

EAST INDIA CLUB WINE LIST



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RED

87	<i>Chambolle-Musigny</i> <i>François Bertheau</i>	2015	£91.50
81	<i>Domaine de Chevalier</i> <i>Cru Classé de Graves, Pessac-Léognan</i>	2009	£82.00
64	<i>Réserve de la Comtesse</i> <i>2nd Wine of Ch. Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac</i>	2009	£79.50
15	<i>Cillar de Silos « Torresilo -Tempranillo »</i> <i>Ribera del Duero, Spain</i>	2016	£59.50
93	<i>Maranges 1^{er} Cru « Clos de la Fussière »</i> <i>Xavier Monnot</i>	2017	£57.75
99	<i>Château Reynier « Cuvée Heritage »</i> <i>Bordeaux</i>	2014	£29.75

WHITE

35	<i>Pouilly-Fuissé « Sur la Roche »</i> <i>Olivier Merlin</i>	2019	£54.00
48	<i>Rully « Les Cailloux »</i> <i>Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey</i>	2017	£53.25

VINTAGE PORT (special offer)

75cl Bottle	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	2000	£66.00
10cl Glass	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	2000	£9.25
75cl Bottle	<i>Smith Woodhouse</i>	2000	£66.00

Take advantage of this amazing offer while stocks last!

SOMMELIER'S WINE SELECTION

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

		<i>Bottle</i> (75cl)	<i>½ Carafe</i> (50cl)	<i>¼ Carafe</i> (25cl)	<i>Glass</i> (17.5cl)
<u>WHITE</u>					
33	Field Blend (<i>Roussanne, Chenin...</i>) 2021 <i>Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch, South Africa</i> <i>Stark-Condé</i>	£36.25	£25.40	£13.00	£9.15
39	Grüner Veltliner, 2020 <i>Gebling Este Lager, Kremstal, Austria</i> <i>Sepp Moser</i>	£42.00	£39.20	£14.90	£10.45
12	Voski, 2021 <i>Vayots Dzor, Armenia</i> <i>Zorah (with Zorik Gharibian)</i>	£59.50	£40.90	£20.75	£14.55
45	Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru (<i>Burgundy</i>) 2017 <i>« La Chatenière »</i> <i>Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey</i>	£82.75	£56.40	£28.50	£20.00
		<i>Bottle</i> (75cl)	<i>½ Carafe</i> (50cl)	<i>¼ Carafe</i> (25cl)	<i>Glass</i> (17.5cl)
<u>RED</u>					
9	Enigma -Barbera, 2021 <i>Adelaide Hills, South Australia</i> <i>Alpha Box & Dice</i>	£35.00	£24.55	£12.60	£8.85
97	Rioja Reserva, 2016 <i>Rioja Alta, Spain</i> <i>Valenciso</i>	£40.00	£27.90	£14.25	£10.00
71	Château Sociando-Mallet, 2015 <i>Haut-Médoc (Bordeaux)</i> <i>Jean Gautreau</i>	£63.00	£43.20	£21.90	£15.35
86	Les Songes - Vieilles Vignes, 2018 <i>Gevrey-Chambertin (Burgundy)</i> <i>Heresztyn-Mazzini</i>	£74.50	£50.90	£25.75	£18.05

SELECTION BY THE 50cl FLIGHT

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

Value Flight	= the 4 better value wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£26.60
White Flight	= all 4 white wines in the selection	£37.80
Red Flight	= all 4 red wines in the selection	£36.50
Premium Flight	= the 4 more premium wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£47.70

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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>Édouard Brun, Négociant-Manipulant Philippe & Emmanuel Delescot</i>	£42.60	£28.10	£9.00	
	<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, 2022 <i>Sauvignon Blanc Blend Château Reynier Bordeaux AC Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£23.35	£16.15	£8.15	£5.70
Club White Burgundy, 2022 <i>Chardonnay Mâcon AC Collovray & Terrier</i>	£29.35	£20.15	£10.15	£7.10
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>ROSÉ</u>				
Club Rosé, 2022 <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Château Reynier Bordeaux AC Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£23.35	£16.15	£8.15	£5.70
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>RED</u>				
Club Red, 2020 <i>Shiraz Blend Château de Ciffre « Rouge Classique » Saint-Chinian AC Comtes de Lorgeril</i>	£23.35	£16.15	£8.15	£5.70
Club Claret, 2016 <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot Château Reynier Bordeaux Supérieur AC Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£23.35	£16.15	£8.15	£5.70

