



*Wine*

“A truly fine meal is enjoyed not once but three times,  
- in anticipation, in consumption and in remembrance.”

# 'Red with meat & White with seafood?'

How do we choose the wines on our list? The often quoted 'red with meat and white with seafood' is not terribly helpful these days particularly in a Chinese meal. A diverse choice of flavours and textures is the offering and more often than not it is a meal of chicken, beef, fish, prawns, duck, squid and vegetables without even considering the more exotic items.

There was very little guidance available and we therefore created our own approach. We judge our wines based on how they would react with contrasting sauce flavours rather than meat types. The wines had to taste good on their own and great with differing foods. What should we use as our comparison 'contrast' sauces? We picked the hugely differing but characteristically 'Chinese', Sweet & Sour and Black Bean sauces as our reference sauces.

Tasting no more than four wines per sitting, we first tried the wines on their own - marks were then given to the wines. A second round of tasting was done in conjunction with a taste of Sweet & Sour sauce and then a third round with Black Bean sauce. Notes were then taken on whether a wine had improved or worsened when drunk having eaten a small amount of sauce.

It was a revelation! Opinions between the tasters polarised. It became so much easier to decide which wines could be on our list - judging by the reduction in arguments happening during tastings!

Since then, we have tasted so many wines which are wonderful on their own. In some cases however, introduce the taste of oriental sauces and they transform into bitter, sour and generally unpalatable liquids with no resemblance of their previous identity. Likewise, the exact opposite has been true. We have fortunately been blessed with several wines which were exceptional drunk on their own and with Chinese sauces.

The wines in our house recommendation list are wines which have been universally liked during our tastings. They are intended to be easy-drinking but not characterless. These 'house' wines are not judged on price but on their great compatibility with the diverse flavours on offer. They are more often than not, drunk before a meal and therefore need to be great on their own and develop well during the meal to complement a wide range of flavours.

Alternatively, our managers, Theresa or George will be more than happy to make some recommendations. Alternatively, speak to any of our wine staff and you will get an insight into their personal favourites.



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# By the glass

## CHAMPAGNE

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|------|-------------------------------|-----|
| 601. | Bruno Paillard Brut 1er Cuvee | £9  |
| 604. | Bollinger NV                  | £12 |
| 606. | Laurent Perrier Brut Rose     | £14 |
| 612. | Dom Perignon                  | £27 |

## WHITE

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|------|---|--------|
| 135. | 2007/8 Punto Nino Sauvignon Blanc   | £6.50  |
|      | <p>Intense aromas of melon, exotic fruit, cut grass and lychee on the nose. The palate is crisp and refreshing with zesty citrus and gooseberry fruit underpinned by real minerality.</p>   |        |
| 108. | 2007 Chardonnay de la Chevaliere, Laroche   | £6.00  |
|      | <p>Brilliant pale yellow colour with yellow fruit and honeysuckle aromas. Crisp, clean and fresh with grapefruit notes and minerality on the finish. Laroche has championed the South of France for over a decade, since they purchased Mas La Chevaliere, near Beziers in 1995. Just like their domaine in Chablis, the focus is on modern, terroir-driven wines with maximum freshness and longevity.</p>   |        |
| 125. | 2007 Knappstein 'Ackland Vineyard' Riesling   | £9.25  |
|      | <p>Winner 'Best White Wine in Show' at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2007 - Lifted lemons &amp; limes with delicate floral aromas. Persistent flavour is balanced by a refreshing mineral acidity. Paul Smith is the new man in charge at Knappstein. In his first vintage, he released a new Single Vineyard Riesling that carried off the Gold Medal at the Clare Valley Wine Show and he hasn't looked back since, collecting medals and trophies at competitions around the world</p> |        |
| 121. | 2005/6 Laurenz V 'Charming' Gruner Veltliner  | £10.75 |
|      | <p>Fifth generation winemaker Lenz Moser dreamt of bringing his beloved 'GV' to a wider audience, so set about creating an exciting new brand devoted solely to this intriguing grape variety. Given these wines' remarkable ability to pair with every food under the sun from seafood to spice, it is unsurprising how well received they have been.</p>  |        |

