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Introduction

Welcome to our 'new look' Spring Summer list, crammed full of new finds from all over the world, both classics and contenders. We've scoured the corners of every grotty wine fair there's been and done time on the excruciatingly early Easy Jet flights to find what we believe is our best collection of wines yet. We haven't been shy in our methods to persuade these brilliant growers to give us allocations either - we've been using Gavin's Master of Wine connections and my family

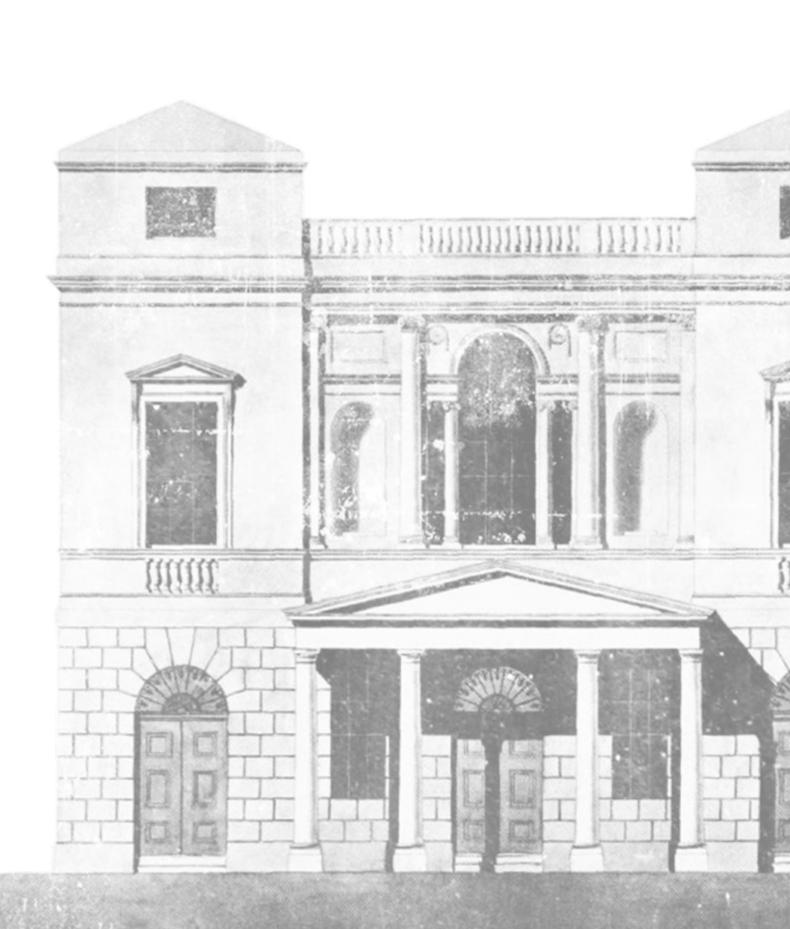
connections from centuries in this wine game – more of the latter in this brochure to bore you with I'm afraid. As always though, it's been tremendous fun and we hope to give you a sense of that with a host of delicious wines for you to enjoy

With thanks and best wishes from all of us,

Tom

The Pantheon

Gilbey's Oxford Street HQ



The firm's expansion was so rapid that they were able to take over the Pantheon in Oxford Street, the site of the present Marks & Spencer's building.

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A decade later Gilbey's decided to diversify again, and began distilling gin in London in 1872. Inexpensive and easy to produce, it was an instant success and the beginning of a booming spirits trade for Gilbey's. By 1905, Gilbey's had bought three whiskey distilleries in the Glenlivet district of Strathspey, where they produced nearly 300,000 gallons of proof spirit. At the same time, they held large stocks of Irish whiskey in Dublin and had opened plants in Canada and Australia, as well as buying further property in London in which to store their drinks. In fact, by 1914 their empire covered 20 acres in Camden Town alone!

In 1875, Gilbey's bought the 470-acre Château Loudenne, in the Gironde, north of Bordeaux, which produced claret. Here they made their own wine and stored purchases from elsewhere. Thus, at the peak of their success, Gilbey's owned wine shops around the world, distilleries, a Château, warehouses, and more!

My grandfather was the last chairman of Gilbey's and the next generation, my father and his brother, opened one of the first wine bars outside of London in 1972 -originally the Eton Wine Bar, now proudly bearing the family name Gilbey's. They then opened in Amersham and both are still going strong today. Shipping in their own wines for the list, my Dad was the chef, my Mum front of house, my Aunt running the staff and my Uncle making sure the figures worked. and then came me and here we are as the Vintner, cutting a slightly different path from my great-great-grandfather Alfred, opting for quality over quantity, but I do feel proud to be continuing the Gilbey legacy.

In 1856, two young men, discharged at the end of the Crimean War, were in need of jobs: Walter, aged 26 and Alfred 24 (my great-great-grandfather). Their older brother, Henry Parry Gilbey, was a partner in a wholesale wine merchants firm, Southard, Gilbey & Co. He advised them to set up as retail wine merchants. Less than a year later they leased some cellars on Oxford Street and began to sell wine.

They concentrated on good, inexpensive wines from Cape Town, as these could be imported at half duty. The wine was so good and such good value that Gilbey's had 20,000 customers within months and just two years later new premises were opened in Dublin, Edinburgh and Belfast! When duty was reduced on French wines in 1861, The Gilbeys were straight in there and started importing cheap Bordeaux wines at the expense of their South African counterparts.

ENDING WINE GONFUSION



They run the show

The perfect duo. Both very approachable, passionate and pushing us every day.

Left to Right

- Tom Gilbey (Founder & Sales Director)
- Julia Beran (Managing Director)

They unearth hidden gems

Gavin, our MW in training with Charlie, our resident food & wine expert.



- Charlie Stein (Wine Buyer)
- Gavin Smith (Wine Buyer)

They promote the brand

James has a wealth of marketing experience. Maurice is our newest recruit and brings a huge amount of creativity.



- James Bidgood (Head of Marketing)
- Maurice Mitchell (Graphic Designer)





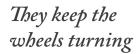


They sell the wine

Claire & Nick bring a wealth of client relationship experience and a huge passion and knowledge for wine.

Left to Right

- Nick Daniell (Head of Private Clients)
- Claire Lincoln (Trade Sales Manager)



The boys literally keep the wheels moving. Passionate, dedicated and the hardest working guys in town. Not a job for everyone but moving hundred of cases of wine each week is a warm up session for them.

Left to Right

- Kamil Pawelec (Transport Manager)
- Peter Komuda (Driver)
- Mat Zaczkiewicz (Driver)

They keep our customers happy

Celine heads up our Operations and Logistics team. Anna and Hamish move heaven and earth to make sure you get great service from us.

Left to Right

- Hamish Kirwan (Stock Controller & Purchasing Support
- Celine Sabatie (Head of Operations)
- Anna Blakeston (Client Services & Sales Support)

They make it all add up

Tatiana and Sita have the difficult task of balancing our books. Calm and composed they keep us all in check.

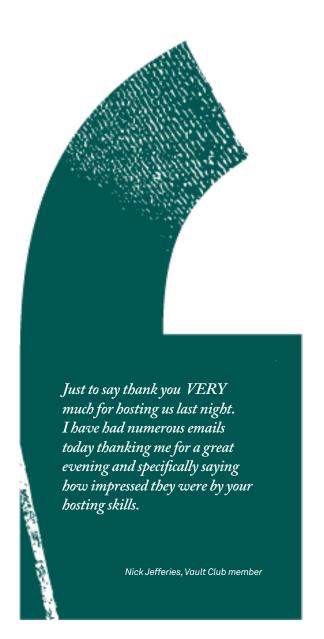
Left to Right

- Sita Patel (Accounts Assistant)
- Tatiana Ozsay (Management Accountant, maternity cover)









Your own personal wine advisor who knows your tastes, budget and requirements.

The Vault Club is our way of rewarding our most loyal customers. As a member, all you have to do is set up a regular payment into your 'vault', which you can either dip into little and often, or allow to accrue over time - a 'wine piggybank', if you will

There are many benefits to becoming a member (see left) including a 10% discount on every order, even on those wines already on offer. There is no cost to join The Vault Club and you can terminate it at any time. There is a minimum requirement of £50 per month. For our full terms and conditions, please visit our website.



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WINE EVENTS

Tom's Tastings

These tastings are held in our very own tasting room in Parsons Green and they're geared to how we all drink and enjoy wine today. Whether you're a restaurateur, a restaurant go'er, a party organiser or an enthusiastic Friday night imbiber, these tastings serve to help you do just that.

We run them at regular intervals throughout the year, often on a Tuesday evening and we use delicious wines to tackle topical issues such as: How to choose from a restaurant wine list or what makes the great grapes noble etc.

They're fun and informative so you don't need to be a Master of Wine to get something out of them. We serve just the right amount of tasty food and ensure the wines are both interesting and very, very good. Please see our website for more information and to book yourself in.

- Not your average wine tasting
- A great evening out with friends
- Perfect for a company reward
- Casual, educational and fun

Corporate Events

Our corporate wine tasting events are popular and fun. We offer a wide variety of themes and styles ranging from our incredibly popular 'Blind Taste Off' to our slightly more sedate but brilliantly impressive 'Passage through Burgundy'. These are not lecturing sessions.

