



## WINE LIST

A COUPLE OF THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE LIST ...

WE SHIP OUR HOUSE WINES DIRECT FROM THE VINEYARDS. THEY ARE NOT ONLY VALUE FOR MONEY, BUT ARE ALSO INTERESTING EASY DRINKING WINES THAT STANDS OUT. THEY SHOW OFF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GRAPE VARIETIES FROM WHICH THEY ARE MADE.

THE LIST STEERS AWAY FROM THE MORE WELL- KNOWN PRODUCERS AS WE LIKE TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE HAVE PROMOTED GOOD VINTAGE WINES FOR MANY YEARS AND OUR CELLAR IS FULL OF PREMIUM AGED ICONIC WINES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE, INCLUDING SOME VERY DISTINGUISHED LABELS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY SOME OF THE EXCITING DISCOVERIES HIDDEN IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES. TAKE A GLANCE AT OUR "READY TO DRINK NOW" SECTION IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN AND A TRULY RARE WINE EXPERIENCE. OUR UNIQUELY EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF MAGNUMS REPRESENTS GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY TOO.

WE PROUDLY OWN A PRESERVATION SYSTEM, WHICH ENABLES US TO OFFER OVER 60 WINES BY THE GLASS AND ALSO A SELECTION OF "SPARKLERS" AND CHAMPAGNES. ALL OUR STILL WINES ARE SERVED IN 175 ML MEASURES AND IF YOU CHOOSE ONE OF THE NON-HOUSE WINES THE PRICE WILL BE DIVIDED IN FOUR OR WE WILL BE HAPPY TO USE THE AGE OLD 'DIPSTICK METHOD' DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH IS LEFT IN THE BOTTLE!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THIS SERVICE AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME ADVICE PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK!. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW EXCITING ADDITIONS, SO WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO PUT THESE INTO PRACTICE.

HAPPY DRINKING, OR, IN WELSH, IECHYD DA!

MIKE MORGAN & TEAM

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## SPARKLING WINES AND CHAMPAGNE

- 100 ITALY RABOSO SPUMANTE ROSANTE BORGO DEL COL ALTO N.V. £28**  
A BEAUTIFUL EXTRA DRY PINK SPARKLING THAT IS LOVELY AS AN APERITIF. FRESH RASPBERRY FRUITS ON THE FORE, LIGHT BUBBLES AND A WELL BALANCED FINISH.
- 102 ITALY PROSECCO, BRUT BORGO DEL ALTO N.V. £28**  
A GREAT WAY TO START THE EVENING! A CLASSIC PROSECCO, WHICH IS FRUITY AND AROMATIC WITH A NICE DRY FINISH.
- 104 NEW ZEALAND PELORUS CLOUDY BAY, N.V. £35**  
THIS IS A COMPLEX, RICHLY FLAVOURED SPARKLING WINE FROM THE FAMOUS VINEYARD AT THE TIP OF THE SOUTH ISLAND, IN THE APTLY NAMED BAY OF PLENTY, NEAR BLENHEIM. A STATE OF ART BUBBLY!
- 106 WALES ANCRE HILL ESTATES SPARKLING WINE, 2008 £36**  
LIGHT GOLDEN STRAW COLOURED, LOADS OF TINY DELICATE BUBBLES AND SOFT BEGUILING MOUTH FEEL, THIS BRILLIANT OFFERING, MADE IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS CHAMPAGNE. SHOWS GREAT ACIDITY. IT IS CLEAN AND FRESH, AND GROWN LESS THAN 10 MILES AWAY. A TRUE WORLD BEATING WELSH SPARKLER.
- 108 FRANCE JOSEPH PERRIER BRUT, N.V. £40**  
AN EXCELLENT PREMIUM QUALITY CHAMPAGNE. EMBODYING A PALE STRAW COLOUR AND AN ATTRACTIVE FRUIT CHARACTER FROM THE VINEYARDS AT CUMIRES. THIS HAS AN EASY DRINKING QUALITY FOR WHICH THIS PREMIER CRU VINEYARD IS RENOWNED. IT'S BIGGEST FANS WERE QUEEN VICTORIA, EDWARD VII (AND US!), SO YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY, AND HENCE THE LABEL CUVÉE ROYALE.
- 110 WALES ANCRE HILL ESTATES SPARKLING ROSÉ, 2009 £43**  
LUXURIOUS SALMON PINK COLOURED ROSÉ, A DELICIOUS SOFT PERFUMED NOSE MADE FROM FIFTY PERCENT PINOT NOIR AND FIFTY PERCENT CHARDONNAY. IT HAS A SOME NICE FORWARD BERRY FRUITS, AND WORKS ESPECIALLY WELL WITH SALMON OR ON ITS OWN. SUPERB!
- 112 FRANCE VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN BRUT, N.V. £55**  
THE "WIDOW" IS A MEDIUM-DRY, FULL-BODIED SPARKLER MADE FROM A BLEND OF CHARDONNAY, PINOT MEUNIER, BUT PREDOMINATELY PINOT NOIR. WORKS WELL DRUNK THROUGH WITH A MEAL.
- 114 FRANCE BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVEE, N.V. £65**  
A VERY DRY ELEGANT CHAMPAGNE THAT IMPROVES FOR UP TO 10 YEARS IN THE BOTTLE. 65% PINOT NOIR, 25% CHARDONNAY AND 10% PINOT MEUNIER. UNUSUALLY, THE RESERVE WINES USED IN MAKING THE NV, ARE STORED NOT IN BULK, BUT IN MAGNUMS, WHICH HELPS TO DEVELOP THE SPECIAL BOLLI HOUSE STYLE. AB FAB!
- 116 FRANCE LAURENT PERRIER CUVÉE ROSÉ, BRUT, N.V. £75**  
FOUNDED IN 1812 BY EMILE LAURENT, AND RE-NAMED LAURENT PERRIER ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE MATHILDE PERRIER IN 1887. LP IS NOW ONE OF THE BIGGEST HOUSES. DESPITE THE QUANTITIES, QUALITY DOES NOT SUFFER AND THEIR ROSE BRUT IS ALWAYS CONSISTENTLY GOOD. THE WORLD'S FINEST ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE.
- 118 FRANCE VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE RICH, 2002 £95**  
THE VINTAGE RICH 2002 IS MADE UP FROM 60% PINOT NOIR, 7% PINOT MEUNIER AND 33% CHARDONNAY, WITH A DOSE OF 28 G/L OF SUGAR ADDED. AT FIRST, FRESHNESS IMMEDIATELY PREDOMINATES WITH BALSAMIC NOTES OF MENTHOL AND HINTS OF CITRUS FRUITS. AS THE WINE WAKES UP, FRUITIER SCENTS, INCLUDING WINTER CHERRY, MIRABELLE PLUMS AND GRAPEFRUIT FOLLOW, WITH SUBTLE HINTS OF WHITE FLOWERS. IN THE MOUTH THE WINE IS LIVELY AND FIRM, YET SOFT AND VELVETY. THE CAREFULLY CHOSEN DOSAGE PROVIDES A SMOOTH ELEGANT TOUCH, WITH NO SENSE OF HEAVINESS. THIS ELEGANT, WELL-BALANCED TREAT WILL DELIGHT THE PALATE FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 15 YEARS, AND ALREADY FROM A CULINARY POINT OF VIEW, ITS DOUBLE PERSONALITY IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING. ITS FRESHNESS AND ITS VELVETY FACET MARRIES BEAUTIFULLY WITH FOIE GRAS.
- 120 FRANCE VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE ROSE, 2002 £110**  
COMPOSED OF SAME PROPORTIONS OF GRAPES AS THE 'VINTAGE RICH' 2002, WITH THE ADDITION OF 15% OF RED WINE FROM THE BOUZY VINEYARD (GRAND CRU DE PINOT NOIR). IT HAS A DENSE, BRILLIANT, DEEP-COLOURED ROBE, WITH DELICATE PINK AND ORANGE TINTS. THE NOSE REVEALS RED AND BLACK FRUITS (ESPECIALLY CHERRIES), ENHANCED WITH A TOUCH OF SPICES (PEPPER, VANILLA), THE FRUITINESS RECALLS. SUPERB, FULL-BODIED CHAMPAGNE WITH AN ASTONISHINGLY LONG FINISH.

- 122 FRANCE KRUG GRANDE CUVÉE, N.V, BRUT £195**  
 KRUG GRANDE CUVÉE IS THE SUPREME EXPRESSION OF THE UNIQUE KRUG STYLE. EVERY YEAR THE KRUG FAMILY WORKS FROM TASTE AND MEMORY ALONE TO RECREATE THIS MOST COMPLEX OF CHAMPAGNES. TYPICALLY BLENDED FROM AS MANY AS 50 WINES FROM THREE GRAPE VARIETIES, 20 TO 25 GROWTHS, AND SIX TO TEN DIFFERENT YEARS. HUGELY COMPLEX, AND REASSURINGLY EXPENSIVE!
- 124 FRANCE KRUG VINTAGE, BRUT, 1998 £215**  
 AN ORNATE AND POWERFUL VINTAGE, A MUST FOR ALL KRUGISTES, THIS IS BREATHTAKING CHAMPAGNE. IT IS AS LAYERED AND COMPLEX AS A GRAND CRU BURGUNDY, THOUGH MORE SEARING IN ITS ACIDITY, LEAVING A TOOTH BUZZ IN ITS WAKE. ONCE OPENED, IT SHOWS CREAM AND AN UNDERLYING ESSENCE OF MINERALLY LIMESTONE. IT NEEDED FIVE TO TEN YEARS OF BOTTLE AGE TO BUILD INTO ITS FULL GRANDEUR, PEAKING NOW. SUBLIME.
- 126 FRANCE KRUG ROSÉ, N.V, BRUT £270**  
 ATTRACTIVE DENSE PINOT FRUIT ON THE NOSE, VERY TIGHT AND LIVELY, DRINKING INCREDIBLY WELL. A BLEND OF 50% PINOT NOIR, 30% CHARDONNAY AND 20% PINOT MEUNIER, THIS REFINED ROSÉ WITH EXQUISITELY CLEAN SUMMER FRUIT AND EXCEPTIONAL LENGTH, IS JUST ABOUT AS GOOD AS ROSÉ GETS. WORTH EVERY PENNY.

