

EAST INDIA CLUB WINE LIST



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RED

92	<i>Grand Vin de Ch. La Sauvageonne</i>	2015	£51.00
	<i>Languedoc -Terrasses du Larzac</i>		
97	<i>Rioja « Reserva »</i>	2010	£30.00
	<i>Real Rubio</i>		
99	<i>Bordeaux Réserve « Cuvée Héritage »</i>	2010	£28.00
	<i>Château Reynier</i>		

WHITE

27	<i>Quinta do Pinto « Grande Escolha »</i>	2014	£51.00
	<i>Viognier blend from Lisbon, Portugal</i>		
7	<i>Martín Códax « Albariño –Lías »</i>	2015	£30.50
	<i>Rías Baixas, Spain</i>		

CHAMPAGNE

85	<i>Champagne Gosset</i>	NV	£75.50
	<i>Grande Réserve Brut</i>		

VINTAGE PORT (special offer)

75cl Bottle	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	1997	£55.00
10cl Glass	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	1997	£7.50

*(Take advantage of this amazing offer while stocks last!
This Vintage Port can only be ordered in the dining room.
Check with the American bar for off-sale offer.)*

SOMMELIER'S WINE SELECTION

This selection is served from state-of-the-art preservation equipment, which maintains the wine fresh for weeks.

		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>WHITE</u>					
73	<i>Pinot Gris, 2017</i> <i>Marlborough, New Zealand</i> <i>Opawa</i>	£29.75	£21.05	£10.85	£7.60
12	<i>Wild Ferment Chardonnay, 2016</i> <i>Adelaide Hills, South Australia</i> <i>Hill-Smith Estate</i>	£44.00	£30.55	£15.60	£10.95
56	<i>Saint-Joseph (Northern Rhône) 2015</i> <i>Les Granilites</i> <i>Michel Chapoutier</i>	£51.00	£35.20	£17.90	£12.55
75	<i>Chablis 1^{er} Cru, 2017</i> <i>« Mont de Milieu »</i> <i>Alain Gautheron</i>	£60.00	£41.20	£20.90	£16.65
		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>RED</u>					
23	<i>Huesta de Albalá, 2016</i> <i>VT Cádiz, Spain</i> <i>Barbazul</i>	£27.00	£19.20	£9.90	£6.95
78	<i>Blauer Zweigelt Reserve, 2017</i> <i>Apetlon, Burgenland, Austria</i> <i>Sepp Moser</i>	£43.50	£30.20	£15.40	£10.80
54	<i>Côte-de-Nuits Villages (Burgundy) 2016</i> <i>« Les Chaillots »</i> <i>Gachot-Monot</i>	£48.25	£33.40	£17.00	£11.95
18	<i>Château Pedescalux, 2011</i> <i>Pauillac</i> <i>5th Growth (1855 Classification of the Médoc)</i>	£59.00	£40.55	£20.55	£14.45

SELECTION BY THE 50cl FLIGHT

(each flight comprises 4 different samples of 12.5cl each)

<i>Value Flight</i>	= the 4 better value wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£25.10
<i>White Flight</i>	= all 4 white wines in the selection	£31.85
<i>Red Flight</i>	= all 4 red wines in the selection	£30.65
<i>Premium Flight</i>	= the 4 more premium wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£37.40

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	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>	
<u>CHAMPAGNE</u>				
Club Champagne, Brut, NV <i>Edouard Brun, Négociant-Manipulant Emmanuel Delescot</i>	£39.75	£25.25	£8.25	
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>WHITE</u>				
Club Dry White, 2018 <i>Sauvignon Blanc Blend Château Reynier Bordeaux AC Marc Lurton</i>	£19.75	£13.25	£6.75	£4.80
Club White Burgundy, 2019 <i>Chardonnay Domaine des Deux Roches Mâcon AC Christian Collovray & Jean-Luc Terrier</i>	£25.25	£16.95	£8.60	£6.10
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>ROSE</u>				
Club Rosé, 2019 <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Château Reynier Bordeaux AC Marc Lurton</i>	£19.75	£13.25	£6.75	£4.80
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>RED</u>				
Club Red, 2018 <i>Shiraz Blend Château de Ciffre « Rouge Classique » Saint-Chinian AC Comtes de Lorgeril</i>	£19.75	£13.25	£6.75	£4.80
Club Claret, 2015 <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Château Reynier Bordeaux Supérieur AC Marc Lurton</i>	£19.75	£13.25	£6.75	£4.80

