

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

	125ml	375ml	750ml
NV Piper Heidsieck	9.50.....		48.00
NV Louis Roederer	10.50.....		59.00
NV Veuve Clicquot.....			62.50
NV Bollinger Special Cuvee		42.00	80.00
NV Bollinger Special Cuvee [Magnum]			160.00
NV Charles Heidsieck.....			85.00
NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs.....			85.00
NV Laurent Perrier Rose			85.00
NV Laurent Perrier Rose [Magnum]			175.00
2004 Pinot Reserve, Chapel Down, Kent, England			44.00
2001 Nyetimber Classic Cuvee, West Sussex, England			57.00
2005 Balfour Brut Rose, Hush Heath, Kent, England.....	10.00.....		60.00
2002 Veuve Clicquot.....			105.00
1999 Bollinger Grande Annee			135.00
2000 Dom Perignon			175.00
NV Krug			205.00

WINES BY THE GLASS

WHITE		175ml
2008	Bergerie de la Bastide, Vin de Pays de Mediterranee, France <i>Mouth watering light green apples & a crisp finish. Immensely quaffable.</i>	4.50
2008	Reserve de Gassac Blanc, Aime Guibert, Haute Vallee du Gassac, France..... <i>Viognier is the grape responsible for the rich stone fruit flavours of this wine. Floral & fruity yet refreshingly dry.</i>	6.25
2008	Albarino, Martin Codax, Rias Baixas, Spain <i>Underneath delicate peach flavours is a dry wine that is an excellent match for white fish.</i>	7.25
2006	Bacchus Reserve, Chapel Down, Kent, England <i>If you like Sauvignon Blanc & Riesling you will love this. A remarkable example of how good English wines can be.</i>	7.50
2008	Sauvignon Blanc, Yealands, Marlborough, New Zealand <i>With refreshing grassy aromas accented with tropical fruits, this wine offers a refreshing palate with complex citrus notes.</i>	8.00
2006	Chardonnay, Montes Alpha, Casablanca Valley, Chile <i>A big round classic from the mountainsides of South America. Amidst the vanilla & butter is strong fruit & a crisp finish.</i>	8.75
ROSE		175ml
2008	Grenache Rose, Le Petit Jaboulet, Paul Jaboulet Aine, Vin de Pays, France <i>A dry, refreshing rose expressing the pure red fruit flavours of Grenache. Crisp & fruity.</i>	5.75
RED		175ml
2008	Merlot, La Vigneau, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France <i>Rich ripe plum fruit that characterises the grape's potential in a warmer climate. Soft & ample.</i>	4.50
2008	Malbec, Punto Final, Bodegas Renacer, Mendoza, Argentina <i>This big, punchy New World red is a perfect match for roasted meat with its strong currant fruit.</i>	6.25
2006	Cotes Du Rhone Rouge, Parallele 45, Paul Jaboulet Aine, Rhone, France..... <i>Displaying the ripe berry fruit & the hint of spice that one expects from the Rhone, this wine can be enjoyed by itself or with food.</i>	6.50
2007	Lagrein, Niklas, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy <i>An intriguing wine from the north of Italy. Grass, violets & soft cherry fruit combine for a complex blend of flavours.</i>	8.00
2008	Pinot Noir, Delta, Marlborough, New Zealand..... <i>A Southern Hemisphere classic with lovely perfumed fruit, enough weight to give depth, whilst still showing the elegance of Pinot Noir.</i>	9.00
2004	Chateau Beaumont, Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France <i>A generous, honest Claret. Think slightly stewed red fruit with a hint of the tertiary flavours that make Bordeaux so appealing.</i>	9.50

HALF BOTTLES & LARGE FORMATS

WHITE		½ BTL	MAG
2008	Gavi di Gavi, La Giustiniana, Piemonte, Italy.....	19.50	
2007	Pouilly Fume, Domaine Landrat-Guyolot, Loire, France.....	20.50	
2006	Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaillons', Louis Michel, Burgundy, France	26.75	
RED			
2002	Rioja Reserva, Cune, Spain	17.25	
2005	'Le Prestige', Chateau du Cedre, Cahors, France	23.00	
2006	Pomerol, Christian Moueix, Bordeaux, France.....		83.00
1997	Rioja Gran Reserva 904, Rioja Alta, Spain		150.00

ROSE WINES

Rose can vary enormously in style depending on the grapes & winemaking techniques employed. The best manage to be fun & frivolous, whilst also remaining balanced & refreshing.