*"I ONLY DRINK CHAMPAGNE WHEN I'M HAPPY, AND WHEN I'M SAD.  
 SOMETIMES I DRINK IT WHEN I'M ALONE.  
 WHEN I HAVE COMPANY, I CONSIDER IT OBLIGATORY.  
 I TRIFLE WITH IT IF I AM NOT HUNGRY AND DRINK IT WHEN I AM.  
 OTHERWISE I NEVER TOUCH IT - UNLESS I'M THIRSTY."*

*MADAME LILY BOLLINGER*



### VIGNERONS DE LA VICOMTÉ

AS MENTIONED EARLIER WE SHIP ALL OUR HOUSE WINES DIRECTLY FROM THIS BEAUTIFUL VINEYARD SITUATED IN THE HEART OF LANGUEDOC, BETWEEN MONTPELLIER AND BEZIERS. THE VINE AND THE OLIVE TREE ARE THE ONLY APPROPRIATE CROPS TO BE GROWN ON THIS MAINLY LIMESTONE SOIL WITH HOT DRY SUMMERS. ALL THE WINE GROWERS ARE UNITED IN USING THE SAME MEANS OF PRODUCTION, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THESE HARD NATURAL GROWING CONDITIONS. THIS MAKES THE WINES HAVE A REAL CHARACTER OF TERRAIN.THE HISTORY AND THE CULTURE OF THIS REGION IT'S VILLAGES, IT'S PEOPLE, IS COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH THE HISTORY OF ITS VITICULTURE!

### HOUSE WINES

<b>200</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>SYRAH ROSE,</b>	<b>LES VIGNERONS</b>	<b>£18</b>
		WELL FRUITY ROSÉ WINE WITH A BIT MORE BODY AND AN EXCELLENT SPRING BOUQUET. GREAT FOR APPETIZERS, LIGHT FISH DISHES, SUMMER SALADS OR AS AN APERITIF.		
<b>202</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>SAUVIGNON BLANC</b>	<b>LES VIGNERONS</b>	<b>£18</b>
		A GREAT VALUE VIN DE PAYS D'OC WITH LOVELY FRESH CRISP NOTES OF GRASS & CITRUS. WITH THE ADDITION OF A SPLASH OF CRÈME DE CASSIS IT ALSO MAKES BRILLIANT KIR.		
<b>204</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>CHARDONNAY</b>	<b>LES VIGNERONS</b>	<b>£18</b>
		VERY LITTLE OAK, AND NICELY FRUITED. A MEDIUM BODIED AND VERY ACCESSIBLE SLURPER.		
<b>206</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>MERLOT</b>	<b>LES VIGNERONS</b>	<b>£18</b>
		SOFT, SUPPLE AND SILKY. LAYERS OF FRUIT AND MEDIUM BODIED MAKES THIS A VERY EASY GENTLE DROP TO DRINK AT ANY OCCASION!		
<b>208</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>CABERNET SAUVIGNON</b>	<b>LES VIGNERONS</b>	<b>£18</b>
		BACKGROUND TANNINS AND BLACKCURRANT FRUIT. A FULL BODIED WINE GREAT TO DRINK WITH WELSH BLACK BEEF OR OUR HIGHLY RECOMMENDED LOCAL VENISON.		

ALL OUR HOUSE WINES ARE ALSO AVAILABE AT £ 5.00 PER GLASS

## NEW WORLD WHITES

- 210 CHILE LA PLAYA VIOGNIER, 2012 £20**  
THE VINA LA PLAYA ESTATE OCCUPIES SOME OF COLCHAGUA VALLEY'S MOST DESIRABLE ACREAGE ON THE WESTERN SHORES OF THE TINGUIRIRICA RIVER. THE VIOGNIER IS SLIGHTLY DELICATE AND HAS DELICATE FLORAL CHARACTERISTICS. UN-OAKED AND WELL BALANCED ACIDITY MAKES THIS A WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT TO SPICY FOOD
- 212 SOUTH AFRICA DE WETSHOF, BON VALLON CHARDONNAY, 2012 £21**  
THE DE WET FAMILY WERE ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS ARRIVING IN THE CAPE IN 1693. AS PIONEERS IN THE WINE INDUSTRY THEY HAVE A NATURAL INSTINCT AND HUGE COMMITMENT TO VITICULTURE IN THE ROBERTSON REGION. BON VALLON IS A WELL BALANCED UNWOODDED CREDIT TO THE CHARDONNAY GRAPE. FRESH WITH GREEN APPLES, PEACH AND HINTS OF CITRUS. WORKS REALLY WELL WITH CHICKEN, RISOTTO AND ALSO WITH SALMON.
- 214 AUSTRALIA THORNE HILL CHARDONNAY, 2011 £22**  
AN UNOAKED CHARDONNAY FULL OF TROPICAL FRUITS. HELD TOGETHER BY A CITRUSSY FRESHNESS AND WILL WORK WELL WITH A LIGHT LUNCH. WILL NOT DISAPPOINT DRUNK ON ITS OWN LIKE MOST AUSSIES, STRAIGHT TO THE POINT!
- 216 CHILE TRES PALACIOS RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2011 £23**  
THE FIRST VINEYARD TO PLANT GRAPEVINES IN THE VALLEY OF CHOLQUI, MAIPO VALLEY. THIS FAMILY RUN BUSINESS WAS FOUNDED IN 1996 AND THE MOTTO WAS NEVER TO LET GO OF YOUR DREAMS! IT IS AN UNUSUAL SAUVIGNON WITH A SLIGHTLY SMOKY NOSE. APPLE ON THE FORE AND ALSO EXHIBITS NOTES OF PEAR, PINEAPPLE AND GRAPEFRUIT.
- 218 CALIFORNIA WILDWOOD CHARDONNAY, LODI, 2007 £25**  
THE LODI REGION HAS BEEN HOME TO GRAPE GROWING SINCE AT LEAST THE 1850'S, WHEN WILD GRAPES WOULD GROW DOWN FROM THE TREES ALONG THE EDGE OF RIVERS. NOWADAYS THE TECHNIQUES ARE A BIT DIFFERENT BUT THE SPIRIT OF 'WINE CREEK', AS SOME TRAPPERS USED TO CALL IT, STILL EXISTS AND COMES TO LIFE WITH EVERY BOTTLE OF WINE MADE. THIS ONE PROVIDES A REAL TREAT FOR CHARDONNAY CONNOISSEURS. IT HAS DISTINCTIVE AROMAS OF PINEAPPLES, PEACHES, MELONS AND GREEN APPLES. THESE COMBINED LEADS THE WAY TO A LONG BUTTERY FINISH WHICH STILL HAS A LOVELY CRISP EDGE!
- 222 AUSTRALIA RAMPANT WHITE SAUV/SEM, HAMELIN BAY, 2011 £29**  
AN UPLIFTING LIVELY NOSE OF VIBRANT TROPICAL FRUIT. THE RAMPANT WHITE HAS A WELL-ROUNDED PALATE COMPLEMENTED BY A CRISP DRY FINISH. IT WON A WELL DESERVED GOLD MEDAL IN ROYAL HOBART AWARD NOVEMBER 2011. IT HAS A SLIGHT ZEST PEEL FINISH THAT LINGERS AND WILL WORK WELL WITH CHICKEN, RABBIT AND CREAMY SAUCES.
- 224 NEW ZEALAND HIGHFIELD, MALBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2010 £31**  
CLASSIC MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC AT ITS VERY BEST. TROPICAL FRUIT AROMAS COMBINE WITH GOOSEBERRY, LIME AND MINERAL ZESTY CHARACTER, REFRESHING ACIDITY AND A LONG DRY FINISH. A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO A CERTAIN, MUCH BETTER-KNOWN PREMIUM NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANC, BUT LOADS CHEAPER. JUST PERFECT WITH SHELLFISH.  
ALSO AVAILABLE IN SOCIABLY SIZED MAGNUM BOTTLES AT **£65.**
- 226 AUSTRALIA THE LODGE HILL RIESLING, 2008 £32**  
JIM BARRY PURCHASED THE LODGE HILL WINERY IN 1977 AND HAS PRODUCED SOME OF THE BEST WINES IN THE CLARE VALLEY EVER SINCE. SITUATED ABOUT 50 MILES NORTH OF ADELAIDE IN SOUTH WEST AUSTRALIA, CLOSE TO WHERE ONE OF THE WORLDS MOST EXPENSIVE TIPPLES, THE LEGENDARY PENFOLD'S GRANGE HERMITAGE, IS MADE. THANKS TO AN ALTITUDE OF 480 METRES, THIS IS AN IDEAL SPOT FOR MAKING DRY, -STYLE RIESLINGS, THIS ONE ALSO WITH INTENSE LIME AND CITRUS AROMAS AND A MOST AGREEABLE LENGTHY FINISH. GOOD WITH CHICKEN, BUT DEFINITELY RECOMMENDED WITH FISH.
- 228 SOUTH AFRICA RUDERA CHENIN BLANC, 2007/9 £35**  
THESE CHENIN BLANC VINES ARE SITUATED ON A COOL SLOPE IN THE PRIME KOELENHOF AND FAURE AREA OF STELLENBOSCH. FULLY MATURED, 30 YEAR-OLD ROOTSTOCK ENSURES NATURAL HIGH ACIDITY AND FULL FLAVOUR CONCENTRATION. BRIGHT GOLD WITH GREEN TINGES OF COLOUR, WITH A COMPLEX NOSE OF LIME, QUINCE, APPLES AND VANILLA. ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP WHITE WINES, JUST GORGEOUS.

- 230 AUSTRALIA CAPE MENTELLE SAUV, SEMILLON 2008 £35**  
HEADY MIX OF PASSION FRUIT, ORANGE BLOSSOM, RIPE LEMONS AND NOTES OF TARRAGON MIXED WITH VANILLA DERIVED FROM BARREL FERMENTATION. MILD AND DRY CONDITIONS RESULTING IN A LONG RIPENING PERIOD, PRODUCING GRAPES OF AMAZING INTENSITY.FROM THE SAME STABLE AS VEUVE CLICQUOT, SO IN GOOD HANDS.
- 232 OREGON BENTON-LANE PINOT GRIS, 2007 £39**  
STEVE AND CAROL GIRARD HAVE BEEN OWNERS OF BENTON-LANE SINCE 1988 AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND A MUTUAL INTEREST OF PRODUCING GREAT PINOT NOIR THEY FOUND SUNNY MOUNT RANCH. THEY STARTED TO PRODUCE THIS OUTSTANDING PINOT GRIS FROM GRAPES PURCHASED FROM CAREFULLY SELECTED WILLAMETTE GROWERS. IT OPENS WITH GENEROUS AROMAS OF WHITE PEACH, LIME AND APPLY BLOSSOM WHICH FOLLOWS THROUGH IN THE MOUTH. IT IS ROUNDED WITH AN INTERESTING DISTINCT FLAVOUR OF CITRUS MARMALADE AND BALANCED WITH A FINISH THAT LEAVES A LINGERING SOFTNESS OF RAW HONEY. VERY INTERESTING, WELL WORTH A TRY!
- 234 NEW ZEALAND CLOUDY BAY SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2011 £46**  
LEGENDARY. THE NEW WORLD'S MOST DESIRABLE SAUVIGNON BLANC WITH A WELL DESERVED CULT FOLLOWING AND EXTREMELY HARD TO GET HOLD OF ! WE HAD TO PERSUADE THEM THAT WE HAVE PARTICULARLY DISCERNING CLIENTS IN ORDER TO GET AN ALLOCATION OF CASES. NOW DON'T LET US DOWN, A STEAL AT THIS PRICE!

