

EAST INDIA CLUB WINE LIST



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RED

47	<i>Vosne-Romanée</i> Gérard Mugneret	2016	£105.50
54	<i>Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru Les Champonnets</i> Heresztyn-Mazzini	2017	£98.50
68	<i>Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru Les Goulots</i> Heresztyn-Mazzini	2017	£98.50
97	<i>Rioja Reserva</i> Valenciso	2016	£40.00
14	<i>Chianti Classico « Riserva Il Grigio »</i> San Felice	2015	£34.50
99	<i>Château Reynier « Cuvée Heritage »</i> Bordeaux	2014	£29.75

ORANGE

17	<i>Nachbil « Amphora Grünspitze »</i> Crişana-Maramureş, Romania	2019	£37.75
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WHITE

12	<i>Zorah « Vorkè »</i> Vayotz Dzor, Armenia	2020	£59.50
95	<i>Menetou-Salon (similar in style to Sancerre)</i> Gérard Millet	2021	£36.50

SWEET

96	<i>Tokaji Late Harvest, Mád, Hungary</i>	2017	£46.00
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VINTAGE PORT (special offer)

75cl Bottle	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	2000	£72.50
10cl Glass	<i>Quarles Harris</i>	2000	£10.20
75cl Bottle	<i>Smith Woodhouse</i>	2000	£72.50

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> <i>(75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe</i> <i>(50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe</i> <i>(25cl)</i>	<i>Glass</i> <i>(17.5cl)</i>
<u>WHITE</u>					
48	<i>Albariño, 2022</i> <i>Rias Baixas, Galicia, Spain</i> <i>Valmiñor</i>	£34.25	£24.05	£12.35	£8.65
33	<i>Field Blend (Roussanne, Chenin...) 2021</i> <i>Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch, South Africa</i> <i>Stark-Condé</i>	£36.25	£25.40	£13.00	£9.15
4	<i>Condrieu (Northern Rhône Viognier) 2022</i> <i>« Les Grandes Chaillées »</i> <i>Domaine du Monteillet</i>	£65.75	£45.05	£22.85	£16.00
60	<i>Chassagne-Montrachet 1^{er} Cru, 2019</i> <i>« Clos de la Maltroie »</i> <i>Domaine de la Vougeraie</i>	£116.25	£74.90	£37.75	£26.45
		<i>Bottle</i> <i>(75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe</i> <i>(50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe</i> <i>(25cl)</i>	<i>Glass</i> <i>(17.5cl)</i>
<u>RED</u>					
56	<i>Prodigal -Grenache, 2018</i> <i>Clare Valley, South Australia</i> <i>Kilikanoon</i>	£35.00	£24.55	£12.60	£8.85
2	<i>Château du Glana, 2016</i> <i>Saint-Julien (Bordeaux)</i> <i>Cru Bourgeois Supérieur (2003 Classification)</i>	£56.25	£38.70	£19.65	£13.80
10	<i>Vermiglio, 2014</i> <i>Rosso di Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy</i> <i>Conti Costanti</i>	£66.75	£41.20	£20.90	£14.65
47	<i>Vosne-Romanée, 2015</i> <i>Côte de Nuits (Burgundy)</i> <i>Gérard Mugneret</i>	£115.00	£78.00	£39.25	£27.50

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)	£28.05
White Flight	= all 4 white wines in the selection	£42.25
Red Flight	= all 4 red wines in the selection	£45.45
Premium Flight	= the 4 more premium wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£59.65