		750ml
2008	Grenache Rose, Le Petit Jaboulet, Paul Jaboulet Aine, Vin de Pays, France <i>A dry, refreshing rose coming from vines from 15 to 20 years of age that expresses the pure red fruit flavours of Grenache. Crisp & fruity.</i>	22.50
2008	Pinot Grigio Rosato, Ponte Pietra, Veneto, Italy..... <i>Few realise that the Pinot Grigio grape is, when fully ripened, dark in colour. By ageing this wine on its skins, Ponte Pietra creates a wine traditionally called 'ramato' or 'coppery.' The result is a wine that is remarkably fresh & soft.</i>	25.00
2008	Cabernet Sauvignon Rose, Mulderbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa..... <i>Brilliant strawberry red in colour with an aromatic nose of grapefruit, strawberry, lavender & thyme. On the palate it is both crisp & juicy with a medium body & dominant dry berry flavours.</i>	29.00
2008	Rose, Prieure de Montezargues, Tavel, France..... <i>Tavels are amongst the few roses that manage to be as intriguing as they are easygoing. Match this one to anything from fish to lamb. Its blend of Grenache & Cinsault from forty year old vines ensures a richness of flavour that surpasses most of its competition.</i>	37.00

ENGLISH WINES

The greatest concentration of English vineyards is found in the South Eastern corner of the country in East & West Sussex, Kent, & Surrey. Many vineyards are found on the South facing slopes of the North & South Downs & even share the same geology & soil types as vineyards in France.

SPARKLING WINE

750ml

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| 2004 | Pinot Reserve, Chapel Down, Kent..... | 44.00 |
| | <i>With our changing climate, many feel that the South East of England has a significant future in the production of sparkling wine, with both climate & soil very similar to those found in Champagne. This is an excellent example, with a honeyed yeasty complexity, fine mousse & zesty citrus freshness.</i> | |
| 2001 | Nyetimber Classic Cuvee, West Sussex..... | 57.00 |
| | <i>The finest English Sparkling Wine - vibrant, toasty & rich with lively balancing acidity. Will partner a wide variety of dishes, from fish with rich buttery sauces to poultry & light meats.</i> | |
| 2005 | Balfour Brut Rose, Hush Heath, Kent..... | 60.00 |
| | <i>The most exclusive English fizz on the market, with delicate raspberry fruit, crisp apple freshness & a smooth elegant body.</i> | |

WHITE

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| 2006 | Bacchus Reserve, Chapel Down, Kent..... | 28.00 |
| | <i>Freshly aromatic with a nose of grass & nettles, this Bacchus from the excellent vintage of 2006 has a developed palate with lime & rose petal flavours balanced with crisp acidity.</i> | |

BURGUNDY - WHITE

Home to many of the greatest dry white wines of the world. Despite the vineyards covering a modest area in world terms & the production of white wines being based essentially from a single grape variety, Chardonnay, there is still a huge variety of styles of white wine made, from fresh & mineral such as Chablis, to rich, racy exuberance you will find in the best whites from villages in the Cote d'Or such as Meursault, Chassagne Montrachet & Puligny Montrachet.

		750ml
2007	Macon Villages Vieilles Vignes, Les Rosiers <i>A blend of modern & classic wine making techniques, this Macon displays light pear & citrus fruit with hints of almonds.</i>	27.00
2007	Chablis, Domaine Sainte Claire, Jean-Marc Brocard <i>Dry, mineral, crisp & fresh, with some weight on the palate. The perfect wine to accompany oysters & most seafood.</i>	32.00
2007	Chardonnay, Bourgogne Blanc, J.C Boisset <i>Citrus fruit & a touch of vanilla scented oak dominate the nose of this wine with a palate displaying some richness balanced with refreshing fruit & acidity.</i>	38.00
2006	Chablis 1er Cru 'Vaillons', Louis Michel..... <i>Louis Michel makes 'proper' Chablis without maturation in oak barrels. Clean, pure & mineral with real depth & complexity.</i>	52.00
2006	Rully 1er Cru, Les Margotes, Vincent Dureuil Janthial..... <i>Great fruit ripeness tempered with notes of buttered toast, this is a natural accompaniment to robust fish & pork dishes. This is a classic round & ample Burgundy.</i>	55.00
2006	Beaune du Château Premier Cru, Domaine Bouchard Père et Fils <i>A classically balanced white Burgundy that maintains juicy white fruit amongst its more complex flavours.</i>	64.00

BURGUNDY – WHITE CONTINUED

- 2006 Chassagne Montrachet, Blain Gagnard 80.00
Remarkably fresh yellow orchard fruit aromas merge into a complex palate of macadamia, concentrated lemon and hints of terroir. Approachable and stylish.
- 2006 Meursault 'Les Narvaux', Vincent Girardin..... 84.00
Meursault from old vines in a much richer style than usual. This wine displays a rich, buttery oak characteristic with plenty of intense fruit on the nose.
- 2006 Puligny Montrachet, Etienne Sauzet..... 95.00
Absolutely stunning in its composition, this Puligny is made in a taut mineral fashion with emphasis on limestone flavours amidst controlled citrus.
- 1993 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray 250.00
From the largest white Grand Cru in Burgundy & undeniably one of the best producers of the appellation. South facing vineyards next to the village of Aloxe Corton guarantee top quality fruit that, given time to develop in bottle, offers a wine of unrivalled complexity, richness & great elegance.