## EUROPEAN WHITES

- 250 ITALY SAN GIORGIO PINOT GRIGIO, 2011 £19**  
MADE IN FAITHFUL TRADITION, THIS IS AN EASY DRINKING LIGHT WINE THAT IS LOVELY WITH OR WITHOUT FOOD. PERFECT AS AN APERITIF WITH NICE LIGHT FRUIT NOTES.
- 252 PORTUGAL COLHEITA, DOURO VIOSINHO, MUSCATEL, 2009 £20**  
PERFUMED AND INTENSE FRAGRANCE WITH FLORAL AND TROPICAL NOTES. ELEGANT IN THE MOUTH AND FINE ACIDITY. IT IS FRESH, PERSISTENT AND VERY PALATABLE WITH GRILLED FISH!
- 254 FRANCE BRISE DE FRANCE SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2009 £22**  
THE QUALITY OF VIN DE PAYS D'OC WINES IS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER WITH EVERY VINTAGE, AND YET THE PRICE REMAINS VERY AFFORDABLE. THIS OUTSTANDING WINE IS ABSOLUTE PROOF. PALE YELLOW-GREEN COLOUR, INTENSE AROMAS OF CITRUS, CRISP AND FRESH PALATE AND A LONG, ELEGANT FINISH MAKES IT ALL AND BEYOND WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM SAUVIGNON BLANC.
- 256 SLOVENIA QUERCUS PINOT BIANCO, 2010 £23**  
YOU WILL FIND THE GORIŠKA BRDA REGION ON THE NORTHERN SLOVENIAN BORDER, NEAR ITALY. THIS AREA HAS RECENTLY BENEFITED FROM NEW TECHNOLOGY AND WINE MAKING PRACTICES AND IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING WINE GROWING AREAS IN EUROPE. WITH AN ELEGANT NOSE FOLLOWED BY CITRUS, PEACH, PINEAPPLE AND HINTS OF FLORAL AROMAS IT IS WELL BALANCED AND WORKS BEAUTIFULLY WITH RABBIT AND CHICKEN.
- 258 FRANCE MÂCON-VILLAGES CHARDONNAY, 2011 £25**  
PRODUCER ROGER LUQUET'S IDEA OF WINE MAKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO VINIFY EACH PLOT OF VINES IN SEPARATE TANKS SO THEY REMAIN AUTHENTIC AND RETAIN THEIR REGIONAL CHARACTERISTICS. THIS MACON IS RESOLUTELY BURGUNDIAN WITH DEEP GOLD COLOUR, A HINT OF LIMESTONE, CONCENTRATED AROMA AND RICHNESS. LOVELY WITH SCALLOPS, MUSSELS AND ALSO COLD DISHES, SUCH AS PATÉ AND CHARCUTERIE.
- 260 SPAIN LAXAS, RIAS BAIXAS ALBARIÑO, 2010 £25**  
MADE FROM CAREFULLY SELECTED MATURED GRAPES THIS WINE GIVES YOU AN 'EXPLOSION' OF AROMATIC FLOWERS ON THE NOSE. BODEGA AS LAXAS IS LOCATED IN THE CONDADO DO TEA SUB-ZONE WHICH HAS THE PERFECT CLIMATE FOR THIS WONDERFUL GRAPE. IT IS SILKY ON THE PALATE, BUT OFFERS WELL-INTEGRATED ACIDITY WITH HINTS OF GREEN APPLE. LOVELY ENJOYED AS AN APERITIF OR WITH SEAFOOD!
- 262 FRANCE LA GASCOGNE PAR BRUMONT GROS MANSENG/SAUV, 2008 £26**  
GROS MANSENG GRAPE VARIETY IS LOCAL TO THE SOUTH WEST OF FRANCE. THIS BLEND IS SOFTER ON ACIDITY THEN YOUR 100% SAUVIGNON. EXOTIC AND TROPICAL ON THE NOSE, IT FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH FLAVOURS OF APRICOT AND HINTS OF LYCHEE. IT IS ZESTY AND REFRESHING AND HAS A GOOD BODY AND A LONG LINGERING FINISH. GREAT WITH OILY FISH, SUCH AS MACKEREL.
- 264 ITALY CÀ DA BOSIO, GAVI DI GAVI CORTESE, 2011 £26**  
THIS WINE IS PRODUCED AT THE UNIQUE LOW ALPINE REGION OF PIEDMONTE WHICH MEANS 'AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS' THE CLIMATE HERE GIVES GAVI DI GAVI IT'S SPECIFIC 'FLINTY-NESS' OF THIS WINE AND SPECIFIC MINERAL NOSE AND PALATE. IT ALSO HAS AROMAS OF VANILLA AND DRINKS WELL WITH SEAFOOD AND WHITE FISH.
- 266 FRANCE CHATEAU DES TOURTES SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2009 £27**  
COTES DE BLAYE IS ONE OF THE RIGHT BANK BORDEAUX REGIONS, OPPOSITE THE MEDOC, PRODUCING ONLY WHITE WINE, MAINLY FROM SAUVIGNON BLANC. THIS WHITE BORDEAUX IS RICH FOR A SAUVIGNON, WITH SYRUPY AROMAS OF LEMONS, PEARS, AND A CREAMY DRY PALATE. GOOD BODY AND FINISH, WELL SUITED TO SALMON.
- 268 FRANCE COUR-CHEVERNY ROMORANTIN, 2007 £28**  
THE COUR-CHEVERNY IS A YOUNG, 48 HECTARE APPELLATION IN THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE TOURAINE VINEYARDS. IT WAS AWARDED ITS OWN APPELLATION AS RECENTLY AS 1993, AND IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD PRODUCING WHITE WINE FROM THE ROMORANTIN GRAPE. ITS FRUIT IS SLOW TO RIPEN AND MUST REMAIN ON THE VINE FOR UP TO A MONTH AFTER ITS LOCAL COUNTERPARTS, MAKING IT IS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE BY ROT AND RAINSTORMS. ALL THIS, AND THE FACT THAT NOT A HUGE AMOUNT IS PRODUCED MAKES THIS WINE VERY SPECIAL, AND SO TEMPTING. IN THE GLASS IT SHINES GOLDEN WITH SOME ENTICING GREEN TONES, AND SMELLS OF SEDUCTIVE FRESH HAY AND FLOWERS. CRISP, DRY AND VERY MINERALLY ON THE PALATE, WITH SOME BITTER LEMON AND A HINT OF HONEY AS A FINISHING TOUCH. BECAUSE OF ITS ACIDITY IT WORKS WELL WITH STRONG FLAVOURED FOOD SUCH AS GOAT'S CHEESE, MACKEREL AND OTHER OILY FISH.

- 270 WALES ANCRE HILL VINEYARD CHARDONNAY, 2010 £29**  
A DELICIOUS DROP FROM RICHARD AND JOY MORRIS WHO OWN AND RUN THIS LOVELY VINEYARD JUST A FEW MILES WEST OF THE HOTEL. THIS ONE IS 100% CHARDONNAY, AND HAS A WARMING PEAR DROP NOSE, IT IS PROPERLY BUTTERY AND WAXY LIKE ALL GOOD CHARDONNAYS. ON THE FORE YOU GET VANILLA WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY EXOTIC FRUITS AND FINISHES WITH A CREAMY SMOOTH ELEGANT STRUCTURE.
- 272 WALES ANCRE HILL VINEYARD SEYVAL BLANC, 2009/2010 £28**  
ANCRE HILL ESTATE IS A RELATIVELY NEW WELSH VINEYARD SITUATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MONMOUTH. THEY PLANTED THEIR FIRST VINES IN 2006 WITH A FURTHER PLANTATION IN 2007. YOU WOULD THINK THAT WALES'S LACK OF PROPER SUMMERS MAKES IT A FAR FROM IDEAL PLACE TO START A QUALITY WINE MAKING BUSINESS, BUT THIS WINE WILL PROVE YOU WRONG! MADE FROM A BLEND OF SEYVAL BLANC GRAPES – A HYBRID DEVELOPED IN 1920'S IN FRANCE - THAT IS FAMOUS FOR ITS RESISTANCE TO COLD, AND EARLY RIPENING PERIOD. PALE IN COLOUR, WITH A DELICATE FLOWERY AROMAS, LIGHT BODY AND CRISP, MINERAL QUALITY WITH A TOUCH OF CITRUS. INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE TO CHARDONNAY OR SAUVIGNON BLANC. THE FIRST TRULY WORLD BEATING UK WINE I HAVE EVER TRIED.
- 274 FRANCE DOMAINE DE L'AUMONIER SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2009 £29**  
THIS RELATIVELY NEW DOMAINE WAS FOUNDED IN 1997 BY SOPHIE AND THIERRY CHARDON. WITH ONLY 47 HECTARES IN THE SOUTH OF TOURAIN REGION THEY ARE NOT THE BIGGEST PRODUCERS BUT DEFINITELY WELL WORTH RECOMMENDING. THIS ORGANIC SAUVIGNON SHOWS PASSION AND SKILL IN WINE MAKING, AND TICKS ALL THE RIGHT BOXES. DRY, WITH AROMAS OF GREEN APPLE, LEMON, TROPICAL FRUIT, AND NETTLES PACKED WITH FLAVOUR ON THE PALATE, BUT YET LIGHT, DRY AND VERY FRESH. ONE OF OUR FAVOURITES FOR A LONG SUNDAY LUNCH, PREFERABLY ON THE TERRACE!
- 276 WALES ANCRE HILL VINEYARD ROSÉ SEYVAL/TRIOMPHE 2010 £29**  
THIS GUILT FREE ROSÉ HAS A STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM NOSE, WITH APPLES, RACY RED CHERRIES AND A HINT OF PINK GRAPEFRUIT. ITS 50/50 MIX OF SEYVAL LANC AND TRIOMPHE GIVES IT A VIBRANT ROSY PINK COLOUR. FUN AND EASY TO DRINK, PERFECT FOR A SUNNY DAY, OR INDEED FOR BRIGHTENING UP A RAINY ONE.
- 278 FRANCE CHABLIS CHARDONNAY, 2011 £30**  
NATALIE & GILLES FEVRE, ONE OF THE LEADING CHABLIS PRODUCERS HAS CREATED THIS WONDERFULLY STRUCTURED CHABLIS. FULL OF USUAL CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS PEACH AND VANILLA. BEAUTIFULLY CRISP AND LIGHT AND FITS LIKE A 'HAND IN A GLOVE' WITH SEAFOOD, OYSTERS AND SHELLFISH. BRING ON THE 'FRUIT DE MER'!
- 280 FRANCE TOURAINE AZAY-LE-RIDEAU CHENIN BLANC, 2005 £32**  
MR PIBALEAU IS A SKILLED AND DEDICATED WINE MAKER FROM THE LOIRE. THIS DEMI-SEC IS VINIFIED FROM WELL RIPENED CHENIN BLANC, AND THEREFORE OFFERS A GOOD BIT OF SWEETNESS TO CUT THROUGH THE ACIDITY. IT IS MARKEDLY FLORAL, DOMINATED BY AROMAS OF ACACIA, STONE FRUIT, CITRUS AND HINTS OF GOOSEBERRIES. WORKS WELL WITH SEA BASS, HALIBUT AND OTHER DELICATE WHITE FISH.
- 282 FRANCE MONTAGNY 1ER CRU CHARDONNAY 2010 £32**  
THIS IS A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF CLASSIC WHITE BURGUNDY! A BEAUTIFUL FRESH AROMA AND A HINT OF APRICOT ON THE NOSE, FOLLOWED BY A BEAUTIFUL BLEND OF CITUS AND WELL BALANCED ACIDITY. WORKS WELL WITH CHICKEN DISHES AS WELL AS PORK AND 'MEATY' FISH.
- 284 FRANCE SAUMUR CHENIN BLANC, 2004 £33**  
FROM A SMALL, VERY HIGH QUALITY ESTATE OUTSIDE MONTREUIL-BELLAY, JUST SOUTH OF THE TOWN OF SAUMUR ITSELF, WHICH IS BETTER KNOWN FOR ITS FANTASTIC 'CAVES' AND SPARKLERS. THIS WINE IS MADE FROM 100% CHENIN BLANC AND MATURED ENTIRELY IN OAK BARRELS WHICH ARE MOSTLY NEW. IT IS BIO DYNAMICALLY MADE WHICH IS SAID TO IMPROVE VINEYARD HEALTH AND GIVE A BETTER BALANCE IN GROWTH. IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT DRINKABLE FOR LONGER. THIS SAUMUR HAS A WEIGHTY MOUTH-FEEL, FULL OF PINE NUT AND ALSO A FRESHNESS OF PEAR AND LIGHT SPICE. GREAT WITH STRONG CHEESE DISHES.
- 286 AUSTRIA SILVER LAKE, MC LAREN PINOT BLANC, GRIS, CHARD, 2008 £44**  
WILLI OPITZ HAS GARNERED CRITICAL ACCLAIM WORLDWIDE, NOT ONLY FOR THE VERY HIGH QUALITY OF HIS PORTFOLIO, BUT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WINES. THIS IS A SPECIAL EDITION BOTTLED FOR THE MC LAREN FORMULA ONE TEAM. IT IS NOT DISSIMILAR TO A SPÄTLESE WINE WITH MASSES OF HONEY, BUTTERSCOTCH AND ALMOND ON THE NOSE OVER RIPE FIG AND PEAR. IT HAS AN ALMOST DESSERT WINE NOSE, BUT THERE IS A CLEAN ZEST AND WELL BALANCED ACIDITY IN THE MOUTH FOLLOWED BY SEDUCTIVE LINGERING WEIGHT AND MOUTHFILLING FRUIT.
- 288 FRANCE LE HAUT-LIEU, VOUVRAY CHENIN BLANC, 1985 £55**  
THIS IS A PERFECT MATCH TO OUR SUNDAY PORK ROAST. DEEP RICH GOLDEN COLOUR WITH NOTES OF BAKED APPLES. IT HAS A VERY GOOD LENGTH CONSIDERING THE AGE OF THIS VINTAGE. AFTER OPENING UP IT REVEALS A FIRM FRESH ACIDITY AND A LIGHT FRUITY SWEETNESS.