CLUB CLARET IN LARGER SIZES :

£45.75.....	1.5l Magnum	2015
£98.00.....	3l Double Magnum	2016
£164.00.....	5l Jeroboam	2016

SPARKLING WINES

	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>
<u>CHAMPAGNE</u>			
44	<i>Édouard Brun « Blanc de Noirs » Grand Cru Aÿ, Extra Brut, NV</i>		
	£110.00	-	-
	<p>This cuvée is exclusively grown in the Grand Cru Village of Aÿ. This new addition to the house range is a celebration of the flagship Pinot Noir grape of the birthplace of Champagne Édouard Brun, established in Aÿ in 1898. This big, spicy food wine becomes approachable after 4 years on lees sur latte, plus another 4 years post disgorgement in the company's cellars. <i>(100% Estate-Grown, Grand-Cru Pinot Noir – 3 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
-	<i>Édouard Brun « Club Champagne » Brut, NV</i>		
	£42.60	£28.10	£9.00
	<p>Champagne Édouard Brun's "Cuvée Spéciale Brut" (which includes some 1^{er} Cru Pinot Noir) became the East India Club Champagne back in June 1994. Thanks to no more than 2 years of ageing on lees sur latte, the playful aromas of orchard fruit and hard candy retain plenty of freshness and zing. That crispness of character will whet one's appetite, making for a Champagne that is best served as an aperitif or at a reception. <i>(60% Pinot Meunier, 20% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay – 10 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<u>ENGLISH QUALITY SPARKLING WINE</u>			
80	<i>Hambledon « Classic Cuvée Rosé » Brut, NV</i>		
	£58.00	-	-
	<p>Hambledon Vineyard is England's oldest commercial vineyard, established by Major General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones in 1952 with the help of friends at Champagne Pol Roger. This rosé cuvée strangely showcases the finesse of Chardonnay, a grape that thrives on a Côte-des-Blancs-like chalky terroir. 4 years on lees help wrap the citrus-boosted candied strawberry in brioche. <i>(86% Chardonnay, 14% Pinot Noir – 10 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
52	<i>Hambledon « Classic Cuvée » Brut, NV</i>		
	£54.00	-	-
	<p>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 by new owner Ian Kellett after he bought the estate in 1999. 3 years of ageing on lees yielded rich notes of digestive biscuit, while the salinity and the citrus energy help lift the flower-scented fruit profile. <i>(58% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Meunier, 18% Pinot Noir – 4.5 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<u>CRÉMANT</u>			
36	<i>Jean-Louis Denois Crémant de Limoux « Bulles de Chenin » Brut Nature (SO₂ free) NV</i>		
	£31.00	-	-
	<p>Jean-Louis Denois is the 6th 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 gingerbread is contrasted by juicy pear and apple fruit flavours. A thirst-quenching wine to be enjoyed as an aperitif! <i>(100% Chenin Blanc – zero dosage)</i></p>		

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

USA

- 63** *Andrew Murray « Enchanté » Santa Ynez Valley, California 2020* £52.25
 R. Parker Jr. describes A. Murray as “one of the shining stars in the Santa Barbara firmament”. This rich, yet refreshing blend of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc delivers vibrant minerality and great balance, with notes of juicy melon, pear, marzipan and honey.