LOIRE & ALSACE - WHITE

Two very different regions, both of which have their own unique character. Despite the fact that the grape varieties planted in both regions are almost entirely different, there is some similarity in terms of the style of wines that they both produce. In addition to both producing significant quantities of white wines with some sweetness & of great ageing potential, both are predominantly associated with the production of dry white wines renowned for their clean fruit flavours, best enjoyed in their youth when they are balanced by crisp, fresh acidity.

750ml

2006	Pinot Blanc, Hugel, Alsace.....	24.00
	<i>Nicely aromatic with delicate fruit & a soft textured body. Incredibly versatile & great with fish & lighter meats.</i>	
2007	Gewurztraminer Reserve, Andre Scherer, Alsace	32.00
	<i>An exciting off dry white. The ripe tropical fruit flavours of banana, pineapple & papaya are lifted with an ebullient crispness.</i>	
2007	Pouilly Fume, Domaine Landrat Guyolot, Loire.....	36.00
	<i>The best examples of wine from this village show subtle notes of gunflint & have an elegant, lighter style – this is just as it should be.</i>	
2007	Vouvray Sec ‘Clos de Rougemont’, Domaine Vigneau Chevreau, Loire.....	40.00
	<i>Planted on pure limestone soil, this Vouvray is undeniably stunning & refined. Exuberant citrus notes with remarkable acidity.</i>	
2007	Sancerre, Domaine Vacheron, Loire	45.00
	<i>Top quality Sancerre from one of the appellation’s very best producers. Crisp, & fresh with great elegance & minerality.</i>	

RHONE & REGIONAL FRANCE - WHITE

With the notable exceptions of Condrieu & the Chateau Grillet, both of which are made solely with Viognier, virtually all Rhone Valley whites are blends of different grapes. Marsanne & Roussanne are the leading varieties, with the former lending body & weight, & the latter bringing aroma, freshness & finesse. Regional France, however, covers a much larger area than the Rhone, & here the winemaking picture is very different. As you might expect from such a large area, there is far greater diversity, with an intriguing combination of both the old & the new. Alongside traditional wine production with established grape varieties blended within the guidelines of the Appellation Controllee system, you also find much innovation, experimentation & dynamism, with varietal wines produced in a modern fruit driven style, born out of a need to compete with the wines of the New World.

750ml

2008	Bergerie de la Bastide, Vin de Pays de Mediterranee	17.50
	<i>Refreshing light green apples & a crisp finish. Immensely quaffable.</i>	
2008	Sauvignon Blanc, Domaine Ribaute, Vin de Pays d'Oc	20.00
	<i>Light and refreshing, this French Sauvignon Blanc focuses on notes of citrus with a crisp finish.</i>	
2008	Gaillac Blanc, Chateau Clement Termes.....	22.50
	<i>A mix of native & parvenu grape varieties, this Gaillac displays an engulfing bouquet of citrus fruit, herbal notes & a hint of honey. This is for those who normally enjoy Sauvignon Blanc & would like to explore.</i>	
2008	Reserve de Gassac Blanc, Aime Guibert, Haute Vallee du Gassac	24.75
	<i>Engulfing floral notes dominate the nose whilst the palate is smooth peach. Soft & supple with the kind of balance that is unmatched in its class.</i>	
2008	Cotes du Rhone Blanc, Parallele 45, Paul Jaboulet Aine	26.50
	<i>Marsanne, Roussane & Grenache blanc make up most of the blend here. The result is a fragrant, dry white with a refreshing balance of fruit & acidity. At this price it doesn't get much better.</i>	
2007	Jurancon Sec 'Cuvee Marie', Charles Hours	36.50
	<i>A powerful & intriguing wine with plenty of ripe fruit due to late picking in the vineyard & a dry, flinty finish.</i>	
2008	Mas de Daumas Gassac Blanc, Aime Guibert, Haute Vallee du Gassac	69.00
	<i>A rare white from a truly pioneering world class producer. A blend of over 15 grapes, the main being Chardonnay, Viognier, Petit Manseng and Chenin Blanc, this wine exhibits lovely pear & honeysuckle notes & a complex, toasty palate with hints of butter & dried fruit.</i>	

OTHER EUROPE - WHITE

Here we have chosen a selection of wines from other regions in Europe. Italy is known for its delicate whites which have great affinity with food. In Spain, huge investment & a new generation of talented winemakers have led to the emergence of many exciting white wine areas, proving there is more to the country than Sherry & oaky, red Riojas. Austria, too, has revitalised its wine production in recent years, with Gruner Veltliner in particular enjoying great success across Europe.