## NEW WORLD REDS

- 300 ARGENTINA MASI, PASSO DOBLE MALBEC, CORVINA, 2009 £20**  
MADE IN THE MENDOZA REGION OF ARGENTINA BY A FORWARD THINKING ITALIAN VINERY. DOUBLE FERMENTATION TECHNIQUES CALLED 'APPASSIMENTO' RESULT IN BOTH FRESH AND DRIED FRUIT FLAVOURS. TANNINS ARE PLENTIFUL, BUT EXTREMELY ELEGANT. THE FINISH HAS ATTRACTIVE CHERRY TASTES.
- 302 CHILE LOS CAMINOS MERLOT, 2011 £20**  
PRODUCED IN THE COOL CLIMATE, THREE HOURS DRIVE FROM SOUTH OF SANTIAGO AND HOME TO MANY OF CHILE'S FINEST WINERIES, COMES THIS EASY DRINKING 100%MERLOT. IT IS RICH WITH BLACK CHERRY AND PLUM WITH A SOFT AND ROUNDED STRUCTURE THROUGHOUT.
- 304 AUSTRALIA THORNE HILL SHIRAZ, 2009 £22**  
A CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN SHIRAZ FROM SOUTH EAST. JUICY AND SPICY WITH MASSES OF MULBERRY AND BLACKBERRY FRUIT. OVER THE YEARS THE THORNE HILL WINERY HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. THERE ARE NOTES OF CLOVES AND MINT AND HAS A WELL-ROUNDED FINISH.
- 306 AUSTRALIA WHISTLING DUCK SHIRAZ-CABERNET, 2011 £24**  
THIS IS BIZARRELY NAMED AFTER A VERY LOCAL BIRD, NATIVE TO SOUTH EASTERN AUSTRALIA FROM WHERE THIS HAILS. IT IS MADE BY THE SKILLED EVANS WINE COMPANY. A SMOOTH AND FULL BODIED WINE, PACKED WITH RIPE AND JUICY CASSIS FRUITS AND SOFT TANNINS. TWO THIRDS SHIRAZ AND ONE THIRD CABERNET IT HAS HINTS OF SPICE, BLACK PEPPER AND CHOCOLATE. THE LONG FINISH WILL LINGER YOU THROUGH YOUR CHOICE OF MEAT. WHY NOT TRY IT WITH DUCK!
- 308 CALIFORNIA WILDWOOD SHIRAZ, LODI 2011 £24**  
FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY, NOT FAR FROM SAN FRANCISCO, THIS IS DEEP AND INTENSE. FULL BODIED CALIFORNIAN, PACKED WITH ALL THE BERRY GOODIES, ROUNDED BY UNOBTRUSIVE OAK AND SOFT FINISHING THIS CAN TAKE ON FOOD, TRY IT WITH GAME OR LOCAL BEEF.
- 310 ARGENTINA NORTON PRIVADA CAB SAUVIGNON, MALBEC, 2010 £26**  
AN UNUSUAL MIXTURE OF THREE GENTLY HAND-SORTED GRAPE VARIETIES: CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MALBEC, AND MERLOT. TWELVE MONTHS SPENT IN NEW 225 LITRE FRENCH OAK BARRELS GIVES A SUPERBLY BALANCED WINE WITH GREAT FRUIT CONCENTRATION, EXCELLENT COMPLEXITY AND FULL ROUND TANNINS. VERY RIPE FRUIT, LIQUORICE AROMAS AND FLAVOUR, THE PERFECT MATCH FOR ROAST MEATS.
- 312 CALIFORNIA WENTE, BEYER RANCH ZINFANDEL, 2009 £27**  
BEYER RANCH HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A PREMIER LIVERMORE VALLEY LOCATION FOR ZINFANDEL. THIS IS A WELL PRODUCED WINE WITH BEAUTIFUL RICHNESS, MEDIUM TANNINS AND RICH MOUTH-FILLING DARK FRUITS. FINISHES WITH NOTES OF CEDARWOOD, SPICES AND CLOVE AND THE TYPICAL CHARACTERISTIC OF LIQUORICE. LOVELY WITH CHEESE, ESPECIALLY PER LAS!
- 314 CHILE AXEL PREMIUM RESERVE CAB SAUV, CARMENERE, 2008 £29**  
WITH A LIVELY PALATE ON THE FORE, THE AXEL OPENS UP TO WELL BALANCED SWEET TANNINS NAMED AFTER AXELSEN FAMILY WHO FOUNDED VINA LA PLAYA. IT IS A STUNNING BLEND FULL OF PLUMS, FIGS, NUTMEG, COCOA AND HINTS OF LIQUORICE. HIGHLY AROMATIC WITH HINTS OF ROSE PETALS ON THE NOSE AND WITH A LONG SMOOTH SLIGHTLY CEDAR WOOD FINISH. PERFECT WITH RED MEATS, CHARCUTERIE, PATE AND CHEESE.
- 316 SOUTH AFRICA LADYBIRD, STELLENBOSCH MERLOT, CAB SAUV, CAB FRANC, 2009 £30**  
LAIBACH WINERY GIVES A BENCHMARK FOR ORGANIC WINE PRODUCTION IN S.A. NAMED IN TRIBUTE TO THE 3000 LADYBIRDS THAT ARE RELEASED EACH JANUARY TO COMBAT THE PRESENCE OF THE MEALYBUG AND PROTECT THE VINES. THE LADYBIRD IS A MERLOT DOMINATED BORDEAUX BLEND WITH HINTS OF SPICES, CHOCOLATE AND MOCHA. IT HAS GREAT STRUCTURE WITH PLUM AND MINERAL COMPLEXITY. THIS ELEGANT WINE IS A MUST TO TRY. RECOMMENDED WITH STEAKS AND ROASTS
- 318 AUSTRALIA GARLANDS "SAROS" CABERNET FRANC, 2002 £31**  
THIS WINE HAS OUTSTANDING DEPTH AND THE FINE LAYERS OF TANNIN GIVES IT COMPLEXITY AND ELEGANCE. THE APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES SUCH AS OPEN FERMENTATION AND BASKET PRESSING AND THE ADDITION OF 20% CABERNET SAUVIGNON GIVES RICHNESS OF BLACKCURRANT AND PLUMS WITH HINTS OF LIQUORICE ON THE FINISH.
- 320 ARGENTINA SAURUS, FAMILIA SCHROEDER PINOT NOIR, 2009 £33**  
PATAGONIA IS THE MOST SOUTHERLY WINE PRODUCING REGION OF LATIN AMERICA. WE FEEL AS THIS WINE IS VERY CLOSE TO HEART SINCE IT HAS MANY WELSH SPEAKING INHABITANTS. HAVING MET LUIS SCHROEDER AND HOSTED A WINE DINNER WITH THE WHOLE RANGE THIS IS STILL OUR FAVOURITE AMONGST A FANTASTIC SELECTION. THE SAURUS HAS THE PERFECT BALANCE OF FLORAL AROMAS SUCH AS VIOLETS AND ROSES COMBINED WITH JUICY BERRIES AND A SLIGHT HINT OF OAKNESS. LOVELY WITH GOAT'S CHEESE, PASTA DISHES AND VENISON.