## RED

154. 2005 Thesaurum Corvina Cabernet Sauvignon £6.75  
Perfumed almost floral nose with cherries, violets and cassis. The palate is fresh and bright with deep black olive and blackberry flavours and subtle peppery spice.
159. 2002/3 Bodegas Farina Tinto de Toro Crianza £9.50  
Juicy, unoaked red with soft, plummy, mulberry fruit and subtle hints of spice. Smooth, medium-bodied and ripe on the palate.
162. 2004 Mitchelton Crescent Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre £10.25  
Bright ruby red in colour and exhibiting lifted aromas of spicy plum pudding, white pepper, nutmeg and cocoa. The wine has a mineral quality which echoes throughout.

*White*

# France

## BURGUNDY

101. 2007 St Veran, Bouchard Aine & Fils £33  
One of the oldest, and most prestigious negociants in Burgundy, Bouchard Aine et Fils have an enviable portfolio of vineyards from which to source their grapes. Modern, clean and fresh; these are twenty-first century Burgundies from a company with eighteenth century roots. Bursting with peach & pear aromas with touches of almonds, honey & gun-flint
102. 2006 Chablis, Millesime Legland £33  
Brilliant, benchmark Chablis with clean, incisive Chardonnay fruit: green apples, hints of honey, lemon and limes, stony minerality and just a whisper of richness behind. No oak, just a pure Chablis style.
103. 2006 Pouilly Fuisse 'La Croix', Domaine Denogent £54  
Concentrated mineral notes on the nose add to the lemony, peach fruit. The palate is elegant & balanced with delicious weight of fruit, more minerality and a spine of finely grained acidity. Jean-Jacques Robert is a confirmed believer in terroir. His wines are sourced from individual vineyards that are farmed along the environmentally friendly lines of 'lutte raisonnee'.
104. 2006 Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains', Domaine des Marronniers £39  
Pale gold, clear & brilliant. Classic & complex mineral & flinty nose, with some lovely white flowers & citrus fruits (lemon, quince) as well as a touch of toasted almond & hazelnuts. Very dense, mineral, structured & lingering palate. Beautiful balance.
106. 2005 Meursault 'Cuvee Charles Maxime', Domaine Latour Giraud £72  
Big, nutty, very appealing nose with hints of whisky barrel and plenty of nutty richness. The palate is quite full & fruit-driven with a nice creamy texture & a clean, ripe core. Jean-Pierre Latour has given this domaine a new lease of life since taking over in 1992. His little red book preaches modern vinification techniques, an improved barrel regime and minimum intervention in the vineyards.
107. 2006 Puligny Montrachet Vieilles Vignes, Vincent Girardin £64  
Very intense on the nose with ripe yellow fruit & fine floral notes. The palate is ample, powerful & exquisitely balanced. Starting with just two hectares of vines in 1982, Vincent Girardin has slowly built up both the domain and negociant sides to his business, to the point where his name is a byword for quality in Burgundy.

# France

## THE RHONE AND SOUTHERN FRANCE

108. 2007 Chardonnay de la Chevaliere, Laroche £24  
Brilliant pale yellow colour with yellow fruit and honeysuckle aromas. Crisp, clean and fresh with grapefruit notes and minerality on the finish. Laroche has championed the South of France for over a decade, since they purchased Mas La Chevaliere, near Beziers in 1995. Just like their domaine in Chablis, the focus is on modern, terroir-driven wines with maximum freshness and longevity.
109. 2006 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Domaine de Colombier £33  
Perfumed, floral notes of honeysuckle, lemon and spice. Full-bodied with a lovely weight of apricot fruit and slightly creamy, spicy oak. Fresh and clean on the finish.