750ml

2008	Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, Gran Sasso, Ortona, Italy	19.75
	<i>An intensely fragrant, supple Italian white with plenty of fleshy white fruit on the palate.</i>	
2007	Gruner Veltliner, Birgit Eichinger, Austria.....	27.00
	<i>Austria is becoming an increasingly important wine growing region & Birgit Eichinger produces many fine Gruner Veltliners. Beautifully clean & fresh, with bright yellow fruit, lovely minerality & a touch of spice.</i>	
2008	Albarino, Martin Codax, Rias Baixas, Spain	29.00
	<i>Subtle & intriguing pear flavours make this Spanish classic a great match for light fish dishes.</i>	
2008	Estate Riesling Trocken, Dreissigacker, Rheinhessen, Germany	33.00
	<i>A big classic Riesling nose, dripping with peaches & pears. The palate is dry with grapefruit & mineral flavours.</i>	
2008	Gavi di Gavi, La Giustiniana, Piemonte, Italy	35.00
	<i>Subtle yet with good depth, delicate spice, & a lovely texture.</i>	
2008	Pinot Grigio, Tiefenbrunner, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy	38.00
	<i>Pinot Grigio as a style attracts an equal number of detractors & admirers because of its easy drinkability. The Tiefenbrunner appeals to those looking for a nice, quaffable wine whilst also offering the level of sophistication & balance needed to convert the naysayers.</i>	
2003	Riesling Kabinett, Wehlener, Joh Jos Prum, Germany.....	45.00
	<i>Fantastic off-dry Riesling from one of Germany's top Riesling producers. Complex aromas of dried fruit & petroleum dominate the nose, with a long finish & well-balanced acidity on the palate. A superb aperitif & lunchtime wine at only 9% ABV.</i>	
1988	Rioja Blanco, Vina Tondonia, Spain	63.00
	<i>A wine for those who appreciate traditional white Rioja – oaky & full with a nutty character almost reminiscent of sherry. With only a handful of wines of this style still being made, they are becoming increasingly rare.</i>	
2006	Chardonnay, Isole e Olena, Tuscany, Italy.....	67.00
	<i>Top quality Chardonnay made very much in a Burgundian style. Matured in French oak, with restrained richness, real elegance & class.</i>	
2005	Coleccion 125, Julian Chivite, Navarre, Spain.....	80.00
	<i>The Chivite estate has been producing wine since 1647. This particular vintage is a perfect example of the finesse & prestige associated with oaky Spanish whites.</i>	

NEW WORLD - WHITE

New World wines are named by grape variety rather than vineyard. They will often offer riper, more tropical types of fruit on both the nose & palate as well as higher levels of alcohol. However, many producers have congregated in cooler areas of these hotter climates to develop wines that display New World character with the finesse of the Old World.

		750ml
2008	Chardonnay, Indaba, South Africa <i>A light floral Chardonnay that escapes the overoaked flavours associated with the New World.</i>	19.50
2009	Chenin Blanc, Stonedale, Robertson, Western Cape, South Africa <i>Very fruity, light & dry. Just as all good Chenins should be.</i>	20.50
2007	Torrontes, Rio de los Pajaros, Pisano, Uruguay..... <i>A Spanish grape that is gaining great praise for its wines in South America. Crisp and dry with aromas of spice & honey.</i>	26.00
2008	Sauvignon Blanc, Yealands, Marlborough, New Zealand..... <i>Slightly more restrained Marlborough Sauvignon showing mineral qualities such as wet stone whilst still maintaining the classic refreshing grassy aromas, tropical fruits & sparkling acidity the region has become known for.</i>	29.50
2006	Chardonnay, Montes Alpha, Casablanca Valley, Chile <i>A big round classic from the mountainsides of South America. Amidst the vanilla & butter is strong fruit & a crisp finish.</i>	34.50
2008	Riesling Hanlin Hill, Petaluma, Clare Valley, Australia <i>Nicely restrained, with fine floral & tropical notes, supported by a limey, steely backbone & refreshing acidity.</i>	36.00
2008	Pinot Gris, Mount Difficulty, Central Otago, New Zealand..... <i>Beautifully made in an elegant, fresh style, with fine notes of white peach & nectarine.</i>	40.00
2007	Semillon/Sauvignon, Cullen, Margaret River, Australia <i>Very classy with exotic fruit overtones & perfectly balanced use of wood from one of Australia's foremost winemakers.</i>	45.00
2008	Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand <i>The first wine from New Zealand to win worldwide recognition, & still enjoying cult status. Concentrated & stylish.</i>	50.00
2006	Chardonnay Arroya Vista, J. Lohr, California, USA <i>A complex bouquet of honey & vanilla & well-judged toasty oak, balanced by palate cleansing acidity.</i>	58.00
2005	Chardonnay 'Art Series', Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River, Australia <i>Western Australian whites are renowned for their balance & poise. This is rich, ripe & seamless & has real elegance.</i>	100.00

