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| 81 | Pinot Grigio 'Castel Firmian', Mezzacorona, Trentino
The rise of Pinot Grigio shows no sign of abating. Good then, that we feature one here from Mezzacorona, a producer known for some of the best examples in the country. Spicy with a refreshing acidity, with subtle elegance to boot, from the cool vineyards of the north. | 2013 | 27.75 | 5.70 |
| 85 | Gavi di Gavi 'La Meirana', Gian Piero Broglio, Piedmont
Now here's a character; Gian Piero Broglio, former member of the Italian parliament, former aide to Berlusconi, and former President of the Gavi de Gavi Winemakers Association, resigning in disgust at the lowering of standards in this famous area. | 2013 | 35.75 | 7.10 |

SPAIN

- 105 Albariño, Casal de Caeiro** 2013 **29.75 6.00**
The UK buyer of this wine recently married the owner. That's taking supplier relations a bit far, but the same person is now helping to produce it, so the love continues. Bottled and shipped regularly in small quantities to ensure freshness; essential for this racy grape.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 117 Sauvignon Blanc, Buitenverwachting, Constantia** 2015 **26.25 5.30**
With a name as unpronounceable as this, the wines have to be good! BV's wines have established somewhat of a cult following, especially the Sauvignon, and is a rival to the most pungent and sought after Sauvignons of New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND

- 126 Sauvignon Blanc, Coopers Creek, Marlborough** 2014 **35.25 7.10**
Winemaker Simon Nunns has elevated Coopers Creek wines to a level of quality that is now widely admired in the New Zealand wine trade. The wines show pure, vibrant, tropical fruit flavours with a racy edge.

CHILE

- 134 Chardonnay, Casa Lapostolle** 2012 **31.75 6.40**
Owned by the Marnier Lapostolle family, most famous for liqueur Grand Marnier, the winery is now in the country's premier league. The aim is clear; to create world class wines using French expertise and the superb terroir of Chile.

ARGENTINA

- 5 Sauvignon Blanc Chenin Blanc 'Vistaflo', Bodega Norton** 2014 **23.00 4.65**
Mineral rich soil, an ideal climate (hot in summer, very cold winters), a pest free environment and 40 year old vines gives Norton all the ingredients they need to make a refreshing, fruity beauty.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- 150 Chardonnay, Lost Angel, California** 2013 **33.75 6.70**
A great example of a winery using fruit from a variety of different vineyard areas, to give a wine which not only has classic chardonnay fruit, but also great finesse, making this a food friendly wine

AUSTRALIA

- 161 Medium Sweet Riesling 'Live Wire', Langmeil, Barossa** 2012 **37.25 7.50**
Juicy, refreshing and lively on the palate with a lovely, fine frizzante to help deliver fresh lime and apple to the taste buds. Medium sweet, natural grape sugars are well balanced with zingy, crisp acidity which the Riesling grape is famous for and the finish is long, zesty and fruitful.

RED WINES

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| 52 | Fleurie, Clos des Quatre Vents
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| 65 | Château Lalande de Gravet, St Emilion Grand Cru
Merlot dominates in St Emilion, so can be relied upon for smooth, plummy flavours. Grand Cru status for Lalande de Gravet ensures greater flavour and complexity. | 2010 | 43.75 | 8.60 |

ITALY

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Sicily has seen a vinous renaissance in recent years and is now one of the most exciting regions in Europe for wine, as well as being one of the most productive. The local Nero d'Avola gives inky enjoyment, allied to the flavours of Chianti via the Sangiovese grape. | 2013 | 23.00 | 4.65 |
| 90 | Campofiorin, Ripasso Rosso del Veronese, Masi, Veneto
Masi is, and has been for many years, at the forefront of ancient Italian methods of winemaking. Ripasso is one, and is the technique of double fermenting the wine (essentially a Valpolicella) in contact with spent Amarone skins. The result; a turbocharged Valpolicella. | 2011 | 28.75 | 5.80 |
| 92 | Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, La Braccasca, Tuscany
This estate produces four wines; two very very good, and two utterly stunning. Here we have one of the very goods (the latter in the main list) - brooding, dark fruit with a style that begs to be drunk. | 2012 | 37.75 | 7.60 |

SPAIN

- 108 Rioja Crianza, Conde de Valdemar** 2010 **29.75 6.00**
Modern Rioja producers extol the virtues of the vibrant Tempranillo grape. Rather than the dry Riojas of old, reminiscent of sawdust, the new style is fruit driven and uses sympathetic oak treatment. No wonder, then, that the award for Best Rioja House arrived in their post box courtesy of Wine Spectator in 2003.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 123 Pinotage Shiraz Cinsault 'Inkspot', Cloof, Darling** 2010 **30.25 6.10**
If the coastal areas such as Constantia, have climates similar to France, Darling's fierce climate has more in common with Spain. Gnarled bush vines have roots eight metres deep and this region is red wine territory. Cloof's Inkspot blend has a heady aroma of fruit flavours and ripe tannins.

CHILE

- 8 Cabernet Merlot, Siete Soles** 2014 **22.50 4.60**
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RED AUSTRALIA

- 165 Shiraz 'Founder's Block', Katnook Estate** 2011 **40.75 8.20**
Katnook, founded in 1896, is one of only six wineries to have three listings in the prestigious Langton's Classification, the premier league of producers. An aromatic Shiraz bursting with dark cherry and red berry fruit, lifted by white pepper and cinnamon. The palate is ripe and generous, with subtle vanilla and spice notes from the oak.

ROSÉ WINES

FRANCE

- 10 Côtes de Provence Rosé, 'Carte Noire'** 2013 **27.75 5.70**
Step onto the Boulevard La Croisette in Cannes, stroll for a while, find a table at a brasserie, and order a bottle of Maitres Vignerons' 'Carte Noire', one of the best producers in the Côtes. Also available here.

UNITED STATES

- 152 Beringer Zinfandel Blush** 2014 **25.25 5.10**
Beringer vineyards is the oldest continuously operating winery in the Napa Valley, having been established by two German brothers in 1876. Their reputation is founded partly on their heritage, and partly on the genius of wine maker Ed Sbragia who joined in 1976 and spent the next thirty two years honing their style. This medium rise is the benchmark for the style of, showing delicious red summer fruits, and a balanced refreshing finish.

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- 11 Silenzi Rosato, Pala, Sardinia** 2013 **25.25**
Now run by third-generation Mario Pala, this winery offers wines of modern purity with genuine Sardinian style. A fresh young wine with good intensity, showing crisp, clean notes of red apple, citrus and herbs with a hint of red fruits.

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- 12 Sauvignon Blanc, Domaine la Prade, Vin de Pays d'Oc** 2014 **22.95**
A crisp, lively Sauvignon Blanc with aromas of green apple, pink grapefruit and elderflower. The wine is dry and refreshing, with a mouthwatering finish. Deep in scorching hot Béziers, the grapes achieve great ripeness and the wine enjoys a tangy, vibrant style.
- 13 Picpoul de Pinet, Côteaux de Languedoc, Beauvignac** 2014 **22.75**
Skirting around the top of Montpellier, you'll come to the small village of Pinet, known for possibly the ultimate in seafood wine. Fresh as a daisy.
- 14 Mas de Bressades, Côtitières de Nimes (Rousanne blend)** 2011 **22.25**
Cyril Plarès, the owner of Mas de Bressades, works next door to Nathalie Blanc. Both estates produce arguably two of the best white Costières de Nimes wines available, with peachy, apricot-like flavours. What is remarkable here? They are man and wife. What do they talk about over dinner?

RED REGIONAL FRANCE

- 15 Château Serres Sainte Lucie, Corbières** 2013 **23.50**
Château Serres Sainte Lucie is located in the commune of Boutenac, in the centre of the Corbières appellation. A vibrant, spicy Corbières that combines juicy ripe berry fruit with the rocky mineral and herb character typical of the area. The palate shows further complexity of coffee and mineral, with a long positive finish. Aged in three-year-old French oak for six months' ageing.
- 16 Pinot Noir, Les Templiers, Vin de Pays d'Oc** 2013 **21.25**
Delightful, vibrant nose of strawberries, raspberries and spice, leading to a typically elegant Pinot palate: medium bodied and full of persistent, juicy red fruit.
- 17 Mas des Bressades, Côtitières de Nimes** 2012 **21.25**
A real favourite this. Inky and robust with savoury edges, and a lush, smooth overcoat. A wonderful region, in a wonderful part of France, overlooking the mouth of the Rhône Delta with its vivid blue Mediterranean backdrop.

WHITE LOIRE VALLEY

- 18 Cheverny, Domaine des Marnières** 2011 **25.75**
An unusual Loire appellation, and a mix of 80% Sauvignon and 20% Chardonnay. Can you think of a similar blend anywhere else in the world? Excellent acidity balanced by mouth-watering pear and melon aromas.
- 19 Menetou-Salon 'Côtes de Morogues', Domaine Fournier** 2012 **37.25**
With the ever-increasing popularity of the lofty names of Sancerre and it's Pouilly neighbour, we have to look to other villages for more affordable options. The idyllic spot of Menetou-Salon gives this - crisp steely and, dare I say, very Sancerre-like.
- 20 Pouilly Fumé 'Les Berthiers', Domaine de Dagueneau** 2013 **41.25**
Enter the grand names, both village and producer. Serge Dagueneau, continues to lead the field producing class wines of great repute. Intense, steely, lithe and delicious.
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- 22 Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 'Carte d'Or', Sauvion et Fils** 2013 **27.75**
The classic Loire white, consumed in huge quantities in the coastal city of Nantes with copious amounts of moules marinières. Produced from the Melon de Bourgogne grape, the wine is bone dry, pungent and racy with a salt-and-pepper tang from maturation on yeast after fermentation, hence 'Sur Lie'. Sauvion is a top 10 grower.