## LOIRE

110. 2007 Muscadet des Coteaux de la Loire 'Sue Lie', Domaine Guindon £26  
Crisp, dry and invigorating Muscadet from an exciting small grower. Aromatic citrus zest and green apple on the nose and a light, racy body with refreshing lemon and mineral flavours.
111. 2007 Sancerre 'Le Manoir', Domaine Andre Neveu £32  
Part-winemakers, part-cheesemakers, Valerie and Thomas Dezat produce a full, but still elegant, style of Sancerre with plenty of Sauvignon fruit character. Herbaceous, with hints of citrus and apple. The palate is fuller and richer the nose would suggest with an almost tropical fruit flavour with a zingy minerality and freshness.

## ALSACE

112. 2006 Riesling 'Prestige', Cave de Ribeauvillé £33  
Founded in 1895, the Cave de Ribeauvillé is the oldest wine co-operative in France. This Riesling has a straw yellow colour with green highlights. Dry and racy, with a nose ranging from citrus fruits to mineral aromas that remain fresh with mature citrus characters at the end.
113. 2004 Gewurztraminer, Rolly Gassmann £48  
Beautifully concentrated aromatic flavours of lychee, rose petals and violets on the nose. The palate is full bodied with a lovely glycerin texture and some hints of apricot. This old estate's reputation remains as high as ever, and its wines are famed for a characteristic richness, often with higher sugar levels than many of their peers, yet always balanced by fine, mineral acidity.

# Europe

## ITALY

114. 2006 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 'San Nicolo', Brunori £37  
Pale straw colour with green reflections. Full and intense nose with floral notes. The palate is fresh and rounded with rich fruit and a long, dry finish. This wine comes from a family run domaine, producing superb examples of one of Italy's best loved white wines.
115. 2006 Fiano di Basilicata, Mario Bisceglia £36  
Straw yellow with greenish hues. Notes of mint, sage and pear on the nose followed by a persistent palate with salinity and hints of Mediterranean fruit. The Bisceglia wines are all about the concentration and intensity of flavour that you can find in Southern Italy today. Based in the Lavello area known for its fine Aglianico, they have 30ha of prime Basilicata real estate planted on the region's famous, dark volcanic soils.
116. 2007 Pinot Grigio, Alois Lageder £49  
A top-class Pinot Grigio with bags of fresh peach, lemon zest and pear fruit on the nose, and a subtle hint of fresh flowers too. The palate is richly textured with more pear and citrus fruits and a hint of spice on the long, refreshing finish. Alois Lageder is one of Italy's foremost winemakers. Based in the mountainous Alto Adige region in the far north of the country, the vines enjoy a long, sunny growing season with warm days and cool nights that help to preserve both the grapes' natural aromas and acidity.
117. 2006 Soave Classico 'Monte Carbonare', Tenuta Suavia £43  
Lightly floral on the nose this really jumps into life on the palate: peach, flowers, apples and citrus. Crisp and refreshing, but with real character, this is Soave at its very best and which will make you look at Soave in a whole new light.

## GERMANY & AUSTRIA

118. 2007 Wolf Riesling £29  
An off-dry Riesling from the warmer Pfalz region with honeyed, peachy, green apple fruit on both the nose and palate. It has a beautiful streak of fresh acidity to cut the sweetness and leave everything perky and fresh on the finish.
119. 2007 Dr Loosen Wehlener Riesling Kabinett £46  
Beautiful, aromatic Riesling with zippy, peach and green apple on the nose. The palate is light, fresh and filled with sweet citrus and apple fruit balanced by intense, mineral acidity on the finish. Ernst Loosen is a German winemaking hero whose achievements were justly recognised by Decanter Magazine's decision to name him 'Man of the Year' in 2005.
121. 2005/6 Laurenz V 'Charming' Gruner Veltliner £43  
Fifth generation winemaker Lenz Moser dreamt of bringing his beloved 'GV' to a wider audience, so set about creating an exciting new brand devoted solely to this intriguing grape variety. Given these wines' remarkable ability to pair with every food under the sun from seafood to spice, it is unsurprising how well received they have been.