BORDEAUX - RED

Without doubt the region most associated with 'fine wine' in the world. Despite their production from a strictly limited range of grape varieties, there is considerable variation in the style of wines made from the different areas across the region. Wines from the Medoc are dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, those from Pomerol by Merlot, & you would expect St Emilion to be a blend of Merlot & Cabernet Franc. However, in most parts of Bordeaux including the above Appellations, wines are a blend of more than one grape variety. This not only creates wines of greater balance & complexity of flavour, but also allows the producer to adjust the proportion of different varieties from vintage to vintage. This will help maintain the quality of wine by allowing the producer to vary the proportions of each variety to compensate if one of them underperforms.

750ml

2004	Bordeaux Superieur, Chateau Grand Village	32.00
	<i>The home property of Jaques & Sylvie Guinaudeau, owners of the esteemed Chateau La Fleur. A wine with plenty of blackberry & milk chocolate aromas , medium to full bodied with fine tannins.</i>	
2004	Chateau Beaumont, Haut Medoc.....	38.00
	<i>Classically styled Claret offering fantastic value. Slightly stewed fruit is balanced with chalky undertones & a mineral core.</i>	
2006	Pomerol, Christian Moueix.....	44.00
	<i>J-P Moueix & his son are synonymous with Pomerol. Their family own or supervise many of the properties here, including perhaps the most sought-after of them all; Chateau Petrus. Pomerol is always soft & easy to drink; this has the typical plum fruit of the Merlot grape with bold, ripe flavours & fine tannins.</i>	
2003	Chateau Vieux Clos, St Emilion.....	49.00
	<i>Everything a St Emilion should be: soft, ripe & fruit-filled with a nice touch of oak.</i>	
2007	Villa des Quatres Soeurs, Margaux.....	59.00
	<i>A distinctively approachable Margaux, this second wine from Clos de Quatre Vents displays ripe plum flavours with soft tannins that betray its young age.</i>	
1997	Sarget de Gruaud Larose, St Julien	68.00
	<i>This little brother of the Gruaud Larose estate is reaching full maturity whilst still retaining great fruit. Notes of undergrowth are found amongst cherry liqueur on the nose.</i>	

BORDEAUX – RED CONTINUED

- 2004 Segla, Margaux 83.00
Offering a sophistication that contracts its unassuming name, the second wine of the famed Château Rauzan-Segla has a palate of well-integrated blackfruits balanced with floral & oak flavours, a wine of nuance from an Appellation known for power.
- 2003 Chateau Beau Sejour Becot, St Emilion 91.00
Underneath the exotic nose of ripened black plum intermingled with chocolate lies a classic St Emilion with great backbone. Hints of roasted pine nut on the finish add to this luxurious red.
- 2000 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac Leognan..... 125.00
A bold minerality on the palate hints at the pebbles & gravel that define the terroir of this wine. A testament to old fashioned Bordeaux, & a wine that has benefitted from its time in the cellar.
- 1978 Chateau Lynch Bages, Pauillac..... 165.00
The decades passed might have diminished the fruit flavours of this wine, but in their place is a lovely blend of coffee, eucalyptus & savoury flavours.
- 1996 Pavillon Rouge du Chateau Margaux, Margaux 195.00
Displaying peppery tannins & luxurious depth, this second wine from the esteemed Chateau Margaux is reaching its peak. Approachable with an ample, creamy palate.
- 2000 Chateau Cos d'Estournel, St Estephe 230.00
From an estate known for its large & powerful wines, this 2000 vintage delivers with bottomless blackberry flavours rounded out with woody undertones. A powerhouse of a wine.
- 1983 Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac..... 400.00
This Chateau is responsible for some of the greatest wines of the 20th century. The 1983 is a wonderful wine for current drinking, with silky, concentrated cassis fruit & typical Pauillac cedarwood which comes with age. Pure hedonism.

BURGUNDY & BEAUJOLAIS - RED

This almost mythical region lies on the Eastern side of France, & covers a large area, with vineyards in Chablis to the North, down to Beaujolais in the South. With the exception of the wines of Beaujolais & some lesser known reds from the Maconnais & the Cote d'Or that are made from Gamay, red Burgundy is made from Pinot Noir.