We understand that many of your guests will have had long days by the time they get to us... our job is to always ensure they have plenty of delicious and interesting wine in an engaging and fun atmosphere.

We can help you with finding and recommending venues, and planning your event to stick to budget and get the very most out of it. Please see our website for more information or call one of the team to hear more about how we can tailor an event for you.

- Great for team building
- Perfect for a company reward
- Competitive and fun
- Brilliant ice breaker and networking tool



To find out more visit:

THEVINTNEREVENTS.COM

1. Prosecco Frizzante, La Tordera, DOC Treviso, Italy



Vault Club Bottle price £10.95 £9.86





NV Vintage: Glera Grape: ABV: 10.5% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Good on its own or with delicate

Tasting notes:

Lemon citrus with crisp green apples and pears. This is dry and very moreish - perfect apéritif wine to get the juices going. Frizzante is a little less fizzy, so works perfectly as a delicate apéritif

2. Prosecco Spumante Alnè, La Tordera, DOC Treviso, Italy



Bottle price Vault Club £13.25 £11.93

NV Vintage:

Glera, Chardonnay Grape:

ABV: 11.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Crayfish salad

Tasting notes:

This has a wonderfully bright, fresh nose of ripe pears and lemon sherbet. The body is pleasantly rich and balanced by refreshing acidity with lots of citrus and pear fruit.

3. Crémant de Loire 'Les Quarterons', Amirault, France



Vault Club Bottle price £15.50 £13.95

Vintage:

Grape: Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay ABV:

Closure: Cork

Food match: Aperitif, canapés, spicy foods

Tasting notes:

This wine has all the ingredients for a great méthode traditionelle sparkling. With Chenin Blanc's natural acidity you get lift and brightness. Xavier gives the grapes some extra hang time which lends the wine a honeyed roundness. Great quality at a fantastic price and the perfect apéritif sparkler.

4. Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé, Léonce Bocquet, France



Bottle price Vault Club £15.95 £14.36

Vintage:

Grape:

Closure:

Food match:

Tasting notes:

ABV:



5. Champagne Beaumont des Crayères Grand Prestige Brut, France



Bottle price Vault Club £24.30 £27.00





Vintage: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier Grape:

ABV: 12% Closure: Cork Food match: Ovsters

Tasting notes:

This incredibly well priced Champagne is a great example of the three Champagnes varietals in absolute harmony. The citrus fruit and elegant creamy texture from the Chardonnay, the full bodied richness from the Pinot Noir and the bright fruitiness of the Pinot Meurnier. Absolute Classic champagne!

This Crémant from Burgundy is wonderfully light pink in colour, with just the right balance of freshness and red fruit concentration you want from a sparkling rosé. The flavours are backed by a fine mousse and elegant finish.

Aperitif, trifle, light fish dishes

Gamay, Pinot Noir

Cork

6. Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru Grande Réserve, Bouzy, France



Bottle price Vault Club £29.95 £26.96 Vintage: NV Grape: Pinot Noir ABV: 12%

Closure: Cork Food match: Aperitif, light starter, seafood salad

Tasting notes:

A top quality Champagne made from 100% Pinot Noir. The result is an exotic bouquet with lots of finesse evolving through notes of citrus, honey and vanilla. Full and rich in the mouth with a reminder of the aromatic finesse.

7. Champagne André Clouet Rosé, Grand Cru Réserve, Bouzy,



Bottle price Vault Club £28.80 £32.00 Vintage: Grape: Pinot Noir ABV: 12%

Closure: Cork

Food match: Tasting notes:

A Grand Cru rosé Champagne from the village of Bouzy. Wonderfully light and bright in colour with pure elegant strawberry fruit on the palate.

Aperitif, creamy pasta dishes

8. Breaky Bottom Cuvee Koizumi Yakumo Brut, West Sussex, England



Vault Club Bottle price £34.00 £30.60

2010

12.5%

Cork

Seyval Blanc

Fish & chips







Food match: Tasting notes:

Vintage:

Grape:

Closure:

ABV:

Breaky Bottom was the first of the Sussex based vineyards, set up by Peter Hall in 1974. This wine is wonderfully pure and generous and expresses lovely brioche notes with a lemon citrus lift. The delicate mousse is very fine and leaves a mouthwatering, mineral finish that makes this irresistible

9. Gusbourne Brut Reserve, Kent, England



Vault Club Bottle price £34.00 £30.60

2013

12%

Cork

Ovsters



Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir



SNV



Closure: Food match:

Tasting notes:

Vintage:

Grape:

ARV:

Bright gold in colour, this blend highlights red fruit aromas of cherry and strawberry. The palate is clean and fresh whilst giving tones of soft stone fruit and a long refreshing finish.

10. Gusbourne Rosé, Kent, England



Bottle price Vault Club £33.30 £37.00

2013 Pinot Noir 12%



Food match: Tasting notes:

Vintage:

Grape:

Closure:

ARV

A golden salmon pink appearance with bright red berry fruit with raspberry, red current and cranberry flavours, balanced by a full, creamy mouthfeel and a long finish.

11. Gusbourne Blanc de Blancs, Kent, England

ARV

Tasting notes:



Bottle price Vault Club £40.00 £36.00

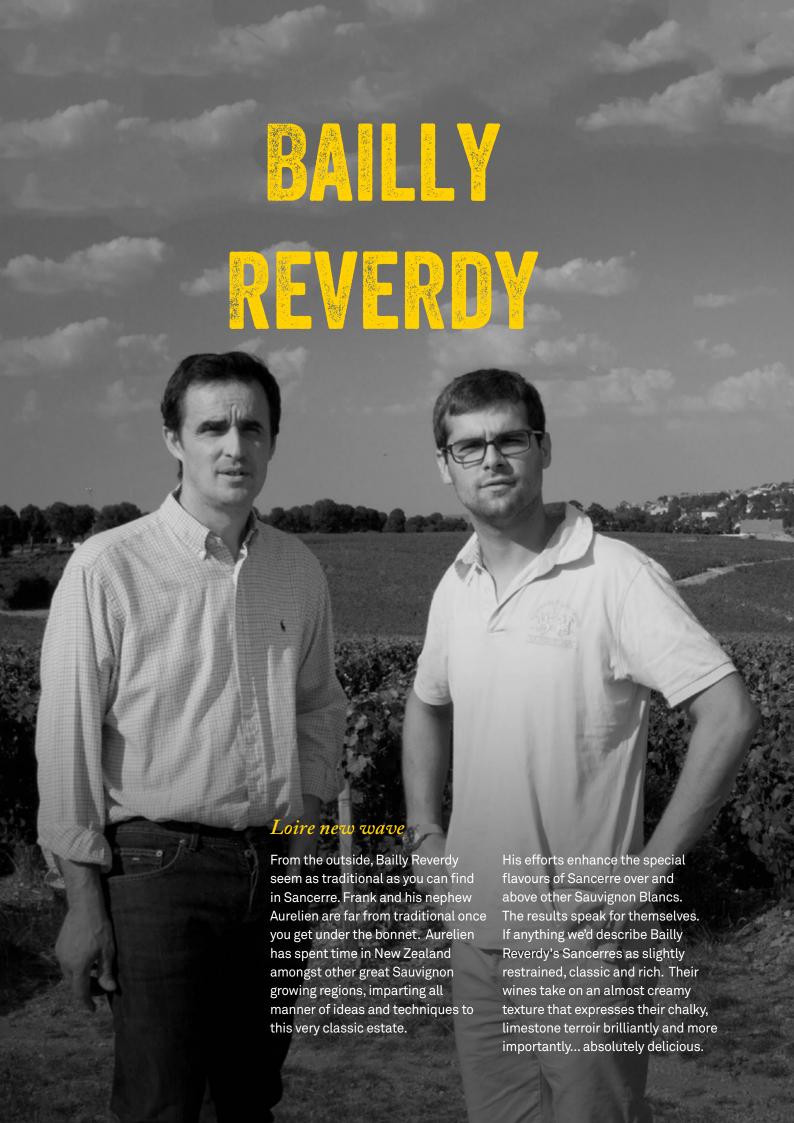
Vintage: 2012/13 Grape: Chardonnay 12% Closure: Cork Food match: Sashimi

One of the most accoladed wines to come out of the UK, this wine soared in our great British blind taste off in the Vintner office this winter. Lifted, elegant with an incredibly broad palate and wonderful freshness. A very fine mousse from extensive lees ageing. This is stellar wine from the UK.

What we are absolutely NOT doing here is jumping on the Brexit band varieties on the chalk and green wagon and trying to convince both you and ourselves that we can live happily without importing any wine from our friendly European cousins... because we most definitely can't. Some of you may recall that our summer last year was a corker and it's difficult not to notice the numerous plugs and awards that our sparkling wines are being given. It's true, England can make some of the best sparkling wines in the world,

grown from the Champagne grape sand slopes of Southern England. That's rather old news though and we're perhaps more interested in the increasingly good still white wines being made in this same area of Kent, Sussex and Hampshire. The best growers have moved away from the traditional, completely unpronounceable and unknown grape varieties that still make up most of the English vineyard land - Huxelrebe, Faberrebe and Muller-Thurgau

for example and have gone for more classic grapes that will now ripen in Southern England – Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. We've tasted hundreds of white, red and rosés, selecting three delicious new wines from two of England's very best wineries. They are Gusbourne in Kent and Kingscote in Hampshire. We'd urge you to spend your money on this page and discover just how good both our sparkling white and still white wines really are.