# New World

## SPAIN

122. 2007 Vivanco Rioja Blanco £26  
Really fresh and invigorating with intense and elegant aromas of green apple, citrus fruits, pineapple and some floral hints. Dinastia Vivanco make modern styled Riojas with the focus firmly on bright, juicy fruit flavours. Owned by the Vivanco family, the winery sits alongside what is generally regarded to be the world's greatest museum of wine.
123. 2006 Bodega Castro Martin 'Family Reserve' Albariño £38  
A delicious, aromatic Albariño with an abundance of peachy, lime zest fruit on the nose. The palate is fresh and vibrant but with more weight and concentration than most examples of the grape. The delightful Angela Martin and her husband Andrew McCarthy run the Castro Martin estate on Spain's Galician coast. Angela was one of the first winemakers to recognise the benefits of cool, temperature controlled fermentations to protect Albariño's delicate, aromatic fruit.

## AUSTRALIA

124. 2006 Glenguin 'Old Broke Block' Semillon £38  
Light, zesty white with slightly herbaceous lemon and lime fruit. Very refreshing and vibrant with plenty of food friendly acidity on the finish. A classic young-style Hunter Semillon. Scottish Baron, exile from the House of Lords and former racing driver, Robin Tedder MW is an evangelist for New South Wales' wines. As you might expect Hunter Valley Shiraz and Semillon are his twin passions and ten minutes in his company is all you need to be convinced of their greatness.
125. 2007 Knappstein 'Ackland Vineyard' Riesling £37  
Winner 'Best White Wine in Show' at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2007 - Lifted lemons & limes with delicate floral aromas. Persistent flavour is balanced by a refreshing mineral acidity. Paul Smith is the new man in charge at Knappstein. In his first vintage, he released a new Single Vineyard Riesling that carried off the Gold Medal at the Clare Valley Wine Show and he hasn't looked back since, collecting medals and trophies at competitions around the world.
126. 2006 Stonier Chardonnay £33  
Stonier is located on the Mornington Peninsula across Port Philip Bay from Melbourne and is home to one of the most stunning views in Aussie wine: whale watching with a glass of Pinot in your hand whilst sitting on the veranda is the perfect way to unwind after a hard day in the vineyards. It's easy to see why winemaker Geraldine McFaul has never felt the need to leave since her arrival in 1995. Taking her inspiration from Burgundy, Geraldine handcrafts sublime Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in a cool climate that is perfect for these varieties.
127. 2008 Howard Park Sauvignon Blanc £40  
Howard Park is delighted to introduce a new winemaker for 2007, ex-Yalumba, Plantagenet and Millbrook star Tony Davis. His wines have a purity of flavour and elegant structure that is difficult to achieve in Australia's warm climate.
128. 2006 Petaluma Viognier £58  
Perfumed and fruity with peach, nectarine and apricot notes on the nose. The palate is quite restrained and elegant with the soft, aromatic fruit maintaining a wonderful freshness throughout. Petaluma is famous for seeking out the finest terroirs in South Australia rather than taking a one-site-fits-all approach to its grapes. Andrew 'Ox' Hardy, a member of the original Hardy wine family, is now the man at the helm, ensuring these vineyards have a very exciting future.

# New World

## USA

129. 2007 Dry Creek Vineyard Chenin Blanc £33  
Superb, dry, fruity Chenin with aromas of melon, peach and lemon peel. On the palate crisp acidity balances the juicy tropical fruit and zesty citrus. The finish is long, vibrant and very refreshing.
130. 2006/7 Loredona Pinot Grigio £34  
Fruity, upmarket pinot grigio which offers increased richness and character when compared to its Italian cousins. Beautifully defined, with a core of ripe melon and citrus fruits all held together with a healthy dose of zesty acidity.
131. 2006 Morgan 'Metallico' Chardonnay £52  
The 2005 Metallico is pale greenish-gold with lemon grass, mango, white peach, green apple and pear aromas and flavours. Mid-weight on the palate, it is intensely flavoured, and showcases the region's cool climate chardonnay in its purest form.

