



Sparkling & Champagne

PROSECCO TREVISO Spumante Brut il Follo Prosecco, bottle £30 125ml £5.40

Bright fresh and zippy with rich citrus, peach and white flowers, palate has nice intensity with Apple, lemon and peach fruit, crisp and lively, decent mousse, good length.

NYETIMBER NV Classic Cuvée Brut bottle £46.80

Good intensity, ripe citrus, quince, yellow plum with nice autolytic notes coming through, biscuit, nut and bread with just a touch of something floral. Clean and bright on the palate with rich citrus again, biscuit and toast, great freshness, very pure with excellent length.

BARON ALBERT L'Universelle Brut Champagne Baron Albert NV bottle £46.80

Bright, light and very fresh, this is an easy drinking 'aperitif' champagne with a very good finish. The Universelle cuvée comes from 7 different villages in the Marne Valley and has a rare blend - heavily dominated by Pinot Meunier (65%) with 30% Chardonnay and 5% Pinot Noir. The Baron family then age this for nearly 4 years in the cellar before release. This is impressive fizz, properly made at this small, family domaine that offers exceptional value.

BOLLINGER Special Cuvée Brut NV bottle £78

Lovely aromas and flavors of ripe black cherry and currant fruit, graphite, toast and candied Meyer lemon zest are set in this racy Champagne, with a refined, finely detailed mousse. The mouthwatering finish is long and spicy.



2019 CHABLIS Domaine Adhémar et Francis Boudin

Bottle £45

Lots of fruit aroma: apple and citrus, as well as a light creamy/mealy aroma suggesting richness. Good fruit depth for a great all round Chablis balanced by mouth-watering freshness. Persistent, too.

2019 RIESLING Eden Valley Tim Smith Wines

Bottle £45

Bright & pure on the nose with an abundance of citrus notes, lime and white flowers. Crystalline and straight as an arrow, this has plenty of sappy citrus lime peel zestiness, a touch of chalkiness too, searingly dry classic Eden Valley Riesling from one of Australia's brightest artisanal producers.

2019 SANCERRE Chavignol Domaine Vincent Delaporte

Bottle £52

As ever this is beautifully fresh, a lovely citrus tang and salty zip at the outset but it is the weight of perky fruit that fills out the middle and drives this on, making it so much more impressive than almost anyone else achieves in the appellation. The Delaporte vines are all in Chavignol - the undisputed top spot for Sancerre

2018 PULIGNY MONTRACHET Domaine de la Choupette

Bottle £122

The bright lines and buzz of crisp fruit jump out of the glass at you. This freshness is impressive for the vintage. Lots of juicy acidity here - crisp and fresh. Green apple notes up front develop and broaden on the palate and then some richer more peachy flesh emerges. There's the sunshine! Thankfully there is no excess weight.

2019 VERDICCHIO CLASSICO SUPERIORE Classico Superiore dei Castelli di Jesi Andrea Felici

Bottle £36

Leopoldo Felici has been in charge at this small Marche estate since 2008. Altitude helps Felici marry the richer structure of Jesi with the aromatics of Matelica. There is a lovely purity of fruit here, and since good Verdicchio has great capacity to age, there is no hurry to drink this. The slight bitterness, along with citrus and almond hints, make it a fine match for the fish and chicken dishes.

2019 KUMEU RIVER 'ESTATE' Chardonnay

Bottle £56

2019 was a stellar vintage here in New Zealand's North Island. Tasted directly after the Kumeu Village wine, this is almost flirty in comparison. Much more attractive and effusive on the nose. More texture. Great bright lines. Apple and tart peach. Multi layered and generous but fine lines as well. They say 'best ever' - and on the basis of this tasting we cannot argue! Incredibly good.



Rose

2020 MIP* Classic Rosé Made in Provence

Bottle £34

Incredibly pale, with herbal white peach, red cherry and wild strawberry fruit, good texture - more substance than many, it's softly refreshing as well as having the definition of bright acidity. This is summer in a glass, but just as welcome on a frosty clear day or to brighten a miserable grey one.

