

THE GEORGE

of Stamford

WINE LIST

The aim of this wine list is to offer the most interesting wines we can find. 'Interesting' means characterful, individual, intriguing – not simply classic.

Our pricing favours the better bottles – we use a 'cash mark-up system', taking a much lower percentage on the more expensive wines. We hope this encourages you to experiment.

An asterisk* by the wine means it is also available in magnums, although perhaps in a different vintage.

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MAGNUMS

CHAMPAGNE

514	TAITTINGER, Brut Réserve <i>The epitome of delicacy. The George's favourite for over 40 years</i>	£150.00
515	NOCTURNE by TAITTINGER <i>A softer, rounder cuvée – simply delicious from breakfast to bedtime!</i>	£150.00
516	TAITTINGER ROSÉ, Brut Prestige <i>Bright and vibrant in colour and flavour. 15% Pinot Noir (made as red wine) is added to the blend</i>	£160.00
517	KRUG, Grande Cuvée <i>Blended from multiple vintages and vineyards, aged for 7 years, aiming for ultimate quality</i>	£550.00

SPARKLING WINE

518	NYETIMBER, Classic Cuvée. West Sussex, England <i>Extremely crisp, but with real depth and richness. Compares well with serious Champagne</i>	£150.00
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519	2021 SANCERRE BLANC, Firmin Dezat. Loire Valley <i>A very French style of Sauvignon – gently aromatic, medium-bodied, serious</i>	£93.00
520	2022 SAUVIGNON BLANC, Greywacke. Marlborough, New Zealand <i>Perfect example of the genre; from the founder and ex-winemaker of Cloudy Bay</i>	£95.00
521	2021 GAVI DI GAVI, Montessoro, La Giustiana. Piedmont, Italy <i>The Montessoro vineyard produces a classic Gavi that also, unusually, matures well</i>	£100.00
522	2016 CHABLIS, 1er Cru Vaulorent, Nathalie et Gilles Fèvre. Burgundy <i>2016 was an excellent year for Chablis and this has all the flinty backbone and subtle minerality that you would expect from a top quality Premier Cru example</i>	£160.00

ROSÉ

526	2022 AIX. Côteaux D'Aix en Provence <i>Archetypal Provence rosé: very pale, very dry and very well suited to summer lunches in the courtyard!</i>	£90.00
527	2022 MIRAVAL ROSÉ. Côtes de Provence <i>This is the notorious 'Brangelina' wine – and surprisingly it's both excellent and good value</i>	£105.00

MAGNUMS . . . continued

RED

530	2019 CHATEAU FONTARÈCHE, Vieilles Vignes. Corbieres, Languedoc <i>Soft, round, easy-drinking style with plenty of spice and character</i>	£78.00
531	2015 CHIANTI, Podere il Chiostrino. Tuscany <i>From the family vineyards of Ivo Vannocci; honest and full of flavour</i>	£78.00
532	2016 Château TEYSSIER. Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux <i>The villages next to St Emilion offer the best value. Plummy, spicy, complex</i>	£92.00
533	2013 Château LA CROIX DES MOINES. Lalande de Pomerol <i>An approachable, charming Merlot from an area that still produces genuinely good value</i>	£92.00
535	2019 QUINTA DE LA ROSA. Douro, Portugal <i>Gutsy & powerful but (unusually for Portugal) also sleek and polished</i>	£88.00
537	2011 LE SOULA, Gérard Gauby. Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes, South of France <i>Blend of Cabernet, Grenache, Syrah and Carignan grapes. A low-yielding, organic vineyard in Roussillon producing a dense, intense, seriously impressive red</i>	£112.00
538	2009 RIOJA, Tondonia Tinto Reserva. Rioja, Spain <i>The most traditional house in Rioja – long oak ageing; now pale, gentle and mature</i>	£126.00
539	2020 LA GROLA, Allegrini. Veneto, Italy <i>A turbo-charged Valpolicella – bright and lively but with power and intensity too</i>	£110.00
540	2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE, Cuvée Réserve, Roger Sabon. Rhône <i>Broad, generous, rich, spicy Grenache</i>	£130.00
567	2015 BEAUNE, 1er Cru Les Theurons, Louis Jadot. Burgundy <i>A very typical Beaune: medium-bodied, under-stated and subtly delicious</i>	£180.00
568	2012 CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY, 1er Cru Les Sentiers, Louis Jadot. Burgundy <i>Chambolle is all about elegance and finesse. This is a fine example, just reaching maturity.</i>	£210.00
571	2009 CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY, 5ème Cru Classé. Pauillac, Bordeaux <i>The unmistakable cedar and tobacco of bottle-aged Bordeaux from the 'left bank'. Beautiful</i>	£270.00
572	2012 NUITS-ST-GEORGES, 1er Cru Les Vaucrains, Louis Jadot. Burgundy <i>The sturdiest, most serious Burgundy appellation; but in a ripe vintage. Give it air</i>	£275.00
573	2018 CEPPARELLO, Isole e Olena, Paolo De Marchi. Tuscany, Italy <i>Top vintage of this 'Super Tuscan' from a great winemaker; decant in advance</i>	£320.00
574	2009 CLOS DE LA ROCHE, Grand Cru, Domaine Lignier-Michelot. Burgundy <i>Absolutely classic example of the ripe and charming 2009 vintage</i>	£570.00