12. Sauvignon de Touraine, Domaine du Fraisse, Loire

Bottle price Vault Club £9.95 £8.96 Vintage: 2015/16

2015/16 Sauvignon Blanc 12.5%

Closure: Cork
Food match: Goats cheese and asparagus tart

Tasting notes:

Grape:

ABV:

Domaine du Fraisse produces a consistently classic and lively Sauvignon Blanc. A great example of a herbaceous and zesty Touraine Sauvignon.

13. Vouvray, Domaine Boutet Saulnier, Loire

Bottle price



£12.50 £11.25

Vintage: 2015

Grape: Chenin Blanc

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Cork

Vault Club

Food match: Shellfish, octopus, pork belly, rabbit

Tasting notes:

Energetic, pure and full of green apple freshness and chalky minerality. The palate is slightly off dry with ripe pear and melon fruit. Good spritz to the finish gives a deliciously fresh mouthfeel and finish.

14. Pouilly-Fumé 'Les Chailloux', Domaine Chatelain, Loire



Bottle price | Vault Club £17.25 | £15.53

Vintage: 2015

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc
ABV: 12.5%
Closure: Cork

Food match: Goats cheese tart

Tasting notes:

An elegant combination of fresh lime and gooseberries with that classic gun flint minerality found in the best Pouilly Fumés.

15. Sancerre 'La Mercy-Dieu', Domaine Bailly Reverdy, Loire



Bottle price Vault Club £17.50 £15.75

Vintage: 2015/16
Grape: Sauvignon Blanc

Grape: Sauvignon Bl
ABV: 13%
Closure: Cork
Food match: Lemon sole

Tasting notes:

This is everything you would hope for in a Sancerre with elegance, purity and subtlety. There is a lovely weight to this wine as it exudes lemon, green apple and a chalky mineralty. A razor sharp freshness makes this perfect with any grilled fish or smoked salmon.

16. St Nicolas de Bourgueil 'Les Gravilices' Domaine Agnes & Xavier Amirault, Loire



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £16.95
 £15.26

Vintage: 2014

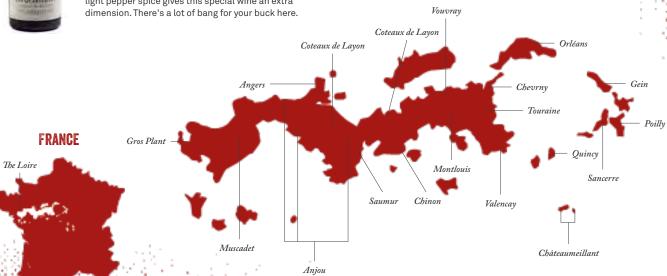
Grape: Cabernet Franc ABV: 12.5%

Closure: Cork
Food match: Barbeque

Tasting notes:

This cuvee from our friend Xavier takes Loire red onto a completely new level. Soft and juicy with wonderful gravel minerality as its name suggests. A smack of light pepper spice gives this special wine an extra dimension. There's a lot of bang for your buck here.









We've drawn attention to this selection of slightly unusual wines that we've labelled as 'must try' and encourage you to do just that. If they're hidden away amongst the classics they sometimes get missed. In fact, we end up drinking more of them than we sell. These are fabulous wines offering incredible value.

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KEERMONT

West Sussex, Pinot Noir, England £15.95 (VC £14.36) see page 33

Pecorino, Terre Di Chieti Italy £10.25 (VC £9.23) see page 26

Chenin, Stellenbosch South Africa £21.00 (VC £18.90) see page 39

PEQUE

Ramón Valle, Beirzo Mencia Spain £14.95 (VC £13.46) see page 29

St Tamas, Tokaji Hungary £14.95 (VC £13.46) see page 33

Santa Cristina, Vignetta Massoni Venato, Italy £17.95 (VC£16.16) see page 27

ARBOIS

Grand Elevage, Savagnin France £24.95 (VC £22.46) see page 21

DE BOURGUEIL 'LES GRAVILICES'

Cabernet Franc, France £16.95 (VC £15.26) see page 13

he Jouards make a mere 250 Vincent Jouard can be found tending the vines and producing cases each vintage, using only the fruit of half century old vines. pristine grapes that allow his brother François to create wine Both their Chassagne Villages and particularly their Premier Cru 'Les of elegance. Together they have the greatest respect for terroir, Chaumées' are among the most making white Burgundy how we delicious white wines on our list. really think it ought to be - subtle but with tremendous power and They embody everything about lusciousness. Their use of oak is these two dedicated brothers restrained and they bring the fruit – nothing too showy with every to the forefront of each and every ounce of energy and quality put wine they make. into the wine.



17. Bourgogne Blanc, Julien Collovray, Burgundy



Vault Club Bottle price £14.50 £13.05 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Chardonnay ABV: 13% Closure: Cork Food match: Lobster

Tasting notes:

A really delicious Bourgogne Blanc made by our outstanding wine maker friend Julien Collovray in Pouilly-Fuissé. It's brimming with ripe, creamy citrus fruit with a lovely mineral thread providing the balance.

18. Chablis, Domaine Sébastien Dampt, Burgundy



Bottle price Vault Club £15.26 £16.95 Vintage: 2015 Grape: ABV: Chardonnav 12.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Shellfish, fish and chips

Tasting notes:

Dampt is one of the top producers of the region and his quality shines through all his wines. This Village Chablis is from vines of up to 40 years old, offering plenty of clean crisp fruit notes of green apples and citrus. A line of minerality makes this very refreshing indeed.

19. Saint-Véran, Julien Collovray, Burgundy



Vault Club Bottle price £17.50 £15.75 Vintage: 2014/15 Grape: Chardonnay ABV: 13% Closure Cork

Food match: Tasting notes:

An elegant combination of fresh lime and gooseberries with that classic gun flint minerality found in the best Pouilly-Fumés.

Poultry dishes and meatier fish varieties

20. Rully, David Moret, Burgundy



Bottle price Vault Club £22.00 £19.80 Vintage: 2014 Grape: ABV: Chardonnay 13% Closure: Food match:

Rich poultry, pork and pasta dishes

Tasting notes:

Incredible value white Burgundy this is rich and intense with stone fruit flavours and a fantastic mineral element to the wine that will keep you coming back for

21. Mercurey Blanc, Château de Chamirey, Burgundy



Bottle price Vault Club £22.00 £19.80 Vintage: 2014 Grape: Chardonnay ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Turbot and hollondaise

Tasting notes:

We've shipped from Château de Chamirey for a number of years because their wines are just so brilliant. They over deliver in spades and this wine tastes more Meursault-esque than ordinary Côtes Chalonnaise. Citrus fruits with a hint of delicious creamy texture.

22. Chablis 1er Cru 'Les Fourneaux', Samuel Billaud, Burgundy



Vault Club Bottle price £28.00 £25.20 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Chardonnay ABV: 13% Cork

Food match: Grilled white fish, sashimi, charcuterie

Tasting notes:

A broad, focused nose of lemon zest followed by straw, white flowers and wet stone. Mineral power and energy on the nose is lifted with white peach and citrus fruit flavours on the palate. Samuel Billaud is fast becoming a beacon of excellence in Chablis and we have been proudly supporting him since his first vintage.

an in Mâcon We've been shipping from Julien sales and marketing man and Collovray since we opened our his sister, Florence 'counting the doors in 2010 and he's one of beans' ... there are others too only six of the original growers of course. The result though is who remain. This is, of course, wines that shine bright – our because his wines are quite Saint Véran and Pouilly Fuissé simply the best that are made in are absolutely classic in style and best described as almost so the Mâconnais. A bold statement buttery they're 'spreadable' on we know but they really are. Julien's is a very traditional toast. They're as generous and family-run domaine, him being the lively as one could ever hope for viticulturist, his brother-in-law from these appellations. Kevin being the rather naughty

23. Pouilly-Fuissé 'Les Ronchevats', Domaine Saumaize Michelin, Burgundy



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £28.25
 £25.43

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Chardonnay

 ABV:
 13%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Asparagus quiche

Tasting notes:

Here, the old vines (40-45 years) are responsible for the superb quality and concentration found in this wine. It is luscious and creamy with bags of peach fruit and a brilliantly persistent finish. Pouilly Fuissé at its best.

24. Chassagne-Montrachet 'Vieilles Vignes' Domaine Jouard, Burgundy



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £38.00
 £34.20

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Chardonnay

 ABV:
 13.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Scallops with asparagus

Tasting notes:

This is a textbook Chassagne with an outstanding nose of white flowers and slight smoky notes. The flavours are multilayered with the fruit brilliantly integrated, clean and bright. It's an understated and truly delicious white Burgundy... very typically Chassagne.