2014 CLUB CLARET IN LARGER SIZES :
 £43.00..... 1.5l Magnum
 £90.00..... 3l Double Magnum
 £150.00..... 5l Jeroboam

SPARKLING WINES

		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>
<u>CHAMPAGNE</u>				
19	<i>Pol Roger « Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill » 2012</i> Sourced exclusively from Grand Cru vineyards already under vine during Churchill's lifetime, this powerful, yet refined blend is only made in the very best vintages. Having been disgorged after 8 years of ageing on lees, this cuvée exhibits rich notes of brioche and hazelnut lifted by a fresh flowery scent and energised by citrus fruit. <i>(70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay – 7 g/l dosage)</i>	£,245.00	-	-
44	<i>Louis Roederer, Brut, 2012</i> 80% of the grapes used here are grown within company-owned vineyards and half of the blend is sourced from Grand and Premier Cru sites. 4 years of ageing on lees helped develop warm notes of digestive biscuit. This creamy-moussed cuvée will welcome you with a hug of sweet spices before revealing its spring-like quality of fruit. <i>(70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay – 9 g/l dosage)</i>	£,103.00	-	-
80	<i>Billecart-Salmon « Rosé » Brut, NV</i> This cuvée is a benchmark amongst Rosé Champagnes. This masterpiece of balance will enchant you with its citrus-boosted freshness. No need for any gimmick in this instance. Why would one feel the need to add a fresh raspberry or strawberry when a wine is blessed with such great purity of red fruit character in its long finish?! <i>(40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier – 9 g/l dosage)</i>	£,98.00	-	-
	<i>Edouard Brun « Club Champagne » Brut, NV</i> Champagne Edouard Brun is produced in Aÿ, right in the viticultural heartland of the region. Thanks to no more than 2 years of ageing on lees, the playful aromas of orchard fruit and hard candy retain plenty of freshness and zing. That crispness of character will whet one's appetite. For that reason, this is the ideal aperitif or reception bubbly. <i>(60% Pinot Meunier, 20% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay – 10 g/l dosage)</i>	£,39.75	£,25.25	£,8.25
<u>ENGLISH SPARKLING WINE</u>				
52	<i>Hambledon « Classic Cuvée » Brut, NV</i> Hambledon in Hampshire is the birth place of both cricket and the modern English wine industry. The Champagne-like terroir was replanted with Champagne cultivars in 1999. 2 years of ageing on lees helped developed rich notes of digestive biscuit and peanut butter. Some salinity lifts the flower-boosted greengage and orchard fruit. <i>(56% Chardonnay, 27% Pinot Meunier, 17% Pinot Noir – 4.5 g/l dosage)</i>	£,54.00	-	-
<u>CREMANT</u>				
36	<i>Jean-Louis Denois Crémant de Limoux « Blanc de Blancs » Brut Nature, NV</i> Jean-Louis Denois is the 6 th generation of a Champenoise family. He relocated in the Languedoc in the 1980s and converted to organic farming. No sugar or sulphur is added to this cuvée at any stage of the winemaking process. The rich scent of pain d'épices is contrasted by juicy pear and apple fruit flavours; a thirst-quenching experience! <i>(70% Chardonnay, 20% Chenin Blanc, 10% Mauzac – zero dosage)</i>	£,27.50	-	-

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

AUSTRALIA

- 12** *Hill-Smith « Wild Ferment Chardonnay » Adelaide Hills, SA, 2016* £44.00
Terroir-driven wines with personality are what this family estate has been delivering over five generations. This nutty Chardonnay is the result of thirteen months of ageing on lees in barrel. The white peach is lifted by flinty minerality and energised by citrus fruit.
- 83** *Kilikanoon « Semillon –Pearce Road » Clare Valley, SA, 2015* £33.00
Since it is grown at higher altitude in cool conditions, this fine Semillon displays typical notes of citrus-boosted grassiness. Whilst Spiciness is the result of six months of maturation in barrel, creaminess comes from malolactic fermentation and ageing on lees.