RED LOIRE VALLEY

- 23 Chinon 'Bon Breton', Foucher-Lebrun** 2012 **25.25**
This small appellation, near the town of Tours, is the essence of Cabernet Franc. Rich and juicy with a light to medium body, the wine shows summer red fruit flavours with a refreshing finish. Perfect with spring and summer dishes.
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WHITE RHÔNE VALLEY AND SOUTHERN FRANCE

- 25 Viognier, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Delas Frères** 2014 **25.75**
A famous producer ("old and worthy" - Hugh Johnson), based in Tournon in the northern Rhône. Peaches, apricots and pulped white plums are the flavours – honest, and is a great change to the more famous white grapes. The overall feel is one of richness and fragrance.
- 26 Gaillac Blanc, Château Lions Lamartine** 2014 **26.50**
The vineyards of Gaillac in the remote Tarn valley are some of the oldest in France, and Produce some much underrated white wines. A combination of three grape varieties gives a broad spread of aroma – mardarin, apricot, white flowers – leads to a rich, expressive palate bursting with fruit and yet with a crispness that keeps it fresh and lively.
- 27 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Domaine de Beurenard** 2013 **51.75**
A stunning wine, produced from a collection of six varieties, from a hillside location which basks in the hot afternoon sun. A heady mix of heavenly scents.

RED RHÔNE VALLEY

- 28 Côtes du Rhône 'St Espirit', Delas Frères** 2013 **25.75**
A noted wine from a distinguished house. Soft, medium bodied and drinkable, showing the very accurate description of Grenache; white pepper and strawberries.
- 29 Rasteau, Domaine de Beurenard** 2012 **35.75**
The Coulon family have run Domaine de Beurenard for seven generations and combine modesty and ambition to winning effect. Rasteau, mainly from the herby Grenache grape, is one of the two best Côtes-du-Rhône villages entitled to use its name and offers an assertive, robust style.
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- 31 Gigondas, Château de Trignon** 2010 **42.75**
Back into the Southern Rhône again, for arguably the benchmark Grenache appellation. It has great depth, but not too full bodied, and has aromas of mulled wine. Trignon is a master producer.
- 32 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Beurenard** 2009 **56.25**
Worry not. In a world which knows this name more than many other, we have a top five producer. Paul and Régine Coulon produce a masterpiece Châteauneuf, and on-allocation around the whole world. Enjoy.

ALSACE

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- 34 Gewurztraminer VT Clos Saint Landelin** 2007 **66.75** 50cl
A brilliant Gewurz, the gingerbread generosity offset by limestone freshness; rich rather than sweet, this is pure hedonism. "Shows textbook Gewürztraminer flavours of lychee, white pepper, rose petal, cream and candied orange peel. Lively acidity plays off of the honeyed notes, and a smoky thread runs below the surface and along the lingering finish." – 93 points, Wine Spectator.
- 35 Pinot Gris, Domaine René Muré** 2012 **34.50**
The Muré family have been making wine in the southerly Rouffach region since the end of the Thirty Years War in 1648; René is the eleventh generation in charge. Richly dry, with enticing flavours of spiced pear, clean citrusy balance and a good positive finish.
- 36 Gewurtztraminer, Domaine René Muré** 2013 **36.25**
Lychees. Spice. Violets. Heady. All truly evocative descriptions of one of the world's most distinctive grapes. It's hard to compare, but Muré produces a stunner.
- 37 Riesling Grand Cru Vorbourg, Clos St Landelin, René Muré** 2002 **52.25**
Clos St Landelin is Muré's prized vineyard, with a history going back to 17th Century Irish monk settlers, and is terraced, steep and mineral-rich. Their Riesling is concentrated, rounded and rich, with piercing lime zest fruit and a hint of the fabled petroleum flavour.

CHABLIS

- 38 Petit Chablis, Domaine Thierry Hamelin** 2013 **37.75**
Petit. It's always considered that this means small ie. inferior. However, the truth is, when the different vineyards on the hillsides were classified (Petit, Normal, 1er Cru, Grand Cru), a local cartographer's error led to some 1er Cru Fourchaume sites being mapped as Petit. So, not Petit at all. Thierry scores.
- 39 Chablis 1er Cru 'Montmains', Domaine Brocard** 2013 **47.75**
The Montmains vineyard produces the tightest, leanest, firmest Chablis wines. This, allied to Brocard's ethos of shunning oak and using stainless steel, gives a wine of great power, but with a spine-tingling style. The true expression of Chardonnay.
- 40 Chablis Grand Cru 'Les Clos', Domaine Brocard** 2009 **79.75**
One of the seven Grand Cru sites, Les Clos produces Chablis wines from the top drawer. No oak again, but a richness and creaminess that defies explanation, other than, perfect grapes, from a perfect slope, with a perfect winemaker.

WHITE BURGUNDY

Burgundy helps us; these whites are 100% Chardonnay. So, rather than repeating the textbook descriptions of Burgundy Chardonnay (apples, pears, honey, hazelnuts), look at the producer. There are hundreds, but the ones listed here are all at the top of their game.

- 41 Macon Blanc Villages, Domaine Chenevrières** 2012 **32.75**
Owned and produced by the Duboeuf firm, but under its own domaine name, in recognition of consistently good grapes, well grown. Benchmark Macon Villages.
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- 43 Pouilly Fuissé, Domaine Beranger** 2011 **40.25**
A famous appellation, and the finest Macon white. The Village of Fuissé is in a natural bowl, near the towering, pinnacle-like Rock of Solutré. The bowl captures warmth, leading to a fuller style.
- 44 Rully, Domaine Jacqueson** 2011 **41.25**
It takes a while to warm to Paul Jacqueson; he's a taciturn French farmer on first visit, but is bags of fun when he senses you're on his side. Recently returned from a Himalayan walking tour, he is in expansive mood and vows to push his quality.
- 45 Chassagne Montrachet Blanc, Domaine Philippe Colin** 2010 **67.75**
No introduction needed here, really. The hallmark of Philippe Colin, Michel Colin-Déléger's son, wines is elegance of such refinement that an international clientele beats a path to his door.

WHITE BURGUNDY

- 46 Puligny Montrachet 'Le Trezin', Marc Colin** 2007 **80.75**
Based in the little hamlet of Gamey (nestled between Puligny Montrachet and Saint Aubin), Domaine Marc Colin has been making wonderful wines from their 17 hectares for many years, but it is since Marc retired and his sons took over that the estate has really established itself as one of the Côte de Beaune's best. The brothers pursue wines of minerality, intensity and finesse rather than the bigger, fuller and richer wines that had become the fashion during the 1990s.
- 47 Meursault, Henri de Villamont** 2012 **97.75**
A decadent style of Meursault, with plenty of creamy-rich peach fruit, notes of grilled nuts, and a full-bodied palate. It is all held together by a lovely streak of lemony acidity, which brings focus and finesse.
- 48 Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru, Vincent Girardin** 1999 **115.75**
This wine, from the upper slopes of the Hill of Corton (one the wine world's most beautiful photos) is truly superb. Rich, spicy and lingering, possibly the ultimate example of Chardonnay, and Burgundy's most sumptuous white wine.
- 49 Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Roger Belland** 1998 **170.75**
This producer is going from strength to strength. He has a steely determination, his cave is in pristine condition, and the wines are never anything less than technically superb. The Criots vineyard is in total 4 acres, and Belland owns some of it. A prized possession indeed. Highly recommended.

BEAUJOLAIS

- 50 Beaujolais Villages, Château des Vierres** 2012 **23.75**
We know it, some love it, some decry it. We wonder why, as Beaujolais can be the perfect example of modern wine; deliciously fruity, with no hard edges and truly versatile. 2009 is regarded as the best vintage Beaujolais in living history. Some statement, and true.
- 51 Brouilly, Château de Nervers** 2012 **26.75**
Beaujolais is one of the prettiest parts of France; rolling hills, roadside vineyards, hamlets here and there, and great restaurants everywhere. Soft and gentle.
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- 53 Morgon, Domaine Jean Descombes** 2011 **31.25**
Morgon is produced from a unique terrain consisting of rotten stone and crumbling schist. It is fleshy and is appealing with fullness on the palate. Deep garnet hue and a bouquet of ripe cherries and plums. Descombes is one of the very best Morgon estates, noted by all wine writers.

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This wine is from vineyards on the slopes above the N74, the road that dominates the Burgundy wine trail. Albeit a humble Bourgogne Rouge, Michelot's old vines, his winemaking skills and reputation ensures greater typicity of flavour, better structure, and good value.
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No introduction needed here, really. The hallmark of this Colin brothers' wines is elegance of such refinement that an international clientele beats a path to his door. New premises on the outskirts of Chassagne allows Philippe to produce wines of great precision, never over-oaked.
- 57 Volnay, Vincent Girardin** 2010 **58.25**
The village of Volnay, between Pommard and Meursault, has some of the most beautiful Burgundian houses on the Côte de Beaune. However, only 400 people live there. Fragrance and elegance are the hallmarks of Pinot Noir from the village and Girardin, "the meteor of the Côte de Beaune", makes a fine example.