25. Meursault 'Les Narvaux', David Moret, Burgundy



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £40.00
 £36.00

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Chardonnay

 ABV:
 13%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Richer fish dishes, pork, creamy sauces

Tasting notes:

Pronounced honeysuckle nose with a full and exhibitanting palate of spicy, creamy stone and tropical fruit flavours and a very long finish.

26. Morgon 'Hommage', Château de Durette, Beaujolais



Bottle price | Vault Club £15.95 | £14.36 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Gamay ABV: 13% Closure: Cork Food match: Lamb tagine

Tasting notes:

This is such a tasty, understated and yummy Cru Beaujolais with a great concoction of ripe raspberry, strawberry and dark fruits. It's texture is so elegant and velvety - almost Pinot Noir-esque but with a little more body.

27. Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Charles Audoin, Burgundy



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £22.00
 £19.80

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Pinot Noir

 ABV:
 12.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Roast pork

Tasting notes:

Based in Marsannay and Charles Audoin grows his fruit throughout the Cote de Nuits, giving it those tell-tell signs of richness, depth and quality. Similar to Chambolle Musigny with delicate, fragrant, sweet red berry and cranberry fruit and a lick of spice that lingers wonderfully on the long finish. Excellent.

28. Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits 'Cuvée Maelie', Domaine Jean Tardy, Burgundy



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 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £24.00
 £21.60

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Pinot Noir

 ABV:
 13%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Rare roast lamb

Tasting notes:

The quality on show here from Jean Tardy easily raises this Bourgogne status to village. There is incredible concentration and intensity on the palate with depth and energy beyond its price point. Classic red and dark cherries combine with subtle earthy notes of "sousbois" and stony minerality.

29. Mercurey Rouge, Château de Chamirey, Burgundy



Bottle price | Vault Club |
£27.50 | £24.75 |
Vintage: 2012/15 |
Grape: Pinot Noir |
ABV: 13% |
Closure: Cork |
Food match: Charcuterie, white meat, soft cheeses

Tasting notes:

Elegant, subtle, soft bramble fruit and red cherry is enhanced with an earthy, spicy lift. This is juicy without being opulent allowing the complex aromas to be as expressive as possible. Thanks to the 1er Cru fruit that is added, this flagship wine is consistently and reliably excellent.

30. Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes', Hervé Kerlann, Burgundy



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £40.00
 £36.00

 Vintage:
 2010

 Grape:
 Pinot Noir

 ABV:
 12.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Lamb, steak, rich fish dishes

Tasting notes:

We just love being able to offer this mature and brilliant Gevrey-Chambertin. 7 years old, supremely elegant and fine, this typifies wine for drinking now... and it continues to be delicious for a few years yet.

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A region of diversity



We completely love wines from Alsace. The problem is that we end up drinking most of them, as they're just not at the top of your shopping lists.

We really believe they should be though and to that end, we sent both Charlie and Gavin off in January to do some digging around to unearth the real gems... and they did. Alsace remains an area that you really have to visit, to both find and appreciate great wines. Steeped in history with great food and some of the best-known

estates in France, this is a true wine lovers playground. It's also home to some of the greatest white wines in France from the bonedry classic Rieslings to the juicy Pinot Gris and the floral, aromatic Gewurtzraminers.

Charlie and Gavin's trip included visits to Domaine Schlumberger, Rolly Gassman, Jean Trimbach and Domaine Hugel amongst others. They were lucky enough in tasting some of the finest Grand Cru wines of the region, learned all about the various terroirs and how these impact on style and flavour.

The trip really paid off, with the boys coming back to base with some exceptional wines. We've chosen three that represent the region brilliantly - a dry, elegant and super classic Riesling from Jean Trimbach, one of the juiciest and richest Pinot Gris we've every tried from Domaine Schlumberger and lastly, one of the finest wines on our list, the rare and ravishing Grossi-Lau from Domaine Hugel.

So, here are three of Alsace's top growers with three very classic and classy wines. Do try them. SN

31. Pinot Gris 'Les Princes Abbés', Domaine Schlumberger, Alsace



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £16.50
 £14.85

Vintage: 2014
Grape: Pinot Gris
ABV: 13%
Closure: Cork
Food match: Spicy Thai

Tasting notes:

Domaine Schlumberger have really mastered Pinot Gris. Great rich opulent textural quality. Super fine with honeyed citrus, waxy stone fruit and light spice. This region and varietals are all too often overlooked. It is a real crowd pleaser whilst also being a serious drop.

32. Riesling 'Classic', Domaine Trimbach, Alsace



Bottle price | Vault Club £17.50 | £15.75 Vintage: 2014 Grape: Reisling ABV: 13% Closure: Cork Food match: Roast suckling pork

Tasting notes:

Alsace Riesling at its very best, this is pure, expressive and elegant. Beautiful ripe stone fruit, pineapple and quince combine with lemon and tangerine zest. The concentration and depth is matched with stunning precision on the very long finish. Outstanding.

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33. Arbois Savagnin Grand Elevage, Maison Rijckaert, Jura



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £24.95
 £22.46

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Savignin

 ABV:
 13.0%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Comté cheese

Tasting notes:

A brilliant Jura wine that typifies what is great about this wine style. Rich, nutty and complex with broad melon and peach fruit. A stunning effort - only 2000 bottles made.

34. Riesling 'Grossi Laüe', Domaine Hugel, Alsace



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £50.00
 £45.00

Vintage: 2010
Grape: Reisling
ABV: 13%
Closure: Cork
Food match: Asign fusion

Tasting notes:

Grossi Laüe means finest vineyards in Alsace and with less than 5300 bottles made, we are so lucky to have this on our list. Ripe white peach, yellow plum and apricot fills the bouquet with hints of lemongrass and ginger. This continues on the palate with bold stone fruit, citrus oil and a hint of honey. The vibrant freshness adds energy and precision and a power that suggests a very long life.



35. Grand Enclos Blanc, Château de Cérons, Graves, Bordeaux



Bottle price Vault Club £18.25 £16.43

Vintage: 2014

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc / Sémilon

ABV: 13.0% Closure: Cork

Food match: Scallops, grilled lobster, prawns,

Tasting notes:

A fresh nose of white flowers and grapefruit with great attack and balance on the palate, this is brilliantlymade, beautifully-balanced Bordeaux.

36. Château Maledan, Bordeaux Supérieur, Bordeaux



Bottle price Vault Club £10.50 £9.45

Vintage: 2012 Grape: Merlot / Cabernet Franc

ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Sausages

Tasting notes:

A Bordeaux bargain that could easily be mistaken for a St. Émilion. Blackcurrant, cedar and leafy characters fill the palate, making this the ideal dependable.

37. Clos St-Jacques, St-Georges-St-Émilion, Bordeaux



Bottle price Vault Club £13.05 £14.50

Vintage: 2014

Grape: Merlot / Cabernet Franc

ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Pot roast, Aged cheese

Tasting notes:

Due to the predominance of Merlot, this wine has the traditional velvety texture of a Right Bank Bordeaux. It has aromas of dark fruits and spice, complex flavours of blackberry, cassis and plum. The texture is gorgeous and both the flavour and the mouthfeel linger in the

38. Zédé de Labégorce, Margaux, Bordeaux



Bottle price Vault Club £19.80 £22.00 Vintage: 2012

Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

ABŶ: 13% Closure: Cork

Food match: Grilled lamb, duck breast, strong cheeses

Tasting notes:

The tannins are ripe and well integrated and the wine is already drinking well. It has the trademark silky touch synonymous with Margaux with a long complex finish.

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39. Château Citran, Haut Médoc Cru Bourgeois, Bordeaux



Vault Club Bottle price £24.95 £22.46

Vintage: 2010 Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot

ABV: 13% Closure:

Cork

Food match: Red meat or roasted game.

Tasting notes:

This Citran has so much concentration of fruit contained in a wonderfully harmonious texture with additional secondary and tertiary flavours already showing on the palate. Quality Claret as it should be.

40. Domaine de Compostelle, Pomerol, Bordeaux



Bottle price Vault Club £25.00 £22.50 Vintage: 2012 Grape: Merlot

ABV: 13% Closure: Cork

Food match: Sunday roast with all the trimmings

Tasting notes:

We love this Pomerol because it is in a sweet spot right now. 5 years of ageing has provided the time for all the pieces to come together perfectly here, from cassis, plum and red berry fruit marrying with notes of cedar, leather, meat and cigar leaf. The fruit is pure and the rest contribute to a lovely weight whilst the tannins are silky and soft.

41. Château D'Aiguilhe, Côtes du Castillon, Bordeaux



Bottle price £32.00

Vault Club £28.80

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Vintage: Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot

ABV: 14.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Roast beef or yeal

Tasting notes:

A classy easy-drinking Claret. The 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc is marked by fresh plum fruits along with subtle earthy and cedar oak notes on the nose and palate. Medium-bodied in style with gently textured tannins and a long length.



42. Condrieu 'La Combe de Malleval', Domaine Ogier, Rhône



Vault Club Bottle price £40.00 £36.00 Vintage: 2014/15 Grape: Viognier ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Japanese

Tasting notes:

Opening with a floral bouquet and ripe tropical fruit, this ethereal wine is enchanting. There is a stunning purity of fruit and it gets its fresh minerality from the granite-rich soils. With a lovely rounded and full texture, this is grippy and ripe but effortless at the same time. This is one of the great white wines of the world.