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	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>	
<u>CHAMPAGNE</u>				
<i>Club Champagne, Brut, NV</i> <i>Édouard Brun, Négociant-Manipulant</i> <i>Philippe & Emmanuel Delescot</i>	£44.50	£29.00	£9.25	
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>WHITE</u>				
<i>Club Dry White, 2023</i> <i>Sauvignon Blanc Blend</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
<i>Club White Burgundy, 2022</i> <i>Chardonnay</i> <i>Mâcon AC</i> <i>Collovray & Terrier</i>	£31.00	£21.25	£10.70	£7.50
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>ROSÉ</u>				
<i>Club Rosé, 2023</i> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<u>RED</u>				
<i>Club Red, 2022</i> <i>Shiraz Blend</i> <i>Château de Ciffre « Rouge Classique »</i> <i>Saint-Chinian AC</i> <i>Comtes de Lorgeril</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
<i>Club Claret, 2018</i> <i>Classic Club Claret + 25% Cuvée Héritage</i> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux Supérieur AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton & Filles</i>	£28.00	£19.25	£9.70	£6.80

2018 CLUB CLARET IN LARGER SIZES :
 £60.00.....**1.5l Magnum**
 £118.00.....**3l Double Magnum**
 £200.00.....**5l Jeroboam**

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>		
	£111.75	-	-
	<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>		
	£44.50	£29.00	£9.25
	<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 ex-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>		
	£34.00	-	-
	<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.
- 81** *Wildeberg « White –Semillon » Franschoek, 2021* £39.00
 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** *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.
- 69** *Coterie by Wildeberg « Chenin Blanc + Grenache » Coastal Region, 2022* £31.50
 This blend of two parts Chenin Blanc from Franschoek and one part Grenache Blanc from Paarl is naturally fermented then aged for 6 months in used demi-muids. The ripe, yet succulent stone fruit is lifted by flowery notes of Jasmine; incredible value for money!

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

GREECE

- 45** *Santorini « Wild-ferment Assyrtiko » Gaía, 2022* £68.75
 This Assyrtiko is naturally fermented in stainless-steel, wooden and enamelled vats then aged on fine lees for 6 months. It is underpinned by a smoky & saline quality of minerality that speaks of the volcanic terroir of an island steeped in time-immemorial wine history.

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.

GERMANY

- 53** *Rheingau « Riesling Trocken », Seehof, 2022* £32.00
 It is not easy to make inexpensive Riesling of quality, but Florian Fauth of Seehof in Westhofen manages to produce this fine and exciting example with plenty of ripeness. It is easy-drinking enough to be served on its own and serious enough to be paired with food.

SPAIN

- 48** *Rias Baixas « Albariño » Valmiñor, 2022* £34.25
 This elegant style of Albariño, full of mineral-boosted peach and citrus blossom, is the result of the coastal influence from the Atlantic and from the Miño River between which the appellation sits. This flagship cuvée is grown in the estate's own vineyards in O Rosal.

ITALY

- 83** *Marche « Verdicchio di Matelica », Agricola Tenuta Colpaola, 2021* £33.00
 The Porcarelli family grows organic-certified grapes and vinifies them with minimal intervention. The resulting wine is crisp and characteristically fresh, with lively citrus notes and delicate white floral nuances, yet the palate is beautifully rich, creamy and complex.

FRANCE

- 4** *Condrieu « Les Grandes Chaillées » Domaine du Montillet, 2022* £65.75
 "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.
- 82** *Sancerre « Côte de l'Épée », Renaissance Fleuriet Frères, 2021* £55.00
 This gastronomic cuvée was grown biodynamically by brothers Benoit and Antoine on a terroir of calcareous Terre Blanche. Naturally fermented in stainless-steel tanks then aged in amphorae for 15 months, this classy, chiselled Sauvignon Blanc displays succulent fruit.
- 6** *Arbois « Chardonnay » Domaine Rolet, 2021* £50.25
 The estate rose to prominence in the 1940s by acquiring prime parcels of old vines within the Jura region. Winemaker Cédric Ducoté strikes a balance between tradition and modernity with this organic Chardonnay made in a Burgundian style; so fine and elegant.
- 79** *Riquewihr « Classic Riesling » Hugel Family, 2022* £39.00
 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

WHITE BURGUNDY**2017**

- 7 ***Meursault « Les Narvaux » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey*** £106.25

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.