NEW ZEALAND

- 89** *Churton « Sauvignon Blanc » Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, 2018* £32.50
This is New-Zealand Sauvignon Blanc but made by an English winemaker in a Sancerre style. Sam Weaver partially ferments this biodynamic wine in oak then ages it on fine lees hence the subtle and layered aromas of pink grapefruit, passion fruit and lemon curd.
- 62** *Saint Clair « Origin Viognier » Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay, 2017* £31.50
Here, the Viognier is grown on free-draining stony soils hence low yields of concentrated fruit. The sweet-spiced, juicy stone fruit is lifted by the perfume of orange blossom. Notes of savoury pastry derived from the ageing on lees add extra layers of complexity.
- 73** *Opawa « Pinot Gris » Wairau & Awatere Valleys, Marlborough, 2017* £29.75
The Rapaura gravels of the north-eastern valleys of Marlborough absorb heat during the day and radiate it back onto the grapes in the moonlight. The phenomenon results in highly aromatic wines. The texture is creamy, yet the finish is crisp and full of freshness.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 6** *Hamilton Russell « Chardonnay » Hemel-en-Aarde, Walker Bay, 2017* £42.50
Since it is grown in the cooler conditions of the country's most southerly estate, this Chardonnay displays great elegance and precision of terroir character. Fermentation and maturation in French oak barrels add layers of complexity to the citrus and pear fruit.
- 43** *Lismore « Barrel-fermented Sauvignon Blanc » Greyton, 2016* £38.00
The region of Overberg is rapidly earning a reputation for impressive cool-climate wines of premium quality such as this pungently perfumed Sauvignon Blanc. Eleven months on lees in used barrels are responsible for the wine's nutty character and creamy texture.
- 46** *Wildeberg « White » Franschhoek Valley, Stellenbosch, 2020* £36.00
This old-vine Semillon is grown in an isolated mountain estate in the south-eastern corner of the Cape's coastal region. Hand-harvesting, natural-fermentation and gentle maturation in barrel contribute to this wine being a direct expression of its wild terroir; pure energy.
- 33** *Spioenkop « Riesling » Elgin, 2015* £34.50
Winemaker Koen Roose is responsible for this dry Riesling. Hints of smoky garden herbs and fresher flowery notes contribute complexity to the stone fruit character of this wine. The sheer elegance of this wine is a reflection of the county's coldest and windiest terroir.
- 49** *Spioenkop « Chenin Blanc » Elgin, 2013* £34.00
Quite unlike any other Chenin Blanc in the Cape, Koen Roose's take on the organically grown grape is influenced by the cool, misty maritime mornings of Elgin. The nose exhibits bristling citrus aromas and the palate flavours of waxy yellow fruit and citrus zest.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES

SPAIN

- 70** *VT Castilla y León « Majuelo del Chirivitero » Cantalapiedra, 2017* £39.50
 Winemaker Manuel Cantalapiedra has a clear vision for the style of Verdejo he wants to make. The organically-grown, single-vineyard fruit is harvested later than usual, which gives this wine, spontaneously fermented in wood the Burgundian way, power as well as finesse.
- 90** *Ribeiro « Extramundi » Pazo Tizón, 2017* £34.00
 This stylish and sophisticated Galician wine is a blend of traditional grape varieties (Treixadura, Albariño, Godello and Loureiro). The juicy peach is layered with lime zest and fruit skin. Underlying salinity cuts through the oily texture and brings a sense of freshness.

ITALY

- 41** *IGT Puglia « Fiano –Zin » Produttori di Manduria, 2020* £29.50
 This producer specialises in Primitivo, the most famous vinous export of Italy's heel, yet it is also well versed in Fiano. This versatile dry example is fermented at low temperatures to maximise freshness, hence an orange blossom scent that enlivens the sweet orchard fruit.

AUSTRIA

- 40** *Kremstal, Gebling Erste Lage « Grüner Veltliner » Sepp Moser, 2017* £38.50
 This biodynamic wine from the steep terraced vineyard of Gebling (one of the most renowned sites in the region) is very mineral and precise. However, the texture is oily and one can sense the emerging honeyed-peach richness under the grassy freshness of youth.

HUNGARY

- 63** *Tokaji, Mád « Dry Furmint », Szent Tamás, 2017* £33.00
 Tokaji is world-famous for its sweet wines. However, since the vineyards were shaped by volcanic eruptions millions of years ago, Tokaji is also the ideal terroir for dry wines with mineral energy. The apricot and peach fruit spiced with ginger will match pork beautifully.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- 39** *Moravia « Pálava » Sonberk, 2017* £39.50
 This is the dry Gewürztraminer one has always been seeking without ever finding it! Pálava is not Gewürztraminer. However, not only did the grape inherit the aromatic exuberance of Roter Traminer but the mineral freshness of Müller-Thurgau, both of which it is a cross.

