

THE SUN INN

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WINE LIST

The 2006-2019 version of this list garnered the following recognition

The Good Food Guide - Wine List of the Year 2015

The AA Wine List of the Year 2015-16 England & Overall UK

The AA – Notable Wine List – 2008-2019

Tim Atkin MW - Top UK Wine List 2018



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‘My glass was filled with a light red wine poured from a pitcher, left on the table. I was relaxed, carefree and happy. Oh, how ruby bright that wine was; it gleamed in the sunlight. I remember clearly its enticing aroma – youthful but with a refinement that surprised me. The wine was sweetly exotic: lively on my tongue, perfectly balanced, and with a long glossy finish. It was the sort of wine that Omar Khayyam might have in mind for his desert tryst. The young woman who had poured it for me was amused when I asked what it was. It was, she said, vino rosso.’

Remembrance of Wines Past – Gerald Asher

HELLO IMBIBERS

The layout of our list proposes to steer you from your comfort zone to similar but exciting alternatives and to show different versions of what's popular.

Our drinks and wine list is lovingly put together after considered whittling down of numerous samples tasted and slurped from around the world. Our beer comes from small, mainly local breweries throughout East Anglia and the UK with the occasional raid into Europe. We have a great choice of low and no alcohol options from producers fanatical about flavour and their environmental impact. And our tea and coffee are imported directly from growers who are justly rewarded for their efforts.

We have 3 suppliers as well as buying direct from producers. Les Caves de Pyrene has garnered a reputation for wines of Southwest France and Italy from small producers. Alliance Wine have a beguiling ability to find the most interesting, best value and downright moreish wines I've come across from Spain and Australia. Swig Wines offer up some sumptuous South Africans.

Our wine by the glass and carafe come by either 125ml glass or 375ml carafe. This gives you an opportunity to experiment through the list. The carafe of 375ml is an ideal size for just two people but also is a good way of having a white and a red with your meal if there are just two of you.

All our wines are available to drink in the comfort of your own home, let us know if you wish to place an order.

Each week we open a random bottle not normally available by the glass, to give you a chance to sample something different. Please ask if not offered. If you want anything decanted, we can do that too.

Our list here has the addition of a Single Bottle Section – wine I buy from auction and bin ends that I'd rather people drink than stare longingly at. If you fancy having something from this section when you visit The White Hart Inn or Church Street Tavern, ping us an email the Tuesday before you visit, and we'll ensure it's on site when you get there.

We decant all bottles from our Single Bottle section but if you want anything else decanted, we can do that too.

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Piers and Team Sun Inn

THINGS THAT SPARKLE

English, Italian and of course, French

		750ML	125ML
101	Prosecco Spumante Passarparola, Pradio DOC Friuli, Italy NV, 100% Glera Aromatic pear aromas, a crisp palate of succulent apple, gently foamy with a crisp delicate finish.	34	5 ⁷⁰
102	Crémant de Limoux, Cuvée Française, Maison Antech Languedoc, France, NV 70% Chardonnay, 20% Chenin Blanc, 10% Mauzac A vibrant alternative with mineral character, finely structured acidity, and persistent bubbles elevating the components of white flowers and lemon.	42	
103	Classic Cuvée, Roebuck Estate Sussex, England, 2017 44% Pinot Noir, 42% Chardonnay, 14% Pinot Meunier Rich, yet pale lemon in colour with notes of baked apple and citrus fruits are layered with toasty richness and a hint of hazelnut. Delicate bubbles linger leading to a long, beautifully balanced finish. A stand out English wine producer.	65	10 ⁸⁵
104	Rosé de Noirs, Roebuck Estate Sussex, England, 2017 79% Pinot Noir, 19% Pinot Meunier Delicate, rose-pink with fragrant ripe strawberry, raspberry & white peach aromas. Expressive, deliciously ripe red berry fruits, honeysuckle and a hint of almond. Balanced, bright acidity, persistent mousse yet long elegant finish.	65	10 ⁸⁵
105	Brut Réserve, Billecart-Salmon Champagne, France 40% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir Finely tuned, complex, subtle, utterly delicious and the choice of those in the trade.	75	12 ⁴⁰
106	Brut Rosé, Billecart-Salmon Champagne, France 40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Meunier, 30% Pinot Noir Pale and bright pink, delicate slow rising bubbles, a persistent mousse, light, elegant, a fresh finish with a taste of raspberry. Exceptional.	90	750ml 180 ^{Magnum}
108	Blanc de Blanc Grand Cru, Billecart-Salmon Champagne, France 100% Chardonnay 5 grand cru vineyards and a blend of two different years, an exceptional wine. Fine mousse, delicate bubbles, buttered brioche & mineral notes. Persistent, elegant finish.		180 ^{Magnum}