## NEW ZEALAND

132. 2007 Spy Valley Riesling £38  
Off-dry Riesling with real, crisp limey citrus and defined minerality to balance the ripe apple, peach and apricot notes. Named after the satellite listening post located over the road from the winery, Spy Valley is in the Waihopai Valley in Marlborough.
133. 2007 Huia Gewurztraminer £39  
A dry but powerful Gewurztraminer with spicy, rose petal and mango notes on the nose. Full-bodied and rich on the palate with notes of ginger, orange and vanilla balanced by fresh, mouthwatering acidity. Owned by Mike and Claire Allan, who's CVs read like a roll call of Kiwi wine's biggest names, this Marlborough operation is making small quantities of really profound, delicious wine.
134. 2007 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc £54  
An iconic wine that has done wonders for the reputation of Kiwi Sauvignon Blanc. We may have become more used to this style of wine, but Cloudy Bay still remains one of the most consistent an best example of the genre.

## CHILE

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Intense aromas of melon, exotic fruit, cut grass and lychee on the nose. The palate is crisp and refreshing with zesty citrus and gooseberry fruit underpinned by real minerality.

## SOUTH AFRICA

136. 2007 Springfield Estate 'Special Cuvee' Sauvignon Blanc £35  
Brother and sister team Abrie and Jeanette Bruwer are the complete opposite of your typical university trained flying winemakers. Their wines are all about their rocky, unforgiving terroir in Robertson and stand head and shoulders above most producers for sheer quality. Their obsession is reflected in Abrie's philosophy; "I only want to sell wine I am proud of and I will only get a limited number of chances to do that in my life."
137. 2005 Journey's End Chardonnay £44  
Ripe and juicy on the nose with citrus and tropical aromas. The palate follows this up with more crisp lemony fruit and some peachy flavours too, mixed with a toasty, creamy edge from the oak barrels. Located in Stellenbosch with vineyards adjacent to Vergelegen and Morgenster, Journey's End is right at the heart of one of the Cape's most exciting terroirs.

*Red*

# France

## BURGUNDY

138. 2006/7 Beaujolais Villages 'Vieilles Vignes', Mommessin £26  
Vivid purple colour with abundant, jammy cherry and strawberry aromas. Soft, fresh and juicy on the palate, it has all the squishy fruit you could wish for. Mommessin is positively steeped in Beaujolais, producing wine from the region's 10 crus. The quality of the winemaking is impeccable too, as you would expect from the owners of Burgundy's fabled Clos de Tart.
139. 2007 Fleurie Millesime, Cave de Fleurie £35  
A striking and vivid red colour, with several punnets worth of red berry fruit on the nose and palate. Soft and fresh with light, ripe tannins and crisp acidity. The Cave de Fleurie is the oldest co-operative in Beaujolais, responsible for making over a third of all the AC Fleurie wine on behalf of its 320 members. The wines are fresh, attractive and bright with clean fruit flavours - archetypal Beaujolais, in other words.
140. 2006 Bourgogne Rouge, Domaine Henri Prudhon £35  
Excellent generic Burgundy from this highly rated producer based in the village of Pernand-Vergelesses. Perfumed red berry fruit aromas and flavours with a hint of classic Burgundian gaminess.
141. 2007 Morgon, Marcel Lapierre £43  
Bursting with cherry, liquorice & violet, this is a very pleasant & fresh Morgon style. Marcel Lapierre is one of the top names in Morgon and his conversion to biodynamic practices in the vineyard, where the cycles of the moon play a vital part, is helping to raise standards even higher.
142. 2004/5 Santenay 1er Cru 'La Maladiere', Vincent Girardin £60  
La Maladiere is often one of Santenay's earlier maturing Premier Crus. Some cherry and cranberry aromas and a crisp, elegant palate with some ripe berry fruit matched by fine tannins and refreshing acidity.
143. 2004 Nuits-St-Georges Vieilles Vignes, Nicolas Potel £70  
Perfumed & expressive black fruit aromas lead to surprisingly elegant & pure medium weight palate. The flavours are delicious, complex & punchy with plenty of freshness & vibrancy. One of the first of the new wave of 'micro-negociant' businesses in Burgundy, Potel has built up a formidable list of growers with whom he works, and his dynamic energy is being translated into outstanding wines.