FRANCE

RHONE VALLEY

- 4** *Condrieu « Les Grandes Chaillées » Domaine du Montillet, 2017* £65.00
 "Les Grandes Chaillées" refers to the stone walls that hold the terraced vines along steep granitic slopes. Stéphane Montez ferments then matures his Viognier in wood hence notes of smoke and bread crust. The apricot is perfumed with acacia and honeysuckle.
- 56** *Saint-Joseph Blanc « Les Granilites » Michel Chapoutier, 2015* £51.00
 Les Granilites is made from Marsanne. The grapes are grown on granite, which is unusual. The juice is naturally fermented in demi-muid then matured for ten months with regular stirring. The resulting wine is rich, yet balanced by flowery notes and a dry finish.

LOIRE VALLEY

- 59** *Sancerre « Silex -Limited Edition » Domaine Michel Girard, 2017* £38.00
 Winemaker Philippe Girard produces small volumes of this old vine Sauvignon Blanc grown on silex (the French for flint). As a result, the wine exhibits classic notes of gunflint. This mineral character adds complexity to the elderflower, gooseberry and citrus fruit.

WHITE BURGUNDY**2014**

- 60** ***Chassagne 1^{er} Cru « Les Macherelles » Jean-Claude Bachelet*** £81.50
 The biodynamic Bachelet boys, Benoît and Jean-Baptiste, craft wines of great purity. A captivating scent of graphite whets one's appetite. The juicy stone fruit flows across the mouth with clarity before tailing off into zesty notes of lemon grass in a persistent finish.

2015

- 76** ***Puligny-Montrachet, Olivier Leflaive*** £88.50
 This négociant wine is made in accordance with the philosophy of the Leflaive estate, a pioneer of biodynamic farming. After twelve months in barrel, the wine is left to clarify in tank over a second winter. The wine is rich and powerful, yet elegant and harmonious.
- 68** ***Saint-Aubin « La Pucelle » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey*** £58.75
 This display of pure energy is Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey's trademark. The nose is complex with notes of apple and lemon rind, plus undertones of smoky vanilla oak. The palate is lifted by crisp acidity, floral notes and underlying minerality; really good for a village wine!
- 51** ***Petit Chablis, William Fèvre*** £28.75
 Despite being made from bought-in fruit grown on lesser Portlandian clay soil, the wine displays the crispness of character one expects from good Chablis. Floral undertones and steely minerality instil freshness to the expressive orchard fruit; humble, yet delicious.

2016

- 45** ***Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru « La Chatenière » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey*** £78.50
 This wild and seductive wine is the speciality of Pierre-Yves, a rising star of the Côte de Beaune. A strangely attractive scent of smoked manure adds intrigue to fine aromas of sweet vanilla. The freshness of the lemon-boosted acidity energises the juicy peach fruit.
- 48** ***Rully « Les Cailloux » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey*** £51.25
 The juicy stone fruit character of this wine is enlivened by a crystalline purity of minerality. The chunks of chalk in the soil, which give the wine its name, are responsible for the citric lift that cuts through the richness, making the palate feel so clean and fresh.
- 69** ***Chablis, Jean Dauvissat*** £42.00
 This terroir-driven wine is made with minimum intervention. Natural fermentation and no oxidative ageing in wood help to bring out the mineral-boosted freshness of fruit. The underlying citrus flavours give plenty of zing to the juicy, yet ripe and honeyed peach.

2017

- 31** ***Pouilly-Fuissé, J.A. Ferret*** £60.25
 Maison Louis Jadot purchased this prime piece of Pouilly-Fuissé real estate in 2008. The wine is young still, but its fresh, unctuous and balanced quality will soon develop into the oaky richness that is the trademark of this most prestigious appellation of the Mâconnais.
- 75** ***Chablis 1^{er} Cru « Mont de Milieu » Alain Gautheron*** £60.00
 The domaine, which has been family-owned for five generations, always tried to avoid using wood to ferment and age their wines so as to preserve the steely freshness of character derived from the chalky vineyard soils. The orchard fruit is crisp and minerally.

AUSTRIA

- 78** *Burgenland, Apetlon « Zweigelt Reserve » Sepp Moser, 2017* £43.50
This is a deliciously elegant style of wine. Do not confuse its lightness of touch with a lack of complexity, for not only is the bitter cherry character of this wine full of intensity, but it is layered with notes of herbs and tobacco that persist in a finish of incredibly long length.