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINE

CHAMPAGNE

1	LE MESNIL, Grand Cru, Blanc de Blancs <i>Ultra-fresh, crisp, elegant Chardonnay</i>	£72.00
3*	TAITTINGER, Brut Réserve <i>The epitome of delicacy. The George's favourite for over 40 years</i>	£75.00
4*	NOCTURNE by TAITTINGER <i>A softer, rounder cuvée – simply delicious from breakfast to bedtime!</i>	£79.00
5*	TAITTINGER ROSÉ, Brut Prestige <i>Bright and vibrant in colour and flavour. 15% Pinot Noir (made as red wine) is added to the blend</i>	£75.00
6	BOLLINGER, Special Cuvée <i>Bollinger combines austerity and intensity. A serious and complex Champagne</i>	£90.00
7	2015 VEUVE CLICQUOT <i>Veuve is at its best in the Vintage Cuvée. And 2015 was a rich, powerful vintage</i>	£125.00
8a	2011 COMTES DE CHAMPAGNE, Blanc de Blancs, Taittinger <i>The most consistently brilliant, pure Chardonnay made in the region. Always a treat</i>	£250.00
8b	2006 COMTES DE CHAMPAGNE ROSÉ, Taittinger <i>Rarely seen, Comtes Rosé is all about perfume and finesse; matured for 10 years on the lees</i>	£300.00
9*	KRUG, Grande Cuvée <i>Blended from multiple vintages and vineyards, aged for 7 years, aiming for ultimate quality</i>	£325.00
10	2013 DOM PÉRIGNON, Vintage Brut <i>By contrast with Krug, 'Dom' is pure hedonism. Rich, open, immediately impressive</i>	£325.00

SPARKLING WINE

274	PROSECCO, Spumante, Ca'Morlin. Conegliano e Valdobbiadene, Italy <i>Fully sparkling version of this soft, light north Italian classic. Top quality</i>	£47.00
275*	NYETIMBER, Classic Cuvée. West Sussex, England <i>Extremely crisp, but with real depth and richness. Compares well with serious Champagne</i>	£75.00
276	NYETIMBER ROSÉ. West Sussex, England <i>Pretty pink in colour, this is fruity and charming whilst also dry and thirst-quenching</i>	£82.00
277	2009 NYETIMBER '1086', Prestige Cuvée. West Sussex, England	£200.00
278	2010 ROSÉ NYETIMBER '1086', Prestige Cuvée. West Sussex, England <i>Two world-class 'Prestige Cuvées' from Nyetimber, pioneers of top quality English sparkling wines. These two newly launched wines were named '1086' to honour the year the vineyard's estate was first mentioned in the Domesday book. They really do bear comparison with the very finest Champagnes</i>	£240.00

WHITE WINE

FRANCE - The South

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| 11 | 2022 PICPOUL DE PINET, Domaine Font Mars. Languedoc
<i>The best of modern France; crisp and lively but no lack of character and interest</i> | £39.00 |
| 13 | 2022 VIOGNIER, Château La Bastide. Aude Hauterive, Languedoc
<i>Light but textured; easy-drinking, delicious example of Viognier</i> | £49.00 |
| 14 | 2017 LE SOULA BLANC. Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes
<i>Serious, intense, dry white from biodynamic vineyards in the Roussillon. Organic</i> | £76.00 |

BURGUNDY

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| 15 | 2022 SAINT-VÉРАН, Michel Chavet
<i>Clean and fresh but nicely rounded. Easy-drinking and charming white Burgundy</i> | £44.00 |
| 16 | 2021 MÂCON LOCHÉ, Famille Cordier
<i>An outstanding, small, organic estate. Ripe and buttery but no oak – perfect Mâconnais</i> | £54.00 |
| 18 | 2021 MONTAGNY, 1er Cru Grappe D'Or, Domaine Feuillat-Juillot
<i>From the Châlonnais region, south of the Côte de Beaune. Light and elegant</i> | £60.00 |
| 19 | 2020 BOURGOGNE BLANC, Philippe Bouzereau
<i>From an excellent producer in Meursault – creamy, gentle, very fine</i> | £60.00 |
| 20 | 2018 POUILLY FUISSÉ, Les Raidillons, Sebastien Giroux
<i>The most famous village in the Mâconnais. Big and powerful, this improves given time in the glass</i> | £60.00 |
| 21 | 2020 CHABLIS, 1er Cru Vaillons, Domaine Besson
<i>Excellent 1er Cru vineyard. Cool, crisp and fresh – classic Chablis style</i> | £62.00 |
| 22 | 2020 MEURSAULT, Cuvée Maxime, Domaine Latour-Giraud
<i>This has power and weight, but it's not in the heavy, oaky style of old</i> | £100.00 |
| 24 | 2020 CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET, Jean-Philippe Fichet
<i>Fichet makes fine, elegant, delicate Burgundy. Give it a chance to open in the glass</i> | £110.00 |
| 25 | 2018 PULIGNY-MONTRACHET, 1er Cru 'Champ Canet', Pernot-Belicard
<i>The understated finesse that is the Puligny hallmark. Let it open up in the glass</i> | £125.00 |

RHÔNE

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| 26 | 2021 DOMAINE DE L'ESPIGOUETTE. Côtes du Rhône Blanc
<i>Viognier, Grenache and Marsanne – perfumed and rich, but fresh too.</i> | £45.00 |
| 27 | 2022 ROUSSANNE, Les Vignes d'à Côté, Yves Cuilleron
<i>Floral, heady, ultra-charming example of an under-rated grape variety</i> | £56.00 |
| 28 | 2020 CONDRIEU, Les Terrasses du Palat, François Villard
<i>Tiny and sought-after area, the home of the notoriously difficult Viognier grape. This one successfully combines heady perfume, delicacy and intensity</i> | £79.00 |