Despite this reliance on a single grape, don't imagine that there is little to choose in style between wines from the different areas & villages. The best red wines, irrespective of their village of origin, should encapsulate the elegance, balance, & almost hedonistic fragrance for which Pinot Noir is renowned.

		750ml
2007	Beaujolais Villages, Domaine Andre Colonge..... <i>Quintessential Beaujolais to be enjoyed on its own or with lighter-style dishes.</i>	25.50
2007	Julienas, Domaine Gerard Descombes, Beaujolais..... <i>A rare Beaujolais showing nice depth & round red fruit yet still retaining the drinkability that makes the Gamay grape so appealing.</i>	33.50
2007	Pinot Noir, Bourgogne Rouge 'Mes Vieilles Vignes', Vincent Girardin..... <i>Packed with bright berry fruit, with a soft, supple texture & real elegance on the palate.</i>	40.00
2006	Givry Sous la Roche, Michel Sarrazin..... <i>The rich forest aromas that dominate the nose are matched with sour cherry flavours on the palate. Perfect with game.</i>	44.00
2006	Rully Rouge, Vincent Dureuil-Janthial..... <i>A ripe & chewy Pinot with refreshing acidity. Good fruit & gaminess.</i>	50.00
2006	Beaune du Chateau Premier Cru, Domaine Bouchard Pere et Fils..... <i>Fantastic value in this range, the grapes for this wine come from seventeen Premier Cru vineyards that are all owned by the Domaine. Harmonious, well-constituted, & soft.</i>	62.00

BURGUNDY & BEAUJOLAIS – RED CONTINUED

- 2003 Cote de Nuits Villages, Jayer Gilles72.00
The reputation of Jayer Gilles's wines is well deserved especially when one considers the humble appellations from which the grapes come. Dark forest floor & a fair share of truffle aromas characterise the bouquet whilst the palate has good acidity & a long finish.
- 2004 Morey St Denis 'En la Rue de Vergy', Bruno Clair 85.00
Drinking beautifully, with classic mature Pinot notes & superb balance. From a top producer & a village whose wines sit somewhere in style between the depth & earthiness of Gevrey Chambertin & the elegance of Chambolle Musigny.
- 2004 Nuits St Georges 'Les Pruliers', Domaine Robert Chevillon 95.00
Elegant & yet with real depth, dark blackberry & cherry fruit, a hint of game, & superb length. Very fine with outstanding concentration.
- 2004 Volnay 1er Cru 'En Champans', Marquis d'Angerville100.00
Intense black cherry on the nose, with impressive quantities of pepper-laced fruit. Supple & medium-bodied with a silky texture & good length.
- 2000 Clos Vougeot, Meo Camuzet..... 165.00
Solidly structured with sweet, fine fruit & real complexity. Rich, ripe & powerful in the context of the vintage from one of Burgundy's veritable winemaking deities.

RHONE & REGIONAL FRANCE - RED

The Rhone is one of the most exciting areas of France from which to buy wine. Robust, full of fruit & undeniably unique, most of these wines have spice & pepper as their signature. Regional France's main area of production area is the Languedoc, bordering Spain to the West & the Mediterranean Sea to the South. It has become a hotbed of innovation & is now providing France's riposte to the competition of the New World.

		750ml
2008	Merlot, La Vigneau, Vin de Pays d'Oc..... <i>Rich ripe plum fruit that characterises the grape's potential in a warmer climate. Soft & ample.</i>	17.50
2006	Cotes du Rhone Rouge, Parallele 45, Paul Jaboulet Aine..... <i>The spicy fruit of this wine is balanced with herby undertones & round tannins with good length.</i>	24.00
2007	Bergerac Rouge, Chateau Tour des Gendres <i>A lighter style Merlot blend with a touch of Malbec for some depth. Great ripeness makes it really easy drinking.</i>	28.00
2008	Cinsault 'Les Servieres', Domaine d'Aupilhac..... <i>Coming from century old Cinsault vines, this stunning wine displays luscious red fruit & garigue flavours</i>	34.50
2005	Faugeres, Domaine Leon Barral..... <i>Syrah, Grenache & Carignan are the grapes here giving us new world-style fruit concentration with old world finesse with spicy black licorice & cigar box flavours alongside wild blackcurrants. A long, long finish confirms the wine's undoubted quality.</i>	40.00
2005	Crozes Hermitage, E. Guigal..... <i>A classic style from a well renowned family owned domaine, this Crozes Hermitage expresses rich Syrah fruit that has been barrel aged for eighteen months. Fantastically structured with remarkable freshness.</i>	47.00
2002	Gigondas, Clos du Joncuas, Ferdinand Chastan <i>From a neighbouring Appellation of Chateauneuf du Pape, Gigondas is often overlooked. This organic Grenache, Mourvedre, & Syrah blend expresses concentrated black fruit & decadent tannins.</i>	55.00
2004	Chateauneuf du Pape 'La Crau', Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe..... <i>This wine takes its name from the plateau where the first vines of this domaine were originally planted in 1898. Whilst still young, this wine shows developed savoury flavours amidst punchy cherry fruit.</i>	72.00
2000	Mas de Daumas Gassac Rouge, Aime Guibert, Haute Vallee du Gassac <i>Mas de Daumas Gassac established its reputation as a cult vineyard in the 1970's. Cabernet Sauvignon is the primary source of this wine's power, but with over 20 other international varieties in the blend, this wine is mostly recognised for its nuance and complexity. One would be hard pressed to find a comparable Bordeaux in the same range.</i>	120.00
1983	Hermitage 'La Chapelle', Paul Jaboulet Aine <i>From one of the Rhone's most established producers, this is Paul Jaboulet Aine's legendary flagship wine. Wonderful concentration & depth, married with outstanding complexity & finesse.</i>	200.00