RED BURGUNDY

- 58 Santenay Rouge 'Les Hâtes', Vincent Morey** 2006 **62.75**
Having studied at the Lycée Viticole in Beaune and gained experience working in Saint Emilion, Vincent Morey returned to the family in 1986. On the retirement of his father Bernard, one of the most respected winemakers in the southern Côte de Beaune, Vincent with his wife took over part of the estate. Violets and strawberry with the classic Santenay minerality.
- 59 Nuits St Georges Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Alain Michelot** 2009 **75.75**
A great bear of a man, Michelot has been making traditional, textbook Nuits St Georges for over 35 years now. Firmly in the top échelon of producers in this most famous of Burgundy villages, the wine continues to impress; rich and elegant, but gamey and concentrated.
- 60 Gevrey Chambertin, Domaine Henri Perrot-Minot** 2007 **82.25**
Christophe Perrot-Minot, the winemaker, is now recognised as one of the most talented young winemakers in the Côte d'Or. He is one of a number of open minded Burgundians who are increasingly challenging an accepted wisdom, applying a logical approach to winemaking. The results are clear for all to taste - a wonderful combination of balance, breeding and power.
- 61 Chambolle Musigny Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Perrot-Minot** 2010 **94.75**
Next door to the legendary Combe d'Orveau vineyard, this is a true delight. Chambolle is fabulously fragrant, intense, but never full. The vines are an average of sixty years old, giving tremendous depth of flavour.
- 62 Corton Bressandes Grand Cru, Domaine Tollot-Beaut** 2009 **114.75**
The Tollots and the Beaus came together in 1926, and were the torch-bearers for domaine bottled wines in the thirties, rather than selling to the local négociant. Softness and approachability are the watchwords here, with layers of toasted oak complementing the fruit. The greatest Côtes de Beaune red appellation.

RED BORDEAUX

- 63 Château Terrefort-Lescalle, Bordeaux Rouge** 2011 **25.25**
All good wine lists need a good Bordeaux Rouge. It shows the region's style perfectly; medium bodied, red berry-like flavours with the underlying cedary flavours that has made the region the most famous in the world.
- 64 Château Mauperey, Côtes de Castillon** 2011 **30.25**
Château Mauperey is a seven-hectare property that has been in the hands of the Cassat family for several generations. The wine was vinified in stainless steel tanks, then aged in traditional concrete vats before bottling at the château. Mid-weight, flavoursome claret that offers a good degree of Right Bank lushness while retaining a fine balance of fruit, mineral and herbal aromas.
- 65 Château Lalande de Gravet, St Emilion Grand Cru** 2012 **43.75**
Merlot dominates in St Emilion, so can be relied upon for smooth, plummy flavours. Grand Cru status for Lalande de Gravet ensures greater everything; flavour, depth, harmony and enjoyment.
- 66 Château Perron, Lalande-de-Pomerol** 2008 **45.75**
One of the rising stars of the 'Right Bank'. Château Perron is a fantastic property situated on the edge of the village of Lalande de Pomerol. It dates back to 1647 and is one of the oldest properties in Pomerol. Merlot dominated, this wine is rich, smooth and spicy. Aged in French oak barrels 30% of which are new each year.
- 67 Zédé, Margaux (2nd wine Château Labegorce-Zédé)** 2011 **48.75**
Second wines from noted Châteaux really are a smart buy in Bordeaux. The estate selects vineyard lots one by one, to go to make the Grand Vin. If a plot has less than perfect fruit, almost always due to a pocket of poor weather, a second wine is made using these grapes. This shows the work of very best estates, at a fraction of the price of the Grand Vin. Zédé is great, as is its Daddy.

RED BORDEAUX

- 68 Château Bellegrave, Pauillac Cru Bourgeois** 2006 **58.75**
Power. Purity. Precision. The village of Pauillac is the home of the best Châteaux (whisper - Latour, Lafite, Mouton), and embodies these three P's. Château Bellegrave is a well known name in France, good value and very reliable.
- 69 Fiefs de Lagrange, St. Julien (2nd wine Château Lagrange)** 2008 **59.25**
Since the Japanese Suntory company purchased this large estate in 2003, it has become a single-minded wine of good fruit, meticulous winemaking and fine quality.
- 70 La Réserve de la Comtesse, Pauillac (2nd wine Ch. Pichon Lalande)** 2008 **73.25**
Second wines again - see Bin 67. "Super second growth, next to Château Latour. Consistently among the very top performers. A long lived, Merlot-marked wine of fabulous breed, even in lesser years" - Hugh Johnson.
- 71 Château Tour de Pez, St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois** 2004 **68.75**
As David Peppercorn MW wrote in his authoritative 'Wines of Bordeaux' in 2000, this 58 acre chateau is 'definitely a name to look out for. Lovely sweet fruit, length and elegance, a wine of real quality'. Their 2004 continued this upward quality trend is drinking perfectly now.
- 72 Château Chantealouette, Pomerol** 2002 **72.75**
This is the second wine of Château de Sales, known for classic Pomerol at a reasonable price. The estate has belonged to the same family for 400 years. Scented, rich and powerful (70% Merlot) with a pleasant stylishness. 2000 was rated as a top-10 post-war vintage in Bordeaux.
- 73 Château d'Angludet, Margaux Cru Bourgeois** 2004 **105.75**
d'Angludet is, without doubt, classed growth quality, albeit only a Cru Bourgeois - one of the few anomalies in the 1855 classification. Excellent fruit, finesse and finish. In fact, classic Margaux.

GERMANY

- 74 Riesling 'Von Unserm', Balthasar Ress** 2012 **31.75**
Balthasar Ress was founded in 1870 by a hotelier of that name, who wanted to make wine to serve his guests. Now run by the fourth and fifth generations of the family, the company still produces wine under Balthasar's original brand name 'Von Unserm', literally 'from us', a dry, multi-vineyard blend that represents the house style. Generous peach and citrus fruit meets mineral elegance.
- 75 Riesling Kabinett Hattenheimer Schützenhaus Balthasar Ress** 2012 **39.75**
Fruit was sourced from various Ress family sites in the Rheingau. Grapes were selectively harvested, some by hand and some mechanically and tipped directly into the wine press to avoid crushing and pumping. Crisp green apple fruit and floral aromas are matched by a rich, succulent style on the palate in this mature Riesling.
- 76 Riesling Spätlese Schloss Reichartshausen** 2013 **44.25**
Schloss Reichartshausen is a monopole – a vineyard owned in its entirety by the Ress family. It belonged to the Cistercian monastery Kloster Eberbach from the early twelfth century, and until the early nineteenth century was one of the monastery's important outlying properties. This complex dryish Riesling (Kabinett) offers aromas of red apple, dried stone fruit and warm minerals. Concentrated and layered in the mouth, with real backbone complementing the ripeness. Harvested 7 days later than the main harvest, hence Spätlese.

HALF BOTTLE

- 77 Koberner Weisenberg Riesling Beerenauslese
Freiherr von Schleinitz** 1995 **78.75**
Over ripened grapes (Beerenauslese), hand picked, create a rich, intense and luscious wine with honeyed flavours with just the right amount of acidity to prevent it being cloying.

WHITE ITALY

- 79 Orvieto Classico Secco 'Campogrande', Antinori, Umbria** 2014 **23.25**
The hillside estate of Castello della Sala has been in the Antinori stable since 1940, and is lauded by the wine world. The 'Campogrande' label is seen in many fine restaurants in Italy.
- 80 Chardonnay, Tormaresca, Puglia** 2011 **24.75**
Puglia, the heel of Italy, is now beginning to make its mark on the quality wine world. This Chardonnay is balanced, smooth and a treat - high quality winemaking indeed.
- 81 Pinot Grigio 'Castel Firmian', Mezzacorona, Trentino** 2014 **27.75**
The rise of Pinot Grigio shows no sign of abating. Good then, that we feature one here from Mezzacorona, a producer known for some of the best examples in the country. Spicy with a refreshing acidity, with subtle elegance to boot, from the cool vineyards of the north.
- 82 Leone, Tasca d'Almerita, Sicily (Catarratto and Chardonnay)** 2012 **31.25**
This estate has been in the hands of the Tasca family for more than a century. Luccio (the current Count) began the renaissance in the 50s, and the young breed, Guiseppe and Umberto now hold the reins. Enough detail, save to say that the wines of this historic estate, high in hills of the central area, is the best producer on the island, and quality is never compromised. Fragrant and smooth.
- 83 Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Teruzzi e Puthod, Tuscany** 2014 **27.25**
The Etruscan scene on the label is testimony to the wealth of history surrounding the wine and the producer. Picture yourself on a terrace, overlooking the town of Siena, enjoying a glass of Italy's first DOC wine from a legendary maker. Dry, crisp and nutty.
- 84 Pino & Toi, Fausto Maculan, Breganze (Pinot Bianco, Tocai)** 2013 **28.75**
A sensational wine. Maculan is one of Italy's great iconoclastic winemakers and believes in 100% commitment to his craft. A unique blend of grapes; a blast of citrus flavours with a delicious honey edge.
- 85 Gavi di Gavi 'La Meirana', Gian Piero Broglio, Piedmont** 2014 **35.75**
Now here's a character; Gian Piero Broglio, former member of the Italian parliament, former aide to Berlusconi, and former President of the Gavi de Gavi Winemakers Association, resigning in disgust at the lowering of standards in this famous area. He cares not, because he is one of the top producers and continues to plough the quality furrow.
- 86 Collio Sauvignon Blanc, Marco Felluga, Friuli** 2011 **36.75**
The Fellugas (his brother, Livio, is his biggest rival) have been making wine for a century in the pretty region of Collio, near the former Yugoslav border. Purity, elegance and spice are the hallmarks of Marco's efforts.
- 87 Cervaro della Sala, Castello della Sala, Umbria** 2008 **58.25**
A famous wine indeed, and a candidate for Italy's best white. Mainly Chardonnay, with a small amount of Grechetto, the wine is complex, smooth, deeply flavoured, and justifiably famous.