NOT WHITE BUT SHADES OF pink, orange (skin contact) & yellow (Sherry)

750ML 375ML 125ML

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| 301 | Rosado, Gran Cerdo
Rioja, Spain
2023, Tempranillo blend with Garnacha
Vibrant, bright pink, summer fruits & cherries.
Juicy, fruity, and entirely gluggable with a refreshing finish. | 28 | 14 | 4 ⁸⁰ |
| 302 | Palm Rosé, Château L'Escarelle
IGP Méditerranée, France
2023, 34% Grenache, 33% Cinsault, 33% Syrah
Pale pink, delicate but still lively & fresh. Creamy, rounded, peachy and radiant. | 32 | 16 | 5 ⁵⁰ |
| 303 | Rosé, Thorrington Mill
Colchester, Essex, England
2022, 100% Pinot Noir
Just across the water at Brightlingsea, Mark & Polly have fashioned a delicious, exotic, aromatic rosé. Imagine early evening sunshine on an English summer evening. | 36 ⁵⁰ | 18 ²⁵ | 6 ³⁰ |
| 304 | Solara, Orange, Cramele Recas Estate
Viile Timisului, Romania, 2022
2022, 69% Riesling, 22% Sauvignon Blanc, 9% Others
The refreshment of white wine, complexity of red wine and no funk involved. Dark straw in colour with orange hints, the nose is a delicate mélange of quince, pear and a hint of vanilla. A natural minimal intervention wine which is well balanced and structured yet pure and incredibly fresh. | 28 | | |
| 305 | Baglio Bianco IGP, Cielo
Sicily, Italy
2022, 100% Catarratto (skin contact, orange)
Flavours of citrus peel, herbs and ginger with a well-rounded rich texture and long finish. Salty, refreshing, invigorating and perfect for oysters or seafood platter. | 36 | | |
| 306 | I Think Manzanilla En Rama, Equipo Navazos
DO Jerez, Spain
2023, 100% Palomino Fino
Fine, powerfully aromatic. Fresh, with a salty tang, plenty of acidity together with very satisfying lemon twist to the finish. Plenty of weight and concentration. More oysters and seafood please. | | | 7 ⁵⁰ |
| 307 | Cruz Del Mar Amontillado, Bodegas Florido
Chipiona, Spain
NV, Palomino, Moscatel
Incredible, decadent notes of vanilla and spices mingling with wood antique varnishes. Palate is smooth with a medium sweet finish. Great aperitivo with cured meats and other moreish bites. | | | 8 |

THERE IS NO HOUSE WHITE

we have lighter to fuller styles by the glass or carafe,
as like religion, there is more than one house!

		750ML	375ML	125ML
201	Les Chiens Blanc, IGP Pays d'Oc Languedoc, France 2022, 50% Grenache Blanc, 50% Colombard Slightly floral with a hint of minerality and pastry. Honeysuckle, peaches and herbs shine through supported by lovely texture, depth and weight. Really makes you salivate, slightly saline and with juicy pear notes.	24	12	4 ¹⁰
202	Terras Lusas, Adega de Redondo IGP Alentejo, Portugal 2022, 60% Roupeiro, 20% Ferão, 20% Arinto Beach sunshine in a glass. A lift of citrus, pure, bright with an elegant structure and harmonious finish. Salty almonds, olives, or garlicy prawns are a match.	26	13	4 ⁵⁰
203	Ciello Bianco, IGP Terre Sicilian Sicily, Italy 2023, 100% Cataratto An exceptional organic wine boasting deliciously savoury character. Refreshing acidity with a satisfying earthy body with interplay of quince, apricot and almonds. Crisp, citrus and great with seafood pasta, light vegetables dishes or shellfish.	27	12 ⁵⁰	4 ⁷⁰
204	Bacchus, Thorrington Mill Colchester, Essex, England 2022, 100% Bacchus Thirst quenching with oyster shell aromas. Intense and aromatic with spice, spring blossom and citrus zest. Have with oysters, seafood platter, clams or just sit back and enjoy the sea breeze.	36 ⁵⁰	18 ⁵⁰	6 ³⁰
205	Samurai, Free Run Juice South Australia, Australia 2023, 100% Organic Chardonnay (unoaked) Sunshine in a bottle. A fresh and lively wine with ripe peach and honeydew melon vibes, balanced by a solid acidity. This is a crowd-pleasing, fruit-forward wine that is just the ticket.	28	14	4 ⁸⁰
206	Cuvée Marine, Domaine de Ménard IGP Côtes de Gascogne, France 2022, Colombard, Gros Manseng, Sauvignon Blend Aromas of mango, pineapple, and citrus fruits. Ample and elegant, waxy, lengthy, and aromatic.	27	13 ⁵⁰	4 ⁷⁰
207	Rioja Blanco Viñas Viejas, Bodegas Manzanos Rioja, Spain 2021, 80% Viura, 20% Tempranillo Blanco A classy glass with generous weight. Notes of sweet peach then a creamy palate, spices from time in oak but no oakiness, okay! Grilled fish, garlic, squid, or creamy sauces is a good match.	36	18	6 ³⁰

THERE IS NO HOUSE RED

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as like religion, there is more than one house!

