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CHAMPAGNE

Champagne is the wine of celebration, commiseration, racecourse successes, christenings, weddings and seductions. In spite of recent price increases, it still makes the perfect aperitif or after-dinner refresher. There are many houses available, all of which make different styles and wines. Most Champagne is blended from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes but there are some exceptions; made only from Chardonnay, these are usually listed as blancs de blancs. Rose Champagnes are enjoying a revival at the moment and their pretty colour always enhances a party or celebration.

Non-Vintage	per bottle	per half
1 Reynier Brut House Champagne.....	45.50	24.50
3 Laurent Perrier.....	65.50	-
4 Moet et Chandon Brut Imperial.....	68.50	38.50
5 Pol Roger White Foil	77.50	-
6 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label.....	87.50	-
7 Louis Roederer Brut Premier	84.50	46.50
8 Bollinger Special Cuvee	96.50	-

Vintage and de-luxe

10 Veuve Clicquot 1999.....	102.50	-
11 Dom Perignon 1998.....	225.00	-
12 Louis Roederer Crystal 2000.....	399.50	-

Rosé

17 Lindauer Rosé New Zealand.....	24.50	-
18 Reynier Brut Rosé N.V. House Champagne	49.50	-
19 Billecart Salmon Rosé N.V.....	123.50	65.50
20 Laurent Perrier Rosé N.V.....	132.50	-

SPARKLING WINES

These should not be thought of as cheap alternatives to Champagne. They are often as well made and produced by the same method as Champagne, they are merely different wines in different styles.

22 Varichon et Clerc Privilage Blanc de Blanc	26.50	-
23 Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Mionetto Italy.....	29.50	-
26 Quartet Anderson Valley Roederer California.....	40.50	-

CLARET

We feel justly proud of our Claret list, which has been built up over many years. Because it is now fairly lengthy, we have divided it into communes. Claret is principally from two main areas. On the left bank of the Garonne is the main area for wines made mostly from Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. This is the Medoc. On the right bank of the Dordogne are St Emilion and Pomerol. Here the main grape is the Merlot, especially in Pomerol. In St Emilion it shares the honours with the Cabernet Franc. These wines are often softer and more likely to be ready for early drinking than the more austere wines of the Medoc.

The surrounding area, Bordeaux, Blaye, Cote de Francs, Fronsac, Cote de Castillon

Many good little wines can be found in these areas.,

28	Ch Maume Bordeaux Superieur 2004	22.50	-
29	Ch Sainte-Colombie 1999.....	38.50	-

Medoc

A strange mix of Chateaux make up this group, from really top properties, such as Ch La Lagune, through up-and-coming Chateaux like Caronne Ste Gemme. They have in common only that they do not fit geographically into the basic village communes of the rest of Medoc.

30	Ch d'Aurilhac 2003	28.50	
31	Ch Caronne St Gemme 2002.....	36.50	21.50
	Half bottles are 2004		
33	Ch la Lagune 1981 Haut Medoc.....	100.50	-

Margaux

At the Southern end of the Medoc is Margaux, with its magnificent eponymous Chateau, and many other imposing properties. The general summation on the style of the wines of the commune is that they are soft and feminine.

41	Ch Monbrison 2001	82.50	-
42	Ch d'Angludet 2004	89.50	-

St Estephe

St Estephe has always had the reputation of being the commune whose wines take longest to mature. This is often true of certain Chateau, Montrose and Cos d'Estournel, for example, but is not always the case.

48	Ch Beau Site 2004	55.50	-
49	Ch Haut Marbuzet 2002	88.50	-

St Julien

The fruitiest Medocs come from the village of St Julien. Many of the so called "super-seconds" (wines which should be reclassified upwards).

53	Amiral de Beychevelle 1997	-	34.50
54	Ch Lalande Borie 1999	59.50	-
55	Ch Leoville Barton 1986	224.50	-

Pauillac

The most serious wine-growing area of Bordeaux, which includes three of the five first growths: Latour, Lafite and Mouton Rothschild. Pauillac is always Inky-purple in youth and full of the smell and taste of Blackcurrants. when it matures, the smell is further enhanced by cigar box overtones. Magnificent wines.