- 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*** £119.00

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*** £116.25

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.

2020

- 35 ***Bourgogne « Chardonnay » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey*** £50.00

This bottling demonstrates the importance of producers when it comes to Burgundies; Pierre-Yves makes the most unbelievably good Bourgogne Blanc! The lemon-boosted peach is underpinned by subtle oak spice. The intense, textured flavours linger on and on.

- 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*** £104.00
 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

- 64** ***Emiliana « Novas –Gran Reserva » Colchagua Valley, 2021*** £27.25
 This organically grown Carmenère, Cabernet Sauvignon blend offers incredible value for money. The grapes are cold macerated and fermented in tanks then aged for a year in stainless-steel and in wood hence the spiced cassis fruit lifted by notes of capsicum.

ARGENTINA

- 13** ***Matías Riccitelli –Malbec, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, 2021*** £43.75
 « The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree »
 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.
- 5** ***Matías Riccitelli –Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza, 2023*** £36.75
 « This Is Not Another Lovely Malbec »
 Being grown at high altitude, 50% whole-bunch fermented with natural yeasts and aged in concrete vats, this Malbec is all about fruit. The flower-boosted raspberry & plum fruit is layered with spice and underpinned by mineral notes of graphite; so succulent!

SOUTH AFRICA

- 8** ***Stark-Condé « Thee Pines –Syrah » Jonkershoek Valley, 2018*** £65.75
 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.
- 78** ***Wildeberg « Terroirs –Cinsault » Wellington, 2022*** £34.75
 Terroirs is Wildeberg's opportunity to showcase the most exciting vineyard blocks in the wider Coastal Region. The first red in the range shows what exceptional level of quality Cinsault can achieve from old, low-yielding bush vines & hands-off winemaking.
- 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 Franschhoek 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*** £39.00
 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.

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GEORGIA

- 55** ***Kakheti, Kisiskhevi « Glenkhuri – Qvevri Saperavi » Teliani Valley, 2021*** £40.00
 This deep-coloured, structured, yet moreish wine is grown in Kisiskhevi, a source of low-yielding, concentrated Saperavi. Immaculate whole bunches are selected to ferment for 9 days in an earthenware vat buried underground or Qvevri; a technique as ancient as wine is.

ITALY

- 85** ***Barbaresco, Bruno Rocca, 2021*** £98.75
 This family winery in Nieve produces modernist wines with great intensity of fruit while retaining the structure and elegance of the Langhe at its best. A dark fruit underpinned by cocoa and lifted by rose and violet results from slow fermentation then 12 months in oak.
- 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*** £66.75
 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.

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.
- 50** ***Ribera del Duero « Parada de Atauta » Domino de Atauta, 2020*** £45.00
 This bottling is from the estate's younger vineyards, planted with low-yielding Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) some 60 years ago. After 12 months in oak barrels, this fine & complex wine expresses the high-altitude, rugged terrain of its origin in the eastern part of the appellation.
- 87** ***Manchuela « Fundamentalista » Finca Sandoval, 2022*** £35.75
 Javier Revert's juicy, yet characterful blend of 90-year-old Bobal co-planted with four other indigenous grapes at altitude along the calcareous slopes of the Cuenca mountains is part foot-trodden, part whole-bunch fermented & partially aged in amphora hence its freshness.

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)**2009****57** ***Château Clerc Milon, 5th Growth, Pauillac*** £102.00

The black fruit, with notes of blackcurrant, black cherry and plum, is underpinned by leather and earthy notes of wet forest floor and mushroom. The dry clove and coffee bean is lifted by mint and eucalyptus. This classic Pauillac is structured and savoury, yet delightfully juicy.

2010**18** ***Château d'Armailhac 5th Growth, Pauillac*** £99.00

The youthful fruit displays great purity and contributes a sense of finesse to the finish of very long length. The scent of worn leather and cigar box and ashtray is lifted by the dampness of moss and the iron edge of mushroom. This very structured wine is a giant in its simplicity.