RED ITALY

- 88 NéPriCa, Tormaresca, Puglia (Negroamaro, Primitivo, Cabernet)** 2013 **23.75**
Antinori, the decorated owner, has one aim; to take the wines of Puglia to a new level, and this wine is a clear demonstration of the quality that this region has to offer. It's Italy's biggest producing region, but don't let that suggest a negative; the Famiglia Antinori never fail on quality.
- 89 Regaleali Rosso, Tasca d'Almerita, Sicily (Nero d'Avola)** 2012 **26.75**
"Very good" says Hugh Johnson. I'll go with that. The great local grape produces a wine to savour, with the individuality of flavour that is making Sicily one of the most exciting regions of Europe for wine.
- 90 Campofiorin, Ripasso Rosso del Veronese, Masi** 2011 **28.75**
Masi is, and has been for many years, at the forefront of ancient Italian methods of winemaking. Ripasso is one, and is the technique of double fermenting the wine (essentially a Valpolicella) in contact with spent Amarone skins. The result; a turbocharged Valpolicella.
- 91 Chianti Classico 'Pèppoli', Marchesi Antinori** 2012 **37.75**
Italy's greatest winemaker has not been resting on his laurels during this last year - the drive, determination and dedication continue apace. New blends, new facilities, new ideas - all are new to 2004. Pèppoli is a stunning, world renowned Chianti Classico, and is produced in a wonderfully soft, modern style.
- 92 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, La Braccessa** 2012 **37.75**
This estate produces four wines; two very, very good, and two utterly stunning. Here we have one of the very goods (the latter coming later) - brooding with dark fruit flavours.
- 93 Nebbiolo d'Alba 'Occhetti', Alfredo Prunotto** 2009 **43.25**
One of the greatest names in Piedmont, with recent vintages showing a marque at the peak of its powers. The style here is a warming mouthful of plums, cherries and cake spices, from Nebbiolo, the Barolo grape.
- 94 Bramasole, La Braccessa, Cortona (Syrah)** 2007 **61.25**
Referring to its Vino Nobile stable partner above, this wine is in the utterly stunning category. It shows a Syrah-laden body, has enormous appeal, and is a benchmark wine in this rarely seen DOC, embedded in Tuscany.
- 95 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 'Costaserra', Masi** 2008 **64.25**
If there's one thing that Masi are, it's that they are totally passionate about Amarone. This weird, wonderful and wild wine could be from no other country. Port-like, dry, enormously flavoured and....it's hard to describe other than to say 'incredible'.
- 96 Brunello di Montalcino, Pian delle Vigne** 2006 **69.25**
First produced in 1995, this wine has already gathered awards and tributes. An eponymous estate, four miles south of Montalcino, Pian delle Vigne is aged in barrels for three years prior to release.
- 97 Tignanello, Marchesi Antinori, Toscana (Sangiovese, Cabernet)** 2009 **96.25**
Well, not much can be said about this wine. It's an icon, and will be remembered as the wine to herald a new era of Italian red winemaking. The very highest quality is its sole aim.

WHITE PORTUGAL

- 99 Vinho Verde, Quinta da Lixa** 2012 **24.75**
The Meireles family were vineyard owners in the small town of Lixa, who in 1986 set up a winery producing Vinho Verde. Six years later, they were able to buy the ten-hectare Quinta da Lixa vineyard, which now gives the company its name, and in 1994 invested in a new, larger winery. A fine modern Vinho Verde, with aromas of apple and grapefruit alongside herbal notes. The palate is medium-bodied and refreshing, with the classic touch of spritz.

RED PORTUGAL

- 100 Aragonez, Porta do Castelo, Alentejo** 2010 **29.75**
Wine has been produced in this region in south east Portugal since Roman times, and has had a recent resurgence. This Aragonez, the local name for Tempranillo, is young, vibrant and packed with fruit but not a hint of tannin. Quality, modern winemaking from Enoforum, a group of six winemakers including José Fonseca of port fame.
- 102 Terra Lenta, Alentejo** 2009 **27.25**
Enoforum, a newly formed regional partnership, is emblematic of the dynamic modern Portuguese wine industry. It is formed of six producers working together to offer wines produced from local grape varieties that express their origins, at the same time appealing to a demanding international palate. Restrained, elegant dark berry fruit on the nose leads to a smooth, concentrated palate that is simultaneously ripe and refreshing.
- 104 Esteva, Casa Ferreirinha** 2010 **50.75**
The Famous Douro valley doesn't just produce port, but also some great value red wines from Portugal's excellent and often underrated indigenous grape varieties. Aromas of ripe redcurrant and raspberry as well as some hints of violets. Well-balanced in the mouth, a result of the softness of Tinta Barroca, the body and length of Touriga Franca and the elegance of Tinta Roriz.

WHITE SPAIN

- 105 Albariño, Casal de Caeiro** 2013 **29.75**
The UK buyer of this wine recently married the owner. That's taking supplier relations a bit far, but the same person is now helping to produce it, so the love continues. Bottled and shipped regularly in small quantities to ensure freshness; essential for this racy grape.

RED SPAIN

- 106 Monastrell, Finca el Paso, Jumilla** 2010 **22.25**
In the dry, baked vineyards of central-southern Spain, the Mourvèdre grape has found a natural home. This late-ripening, thick-skinned variety, known as Mourvèdre in other parts of the world, gives the wines of Jumilla a wealth of concentration, lifted in this case by a slug of floral, peppery Syrah.
- 107 Tempranillo 'Barrica 3', Candidato, La Mancha** 2013 **25.25**
This is a delicious Vino de la Tierra de Castilla, the region of Don Quixote. 100% Tempranillo, impressively concentrated Rioja-style wine, with vanilla oak seasoning, from the Martinez-Bujanda family, established in 1889.
- 108 Rioja Crianza, Conde de Valdemar** 2010 **29.75**
Modern Rioja producers extol the virtues of the vibrant Tempranillo grape. Rather than the dry Riojas of old, reminiscent of sawdust, the new style is fruit-driven and uses sympathetic oak treatment. No wonder, then, that the award for Best Rioja House arrived in their post box courtesy of Wine Spectator Magazine in 2004.
- 109 Garnacha, Finca Antigua, La Mancha** 2011 **28.75**
Finca Antigua is the highly acclaimed sister winery of the Martinez-Bujanda family. The architect-designed, state of the art winery near Toledo in La Mancha ensures perfect conditions for top quality winemaking. Their Garnacha is lush, rich and plummy,
- 110 Rioja Reserva, Finca Valpiedra (Single Estate)** 2007 **48.75**
To use an artistic analogy, if you prefer Picasso rather than Goya, then here is your style of Rioja. Exquisite, bursting with velvet-like fruit and a finish to die for. This really is the future for Rioja.

RED SPAIN

- 111 Cop de Vent Cabernet Sauvignon/Garnatxa, Emporda** 2014 **31.75**
This small region lies in Catalonia's northwest. Here the north wind, La Tramuntana, blows at 75 miles per hour, contorting the vines while driving away pests and diseases. Cop de Vent means gust of wind, and offers fresh concentrated fruit, with a herbal Mediterranean twist.
- 112 Old Vine Garnacha, Bodegas Ignacio Marin, Carigñena** 2008 **31.25**
Bodegas Marín was founded in 1903, and remains in the family to this day. Continual investment has ensured the winery remains state-of-the-art, and capable of expressing the fruit from the extraordinary old vines to the full. Sumptuous Garnacha, with the richness and density you can only get from old, low-yielding vines. Dark fruit is balanced by spice and herbal notes.
- 113 Planella, Celliers Joan d'Anguera, Montsant** 2008 **32.75**
The Montsant DO surrounds that of Priorat and offers a similar, rich-mineral style without the excessively ambitious pricing. Joan d'Anguera is a 200 year old family estate that remains a leading light in the appellation. Mainly Carignan grapes, Planella is deep, dark, dense and delicious.
- 114 Riberal Crianza, Bodegas Santa Eulalia, Ribera del Duero** 2007 **42.25**
The mountainous extremes and violent extremes of temperature which characterize Ribera del Duero have failed to discourage winemakers, who have flocked there in droves in the past few years. This bodega was established in 1988 and now extends to 200 hectares of vineyard planted exclusively to Tinto Fino (the local name for Tempranillo). Complex, powerful aromas of black fruit, vanilla and balsamic hints. Broad in the mouth, with good structure and complex flavours of dark fruits, spices and vanilla.
- 115 El Pajaro, Losada, Bierzo** 2012 **34.75**
Losada is a relatively new winery, formed out of the collaboration of several local wine lovers, and dedicated to revitalising some of Bierzo's (Galicia, north west) previously forgotten, old vines. Beautifully aromatic nose of juicy red fruits and the distinctive violet notes of the Mencía variety. The palate is full and fruit-driven, with lots of mineral lift. A really characterful expression of this unique grape.

WHITE SOUTH AFRICA

- 116 Chenin Blanc, Kanu, Stellenbosch** 2013 **22.75**
There is now a growing belief that Kanu produce some of the very best Chenin Blancs in South Africa, if not the world, and are one of the most decorated wineries in the Cape. Delicious wine; powerful flavours of apple and white fruits, and very drinkable.
- 117 Sauvignon Blanc, Buitenverwachting, Constantia** 2015 **26.25**
With a name as unpronounceable as this, the wines have to be good! BV's wines have established somewhat of a cult following, especially the Sauvignon, and is a rival to the most pungent and sought after Sauvignons of New Zealand.
- 118 Chenin Blanc, Kleinkloof, Paarl** 2014 **24.75**
The most popular grape in the Cape, known locally as Steen. As clean as a whistle, the wine shows apple flavours, and a fresh, clean finish. Kleinkloof is the restaurant-only release from respected producer Niel Joubert.
- 119 Chardonnay, Neil Ellis, Elgin** 2014 **34.75**
Neil Ellis is one of the oldest names in Stellenbosch, known for top class wines. The Chardonnay is sourced from vineyards in Elgin in the district of Overburg and, partly thanks to cloudy afternoon skies, is a subtle, delicious, not-too-oaky example.