750ML 375ML 125ML

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| 401 | Les Chiens Rouge, IGP Pays d'Oc | 24 | 12 | 4 ¹⁰ |
| | Abruzzo, Italy
2021, 80% Carignan, 20% Grenache Noir
A pale cherry red, slightly smoky, black berry flavours and a hint of garrigue. Juicy, grip with excellent length and tannins. | | | |
| 402 | Solevari Reserve, Cramele Recas | 27 | 13 ⁵⁰ | 4 ⁷⁰ |
| | Viile Timisului, Romania
2022, 96% Pinot Noir, 4% Merlot
An Englishman Philip Cox and his Romanian wife Elvira produce wines that over deliver. Floral sour cherry notes, light to medium in weight, pleasant soft tannins, slight bitter, spicy finish. Have with mushrooms, cured meat or cheese. | | | |
| 403 | 3404 Tinto, Bodegas Pirineos | 31 | 15 ⁵⁰ | 5 ³⁰ |
| | Somontano, Spain
2022, Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnacha, Moristel
Juicy, with lots of fruit and flavour. Smooth and creamy. Great aromatic persistence with spice forest fruits. Soft, elegant finish. Great with spice, pork and hard cheese. | | | |
| 404 | Finca Graciano, Bodega Manzanos | 30 | 15 | 5 ²⁰ |
| | DOCa Rioja, Spain
2023, 100% Graciano
The grape that gives lift and brightness to Rioja blends. Cherry red colour, intense and bright. Aromas of black fruit, ripe red fruit with notes of vanilla from the oak barrel. A great balance between freshness and acidity with perfectly integrated tannins. | | | |
| 405 | Madregale Rosso, Cantina Tollo | 25 | 12 ⁵⁰ | 4 ³⁰ |
| | Abruzzo, Italy
2022, 80% Montepulciano, 20% Sangiovese
This stout little wine is light and juicy, with a whiff of fresh herbs and a palate of morello cherry and while pepper. Great with pasta. | | | |
| 406 | Armador Merlot, Odfjell | 34 | 17 | 5 ⁹⁰ |
| | Maipo, Chile
2021, 100% Merlot
Complex medium to full bodied packed with pure fruit seduction and charm. Soft ripe tannins, red berries and cherry, a fine finish.
Perfect for white meats, spice. | | | |

WHITE WINE

by the bottle.....

HAVE WE ANY SAUVIGNON BLANC?

sure, here are five...of differing sorts.

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| 208 | Sophie Te'Blanche, Iona | 32 |
| | Elgin, South Africa
2022, 100% Sauvignon Blanc
Floral notes with a complex medley of tropical fruits, mingled with subtle lime and gooseberry undertones. Balanced and rich, showing cut green apples with great minerality and texture. | |
| 209 | Signature Series, Ant Moore | 36 |
| | Marlborough, New Zealand
2022, 100% Sauvignon Blanc
This elevates above average NZ SB because of its complexity and texture. Well rounded, intense lemon notes, cut grass rifts. Great richness, length, and weight and really intense on the finish. Not a food wine for me, but if I did, grilled oily mackerel. | |
| 210 | Menetou-Salon Morogué, Henry Pelle | 45 |
| | Loire, France
2022, 100% Sauvignon Blanc
This can only be Sauvignon Blanc due to the pungent, gooseberry aromatics, light body and high, sharp, tangy acidity. Precise. I love this kind of wine with creamy sauces with fish or chicken, mushrooms, asparagus too. | |
| 211 | Salt River, Savage Wines | 40 |
| | Stellenbosch & Walker Bay, South Africa
2022, 100% Sauvignon Blanc
More Pouilly-Fumé in style, lush yellow plums, dried pineapple, intense tanginess. Terrific body, stunningly long, faintest hint of blackcurrant. A terrific wine exemplifying the new wave South African wine. Can take more robust food flavours with chilli, herbs but still white meat, seafood or green vegetable based dishes. | |
| 212 | Sauvignon Gris, Estero Vineyard, Casa Marin | 46 |
| | San Antonio Valle, Chile
2022, 100% Sauvignon Gris
Sauvignon Gris, or in French known as Fié, a possible mutation of Sauvignon Blanc and the better for it in my view! Powerful floral and spicy aromas with a touch of pink grapefruit. The palate is ripe and mouth filling, with a touch of smoky French oak, floral characters and fresh grape, asparagus flavours. It lingers and fresh acidity ensures a crisp clean impeccable finish. Good for asparagus and artichokes, usually tricky to pair. | |

MISS OUT ON THESE THREE?

by sticking to Sauvignon Blanc, as they have similar traits.