ARGENTINA

- 59** *Matias Riccitelli « Blanco de la Casa » Valle de Uco, 2021* £46.75
 This 40% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon, 20% Chardonnay blend is grown at very high altitude in cool conditions hence it is so fresh and aromatic. Natural fermentation and 8 months on lees in concrete eggs yield texture and intensity of mineral-boosted flavours.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 43** *Lismore « Chenin Blanc » The Cape South Coast, 2021* £54.00
 The cool climate of Walker Bay allows Californian winemaker Samantha O’Keefe to produce this understated and classy Chenin Blanc. Its orchard fruit delicately perfumed with orange blossom & jasmine preludes the taut & linear palate through to a racy finish.
- 46** *Uva Mira « The Mira Chardonnay » Helderberg, Stellenbosch, 2020* £49.00
 This gently oaked style from selected Chardonnay grown in the mountain vineyards of the estate displays intense fruit purity and an elegant, creamy texture. The minerally orchard fruit is scented with lime and citrus blossom, plus nuttiness from the lees ageing.
- 40** *Lokaia « The Sandman –Amphora Chardonnay » Franschoek, 2020* £47.50
 This Chardonnay grown on the sandy soils of the Valley Floor is uniquely fermented and matured on the skins under a layer of virgin olive oil in 500-litre terracotta amphora for 2 months. Bursting with zingy lemon & lime, it proves remarkably clean for a natural wine.
- 33** *Stark-Condé « Field Blend » Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch, 2021* £36.25
 Grapes have been grown in Jan Lui’s field for 350 years. The idea behind this blend, co-fermented and aged on lees in barrel for 8 months, is to balance the textural richness of Roussanne and Viognier together with the lively fruitiness of Chenin Blanc and Verdelho.
- 83** *Coterie by Wildeberg « Semillon & Sauvignon Blanc » Coastal Region, 2020* £28.75
 The Semillon, grown by Wildeberg in Franschoek, spends 10 months in demi-muid and the Sauvignon Blanc, 20% of the blend sourced elsewhere in the Coastal Region, ages on fine lees in tank. The textured result displays layers of lemon grass, waxy citrus & fennel.

AUSTRALIA

- 6** *Dalrymple « Cave Block –Chardonnay » Pipers River, Tasmania, 2018* £46.25
 This single-vineyard wine is grown in cool conditions along steep slopes of free-draining soils hence low yields of concentrated fruits. The naturally high acidity is rounded by a year in mixed barrels with lees contact and malolactic fermentation; wild, lingering finish!

NEW ZEALAND

- 89** *Churton « Sauvignon Blanc » Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, 2019* £34.00
 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 passion fruit, pink grapefruit and lemon curd.

OLD WORLD WHITE WINES

SPAIN

- 55** *Ribeira Sacra « Godello » Ponte da Boga, 2021* £33.50
 This Galician grape is grown along steep terraced slopes basking in Spanish sunlight, yet cooled by the Atlantic winds. Some fermentation in French oak and 5 months of ageing on lees add notes of jasmine to the citrus-boosted green orchard fruit underpinned by salinity.

ITALY

- 75** *Alto Adige « Dry Gewürztraminer » Tramin, 2022* £35.75
 This Gewürztraminer is fermented to dryness at fairly low temperatures in stainless-steel tanks and doesn't undergo malolactic fermentation so has to preserve maximum freshness of character. The resulting Turkish-delight-like aromas are lifted by lychee and fresh ginger.

GREECE

- 69** *Halkidiki « Oros » Akrathos, 2020* £40.50
 This Assyrtiko, Sauvignon Blanc blend grown near Aristotle's mountainous birthplace displays complex aromas of bergamot, grapefruit, pear, white flowers and herbs. Months of ageing on fine lees add layers of complexity to a palate full of mineral-boosted freshness.

AUSTRIA

- 39** *Kremstal, Gebling Erste Lage « Grüner Veltliner » Sepp Moser, 2020* £42.00
 This biodynamic wine from the steep terraced vineyard of Gebling (one of the most renowned sites in the region) is very mineral and precise. The challenging vintage yielded a broody style of wine with further richness of honeyed peach yet to become fully realised.

ROMANIA

- 17** *Crişana-Maramureş « Amphora Grünspitz –Orange Wine » Nachbil, 2019* £37.75
 No one else produces wine from the thick-skinned, small-berried oddity that is Grünspitz! The juice macerates in an open-top amphora for 5 days then spends 9 months on lees in a tank. This unfiltered wine, scented with rose petal & Seville orange, displays a tannic grip.