43. 'Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Lafond Roc Epine, Rhône



Vault Club Bottle price £11.50 £10.35 Vintage: 2014 Grape:

Grenache, Syrah 13.5%

Screwcap Food match: Roast lamb with rosemary

Tasting notes:

ABŶ:

Closure:

A youthful, vibrant wine with bright, crunchy red fruits, a hint of dried herbs and a refreshing acidity that adds a wonderful vibrancy to the finish.

44. Crozes Hermitage 'Le Rouvre', Domaine Yann Chave, Rhône



Bottle price Vault Club £24.95 £22.46 Vintage: 2014

Grape: ABV: Syrah 13.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Beef short ribs braised in red wine

Tasting notes:

A fine example of Northern Rhône Syrah from a real star in the making. A wonderful nose full of damson, liquorice and cherries with great purity and elegance on the palate. Give me a bottle of this, a table at an atmospheric Parisian brasserie and a Bavette and frites. C'est magnifique.

45. Côte Rôtie Reserve, Domaine Michel & Stephane Ogier, Rhône

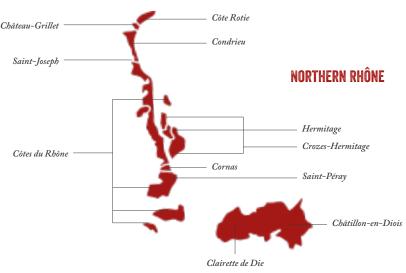


Bottle price Vault Club £50.00 £45.00 Vintage: 2011 Grape: ABV: Syrah 13% Closure: Cork Food match: Grilled pork

Tasting notes:

From winemakers at the top of their game. This wine is deep and bursting with energy. Smoky tobacco, leather and spice on the nose with super dense, intense forest fruits on the palate yet Ogier has this tremendous ability to keep wine bright and lifted despite all the complex density.











46. Le Tuffeau Sauvignon Blanc, Les Vignobles Foncalieu, IGP d'Oc



Bottle price Vault Club £8.50 £7.65

Vintage: 2015/16 Grape: Sauvignon Blanc

ABV: 12% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Goat's cheese, tricolore salads

Tasting notes:

Lots of ripe citrus fruits with a zing of refreshing gooseberries - incredibly popular!

47. Le Choix de Voltaire Viognier, Les Vignobles Foncalieu, Pays d'Oc



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £10.25
 £9.23

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Viognier

 ABV:
 12.5%

Closure: Screwcap
Food match: Lightly spiced Asian dishes, chicken

Tasting notes:

Rich, creamy and full bodied with lovely juicy peach and a pricot fruit on the nose and palate.

48. Solas Chardonnay, Laurent Miquel, Pays d'Oc



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £10.50
 £9.45

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Chardonnay

 ABV:
 13%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Baked hake

Tasting notes:

This medium bodied white has abundant peach and apricot flavours with a hint of honeysuckle. The acidity balances out the richness, perfectly making this an effortless drinker.

49. Gros Manseng Sec, Domaine Brumont, Côtes de Gascogne



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Tasting notes:

Bottle price

A brilliant new style that is very on trend at the moment. There is lots of ripe greengage, pineapple and Granny Smith flavours with a zippy citrus freshness making this delicious with seafood.

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50. Le Tuffeau Rosé, Les Vignobles Foncalieu, IGP d'Oc



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £8.50
 £7.65

 Vintage:
 2016

Grape: Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault

ABV: 12%
Closure: Screwcap
Food match: Salad

Tasting notes:

Light coral in colour with fresh, ripe strawberry notes on the nose that follow through to the palate. This is the perfect refreshing glass of rosé

51. Domaine des Monticoles Rosé, Côteaux Varois En Provence



£10.95 £9.86

Vintage: 2016

Grape: Cinsault, Syrah

ABV: 12.5%

Closure: Cork

Food match: Aperitif, fish dishes, salads

Vault Club

Tasting notes:

Bottle price

Elegant and fine this light, classic style Provence rosé has refreshing strawberry flavours, with a hint of anise.

52. Mado en Provence Rosé, Côtes de Provence



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £13.95
 £12.56

Vintage: 2015/16

Grape: Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah
ABV: 13%

Closure: Vinolok

Food match: Aperitif, fish dishes, salads

Tasting notes:

We thought it high time we had a premium Provence rosé on our list. At this price point, you get a lovely fine, silky texture to accompany the fruit. The wine is bursting with fresh strawberries and ripe, red fruits with a lovely moreish quality and a wonderful creamy finish.

53. Domaine La Croix Belle Merlot, Côtes de Thongue



Bottle price | Vault Club £10.95 | £9.86 Vintage: 2015/16 Grape: Merlot ABV: 14% Closure: Cork Food match: Cured and grilled meats

Tasting notes:

Crunchy, bright redcurrant and plum flavours, with a plush mouthfeel, nicely drying tannins and a slight kick of pepper on finish. Perfect with a hearty dinner.

54. Domaine Preignes le Vieux Prestige Syrah, Languedoc



Bottle price | Vault Club
£10.95 | £9.86

Vintage: 2014/15
Grape: Syrah
ABV: 13%
Closure: Cork
Food match: Sunday roast, game

Tasting notes:

Grown on volcanic soils, this deliciously rich and silky Syrah displays complex aromas of dark fruits, vanilla and hints of pepper.

55. Le Choix de Voltaire Pinot Noir, Les Vignobles Foncalieu, Pays d'Oc



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £10.95
 £9.86

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Pinot Noir

 ABV:
 13%

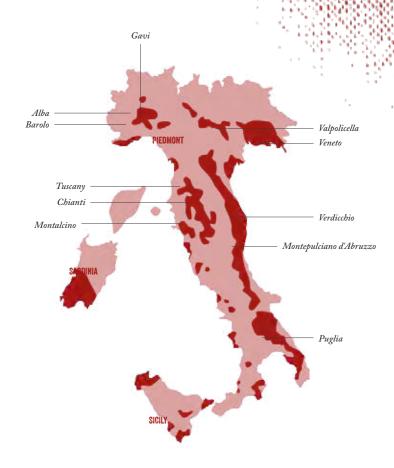
 Closure:
 Screwcap

Food match: Duck, game, creamy cheeses

Tasting notes:

A light fragrant nose with raspberry and strawberry fruit aromas. Silky tannins with redcurrant and raspberry fruit on the palate and a rounded finish





56. Pehhcora Pecorino, IGP Terre Di Chieti



Bottle price	Vault Club
£10.25	£9.23
Vintage:	2015
Grape:	Pecorino
ABV:	12.5%
Closure:	Screwcap
Food match:	Grilled fish

Tasting notes:

This is a crisp white wine with sweet ripe fruit flavours of peach and mango, warm spices and minerals. Simply delicious!

57. Petrara Verdicchio di Matelica, Borgo Paglianetto, DOC Marche



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Bottle price	Vault Club
£12.75	£11.48
Vintage:	2015
Grape:	Verdicchio
ABV:	12.5%
Closure:	Cork
Food match:	Pasta, fish, white meat



A great alternative to the ubiquitous Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc, this wine is fresh and zippy with citrus and green apple fruit. The texture is crisp and dry, making this dangerously easy to drink!

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58. Gavi di Gavi, Masseria dei Carmelitani, DOCG Piemont



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £14.50
 £13.05

 Vintage:
 2016

 Grape:
 Cortese

 ABV:
 12.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

Tasting notes:

Food match:

A classic Gavi with subtlety and elegance. There'ss lovely lemon notes and a zesty, tangy finish that has real energy and verve. Delicious on its own and can also cope with weightier, creamy dishes thanks to its rounded mouthfeel.

Lobster linguine

59. Vermentino, Mora e Meno, DOC Sardinia



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £16.50
 £14.85

 Vintage:
 2015

 Grape:
 Vermentino

 ABV:
 14%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Fish dishes, chicken dishes

Tasting notes:

Lovely floral lift on the nose with a great oily texture of fine stone fruit and honeyed flavours. Vermentino is a great alternative to Sauvignon Blanc.

60. Lugana Santa Cristina, Vignetta Massoni, DOC Veneto



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £17.95
 £16.16

Vintage: 2015

Grape: Trebbiano di Lugana

ABV: 13%
Closure: Cork
Food match: White meat

Tasting notes:

Richly scented with an abundance of pear, melon and stone fruits. The delicious mineral backbone carries the rich body of the wine with ease. The acidity keeps it fresh and the citrus and stone fruit flavours linger in the lengthy finish.

61. Cabaletta, Tenute Fiorebelli, Rosso delle Venezie, IGP Veneto



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £9.95
 £8.96

 Vintage:
 2015

Grape: Corvina, Rondinella, Cabernet Sauvignon

ABV: 13% Closure: Cork

Food match: Casseroles and slow braised meats

Tasting notes:

The method of drying the hand harvested grapes called appassimento is the reason for the velvety tannins and concentrated fruit flavours in this wine.