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| 213 | Verdicchio di Matelica, Colle Stefano | 36 |
| | Marche, Italy
2023, 100% Verdicchio
Sparkling crispness, a rich fruity allure. Notes of ginger and cardamom, fruity nose with unripe nectarine. Long-lasting and nuanced finish with a touch of ginger and sweet almond. Spicy chicken, even Tuscan style sausage, or aubergine dishes with mozzarella. | |
| 214 | Il Forte, Produttori del Gavi | 35 |
| | DOCG Gavi, Italy
2023, 100% Cortese
Fresh, sapid, easy-peasy with a mildly almond finish. Harmonious and well balanced, notes of pear, peach & yellow plum. Great thirst quencher or with fish and anything with chilli. | |
| 215 | Riesling D, Te Whare Ra | 40 |
| | Marlborough, New Zealand
2020, 100% Riesling
Dry in style, NZ's best white wine style, for me! Gorgeous lifted notes of Kaffir lime, fresh lemon, jasmine even. It's fleshy and ripe with great weight and a lingering mineral structure. Sleek and sophisticated and I'll drink it all day long. Spicy food called for. | |

ANYTHING BUT CHARDONNAY?

alright, four other grapes to consider.

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| 216 | Zin, Produttori Di Manduria | 35 |
| | IGT Puglia, Italy
2022, 100% Fiano
Straw yellow, slight green notes. Intense, complex sweet apple and pear aroma. Dry, well-structured and a palate that reflects the delicious aroma. Drink with tomatoes, spicy chicken, or grilled fish. | |
| 217 | Wild Ferment Loureiro, Quintas do Homem | 30 |
| | IGP Vinho Regional Minho, Portugal
2022, 100% Loureiro
The ultimate expression of Loureiro enhanced by the wild yeast ferment. Vibrant floral aromas, ripe melon and citrus, whilst the palate is bright, with ripe lemon zest acidity, beautifully textured and long on the finish. Great with squid and grilled seafood. | |
| 218 | Handcrafted Grüner Veltliner, MA Arndorfer | 37 |
| | Kamptal, Austria
2022, 100% Grüner Veltliner
A well-loved wine for great texture and slight cloudiness with delicious, rounded grapey fruit, a fleshy palate, hints of herbs and white spice on the long finish. Spice and seafood or white meat. | |
| 219 | Bierzo Brezo Blanco, Bodegas Mengoba | 36 |
| | Bierzo, Spain
2022, 90% Godello, 10% Dona Blanca
Quite superb, full of character, texture and tangy freshness. A fresh yet rich fruit profile with orchard fruit and lovely citrus notes. It is aged on its lees for five months which adds texture and richness to the lovely fresh fruit flavours. Perfectly balances minerality, fruit and lees aged texture. A great advert for the Godello grape. Pickled anchovies, shellfish, mackerel all work. | |

BUT WHO CAN RESIST A TRICE OF CHARDONNAYS? and something similar to consider.

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| 220 | The Great Escape, Thistledown
Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia
2023, 100% Chardonnay
Classy, citrusy, subtle oak influence and a bright yet creamy palate.
Far removed from what you think Aussie chardonnay might be like.
Pure and delicious. Creamy fish, white meat, melted cheese. | 40 |
| 221 | Chablis, Domaine Michaut Frères
Burgundy, France
2022, 100% Chardonnay
A classic, classy Chablis of mineral terroir, flinty stone, fleshy fruits and
piercing acidity. Nothing better than with roast chicken on a Sunday or
luxury seafood dishes with a cream sauce. | 48 |
| 222 | Estate Chardonnay, Danbury Ridge Estate
Essex, England
2021, 100% Chardonnay
Game changing English Chardonnay, Burgundian style, from Essex
– no misprint! No trace of leanness/greenness. Just grown up. London clay,
warm estuary Essex, Liam Idzikowski has crafted ripeness, elegance, and
density, all harmoniously. White peach, mandarin, lime zest. Mouth-watering,
long. We have their Pinot Noir too! Turbot, brill, lobster with or without buttery,
creamy sauces. | 56 |
| 223 | Heirloom White, Piekenierskloof
Swartland, South Africa
2023, 60% Chenin Blanc, 30% Grenache Blanc, 10% Viognier
Layers of flavour with great acidity, tropical stone fruit, white pears, peach.
Really elegant with a lingering finish. Seafood and creamy sauces. | 37 |

PONDER THESE THREE?

then take your time over them.