ARMENIA

- 12** *Vayotz Dzor « Voski », Zorah (with Zorik Gharibian) 2020* £59.50
 This Italo-Armenian project works at creating wine with no wood influence of the highest international quality. The Voskëak & Garandmak grapes are grown in a phylloxera-free mountain location. The resulting wine displays minerally and nutty notes of peach & pear.

FRANCE

- 4** *Condrieu « Les Grandes Chaillées » Domaine du Montillet, 2020* £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 vintage delivers concentration & mineral-boosted freshness.
- 79** *Riquewihr « Classic Riesling » Hugel Family, 2019* £37.25
 The Classic Riesling is Hugel's signature wine. It is made in a style that is rich and opulent, but never to the detriment of finesse and elegance. The ripe peach is energised by mineral-boosted acidity, making it the ideal partner to the smoked salmon from the carving trolley
- 95** *Menetou-Salon, Domaine Gérard Millet, 2021* £36.50
 The family domaine is situated in Bué in the Sancerre region of the central Loire Valley. Some wine under the sister appellation of Menetou-Salon is also produced, which delivers crisp and refreshing aromas of exotic fruit lifted by citrus notes and white flower blossom.

WHITE BURGUNDY**2017**

- 7** *Meursault « Les Narvaux » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey* £97.25

Since this vineyard is at some altitude, the wine always displays tension and a restrained aromatic profile. Unusually, this vintage proves approachable now, with abundant smoky minerality, sappy white peach and preserved lemon. It is poised, yet direct and quite rich.

- 45** *Saint-Aubin 1^{er} Cru « La Chatenière » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey* £82.75

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.

- 51** *Petit Chablis, William Fèvre* £36.00

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.

2018

- 31** *Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru « La Boudriotte » Jean-Noël Gagnard* £114.50

Jean-Noël Gagnard handed his eponymous domaine to his daughter Caroline Lestimé in 1989. She transitioned to fully certified organic farming. This Chassagne-Montrachet, displays a mineral-boosted level of freshness, let alone unparalleled finesse and precision.

- 70** *Rully « Les Cailloux » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey* £55.50

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.

2019

- 60** *Chassagne 1^{er} Cru « Clos de la Maltroie » Dom. de la Vougeraie* £110.50

This is a late acquisition by one of Burgundy's leading domaines (Boisset's grouping of all the vineyard holdings of their various negociant companies in 1999). Winemaker Pierre Vincent turns the fruit of biodynamically grown old vines into a rich and succulent wine.

- 76** *Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine de Montille* £96.00

The class of this village wine comes from its terroir: three vineyard plots along Puligny's slopes, all of them premier cru but one, notoriously declassified decades ago under previous ownership. Etienne's style is more generous and open than that of his forebears.

- 35** *Pouilly-Fuissé « Sur la Roche » Olivier Merlin* £54.00

A new classification now sees this single-vineyard site on the commune of Vergisson become the highest-altitude Premier Cru in the appellation. If the ripe nose speaks of the hot vintage, the mineral-boosted freshness on the palate is the terroir's signature quality.

2020

- 34** *Chablis, Jean Dauvissat* £48.00

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.

2021

- 73** *Chablis 1^{er} Cru « Montmains » Samuel Billaud* £85.75

Samuel Billaud launched his own label in 2015, his exacting sustainable approach promising to take him to the top of the league table of producers. The wine has concentration and power, yet its mineral character and tension convey a sense of finesse.

NEW WORLD RED WINES

USA

- 38** *The Fog Monster « Syrah » Santa Lucia Highlands, Napa, 2018* £96.75
 Andrea and Chris Mullineux named their US venture after the influence of the Pacific Ocean fog on California's coastal vineyards. By moderating temperatures and sunlight, that fog helps yield wines with both plush fruit concentration and refreshing aromatics.

CHILE

- 82** *Emiliana « Coyam » Los Robles Estate, Colchagua Valley, 2019* £38.50
 This field blend is named after the oak forest that surrounds the estate. Nine varieties, notably Syrah and Carménère, are fermented together in oak for 25 days on the skins. After 18 months in barrel, the resulting wine is concentrated and structured, yet elegant.