WHITE WINE . . . continued

LOIRE

- 29 2022 MUSCADET, Sèvre et Maine, Sur Lie, Domaine Haut Pemions £43.00
The revival of a long neglected appellation; there's no better wine for seafood
- 30 2021 SAUVIGNON DE TOURAINE, Bonnigal-Bodet £46.00
Aromatic, bone dry, grassy, chalky: a mini Sancerre at a great price
- 32 2017 VOUVRAY, Les Pierres Rousses, Gaudron £52.00
Medium-dry (but also lemony fresh) Chenin Blanc – top quality
- 33 2022 SANCERRE, Terre de Maimbray, Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy £56.00
All the stony, mineral complexity of classic French Sauvignon Blanc. Very different to the NZ style
- 35 2018 SAUMUR BLANC, Clos de Guichaux, Domaine Guiberteau £90.00
Oak-matured Chenin of intensity and power. Really opens up in the glass
- 36 2018 BUISSON RENARD, Blanc Fumé de Pouilly, Domaine Didier Dagueneau £150.00
Dagueneau is the most sought-after producer in the Loire. Didier's son Benjamin makes highly concentrated, serious examples of Sauvignon Blanc. They benefit from decanting; aromas and flavours really come out given air and a slightly higher temperature
- 36a 2019 SILEX, Blanc Fumé de Pouilly, Domaine Didier Dagueneau £185.00
This is Benjamin's flagship cuvée, from a biodynamic vineyard on flint ('silex'), matured in oak
- 36b 2018 PUR SANG, Blanc Fumé de Pouilly, Domaine Didier Dagueneau £150.00
Pur Sang means thoroughbred. Also aged in wood, this is softer, riper and rounder than the Silex

ALSACE

- 38 2019 PINOT BLANC AUXERROIS, Domaine Albert Mann £52.00
Soft, spicy and gentle – but no lack of freshness. Alsace wine to suit all tastes. Organic
- 39 2022 GEWURZTRAMINER, Christophe Mittnacht £56.00
Intensely spicy (and medium dry) example of this most perfumed, idiosyncratic variety. Organic

AUSTRIA

- 302 2022 GRÜNER VELTLINER, Loimer, Kamptal, Austria £48.00
Dry and lively; textured but peppery. Such a versatile food wine
- 305 2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC, Gamlitz, Sattlerhof, Styria, Austria £52.00
Sauvignon of rare intensity and refinement. Really worth the leap of faith!

WHITE WINE . . . continued

SOUTH AFRICA

- 49 2019 CHENIN BLANC, Artspace, Saronsberg. Coastal Region, SA £44.00
Bright, lively and (extremely) easy-drinking; just a hint of New World sunshine
- 51 2021 VIOGNIER, The Foundry. Stellenbosch £52.00
Brilliant example of the great Rhône grape. Less aromatic than some examples but concentrated, fresh and long. A really versatile food wine
- 52 2022 CHARDONNAY, Southend Vineyard, Netwon Johnson. Hemel-en-Aarde. £59.00
Elegant, under-stated, gently oaky Chardonnay from cool-climate Walker Bay
- 54 2022 OLD VINES WHITE, Mullineux. Swartland £65.00
Old vines making Chenin like you have (probably) never tasted – rich and impressive

NEW ZEALAND

- 56 2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC, 'Annabel', Staete Landt. Marlborough £45.00
Under-stated and unusually delicate example of this classic style
- 57 2017 GRUNER VELTLINER, Blank Canvas. Marlborough £51.00
Beautifully refined example of the key Austrian grape. Savoury and gently spiced
- 58 2021 CHARDONNAY, Trinity Hill, Hawkes Bay £58.00
Fresh, vigorous, lively Chardonnay from brilliant winemaker Warren Gibson
- 59 2021 WILD SAUVIGNON, Greywacke. Marlborough £60.00
Wild yeast and oak fermentation make for a fascinating and unusual Sauvignon style

AUSTRALIA

- 60 2019 ROCKY GULLY RIESLING, Frankland Estate. Western Australia £43.00
Dry Riesling – crisp, lively and brilliant with or without food
- 60a 2021 CHARDONNAY, Three Lions, Plantagenet. Western Australia £46.00
A pretty classic example – full of open, delicious, fruit
- 61 2022 'SPRINGVALE' RIESLING, Grosset. Clare Valley, South Australia £70.00
Ultra-crisp, dry Riesling. Perfect with seafood or anything slightly spiced

SOUTH AMERICA

- 62 2022 SAUVIGNON BLANC, De Martino. Casablanca Valley, Chile £39.00
Very classy Sauvignon from coastal Casablanca. Less 'obvious' than NZ examples
- 63 2021 TORRONTES, Colomé. Calchaqui Valley, Salta, Argentina £48.00
Torrantes is comparable to really dry Muscat: floral perfume and zingily fresh flavours

CALIFORNIA

- 65 2021 PINOT GRIS / PINOT BLANC, Au Bon Climat. Santa Barbara £53.00
Richly textured but unoaked. Lively but creamy. A very modern California white
- 66 2019 WILD BOY CHARDONNAY, Jim Clendennen. Santa Barbara £57.00
Rich but balanced Chardonnay from the original 'wild boy' of the California wine scene
- 68 2019 CHARDONNAY, Red Shoulder Ranch, Shafer. Napa Valley £79.00
Hedonistically rich and powerful – uniquely Californian and brilliant of that style