RED SOUTH AFRICA

- 120 Shiraz Merlot Cabernet 'Rockwood', Kanu** 2011 **23.25**
The name Kanu is derived from a veteran farm hand on Goedgeloof, who told of the legend of a mythical bird of promise: when the Kanu bird appeared, all those who fell under its shadow would be blessed with a bountiful harvest. Sheffield-born winemaker Richard Kershaw produces this inky, rich and smooth red to much acclaim.
- 121 Shiraz, Neil Ellis, Stellenbosch** 2012 **35.75**
Stellenbosch boasts the greatest concentration of wineries in the Cape, yet it is only third largest in vineyard area, and is considered the premium area for wine production. Ellis' single vineyard Shiraz is supple and packed with flavour.
- 122 Cabernet Merlot, Buitenverwachting, Constantia** 2012 **23.75**
Buitenverwachting (otherwise known as BV!) is one of the oldest names in Constantia, the cool region, east, along the coast from Cape Town. The name means 'exceeding expectations' in Afrikaans. It's an accurate name.
- 123 Pinotage Shiraz Cinsault 'Inkspot', Cloof, Darling** 2010 **30.25**
If the coastal areas, Stellenbosch and Constantia, have climates similar to France, Darling's fierce climate has more in common with Spain. Gnarled bush vines have roots some eight metres deep and this region in red wine territory. Cloof's Inkspot blend has a heady aroma of fruit flavours and firm, ripe tannins and the winery has recently been voted Biodiversity Champion for a commitment to preserving the local environment.
- 124 Pinotage, Cloof, Darling** 2011 **33.25**
Voted the best Pinotage in a major magazine tasting in The Cape recently. Smoky and deep typical of the Cape's native grape. Winemaker Christopher Van Diepen is one of the best exponents.

WHITE NEW ZEALAND

- 125 Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough** 2013 **59.00**
Widely regarded as the quintessential expression of the acclaimed Marlborough wine region, Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc is an international benchmark wine noted for its vibrant aromatics, layers of pure fruit flavours and fine structure. The 2012 shows aromas of elderflower and lime zest. The palate is ripe, fine and succulent. A small barrel ferment component gives some body to the wine's crisp refreshing acidity. A classic wine from an outstanding season.
- 126 Sauvignon Blanc, Coopers Creek, Marlborough** 2014 **35.25**
Winemaker Simon Nunns has elevated Coopers Creek wines to a level of quality that is now widely admired in the New Zealand wine trade. The wines show pure, vibrant, tropical fruit flavours with a racy edge.
- 127 Julicher Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough** 2014 **43.25**
Many wineries claim to be boutique, but Julicher can truly be classed as one, producing only 5,000 cases a year. Since it was established in 1996 the estate has amassed a spectacular string of awards for its sophisticated style of vibrantly aromatic Sauvignon Blanc.
- 128 Mount Holdsworth Pinot Gris, Wairarapa** 2013 **35.25**
Waipara, not far from the capital Wellington is growing its reputation for great value characterful wines. This is a richly dry Pinot Gris showing classic spiced-pear aromas and a wonderful opulent texture on the palate, balanced by a mineral note for freshness.
- 129 Unoaked Chardonnay, Coopers Creek, Gisborne** 2010 **31.95**
Coopers Creek was established in 1980 by Andrew and Cynthia Hendy. Their objective was to produce high quality wines reflecting New Zealand's outstanding cool climate viticulture conditions. This is perfectly demonstrated in this wine, which shows the purity of flavour of the grape without the influence of wood.

RED NEW ZEALAND

- 130 Pinot Noir, Coopers Creek, Marlborough** 2013 **34.25**
Ripe black cherry and strawberry notes laced with a richness of spice and oak overtones. A wine style that furthers New Zealand's reputation as one of the few countries to have successfully come to grips with this fickle grape.
- 131 Syrah 'Chalk Ridge', Coopers Creek, Hawkes Bay** 2012 **36.75**
A blend of 99% Syrah and 1% Viognier. After fermentation the wine was transferred to French oak, of which twenty-five percent was new, where it matured for fourteen months. This wine demonstrates the essence of Hawkes Bay Syrah: masses of black fruits, a touch of pepper and savoury oak.
- 132 Merlot, Coopers Creek, Hawkes Bay** 2012 **35.25**
Ripe, opulent aroma with black fruit and wild berry characters, and some subtle oak in the background. Rich, full palate with a round, smooth texture. Merlot is well suited to the warmer growing conditions of the Hawkes Bay area.

WHITE CHILE

- 133 Chardonnay Semillon, Siete Soles** 2014 **23.75**
Smooth and full flavoured with the signature apple and pear fruits flavours of this ever-popular blend. Siete Soles (meaning 'seven suns') is the restaurant only label of Sur Andino, a dynamic, go-ahead winery.
- 134 Chardonnay, Casa Lapostolle** 2012 **31.75**
Owned by the Marnier Lapostolle family, most famous for liqueur Grand Marnier, the winery is now in the country's premier league. The aim is clear; to create world class wines using French expertise and the superb terroir of Chile.
- 135 Sauvignon Blanc, Gran Hacienda, Lontué Valley** 2014 **23.75**
In terms of style, Chilean Sauvignon lies somewhere between USA (rich and tropical) and New Zealand (zesty and lively). It's a good half-way house, and shows the complexity that the best winemakers achieve. Gran Hacienda is a high quality example.

RED CHILE

- 136 Merlot, Gran Hacienda, Rapel Valley** 2013 **23.25**
The Rapel is one of Chile's most exciting red wine regions, and the cradle of good Merlot. Crunchy, plummy and smooth, ideal to drink many dishes due to its clean, fruity flavours with soft tannins.
- 137 Pinot Noir 'Cuvée Alexandre', Casa Lapostolle** 2013 **40.75**
Casa Lapostolle is owned by the Marnier-Lapostolle family (of Grand Marnier fame) and, since the winery's foundation in 1994, has pursued an uncompromising approach to quality. The Pinot Noir is from a single vineyard site and is lush and smooth with savoury elements.
- 138 Carmenère Reserva, Santa Rita, Rapel Valley** 2011 **25.25**
Two of Chile's most talented winemakers both happen to work at Santa Rita, and have benefited from its vast plantings. They have been able to push back the boundaries of Chilean winemaking, and accolades have subsequently flooded in. The grape, Carmenère, was thought to be Merlot, but research revealed its real identity. Like Merlot, but with more oomph, with the Reserva vineyards ensuring extra body.
- 139 Cabernet Sauvignon, Medalla Real, Maipo Valley** 2010 **26.25**
The Medalla Real releases have acquired a great reputation. The wines are full of flavour and, most importantly, finesse. The tannins are fine and well-integrated with pure, deep cassis flavours.

WHITE ARGENTINA

- 140 Torrontes 'Finca la Colonia', Bodega Norton, Mendoza** 2011 **22.25**
Sir Edmund James Palmer Norton, an English railway engineer, first planted vines in Mendoza over 100 years ago, whilst on a business visit. A shrewd investment, as Norton is now one of the country's jewels. The Torrontes is bursting with citrus and musky flavours.
- 141 Passo Blanco, Masi, Tupungato Valley (Pinot Grigio, Torrontés)** 2014 **29.75**
One of the most original winemaking projects of recent years, Masi Tupungato is a fusion of Venetian technique and Argentine terroir. Passo Blanco sets the scene with its fragrant, floral flavours, and is a truly unique wine.
- 142 Chardonnay 'Finca la Colonia Colección', Bodega Norton, Mendoza** 2011 **28.75**
This celebrated estate releases two wines under the 'Colección' label. One is Chardonnay and is sourced from vineyards over fifteen years old and this more structured juice is suitable for ageing in fifty per cent in wood. Sir Edmund James Palmer Norton would be very proud of the quality.

RED ARGENTINA

- 143 Barbera 'Finca la Colonia', Bodega Norton, Mendoza** 2012 **24.75**
Delicious flavours of cherry and summer pudding burst out of the glass, leading to an utterly drinkable style. The Northern Italy grape, known for its enjoyable nature, doesn't disappoint from Norton.
- 144 Petit Verdot, Finca Decero** 2006 **43.50**
Decero, meaning 'from scratch', alludes to the transformation of a bare patch of land in 2000 into a favoured site of exceptionally high quality vines. The vineyard name, Remolinos, is named after mini-whirlwinds that course between the rows, taming the fierce heat. The result, a wine of elegance and sophistication, with deep black cherry fruit. Definitely a new name to watch.
- 145 Corbec, Masi, Tupungato Valley (Corvina, Malbec)** 2010 **49.75**
The irrepressible Masi company from Veneto decided to spread their wings. They chose Argentina to reproduce a ripasso wine (re-macerated with sun-dried grape skins), but using native fruit. Unique, with flavours of marinated prunes and spice. Sounds interesting? It certainly is, and top quality.
- 146 Malbec Reserva, Bodega Norton** 2012 **28.75**
This reserve wine enjoys the vanilla toastiness of American oak (wide pore), as well as the more subtle tannin woodiness from French oak (tight pore). The result is a wine of depth and body, with silky fruit.