ARGENTINA

- 13** *Matías Riccitelli « Malbec » Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, 2021* £43.75
 This Malbec grown at high altitude is fermented in temperature-controlled concrete vats then aged for a year in seasoned oak barrels. The dark plum fruit remains vibrant as a result. The tannin structure is smooth and notes of spicy fruit cake add complexity.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 8** *Stark-Condé « Thee Pines –Syrah » Jonkershoek Valley, 2017* £53.75
 Little wine is produced from the 22 rows of old vines which form the block 6 of the Oude Nektar vineyard. Some whole-bunch fermentation then 22 months in French oak barrels (40% new) results in a powerful, yet elegant Syrah textured like crushed violets.
- 1** *Spioenkop « Pinot Noir » Elgin Valley, 2017* £47.00
 Koen Roose has been winning awards after awards since 2008. This wine is naturally fermented then aged for ten months on fine lees in barrels, 30% new. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered and with nothing added, this electric cuvée will appeal to Burgundy drinkers.
- 16** *Coterie by Wildeberg « Cabernet Franc & Malbec » Coastal Region, 2020* £28.75
 This two-parts Cabernet Franc, one-part Malbec blend is hand-selected in Franschoek and Paarl. Natural, whole-bunch fermentation results in a fruit-forward, approachable wine of deceptively serious quality. This expressive delight is juicy, ripe and textured.

AUSTRALIA

- 9** *Alpha Box & Dice « Enigma –Barbera » Adelaide Hills, SA, 2021* £35.00
 Wine from the Barbera grape of Piemonte is famously tricky to get right. Here, thanks to a fair amount of whole-bunch fermentation with indigenous yeasts and 18 months of maturation in seasoned wood, the wild berry fruit is altogether fresh, juicy & powerful.
- 56** *Kilikanoon « Prodigal –Grenache » Clare Valley, SA, 2018* £35.00
 This is a pure expression of Grenache from dry-grown, low-yielding 70-year-old vines within the Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley. Maturation in seasoned wood for fifteen months provides softness and elegance to the plush palate; so rich and savoury.

NEW ZEALAND

- 57** *Churton « Pinot Noir » Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, 2020* £44.00
 The vineyard is at altitude and it is managed according to biodynamic principles. There is a European approach to the way Sam Weaver does things at Churton hence the flower-boosted, dark-spiced plum fruit is not too exuberant and turns almost savoury.

OLD WORLD RED WINES

ROMANIA

- 85** *Crişana-Maramureş, Beltiug « Fetească Neagră » Nachbil, 2018* £40.00
 Fetească Neagră, which translates as “Black Maiden”, is Romania’s flagship black grape. It is organically grown in Beltiug, in the northwest of the country. Faintly reminiscent of Syrah, but wilder and more flowery in aromas, the wine pairs well with tuna and red meat.

AUSTRIA

- 78** *Burgenland, Apetlon « Reserve –Zweigelt » 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.
- 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

- 32** *Ribera Sacra « Quinta Toucedo –Pelouro » Atrium Vitis, 2021* £45.50
 The very old Mencía and Brancellao vines yield a wine with incredible concentration. The blend is entirely processed and matured in stainless-steel tanks in order not to compromise its purity with excess vanilla oak. The palate is densely structured, yet very fresh and juicy.
- 97** *Rioja « Reserva » Valenciso, 2016* £40.00
 Valenciso crafts elegant wines by blending the best of tradition with fine modern practices. The wine is fermented in concrete vats, gently pressed then matured for 55 months, 19 of which are spent in oak barrels, ⅓ new only. The resulting wine oozes fresh fruit juiciness.

PORTUGAL

- 74** *Douro « Post Scriptum de Chryseia » Prats + Symington, 2019* £36.75
 Bruno Prats shared with the Symingtons his Bordelaise expertise, helping them transform traditional Port grapes into a powerful and concentrated, yet refreshing and elegant wine. Touriga Franca contributes layers of perfume and Touriga Nacional structure to the blend.
- 49** *Alentejo « Foral de Évora Tinto » Cartuxa, 2018* £33.00
 Grapes have been grown on the same Quinta de Valbom site in the Évora region since 1517. Alicante Bouschet, Aragonez (the Tempranillo of Spain) and Trincadeira are fermented in tanks then the wine is aged for a year in mixed barrels; herby, fruity, yummy...