66 Ch Haut-Bages Monpelou 2002	64.50	-
67 Ch Batailly 2004	94.50	-
68 Ch Haut Bages Averous 1999.....	105.00	-
70 Ch Mouton Rothschild 1979.....	375.00	-
71 Ch Latour 1989.....	700.00	-

St Emilion

The town of St Emilion is surrounded by vineyards sloping away gently towards the south. The wines are very easy to drink and very smooth.

73 Ch du Barry 2006/07.....	-	15.50
74 Ch Candale 2004.....	55.50	-
75 Ch Tessier 2004	58.50	-

Pomerol

Properties in Pomerol in general produce very small quantities of wine. Most Chateaux have over 75% planted with Merlot; some, like Petrus, plant over 90%. This makes for round, voluptuous wines with appeal to the English palate

84 Pomerol Jean Pierre Moueix 2006	-	21.50
85 Ch Bellegrave 2003.....	77.50	-
86 Ch L'Enclos 2000.....	114.50	-

Graves Pessac Leognan

The region of Graves takes its name from the gravel soil which is prevalent there. This soil imparts a dry, earthy character to the wines. This sounds less than a recommendation, but the wines mellow rapidly with age and become soft and delicious with just a hint of their youthful earthiness.

94 Ch Gaubert 2003	42.50	-
95 Ch Haut Bailly 1993.....	105.50	-
96 Ch Smith Haut Lafite 1994.....	123.50	-
98 Ch Haut Brion 1966.....	485.00	-
99 Ch Haut Brion 1989.....	1950.00	-

DRY WHITE BORDEAUX

White Bordeaux is undergoing a renaissance, mainly because winemakers are now using cold temperature fermentation and new oak for ageing. The wines are made of a blend, different at each property, of Sauvignon and Semillon. They range from the ultra dry to the luscious, yet dry Ygrec, the dry white wine of Ch Yquem.

102 Ch Martinon 200523.50 -

SWEET WHITE BORDEAUX

Sauternes is one of the greatest vinous pleasures. A glass with pudding or after dinner is irresistible. A half-bottle will easily serve four.

111 Clos du Portail 2005 Graves Superior..... - 13.50
112 Ch De la Chatruse 1997 Sauternes..... - 36.50
117 Ch Coutet Barsac 1988.....70.50 -
119 Ch d'Yquem 1970 (1er grand cru)450.00 -
120 Ch d'Yquem 1967 (1er grand cru).....2115.00 -

BEAUJOLAIS

The light, delicious, fruity wines from the beautiful Beaujolais hills are perfect summer drinking wines. They have an abundance of marvellous raspberry-like Gamay fruit and are as good chilled, as the French drink them, as they are at room temperature.

126	Morgon 2007 Domaine la Chaponne	33.50	-
127	Julienas 2006/7 (Descombes)	34.50	-
129	Brouilly 2007 Ch des Tours	34.50	17.50
130	Fleurie 2007 (Andre Cologne)	36.50	20.50

MACON and the COTE CHALONNAISE

Lying between Beaujolais and Burgundy proper are the two regions of the Maconnais and Chalonnaise. Both produce red wines from the Pinot Noir grape, and White, from the Chardonnay, as in the main area of Burgundy. No-one would pretend that they have the quality of the great wines from further north, but in view of the prices being charged there, it is necessary to look elsewhere for supplies of Burgundian wine. The Rully is particularly recommended; it has depth and richness well beyond its appellation.

136 Rully (Dureuil) 200542.50 -

RED BURGUNDY

Cote de Beaune

The Southern end of the Cote d'Or is renowned for its great white-wines-the greatest dry white wines of the world. The reds range from the delicate, fruity Savigny, through the powerful Auxey Duresses to the classy Corton, Pommard and Volnay. With Burgundy, it is the grower and the vintage which are all important, not the village name. Jadot is a top rank grower, and Ampeau is among the top negociants. We have tried to include wines from top, mature vintages as well as younger, light, fruity wines.

138 Santenay Maladiere 2005 - 21.50
139 Irancy les Cailles 2007 Colinot39.50 -
140 Volnay 1er Cru Santenots Ropiteau 2007.....64.50 -
144 Pommard Clos de Poutures 2002 Jadot.....115.50

Cote de Nuits

This is the home of top red Burgundy; stronger, richer and more robust than the wines of the Cote de Beaune. Names like Chambertin, Clos Vougeot and Nuits St Georges are now expensive but there are other enjoyable, affordable wines.