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147 Chardonnay 'Hawk Crest', Stags' Leap Wine Cellars, Napa 2009 **40.25**

Stag's Leap is one of the undisputed icons of the Napa Valley. The winery was founded in 1970, and their 1973 Cabernet won the famous Judgement of Paris tasting, beating first and second growth bordeaux. Since then they have become one of the most lauded and sought-after wine producers anywhere in the world. A fresh, modern Chardonnay with apple, citrus and peach meet some savoury complexity in this wine of elegance and definition.

148 Sauvignon Blanc, Guenoc, California 2013 **31.00**

In 1888, in the picturesque Guenoc valley sixty miles north of San Francisco, the famous actress Lillie Langtry bought a wine estate. Her Langtry estate survives to this day, and supplies the Guenoc wines. The Guenoc wines show a lightness of touch, and a sense of finesse. Very much a European style of wine.

149 Firestone Riesling, Central Coast, California 2013 **£36.50**

The splendidly named Leonard Firestone established his family ranch in 1972, choosing the rugged Santa Ynez Valley, which back then had virtually no reputation for grape growing. His hunch was correct, as a combination of the well drained loamy soil and warm climate cooled by pacific fogs was ideal for producing wines of great quality and elegance. Wonderfully zesty and aromatic, with green apple, lemon, lime and jasmine aromas. The palate is light-bodied yet full of flavour, with a tingling balance of ripe fruit and fresh acidity.

150 Chardonnay, Lost Angel, California 2013 **33.75**

A great example of a winery using fruit from a variety of different vineyard areas, to give a wine which not only has classic chardonnay fruit, but also great finesse, making this a food friendly wine.

151 Gewurtztraminer, Château Ste. Michelle, Washington State 2010 **29.25**

Wines from this north western state (capital Seattle) shows wines with more finesse and elegance than further south in California as it has cooler nights and more daytime sunshine hours. The winery, built in 1967 and originally under the stewardship of legendary André Tchelistcheff, produces a superb Gewurtztraminer; floral, perfumed and rich, ideal for fine food.

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152 Beringer Zinfandel Blush 2014 **25.25**

Beringer vineyards is the oldest continuously operating winery in the Napa Valley, having been established by two German brothers in 1876. Their reputation is founded partly on their heritage, and partly on the genius of wine maker Ed Sbragia who joined in 1976 and spent the next thirty two years honing their style. This medium rise is the benchmark for the style of, showing delicious red summer fruits, and a balanced refreshing finish.

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- 153 Zinfandel, Sebastiani** 2010 **29.75**
Sebastiani is one of the longest established wineries in California. It was founded in 1904 and survived Prohibition and the Great Depression to remain at the forefront of Sonoma County winemaking. Their Zin is lush, silky and rich with the classic ultra-smooth finish and brambley fruit.
- 154 Guenoc California Petite Sirah** 2013 **31.25**
Petit Syrah is one of the many grape varieties brought over by European immigrants, which lost their original identity. Petit Syrah has now been identified as the obscure Durif from the Tarn area of south west France. A gutsy, wine with blueberry, rhubarb and vanilla on the nose. The palate is smooth and fruit-driven, but still with the robustness to partner hearty dishes.
- 155 Col Solare, Washington State** 1999 **96.75**
An iconic wine. Marchesi Pierro Antinori, of Tuscany fame, decided to create a New World Wine. He chose Washington State, and who possessed the best vineyard sites and expertise, Château Ste Michelle. The result, Col Solare; aromas of dark chocolate, cherry and currant are joined by hints of vanilla and clove. The aromatics carry through the rich and balanced palate. This is a very complex wine that culminates in a long and silky finish.
- 156 Pinot Noir, Saintsbury, Napa Valley** 2009 **47.75**
One of the most respected wineries in American wine, founded in 1981 by two winemakers who met at UC Davis, the acclaimed wine university. Outstanding Pinot Noir; complex and smooth with scented ripe fruit and hints of something savoury, therefore perfect with fine food.
- 157 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Stone Cellars', Beringer, California** 2011 **25.00**
The majority of the grapes for this wine come from Paso Robles and Santa Barbara, which we have found to be well-suited to growing Bordeaux varietals. The climate, particularly in late summer, plays a significant role: the thermometer reaches well into the 90s by day, then slides into the 60s or even high 50s at night. The palate follows through with flavours of raspberry jam, red cherries and black pepper spice rounded out by eight months of ageing in French and American oak.

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- 158 Artisan's Blend Chardonnay/Pinot Grigio, Deakin Estate** 2014 **24.25**
This is another example of the Australians ability to throw the rule book out of the window. Who would have thought that these two grapes would have worked so well together. A delicious blend combines the citrus and melon character of Chardonnay with savoury and pear notes from the Pinot Grigio.
- 159 Allegory Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, Western Australia** 2014 **34.25**
Use the original description, up to 'states most respected producers' then add. The classic Bordeaux white blend of grassy sauvignon, underpinned with added weight from the Semillon.
- 160 Sauvignon Blanc 'Founder's Block', Katnook Estate** 2009 **35.95**
Katnook Estate's winemaking history stretches back to 1896, when Coonawarra's second vintage was made in the Katnook woolshed by Scottish immigrant John Riddoch. In 1980, the first wines were made under Katnook Estate label. This elegant Sauvignon shows fresh herbaceous aromas with light tropical tones, alongside hints of lemongrass and citrus. The palate is subtly mouthfilling, with refreshing flavours of gooseberry and citrus zest.
- 161 Medium Sweet Riesling 'Live Wire', Langmeil, Barossa** 2012 **37.25**
Juicy, refreshing and lively on the palate with a lovely, fine frizzante to help deliver fresh lime and apple to the taste buds. Medium sweet, natural grape sugars are well balanced with zingy, crisp acidity which the Riesling grape is famous for and the finish is long, zesty and fruitful.
- 162 Viognier, Deakin Estate, Victoria** 2014 **31.75**
Deakin Estate is a substantial family-owned vineyard and winery located in the Mildura region of north-west Victoria. The property was purchased in 1967 and named in honour of Alfred Deakin, a former Australian Prime Minister who pioneered irrigation in this arid region. This Chardonnay shows aromas of ripe pear, nectarine and apple. The palate is ripe and smooth with delicious fruit character without being over the top.

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- 163 Shiraz, Deakin Estate, Victoria** 2014 **26.25**
Fed by the mighty Murray River, Mildura continues to produce high-quality citrus fruit, olives, almonds ... and grapes. Deakin Estate's good, punchy Shiraz aromas of mulberry and plum, supported by hints of vanilla and oak. The palate is juicy, spicy and satisfying, with a rounded finish.
- 164 Shiraz Grenache Mouvèdre 'Three Gardens', Langmeil, Barossa** 2012 **34.50**
Langmeil is one of the Barossa's great modern success stories, although its recent achievements are built on ancient roots back to 1843. This classic blend shows lifted aromas of black cherry with hints of mocha, spice and white pepper. The palate has luscious fruit contained within a refreshing, medium-bodied style.
- 165 Shiraz 'Founder's Block', Katnook Estate** 2013 **40.75**
Katnook, founded in 1896, is one of only six wineries to have three listings in the prestigious Langton's Classification, the premier league of producers. An aromatic Shiraz bursting with dark cherry and red berry fruit, lifted by white pepper and cinnamon. The palate is ripe and generous, with subtle vanilla and spice notes from the oak.
- 166 Merlot, Deakin Estate, Victoria** 2008 **32.25**
Deakin Estate is a substantial family-owned vineyard and winery located in the Mildura region of north-west Victoria. A fine range of typical Merlot aromas here, from cherry and blueberry. The palate is soft but still structured, with cherry flavours to the fore.
- 167 Allegory Cabernet/Merlot, Western Australia** 2008 **34.25**
A classic bordeaux blend offering an aromatic black cherry, blueberry and chocolate nose, leading to a complex palate of coffee bean and mulberry fruit. The mouthfeel is rich and seamless, with a long fresh finish.
- 168 Pinot Noir 'Menage à Noir', Lethbridge** 2010 **40.75**
Lethbridge Wines is a boutique producer specialising in highly terroir-driven wines from some of the best vineyards in Geelong. Total production is capped at 3000 cases, production is biodynamic and the winery buildings require no heating or cooling. Lush, fragrant and rapidly becoming a cult wine.
- 169 Shiraz 'Parson's Nose', Chapel Hill, McLaren Vale** 2013 **37.95**
The first vineyard was established at Chapel Hill in 1973, although it was not until 1979 that the estate was named after the 1865 ironstone chapel that now serves as the winery's tasting room. Classic Shiraz aromas of blueberries, blackberries and cinnamon lead to a luscious yet lively palate that balances typical McLaren Vale fruit density with a floral-spicy lift.
- 170 The Freedom 1843 Shiraz, Langmeil** 2012 **120.50**
This wine must surely be classed a history in a glass, as the Shiraz vines producing it were planted in 1843. They are thought to be the oldest surviving Shiraz vines in the world, and now yield tiny quantities of grapes, giving wines of considerable concentration and depth, with the remarkable elegance and sense of details – the magic of ancient vines.

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186 Drappier Carte d'Or Brut NV **120.00**

For one of Champagne's most forward-thinking producers, Drappier has no shortage of historic roots. Viticulture is close to organic, with horse-drawn ploughing, cover crops and natural fertiliser used. A Pinot Noir-based champagne of style and finesse, delicate aromas of white peach, quince and a touch of spice.