## SOUTHERN FRANCE

144. 2006 Coteaux de Tricastin, M. Chapoutier (Organic) £36  
A lovely red colour with slight purple highlights. Dominance of ripe red fruit, cherry with some hints of liquorice on the nose. Well-structured wine with nice soft tannins. Michel Chapoutier is one of the small group of producers responsible for reviving the fortunes of the Rhone Valley in the last twenty-five years or so.
145. 2004 Lirac 'Clos de Sixte', Alain Jaume £40  
Aromas of red & black ripe fruit with hints of liquorice & vanilla. Mouth-filling with flavours of blackcurrant liquorice & spice. Harmonious & elegant tannins with a silky texture & an amazing complexity.
146. 2006 Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Paul Autard £48  
Big and spicy with peppery blackberry and blueberry fruit and ripe, sweet tannins alongside notes of vanilla, clove and cinnamon. Following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps in making Chateauneuf du Pape, Jean-Paul Autard is a classic artisan French vigneron and one who is blessed with the talent to make exceptional wines. Everything Jean-Paul does shows a respect for tradition, terroir and, above all, quality

# France

## BORDEAUX

147. 2003 Chateau Senailhac Bordeaux Superieur £38  
An elegant, medium-bodied claret that ticks all the boxes: ripe cassis, blackberry and plum fruit with silky tannins and fresh, mouthwatering acidity. Very smooth and easy to drink, it is proof that Bordeaux can really compete in the good value stakes.
148. 2004 Chateau La Croix Ferrandat, St Emilion £39  
Ripe and rounded with plum, bramble jelly and blackcurrant fruit. Rounded and smooth, it is medium to full bodied with soft tannins and a long, fresh finish.
149. 2000 Chateau Cissac, Cru Bourgeois Haut Medoc £53  
A well known Cru Bourgeois property that frequently out performs its appellation. Big, classic Médoc that is full of flavour and character. There is plenty of ripe blackcurrant fruit from the old vines here and a good firm structure.
150. 2001 Chateau Cantelys, Pessac-Leognan £56  
Warm blackberries and cherries on the nose with a hints of smoke and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied and elegant with plenty of black fruit balanced by savoury oak and ripe, juicy tannins.
151. 2001 Chateau Batailley, 5eme Cru Classe Pauillac £77  
This 60 hectare estate comprised largely of Cabernet Sauvignon, with Merlot and Petit Verdot also present. Expressive and elegant in structure with attractive perfumed fruit and a fine tannic backbone. A classic Pauillac.
152. 2004 Les Tourelles de Longueville, 2nd wine of Pichon Baron £75  
Deep in colour with real Pauillac class on the nose: cedar spice, blackcurrants and plums with an ever so slighty savoury edge. The palate is medium-body with ripe, firm tannins bracketing the pure plum and cassis fruit and sensibly handled oak.
153. 2004 Pauillac de Chateau Latour £101  
This is essentially the third wine of Chateau Latour. Deep ruby in colour; the wine has a rich nose of primary black fruit and spice. The palate is fresh and elegant with supple tannins supporting a core of classic Pauillac cassis and cedar; that runs on to a long finish.