162 Gevrey Chambertin Champeau 2002 Drouhin.....104.50 -
163 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru les Cazetiers
Armand Rousseau 2005.....350.00 -
167 La Tache Romanee Conti 1994.....1750.50 -

WHITE BURGUNDY

Macon and the Cote de Chalonnaise

The soaring price of Chardonnay wines in the Cote d'Or has led to the discovery of well made, smaller wines in the Maconnais and the Chalonnaise. Some of the names may be unfamiliar but the wines are well-made and offer good value for money.

170	Macon Lugny 2007 (Louis Latour)	26.50	-
177	Pouilly Fuisse Ch Fuisse "Vieilles Vignes" JJ Vincent 2004.....	67.50	-

Cote d'Or

Most great white Burgundy comes from the Cote de Beaune from the villages of Meursault, Chassagne Montrachet and Puligny Montrachet. Behind the great villages lie less well-known hamlets like St Aubin. The wine from these villages is less intense and concentrated but it is less expensive.

181	Bourgogne Hautes Cote de Nuits 2006	35.50	-
184	Meursault les Clos Javillier 2004	-	36.50
185	Puligny Montrachet Vieilles Vignes 2006 Girardin.....	81.50	-
188	Chassagne Montrachet 2006 Neillon.....	88.50	-

CHABLIS

Chablis is not White Burgundy, although it is made from the same grape variety, the Chardonnay. The area of production lies almost midway between Paris and Burgundy proper. The soil is entirely different and the wines should have more steel and freshness than wines from the Cote d`Or. Nevertheless some producers are attempting to make their wines taste like Puligny Montrachet by using lots of new oak. This is not always a success, as the oak can mask the flavour of the Chardonnay grape. There are many different opinions in Chablis as to how much oak should be used, if at all.

CH1	Petit Chablis 2008 (Marc Brocard)	30.50	17.50
CH2	Chablis 1er CruVaillons 2006 (Michel).....	51.50	-
CH3	Chablis Montmain 2007 Brocard.....	-	25.50

RHONE

The red wines from the Rhone valley are at last receiving the attention which they have so long deserved. The region can be considered as two separate areas, the North, which produces long-lived red wines from the Syrah grape, such as Hermitage, and Cote Rotie, , and to the South, which consists of a confusing and disparate set of appellations. The most widely planted grape is the Grenache but many producers are now using a lot of Syrah. However, this is an oversimplification; there are thirteen permitted grape varieties in Chateauneuf du Pape! All the wines benefit from ageing but for economic reasons many are either drunk too young or are vinified so as to drink earlier.

Red

196	Crozes Hermitage 2005 Etienne Pochon.....	27.50	-
197	Côte du Rhône 2005 E Guigal.....	28.50	15.50
198	Vacqueyras Cuvee des Templiers 2005	30.50	-
199	St Joseph Gaillard 2005	43.50	-
201	Chateauneuf du Pape 2001		
	Domaine Duclaux.....	45.50	-
202	Gigondas Cosme 2006	52.50	-

Rhone continued

White

The white wines of the Rhone have long been overlooked. This is mainly because the winemaking was often so primitive that the delicacy of the Rousanne and Marsanne grapes was totally destroyed, leaving an early-oxidising, undistinguished wine. This situation has changed markedly over the last few years. In the very north of the region, two neighbouring appellations produce stunning wines from the seldom planted, difficult to grow Viognier grape.

208	Cotes du Rhone Blanc St Cosme 2006	30.50	-
209	Condrieu 2005 St Cosme.....	90.50	-

Rosé

212	Bandol Rosé Domaine Tempier 2007.....	45.50	-
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Sweet White

215	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 2006 (Domaine de Durban).....	-	20.50
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LOIRE

White

The Loire is a long river with vineyards dotted down its entire length. Three different grape varieties are used. The Muscadet or Melon de Bourgogne makes its eponymous wine round Nantes at the South of the river. This is often thought of as the wine to have with shellfish. Some might prefer White Burgundy. Next along the river come Vouvray and Savennieres. Here the Chenin Blanc grape is used. The river then bends and runs South-North instead of West-East, producing some of the most popular wines of France. Made from the Sauvignon Blanc grape, they are crisp, dry and steely and have caught the imagination of the wine buying public.

