
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WHITE

175ml glass / 250ml glass

Cave de Masse Colombard-Ugni Blanc	£4.50 / £6.60
Château Montcabrier Sauvignon Blanc-Sémillon	£4.90 / £7.15
Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Sainte-Anne	£5.35 / £7.90
Viognier, La Campagne, VdP d'Oc	£5.70 / £8.10
Domaine Begude V.D.P. d'Oc Sauvignon Blanc	£5.80 / £8.25
Muscadet de Sevre et Maine, La Doussiniere	£5.80 / £8.25
Pinot Grigio, Vinuva, Provincia di Pavia, Italy	£6.40 / £9.10
Fair Horizons, Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa	£6.75 / £9.60
Bourgogne Chardonnay, Couvent des Jacobins, Louis Jadot	£7.80 / £11.10

ROSÉ

Alexis Lichine Rose	£4.50 / £6.60
Domaine Begude Pinot Noir	£5.60 / £8.00
Château de Beaulieu, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence	£5.80 / £8.25

RED

Cave de Masse Carignan-Merlot	£4.50 / £6.60
Château Haut Roudier, Bordeaux	£5.35 / £7.60
Don Jacobo Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Corral, Spain	£6.15 / £8.75
Côtes du Rhône, Château de Montfaucon	£6.50 / £9.25
Little B, Médoc	£7.30 / £10.45
Fleurie Château de Fleurie, E. Loron et Fils	£7.55 / £10.75
Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Ropiteau Freres	£7.80 / £11.10

Please note: wines also available in a smaller 125ml glass

SPARKLING WINE

75cl Bottle

Prosecco Extra Dry, Vigneti Fantinel

£20.00

A lovely spumante Prosecco which was inspired by Mario 'Paron' Fantinel when he set up this winery in NE Italy in 1969. Vigneti Fantinel also own several restaurants throughout Italy championing traditional quality local produce.

CHAMPAGNE

Half Bottle / 75cl Bottle

Bouché Pere et Fils Cuvée Réservee Brut NV. *RB*

£19.50 / £41.00

Small, family owned Champagne House founded in 1920. Mostly Chardonnay with small amounts of Pinots Noir and Meunier carefully selected from 9 different 'crus'

Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale, N.V. *RB*

£39.00

Traditionally made in Chalons-en-Champagne since 1825 with Chardonnay and Pinot grapes, it is aged for a minimum of three years.

Bouché Pere et fils Rosé Brut NV

£45.00

Vividly pink using the method of adding red wine and beautifully crafted by fourth generation winemaker brothers José and Pierre Bouché.

Bollinger Special Cuvée, N.V.

£65.00

Madame Bollinger once said of this Champagne: "I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When in company it is obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it, unless I'm thirsty.

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut, NV

£70.00

Founded in 1772 by Philippe Clicquot-Muiron, Veuve Clicquot played an important role in establishing Champagne as a favoured drink of haute bourgeoisie and nobility throughout Europe.

Cuvée Dom Pérignon Vintage

£123.00

Exclusively vintage Champagne, unique but timeless.

Krug Grande Cuvée

£123.00

Still using small cask fermentation, and grapes harvested over a number of years, ensures a Champagne of the highest possible quality.

VIN BLANC

50cl Carafe / 75cl Bottle

Cave de Masse Colombard-Ugni Blanc

£12.50 / £18.50

This popular long standing wine remains undiminished with time. The wines are blended and bottled to meet the requirements by Le Grand Chais using traditional and classic Mediterranean grapes. (Colombard)

Château Montcabrier Sauvignon Blanc-Sémillon

£19.95

This historic property has a very modern outlook. Wines are fermented at low temperature to retain fruit and freshness whilst keeping true to its roots. It offers the 'best of both worlds' (Sauvignon Blanc)

Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Sainte-Anne

£22.50

This small, single domaine near the town of Pinet has made wine here for several generations. Picpoul is one of the permitted grape varieties in Chateauneuf-du-Pape and translates as 'lip stinger!' (Picpoul)

Viognier, La Campagne, VdP d'Oc

£24.00

A grape that hails from the Northern Rhone, made in a very accessible style by eccentric winemaker Xavier Roger, son of the famous Loire winemaker Jean Max Roger (Viognier).