- 322 AUSTRALIA HOLLICK SHIRAS, CAB SAUV, 2006 £34**  
 THIS SMALL FAMILY RUN BUSINESS PROUD THEMSELVES TO REINFORCE THE EMPHASIS ON THE INDIVIDUAL VINEYARD AND VARIETAL CHARACTERISTICS.. IT HAS THEREFORE ADOPTED THE SLOGAN 'PRIDE OF PLACE' AND THIS IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE. FULL OF SPICES AND BLACKBERRY WITH GOOD LENGTH. AND SUBTLE FINISH. IT IS LOVELY WITH RED MEATS AND CHEESE.
- 324 ARGENTINA TERRAZAS MALBEC RESERVA, 2007 £38**  
 THE MALBEC GRAPE, ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTHWEST FRANCE, IS ARGENTINA'S CALLING CARD. NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD IS THIS VARIETY MANAGED IN SUCH A MANNER AS HERE. THE TERRAZAS WINERY, SITUATED IN THE SOUTH WEST OF THE MENDOZA REGION, GROWS ITS MALBEC AT THE TRIED AND TESTED OPTIMUM ALTITUDE OF EXACTLY 1067 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL, (ON A 'VISTALBA' TERRACE), THEN AGES IT FOR TWELVE MONTHS IN FRENCH AND AMERICAN BARRELS. THIS BLOCK BUSTER HAS SUPERIOR AROMAS AND DENSE, BLACK FRUIT CHARACTER, TEMPERED WITH GOOD, WELL BALANCED TANNINS. WINE OF GREAT AGEING POTENTIAL, SUPERB STRUCTURE AND BODY.
- 326 NEW ZEALAND MA MAISON PINOT NOIR, 2008 £40**  
 SOFT AND FLAVOURFUL, AMAZING RIPE CHERRIES AND PLUMS AROMAS WITH AN EARTHY, CITRUSY TANG. VELVETY TANNINED WINE OF SERIOUS STRUCTURE AND LENGTH. 100% PINOT NOIR, IF YOU LIKE BURGUNDY, YOU WILL LOVE THIS.
- 328 AUSTRALIA VIKING WINES GRAND SHIRAZ, 2002 £42**  
 AS BIG, HEAVY AND ROBUST AS AUSTRALIAN CAN GET. VIKING WINES IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST AND SMALLEST ENTERPRISES BASED IN BAROSSA VALLEY. IT'S PREMIUM RED-CLAY VINEYARDS PRODUCE A MINISCALE 2000 CASES PER YEAR. VERY FULL BODIED , WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF CONCENTRATED AROMAS AND FLAVOURS. DENSE BLACK BERRIES AND WARMING SPICES, ALL ROUNDED OFF WITH PUNCHY TANNINS, AND FINISHING WITH DARK CHOCOLATE. AT 14.5% OF ALCOHOL THIS WINE IS ACCURATELY NAMED.
- 330 CALIFORNIA NALLE ZINFANDEL, 2006 £46**  
 WHAT A WINE! WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO STILL HAVE THIS VINTAGE IN OUR CELLAR AS IT IS HARD TO COME BY AND DRINKING WELL NOW. WELL BALANCED, SUBTLE, WITH PLEASANT SWEET SPICES ON THE NOSE. THE VALLEY FLOOR IN DRY CREEK TENDS TO BE A BIT MOISTER THAN THE REST OF THE AREA WHICH GIVES THIS WINE A LIGHTER AND SMOOTHER TEXTURE THEN SOME ZINFANDELS, STILL WITH THE LIQUORICE HINTS BUT ALSO WITH A SURPRISING HINT OF RASPBERRY ON THE FINISH.
- 332 CHILE ERRAZURIZ FOUNDER'S RESERVE CAB SAUVIGNON, 2004 £70**  
 CHILE IS ONE OF THE MOST PERFECT PLACES IN THE WORLD TO PLANT A VINEYARD, AND DON MAXIMIANO ERRAZURIZ MADE NO MISTAKE WHEN HE ESTABLISHED HIS VINEYARD IN 1870 IN ACONCAGUA VALLEY. NOW, DON MAXIMIANO FOUNDER'S RESERVE HASEARNED A REPUTATION AS ONE OF CHILE'S MOST ICONIC WINES, BACKED UP BY NUMEROUS ACCOLADES OVER THE YEARS SINCE IT BECAME THE FIRST CHILEAN IWC GOLD MEDAL WINNER IN 1997. INCREDIBLY CONCENTRATED AND FULL OF RIPE FRUIT FLAVOURS TOPPED UP BY AROMAS OF VANILLA, COFFEE AND TOASTED ALMONDS. RICH LEATHER AND AN INTRIGUING NOTE OF RIPE BLACK OLIVES ADD COMPLEXITY. SUPPLE TANNINS CREATE A SILKY TEXTURE AND LONG FINISH. AS IT AGES GAINS BOTTLE AGE, THE WINE IS DEVELOPING A TOUCH OF MINT, WHICH IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE DON MAXIMIANO ESTATE. IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE IN THE BOTTLE FOR UP TO 15 YEARS. A WINE TO BE ENJOYED WITH RICH MEAT DISHES AND STRONG CHEESES.

## OLD WORLD REDS

- 350 ITALY IL PARADOSSO NERO D'AVOLA SHIRAZ, 2011 £20**  
 THE COMPANY WAS BORN IN SICILY AS A RETAILER IN 1928 IN THE VENETO REGION. IT HAS WITH THE REMAINED IN CONTROL THROUGH EXPANSION AND IS NOW RUN BY THE THIRD GENERATION. THE COMBINATION OF 60% NERO D'AVOLA AND 40% SHIRAZ MAKES RELIABLE FLESHY REDS. IT HAS A BOUQUET WHICH IS SLIGHTLY SPICY WITH NOTES OF BLUEBERRIES AND MULBERRIES. VERY SMOOTH ON THE PALATE AND A PLEASANT SENSATION OF RIPE FRUITS ON THE FINISH.
- 352 SPAIN CONDE DE CRON VINO DE MESA £23**  
 IN RIOJA, THE SUPPLY IS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED TO KEEP PRICE AND DEMAND UP, SO ONLY A CERTAIN QUOTA CAN BE PRODUCED AND CLASSIFIED AS 'RIOJA' WINE. ANYTHING OVER THAT ALLOWANCE MUST HAVE 'TABLE WINE' ON THE LABEL, AND NO CONNECTION TO THE REGION CAN BE MADE. THIS WINE IS ONE OF THEM. FROM THE MOMENT YOU OPEN THE BOTTLE IT REMINDS YOU OF A GOOD CRIANZA. THE NOSE IS FULL OF RED FRUIT AROMAS AND A GENTLE CEDAR SPICE, THE PALATE IS SMOOTH AND ELEGANT WITH EASILY RECOGNIZABLE CHERRY AND RASPBERRY FLAVOURS AND A HINT OF WHITE PEPPER. TERRIFIC WINE AT HALF THE PRICE OF A PROPER 'RIOJA', BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THE LABEL.
- 354 FRANCE BOURGOGNE PASSETOUTGRAIN GAMAY/PINOT, 2010 £24**  
 LOTS OF FRUIT ON THE FORE, FOLLOWED BY MELLOW SERENITY. A BRIGHT AND YOUTHFUL WINE THAT CAN ALSO BE ENJOYED SLIGHTLY CHILLED. GREAT COMBINED WITH TUNA STEAKS, COLD MEATS, VEGETABLE TART AND LIGHT PATÉ. VERY NICELY ENJOYED ON IT'S OWN AS WELL. EASY DRINKING WITH INTERESTING FLAVOURS!
- 356 FRANCE GUY ALLION, "LES PARCS" PINOT NOIR, TOURAINE, 2011 £25**  
 TOURAINE IS A HUGE WINE AREA, IN THE CENTRE OF THE LOIRE VALLEY, WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE SMALL (23 HA) DOMAINE 'DU HAUT PERRON'. THE ALLIONS IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THEIR TERRA VITIS DESIGNATION - A SET OF STRICT CRITERIA WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1998, BY A FEDERATION OF FRENCH GROWERS AND SMALL, PREMIUM WINERIES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY, HIGH QUALITY GRAPES, TO MAINTAIN NATURAL DIVERSITY, MINIMIZE CHEMICAL TREATMENTS AND USE BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS INSTEAD. THE WINE THEY PRODUCE IS ALSO QUITE SPECIAL AND THIS ONE IS A PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO THE PLEASURES OF PINOT NOIR. FULL OF RED BERRIES AROMAS, MEDIUM BODIED AND A SMOOTH TEXTURED, MAKES IT AN EASY CHOICE FOR A LIGHTER RED THAT AUTHENTICALLY REPRESENTS THIS GRAPE VARIETY.
- 358 SPAIN FINCA ANTIGUA TEMPRANILLO, 2008 £25**  
 THE FINCA ANTIGUA VINEYARD, OWNED BY THE FAMOUS RIOJA-MAKING MARTINEZ BUJANDA FAMILY, IS LOCATED IN THE BEST AREA OF THE LA MANCHA REGION, BETWEEN PROVINCES OF CUENCA AND TOLEDO. THE HIGH ALTITUDE OF 900 METRES, COMBINED WITH LOAMY SOILS, AND A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LIMESTONE, CREATES PERFECT CONDITIONS TO ALLOW THE GRAPES TO RIPEN SLOWLY AND FULLY. A GOOD NOSTRIL, FULL OF 100% TEMPRANILLO REVEALS TYPICALLY VEGETAL AND PUNGENT AROMAS, BUT IT IS SURPRISINGLY SILKY SMOOTH AND PACKED WITH PLUMS AND BLACK CHERRIES ON THE PALATE. FERMENTED IN STATE OF THE ART STAINLESS STEEL, AND THEN AGED FOR JUST SIX MONTHS IN NEW AMERICAN OAK. LOVELY WITH WELSH LAMB!
- 360 ITALY BLASON, FRIULI ISONZO CABERNET FRANC, 2008 £26**  
 FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA IS ITALY'S MOST NORTH-EASTERN WINE REGION, THE FIFTH SMALLEST, CLOSE TO AUSTRIA, 3 MILES FROM THE SLOVENIA BORDER, 20 MILES NORTH OF TRIESTE AND FACING THE ADRIATIC SEA., THE BLASON'S FAMILY'S 'WINE LAND' IS BY THE RIVER OF ISONZO. THANKS TO FANTASTIC TERROIR AND THEIR ADMIRABLE PASSION FOR WINEMAKING THEY WERE ABLE TO CREATSOME EXCELLENT SLURPS OF TOP QUALITY WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF FRUIT AND AGEING POTENTIAL TOO. THIS CABERNET FRANC OFFERS DISTINCTIVE BUT VERY ELEGANT FRAGRANCE OF MOWN GRASS, GREEN PEPPER AND RIPE RASPBERRIES WITH SOME WILD BERRIES IN THE MOUTH. THERE IS A TOUCH OF SPICE AND GENTLE, NOT OVER-POWERING TANNINS BUT THE WINE REMAINS FRESH AND FRUITY.
- 362 SPAIN COTO DE IMAZ RIOJA, 2005 £27**  
 FROM A REGION WITH A LONG AND GLORIOUS LIQUID HISTORY, BUT ESTABLISHED ONLY IN 1999. THE DARIEN VINEYARDS ARE LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE LOGRONO IN THE HEART RIOJA, AND ARE SITUATED ON A TERRACE OVERLOOKING THE EBRO RIVER COMPOSED OF CLAY AND SANDY SOILS. THE WINE REFLECTS A MODERN APPROACH WHILE MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL ROOTS. FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK CASKS ARE USED TO AGE THE WINES, BUT THEY STILL RETAIN INTENSE FRUIT CHARACTERISTICS. WITH A SMALL PRODUCTION, GENIAL VINEYARD MANAGER JUAN LUIS GONZALEZ AND SLIGHTLY TETCHY WINEMAKER TOMAS ITURRIAGA KEEP A BEADY EYE ON QUALITY. A VIBRANT BRIGHT CHERRY RED COLOUR FOLLOWED BY A HUGE FRUITY AROMA AND A HINT OF BURNT OAK. ON THE PALATE IT IS SMOOTH, WITH A SLIGHT SHARP FINISH. A FINE AND WORTHY MATCH FOR YOUR SUNDAY ROAST.