750ML

- 224 Orbitofrontal Cortex, BLANKbottle 50**
Western Cape, South Africa
2021, Clairette Blanche, Grenache Blanc, Semillon, Verdelho, Pinot Gris
Make a conscious decision to drink this wine, you'll be rewarded.
Rhône-esque - waxy, textured, sun kissed apricots. Good weight, aniseed, pepper spice and wet stone notes complemented by peach and creamy lees with well calculated acidity and a long finish. I find this is an excellent all round food wine with enough weight and texture for most white meat dishes, robust seafood and the difficult to pair artichoke or asparagus kind of vegetables.
- 225 Pradio, Pinot Grigio, DOC Priara 32**
DOC Friuli Grave, Italy
2022, 100% Pinot Grigio
Pradio Estate grows Pinot Grigio with a bright saturated straw-yellow hue, has a complex and well-blended wild flower and ripe fruit (apple and banana) bouquet. Strong personality, long, pleasantly fresh and lingering on the palate. A cut above most Pinot Grigio and lovely with chicken, white fish, creamy pasta.
- 226 Terre du Lias, Domaine de la Borde 55**
AOP Arbois, Jura, France
2022, 100% Chardonnay
An utterly gorgeous expression of Chardonnay that hints to Burgundy but retains the wonderful citrus highs of Chardonnay. Great tension and length, combines smoothness and freshness. I drink a lot of this! Calls for turbot, brill, roast chicken and pork.

SINGLE BOTTLES

limited stocks, unlimited pleasure

750ML

SPARKLING

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| 500 | The Trouble With Dreams, Sugrue
South Downs, England
2018, 60% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir
Wiston's former winemaker, Dermot Sugrue has fashioned a wonderful fine, complex sparkling wine from Mount Harry Vineyard in East Sussex. Effortless ripeness, balance and poise – precision, purity, drive and freshness and a focussed textural balance. Disgorged January 2023. | 80 |
| 511 | Polish Hill Riesling, Grosset Wines
Clare Valley, Australia
2019, Riesling
From 'The King of Riesling' who produces restrained, steely, pure wines. Dry, crisp, complex, will get better each year. | 68 |
| 512 | Suilven, Thistledown
Adelaide Hills
2021, Single Vineyard Chardonnay
A dead ringer for Puligny Montrachet. Refreshing white fruits, hint of spice on the nose, zippy acidity, white & stone fruits with some minerality adding texture. For those pessimistic about Australian Chardonnay, I'll happily drink it if you don't like it! | 60 |
| 513 | Ungeheuer Grosses Gewächs, Von Buhl
Pfalz, Germany
2015, Riesling
Slowly emerges with peachy and unctuous notes, chalky, fat texture giving way to juicy peaches and lemon curd. Wiry and tense with an impressive cool, long finish. | 71 |
| 515 | Château Malherbe Blanc
Côtes de Provence, France
2021, Rolle and Semillon
Gorgeous golden colour with light green tints. Floral notes of peaches, melon and mandarin. A wine that manages to balance richness and freshness with a lovely lemon note on the finish. | 56 |

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- 516 La Rocca, Pieropan** **61**
Soave Classico, Veneto, Italy
2012, Garganega
Peachy, creamy, opulent, almonds, orange flower, waxy but great acidity and finish that goes on a while.
- 519-21 Vernaccia di San Gimignano 'Tradizionale', Montenidoli** **45**
Tuscany, Italy
2019, 2020 or 2021, Vernaccia
Dry, medium-bodied with herbal and almond notes, rich flavours, lingering crispness, finishing with savoury spice and bitter almonds. A beautiful, grippy, textural wine.
- 523 Moment of Silence, BLANKbottle** **45**
Wellington, South Africa
2021, Chenin-Blanc, Grenache-Blanc, Sblankw21b01, Viognier
Crystallised stone fruit, apricots and more exotic fruits too - papaya and alphonso mango. The fruit simply shimmers across the palate with gorgeous white peaches and lightly saline, mineral backbone, with the finish loaded with comice pears. It's soft and voluptuous with the perfect amount of zip on the finish.
- 524-5 Malvasia, Able Mendoza** **45**
DOCa Rioja, Spain
2019 & 2021, Malvasia
From old vine vineyards, high up in the Cantabrian mountains, this is fresh and complex. Apple, peach, quince and citrus nose. The mouth has a dense and structured entry with supple and sweet fruit and acidity combined with herbs and with a hint of vanilla.

RED WINE

by the bottle....

ANYTHING BUT ITALIAN?

No chance! Here's five of the best bang for buck.