OTHER EUROPE - RED

Between them, the wines of Italy & Spain cover an incredible variety of styles, from internationally renowned areas such as Piedmont, Tuscany & Rioja, to innumerable lesser known areas producing wines from grape varieties virtually unknown outside of their of production. They do, however, all share one important characteristic almost without exception - they all make superb partners for food.

		750ml
2007	Primitivo, A Mano, Puglia, Italy..... <i>Supple & soft, with fragrant dark fruit & a finely-textured palate.</i>	21.00
2006	Artesano Tinto, Terra Alta, Spain..... <i>Deep red and black fruit flavours are highlighted with hints of minerality in this high altitude Spanish blend of Grenache, Carignan, and Syrah. Well balanced and soft.</i>	24.50
2007	Sudtiroler Lagrein, Weingut Niklas, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy..... <i>Red berries, grass, & sweet violets characterize this wine hailing from the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains. Light, but with a complex blend of flavours.</i>	30.00
2004	Chianti Classico, Fattoria Rodano, Tuscany, Italy..... <i>Quintessential Italian sour cherries balanced with cedar make this a lovely, easy drinking Chianti with nice depth.</i>	32.00
2005	Rioja Reserva, Cune, Spain <i>Having spent a year in oak barrels & a further year ageing in bottle, this Rioja is now ready to drink with its smooth red fruit flavours & a touch of oaky softness.</i>	34.00
2006	Blaufrankisch, Heinrich, Austria <i>This wine strikes a balance between the fruitiness of Gamay & the gaminess of Syrah, proof of the increasing quality of Austrian reds.</i>	37.00
2003	Dehesa la Granja Cosecho, Alejandro Fernandez, Zamora, Spain <i>With two years ageing in American oak, this wine captures the qualities of Tempranillo at its fullest. Think lush raspberry preserves amongst notes of vanilla.</i>	45.00
2006	Rosso di Montalcino, Fossacolle, Tuscany, Italy..... <i>This wine displays expressive Sangiovese fruit upon a structure of firm tannins with tertiary notes. Bold, but still offering the sophistication one expects in a wine from Montalcino.</i>	55.00
1997	Rioja Gran Reserva 904, Rioja Alta, Spain <i>A superb example of Gran Reserva Rioja from one of Spain's top producers. Two years of oak ageing gives the wine a soft vanilla edge to complement the cherry fruit. The perfect accompaniment to roast lamb.</i>	77.00

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2004	Barolo, Massolino, Piemonte, Italy.....	82.00
	<i>A wine that displays the qualities one associates with Barolo: a bouquet of candied cherry fruit & beguiling tobacco aromas with a palate defined by its staunch tannic grip.</i>	
1998	Contino Variedad Graciano Crianza, Rioja, Spain.....	98.00
	<i>An anomaly from Rioja based purely on the Graciano grape. Astringent when drunk too young, this wine maintains its firm backbone as it ages & develops a savoury medicinal quality that adds sophistication to the fruit that is darker & bolder than one would expect from a typical Rioja.</i>	
2005	Amarone della Valpolicella, Allegrini, Veneto, Italy	105.00
	<i>A hugely complex & powerful wine from one of the area's finest producers. Impressively coloured with fine, dark summer berry fruit on the nose & hints of chocolate & vanilla. Structured & elegant, & superb with roasted beef or pork & with blue-veined cheese.</i>	
2003	'Il Favot', Langhe Nebbiolo, Poderi Aldo Conterno, Piemonte, Italy.....	126.00
	<i>The Conterno family has been producing wine in Northern Italy since the 1700's. This Nebbiolo is not for the faint of heart but is drinking marvellously considering its youth. Paired with robust beef, one can hardly imagine a better match.</i>	
2003	Sassicaia, Tenuta San Guido, Tuscany, Italy.....	240.00
	<i>First planted with some grafts of Cabernet from Chateau Lafite in the 1940's & currently operating under organic principles, this predecessor of the 'Super Tuscan' is a Bordeaux-style blend. Rich damson & grainy tannins dominate with a bit of vanilla.</i>	
1995	Unico, Vega-Sicilia, Ribera del Duero, Spain.	300.00
	<i>The acknowledged & undisputed 'first growth' of Spain, always fascinating. For those that are fans of Spanish red, this is the ultimate experience.</i>	