ITALY

- 21** *Chianti Classico Gran Selezione « Poggio Rosso » San Felice, 2015* £65.75
This single-vineyard Sangiovese displays immense depth and superb elegance. It is produced from selected fruit in limited quantities and exclusively in outstanding vintages. Extended maturation tried to tame the power of a wine that will only improve with time.
- 10** *Rosso di Montalcino « Vermiglio » Conti Costanti, 2014* £60.00
When weather conditions prove too challenging, Andrea Costanti doesn't produce any Brunello but this "declassified" label instead. High quality, healthy grapes yield this wine of great depth and elegance after two years in wood; one in French oak, one in Slavonian oak.
- 37** *Amarone della Valpolicella, Azienda Agricola Prà, 2011* £58.75
This is a wine of great purity, grace and elegance, which are terms that one does not usually associate with Amarone. The structure is tightly knit, yet bright and silky. The bitter cherry and red berry fruit is layered with lingering notes of fresh herbs, orange peel and ganache.
- 14** *Chianti Classico Riserva « Il Grigio » San Felice, 2015* £34.50
The Sangiovese is grown at altitude hence a Chianti of exceptional elegance and freshness. The Juice is fermented on the skins then the wine is racked in a combination of Slavonian and French oak casks where the fruit develops spiciness and savouriness over 18 months.

SPAIN

- 15** *Ribera del Duero « Torresilo » Cillar de Silos, 2015* £59.50
The Aragón Family is responsible for this Tempranillo, the finesse of which owes it a cult following. The most concentrated grapes from the oldest vines grown on high lands in the best plots have yielded this gutsy wine that will stand up to rich winter dishes and game.
- 97** *Rioja « Reserva » Viñedos Real Rubio, 2010* £30.00
Since it was bought direct, this Tempranillo, Graciano blend represents incredible value. It was matured for 24 months in French and American oak then one year in bottle prior to its release. The resulting wine is layered and smooth-textured, yet it retains loads of freshness.
- 23** *Vino de la Tierra de Cádiz « Huerta de Albalá » Barbazul, 2016* £27.00
This Syrah is blended with some Bordeaux grapes and an indigenous variety called Tintilla. The wine is aged for 5 months in used French barrel. This is the more entry-level wine in the range but since it is so fresh, it is probably more rewarding than the jammier top wines.

PORTUGAL

- 74** *Douro « Post Scriptum de Chryseia » Prats + Symington, 2015* £33.00
This is a powerful, yet elegant and approachable expression of two of the finest red grapes of the Douro Valley, Touriga Nacional bringing structure and Touriga Franca perfume and finesse to the blend. The tartaric freshness of acidity breathes life into the luscious fruit.

RED BORDEAUX (Classified Growths)**2005**

- 81** ***Château Duhart Milon, 4th Growth, Pauillac*** £128.00

Despite its firm structure, this wine retains the elegance of a classic Pauillac and turns out to be a real charmer. The blackberry and black cherry fruit is scented with rosemary, clove and tobacco box spice. The palate is ample and concentrated, yet it is full of mineral freshness.

- 55** ***Château Léoville-Poyferré, 2nd Growth, Saint-Julien*** £96.25

This wine looks almost opaque in the glass. The nose is bursting with cassis and blackberry, some vanilla oak and a hint of mint. The palate is dense with tannins, yet surprisingly approachable. The juicy briar fruit is very big and bold, yet this racy offering remains stylish.

2008

- 3** ***Château Pichon-Longueville Baron, 2nd Growth, Pauillac*** £123.00

The profile of this wine is big, yet full of mineral freshness, displaying masculine power together with feminine charm. The blackcurrant fruit, which smells as perfumed and tastes as concentrated as the wine looks deep, is layered with notes of underbrush, spice and tobacco.

- 13** ***Château Léoville Barton, 2nd Growth, Saint-Julien*** £96.25

If the colour is almost opaque, hints of cedar and leather indicate some development. The freshness of the nose speaks of the vintage, full of juicy blackcurrant and flowers. The tannins are so soft that they do not hinder that tartaric quality of fruit and acidity; delightful!

- 11** ***Château Langoa Barton, 3rd Growth, Saint-Julien*** £78.00

The deep and dark fruit is underpinned by classic notes of pencil shaving and vegetal mulch. This estate is underrated. Underneath the sinewy character of youth, there is plenty of promise indeed. Early decanting will help unlock the complex layers of aromas and flavours.

2009

- 20** ***Les Pagodes de Cos (2nd Wine of Château Cos d'Estournel) Saint-Estèphe*** £90.50

While the nose seems somewhat shy at first, the palate proves quite lush in contrast. This fuller-bodied wine will open up in the decanter and reveal plenty of sweet, yet fresh-scented red fruit. Since it is such a delight to drink now, do not hesitate to enjoy this crowd pleaser!