750ML

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| 407 | Dosset Vino Rosso, Principiano Ferdinando | 36 |
| | Monteforte d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy
2023, 100% Dosset
Dosset is a grape similar to Dolcetto, so this has an intense cherry-red colour. Notes of violets and cherries with a hint of earth. Fresh and clean with a slightly spicy edge. Look out for flavours of almonds and liquorice. The tannins are balanced and the finish lingering. Cheese, cured meats, offal are all a match. | |
| 408 | Sangiovese, Di Majo Norante | 36 |
| | Molise, Italy
2020, 100% Sangiovese
Smoothness and softness but supple fruit with notes of dried herbs and strawberries. A touch of earth after rain, herbal and enticing. Great with game, lamb or grilled vegetable dishes. | |
| 409 | La Villa, Tenuta Olim Bauda | 36 |
| | DOCG Piedmont, Italy
2021, 100% Barbera
Deep and bright ruby-red, a rich concentrated nose depicting cherry and berry fruit aromas. Generous, full-bodied with a long and enticing finish. A robust but smooth wine that pairs well with roast pork, venison or cheese. | |
| 410 | Electric Bee, Produttori di Manduria | 37 |
| | IGP Puglia, Italy
2022, 100% Primitivo
Very intense and incredibly complex. Aromas of ripe cherry, plum and blackberry yet retains a delicate freshness and softness on the palate. Great with hearty dishes or spicy grilled chicken. | |
| 411 | Martedi', Vigneti Tardis | 40 |
| | Campania, Italy
2020, 100% Aglianico
Juicy, racy and full of vibrant red fruit. Aromatic, fresh, low tannins, earthy finish. Just as good at cellar temperature as it is lightly chilled with a ragu. | |

LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING

light and shade

750ML

- 412 Marcillac ‘Lo Sang del País’, Domaine de Cros 35**
South West France
2021, 100% Fer Servadou
Bright and vivacious from a small, little-known appellation on the edge of the Massif Central. Blood of the soil – it’s got instantly appealing note of raspberries, blackcurrant with flavours of soft red fruits, a touch of spice and clean, underlying minerality. Integrated tannins. Great with cheese, offal and game.
- 413 Thorny Devil, Thistledown 39**
Blewit Spring, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia
2022, 100% Grenache
While packing a punch, this delicately hued red is otherwise very elegant with vibrant wild strawberry, spice and silky texture. A beautiful moreish wine from the Grenache fanatic, Giles Cooke MW. A great wine for spice.
- 414 Corbières, Château de Durfort 38**
Languedoc, France
2021, Grenache, Syrah Blend
Effortless exuberance, fruit propelled quaffability. Ripe blueberries, mulberries, a caressing juicy core, framed and neaten by a velvety grip of puckering edges. It’s the purity of fruit that provides that welcome streak of freshness. Game, grilled steak or lamb.
- 415 Syrah, Keermont Estate 50**
Stellenbosch, South Africa
2017, 99% Syrah and a drop of Mourvèdre
An inky, dark colour suggests a beast. But it is surprisingly nimble with violets and mulberry then baking spice and pepper. It’s the fine refreshing finish with crunchy fruit that makes it such a delight. Roast or grilled lamb is a winner, so too steak or duck.

LIGHT & UPLIFTING

fruitier, lighter reds that could be chilled or not.

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| 416 | Tinto, Gran Cerdo | 28 |
| | Rioja, Spain
2022, 100% Tempranillo
Bright, ruby-red, scents of black cherry, cola. Smooth, pronounced acidity, youthful freshness, and vigour. Great with snacks like cured meat, lamb koftas, chorizo. | |
| 417 | Raisins Gaulois, Domaine Lapierre | 38 |
| | Beaujolais, France
2023, 100% Gamay
A juicy red, fresh with low tannins. Bright with notes of red cherries, cassis and lovely earthy notes. Light on its feet with summer red fruit and a silky finish. Roast cod, chicken, or sweet chilli sauces. | |
| 418 | Distant Noises | 40 |
| | Yarra Valley, Australia
2021, 100% Pinot Noir
A high quality, classy and precise wine from cool climate Oz. Made by Yabby Lake's Tom Carson, it really is a beauty. Perfumed, a touch of spice and underlying French oak. Long, silky palate has real elegance, velvety texture, and a poised finish. Cheese, game, roast meaty fish are called for. | |

TASTE THE TERROIR

mountains, seas, soils and climatic influenced wine.