# Europe

## ITALY

154. 2005 Thesaurum Corvina Cabernet Sauvignon £27  
Perfumed almost floral nose with cherries, violets and cassis. The palate is fresh and bright with deep black olive and blackberry flavours and subtle peppery spice.
155. 2005 Valpolicella Classico Ripasso 'seccal', Nicolis £45  
Rounded, medium-bodied effort which has plenty of juicy cherry fruit alongside a dark sense of humour. Blackberries, spice, leather and bitter chocolate all have a part to play. A serious but approachable wine with bags of character.
156. 2005 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Villa Sant'Anna £44  
Deep, dark colour with a complex nose of rich cherry and sweet spice. The palate is full-bodied with concentrated, fleshy black fruit, ripe tannins and well-integrated oak. The estate is owned by Simona Fabroni who runs it with the help of her daughters Anna and Margherita, and her two dogs, Maxi and Clotilde. The wines themselves are rich and full, with new oak used judiciously to enrich the ripe Sangiovese fruit.
157. 2003 Brunello di Montalcino, Talenti £76  
A superb Brunello from a great vintage with classic black cherry, plum and leather on the nose. The palate is big and rich, with perfumed fruit adding a lighter touch to the deep spicy, toasty flavours. Second generation winemaker Riccardo Talenti has undertaken a substantial improvement of the cellar to take the wines to the next level. His reward came when the key Italian wine guide, the Gambero Rosso, awarded the 1999 Brunello its highest award of Three Glasses.

## SPAIN

158. 2004 Rioja Crianza, Dinastia Vivanco £26  
Deep cherry red colour with violet rim. Rich aromas of ripe fruit, vanilla and spice. Good backbone with soft fruit and well integrated toasty oak flavours
159. 2002/3 Bodegas Farina Tinto de Toro Crianza £38  
Juicy, unoaked red with soft, plummy, mulberry fruit and subtle hints of spice. Smooth, medium-bodied and ripe on the palate.
160. 2004 El Rincon Grenache / Syrah, Marquis de Grinon Estates £41  
Much fresher than the 2003 vintage without losing any of its power and punch, this is an awesome Spanish red. Lots of blackberry, blueberry and licquorice flavours with velvety tannins and spicy oak. Dominio de Valdepusa is the historic family estate of Carlos Falco, the Marquis de Grinon. No expense is spared in the vineyard or cellar in search of perfection and the list of people involved over the years reads like a 'who's who' of the wine world, including such luminaries as Richard Smart, Emile Peynaud and Michel Rolland.

# New World

## AUSTRALIA

161. 2004 d'Arenberg 'The Love Grass' Shiraz £32  
Due to the cool year the Shiraz fruit was dark in colour & very expressive with floral characters, spices, mulberries & a slight cassis element
162. 2004 Mitchelton Crescent Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre £41  
Bright ruby red in colour and exhibiting lifted aromas of spicy plum pudding, white pepper, nutmeg and cocoa. The wine has a mineral quality which echoes throughout.
163. 2006 Stonier Reserve Pinot Noir £56  
A classic Australia Pinot Noir from this notoriously fickle vine growing region. Geraldine McFaul crafts beautifully sensual wines based along traditional Burgundian principals. Spicy, juicy and very elegant, this offers the Pinot Noir lover a glimpse of paradise.
164. 2004/5 Petaluma Coonawarra £68  
Extremely well balanced with the leafy, blackcurrant Cabernet being enriched by the softer, plum and chocolate notes of the Merlot. Fresh, ripe and built to last, it has the holy trinity of fruit, structure and elegance.

## NEW ZEALAND

165. 2007 Huia Pinot Noir £46  
Intense berry and cherry aromas. On the palate these characters meld with the smoky, spicy oak. The tannins are silky and well integrated. A well balanced wine with great length and persistence.