WHITE WINE . . . continued

ITALY

- 71 2022 PINOT GRIGIO, Quindi. Pavia, Lombardy £39.00
Perfect example of the style; light, softly textured, gentle and ultra-easy-to-drink
- 72 2022 GAVI DI GAVI, 'Vigneti Lugarara', La Giustiniana. Piedmont £46.00
The quintessential Italian dry white: clean, crisp, elegant
- 73 2021 PECORINO, Gran Sasso. Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo £48.00
Rare native varietal. Spicy richness with appetizing freshness beneath
- 74 2021 FIANO, La Rivolta. Taburno Sannia, Campania £50.00
Disarmingly drinkable – delicacy, liveliness and intensity all combined
- 77 2021 SHARJS, Livio Felluga. Friuli £55.00
*Blend of Chardonnay and Ribolla Gialla, aged in French oak.
International style, very classy*
- 78 2021 SOAVE CLASSICO SUPERIORE, "La Rocca", Pieropan. Veneto £67.00
The greatest expression of Soave. Garganega grapes aged in old oak. Rich but fine

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

- 80 2021 QUINTA DE LA ROSA BRANCO. Douro, Portugal £49.00
Grapes planted for white Port, now producing delicately rich white wine
- 81 2022 ALBARINO, Turonia. Rias Baixas, Spain £58.00
One of Galicia's finest producers – zesty and vibrant but nicely concentrated too
- 82 2011 VINA TONDONIA, Blanco Reserva. Rioja, Spain £78.00
Unique and very traditional style – 5 years in oak; nutty and complex

GREECE

- 83 2022 ASSYRTIKO, Domaine Lyrarakis. Crete, Greece £45.00
Greece's most prized white grape variety. Smoky, salty, spicy – outstanding food wine

LEBANON

- 83a 2021 MASSAYA BLANC. Lebanon £50.00
Faintly exotic but delightfully quaffable white from the irrepressible Sami Ghosn

ENGLAND

- 84 2021 HORSMONDEN, Will Davenport. Kent, England £45.00
The most enjoyable English still white wine we have tried. Aromatically very like a Sauvignon Blanc (that's the Bacchus element) and although it's light and delicate there is genuine minerality and complexity. Organic

ROSÉ

ROSÉ WINE

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| 254 | 2022 CHÂTEAU FONTARÈCHE ROSÉ, Vieilles Vignes. Corbieres. Southern France
<i>Light, fruity, friendly, dry rosè – fantastic drinkability</i> | £39.00 |
| 256* | 2022 AIX. Côteaux D'Aix en Provence
<i>Archetypal Provence rosé: very pale, very dry and very well suited to summer lunches in the courtyard!</i> | £45.00 |
| 257* | 2022 MIRAVAL ROSÉ. Côtes de Provence
<i>This is the notorious 'Brangelina' wine – and surprisingly it's both excellent and good value</i> | £55.00 |

CHAMPAGNE

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| 5* | CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER ROSÉ, Brut Prestige
<i>Bright and vibrant in colour and flavour. 15% Pinot Noir (made as red wine) is added to the blend</i> | £75.00 |
| 8b | 2006 COMTES DE CHAMPAGNE ROSÉ, Taittinger
<i>Rarely seen, Comtes Rosé is all about perfume and finesse; matured for 10 years on the lees</i> | £300.00 |

SPARKLING WINE

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| 276 | NYETIMBER ROSÉ. West Sussex, England
<i>Pretty pink in colour, this is fruity and charming whilst also dry and thirst-quenching</i> | £82.00 |
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RED WINE

We serve red wine marginally cooler than room temperature

ITALY

85*	2015 CHIANTI, Podere Il Chriostino. Tuscany <i>From the family vineyards of Ivo Vannocci; honest and full of flavour</i>	£39.00
86	2022 NERO D'AVOLA, Paolina. Sicily <i>Gutsy, flavoursome, juicy example of Sicily's predominant red grape variety</i>	£42.00
86a	2021 VALPOLICELLA, Mont Zovo, Diego Cottini. Veneto <i>Bright and lively with a twist of bitter black cherry. Great drinking</i>	£45.00
87	2016 CANNONAU, Marghia, Jerzu. Sardinia <i>Cannonau is Sardinian Grenache (key grape of southern Rhône). Broad and generous</i>	£46.00
88	2020 CHIANTI CLASSICO, Isole e Olena. Tuscany <i>Medium-bodied, savoury and spicy; perfect with meat-based pasta dishes</i>	£54.00
89*	2019 LA GROLA, Allegrini. Valpolicella, Veneto <i>A turbo-charged Valpolicella – bright and lively but with power and intensity too</i>	£55.00
90	2018 BARBARESCO, Basarin, Adriano Marco e Vittorio. Piedmont <i>The refined perfume and powerful but under-stated style of the Nebbiolo grape</i>	£57.00
91	2017 SA'ETTA, Chianti Classico Riserva, Monte Bernardi. Tuscany <i>Sangiovese of power and elegance. Young, but impressive already. Organic</i>	£60.00
92	2020 AMARONE, Corte Giara. Valpolicella, Veneto <i>Air-dried grapes result in a uniquely intense and powerful style</i>	£67.00
93	2021 BARBERA D'ALBA SUPERIORE, G D Vajra. Piedmont <i>Barbera of this quality beats most Barolo – and you can drink it young</i>	£65.00
94	2019 BAROLO, Albe, G D Vajra. Piedmont <i>Relatively approachable for a young Barolo: there's sweet, briary fruit alongside the characteristically tannic structure of the Nebbiolo grape</i>	£75.00
103	2018 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, Poggio San Polo. Tuscany <i>Exceptional vintage and modern producer. This is rich, complex and intense</i>	£110.00
104	2014 VIGNA DEL SORBO, Chianti Riserva Gran Selezione, Fontodi. Tuscany <i>One of Tuscany's greats, from a superb, organic vineyard. Now approaching perfect maturity</i>	£135.00