750ML

- 419 La Petite Syrah, Mas Montel** SOILS & SEAS **29**
Pays du Gard, France, 2022
2022, 100% Petit Syrah
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Soils of limestone and flint that is fully expressed in this wine. Soft ripe fruit, look for scents of stewed fruits, cinnamon and nutmeg. Uncomplicated with notes of red fruit, spice, leather and liquorice. Braised lamb or cheese are a delight with it.
- 420 Brezo Tinto, Bodega Mengoba** MOUNTAIN **33**
Bierzo, Spain
2022, Mencia with a touch of Alicante-Bouchet
Inky purple, aromas of cassis, raspberry and smoke. Full-bodied, generous with bags of earthy red fruits. Rich and chewy in texture, a lingering finish. Great with lentils cooked with green peppers and chorizo, oxtail stew with dry sherry.
- 421 Estate Pinot Noir, Danbury Ridge** SOILS & CLIMATE **56**
Essex, England
2021, Pinot Noir 100%
The first vines were planted by the Bunker family in 2014 and has been wowing the trade and critics since 2018 release. We're awaiting the new vintage but expect black cherry, plum, herbal then hints of woody spices, cedar; it's silky, the finish long.
- 422 Adam's Rib The Red, Julian Castagna** CLIMATE **55**
Beechworth, Victoria, Australia
2021, Nebbiolo, Shiraz & a touch of Sangiovese
Nebbiolo is tension and structure, Shiraz roundness. Worn leather, freshly turned earth, some tar, rose petal, a hint of Chinese five spice. Glints of raspberry, cherry, anise. Floral hints. Compelling and utterly moreish.
- 430 Thistledown, South Australia** TERROIR | MAGNUMS £120 |
A celebration of single site, high quality grapes, brilliantly grown and made.
- 431/2 This Charming Man, Clarendon, McLaren Vale, 2021 Grenache** **58**
Bernard Smart's dry grown, bush fruit. Muscular yet elegantly silky, black fruits couple with deep, rich, warming spices, hints of violets, mineral and black cherry.
- 433/4 Sands of Time, Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale, 2021 Grenache** **58**
From Sue Trott's alluvium soils, a faithful expression of the site – beautiful, haunting aromatics, fine sandy tannins, complex flavours and wonderful memorable length.
- 435 Fool on the Hill, Eden Valley, Barossa, 2021 Grenache** **58**
Joel Mattschoss high, dry grown fruit in ironstone & quartz. Lifted aromatics a bit more bite and sinew than the others. Textural, almost chewy but polished dark cherry, mineral, warm spice with incredible length.
- 436 The Distant Light, McLaren Vale & Barossa, 2020 Shiraz/Grenache** **58**
A blend of Shiraz. Intoxicating, ethereal nose of sweet, spicy black cherry, cassis and balsam then unravels its silky textural beauty. Wild strawberry, spice, autumnal wood, hints of smoke, elegant length.

PONDER THESE FOUR?

then take your time over them.

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- 423 Urbina Seleccion, Bodegas Urbina** 42
Rioja, Spain
200, Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo
Dark red, hint of orange around the rim. Mature aromas of berries, damsons, figs, floral notes, and a hint of vanilla-y oak. Medium weight. I love old Rioja with grilled lamb, game or mushrooms.
- 424 d'Iatra, Cal Batlet** 50
DOQ Priorat, Catalunya, Spain
2017, Carignan 50%, Grenache 30%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%
Round, balanced, ripe, still fresh, and full of fresh red berry fruit and minerals. Mouth filling but full brightness and balance. This is quite a brooding, big wine that calls for a rare grilled rib of beef.
- 425 Bordeaux Supérieur, Château Penin Grande Sélection** 42
Left Bank Bordeaux, France
2018, 100% Merlot
A harmonious, fleshy wine, with vanilla aromas coming from the oak, mingling well with jammy red berry fruit notes. The overall impression is complex, fine, mellow and full of charm. Attractive fruit on the palate, fine tannins and an aromatic finish. Roast beef, slow cooked lamb or hard cheeses all work.
- 426 Main Road & Dignity, Restless River** 70
Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa
2020, Cabernet Sauvignon
So pure, such beautiful blackcurrant, red currant, graphite, a hint of tar, minerality, complex notes of wood and fruit, some tobacco leaf and cedar. Impeccably fine tannins and a remarkably long, precise finish.
- 427 Higham Vineyard, Pinot Noir** 45
Higham, Suffolk, England
2022, Pinot Noir
The grapes for this wine come from 3 miles away on the north slopes of the Dedham Vale near the village of Higham. The plot, of flinty soils, is believed to be where John Constable painted the village of Higham in 1804. A beguiling bottle with lovely brambly fruits that while fresh, have good concentration. The tannins are silky, good depth and a touch of spice on the finish. Certainly something to ponder with some lamb from the Colne Valley, just down another road!