## USA

166. 2006 Dry Creek Vineyards 'Heritage' Zinfandel £41  
Aromas of boysenberry, blueberry, and cedar spice on the nose. The palate has juicy blackberry, dried currant, allspice and bright cherry fruit all reined in by ripe, sweet tannins.
167. 2006 Calera Mount Harlan Cuvee Pinot Noir £58  
Bright, just-picked red cherries, plums and blackberries on the nose with sweet, Christmassy spices added in for good measure. Smooth and elegant with juicy fruit, ripe tannins and fresh acidity characterize the palate. Josh Jensen is a Californian wine legend who planted his first Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines in 1975. More than three decades on, Calera is recognized as one of California's very best producers for these grapes. As Robert Parker says Calera is "one of the most compelling Pinot Noir specialists not only in the new world, but on Planet Earth."

# New World

## SOUTH AFRICA

168. 2006 Saam Mountain 'Heldersig' Shiraz Viognier £37  
A deep coloured, wooded Shiraz / Viognier, with a dark plum, spice and chocolate nose.
169. 2004 De Trafford Merlot £41  
Bright red berry and cherry fruit on the nose with some complexity from the savoury spicy notes. The palate is ripe and powerful with rich black fruit, sexy tannins and a long, spiced fruit finish. Self-taught winemaker and former architect David Trafford's small but stellar production is regularly cited as being among the Cape's very best.

## ARGENTINA

170. 2006 Catena Malbec £40  
Today, over a decade on from the first Catena Malbec in 1994, Nicolas Catena works with his daughter Laura in their relentless pursuit of the finest possible quality wines from their unique vineyard sites.
171. 2004 Nicolas Catena Zapata £135  
Rich, full-bodied wine with black fruits, violets and spice on the nose. The palate's big juicy tannins support the concentrated fruit with smoky, tobacco edges from the oak. Caro is a joint venture between Baron de Rothschild-Lafite and Nicolas Catena. The blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec draws on the expertise of both parties.

## CHILE

172. 2006 Valdivieso Reserve Pinot Noir £36  
Sexy, juicy Pinot Noir with sleek red cherry and strawberry spice, hints of vanilla and sweet spice on the finish.

# Champagne

## CHAMPAGNE

601.	Bruno Paillard Brut 1er Cuvee	£36
602.	Taittinger NV	£50
603.	Veuve Clicquot NV	£45
604.	Bollinger NV	£55
605.	Lanson Rose NV	£54
606.	Laurent Perrier Brut Rose	£57

## VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

610.	BollingerVintage	£85
611.	Cristal L Roederer	£220
612.	Dom Perignon	£120
613.	KrugVintage	£145
614.	Dom Perignon Rose	£240
615.	Dom Perignon Oenotheque 1964	£500
616.	Dom Perignon Oenotheque 1959	£750
617.	Dom Perignon 'Millenium' Jeroboam 1993	£ 2,400

# After Dinner

## DESSERT WINES (IN HALF BOTTLES)

Domaine du Noble Loupiac 2002	£17.50
Chateau Rabaud Promis 1989 (Premier Cru Classe Sauternes)	£58.00

Chateau Y'quem (Premier Grand-Cru Classe Sauternes)  
Please see our Premier List for the current vintage and price

## BRANDY

### COGNAC

Cognac 3*	£7.00
Cognac VSOP (Remy Martin, Courvoisier, Hennessy)	£7.00
Otard XO	£12.00
Remy Martin / Hennessy X.O.	£17.50
Hine Signature	£7.00
Hine Antique	£16.50
Hine Triomphe	£25.50
Martell Cordon Bleu	£17.50
Louis XIII (Single Measure)	£85.50

### Armagnac

Janeau VS	£14.00
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## PORT & SHERRY

Taylors, Cockburns Reserve, Harveys Club, Harveys Bristol Cream, Tio Pepe	£6.50
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and a selection of after-dinner liqueurs are also available.