- 364 WELSH ANCRE HILL VINEYARD TRIOMPHE, 2010 £29**  
A YOUNG AND LIVELY CHOICE FROM OUR LOCAL VINEYARD.. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND IS AT PRESENT QUITE GRASSY ON THE FORE WITH SOFT TANNINS AND A LIGHT FINISH. WORKS REALLY WELL WITH SWEET SAUCES WHICH MATCH THE GRASSINESS OF THIS WINE BEAUTIFULLY! ONE TO TRY WITH OUR TASTING MENU'S PORK DISH!
- 366 FRANCE CLOS DE LA ROILETTE FLEURIE, 2010 £33**  
THE CLOS DE LA ROILETTE, IN THE VILLAGE OF FLEURIE, COVERS NINE HECTARES OF ONE OF THE BEST SLOPES IN THE BEAUJOLAIS CRUS. IT HAS AN EASTERN EXPOSURE, BORDERS THE MOULIN-À-VENT APPELLATION (IT WAS A PART OF IT BEFORE THE 1920'S), AND PRODUCES WINES THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOUNG, BUT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO AGE UP TO 10 YEARS. IT HAS A DEEP BLACKCURRANT COLOUR WITH A HINT OF PURPLE, A RESTRAINED NOSE OF CRÈME DE CASSIS, A RICH, FULL MOUTH WITH AROMAS OF BLACK CHERRIES, AND A NUTTY CHARACTER. IT FINISHES WITH ZESTY ACIDITY. THIS IS A WINE THAT AGES GRACEFULLY AND TAKES ON THE AROMATIC CHARACTER OF A CLASSIC PINOT NOIR. NOT TOO FULL BODIED, BUT PACKS A PUNCH. EXCELLENT LUNCH TIME WINE!
- 368 WELSH ANCRE HILL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, 2011 £34**  
WHO KNEW WE COULD GET SUCH AN ELEGANT AND WELL BALANCED PINOT NOIR ON OUR LIMESTONE SOILS IN WALES! BENEFITTING FROM COOL CLIMATE GROWING THIS WINE OFFERS A LOVELY NOSE OF BERRIES, CHERRY ON THE FORE AND SOFT STRAWBERRY AND VANILLA ON THE FINISH. A LOT MORE BODY THEN WE EXPECTED. WORKS WELL WITH DUCK & GAME.
- 370 FRANCE SAINT ROMAIN PINOT NOIR £39**  
ALAIN GRAS DESCRIBE HIS WINES WITH THREE WORDS, FROSTY, FRUITY AND ELEGANT AND WE TOTALLY AGREE! GOOD FRUIT AROMAS ON THE FORE WITH A BRIGHT DEEP RED COLOUR. LOTS OF CHERRY AND HINTS OF WOOD WITH MELTING TANNINS. LOVELY WITH GAME, & VEAL!
- 372 FRANCE CHATEAU LAMOTHE-CISSAC CAB SAUV, HAUT-MEDOC, 2000 £41**  
PRONOUNCED OAKY NOSE WITH A PALATE FULL OF BERRIES AND DARK FRUIT AROMAS. IT IS FULL BODIED WITH NOTES OF CASSIS AND BLACKBERRY AND HINTS OF CEDAR. THIS VINTAGE IS ABSOLUTELY LOVELY AT PRESENT AND HAS A DRY FINISH WITH CLEAN PALATE AND SOFT TANNINS.
- 374 ITALY ENZO BOGLIETTI, BAROLO NEBBIOLO, 2004 £43**  
NEBBIOLO IS A BLACK-SKINNED RED WINE GRAPE WHICH IS FAMOUS FOR CREATING THE 'TAR AND ROSES' SCENT OF BAROLO WINES. AN ELEGANT AND UNUSUAL WINE WITH LOTS OF DARK FTUITS, HINTS OF MENTHOL AND LIQUORICE. WORKS REALLY WELL WITH BRAISED AND STEWED MEATS AS WELL AS WITH GORWYDD CAERPHILLY!
- 376 FRANCE LE PETITES ROCHES CHINON, CAB FRANC, 2008 £44**  
WITH A LOVELY RUBY COLOUR THIS IS AN ELEGANT AND DELIGHTFULLY STRUCTURED WINE THAT OFFERS STRAWBERRY AROMAS, HINTS OF FIGS AND RAISINS. IT IS SLIGHTLY JAMMY. AND COMBINES A FRESHNESS WITH LIVELY STRUCTURE AND CRSIP REFRESHING ACIDITY. PROMINENT SPICED FRUIT FLAVOURS. GREAT WITH RILLETTES, POULTRY AND GOAT'S CHEESE.
- 378 FRANCE CHATEAU LAMARCHE CANON, CANDELAIRE, 2000 £60**  
THE CANON FRONSAC AC IS SITUATED ON THE RIGHT BANK OF THE DORDOGNE RIVER IN BORDEAUX, AROUND THE TOWN OF LIBOURNE. FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR HARD TO FIND EXCELLENT VALUE IN THE RED WINES OF BORDEAUX, CANON FRONSAC AC IS A GOOD PLACE TO START. HERE, HILLSIDE VINEYARDS, PLANTED LARGELY IN MERLOT, PRODUCE FULL-BODIED, SURPRISINGLY TANNIC WINES AND THIS ONE, WITH A SMALL ADDITION OF CABERNET SHOWS BEGUILING RUBY COLOUR, GENEROUS BOUQUETS OF RIPE FRUIT, DRIED FLOWERS, FIG, AND A POWERFUL ELEGANT AND SMOOTH STRUCTURE. EVERYTHING THAT IS NEEDED FOR A TOP TIPPLE.
- 380 FRANCE CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY, DME CHRISTIAN CLERGET, 2003 £125**  
CHRISTIAN CLERGET'S DOMAINE IS ONE OF THE FEW PRODUCING THE PUREST, MOST NATURAL WINES POSSIBLE. THE DOMAINE IS MOVING TOWARDS FULL BIO DYNAMIC CULTIVATION. THE LAND IS WORKED BY HAND AND NO HERBICIDES OR INSECTICIDES ARE USED. CLERGET BELIEVES THAT BALANCE IN THE VINEYARD WILL HELP LEAD TO GOOD AND BALANCED WINES.AND IF THIS EXAMPLE IS ANYTHING TO GO BY, HE IS DEFINATELY RIGHT! THIS WINE IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD. IT IS DARKER, DEEPER AND SWEETER THAN USUAL WITH A CLASSIC DISPLAY OF CHERRY AND RED FRUIT AROMAS, A FULL, SMOOTH TEXTURE ON THE PALATE, AND A REMARKABLE ACID BALANCE.

## MAGNUMS

IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT WINE MATURED IN LARGER VOLUMES IS MORE COMPLEX, AND THAT A 1.5 LITRE MAGNUM ALWAYS TASTES BETTER THAN TWO MATCHING 750 ML BOTTLES. THE REASON WINE AGES MORE SLOWLY IN A MAGNUM IS THAT THE RATIO OF WINE TO AIR IS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER. EXPOSURE TO AIR IS WHAT AGES A WINE. INDEED, WINE NOT ONLY AGES MORE SLOWLY IN MAGNUM, BUT MANY BELIEVE MORE EVENLY, TOO. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THIS CONCEPT ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE BORN OUT, ALTHOUGH IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THIS PRESUMPTION IS MORE ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE DO NOT LIKE LEAVING WINE IN AN OPEN BOTTLE, AND THAT MAYBE THE FIRST 750 ML WAS ENOUGH. EITHER WAY MAGNUMS LOOK GREAT ON ANY TABLE AND ARE A VERY SOCIABLE AND COST EFFECTIVE WAY OF TESTING THE THEORY. THE SELECTION IS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, INCLUDING A COUPLE OF VERY SPECIAL BINS. ENJOY!