Domaine Begude V.D.P. d'Oc Sauvignon Blanc

£16.50 / £24.50

Wine has been produced on this small property just outside the medieval town of Carcassonne since 1530 due to a unique micro-climate made possible by the formation of the foothills. (Sauvignon Blanc).

Muscadet de Sevre et Maine, La Doussiniere

£24.50

Beautifully situated vineyards in the western Loire Valley, made entirely from Melon de Bourgogne grapes, originally from Burgundy that were planted centuries ago in this area (Muscadet).

Vidal Estate, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand

£26.00

Marlborough has become New Zealand's most important and premium region for Sauvignon Blanc. George Fistonich bought Vidal in 1976 and promptly opened the 1st winery restaurant here in 1979 (Sauvignon Blanc)

Macon-Villages, Beauvernon, Thorin

£26.50

Maison Thorin was founded in 1843 by Benoit Thorin and work with more than 450 wine growers. One of the most respected wineries in the region. (Chardonnay).

VIN BLANC continued

75cl Bottle

<p>Pinot Grigio, Vinuva, Provincia di Pavia, Italy <i>Grigio is the colour grey in Italian and reflects the colour of the grapes. Vinuva grow their grapes with no use of synthetic herbicides, fertilisers and pesticides, resulting in a very naturally made wine. (Pinot Grigio).</i></p>	£26.95
<p>Fair Horizons, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa <i>Supporters of the Fairhills Project Trust, the biggest Fairtrade project in the world. For every bottle sold, a contribution goes directly to the workers to be used to develop schools and community centres. (Sauvignon Blanc).</i></p>	£28.50
<p>Wynn's Riesling, Coonawarra, Australia <i>With history back to the 1860's, Wynn's winery was founded by John Riddoch. He soon realised that different soil and aspect suited different grape varieties (as in France), and planted accordingly, creating wines of great character and quality. (Riesling)</i></p>	£29.00
<p>Bourgogne Chardonnay, Couvent des Jacobins, Louis Jadot <i>RB</i> <i>Made with predominantly high quality Cote d'Or Chardonnay grapes by Jaques Lardiere, one of the most esteemed winemakers in Burgundy giving very expressive wines indicative of the terroir. (Chardonnay).</i></p>	£33.00
<p>Sancerre, Les Collinettes, Joseph Mellot <i>RB</i> <i>From Sauvignon Blanc grapes grown round the village of Sancerre. Passed from generation to generation since 1513, this was the 1st winery in the region to attain ISO14001 for environmental management systems. (Sauvignon Blanc).</i></p>	£33.00
<p>Chablis, Gloire de Chablis, J Moreau et Fils <i>Moreau et Fils have been making top quality Chablis since 1814 when a young cooper (Moreau) married a local winemaker's daughter and are consistently making some of the best examples of this wine. (Chardonnay).</i></p>	£33.00
<p>Meursault 'Limozin', Ropiteau Freres <i>The name Ropiteau is synonymous with Meursault ever since Jean Ropiteau bought his first house, vineyard and cellar there in 1848. All the grapes are hand-harvested, then fermented and aged in barrels. (Chardonnay).</i></p>	£50.30
<p>Puligny Montrachet Loius Jadot <i>Winemaker Jacques Lardier has completed 43 vintages with Louis Jadot and is regarded as one of France's brilliant, passionate and inspired winemakers. Many of the grapes are sourced from the 1er Cru vineyard Blagny, bolstering the quality. (Chardonnay).</i></p>	£50.80

VIN ROSÉ

75cl Bottle

Alexis Lichine Rose

£18.50

Alexis Lichine was born in Moscow in 1913, his family fled to France during the Russian Revolution of 1917. In 1951 he purchased Chateau Prieure-Linchine and became part-owner and manager of Chateau Lascombes. (Cinsault Rose).

Château de Beaulieu, Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

£24.50

Made from Syrah and Cinsault grapes hand-harvested from the extensive grounds of the historic Chateau de Beaulieu in Provence, one of the oldest properties in the area. (Syrah, Cinsault).

Domaine Begude Pinot Noir

£25.00

Wine has been produced on this small property just outside the medieval town of Carcassonne since 1530 due to the unique micro-climate made possible by the formation of the foothills. (Pinot Noir).