SPAIN and PORTUGAL

106	2021 INÉDITO, Bodegas Lacus. Rioja, Spain <i>Fresh, modern and very charming example of the Tempranillo grape</i>	£43.00
107*	2020 QUINTA DE LA ROSA. Douro, Portugal <i>Gutsy & powerful but (unusually for Portugal) also rather sleek and polished</i>	£45.00
108	2018 CONTINO RESERVA, Cvne. Rioja, Spain <i>Perhaps the most elegant single estate wine in Rioja – comparable to fine Bordeaux</i>	£55.00
109	2019 ANTIDOTO, Bertrand Sourdais. Ribera del Duero <i>Lovely balance of oak and ripe fruit. Ribera matches Rioja for both quality and value</i>	£56.00
110	2019 QUINTA DE LA ROSA RESERVA. Douro Valley, Portugal <i>The concentration of top quality Port, but without the sweetness and alcohol</i>	£58.00
111	2018 MACÁN CLÁSICO, Bodegas Benjamin de Rothschild & Vega Sicilia. Rioja, Spain <i>Elegant, stylish, rather modern Rioja – very different to both 106 and 110</i>	£75.00
112	2017 PRIORAT, Ferrer-Bobet. Spain <i>Old vine Carinena and Garnacha; intense ripeness but no rough edges. Organic</i>	£82.00

RED WINE . . . continued

SOUTH AFRICA

- 114 2021 KLOOF STREET RED, Mullineux. Swartland £46.00
Medium-bodied, spicy, approachable Rhône blend from one of SA's top estates
- 115 2019 LE CHANT. Stellenbosch. £55.00
Fine, Bordeaux-style Cabernet, enlivened with a touch of both Syrah and Sangiovese
- 116 2018 SHIRAZ, Saronsberg. Tulbagh £60.00
Plush, juicy but lively Shiraz from a warm-climate region. Impressive

GREECE

- 117 2021 KOTSIFALI, 'Queen', Lyrarakis. Crete £42.00
Bright, lively red-fruited, spicy red from an indigenous Cretan grape variety

LEBANON

- 118 2020 LE COLOMBIER, Massaya £44.00
Grenache, Cinsault, Tempranillo blend – savoury, fresh, fascinating

USA

- 120 THE WHOLE SHEBANG, XII, Bedrock Wine Co. Sonoma, California £46.00
Multi-vintage blend of Zinfandel, Carignan and others. Peppery, lively and generous
- 121 2020 PINOT NOIR, Au Bon Climat. Santa Maria Valley, California £52.00
From the cool Santa Barbara region, a Pinot of real delicacy and elegance
- 122 2016 PINOT NOIR, Avni, Lingua Franca. Willamette Valley, Oregon £60.00
Interesting contrast with Au Bon Climat above. This is more earthy, spicy and Burgundian. It's made by sommelier Lary Stone with the help of Dominique Lafon (from Meursault).
- 124 2019 ZINFANDEL Old Vines, Turley. Napa Valley, California £62.00
Classic Zin (blackberry juice, spice, pepper): great food wine
- 125 2018 TD9, Shafer Vineyards. Napa Valley, California £77.00
Bordeaux-blend from a great estate. Big and powerful – have it decanted

SOUTH AMERICA

- 128 2020 BONARDA, Aguijon de Abeja, Durigutti. Catamarca, Argentina £44.00
Lively, bright, ultra-charming example of Argentina's second most planted red variety
- 129 2021 ORGANIC MALBEC, Pacheco Pereda. Mendoza, Argentina £45.00
A ripe, juicy but fresh style of Malbec – low on oak, high on drinkability
- 130 2021 PINOT NOIR, Montes Alpha. Aconcagua, Chile £46.00
Soft, ripe, charming Pinot from the ever-reliable Montes estate

AUSTRALIA

- 202 2019 JESTER SHIRAZ, Mitolo. McLaren Vale, South Australia £48.00
Big, ripe, juicy Shiraz – absolutely classic example
- 203 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Plantagenet. Mt Barker, Western Australia £56.00
Unusually elegant Aussie Cabernet; oak and fruit stylishly blended
- 205 2021 PINOT NOIR, Giant Steps. Yarra Valley, Victoria £60.00
Bright, aromatic, lively Pinot from a top quality, cool climate region
- 206 2017 NINE POPES, Charlie Melton. Barossa Valley, South Australia £95.00
In homage to Châteauneuf du Pape. Broad, ripe, spicy - very impressive

RED WINE . . . continued

RHÔNE

140	2019 CAIRANNE, La Côte Sauvage, Boutinot <i>Muscular and savoury Grenache from one of the best villages in the southern Rhône</i>	£46.00
141	2020 CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES, Plan de Dieu, Domaine de L'Espigouette <i>Plan de Dieu is an excellent but little know sub-region of Côtes du Rhône Villages</i>	£49.00
142	2019 GIGONDAS, Aux Lieux Dits, Santa Duc <i>Almost always better value than Châteauneuf – and 90% of the quality</i>	£65.00
143	2020 CROZES HERMITAGE, Equinoxe, Maxime Graillet et Thomas Schmittel <i>Pure Syrah from the northern Rhône. An aromatic, fresh and lively style</i>	£70.00
146	2020 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE, Domaine Grand Veneur <i>Broad and spicy – the obvious choice with game or rich red meat dishes</i>	£73.00
147	2016 CÔTE RÔTIE, Terrasses, Jean-Luc Jamet <i>Powerful but delicate Syrah from a revered winemaking family</i>	£125.00