- 1500**                     **CHATEAU LE FAGE,**                                     **MERLOT, BERGERAC, 2007**                     **£36**  
 THIS FANTASTIC DOMAINE OCCUPIES 40 HECTARES ON THE NORTHERN SLOPES OF MONBAZILLAC, WITH THE CHATEAU SITUATED RIGHT AT THE VERY TOP. THE EXCEPTIONAL SOIL, A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR TRADITION, AND A SPRINKLING OF MODERN TECHNIQUES HAS IMPROVED THE WINEMAKING ON THE ESTATE SINCE 1920, RESULTING IN MANY GONGS AS WELL AS CITATIONS IN THE NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL GUIDES. THIS 100% MERLOT IS A FINE SHOWCASE OF THEIR ABILITIES. THE WINE IS SOFT, FILLED WITH JUICY CHERRIES AND RED FRUITS WITH JUST A HINT OF SPICE AND A LITTLE TANNIN. MATURED FOR 18 MONTHS IN CONCRETE VATS, SO NO OVER POWERING CHEWY OAK TREATMENT. VERY FINE, HIGH QUALITY WINE THAT CAN'T BE MISSED, ESPECIALLY AT THIS PRICE.
- 1510**                     **EL COTO, COTO DE IMAZ**                                     **RIOJA RESERVA, 2004**                     **£43**  
 EL COTO DE RIOJA VINIFIED ITS FIRST GRAPES IN 1970, WITH THE FIRST BOTTLING RELEASED IN 1975. SINCE THEN, THIS WINE HAS EMERGED AS THE NUMBER-ONE WINE BRAND IN SPAIN, AND IS ONE OF THE TOP-SELLERS THROUGHOUT EUROPE. EL COTO'S VINEYARDS ARE IN CENICERO NEXT TO THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER NAJERILLA, A TRIBUTARY TO THE MIGHTY RIVER EBRO. THE GRAPES FACE NORTHWEST AND THE SOIL IS MAINLY BASED ON FERRIC CLAY. ONLY THE BEST OF THE GRAPES UNDERGO THE LONG MACERATION AND A VIGOROUS PUMPING PROCESS. THE WINE IS THEN LEFT TO AGE IN AMERICAN OAK BARRELS. IT OFFERS COMPLEX AROMAS OF CEDAR AND VIOLET, SOFT ON THE ATTACK BUT WITHIN SECONDS REVEALS ITS FULLER SIDE WITH A PALATE OF DRIED BLACK CHERRIES AND A BALSAMIC BACK NOTE. ITS ALL YOU NEED AND EXPECT FROM A GOOD, WARMING, PASSIONATE SPANISH ENCOUNTER.
- 1520**                     **RUSTENBERG, BRAMPTON**                                     **CAB SAUV, SHIRAZ, MERLOT, 2007**                     **£45**  
 RUSTENBERG HAS A WINE-GROWING HISTORY DATING BACK TO 1682. OVER THE CENTURIES THEY OVERCAME MANY OBSTACLES INCLUDING RECESSION, VINE DISEASE AND FINALLY IN THE MID 1800S, BANKRUPTCY AND DISPOSSESSION. NOW THE COMPANY IS BACK ON ITS FEET AND RECOGNIZED AS ONE TO WATCH. THE VINEYARDS CLIMB THE RICH RED SLOPES OF SIMONSBERG AND HELDERBERG IN STELLENBOSCH REGION. A RANGE OF DIFFERING SLOPES AND ASPECTS ALLOW SITE-SPECIFIC PLANTINGS. A SMALL-SCALE NURSERY HAS BEEN STARTED FOR PROPAGATION, PROVIDING ROOTSTOCK FOR UPGRADING, REPLANTING AND EXPERIMENTATION. CONTROLLED IRRIGATION IS USED TO ALLEVIATE STRESS ON THE VINES AND MAXIMIZE QUALITY. ALL THE GRAPES ARE HAND-HARVESTED IN THE EARLY MORNINGS AND EACH VINEYARD BLOCK IS VINIFIED SEPARATELY, PRIOR TO BLENDING FOR ADDED COMPLEXITY. THERE IS NO SET FORMULA - THE BLEND DEPENDS ON THE VINTAGE. THIS ONE CONSISTS OF INTENSE RED BERRY FRUITS, SPICED UP A BIT WITH SOME CLOVES AND NUTMEG AND ROUNDED GENTLY BY SUPPLE TANNINS AND HINTS OF CHOCOLATE AND OAK. THE IDEAL PARTNER FOR CHEESE AND RED MEATS.

- 1530 CHATEAU LAVISON BORDEAUX AC, 2005 £48**  
 CHATEAU LAVISON DATES BACK TO THE 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, AND AS WINERY GOES BACK THROUGH 3 GENERATIONS, AND HAS BEEN OWNED AND RUN BY THREE MATRIARCHAL LADIES OF THE MARTET FAMILY. THIS YUMMY DARK-COLOURED CLARET SHOWS ALL THE LOVE INVESTED IN IT. RICH AND RIPE BLACK FRUIT FLAVOURS ARE PASSIONATELY BLENDED WITH BALANCED TANNINS AND IT OFFERS MEDIUM, AND NOT OVERWHELMING, BUT INTENSE BODY, GOOD STRUCTURE AND A VERY ACCEPTABLE FINISH. WITH AT LEAST FIVE MORE YEARS OF DEVELOPING AND IMPROVEMENT, THIS FOOD WINE IS ABLE TO SURPRISE AND CHEER ALL WINE CONNOISSEURS. WITH STATE OF THE ART ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE FARMING TECHNIQUES IT EVEN TICKS THE ECOLOGISTS BOXES.
- 1540 RIMAURESQ, CRU CLASSÉ COTES DE PROVENCE, ROSÉ, 2006 £50**  
 COTES DE PROVENCE GAINED AC STATUS IN 1941. FOURTEEN YEARS LATER RIMAURESQ PROGRESSED TO BECOME ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE REGION AND WERE AWARDED CRU CLASSÉ ON THE LABEL. THE NAME IS TAKEN FROM THE REAL MAURESQUE, THE RIVER OF MAURES, WHICH CROSSES THE ESTATE. THE PLANTING STRETCHES ACROSS 57 HECTARES AND IS HOME TO NINE GRAPE VARIETIES. ITS EXCEPTIONAL 'TERROIR' WITH NORTH-WEST ORIENTATION, COOLING MISTRAL WINDS AND THE MOUNTAIN'S SHADE WHICH HELPS TO PROLONG THE RIPENING PERIOD, IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO CULTIVATE THE VERY BEST FRUIT THAT PROVENCE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO OFFER. THIS MAGNIFICENT ROSÉ IS A BLEND OF GRENACHE, CINSULT, TIBOUREN AND MOURVÉDRE, WHERE EACH OF THEM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS FANTASTIC MINERAL AND FLORAL ATTRIBUTES, PINK GRAPEFRUIT AND PEACH AROMAS AND FRESH BUT A LITTLE SPICY FINALE. TO TRULY APPRECIATE IT I RECOMMEND YOU TRY IT WITH RICH, HEARTY FOOD, AND OPEN THE BOTTLE HALF HOUR BEFORE YOUR MEAL, DRINK SOME AS AN APPERITIF WEATHER PERMITTING ON THE TERRACE, BEFORE EATING WITH FRIENDS, AND THERE IS STILL PLENTY LEFT IN THE BOTTLE TO TAKE THROUGH TO DINNER. SUMMERY, SMILEY & FUN.
- 1550 DARIEN, CRIANZA RIOJA, 2005 £53**  
 FROM A REGION WITH A LONG AND GLORIOUS LIQUID HISTORY, BUT ESTABLISHED ONLY IN 1999. THE DARIEN VINEYARDS ARE LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE LOGRONO IN THE HEART RIOJA, AND ARE SITUATED ON A TERRACE OVERLOOKING THE EBRO RIVER COMPOSED OF CLAY AND SANDY SOILS. THE WINE REFLECTS A MODERN APPROACH WHILE MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL ROOTS. FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK CASKS ARE USED TO AGE THE WINES, BUT THEY STILL RETAIN INTENSE FRUIT CHARACTERISTICS. WITH A SMALL PRODUCTION, GENIAL VINEYARD MANAGER JUAN LUIS GONZALEZ AND SLIGHTLY TETCHY WINEMAKER TOMAS ITURRIAGA KEEP A BEADY EYE ON QUALITY. A VIBRANT BRIGHT CHERRY RED COLOUR FOLLOWED BY A HUGE FRUITY AROMA AND A HINT OF BURNT OAK. ON THE PALATE IT IS SMOOTH, WITH A SLIGHT SHARP FINISH. A FINE AND WORTHY MATCH FOR YOUR SUNDAY ROAST.
- 1560 CHARMING, GRUNER VELTLINER LAURENZ V, KAMPTAL, 2008 £55**  
 THE GRUNER VELTLINER GRAPE IS GROWN IN THE KAMPTAL REGION OF AUSTRIA, WHERE THEY COVER 2000 HECTARES, HALF OF THE WHOLE REGION. AUSTRIA REPRESENTS LESS THAN 1% OF THE WORLD'S WINE PRODUCTION, AND IS VERY UNDERESTIMATED. SLOWLY RIPENED, FRESH, FRUITY, WITH SUBTLE SPICE, ELEGANT ACIDITY, VIBRANT AND PLAYFUL ON THE PALATE, FLATTERING ON THE FINISH AND WITH GREAT AGEING POTENTIAL, THIS IS EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED FROM A GOOD AND HONEST BOTTLE OF WINE. MR V, GRÜNER VELTLINER DEDICATED, WITH HIS BIODYNAMIC AND SELF- CONFESSED "QUALITY MANIAC" PARTNER FRED LOIMER, MAKE THIS WINE EVERY YEAR, AND PAIR IT WITH ANOTHER 2 WINES ECCENTRICALLY CALLED 'SINGING' AND 'FRIENDLY'. I GUESS A BOTTLE OR TWO OF EACH WOULD MAKE FOR A GOOD PARTY...WELL, THIS WINE IS NOT ONLY CHARMING, BUT IT IS MOST CERTAINLY SEDUCTIVE AND SOON TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER. TRY IT NOW WHILST STILL UNDISCOVERED AND AFFORDABLE.
- 1570 CHATEAU FRANC-BAUDRON, LA VALÉE MONTAGNE SAINT-EMILION, 2004 £57**  
 THE MONTAGNE SAINT-EMILION IS SITUATED ON THE RIGHT BANK OF THE DORDOGNE RIVER, IN THE LIBOURNE SUBREGION. CHATEAU FRANC-BAUDRON IS ONE OF BETTER KNOWN ESTATES IN THE AREA, AND HAS BEEN AROUND FOR ALMOST 90 YEARS. THIRD GENERATION OWNER, MICHEL GUIMBERTAU WITH HIS WIFE BERNADETTE AND SISTER SOPHIE, ARE NOW DETERMINED TO MAKE THEIR MARK ON THE FAMILY SILVER. THEY INVESTED HEAVILY IN A NEW WINERY AND SINCE 2005 HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AS ORGANIC GROWERS. THE VINIFICATION IS IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS UNDER TEMPERATURE CONTROL WITH AN LONG MACERATION OF ABOUT A MONTH, FOLLOWED BY BARREL - AGEING OF TWELVE MONTHS. THE RESULTS ARE STUNNING. THIS BLEND, SPECIFIC TO THE REGION, GETS ITS COLOUR, RICHNESS, FULL BODIED TEXTURE AND SMOOTHNESS FROM MERLOT, THE AROMATIC AND AGED FLAVOUR FROM THE CABERNET FRANC, AND GENTLE SPICE WITH COMPLEX AND RICH TANNINS FROM THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON. SOFT AND USER FRIENDLY, AND OF GENUINE QUALITY.