RED BORDEAUX (Classified Growths)**2008**

- 3** **Château Pichon-Longueville Baron, 2nd Growth, Pauillac** £123.00
 The profile of this wine is big, yet full of mineral freshness, combining 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.

2009

- 88** **Alter Ego (2nd Wine of Château Palmer) Margaux** £96.00
 The nose is playful. Notes of Parma violet brighten the black fruit, almost concentrated to confection. The spiced and cedary cassis lasts in a refreshing finish of long length. The fine and ripe tannins are still dense hence the palate feels a tad drying. This is a serious food wine.

2010

- 58** **Croix de Beaucaillou (2nd Wine of Château Ducru-Beaucaillou) Saint-Julien** £96.00
 The fresh and juicy cassis, blackberry and plum fruit is spiced with tobacco and liquorice and underpinned by a pencil-shaving quality of minerality. Hints of laurel add complexity. The palate is tannic, yet silky-smooth. The long finish is testament to the wine's huge potential.

2011

- 27** **Château Léoville Barton, 2nd Growth, Saint-Julien** £102.00
 The nose is expressive and the palate is bursting with fresh blackcurrant and blueberry fruit. Mint and earthy, minerally undertones reinforce that impression of freshness. The cool 2011 vintage yielded a lighter, yet harmonious, fully ripe and positively smooth version of Barton.

- 67** **La Dame de Montrose (2nd Wine of Château Montrose) Saint-Estèphe** £88.00
 The nose welcomes you with an elegant bouquet of peppery meat juices and integrated oak, with notes of graphite and tobacco leaf. The tannins are dense, yet the flower-boosted cassis, sour cherry and dark plum fruit dances on the tongue, which helps restore a sense of balance.

- 11** **Château Langoa Barton, 3rd Growth, Saint-Julien** £86.00
 A little aeration will soon unleash the old-school plummy character of this wine, together with its signature scent of damp earth. The palate is freshened up by mint and green pepper. The grippy tannins taste almost like espresso coffee and still muffle the flavours in the finish.

- 18** **Château d'Issan, 3rd Growth, Margaux** £86.00
 This sleeper is now drinking well. It displays sheer Margaux typicity. The nose is scented with spiced dark fruit underpinned by notes of wet forest floor, toasted oak and graphite. The palate is caressed by velvety tannins. This château has really made great strides as of late.

2012

- 30** **Château Saint-Pierre, 4th Growth, Saint-Julien** £91.00
 The colour looks youthful in the glass. The mineral-boosted blackcurrant fruit has quite an earthy edge to it, with notes of mushroom and forest floor. The palate displays opulence, yet it is mid-weight. The aromatic profile is modern, with loads of chocolate and vanilla oak.

- 28** **Château Talbot, 4th Growth, Saint-Julien** £76.00
 This Saint-Julien has a strong personality, yet it remains a very good representation of this seductive appellation. The spicy black fruit is scented with notes of leather and forest floor. The tannins are silky-smooth. Hints of cedar wood linger in the long and refreshing finish.

2015

- 23** **Sarget (2nd Wine of Château Gruaud-Larose) Saint-Julien** £52.75
 In a vintage understood to have yielded big, fat wines, this example shows elegance and lightness of touch. It is ready to drink now. The cassis, blackberry and black cherry fruit is underpinned by earthy notes of forest floor. The iron-like minerality will pair well with beef.