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.

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.

2011**27** ***Château Léoville Barton, 2nd Growth, Saint-Julien*** £114.00

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.

93 ***Château Branaire-Ducru, 4th Growth, Saint-Julien*** £86.00

The fresh black fruit seems to have been dipped into chocolate. The smokiness of vanilla oak is offset by the saline minerality of liquorice. Some earthiness is freshened up by herbal vegetal notes. The thirst-quenching acidity cuts right through the tannins. Simply charming.

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.

2012**88** ***Château Calon-Ségur, 3rd Growth, Saint-Estèphe*** £109.50

The nose beckons you with a perfume of cassis underpinned by tobacco leaf and graphite. On the palate, a pleasant touch of bitterness balances out that sweetness of fruit. The tannin structure is dense, yet of fine and ripe quality. This wine is deliciously opulent and round.

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.

RED BORDEAUX

- 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**
- 15** ***Château Phélan Ségur (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe*** £81.50
Phélan Ségur is comparable to classified growths in terms of quality. The fruit is a paradox of concentration and restraint. The crème de cassis is underpinned by notes of espresso coffee and leather. The fleshy body of this approachable wine is lifted by refreshing acidity.
- 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*** £70.00
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*** £39.75
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*** £70.00
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!
- 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.
- 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 is 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* £136.75

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* £115.75

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.

47 *Vosne-Romanée, Gérard Mugneret* £115.00

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* £124.25

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.

2018

42 *Morey-Saint-Denis 1^{er} Cru « Les Millandes » Heresztyn-Mazzini* £112.00

The club is privileged to be dealing directly with Heresztyn-Mazzini hence their high quality wines grown with the respect of the environment in mind are of such great value here. The depth & power of this wine with huge ageing potential is lifted by flowery notes.

54 *Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru « Les Champonnets » Heresztyn-Mazzini* £109.75

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.

68 *Gevrey-Chambertin 1^{er} Cru « Les Goulots » Heresztyn-Mazzini* £109.75

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

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.

LOIRE VALLEY

- 3** *Saumur Champigny « Les Poyeux » Dom. des Sables Verts, 2021* £48.25
This single-vineyard is hailed as one of the Loire Valley's most famous red wine sites. The 70-year-old Cabernet Franc grown on deep silica-limestone soils is naturally fermented then aged in barrel, hence a concentrated wine with spiced black fruit & velvety softness.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

- 20** *Côte-Rôtie « Cœur de Combard » Domaine J. Barge, 2019* £119.00
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.
- 94** *Crozes-Hermitage « Les Chaflans » Domaine Les Alexandrins, 2020* £53.75
This young estate with its newly constructed winery in Tain-l'Hermitage has established a reputation as the producer of some of the best wines in the region. This slowly fermented and gently extracted Syrah aged in used barrel is deep-coloured, smoky, smooth and juicy.

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

- 61** *Châteauneuf-du-Pape « Cuvée Impériale » R. Usseglio, 2015* £91.25
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* £91.25
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.

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			
75	<i>Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos by Kardos in Mád</i> This family-run boutique winery produces this limited Furmint blend from botrytised or Aszú grapes in exceptional vintages only. The sweetness is balanced by salinity and lemon-sharp acidity. Try this wine with creamy cheeses or fresh fruit desserts.	-	£47.00 (50cl)	-
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.	-	£31.25 (37.5cl)	£10.50
	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.	£49.00	-	£10.25

MADEIRA

		<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
	<i>Henriques & Henriques 10-Year-Old Sercial</i> (Dry Madeira)	£15.05
	<i>Justino's 5-Year-Old Fine Rich Reserve</i> (Sweet Madeira)	£8.55

PORT

	<i>Magnum (150cl)</i>	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
1985 Fonseca	£197.00	-	-
1992 Taylor's *	-	£133.00	-
1995 Quinta do Noval	-	£89.00	£15.05
2016 Fonseca LBV	-	£49.00	£8.55

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