62. Poggio Badiola, Marchesi Mazzei, IGT Toscana



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £14.95
 £13.46

 Vintage:
 2015

Grape: Sangiovese, Merlot

ABV: 14%
Closure: Cork
Food match: Pasta ragu

Tasting notes:

Fresh cranberry, cherry and redcurrant aromas with added subtle spice from old oak barrel ageing. This ageing has made the tannins from the Sangiovese wonderfully soft and further mellowed by 30% of ripe rounded Merlot in the blend. This has a polished silky quality less typical than what you expect from the region.

63. Barbera d'Alba 'Bricco Airoli', Viberti Giovanni, DOC Piedmont



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £17.95
 £16.16

 Vintage:
 2013

 Grape:
 Barbera

 ABV:
 14.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

Food match: Pasta dishes, game, lamb, pork

Tasting notes:

This is very serious Barbera Superiore with rich red fruit, soft tannins and delicious acidity.

64. 'Ciampoleto' Rosso di Montalcino, DOC San Giorgio, Tuscany



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £18.25
 £16.43

 Vintage:
 2013

 Grabe:
 Sangiove

Grape: Sangiovese
ABV: 13.5%
Closure: Cork

Food match: Pizza, pasta, aubergine parmigiana

Tasting notes:

Ripe and well rounded with soft, fleshy tannins. Fruity aromas of cherry and prune with hints of toast and milk chocolate. Full-bodied and harmonic, the after taste is pleasantly fruity and long-lasting.

65. Tenuta San Guido 'Guidalberto', IGT Bolgheri, Tuscany



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £34.00
 £30.60

 Vintage:
 2013

Grape: Cabernet Sauvignon / Sangiovese ABV: 13.5%

ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Steak with Porcini mushrooms

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Tasting notes:

Even in the excellent 2013 vintage, Guidalberto only needed a couple of years to hit its prime. This is thanks to a lovely dollop of Merlot in the blend that adds softness, red cherry and raspberry aromas to the ripe Cassis. This is a great alternative to classic Bordeaux with all the heritage and hallmarks of its iconic big brother, Sassicaia. One of the most serious wines under £30 on the list.

66. Barolo 'Buon Padre', Viberti Giovanni, DOCG Piedmont



Bottle price | Vault Club £32.00 | £28.80 Vintage: 2012 Grape: Nebbiolo ABV: 14% Closure: Cork Food match: Braised veal

Tasting notes:

Claudio Viberti is gaining a reputation in the Piedmont region for his elegant styles of Nebbiolo. Cherry, tobacco and violets burst from the glass and the tannins are elegant, fine and well-structured. Delicious and worth every penny and more!

Brunello di Montalcino 'Ugolforte' DOGG, Tenuta San Giorgio, Tuscany



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £39.00
 £35.10

 Vintage:
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 Grape:
 Sangiovese

 ABV:
 14.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

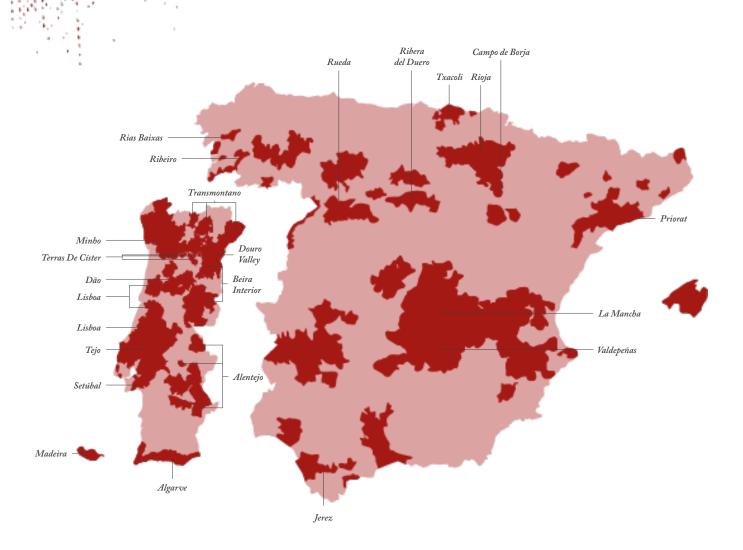
 Food match:
 Meaty pasta

Tasting notes:

Named after the outlaw leader of the people of Montalcino against the oppressors from Siena, this is a full-bodied and rich Brunello. Lots of dark fruit, red cherry, herbs and sweet tobacco on the palate with dried fruit notes on the long finish.

The Bodega de la Marquesa making wines that could really epitomises the style of wine grower be coming from anywhere. These we love to deal with. Family run wines however could only come from Rioja – they're characterful, classic and delicious with wonderfully interwoven tannins by Pablo, Jaime and Maria de Simon, the great grandchildren of the founder. They make their wines in a very traditional style – that keep you salivating. ripe and generous in flavour with heaps of juicy fruit and plenty Their Finca was recently rated as of smoky American oak. We get 'Outstanding' in Decanter, coming 3rd out of 191 tasted. rather confused (and a bit irritated) with the 'not so' new wave of wine making in Rioja with wine growers

SPAIN PORTUGAL



68. Cazas Novas Avesso, Vinho Verde, Portugal



Bottle price	Vault Club
£9.95	£8.96
Vintage:	2015/16
Grape:	Avesso
ABV:	12%
Closure:	Screwcap
Food match:	Great palate cleanser and also goes well with shellfish.

Tasting notes:

The area is slightly inland with a warmer climate which gives the wine a broader, rounder and fleshier style, still retaining the Vinho Verde trademark of minerality and racy acidity.

69. Albariño 'Nora', Bodegas Viña Nora, Rías Baixas, Spain



Bottle price	Vault Club
£13.95	£12.56
Vintage:	2015
Grape:	Albariño
ABV:	13%
Closure:	Cork
Food match:	Crab

Tasting notes:

This is an outstanding Albariño from Bodegas Vina Nora's stunning estate. The wine displays wonderful aromas of juicy citrus, pear and stone fruits lifted by elegant notes of orange blossom and white flowers. The palate is refreshing and bright with a rounded texture and a long finish.

70. Valserrano Rioja Blanco, Bodegas de la Marquesa, Rioja, Spain



Bottle price Vault Club £14.95 £13.46

2015 Viura 13.5% Cork

Closure: Food match: Grilled garlic prawns

Tasting notes:

Vintage: Grape:

ABV:

A nice use of new oak gives this wine a lovely coconut and sweet spice aroma. On the palate it has citrus brightness with a pleasant, waxy texture that is both structured and dry. It is about the most food-friendly white wine on the list and got the full thumbs-up from the entire Vintner team in Rioja last summer.

71. Alvarinho Contacto, Anselmo Mendes, Vinho Verde, Portugal



Bottle price Vault Club £15.95 £14.36 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Albariño ABV: 13% Closure: Cork Shellfish Food match:

Tasting notes:

Portugal has impressed us again. Winemaker Anselmo is recognised as one of the country's finest white wine producers, known for his experimentation. This wine has had some skin contact and is a great example of his skill. The ripe stone fruits balanced with a lively acidity make it seriously moreish and an excellent wine to pair with food.

72. Delincuente Garnacha, Bodegas Borsao, Campo de Borja, Spain



Vault Club Bottle price £8.25 £7.43 2015 Vintage: Grape: Garnacha ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Beef burger

Tasting notes:

There is not a better red wine for the money, in my book. Blind tasted by our team on a number of occasions, this wine never fails to deliver. Super ripe red fruits with lovely extraction, keeping the wine juicy but fresh.

73. Cabriz Colheita Seleccionada, Quinta de Cabriz, Dão, Portugal



Bottle price Vault Club £10.75 £9.69 Vintage: 2014/15 Grape: Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional ABŶ: Closure: Cork Food match: Lamb Tasting notes:

Red berries and a pure harmonious nose. Wild cherries

and soft supple tannins on the entry. Good structure.

74. Valserrano Rioja Crianza, Bodegas de la Marquesa, Rioja, Spain



Vault Club Bottle price £13.25 £11.93 Vintage: 2013 Grape: Tempranillo ABV: 14% Closure: Cork Food match: Tapas, grilled vegetables, barbeques

Tasting notes:

Powerful and delicious this is balanced on the palate with flavours of red fruits (particularly cherry), spiced oak, and creamy vanilla.

75. Peique Ramón Valle, Bierzo Mencia, Spain



Bottle price Vault Club £14.95 £13.46 Vintage: 2014 Grape: ABV: Mencia 13.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Peppered steak

Tasting notes:

Lovely ripe blueberry and sour cherry fruit wine that retains a vibrant freshness and silky light spicy tannins.

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76. Cellar Cal Pla Crianza, Priorat, Spain



Bottle price Vault Club £15.95 £14.36 2014 Vintage: Grape: Garnacha, Carignan, Cabernet Sauv ABV: Closure: Cork Food match: Steak and kidney pie Tasting notes:

We are very excited to see this back on the list and the 2014 is singing right now. Expressive, juicy and bright with lots of dark berries, red cherries and plums. There is depth too with toasty, spice and pepper notes making this extraordinarily good value. the tannins are so silky this is beautiful on its own but will pair well with game, lamb or pie!