BEAUJOLAIS

151	2020 MOULIN-A-VENT, Coup de Foudre, Domaine de L'Iris <i>Invariably the most powerful and longest-lived Beaujolais Cru. Juicy but very fresh</i>	£47.00
152	2020 FLEURIE, Domaine de la Madrière <i>Strawberry perfume, medium-bodied, fresh and crunchy. To drink, not sip</i>	£49.00

RED BURGUNDY

154	2020 RULLY, Les Chaponnières, Paul et Marie Jacqueson <i>Bright, modern style of Burgundy – fresh, lively and entirely delicious</i>	£53.00
156	2019 CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES, Domaine Philippe Livera <i>Ultra-pure, aromatic, black-fruit style Pinot from a fine estate in Gevrey-Chambertin</i>	£60.00
157	2020 SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Denis Carré <i>The village of Savigny makes light, fresh, charming young Burgundy – ideal for lunchtime drinking</i>	£61.00
158	2016 BEAUNE, 1er Cru Les Boucherottes, Louis Jadot <i>2016 was an excellent year. This is softening very nicely; gentle and charming</i>	£80.00
159	2019 POMMARD, 1er Cru Charmots, Fernand et Laurent Pillot <i>Truly extraordinary for a young Pommard to be so entirely delicious at this early stage</i>	£90.00
160	2018 VOLNAY-SANTENOTS, 1er Cru, Ballot-Millot <i>Surprisingly powerful and serious for a Volnay. Decant an hour before drinking</i>	£85.00
161	2017 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, George Lignier et fils <i>Lignier makes refined and pure Pinot Noir. Classic Chambolle delicacy</i>	£120.00
162	2013 NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES, Vieilles Vignes, Robert Chevillon <i>Just reaching perfect maturity. Savoury, spicy and opening up given time in the glass</i>	£120.00
163*	2009 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Louis Jadot <i>The village of Chambolle makes for fine, aromatic Burgundy. This is no exception</i>	£125.00
164	2020 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN, La Justice, Marc Roy <i>Pure and delicate but rich and impressive at the same time. This is fine Burgundy</i>	£140.00
165	2018 VOSNE ROMANÉE, 1er Cru Les Orveaux, Mongeard Mugneret <i>Youthful, of course, but the quality is already clear; precise and elegant</i>	£190.00
168	2005 CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY, Clos de L'Orme, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard <i>A great year for long-lived Pinot Noir – and a fine estate. The price of rarity</i>	£275.00
169	2002 CLOS DE VOUGEOT, Grand Cru, Domaine Jean Grivot <i>Powerful, serious, savoury and spicy example mature Pinot. Give it time to open in the glass</i>	£340.00

RED WINE . . . continued

FRANCE - The South

132*	2022 CHÂTEAU FONTARÈCHE, Vieilles Vignes. Corbieres, Languedoc <i>Soft, round, easy-drinking style with plenty of spice and character</i>	£39.00
134	2022 PINOT NOIR, Domaine de Bachellery. Pays D'Oc <i>Fragrant, herbal, spicy - surprisingly good Pinot Noir from the Languedoc</i>	£43.00
135	2020 LA CÔTE, Château de la Negly. Côteaux du Languedoc <i>Impressive blend of Carignan, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah</i>	£55.00
137*	2013 LE SOULA, Gérard Gauby. Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes <i>Blend of Cabernet, Grenache, Syrah and Carignan grapes. A low-yielding, organic vineyard in Roussillon producing a dense, intense, seriously impressive red. Organic</i>	£56.00

LOIRE

138	2018 SAUMUR ROUGE, Domaine Guiberteau <i>Old vine Cabernet Franc. Fresh and lively but with ample tannins, a perfect lunchtime red</i>	£53.00
139	2020 SANCERRE ROUGE, Terre de Maimbray, Reverdy <i>Loire Pinot Noir that genuinely matches Burgundy for intensity and complexity</i>	£54.00

RED BORDEAUX

174*	2018 CHÂTEAU TEYSSIER. Montagne St Emilion <i>The villages next to St Emilion offer the best value. Plummy, spicy, complex</i>	£49.00
175	2017 Château NOAILLAC. Médoc <i>Bordeaux can still offer great value. Dry, traditional claret</i>	£50.00
176	2015 Château LES CHARMES-GODARD, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux <i>From the eastern edge of the Bordeaux region, this is plush and ripe – impressive already</i>	£52.00
177	2014 Château LA TOUR de BY, Cru Bourgeois. Médoc <i>A more serious, classic, Cabernet-dominated claret from the left bank of the river</i>	£62.00
178	2016 LES HAUTS DE SMITH. Pessac-Léognan <i>The second wine of the outstanding Smith-Haut-Lafitte, from an excellent vintage.</i>	£66.00
179	2014 Château TRIANON, Grand Cru. St Emilion <i>Delicious, charming Merlot – it's easy to see why St Emilion is so (deservedly) popular</i>	£68.00
180	2016 Château LES CRUZELLES. Lalande de Pomerol <i>Superb value from the neighbouring area to Pomerol itself. A luscious, powerful style.</i>	£70.00
181	2016 CROIX CANON, Grand Cru. Saint Emilion <i>Château Canon is one of the finest estates of the right bank. Fine, elegant style of Merlot</i>	£75.00
190	2009 Château BATAILLEY, 5ème Cru Classé. Pauillac <i>The unmistakable cedar and tobacco of bottle-aged Bordeaux from the 'left bank'. Beautiful</i>	£130.00
191	2009 Château LANGOIA BARTON, 3ème Cru Classé. St Julien <i>One of the most consistent properties in the Médoc and from an excellent recent vintage</i>	£130.00
192	2005 Château CALON-LA-GAFFALIÈRE, Grand Cru Classé. St Emilion <i>A great Bordeaux vintage. This is just approaching impressive maturity</i>	£220.00
193	2002 VIEUX Château CERTAN. Pomerol <i>Always amongst the most elegant wines of the 'right bank'. Now gentle and delicate</i>	£250.00