RED FRIDGE

75cl Bottle

Cave de Masse Carignan-Merlot

£18.50

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Fleurie Château de Fleurie, E. Loron et Fils

£31.00

Made from 100% Gamay, Fleurie is the most celebrated of the 10 Beaujolais Crus. The charming 18th century chateau is owned by the Loron family which is surrounded by 22 hectares of vineyards, some of the best in the Cru (Gamay).

Brouilly, Domaine des Dames de la Roche

£33.00

This property dates back to the 12th century and lies in the heart of the cru. The soil in Beaujolais is particularly granitic which encourages the Gamay grape. The winemakers insists that the average age of the vines is at least 45 years. (Gamay).

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Ropiteau Freres RB

£33.00

Grapes are carefully selected from the Cote d'Or, particularly around Beaune. Ropiteau Freres is considered to be a reliably good producer. (Pinot Noir).

VIN ROUGE

50cl Carafe / 75cl Bottle

Cave de Masse Carignan-Merlot

£12.50 / £18.50

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Château Haut Roudier, Bordeaux

£15.15 / £22.50

A Merlot dominated claret from a small holding of 7.5 hectares in the commune of Maransin, north of Libourne. Family owned, reliable and always good value (Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot).

Château Maris Organic Syrah

£19.50

Produced by Bertie Eden who makes his wines according to biodynamics: a step beyond organic with a philosophy that sees the soil, the plants, the animals that live there, the people that pick, press and ferment the grapes and the juices in the tank as part of a living system. (Syrah).

Domaine Begude, Pinot Noir

£24.50

James Kinglake fulfilled a lifetime's dream and bought Domaine Begude in 2003. This award winning vineyard has been organically farmed for the last 30 years, and wine has been produced on this historic estate since the 16th century. (Pinot Noir).

Don Jacobo Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Corral, Rioja, Spain

£17.50 / £26.10

Bodegas Corral is the only winery in La Rioja where the original pilgrim way 'Ruta Jacobea' passes by, hence the wine being called Don Jacobo. (Tempranillo).

Drostdy-Hof Pinotage, Western Cape, South Africa

£26.50

The historic De Oude Drostdy house at the foot of the Winterhoek Mountains was completed in 1804 and is now a national monument and museum, showing the importance of Drostdy-Hof as a winery. Pinotage is uniquely South African and is a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsaut. (Pinotage)

Côtes du Rhône, Château de Montfaucon

£27.50

Rodolphe de Pins runs this 11th century château having first cut his teeth in Australia, California and the mighty "Vieux Télégraphe" Châteauneuf across the river. (Syrah).

Château Bellevue Peycharneau, Bordeaux Supérieur

£29.90

The Laulan family use the same techniques as first growth properties for this wine. The grapes are grown on a small 31-acre vineyard on the east side of the Gironde river, near Bergerac. (Cabernet Sauvignon/Franc & Merlot).

VIN ROUGE continued

50cl Carafe / 75cl Bottle

<p>Fleurie Château de Fleurie, E. Loron et Fils</p> <p><i>Made from 100% Gamay, Fleurie is the most celebrated of the 10 Beaujolais Crus. The charming 18th century chateau is owned by the Loron family which is surrounded by 22 hectares of vineyards, some of the best in the Cru (Gamay).</i></p>	£31.00
<p>Domaine Maris 'La Touge' Minervois La Livinière <i>RB</i></p> <p><i>Domaine Maris is at the centre of Bertie Eden's Languedoc operation. The great nephew of Sir Anthony Eden makes his wines using biodynamic methods: organic and no pesticides or herbicides. (Syrah).</i></p>	£31.00
<p>Little B, Médoc <i>RB</i></p> <p><i>This modern Médoc is the creation of winemaker Bruno Secret, produced from the younger vines of the prestigious Château Bournac and aged in American oak. (Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot).</i></p>	£32.00
<p>Brouilly, Domaine des Dames de la Roche</p> <p><i>This property dates back to the 12th century and lies in the heart of the cru. The soil in Beaujolais is particularly granitic which encourages the Gamay grape. The winemakers insists that the average age of the vines is at least 45 years. (Gamay).</i></p>	£33.00
<p>Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Ropiteau Freres <i>RB</i></p> <p><i>Grapes are carefully selected from the Cote d'Or, particularly around Beaune. Ropiteau Freres is considered to be a reliably good producer. (Pinot Noir).</i></p>	£33.00
<p>Château Maris Old Vine Grenache</p> <p><i>Domaine Maris is at the centre of Bertie Eden's Languedoc operation. The great nephew of Sir Anthony Eden makes his wines using biodynamic methods: organic and no pesticides or herbicides. (Grenache).</i></p>	£35.50
<p>Château Martinat, Côtes de Bourg</p> <p><i>Made from 40-year-old vines from a tiny estate belonging to the outstanding winemaker Stephane Donze. (Merlot/Malbec).</i></p>	£36.00
<p>Chateau des Bardes St Emilion Grand Cru</p> <p><i>The 2nd wine of Chateau Boutisse, revered by the wine critics. Xavier Milhade uses slightly younger vines and less oak to produce a more accessible wine than the famous Grand Vin. (Merlot/Cabernet Franc).</i></p>	£38.00