RED BORDEAUX

- 2010**
- 94** ***Château Phélan Ségur (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe*** £81.50
The wine looks almost black in the glass and the aromas are as powerful as the colour is deep. The cassis, blackberry and black cherry fruit is underpinned by notes of coffee grinds and undergrowth. The palate is structured, yet the mineral-boosted fruit is fresh and juicy.
- 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.
- 2014**
- 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*** £35.00
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.
- 99** ***Château Reynier « Réserve –Cuvée Héritage » Bordeaux*** £29.75
This premium version of our Club Claret truly is a huge step up in terms of quality. The older vines yield fruit of perfumed intensity. 18 months in new French oak barrels result in this rich, yet elegant wine. It is scented with vanilla, tastes fruity and proves very refreshing.
- 2015**
- 71** ***Château Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc*** £63.00
The colour looks youthful and there is scope for development here, yet this wine is fun to drink now. The nose is full of dark fruit underpinned by pencil-shaving minerality. The Merlot in the blend contributes a roundness of style that the soft tannins complement well.
- 22** ***Château Mille Roses, Haut-Médoc*** £35.00
David Faure is responsible for this organic-certified Cabernet, Merlot blend. It is grown in Macau hence it is reminiscent of nearby Margaux. The scent of chocolate-coated cassis is captivating. The wine's velvet-like texture compliments that suavity of fruit on the palate.
- 2016**
- 91** ***Château Les Ormes de Pez (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe*** £66.50
The forest berry, currant and blueberry fruit is supported by subtle undertones of cigar box. The fruit is ripe, yet there is a tartaric quality to it that is reminiscent of refreshing morning dew. Decanting cannot but help unleash this wine's muffled layers of complexity.
- 2** ***Château du Glana (Cru Bourgeois « Supérieur ») Saint-Julien*** £56.25
This approachable claret serves up abundant cassis, tobacco and cedar wood. The tannins are soft, the acidity is refreshing and the long finish is full of life and energy. Wine with that sort of structure tends to age well and grow in complexity; a standout offering in that year!
- 37** ***Château Patache d'Aux (Cru Bourgeois « Supérieur ») Médoc*** £36.50
This early-drinking charmer is full of juicy fruit, mostly cassis, but also strawberry. The tannins still display a degree of grip, but all in all, the structure is quite round. The oak treatment in well-judged, only imparting subtle notes of tobacco to the fresh, fruity finish.

RED BURGUNDY**2015**

- 66** ***Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Les Vaucrains » Robert Chevillon*** £133.00

The sommelier team was so impressed by the laser-sharp precision of Robert Chevillon's wines when this glorious vintage was released. Wild forest fruit with a cranberry-boosted quality of acidity and a smoky spiciness lifted by crushed violet; powerful and long... Wow!

- 90** ***Chambolle-Musigny 1^{er} Cru, François Bertheau*** £110.00

The explosive scent of red cherry, raspberry, cranberry and rhubarb leaps out of the glass. The nose is underpinned by an earthy quality of minerality. The palate is delicate and graceful, yet the fruit shines through that lithe structure with great intensity and precision.

2016

- 47** ***Vosne-Romanée, Gérard Mugneret*** £105.50

Pascal Mugneret produces textbook Vosnes, always suave and stylish. Whole bunch fermentation helps preserve fruit purity while ageing in oak (1/3 new) gives the wine structure. The spiced red fruit is juicy and the palate is lifted by a tartaric quality of acidity.

2017

- 19** ***Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru « Les Chaignots » Robert Chevillon*** £119.75

This pretty example displays a beautifully pure quality of fruit that jump out of the glass. The aromas of sweet and sour cherry and strawberry have a musky and earthy edge to them. Rather than subdued, this wine is all about tension. The finish is long and so elegant.

- 54** ***Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru « Les Champonnets » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £98.50

The club is privileged to be dealing directly with the domaine hence these high quality wines grown with the respect of the environment in mind are of such great value here. This 1^{er} cru has a huge ageing potential. It's deep, dense profile is lifted by subtle flowery notes.

- 68** ***Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru « Les Goulots » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £98.50

Florence and Simon took over the family domaine in 2011 and kept improving the quality of their terroir-driven wines ever since, notably through the introduction of biodynamic farming and whole-bunch fermentation. This charming wine has finesse rather than power.

2018

- 42** ***Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru « Les Millandes » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £102.00

The ripe scent of dark cherry fruit echoes the depth of colour in this unusually hot vintage. Thanks to 100% whole-bunch fermentation, the most refreshing quality of acidity balances the generous extraction, the tannins contributing savouriness to the "sweet" fruit character.