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| 550 | Echo de Lynch Bages, Château Lynch Bages | 70 |
| | Pauillac, Bordeaux, France
2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
Enticing, cedar, old cigar boxes and red berries. Lively, dry, forest floor, mellow. | |
| 553 | Château Langoa Barton | 96 |
| | Saint-Julien, Bordeaux, France
2010, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc
Notes of dense blackberries, sappy and well-assorted on the palate, many layers, impressive structure and length. Sweet tannins and silky fruit. | |
| 556 | Château Lynch-Bages | 162 |
| | Pauillac, Bordeaux, France
2006, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
Voluptuous, sexy, massive tannins cloaked by hugely concentrated, ripe, cedary, brambly fruit, while the sweet, rich, toasty aromas add extra intrigue. | |
| 559 | Château Giscours | 92 |
| | Pauillac, Bordeaux, France
2009, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
Dark fruit aromas, lustrous, medium to full, rugged chewy tannins, firm and structured. | |
| 560 | 'Cornaline', Domaine Hauvette | 62 |
| | Provence, France
2015, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Grenache
Wild cherries and strawberries kissed by lavender, rosemary and thyme.
Dry, silky, fresh acidity, sweet black fruits, hints green olives and vanilla. | |
| 561 | Cuvée Prestige, Château Montus | 72 |
| | Madiran, France
1994, Tannat
Elegant, restrained with length, interest and complexity. Pure red fruit, dissolved tannins but with some grip still in them, a few earthy and gamey notes. Balanced, smooth, elegant with medium finish. | |

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- 562 Barbaresco Riserva Montefico, Produttori del Barbaresco 72**
Piemonte, Italy
2015, Nebbiolo (then 2017 @ £60)
The aroma is beguiling, beckoning you in. Soft edges, rounder yet shows the Montefico specificity. A complex palate - red fruited, fresh nuts, rose, dirt - some iron and decent acidity in here. Lovely.
- 564 Brunello di Montalcino, Tenuta Poggio San Polo 75**
Tuscany, Italy
2017, Sangiovese
Great vintage, sensual, warm spice, balsamic, cedar, classy. Long, medium.
- 565 Chianti Classico Riserva 'Rancia', Felsina 75**
Tuscany, Italy
2013, Sangiovese
A darker, broodier vintage, time will have been a friend to reveal seductiveness. Sweet, sour cherry and tobacco. Blackberry, black cherry and cedar, savoury notes
- 567 Montefalco DOC Riserva 'Pipparello', Paolo Bea 92**
Umbria, Italy
2015, 60% Sangiovese, 25% Montepulciano, 15% Sagrantino
Red cherries, plums, notes of liquorice and earth. Intense, brooding, smooth texture, elegant acidity lingering like smoke on autumn air.
- 569 Viña Tondonia Reserva, Bodega R. López de Heredia 64**
Rioja, Spain
2010, Tempranillo
Complex, concentrated, pure, waves of flavour, bright, brambly, savoury.
- 570 Roda I Reserva, Bodegas Roda 78**
Rioja, Spain
2017, Tempranillo
So balanced and layered with a rich yet fresh feel. Warm, long, lingering spice.
- 571 Nebbiolo, Giaconda 89**
Beechworth, Victoria, Australia
2017, Nebbiolo
Giving all the fragrance, intrigue, depth and length expected. Damp, dewy roses, hints of sandalwood, a whiff of tar, then freshly damp forest floor and well-worn polished leather notes. Tense, an army of fine tannins Intense and long, powerful yet elegant.
- 573 Angel Flower, Pyramid Valley Vineyards 98**
Canterbury, New Zealand
2020, Pinot Noir
Haunting aromas of wild forest in the summer, red clover, lavender, charry pastries. Then autumn raspberries, red cherries, hints of clove and nutmeg, savoury forest twist. Long, graceful and powerful – the consummate iron fist in a silk glove; sensational.

DOES ANYONE STILL DRINK STICKIES?

you bet, and any port in a storm.

750ML 125ML

501	Lions de Suduiraut, Château de Suduiraut Bordeaux, France 2015 Semillon 95%, Sauvignon Blanc 5% Honey nuts and a peach liqueur aroma, moving to sweet, spicy pineapple and peach notes on the palate.	28	7⁵⁰
502	Pedro Ximénez, Bodegas Gutiérrez Colosia Jerez, Spain NV Pedro Ximénez Naturally sweet and dark in colour with aromas of caramelised raisins and molasses, with an intense finish.	30	8
503	Rutherglen Muscat, Stanton & Killeen Victoria, Australia NV Muscat Blanc, Petit Grains Sweet, luscious, strong raisin like flavours and plums, raisins, dates and oranges rolled into one.	28	7⁵⁰
505	10-year-old Tawny Port, Smith Woodhouse Porto, Portugal NV Touriga Nacional, and others A delicate “nutty” character, which marries beautifully with the delicious raisin flavours.	46	6¹⁰
506	Late Bottle Vintage Port, Delaforce DOC Porto, Portugal 2017 A deep red colour, ripe jammy plum and berry fruit aromas combine with the rich mellow flavours of wood ageing and displays the characteristic elegance, balance and harmony of the Delaforce house style. Rich and round on the palate. Blue cheese, mature cheddar and rich chocolate puddings are great with it.	26	6⁹⁰