77. Valserrano Finca Monteviejo Rioja, Bodegas de la Marquesa, Rioja, Spain



Bottle price Vault Club £29.95 £26.96 Vintage: 2012 Grape: Tempranillo ABV: 13% Closure: Cork Food match: Tapas

Tasting notes:

Silky smooth with a full, meaty mouth-feel and persistent, very elegant tannins. It has sweet black fruit flavours with elements of minerals and spices, pipe tobacco and cedar. A lovely long finish rounds off this delicious wine.



Piedmont per alongside the original Buon Padre Trattoria, the family restaurant for which the wines were made. Third generation Claudio Third generation Claudio Viberti remains one of the most impressive, passionate and talented wine makers we represent. His Barbera Superiore The vineyard and wine making side of the business has grown 2007 was the first red we sent to prospective customers before we immeasurably since the 1990s and opened The Vintner telephone lines quality remains paramount. We're in 2010 – a wonderful example of extremely proud to promote his red wine with 'soul', and plenty of it. wonderful wines here in the UK. Nestled in the heart of the Vergne They have energy and vitality in district of Barolo, Claudio's family abundance and, as we can witness, farm (as he refers to it) sits right they age gracefully for years.

RESTOF EUROPE

78. Grüner Veltliner, Rieden Selection, Stadt Krems, Austria



Bottle price Vault Club £10.25 £9.23 Vintage: 2015/16 Grape: Grüner Veltliner ABV: Closure: Screwcap

Tasting notes:

Food match:

Not as tart as a Sauvignon or as rich as a Chardonnay, Grüner is the perfect balance between the two. This is medium-bodied with subtle yet vibrant citrus and exotic fruits on the palate followed by a refreshing lingering finish.

Somewhere between Loire Chenin and Chablis in

style, this refreshing white wine expressing both the

minerality of the vineyards of Mád village. An elegant

varietal character of the Furmint variety and the typical

blend of apricot and peach with a warming, ginger spice

Spicy foods, white meat, game, fish

79. Grüner Veltliner 'Am Berg', Bernhard Ott, Wagram, Austria



Vault Club Bottle price £14.95 £13.46 Vintage: 2015 Grape: ABV: Grüner Veltliner 11.5% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Pork, shellfish, light meats

Tasting notes:

Floral and orange rind aromas with an elegant fine mouthfeel. Pear and citrus fruit flavours on the palate with a light mineral finish.

80. Mád Dry Furmint, St Tamas, Mád, Tokaji, Hungary

Tasting notes:



Bottle price Vault Club £14.95 £13.46 Vintage: 2015 Grape: **Furmint** \overrightarrow{ABV} : 13% Closure: Vinolok Food match: Roast pork







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81. Kingscote White Pinot Noir, West Sussex, England



Bottle price Vault Club £15.95 £14.36 Vintage: 2014 Grape: Pinot Noir ABV: 12.5% Closure: Cork Food match: Thai green curry

Tasting notes:

The slight pink hue gives away that this is from red grapes and then the wonderful weight and depth of flavour backs it up on the palate. Floral notes marry beautifully with white peach and a zesty citrus lift. This English wine will definitely wow your guests.

82. Stopham Estate 'Elgar's Reserve' Pinot Gris, West Sussex, England



Bottle price Vault Club £15.95 £14.36 Vintage: 2014 Pinot Gris Grape: ABV: 11.5%

Closure: Screwcan Thai spiced fishcakes Food match:

This 2014 Pinot Gris is really hitting a sweet spot as it has fleshed out over the last 6 months. Ripe, juicy fruit balances out the freshness whilst the very pretty floral tones and notes of white pepper combine on the long finish. Serve with any seafood or even spicy dishes.

83. Grüner Veltliner 'Ried Renner', Schloss Gobelsburg, Kamptal, Austria



Bottle price Vault Club £24.95 £22.46









2015 Grüner Veltliner 13.5%

Grape: ABV: Closure: Cork

Food match: Pecorino and asparagus risotto

Tasting notes:

Vintage:

Treat your taste buds to something truly unique. Ripe tropical fruit and juicy apple are enhanced by an almost honeved edge. The balanced freshness is what is so extraordinary as it composes the wine and allows the subtle peppery notes to sneak through. Masterful!

king now Reschke is perhaps the estate most of which is given to Cabernet that we're most excited to be launching in this list and here's Sauvignon for which Coonawarra is known best. We've been impressed why... Burke, who's the fourth with the whole range but it's their generation to be farming this Bull Trader Cabernet Merlot and prime estate in Coonawarra, has their Vitulus Cabernet Sauvignon that really took our breath away. The Bull Trader is everything we could hope for in a premium(ish) Cabernet/Merlot – rich in ripe a philosophy of not only making the very finest wines they can, but only releasing them when they're in their optimum drinking window. We wonder if he's been stealing our idea but it seems that they've fruit with brilliant tobacco-like expressions showing its maturity. been doing it a little longer than The Vitulus Cabernet is a superbly classy and elegantly mature Coonawarra Cabernet, bright with blueberry fruit, you can almost taste we have – since 1989 in fact when this Hereford stud farm was turned over to vine. It now comprises 400 acres of prime vineyard land, the red (terra rossa) soil.

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84. Snapper Rock Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand



Bottle price Vault Club £12.25 £11.03

Vintage: 2016 Grape: Sauvignon Blancr

ABV: 13.5% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Seafood, salad, chicken dishes

Tasting notes:

Along with an elegant and tropical nose, the palate is succulent and well rounded with vibrant citrus fruits, elderflower and wild herbs.

85. Archangel Estate Pinot Gris, Central Otago, New Zealand



£19.50 £17.55 Vintage: 2014 Grape: Pinot Gris ABV: 14% Closure: Screwcap Food match: Spicy Asian food

Vault Club

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Tasting notes:

Bottle price

Delicate yet expressive, this Pinot Gris exhibits aromas of pear and stone fruit highlighted with floral notes. The bright fruit is echoed on the palate with ripe pear, melon and stone fruit. This dry-style wine offers textural layers in the mid-palate and together with a balanced acidity leads to a long, lingering finish

86. Reschke Bull Trader Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, Coonawarra, Australia



Bottle price Vault Club £16.50 £14.85

2008 Vintage:

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot Grape:

ABV: 14% Closure: Screwcap Food match: Steak

Tasting notes:

Unctuous rich red and black fruit with super fine tannins and a broad palate. The wine is wonderfully aged and showing beautifully. So much wine for the money.

87. Reschke Vitulus Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, Australia



Vault Club Bottle price £17.96 £19.95

Vintage: 2011

Cabernet Sauvignon Grape: ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Screwcap Food match: Roast duck

Tasting notes:

Rich deep concentration of blackberries and cassis. Super silky tannins and a light spice. Incredibly elegant for such a structured Cabernet from a world class region.

88. Rock Ferry Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand



Vault Club Bottle price £25.20 £28.00

Vintage: 2012 Grape: ABV: Pinot Noir

14.5% Closure: Screwcap

Anything off the BBQ Food match:

Tasting notes:

So good this has taken our Archangel spot. There is so much energy, intensity and depth to this wonderful Central Otago Pinot we had to find a place on our list for it. Sweet, ripe dark cherry fruit with plums and sweet redcurrant are balanced with subtle oak and silky tannins. The purity is what really stands out here.

89. Henschke Estate 'Keyneton Euphonium', Barossa Valley, Australia



Vault Club Bottle price £35.00 £31.50 2012

Vintage:

Grape: Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot

ABV: 14% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Red meats, game, rich cheese

Tasting notes:

An iconic wine from an iconic estate. Eucalyptus flavours are less overpowering which allows for floral notes and sweet spice to come through on the palate. This wine is jam-packed with an array of flavours dominated noticeably by blackcurrant fruit.



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Another brilliant find for The Vintner by our superb wine-buying duo – Gavin and Charlie. Many of you might remember the delicious 2009 Pinot Noir from Archangel Estate in Central Otago which still remains to this day, one of the tastiest reds we've ever listed... and we've been searching for something equally good since then. When we tasted these Rock Ferry wines our eyes lit up.

The Pinot that we are listing has the softness, the elegance and the ripeness of fruit that has eluded us for yonks. Headed up by Tom Hutchison, the team at Rockferry have vineyards in both Marlborough and Central Otago. All the fruit is farmed organically and they work hard to do as little work to the wine as possible. The point being that these wines really are made in the vineyard.



90. Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay, Gavin Chanin, Santa Barbara County, USA



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £45.00
 £40.50

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Chardonnay

 ABV:
 13%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Scallops

Tasting notes:

This wine really stood out from a large crowd of other American Chardonnays at a tasting last year. The small Bien Nacido vineyard benefits from a cool microclimate, allowing the Chardonnay to ripen gently and slowly. The fruit is very much peaches and nectarines whilst complexity comes by way of nutty and caramel flavours. Only 28 barrels of this were made.

91. Tierra Alta Merlot, Central Valley, Chile



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £8.50
 £7.65

 Vintage:
 2016

 Grabe:
 Merlot

Grape: Merlot
ABV: 13%
Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Sausage casearole

Tasting notes:

Plum, blackcurrant and cranberry aromas burst from the glass. The palate is juicy and fresh with soft red fruits and a hint of green pepper. A really easy drinking Merlot.