- 64** ***Réserve de la Comtesse (2nd Wine of Château Pichon Lalande) Pauillac*** £79.50

This almost New-World-like claret now drinks very nicely. The concentrated nose is indeed quite jammy but not in a bad way. The cleansing quality of acidity actually helps lift that richness. The palate is supple and silky-smooth throughout and the long finish is seductive.

2011

- 28** ***Alter Ego (2nd Wine of Château Palmer) Margaux*** £90.75

The wine still looks youthful in the glass and, as it turns out, it smells and tastes deliciously fresh indeed. Its perfumed scent is amazingly captivating and the palate is gutsy, yet the intensity and power of the structure is blessed with a sense of harmony; impressive stuff.

- 79** ***Echo de Lynch-Bages (2nd Wine of Château Lynch-Bages) Pauillac*** £60.75

The wine is dark, both in colour and in fruit character. The blackcurrant and cherry fruit is scented with oak spice, leather and espresso coffee. At first, the acid and tannin structure feels a bit square, but the wine's restrained energy soon becomes unleashed in the decanter.

- 18** ***Château Pédesclaux, 5th Growth, Pauillac*** £59.00

Since the estate was acquired by the Lorenzetti family back in 2009, the quality has improved exponentially. On the nose of this classic Pauillac, the bramble fruit displays earthy notes reminiscent of black truffle. As for the structure, it has softened with more wood integration.

RED BORDEAUX**2009****2** **Château Phélan Ségur (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe** £66.00

Typical notes of pencil shaving, spice box and tobacco wrapper underpin the ripe black fruit character of this wine. The nose is rather earthy and the palate quite plush. Good acidity balances the rich flavours, which are layered with thyme, mocha and Teriyaki sauce.

2010**99** **Château Reynier « Réserve –Cuvée Héritage » Bordeaux** £28.00

This premium version of our Club Claret is transcended by the quality of the vintage. The older vines yielded fruit of incredible ripeness. 18 months in new French oak resulted in this rich, yet elegant wine. It is scented with vanilla, tastes fruity and proves very refreshing.

2012**24** **Château les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan, Graves** £79.50

While the nose feels complete with its mineral-boosted scent of cassis and blackberry fruit perfumed with cedar wood, the palate displays more tension. The complex architecture of this wine is full of poise and finesse, yet the flavour profile is not without generosity.

34 **Ronan (by Clinet) Bordeaux** £28.75

The team behind Pomerol's celebrated Château Clinet is responsible for this extraordinarily good value wine. It is strictly made from Merlot grapes harvested in Castillon, Bourg and Lussac-St-Emilion. Since the vintage was cool, the resulting wine is very lively and breezy.

2014**94** **Château Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc** £59.75

The colour looks youthful and there is scope for development here, yet this wine is fun to drink now. The nose is full of blackcurrant, pencil-shaving minerality, moist earthiness and tobacco spice. The acidity conveys a sense of energy and the tannins bring great softness.

71 **Château Chasse-Spleen (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Moulis-en-Médoc** £59.75

This perfectly crafted wine is fragrant and full of balancing freshness. The juiciness of the cassis fruit and the enticing flowery perfume of rose and violet are the trademark feminine wiles of this early-drinking vintage. Don't be lured by the charm, for the wine has structure.

91 **Château Les Ormes de Pez (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe** £55.00

The nose reveals a bushel full of ripe purple berries. The concentrated fruit is underpinned by a graphite-like quality of minerality. The tannins are drying at this stage of development, so allow plenty of time in the decanter for them to soften and for the wine to open up.

50 **Château Les Ormes Sorbet (Cru Bourgeois « Supérieur ») Médoc** £35.00

The Boivert family grows this Cabernet-dominated blend in Couquèques, a few miles north of Saint-Estèphe. Here, the underrated 2014 vintage yielded a wine with power and concentration, marked by a mineral quality only found in the finer wines of the left bank.

25 **Château de Gironville (Cru Bourgeois) Haut-Médoc** £34.00

The Mulliez family grows this Merlot-driven blend in Macau, just south of Margaux. The tannins flavour the rich brambly fruit with dark bitter chocolate and coffee bean. Fruit expression is not hindered by that firm, yet soft and charming textural quality of the finish.

22 **Château Mille Roses (« Gold » at Decanter World Wine Awards) Haut-Médoc** £33.00

David Faure is responsible for this certified organic Cabernet, Merlot blend. The wine is grown in Macau hence it is reminiscent of a Margaux. The scent of chocolate-coated cassis is captivating. The wine's velvet-like texture compliments that suavity of fruit on the palate.