216	Muscadet 2007 Sèvre et Maine (Chateau du Cléray)	24.50	-
217	Sancerre Boucauds 2008 Riffault	35.50	18.50
218	Pouilly Fume La Rambarde 2007 (Seguin)	37.50	20.50
219	Vouvray 2007 Sec (Le Haut Lieu)	39.50	-

Red

On the upper Loire, at Chinon and Bourgeuil, light red wines are made from the Cabernet Franc grape. Despite the use of this grape, the wines are more reminiscent of Beaujolais than St Emilion.

223	Chinon 2004/5 (Domaine de Beausejour)	29.50	-
224	Sancerre Rouge 2004 Vacheron	40.50	-

Rosé

Rosé has become a very popular summertime drink.

227	Chinon Rose 2007 Beausejour.....	28.50	-
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ALSACE

Alsace is one of the prettiest, the most gastronomically rewarding and the least-known wine-producing areas in France. Lying on the lower slopes of the Vosges mountains, the vineyards attract a lot of sun and very little rain. Alsace has changed hands from France to Germany three times in the last 125 years. This has made for a winemaking and indeed food culture somewhat different from the rest of France. In Alsace the wines are named after the grape varieties and not the villages from which the wines come. The simplest of these is the Sylvaner, a perfect picnic wine. Next comes the Muscat, with its light, elegant floweriness. This makes a very good aperitif. Then the noble grapes: Gewurztraminer, spicy and perfumed; Tokay, more delicate, yet with great depth; and Riesling, which the Alsatians consider the king of grapes. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the Alsace vignerons, like their cousins and rivals in Germany, make richer wines which are designated with different names by each house, so that the relative lushness of, say Paul Blanck is about equal to Trimbach's Riesling. Finally come the late harvest wines, Vendange Tardive and the rare Selection de Grains Nobles. These are made from grapes attacked by Pourriture Noble, as in Sauternes. In Alsace, however, they are never `sweet` as they are in Bordeaux, but intense and rich. It is a pity that these wines are so difficult to sell as they are really delicious-why not try some?

White

233	Gewürztraminer 2006/7 Paul Blanck.....	-	19.50
234	Riesling Marcel 2006 Deiss.....	39.50	-
235	Gewürztraminer 2006 Trimbach.....	42.00	23.00
238	Gewürztraminer Vendanges Tardives 2000 Hugel.....	-	42.50

GERMANY
HOCK and MOSEL

The English gave the name Hock to German Rhine wines in the 19th century, when Queen Victoria popularised the wines of Hochem. The wines range from light and dry to rich and sweet; they are refined and long flavoured. The King of the grape varieties is the Riesling, which only ripens in the finest sites in good years.

The Mosel valley is one of the most northerly vineyard areas in Europe. The river Mosel snakes its way from Luxembourg to meet the Rhine at Koblenz. The banks are steep cliffs, like slopes of pure slate. This soil gives their wines unique flavour. They are flinty, dry to medium dry, low in alcohol and above all exceptionally grapey with a refreshing aftertaste.

250	Riesling Trocken 2007 Dr Burklin Wolf.....	26.50	-
251	Riesling RK 2005 Reichsgraf Von Kesselstatt	31.50	-
255	Maximin Grunhauser Herrenberg Auslese 1995 ...	75.50	-
256	Kied Graf Riesling Spatlese 2004	86.50	-

PORTUGAL and SPAIN

Portugese wine is often too strong and alcoholic to use other than for making Brandy to fortify port. The Chryseia however, is worth trying.

White

262 Lagar de Cervera Albarino 200733.50 -

Red

268 Chryseia 2003 Prats & Symington98.50 -

269 Grandes Anadas Artadi Rioja 1999.....176.50 -

ITALY

A renaissance is taking place in Italian winemaking. Serious wines, both Red and White are being made. Because they contain foreign grape varieties, many have to be designated `Vino da Tavola`. Some of the most impressive wines are coming from Tuscany and Umbria, where Chardonnay is now planted quite widely and new methods of vinification are being employed. We have expanded this part of the list and give short notes on some wines.