2020 GRENACHE-CINSAULT Rosé Domaine Saint Félix

Bottle £23.80 125ml £4.75 175ml £6.60

Wonderfully pale Rosé from the Languedoc-Roussillon. Made from Cinsault & Grenache (two key grape varieties in Provence), this is a great value alternative to the more aromatic Provençal styles that have taken the UK by storm. Lots of crunchy red fruits & refreshing acidity.



Red

2018 GAUDOU 'EXCEPTION' MALBEC Fabrice Durou

Bottle £27.20 125ml £4.50 175ml £6.75

The grapes come from Cahors the spiritual home of Malbec, but Fabrice declassifies this cuvée so as to be able to make it as he wants. Stylish dark violet-inflected fruit with a touch of earth.

2019 LA PETITE SYRAH Domaine les Yeuses Bottle £24.80 125ml £4.50 175ml £6.35

Syrah is responsible for the deep and wild wines of the northern Rhône and its aristocracy shines out in this humble Languedoc incarnation. There's no oak here, but you do feel a touch of spice amidst the dark fruit. Excellent.

2018 CHÂTEAU BELLE GARDE Bordeaux Bottle £27

From a good vintage and always delivering incredible value for money, Eric Duffau's brilliant Château Belle Garde is one of our longest standing listings. Leaf tea, cassis, plum and tobacco aromas are backed by a well balanced palate. Again dark fruited, with some nice tannic structure, this has lovely definition with the tobacco and cedar notes allowing for a sleek finish

2019 CHIANTI DON GUIDO Montalbano Fattoria La Collina

Bottle £28

Fresh earth, some pungent spice and slightly baked red cherry. Slightly rustic palate, but more refinement than many a straight Chianti.

2020 ARTUKE Rioja

Bottle £29 125ml £4.80 175ml £6.80

Always one of Rioja's great bargains, this wonderfully juicy cuvée of Tempranillo and 5% Viura from brothers Arturo and Kike de Miguel is a classic carbonic maceration style that dates back to the 19th century and was popularised by the so-called "cosecheros". Showing masses of perfume, it's a tangy, crunchy, cement-fermented delight that combines perfume with vibrant summer berry fruit. Unwooded Rioja at its individual best.

2018 PINOT NOIR Weingut Petri

Bottle £28

A little whizz banger of a Pinot from the Pfalz in Germany. Brightly fruited with cherry and strawberry fruits, it zips along with a delicious briskness, but doesn't lack for depth and ripeness. The perfect red for everything from meaty fish to autumn game.



2018 RASTEAU Les Coteaux Domaine des Escaravailles Bottle £37

The most immediate of the reds from Escaravailles, beautifully upholstered with plush plum, blackberry and ripe damson fruit. In the mouth the wine is so shapely, gorgeous concentration of woodland fruits, herbs, ground pepper, definitely rich but balanced and lithe and long.

2013 BRODIE ESTATE Pinot Noir Bottle £45

From one of the two iconic NZ wine regions, Martinborough. A ripe and intense, properly New World Pinot Noir with juicy ripe small berry fruits in abundance, but wrapped up in a silky velvet flow. Delightful and great value.

2018 ARUMA Malbec Bodegas Caro Bottle £34

The smoke, black-tea and dark-berry aromas and flavors are really impressive. Hints of coffee. Full body, firm yet lightly rounded tannins and a flavorful finish. Hard not to drink now. Pure malbec. No wood.

2016 GEVREY CHAMBERTIN Les Crais Domaine Huguenot Bottle £104

Gentle and pretty Gevrey. Some wood spice too. Always early ripening and the first he picks in Gevrey, you can sense this ripe middle.

2014 CHÂTEAU LAFON-ROCHET 4ème Cru Classé Saint Estèphe Bottle £102

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot. We have been keen followers of the wines from this great terroir over the last few years. They have done a great job again here in 2014. Lovely aromatic nose, cassis and more brambly fruit. Great feel, quite broad, so dense and there is an almost confectioned note to the dark plum fruit, deliciously ripe and nicely spicy. Silky, but compact core, lots to get your teeth into.