- 86** ***Gevrey-Chambertin « Old Vine –Les Songes » Heresztyn-Mazzini*** £74.50

The growing season was very hot hence the resulting wines are well-structured and powerful, with rich, smooth tannins. It is a vintage full of flavour with well-defined ripeness, yet a juiciness lifted by the most tartaric freshness of acidity; a real crowd pleaser.

- 72** ***Maranges 1^{er} Cru « Clos de la Fussièrre –Monopole » Xavier Monnot*** £59.75

Despite the firmness of the tannins, the wine proves very enjoyable now. This is a really excellent, smooth Pinot Noir for that matter. The dark fruit is lifted by the most refreshing, lively acidity. In the finish, the black cherry fruit tails off into beautiful notes of strawberry.

- 65** ***Bourgogne « Pinot Noir –La Vignée » Maison Bouchard*** £33.00

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.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

- 20 Côte-Rôtie « Cœur de Combard » Domaine J. Barge, 2019** £114.50
Julien Barge believes that this is the only wine grown on volcanic soil in the appellation. The Syrah is co-fermented with Viognier then aged for 24 months in demi-muids. The mineral-boosted cherry fruit, with notes of peppery herbs & tea leaves, is lifted by violet.
- 77 Cornas « Les Chailles » Alain Voge, 2015** £73.50
Ever since it was established in the appellation in 1905, this estate have been crafting elegant wines with the highest regard for terroir. Their wines are now organic-certified. Here, the dark fruit is smoky and spicy, the tannins are soft and the acidity is very lively.
- 29 Saint-Joseph, Domaine (Laurent & Dominique) Courbis, 2021** £57.00
Concentrated fruit is grown along the steep, terraced slopes of the southern part of the appellation. Whilst long maceration helps extract vibrant colour and soft tannins, ten months in mostly reused wood helps preserve the violet-boosted freshness of cassis fruit.
- 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 RHÔNE

- 61 Châteauneuf-du-Pape « Cuvée Impériale » R. Usseglio, 2015** £89.50
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 will only grow in complexity.
- 92 Châteauneuf-du-Pape « La Part des Anges » R. Usseglio, 2015** £89.50
The “Angels’ Share” is 70% Mourvèdre, 70% of which is aged in new oak. Winemaker Stéphane Usseglio maintains that the sucrosity of the wood sap helps the opulently morish black cherry, myrtle and cassis fruit to open up and last in a crescendo-like finish.
- 41 Gigondas, Domaine du Clos des Tourelles, 2016** £73.50
The impressive structure of this Grenache is a reflection of the outstanding quality of the vintage. Ageing the wine in foudres of seasoned wood helped preserve the integrity of the firm tannins, balancing acidity and minerally fruit with layers of spice and garrigue herbs.
- 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.

LANGUEDOC

- 26 Faugères « Grand Vin de Ch. de Ciffre » Lorgeril, 2019** £42.00
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>
	2017			
98	<i>Old Vine Muscat by Daschbosch in Breedekloof</i> The Hanepoot grapes for this wine are from timeworn, gnarly vines which bear a meagre yield. Some vines are indeed over 120 years old. This concentrated and perfumed fortified Muscat d'Alexandrie will match hard cheeses & chocolate desserts well.	-	£30.00 (37.5cl)	£10.00
96	<i>Mád Late Harvest by Szent Tamás in Tokaji</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.	-	£46.00 (37.5cl)	-
	2018			
100	<i>Vin Santo di Montepulciano by Crociani in 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.	-	£53.00 (50cl)	-
	2019			
62	<i>Sauternes « Les Mingets » by Château Le Juge</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.	£48.00	-	£10.00

MADEIRA

		<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
	<i>Henriques & Henriques 10-Year-Old Sercial</i> (Dry Madeira)	£13.70
	<i>Justino's 5-Year-Old Fine Rich Reserve</i> (Sweet Madeira)	£7.75

PORT

	<i>Magnum (150cl)</i>	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
1985 Fonseca	£179.00	-	-
1992 Taylor's *	-	£121.00	-
1995 Quinta do Noval	-	£80.85	£13.70
2016 Fonseca LBV	-	£44.55	£7.75

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