RED BURGUNDY**2013**

- 1** ***Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Les Pruliers » Robert Chevillon*** £95.00

The nose is scented with spiced cherry underpinned by notes of black pepper, dried herbs and earth. The structure is tight, yet the concentrated fruit shines through the weave of high acidity and tannins. There is plenty of scope for development in this wine built to last.

- 32** ***Nuits-Saint-Georges « Vieilles Vignes » Robert Chevillon*** £72.50

There is a lightness of touch here that soon blossoms out then fully engages you; amazing quality for a commune wine! The smoky, gamey red fruit scent beckons you. The palate is juicy, with balancing freshness of acidity and softness of silky tannins... what is not to like!

- 38** ***Gevrey-Chambertin « Old Vine Les Songes » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £65.75

Florence and Simon took over the family domaine in 2011. Since then, they kept improving the quality of their terroir-driven wines, notably through the introduction of biodynamic farming and whole-bunch fermentation. One can taste the passion in the glass.

2014

- 82** ***Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru, François Bertheau*** £105.00

The nose is full of finesse and elegance. It is nonetheless expressive, not to say explosive. The wine also looks quite light in the glass, but don't be fooled. The palate is delicate and graceful, yet the fruit shines through the lithe quality of structure with remarkable intensity.

- 67** ***Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Les Vaucraîns » Robert Chevillon*** £105.00

Contrary to the bulk of production in the 2014 vintage (full of soft fruit and approachable young), this top cuvée proves rather muscular and brooding. Not only does the underlying minerality bring a sense of freshness but of precision to the fruit, more black than red here.

- 66** ***Vosne-Romanée, Gérard Mugneret*** £88.75

Pascal Mugneret produces textbook Vosnes, always suave and stylish. This is everything one expects from a top-quality bottling. The wine is structured, yet silky and fruity. The spiced red berry fruit is juicy and the palate is energised by the tartaric freshness of acidity.

2015

- 87** ***Chambolle-Musigny, François Bertheau*** £91.50

The violet-boosted red fruit character of this wine is very delicate and effortlessly graceful, yet it displays power and concentration. On the palate, the texture is velvety and the finish is long, sapid and moreish. This stunning example is quintessential Chambolle-Musigny!

- 65** ***Bourgogne « Pinot Noir –La Vignée » Maison Bouchard*** £28.00

This wine manages to capture a sense of terroir by exhibiting juiciness, spiciness and minerality of fruit character within a solid structure of tartaric acidity and soft tannins. Here, the earthy, meaty and herby strawberry and sour cherry fruit proves quite exuberant.

2016

- 72** ***Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru « Les Goulots » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £93.00

Florence and Simon worked tirelessly in the vineyard to shield their vines from devastating spring frosts and damp growing conditions. Stubborn sunshine from late June eventually yielded a reduced, yet healthy crop. The resulting wine displays great finesse and elegance.

- 54** ***Côte de Nuits -Villages « Les Chaillots » Gachot-Monot*** £48.25

Damien and Lise Gachot are decent people making excellent wines at fair prices. Their "Les Chaillots" punches well above its weight. Considering that it is from a humble appellation, it is excellent. The freshness of acidity gives its juicy dark fruit plenty of energy.

NORTHERN RHONE

- 16 Côte-Rôtie « Brune et Blonde de Guigal » E. Guigal, 2013** £66.50
This serious wine is structured and dense, yet its sweet raspberry and cherry fruit is fabulously perfumed. The palate slowly builds up with excellent clarity. It is taut on entry then it fleshes up in the mid-palate. It turns from savoury to spicy in the very long finish.
- 77 Saint-Joseph « Clos de Cuminaille » Pierre Gaillard, 2015** £47.50
The nose seems shy considering that the vintage was outstanding in the northern Rhône. The peppery blackberry fruit is underpinned by tapenade and freshened up by flowers and fresh herbs. Partial maturation in barrel is responsible for the wine's spicy smokiness.
- 53 Crozes-Hermitage « Les Hauts du Fief » Cave de Tain, 2015** £47.50
Of Cave de Tain, Jancis Robinson MW says that "it is one of the best cooperative wineries in France". They are the masters of Syrah in the northern Rhône. This powerful, yet elegant example is a riot of dark bramble fruit that feels silky smooth in the mouth.