VIN FIN

Though I source all our French wines direct from small vineyards, some of our guests have requested some fine wines. These are in many ways easier to find but harder to bring in directly. They are by their nature also much more expensive, much like famous brand items in shops. I have found buying small quantities directly too difficult but there is something I can do about price. Most restaurants work on a percentage system; the more expensive the wine the bigger the mark up. I find this a rather unfair way of treating my guests. So my simple solution is to have a maximum mark up, this way we only add a maximum cash amount leaving the selling price extremely reasonable. Judge for yourself and try and find these wines cheaper in other restaurants, you will find us substantially cheaper. Santé!



WHITE BURGUNDY

75cl Bottle

Pouilly Fuissé, 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Auvigue 2009

£57.50

Domaine Auvigue is located in the village of Charnay-lès-Mâcon, south of the Côte d'Or and north of Beaujolais in the verdant area known as Mâcon. Brothers Jean-Pierre and Michel Auvigue, who run the estate, are considered to be among the best winemakers in the region. They are specialists in white wine and Pouilly Fuissé, as were their father and grandfather before them. (Chardonnay).

Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru,
Côte de Beaune, Vincent Girardin 2006

£99.00

Tracing his roots in the region back to the 17th century, Vincent Girardin was born in Santenay and started modestly with two hectares in 1982. Having since inherited his father's vineyards he has gone from strength to strength, even making it into the Wine Spectator's top 100. This Corton reminds us why so many people fell in love with Chardonnay and why Burgundians still make the best examples. A very good year in Burgundy and drinking well now but will improve. (Chardonnay).

BORDEAUX

75cl Bottle

Château Talbot, Cru Classé, St Julien, 2006

£80.50

Allegedly named after the general who lost Aquitaine to the French, maybe because he went into battle having sworn not to bear arms against them. Talbot is now run by the daughters of the formidable Jean Cordier. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot).

Château Batailley, 5me Cru Classé, Pauillac, 2005

£80.50

The vineyards of Batailley today comprise about 57 hectares and are positioned a few kilometers inland, largely to the west of the Pauillac. Batailley is the larger sibling of neighboring Haut-Batailley, the two estates having split in 1942. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc).

Château Pontet-Canet, Cru Classé, Pauillac, 2007

£95.70

For four generations the Tesseron family have tended this vineyard which now boasts a balance of respect for tradition and science. Of the 2001 vintage many great things have been said. James Suckling in Wine Spectator rated it simply as "the best Pontet-Canet ever". The 2001 is drinking well from 2007. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc).

RHONE / BURGUNDY

75cl Bottle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Grand Tinel, 2009

£62.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is firmly entwined with history, dating back to 1308. Viticulture of the area had been initiated and maintained by the Bishops of Avignon, largely for local consumption. The village and three other surrounding communes produce wine. Domaine du Grand Tinel is now run by two old and well known families, Jeune and Establet, who can trace their ancestors back to the 14th century.

Nuits St Georges, 1er Cru la Richemone, Domaine Alain Michelot, 2007

£91.50

After the untimely death of his father in 1966, the young Alain Michelot inherited the estate and has tended his vines with immaculate and loving care ever since. The domaine owns approximately 20 acres of vineyards and the majority are on the slopes overlooking his home town of Nuits St Georges. (Pinot Noir).