NEW WORLD - RED

There are many points of difference between the wines of the traditional European wine-producing countries & those of the New World. The latter tend to be named by their grape variety rather than by the name of the village or area where the fruit was grown. In terms of their style, as you might expect many wines from the New World are fuller, riper, more fruit-driven, & sometimes more alcoholic than their traditional European counterparts. It is interesting to note, however, that there is an increasing number of New World wines that aim to combine the best of both worlds – the bright fruit & fuller texture of the New World, with the elegance, freshness & balance of the Old. This can be achieved by a combination of clever winemaking &, more importantly, by growing fruit in areas of relatively cool climate to give both relatively restrained fruit flavours & good levels of acidity.

		750ml
2008	Shiraz, Indaba, South Africa <i>Chunky red & black fruit with just a bit of black pepper make this a delightful, drinkable red.</i>	19.50
2008	Malbec, Punto Final, Bodegas Renacer, Mendoza, Argentina <i>This big, punchy New World red is a perfect match for roasted meats with its strong currant fruit.</i>	24.00
2006	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz, Willunga, McLaren Vale, Australia <i>Brambly Shiraz built upon the firm berry structure of the Cabernet made in a uniquely Australian fashion.</i>	27.00
2008	Pinot Noir, Delta Vineyards, Marlborough, New Zealand..... <i>Floral & elegant with soft fruity flavours. Everything one would expect from a new world Pinot.</i>	36.00
2004	Shiraz, Brokenwood, South Eastern Australia <i>The 2004 vintage is widely regarded as the best on record here. Rich & sweet up front with ripe cherry fruit & hints of mint in the background. Subtle oak & some bottle age adds softness & complexity.</i>	38.00
2006	Merlot Franc Malbec 'Kawau Bay', Takatu Vineyards, Matakana, New Zealand <i>Supple concentrated dark fruit is given added complexity by the savoury earth notes amongst smooth tannins. Big & bold but not without finesse.</i>	42.00
2005	Cabernet Sauvignon, Wynn's, Coonawarra, Australia <i>A young Cabernet just showing hints of its tertiary development. Beneath the bright cassis fruit are hints of mocha & mint leaf that pair well with prime cuts of beef.</i>	48.00

NEW WORLD – RED CONTINUED

NV	Caballo Loco N. 10, Valdivieso, Santiago, Chile 61.00 <i>Using the solar transfer system originally developed for the production of Sherry, this Chilean red strikes a fine balance between weight & drinkability. Fantastic berries & sweet spice.</i>
2006	Shiraz Grenache, 9 Popes, Charles Melton, Barossa Valley, Australia 68.00 <i>Classic Barossa blend from one of the region's best producers. Generous & plump black & red fruit dominate with secondary notes of menthol & orange peel. A big & bold red, but not without finesse.</i>
2006	Pinot Noir 'Les Bauges au Dessus', Au Bon Climat, California, USA..... 74.00 <i>A gem from the Santa Maria Valley. Very Burgundian in style, yet with the generous fruit & texture of a warmer climate.</i>
1997	Black Pepper Shiraz, E & E, Barossa, Australia..... 165.00 <i>A striking balance between both red & black fruit with secondary flavours of cocoa & eucalyptus. The big body of this red is matched by its superbly long finish. One of the true cult wines of Australia.</i>
2004	Cabernet Sauvignon 'Monte Bello', Ridge, California, USA..... 190.00 <i>Very expressive on the nose with intense blue & black fruit. The palate is svelte & structured yet balanced & extremely elegant. This is a rich & deeply impressive, with smooth tannins & attractive spice. It is wines like this that have given California its reputation for superb Cabernet Sauvignon.</i>
1999	Grange, Penfolds, South Australia 425.00 <i>Grange is a legend. Begun in 1955, the reputation (& price!) of this great Shiraz have grown exponentially since. A huge, concentrated, complex beast. Quite simply Australia's finest.</i>