White

271 Pinot Grigio 2008 Puiati.....28.50 -

Very attractive wine, full of flavour, from Friuli Venezia Giulia in North-West Italy.

272 Prosecco di Valdobbiadene (Sparkling Wine).....29.50 -

273 Soave Classico 2007 Pieropan31.50 -

Classy, good quality Soave. Very well made.

Red

280 Chianti 2008 Leonardo Cantine23.50 -

284 Planeta 200459.50 -

A Classic Merlot from a top Sicilian estate

286 Barolo Ascheri 200387.50 -

CALIFORNIA and OREGON

We have expanded our list with a selection of some new and exciting finds.

White

288	Coppala Diamond Series Chardonnay 2006	35.50	-
289	Grgich Hills Fumé Blanc 2004 Dry Sauvignon Blanc.....	49.50	-

Red

293	Francis Coppola Ivory Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2005.....	38.50	-
296	Rubicon Estate Edizione Pennino 2005 Zinfandel	70.50	-

AUSTRALIA

The hot climate of Australia produces wines of huge concentration and depth but sometimes with rather obvious flavours. There are exceptions: those growers who pick early and ferment at cold temperatures make impressive wines. All the wines are good value for money.

White

303	Nepenthe Sauvignon Blanc 2006.....	28.50	-
304	Mamre Brook Chardonnay 2004	38.50	-
305	Stanton and Killeen Muscat, Rutherglen This is a 50cl Bottle.....	-	34.50
308	Giaconda Nantau les Deux 2003	86.50	-

Red

309	Alkoomi White Label Cabernet Merlot 2005.....	27.50	-
310	Steve Hoff Heritage Shiraz 2004.....	38.50	-

NEW ZEALAND

A relative newcomer to winemaking, New Zealand has scored an instant success, particularly with her Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc wines. At present some of the reds are less successful but the standard is improving with each vintage.

White

317	Anapai River Sauvignon Blanc 2007	23.50	-
318	Mudhouse Sauvignon Blanc 2007	26.50	-
320	Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007	48.50	-

Red

SOUTH AFRICA

The wines of South Africa are much improved and more to European tastes. Gone are the coarse and heavy wines; in their place are some with real fruit and style.

White

331	Vondeling Noctiflora Chenin Blanc Viognier 2006	29.50	-
332	Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc 2007	30.50	-
333	Thelema Mountain Chardonnay 2006.....	44.50	-

Red

336	Porter Mill Station Pinotage 2006.....	25.50	-
337	Thelema Mountain Vineyard Merlot 2006	46.50	-
338	Warwick Farm Estate Trilogy 2005.....	49.50	-

CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA

Interesting and exciting wines are now coming from this old part of the New World.

White

343	Secreto Viognier 2006 Viu Manent	25.50	-
344	Montes Sauvignon Blanc 2008 Chile.....	23.50	-

Red

347	Malbec 2008 Altos Las Hormigas Argentina.....	22.50	-
349	Montes Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 Chile	23.50	-

ENGLAND

351	Sharpham Estate Selection 2007	25.50	-
	Devon regional wine		

HOUSE WINES

We offer the following wines

	Bot	1/2 ltr
White Bourgogne Vézelay Chardonnay 2007.....	21.50	14.50
Jean Marc Brocard Rounded, Medium A mixture of Chablis and Burgundy style wines		
White Sauvignon Blanc Valdivieso 2009.....	21.50	14.50
Classic grassy fruit flavours you would expect From Chile		
Pinot Grigio Contovecchio 2009.....	21.50	14.50
Rose Laballe Vin de Pays de Terroirs Landais 2008	21.50	14.50
Red Pinot Noir Bouchard Aine & Fils 2008.....	21.50	14.50
A round fruity red Vin de Pays D'oc		
Red Ventisquero Rerserva Merlot 2007	21.50	14.50
A rich bodied red from Chile		
All House wines by the glass 175ml	5.25	

DESSERT WINES

A selection of Sauternes appears in the main list

Muscat wines by the glass 125ml

Muscat de Beaumes de Venise.....	glass	£7.50
Stanton and Killeen Muscat	glass	£8.50

CHAMPAGNE

Reynier Brut.....	Bottle	£45.50.....	Half	£24.50
Reynier Brut Rosé.....	Bottle	£49.50		