92. Turi Carménère, Viña Leyda, Central Valley, Chile



Bottle price | Vault Club £9.75 | £8.78 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Carménère ABV: 14% Closure: screwcap Food match: Lamb curry

Tasting notes:

Intense purple in colour. Fresh aroma of blackberry and blackcurrant, melded with spicy notes of tobacco and hints of vanilla. Ripe fruit flavours. Velvety and light, this medium-bodied wine has a pleasing finish.

93. Recoleta Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina



Bottle price £9.86
£10.95 £9.86
Vintage: 2016
Grape: Malbec
ABV: 13%
Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Steak, burgers, sausages

Tasting notes:

Easy approachable Malbec from the vineyards where it is best adapted, the hot dry plains of Argentina. Lots of red fruits (bitter cherry, wild strawberry) bristle on the tongue with light tannin giving the wine a bit of structure.

94. James Bryant Hill Estate Pinot Noir, Central Coast, California, USA



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £13.50
 £12.15

 Vintage:
 2014

 Grape:
 Pinot Noir

 ABV:
 13.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Roast duck

Tasting notes:

A great find from the Central Coast of California. This has the silky, smooth texture that we like to find in our Californian Pinots with a depth of plum fruit that keeps it serious and food friendly.

95. Pascual Toso 'Limited Edition' Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £13.95
 £12.56

 Vintage:
 2014/15

 Grape:
 Malbec

 ABV:
 14%

 Closure:
 Cork

Food match: Steak, grilled red meats

Tasting notes:

From one of the oldest and most revered wineries in Argentina, this limited edition label is picked from old vines with very concentrated grapes. The results are intense, complex and beguilding. Plum, black cherries, cassis, smoke and spice are all rounded off with polished tannins and good length.

96. Valle Secreto 'First Edition' Syrah, Cachapoal Valley, Chile



 Bottle price
 Vault Club

 £15.95
 £14.36

 Vintage:
 2012

 Grape:
 Syrah

 ABV:
 14.5%

 Closure:
 Cork

 Food match:
 Roast pork

Tasting notes:

A rich yet bright Syrah with inviting fruit flavours of red cherry and plum that are complimented by the herbaceous hint of eucalyptus and the warming notes of black pepper and spice. A delightful wine to be particularly enjoyed with roast lamb or pork.





97. Secateurs Chenin Blanc, AA Badenhorst, Swartland



Vault Club Bottle price £13.50 £12.15

Vintage: 2016 Grape: Chenin Blanc ABŶ: 13.5% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Grilled halloumi salad, chicken

Tasting notes:

Adi Badenhorst is an award winning South African winemaker who is well known for producing iconic wines with immense character. This is a simply outstanding wine from the Badenhorst winery and won't fail to impress. Complex and beautifully textured with exotic fruit flavours such as quince and pineapple which linger on the palate.

98. Julien Schaal Chardonnay, Mountain Vineyards, Elgin



Bottle price Vault Club £14.95 £13.46 Vintage: 2015 Grape: Chardonnay

ABV: 13.5% Closure: Screwcap

Food match: Fish dishes with cream-based sauces

Tasting notes:

Burgundian in style, lightly oaked with a mineral depth but with that extra bit of South African sun adding a wonderfully creamy richness to the mix.

99. Keermont Terrasse Chenin / Chardonnay, Stellenbosch



Vault Club Bottle price £21.00 £18.90 Vintage: 2014

Grape: ABV: Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier

13.5% Closure: Cork

Food match: Roast chicken

Tasting notes:

One of the must-try wines on this list, everyone in the Vintner office has fallen in love here. Rich and ripe on the nose, there's floral notes and honeyed stone fruit bursting out the glass. The palate is creamy with lots of body but the perfectly balance acidity lifts the wine and makes this very moreish.

100. Keermont Syrah, Stellenbosch



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Bottle price Vault Club £31.00 £27.90 2013 Vintage:

Grape: ABV: Syrah 14% Closure: Cork

Food match: Steak, grilled meats, cheese

Tasting notes:

Oaked for 12 months, with dark fruits, violets and roses, this wine has the most elegant and velvety mouthfeel and a serious brooding finish. 92 points by Parker, it's faultless!





Prosecco Spumante Alnè NV, La Tordera, DOC Treviso, Italy

Magnum: £29.00 (Bottle price) £26.10 (Vault Club)

Grape: Glera, Chardonnay ARV11.5%

Closure: Cork

Crayfish salad Food match:

This has a wonderfully bright, fresh nose of ripe pears and lemon sherbet. The body is pleasantly rich and balanced by refreshing acidity with lots of citrus and

pear fruit. (Anna)

Sancerre 'Les Genêts' 2014/15, Domaine Roland Tissier, Loire, France

Magnum: £38.00 (Bottle price) £34.20 (Vault Club)

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc

ABV: 13.0% Closure Cork Food match: Lemon sole This is everything you would hope for in a Sancerre with elegance, purity and subtlety. There is a lovely weight to this wine as it exudes lemon, green apple and a chalky mineralty. A razor sharp freshness makes this perfect

with any grilled fish or smoked salmon.

Saint-Véran 2014, Julien Collovray, Burgundy, France

Magnum: £38.00 (Bottle price) £34.20 (Vault Club)

Grape: Chardonnay ABV: 13.0%

Closure: Cork

Food match:

Poultry dishes and meatier fish

From vines that are soon to be awarded 1er Cru status, there is nothing shy about this St Véran. An expressive nose of ripe stone fruit and floral aromas demonstrate its power. The stone fruit continues onto a palate that is rounded and full with well-integrated oak. Slick acidity completes the wine.

Mado en Provence Rose 2015, Côtes de Provence, France

Magnum: £30.00 (Bottle price) £27.00 (Vault Club)

Grape: Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah \widehat{ABV} : 13.0%

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Food match: fish dishes, light grilled meats, salads

We thought it high time we had a premium Provence rosé on our list. At this price point, you get a lovely, fine, silky texture to accompany the fruit. The wine is bursting with fresh strawberries and ripe, red fruits with a lovely moreish quality and a wonderful creamy finish.

Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru Grande Réserve NV, Bouzy, France

Magnum: £65.00 (Bottle price) £58.50 (Vault Club)

Pinot Noir Grape: ARV. 12.0%

Closure: Cork Food match: seafood salad, crab A top quality Champagne made from 100% Pinot Noir. The result is an exotic bouquet with lots of finesse evolving through notes of citrus, honey and vanilla. Full and rich in the mouth with a reminder of the aromatic finesse.

Valserrano Rioja Crianza 2013, Bodegas de la Marquesa, Rioja, Spain

£28.50 (Bottle price) £25.65 (Vault Club) Magnum: Double: £85.00 (Bottle price) £76.50 (Vault Club)

Grape: \overrightarrow{ABV} : Closure:

Cork Food match: Tapas, pasta dishes Powerful and delicious this is balanced on the palate with flavours of red fruits (particularly cherry), spiced oak, and creamy vanilla.

Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Cuvée H', 2013 Hervé Kerlann, Burgundy, France

Magnum: £39.00 (Bottle price) £35.10 (Vault Club)

Grape: ABV:

Closure: Food match:

13.0% Cork Wild mushroom risotto

Pinot Noir

Tempranillo

13.0%

A lot of Bourgogne Pinot Noir can be too light and thin but Hervé's Bourgogne Pinot Noir has a great weight and concentration of fruit - sour black cherry and a lovely smokiness and garrigue fragrance. A fantastic Pinot Noir with true Burgundy character.

Barbera d'Alba 'Bricco Airoli' 2012, Viberti, DOC Piedmont, Italy

Magnum: £43.00 (Bottle price) £38.70 (Vault Club)

Grape: Barbera ABV: 14.5% Closure:

Cork Food match: Roasted meats A fine expression of the Barbera grape variety by the youthful and energetic Claudio Viberti, Alba's brightest wine making star. Ripe cherry and plum fruit is accompanied by spice and fine tannin.

Valserrano Rioja Finca, Bodegas de la Marquesa, Rioja, Spain, Mag 2011 / Double Mag 2007

Magnum: £65.00 (Bottle price) £58.50 (Vault Club) Double: £145.00 (Bottle price) £130.50 (Vault Club)

Grape: ABV: Closure:

Food match:

Tempranillo 13.0% Cork Tapas, pasta dishes This wine has a super-concentrated deep nose, with primary fruit still dominant. Silky, fine texture on the palate with dark cassis and red cherry. This is super ripe, powerful, sunny Rioja from our friends at Bodegas de la Marquesa.

Château Chapelle d'Aliénor 2014, Bordeaux Supérieur, France

£85.00 (Bottle price) £76.50 (Vault Club) Double:

Grape: Veal ABV: 13.5% Closure: Cork Veal cutlets Food match:

Juicy and fruit driven with black plum and woody hints. This wine feels very modern on the palate with a silky mouthfeel and juicy, plummy notes from the Merlot in the blend. Rounded texture with pleasantly drying tannins on the finish.

Château Patache d'Aux 2006, Cru Bourgeois, Médoc, Bordeaux, France

Double: £170.00 (Bottle price) £153.00 (Vault Club)

Grape: ARV13.5%

Closure: Cork Rib-eye steak Food match:

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot This wine is rich and dense with an awesome, truffley depth on the finish and makes for an incredible gift or impressive offering at a dinner party!

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