187 Drappier Brut Rosé NV **140.00**

This is a rosé de saignée, in which the juice was left on skins for three days, then transferred to fresh tanks by gravity. "The NV Brut Rose is very, very pretty. This is a fresh, energetic wine that impresses for its length and persistence. The wiry finish suggests the wine will drink well for a number of years, perhaps more if the fruit fleshes out." – 91 points, The Wine Advocate, November 2011

188 Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin Brut Yellow Label NV **145.00**

The Widow. One of the most famous labels in wine, oddly called Yellow Label (isn't it orange?). Sheer class; a light style, but with a balance and finesse that makes it a favourite with Champagne imbibers.

WHITE BURGUNDY FRANCE

189 Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Truffières, Bernard Morey 2002 **170.00**

One of the great winemaking dynasties of Burgundy, now run by Bernard's sons Thomas and Vincent. "Excellent wines" is the review by Burgundy's expert. 12 months in new oak for rich, smooth wines, picked late for maximum ripeness.

RED BURGUNDY FRANCE

191 Chambolle Musigny Vieilles Vignes, Henri Perrot-Minot 2000 **140.00**

Next door to the legendary Combe d'Orveau vineyard, this is a true delight. Chambolle is fabulously fragrant, intense, but never full. The vines are an average of sixty years old, giving tremendous depth of flavour.

192 Morey St Denis Rue de Vergy, Domaine Henri Perrot-Minot 2000 **135.00**

Often overlooked by its prestigious neighbour villages of Gevrey Chambertin and Chambolle Musigny, Morey St Denis offers immense flavours with an earthy edge. The finish is often described as 'cherry stones'.

193 Nuits St Georges Les Vaucrains, Domaine Alain Michelot 2002 **135.00**

A great bear of a man, Michelot has been making traditional, textbook Nuits St Georges for over 35 years now. Firmly in the top échelon of producers, the wine continue to impress.

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RED BORDEAUX FRANCE

- 194 Château d'Angludet, Cru Bourgeois Margaux** 1999 **155.00**
d'Angludet is, without doubt, classed growth quality, albeit only a Cru Bourgeois – one of the few anomalies in the 1855 classification. Excellent fruit, finesse and finish. In fact, classic Margaux.
- 195 Château Montaignillon, Montagne St Emilion** 2009 **55.00**
Montagne St Emilion offers excellent value, lying just to the north of (the more expensive) St Emilion itself. Mainly Merlot with Cabernet, the Amart family produce textbook wines with a good reputation.
- 196 Château Lagrange, 3ième Cru Classé St Julien** 1996 **140.00**
Lagrange is a prestigious estate of 280 acres. With recent investment after a new owner, the vineyards are in tip top condition, and the wines shows rich, silky cassis flavours with integrated woody notes. 1996; superb vintage.

RED RHÔNE VALLEY FRANCE

- 197 Côte Rôtie 'Seigneur de Maugiron', Delas Frères** 2009 **120.00**
Delas, an old and worthy firm since 1835, has undergone a renaissance since 1996, and is now reviewed as a 'class act to follow'. Their Côte Rôtie is deep crimson, and the powerful yet subtle nose has blackcurrant, redcurrant, liquorice and smoky aromas. The wine is well-balanced with a silky texture.
- 198 Côtes-du-Rhône Saint-Esprit** 2013 **62.00**
This is no ordinary Cotes du Rhone. Whilst the majority are based on the Grenache grape, this the complete opposite, with 90% of the wine made up of Syrah. A proportion of the wine is then barrel aged to add complexity. This is full of berry fruit, violet, liquorice and spices.
- 199 Hermitage 'Marquise de la Tourette', Delas Frères** 1998 **135.00**
The colour shows brilliant, deep red hues. The nose is powerful and complex, expressing blackberries, spices and woodsmoke. On the palate, the wine is firm but silky, with a tightly-knit tannic structure.
- 200 St Joseph, Delas Frères** 2000 **60.00**
The grapes are picked by hand, at optimum ripeness. Fermentation is traditional, in open-topped concrete tanks, and the total maceration period lasts up to 20 days. On the palate, the wine is fine and silky with wild red fruit flavours.

WHITE ITALY

- 201 Cervaro della Sala, Castello della Sala, Umbria** 2003 **120.00**
A famous wine indeed, and a candidate for Italy's best white. Mainly Chardonnay, with a small amount of Grechetto, the wine is complex, smooth, deeply flavoured, and justifiably famous.

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RED ITALY

- 202 Chianti Classico Riserva Badia a Passignano, Antinori** 2009 **130.00**
Antinori purchased the vineyards around Badia in 1987. The abbey was once the home of the founder of the Vallombrosano order, and is still owned by the monks. Deep dark cherry colour, with concentrated flavours with chocolate and vanilla.
- 203 Guado al Tasso, Marchesi Antinori** 2001 **170.00**
The Guado al Tasso estate is part of the small, prestigious Bolgheri DOC Zone. The area is now best-known and admired for its outstanding red wines, the so-called Supertuscans. Fruity, with hints of coffee and dark chocolate.
- 204 Chianti Classico Riserva, Tenute Marchese Antinori** 2011 **99.00**
Tenute Marchese Antinori is produced exclusively from the finest, most highly selected grapes grown on the best estates in the Mercatale Val di Pesa zone in Chianti Classico. Deep ruby red, it has pronounced cherry and violet flavours.
- 205 Il Bruciato, Gaudio al Tasso, Bolgheri** 2002 **67.00**
In the thirties the land was inherited by Carlotta della Gherardesca Antinori – mother of Piero Antinori. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah, and at the leading edge of Italian winemaking. Il Bruciato; “the burnt one”.
- 206 Campofiorin Rosso del Veronese IGT** 2011 **64.00**
Masi invented the ripasso method, where semi dried grapes usually destined for Amarone are added to Valpolicella to create a second fermentation, giving the wine more body and complexity. Attractive, aromatic nose dominated by cherries and spice. Well-balanced, full-bodied palate with notes of ripe red fruit, cherry liqueur and blueberries. Long aftertaste with hints of vanilla and cocoa.

RED SPAIN

- 207 Conde de Valdemar Rioja Reserva** 2007 **74.00**
This family owned producer is unusual in Rioja in that all of their wines are from grapes sourced from their own vineyards. This shows an extra degree of concentration and spice, and with a more modern fruit forward style. Gold list in the 2012 Sommelier Wine Awards is testament to the quality from this estate.

RED ARGENTINA

- 208 Privada, Bodega Norton, Mendoza** 2002 **72.00**
Norton’s flagship blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Merlot. The name “Privada” refers to the family’s private reserve, and shows the deep, full complex flavours that Argentina can offer. A highly respected wine.

RED AUSTRALIA

- 209 Shiraz ‘The Octavius’, Yalumba, Barossa Valley** 1996 **180.00**
Yalumba The Octavius has established a reputation as one of Australia’s icon Shiraz wines, an amazing feat considering the first release was the 1990 vintage. The Octavius is matured in American oak ‘octaves’ of 90 litres capacity. It is the only red wine in the world that is matured in such small barrels.

DOUBLE MAGNUMS

WHITE ITALY

- 210 Terre di Tufi, Teruzzi e Puthod, Toscana** 2003 **100.00**
A great white of Tuscany, from the celebrated estate of Teruzzi and Puthod. Oak-kissed for extra weight, with a complex grapefruit and pear flavour. The finish is crisp and clean with classic Italian hazlenut finish.

RED ITALY

- 211 Il Bruciato, Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri** 2002 **135.00**
In the thirties the land was inherited by Carlotta della Gherardesca Antinori – mother of Piero Antinori. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah, and at the leading edge of Italian winemaking. Il Bruciato; “the burnt one”.
- 212 Montiano, Falesco, Umbria** 2001 **150.00**
Produced by the superstar winemaker, Riccardo Cotarella, this wine is 100% Merlot from Montefiascone (of Est!Est!!Est!!! fame). Smooth, pure, cherry and spice flavours, a true modern Italian classic. “Excellent wines, above all, the acclaimed Montiano” is the review from the leading Italian wine writer.

CHAMPAGNE

- 234 Vincent Testulat Blanc de Noirs** NV **39.95**
Small, family Champagne houses form the heart behind the region's pop-star-studded famous names. The family of Testulat, founded in 1862, are specialists at producing Champagne from black grapes. Smooth, rich and flavoursome.
- 235 Vincent Testulat Rosé** NV **39.95**
A traditional rosé from an ultra traditional house. The house are experts in vinifying black grapes and their rosé is delicate and fragrant with a delicate, delicious summer red berry flavour.
- 236 Champagne Drappier Blanc de Blancs Signature** NV **69.75**
It still comes of surprise to many people that black grapes are the most widely grown colour, and are the dominant colour in most Champagne. Blanc de Blanc, which are from 100% white grapes are all about delicacy and finesse, with the typical white peach and apple aromas of Chardonnay lifted by a touch of floral Pinot Blanc.
- 237 Drappier Carte d'Or Brut** NV **68.75**
This eighth generation family producer was founded in 1808, and occupies magnificent twelfth century cellars built by Cistercian monks. A Pinot Noir-based Champagne of style and finesse, Carte d'Or offers delicate aromas of white peach, quince and a touch of spice.
- 238 Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial** NV **69.50**
What can one say about the most famous Champagne house of all time? This situation has not arisen by accident, and has been due to consistently high quality wines, across the board, almost without exception. Tall poppy syndrome has come into play, but Brut Imperial is nutty, balanced and fresh.
- 239 Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin Yellow Label Brut** NV **87.50**
The Widow. One of the most famous labels in wine, oddly called Yellow Label (isn't it orange?). Sheer class; a light style, but with a balance and finesse that makes it a favourite with Champagne imbibers.
- 240 Drappier Brut Rosé** **86.50**
A beautifully balanced style of rosé: elegant yet full of character. Pretty red berry aromas lead to a delicate palate of summer fruit and herbs, finishing crisply dry and refreshing.
- 241 Bollinger Cuvée Special Brut** NV **85.50**
One of the richer, rounder, fuller Champagne houses, and a premier league reputation. The style is smooth and biscuit-like, known as the English style, and fully deserves its rank as one of the very best houses.