SOUTHERN RHONE

- 61 Châteauneuf-du-Pape « Cuvée Impériale » R. Usseglio, 2015** £87.50
This Grenache-dominated blend is from a vineyard planted by the family back in 1902. It is grown according to biodynamic farming principles. This spicy expression of Grenache is vinified traditionally, except for a little new oak. The wine can only grow in complexity.
- 57 Gigondas, Domaine des Bosquets, 2016** £51.25
This Grenache blend is grown at altitude on the limestone-rich soils of the "Dentelles de Montmirail" hence the dark fruit (with its signature notes of tapenade and Provençal herbs) is perfectly balanced by the freshest of acidity. The texture of the finish is so soft.
- 9 Côtes-du-Rhône « Coudoulet de Beaucastel » Perrin Family, 2016** £43.00
Coudoulet sits on the edge of Châteauneuf-du-Pape hence the estate is able to yield a Mourvèdre-rich blend of such high quality. Under a stream of freshness lies a spiced and perfumed dark fruit of incredible depth. The ripe tannins add a velvety quality of texture.
- 84 Lirac, Moulin des Chênes, 2016** £29.75
Since it is grown across the river Rhône from Châteauneuf-du-Pape in similar conditions and on the exact same type of soil covered in those famous rolled pebbles, this mouth-wateringly fresh and fruity wine displays some of the regal quality of its iconic neighbour.
- 5 Côtes-du-Rhône « Domaine de la Solitude » Lançon Family, 2017** £29.50
The Lançon family has been making wine on this estate for 750 years. Florent is now in charge of winemaking. He honours tradition but is not afraid of innovation. His blend of the three noble regional varieties punches well above the standards of the appellation.
- 88 Séguret « Les Coteaux Schisteux » Boutinot, 2015** £29.50
This blend counts such a small amount of Syrah that it comes close to being one of the purest expressions of Grenache Noir in the southern Rhône valley. Slow, natural fermentation and two years in wood are responsible for this opulent, sweet-spiced wine.

LANGUEDOC

- 26 Faugères « Grand Vin de Ch. de Ciffre » Lorgeril, 2014** £34.00
The freshness of the nose is lifted by underlying minerality. On the Palate, the tannic structure is dense, yet fine and ripe. The acidity cuts right through the spiced black fruit. Notes of black truffle, clove and pepper give the flavour profile an almost savoury edge.

DESSERT WINE

		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>
	2010			
35	<i>Riesling Spätlese, Schloss Johannisberg, Rheingau</i> This seminal example is the sweetest Prädikatswein one can make from grapes not affected by botrytis. It is as elegant and complex as Sauternes but not as sweet and far more refreshing. It is ideal with salty cheeses or hot-and-spicy Asian dishes.	£,65.00	-	-
	2012			
100	<i>Vin Santo di Montepulciano, Crociani, Tuscany</i> This wine made from dried Malvasia is aged under the rafters hence it referments with every new hot season. It is an unlikely combination of fresh stone fruit and madeira-like tang and nuttiness. Try it with strong cheeses, chocolate or nutty desserts.	-	£,47.75 (50cl)	-
	2014			
95	<i>Château Les Mingets, Sauternes</i> Made from botrytis-affected Semillon grapes then matured in oak barrels, this wine is intensely rich, yet refreshingly floral. Its flavours of caramelised exotic fruit and pear-and-almond tart will marry liver pâtés and fresh fruit desserts ever so well.	£,42.00	-	£,8.50
86	<i>Coteaux du Layon 1^{er} Cru Chaume, Petit Métris</i> Sunshine and breezy conditions, plus a touch of noble rot, caused the Chenin Blanc grapes to dry on the vine hence a wine intensely scented with orange peel, accacia, and salted caramel. Here, strong cheeses and chocolate desserts are the best match.	£,35.00	-	£,7.00
	2015			
42	<i>Château Guiraud, Sauternes, 1st Growth</i> This extraordinary vintage produced this powerful, yet aromatic and perfectly balanced wine. The texture is creamy and the flavours are full of honeyed tropical fruit and caramelised orange peel. Thanks to the refreshing acidity, the finish feels dry.	£,78.50	-	-
	2016			
96	<i>Mád Tokaji Late Harvest, Szent Tamás</i> This Furmint blend is made from botrytised or Aszú grapes. Since it doesn't undergo any ageing in oak, the wine is vivid and lively. The sweetness is balanced by salinity and lemon-sharp acidity. Try this wine with creamy cheeses or fresh fruit desserts.	-	£,35.25 (37.5cl)	-

PORT

	<i>Magnum (150cl)</i>	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
1985 Fonseca	£,155.00	-	-
1992 Taylor's *	-	£,103.00	-
1995 Quinta do Noval	-	£,70.00	£,11.85
2012 Fonseca LBV	-	£,38.60	£,6.70

* Taylor's 1992 Vintage Port was awarded the perfect 100-point score by renowned critic Robert Parker.