PORT AND SWEET WINES

		Glass 75ml	Bottle
PORT			
600	QUINTA DE LA ROSA FINEST RESERVE <i>For a non-vintage Port, this has superb ripeness & structure</i>	£5.80	£44.00
603	QUINTA DE LA ROSA 20 YEAR OLD TAWNY, 50cl <i>A beautiful old-golden colour; gentle and ripe. Delicious served chilled</i>	£6.30	£49.00
605	2017 QUINTA DE LA ROSA, Late Bottled Vintage <i>Aged for 5 years in barrel, ready for drinking immediately. Powerful but approachable</i>	£6.50	£52.00
606	2009 QUINTA DE LA ROSA <i>Classic Vintage Port. Youthful, of course, but impressively, beautifully rich and complex</i>	£9.30	£80.00
607	1991 QUINTA DE LA ROSA <i>A year of delicate, fine Vintage Ports – this is now beautifully mature</i>		£85.00
617	1994 QUINTA DE LA ROSA <i>A year for serious and long-lived Vintage Port, this really opens up in the Decanter</i>		£95.00
619	1992 TAYLOR'S <i>Taylor's made the wine of the vintage. 100/100 from Robert Parker. A relative bargain.</i>		£125.00
620	1997 WARRE <i>Over 25 years old but still so bright and vigorous. This is the Port for ripe Stilton.</i>		£135.00

SWEET WINE

HALF BOTTLES and 50 cl BOTTLES

663	2013 LIEUTENANT de Château SIGALAS RABAUD. Sauternes <i>'Second wine' from an excellent property. Superb value</i>	£6.50	£30.00
670	2020 TOKAJI, 'Late Harvest', Disznőko. Hungary <i>Subtle, honeyed richness with a lively, lemony freshness</i>	£8.00	£39.00

BOTTLES

694	2019 MUSCAT DE BEAUMES DE VENISE, Domaine Durban. Rhône <i>Lightly fortified. Perfumed and enticing – dangerously drinkable</i>	£5.50	£47.00
695	2017 LES CLOS, Coteaux du Layon, Philippe Delesvaux. Loire 50cl <i>Light, delicately sweet Chenin Blanc. Perfect with fruit-based desserts</i>	£9.50	£59.00
696	2009 Château CLIMENS, 1er Cru. Barsac-Sauternes <i>Second in reputation only to D'Yquem. Warm summer; luscious richness</i>		£140.00
697	2002 Château D'YQUEM, 1er Cru. Sauternes <i>No introduction required – great wine even in less-exalted vintages</i>		£350.00

HALF BOTTLES

CHAMPAGNE

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| 401 | TAITTINGER, Brut Réserve
<i>The epitome of delicacy. The George's favourite for over 40 years</i> | £41.00 |
| 402 | TAITTINGER ROSÉ
<i>Bright and vibrant in colour and flavour. 15% Pinot Noir is added to the blend</i> | £41.00 |
| 403 | KRUG, Grande Cuvée
<i>Blended from multiple vintages and vineyards, aged for 7 years, aiming for ultimate quality</i> | £175.00 |

WHITE WINE

NEW ZEALAND

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| 420 | 2020 WILD SAUVIGNON, Greywacke. Marlborough
<i>Wild yeast and oak fermentation make for a fascinating and unusual Sauvignon style</i> | £30.00 |
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ITALY

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| 423 | 2022 SOAVE CLASSICO, Pieropan. Veneto
<i>Pure Garganega; dry and light but so much better than Pinot Grigio</i> | £26.00 |
| 424 | 2021 GAVI DI GAVI, 'Vigneti Lugarara', La Giustiniana. Piedmont
<i>Quintessential northern Italian white; clean as a whistle</i> | £26.00 |

RED WINE

ITALY

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| 480 | 2019 CHIANTI CLASSICO, Isole e Olena. Tuscany
<i>Great estate in the heart of Chianti. Spicy, savoury, food-friendly</i> | £32.00 |
| 478 | 2020 VALPOLICELLA, Allegrini. Veneto, Italy
<i>Medium-bodied and bright – Italian version of (good) Beaujolais</i> | £32.00 |

PORTUGAL

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| 491 | 2020 QUINTA DE LA ROSA. Douro Valley
<i>Gutsy & powerful but (unusually for Portugal) also rather sleek and polished</i> | £24.00 |
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FRANCE

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| 493 | 2020 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE, Domaine Grand Veneur. Rhône
<i>Broad and spicy – the obvious choice with game or rich red meat dishes</i> | £37.00 |
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WINES BY THE GLASS

		125ml	
1	CHAMPAGNE LE MESNIL, Grand Cru, Blanc de Blancs	£13.25	
3	CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER, Brut Reserve	£14.25	
4	CHAMPAGNE NOCTURNE by TAITTINGER	£14.25	
5	CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER ROSÉ, Brut Prestige	£14.25	
275	NYETIMBER, Classic Cuvée. West Sussex, England	£14.25	
276	NYETIMBER ROSÉ. West Sussex, England	£14.25	