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- 242 Dom Pérignon** 2003 **185.00**
Known to many as the King of Champagnes. Depth, body, complexity, finesse and length are the reasons why, and these characteristics are often unmatched. Produced from vineyards around Moët's luxury hospitality castle of Château Saran.
- 243 L'Amour de Deutz Blanc de Blancs** 1997 **197.00**
Recently reported as Madonna's favourite Champagne. This is Deutz's flagship cuvée and offers sublime, elegant flavours of quince and white fruit, from 100% Chardonnay grapes.
- 244 Krug Grande Cuvée** NV **197.00**
Since 1698, Krug have produced fine, full bodied and serious wines with a nutty nose. Often as many as 50 wines, from 25 villages, are used to blend Grande Cuvée and is known for its beautiful aftertaste.
- 245 Veuve Clicquot-Ponsardin** 2004 **105.00**
Clicquot, founded in 1772 by a Paris merchant, but was placed on the wine map by his widow, Nicole-Barbe, after she inherited the business in 1805. Rich and soft, with distinctive biscuit flavours.
- 246 Bollinger Grande Année** 2004 **132.00**
The Bollinger style is big and beefy, with oak ageing of some of the wines to provide a rounded, soft flavour (so called 'gout Anglais') with real charm. Aromas of toasted nuts and butter.
- 247 Moët & Chandon** 2003 **88.00**
The world's most famous house, founded in 1743. Their vintage wines are always high quality and are sourced from premium vineyards in only the best years. Golden and flavoursome.
- 248 Laurent Perrier Rosé** NV **107.00**
The most well known house in Tours-sur-Marne, the house style is light and elegant and their super-selling rosé has soft, luscious cherry flavours.
- 249 Laurent Perrier Brut** NV **69.00**
Elegance and finesse are the house styles, founded in 1836 east of Epernay. Clean and fruity with soft white fruit notes and a flowery finish.

SPARKLING WINES

- 250 Cava Reserva Brut, René Barbier, Spain** NV **33.25**
A worthy house, and one of the oldest in Penedès, around Barcelona. Founded by a traveling French winemaker in 1880, the Cava is full and fruity, aged for eighteen months (rather than the legal minimum of nine) with depth and body, giving a very pleasant glass of fizz indeed.
- 251 Chardonnay Pinot Noir Brut, Deakin Estate, Victoria** NV **39.25**
Deakin Estate is a substantial family-owned vineyard and winery located in the Mildura region of north-west Victoria. Ten percent of barrel-aged reserve wine was added to the blend, before the secondary fermentation and extended lees ageing. A complex, elegant nose with citrus and bready notes leads to a fresh, apple palate, followed by a soft, mouthfilling finish.
- 252 René Barbier, Cava Rosado** NV **33.25**
The Barbier name is one of the most famous in Penedès, the origin of almost all Cava. Léon Barbier emigrated from the southern Rhône in 1880, bringing much-needed French know-how to these vineyards near Barcelona. Originally forging its reputation on still wines, René Barbier now excels in Cava, with class-leading standards of production at every stage of the process. Vibrant in colour and aroma, full of raspberry and redcurrant fruit, delicate bubbles and an attractive dry finish.

PUDDING WINES

		bottle	glass
		50cl	
258 Rasteau, Vin Doux Naturel, Domaine de Beurenard, France	2011	39.75	5.90
<p>This famous village near to Chateauneuf du Pape not only makes fine red wines, but also a deep tawny coloured dessert from very ripe Grenache grapes which are allowed to ferment naturally, and then fortified with neutral alcohol. After a period of ageing the wine takes on black cherry and dried fruit characters. Excellent with chocolate, sticky toffee pudding and mature cheeses.</p>			
		½ bottle	glass
259 Château La Fleur d'Or, Sauternes, France	2011	32.75	5.60
<p>The natural, balmy climate of Sauternes is perfect for the development of the revered noble rot, which gives Sauternes its luscious, liquid-gold appeal. Deliciously honeyed and unctuous with a lingering finish.</p>			
260 Riesling Auslese Hattenhiemer Nussbrunnen	2005	40.75	
<p>Balthasar Ress, Germany</p> <p>One of Germany's celebrated estates, which only grows Riesling. Highly acclaimed, this wine from family owned vineyards is sweet and rich, but with very pleasant piercing acidity. 100 grams of sugar per litre.</p>			
		50cl	
261 Vinsanto, Tenute Antinori, Italy	2007	55.75	
<p>Vinsanto is a legendary wine style from Italy, and is aromatic, rich and smooth. The scent is reminiscent of dried fruits and wild flowers and the palate is sweet, long with a lovely bitter ('amaro') aftertaste. The Antinori family have been producing wine for six centuries and exporting it for four, and is one of the most famous families in Italian wine.</p>			
261a Moscatel Naturalmente Dulce, Finca Antigua, Spain	2011	22.75	4.45
<p>One of the most talked about sweet wines from Spain. Powerfully sweet, reminiscent of orange marmalade, but delicate. A fine sweet wine indeed.</p>			

HALF BOTTLES

WHITE WINES

- 262 Muscadet de Sèvre-et-Maine sur Lie Carte d'Or, Sauvion et Fils** 2013 **12.95**
Ernest Sauvion produces an absolutely delightful wine; bone dry, with a steely, tingling acidity that can make you shudder. A wine classic in anyone's language, and Carte d'Or can be seen in many, if not all, of the region's best restaurants.
- 263 Chablis, Domaine Brocard** 2011 **18.50**
Jean-Marc Brocard produces the lean style of Chablis. His ethos of shunning oak and using stainless steel, gives a wine of great power, but with a spine-tingling style. The true expression of Chardonnay therefore.
- 264 Pouilly Fumé 'Les Chailloux', Domaine Jean-Claude Châtelain** 2012 **19.95**
Enter the grand names, both village and producer. Châtelain is in the top flight of producers, known for classic Sauvignon flavours, with a slight hint of smokiness.
- 265 Chablis 1er Cru Vau-Ligneau, Domaine Thierry Hamelin** 2010 **23.75**
A superb 1er Cru, with the quintessential flavour of Chablis; dry, lean and expressive. Hamelin is possibly the best producer in the Vau Ligneau vineyard.
- 266 Sauvignon Blanc, Vina Santa Rita, Lontué Valley, Chile** 2013 **13.50**
Santa Rita are justifiably famous for clean, pure, intense fruit flavours. This is well demonstrated in the Sauvignon; crisp, tasty and long.
- 267 Chardonnay 'Founder's Block', Katnook, Coonawarra** 2009 **18.95**
Katnook Estate's winemaking history stretches back to 1896, when Coonawarra's second vintage was made in the Katnook woolshed by Scottish immigrant John Riddoch. This stylish Chardonnay offers subtle peach and nectarine aromas offset by some grapefruit zing and a touch of toast. The palate blends vibrant fruit flavours with an appealing creaminess, finishing on citrus.

HALF BOTTLES

CHAMPAGNE

- 238 Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial 1/2 bottle** NV **32.95**
A household name among the Grandes Marques, Moët is delicately vinous with a lime and vine blossom attack. The palate is medium bodied with elegant finish.

HALF BOTTLES

RED WINES

- 268 Fleurie, Domaine des Quatre Vents** 2011 **18.50**
The picture postcard village of Fleurie is the region's glory. Overlooked by the Statue of La Madone, sited in the vineyards at the top of the village, the wines are a delight - luscious and seductive and oh so drinkable. Restaurant 'Le Cep' in the village square isn't bad either.
- 269 Château Montaguillon, Montagne St Emilion** 2010 **18.95**
This appellation is to the north of the town and vineyards of St Emilion. Value for money is the key to this region, with the good producers (Montaguillon is certainly one of them) offering superb Merlot-rich wines at a fraction of the prices of their illustrious neighbour.
- 270 Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Beurenard** 2007 **27.95**
Worry not. In a world which knows this name more than many other, we have a top five producer. Paul and Régine Coulon produce a masterpiece Châteauneuf, and on-allocation around the whole world. Enjoy.
- 271 Villa Antinori Rosso, Marchesi Antinori, Italy** 2009 **20.95**
Possibly the most influential man in Italian wine of all time. Some statement, but true. Villa Antinori is a world renowned label, and is very fine indeed. The evolution goes on; Antinori is committed to the long term future of this wine, so the blend has been enhanced. This obliges it to be a Toscana IGT wine. So be it, says Antinori. The quality will always shine through.
- 272 Cabernet Sauvignon, Vina Santa Rita, Central Valley, Chile** 2011 **12.95**
The clean, hot-and-cold environment in the lofty foothills of the Andes allows Santa Rita to maintain essential flavour in the grapes. Well defined, currant flavours give way to a smooth finish.
- 273 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Founder's Block', Katnook, Coonawarra** 2009 **18.95**
Katnook Estate's winemaking history stretches back to 1896, when Coonawarra's second vintage was made in the Katnook woolshed by Scottish immigrant John Riddoch. Intense blackcurrant and mint aromas mark this classic Coonawarra Cabernet alongside toasty, spicy complexity from the oak.