WHITE

		125ml	175ml
11	2022 PICPOUL DE PINET, Domaine Font Mars. Languedoc <i>The best of modern France; crisp and lively but no lack of character and interest</i>	£7.75	£11.50
71	2022 PINOT GRIGIO, Quindi. Pavia, Lombardy, Italy <i>Perfect example of the style; light, softly textured, gentle and ultra-easy-to-drink</i>	£7.75	£11.50
83	2022 ASSYRTIKO, Domaine Lyrarakis. Crete, Greece <i>Greece's most prized white grape variety. Smoky, salty, spicy – outstanding food wine</i>	£8.75	£13.00
56	2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC, 'Annabel', Staete Landt. Marlborough, New Zealand <i>Classic Kiwi Sauvignon – aromatic, intensely fruity, lemony fresh</i>	£8.75	£13.00
72	2022 GAVI DI GAVI, 'Vigneti Lugarara', La Giustiniana. Piedmont, Italy <i>The quintessential Italian dry white: clean, crisp, elegant</i>	£9.00	£13.25
51	2021 VIOGNIER, The Foundry. Stellenbosch, South Africa <i>Brilliant example of the great Rhône grape. Less aromatic than some examples but concentrated, fresh and long. A really versatile food wine</i>	£9.50	£14.25
33	2022 SANCERRE, Terre de Maimbray, Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy. Loire <i>All the stony, mineral complexity of classic French Sauvignon Blanc. Very different to the NZ style</i>	£10.50	£15.50
21	2020 CHABLIS, 1er Cru Vaillons, Domaine Besson. Burgundy <i>Excellent 1er Cru vineyard. Cool, crisp and fresh – classic Chablis style</i>	£11.50	£17.00

ROSÉ

254	2022 CHÂTEAU FONTARÈCHE ROSÉ, Vieilles Vignes. Corbieres, Languedoc <i>Light, fruity, friendly, dry rosé- fantastic drinkability</i>	£7.75	£11.50
257	2022 MIRAVAL ROSÉ. Côtes de Provence <i>This is the notorious 'Brangelina' wine – and surprisingly it's both excellent and good value</i>	£10.00	£15.00

RED

132	2022 CHÂTEAU FONTARÈCHE, Vieilles Vignes. Corbieres, Languedoc <i>Soft, round and easy-drinking; but plenty of spice and character</i>	£7.75	£11.50
86	2022 NERO D'AVOLA, Paolina. Sicily, Italy <i>Gutsy, flavoursome, juicy example of Sicily's predominant red grape variety</i>	£7.85	£11.75
106	2021 INÉDITO, Bodegas Lacus. Rioja, Spain <i>Fresh, modern and very charming example of the Tempranillo grape</i>	£8.50	£12.50
118	2020 LE COLOMBIER, Massaya. Lebanon <i>Grenache, Cinsault, Tempranillo blend – savoury, fresh, fascinating</i>	£8.50	£12.50
86a	2021 VALPOLICELLA, Mont Zovo, Diego Cottini. Veneto, Italy <i>Bright and lively with a twist of bitter black cherry. Great drinking</i>	£8.50	£12.50
107	2020 QUINTA DE LA ROSA. Douro, Portugal <i>Gutsy & powerful but (unusually for Portugal) also rather sleek and polished</i>	£8.75	£13.00
129	2021 ORGANIC MALBEC, Pacheco Pereda. Mendoza, Argentina <i>A ripe, juicy but fresh style of Malbec – low on oak, high on drinkability</i>	£9.00	£13.50
140	2019 CAIRANNE, La Côte Sauvage, Boutinot. Rhône <i>Muscular and savoury Grenache from one of the best villages in the southern Rhône</i>	£9.00	£13.25
174	2018 Château TEYSSIER. Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux <i>The villages next to St Emilion offer the best value. Plummy, spicy, complex</i>	£9.25	£13.75
156	2019 CÔTE DE NUITS VILLAGES, Domaine Philippe Livera. Burgundy <i>Ultra-pure, aromatic, black-fruit style Pinot from a fine estate in Gevrey-Chambertin</i>	£12.00	£18.00

BIN ENDS

Remnants from past Lists
NB: WILL GO OUT OF STOCK QUICKLY

WHITE

710	2021 LA ROSA, (White), Reserva. Douro, Portugal	£40.00
711	2016 CHÂTEAU PAUL BLANC, Mas Carlot. Costières de Nimes	£45.00
712	2019 PASSAGEM (White), Reserva, Quinta de la Rosa. Douro, Portugal	£47.00
717	2015 GRUNER VELTLINER, Blank Canvas. Marlborough	£49.00
718	2019 CHABLIS, 1er Cru Les Fôrets, Domaine Jean Collet & Fils	£62.00
723	2019 CHABLIS, Vincent Dauvissat. Burgundy	£90.00

RED

811	2020 CHAMELEON CABERNET MERLOT, Jordan. Stellenbosch, South Africa	£42.00
812	2021 PRIMITIVO, I Muri. Puglia, Italy	£43.00
813	2019 SYRAH GRAN RESERVA, Casa del Bosque. Casablanca Valley, Chile	£44.00
815	2019 CABERNET FRANC, Chamonix. Franschhoek, South Africa	£46.00
820	2010 TONDONIA RESERVA. Rioja, Spain	£66.00
821	2018 CEPPARELLO, Isole e Olena, Paolo De Marchi. Tuscany	£145.00

SWEET WINE

664	2018 MAURY, Domaine Poudoux. Roussillon, France	£36.00
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