- 1580 CHATEAU LA CROIX DES MOINES LALANDE DE POMEROL, 2006 £63**  
 LALANDE DE POMEROL IS SITUATED IN BORDEAUX, ON THE RIGHT BANK OF THE GARONNE AND DORDOGNE RIVERS, JUST NORTH OF ITS WORLD FAMOUS NAMESAKE, POMEROL. IN THE HEART OF THIS APPELLATION, NEXT TO LIBOURNE, LIES CHATEAU LA CROIX DE MOINES ('THE MONK'S CROSS'), OWED AND RUN BY THE TROCARD FAMILY FOR 14 GENERATIONS. ON THE GREAT GRAVELY TERROIR THEIR PLANTINGS OF THE CLASSIC TRILOGY OF MERLOT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CABERNET FRANC, ALL PRODUCE FANTASTIC RICH, MOUTH FILLING AND CONCENTRATED FLAVOURS, THAT COME ALIVE IN THE BOTTLE AND CARRIES ON TO YOUR PALATE. THE COMBINED GENEROSITY OF ALL THREE, DELICATE, LUSH TANNINS AND FINELY BALANCED OAK MAKES THIS WINE A MASTERPIECE IN ITS OWN CLASS, VERY SMOOTH AND ELEGANT. DRINKING ESPECIALLY WELL IN MAGNUM FORM.
- 1590 BEAUNE GRÈVES, 1ER CRU BERNARD MOREY, 2006 £75**  
 ANOTHER FANTASTIC BOTTLE FROM THIS LEGEND OF THE WINE BUSINESS, ONE LAST VINTAGE UNDER HIS WATCH BEFORE HE RETIRED IN 2007. THE KEY TO BERNARD'S SUCCESS WAS AN OBSESSIVE INSISTENCE ON PERFECTION WITH REGARD TO HIS OWN, AS WELL AS BOUGHT IN GRAPES. THE FAB 2006 VINTAGE HAD ENOUGH GOOD WEATHER TO TURN OUT SOME LOVELY WINES, ALTHOUGH THE HARVEST WAS SLIGHTLY LATER THAN USUAL AS THE PINOT FRUITS NEEDED SOME EXTRA HANG TIME. IT TURNED OUT TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT SUGAR CONTENT AND A STUNNING CONCENTRATION OF FLAVOURS. YOUR FIRST SNIFF MAKES YOU THINK OF WARM, PEPPERY SPICES, RICH AND RIPE BERRIES, AND THE FIRST TASTE TAKES YOU OFF TO A LAVENDER SCENTED TERRACE AS THE SUN SETS IN BURGUNDY ( AT LEAST IT DOES FOR ME...! ). INTENSE, MOUTH-FILLING, JUICY, SUCCULENT, SOFT, VELVETY, BALANCED AND ROUNDED BY GENTLE, APPROACHABLE AND WIDELY APPEALING TANNINS. A WONDERFUL WINE WITH PLENTY OF DEPTH. GOOD WORK M. MOREY! BON VOYAGE.
- 1600 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE DOMAINE DUCLAUX, 2003 £78**  
 ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL COTES DU RHONE WINES. THIS CHATEAUNEUF IS GRENACHE ORIENTATED, VERY AROMATIC CHERRY LIKE FRUIT COMBINED WITH SOME DARK BERRIES, LEATHER AND WHITE PEPPER SPICE MAKES IT A TYPICAL MIX OF FRUIT, TANNIN, ACIDITY, GOOD LENGTH, ALL IN A PUNCHY POWERFUL FULL BODY, HOWEVER SMOOTH AND ELEGANT. THE FINISH IS LONG AND CLEAN, AND ITS EASY TO SEE HOW THE WINE COULD LAST 20 YEARS, ESPECIALLY WHEN AGED IN MAGNUM, BUT ITS DRINKING BEAUTIFULLY NOW. A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE APPELLATION, SPLENDID.
- 1610 GALPIN PEAK, PINOT NOIR BOUCHARD FINLAYSON, 2007 £85**  
 SINCE 1989, WHEN BOUCHARD FINLAYSON - A BOUTIQUE WINERY IN WALKER BAY - WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED, THEY DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO ONLY MAKING SUPERIOR WINES OF OUTSTANDING QUALITY. WITH JUST 19 HECTARES OF LAND UNDER VINES GROWING ON THE SLOPES OF GALPIN PEAK (OVER 50% IS PINOT NOIR), THEY REFLECT A TRUE AND PURE REPRESENTATION OF PINOT-CRAFTING, CONSISTENTLY ENDORSING THE HEMEL-EN-AARDE VALLEY (HEAVEN AND EARTH) AS A JEWEL IN THE HUNT FOR THIS ILLUSIVE GRAPE. THEIR 'FLAG-SHIP' WINE CAME FROM THIS FANTASTIC, VERY HOT AND DRY VINTAGE WITH LOADS OF FLAVOUR AND TREMENDOUS, RICH BODY. SOUTH AFRICA'S SUPERB EQUIVALENT TO A TOP BURGUNDY.
- 1620 CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET VIEILLES VIGNE, 2006 £95**  
 BURGUNDY IS THE BIRTH PLACE OF SOME LEGENDARY WINES WITH A RICHNESS AND COMPLEXITY FEW CAN MATCH. THE UNIQUE TERROIR GIVES CLASSIC HINTS OF FLINTY AND CHALKY SOIL AND ADDS GORGEOUS TONES OF NUTS, CINNAMON, HONEY AND BUTTER TO THE RICHNESS. THIS ONE IS NO DIFFERENT, SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF THE MOREY FAMILY HAVE BUILT A STELLAR REPUTATION WHICH IS WELL KNOWN FAR BEYOND FRANCE OR EVEN EUROPE. WHEN BERNARD RETIRED, HE SHARED OUT THE FAMILY BUSINESS BETWEEN HIS TWO SONS, THOMAS AND VINCENT. DESPITE THE SPLIT, THE BROTHERS CONTINUE TO RUN THE NÉGOCE BUSINESS JOINTLY UNDER THE 'BERNARD' MOREY NAME WITH NO LESS SUCCESS, AND AT LEAST THE SAME PASSION AS THEIR FATHER. TOP OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE OF THE WORLDS WHITE WINES. TREAT YOURSELF.
- 1630 MCLAREN VALE, D'ARRY'S ORIGINAL SHIRAZ, GRENACHE, 2006 £110**  
 MCLAREN VALE HAS THE WARMTH AND FEEL OF A COUNTRY TOWN, WITH THE DISTINCT ADVANTAGE OF BEING 40 MINUTES FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL CITY OF ADELAIDE. IT IS ONE OF MOST RENOWNED WINE REGIONS, WITH OVER 65 CELLAR DOORS. IT'S THRIVING, AND THE ENERGY AND PASSION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS INFECTIOUS. WINEMAKERS HERE ENJOY SOME OF THE MOST FAVOURABLE GROWING CONDITIONS AVAILABLE IN AUSTRALIA, THANKS TO THE COASTAL BREEZES FROM ACROSS THE GULF OF ST VINCENT, WHICH HELP TO MODERATE THE TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY. THIS ONE COMES FROM MATURE VINES AND IS MADE USING THE TRADITIONAL ( WADER-CLAD! ) FOOT-TREADING PROCESS BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO 19TH CENTURY BASKET PRESSES, THEN BLENDED AND AGED FOR TWELVE MONTHS IN A MIX OF OLD AND NEW FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK CASKS. IT'S A REFRESHINGLY OLD SCHOOL APPROACH TO WINE MAKING, BUT RESULTS IN SMOOTH, CRISP AND RICH FLAVOURS, SHOWING TYPICALLY ROBUST SHIRAZ CHARACTERISTICS. GOOD WITH GAME.

- 1640**                    **GEVREY CHAMBERTIN**                    **VIEILLES VIGNES, 2005**                    **£125**
- FRÉDÉRIC MAGNIEN WAS DESTINED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS, BORN IN 1969, IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WINE GROWING REGIONS IN THE WORLD, HE IS A 5TH GENERATION WINEMAKER FROM THE MAGNIEN FAMILY, ITS IN HIS BLOOD. IN 1995 HE TOOK THE PLUNGE AND SET UP A MAISON DE NÉGOCE (WINE TRADING HOUSE) UNDER HIS OWN NAME. CUNNINGLY OFFERING CONSULTANCY TO OTHER WINE GROWERS WITH WHOM HE WORKED CLOSELY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, HE WAS ABLE TO SNAP UP THE MOST SELECT PLOTS OF MAINLY OLD VINES (OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE) AND TO BUY IN VERY HIGH QUALITY GRAPES, AT OPTIMUM MATURITY, FROM AMONG THE NOBLEST OF THE CÔTE DE NUITS APPELATIONS. GEVREY CHAMBERTIN IS THE MOST NORTHERN ONE AND THE LARGEST OF ALL THE COMMUNES. THE 2005 VINTAGE WAS EXCELLENT, - BRIGHT, DRY, HOT WEATHER WITH COOL NIGHTS THAT HELPED MAINTAIN GOOD ACIDITY LEVELS - AND THE WINES ARE ALREADY SHOWING THAT THEY WILL BE AMONGST THE GREATEST OF THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. THE FLAVOURS ARE ROUND, INTENSE AND SUPPLE WITH WELL STRUCTURED BODY AND SERIOUS FINISH. THIS IS VERY GEVREY-POWERFUL IN CHARACTER AND PACKS GOOD PUNCH AND FINISHING DEPTH. GREAT WITH GAME, MARINATED OR SMOKED MEATS AND DELICIOUS WITH VENISON.
- 1650**                    **TRIMBACH, GEWURZTRAMINER**                    **CUVÉE DES SEIGNEURS , 1990**                    **£160**
- THE VITICULTURAL ORIGIN OF THE TRIMBACH FAMILY DATES BACK TO AN INCREDIBLE 1626. THE FAMILY PERSONALLY LOOK AFTER EACH ASPECT OF THE WINEMAKING, FROM PLANTING TO BOTTLING. THEY BECAME WELL KNOWN IN 1898 WHEN FRÉDÉRIC EMILE TRIMBACH SCOOPED PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THE TOP WINE PRIZES. THE VINEYARDS ARE ALL SITUATED AROUND RIBEAUVILLÉ, WHERE THE SOILS ARE PREDOMINANTLY LIMESTONE. THEY BENEFIT FROM THE ALSATIAN MICROCLIMATE, THANKS TO THE VOSGES MOUNTAINS PROTECTION, WHICH HOLDS THE RAIN BACK. WHEN IT COMES TO WHITE WINES, NO REGION CAN MATCH THE CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE OF ALSACE. THIS IS RICH, DRY, SPICY, MINERALLY, AND VERY FRAGRANT, SHOWING AROMAS OF LYCHEES, ROSE, GINGER AND GERANIUM. THIS ONE IS PRODUCED FROM THE ANCESTRAL VINEYARDS OF THE LORDS OF RIBEAUPIERRE, AND THE GRAPES ARE PICKED AT THE PRECISE MOMENT WHEN THEY HAVE REACHED MAXIMUM RIPENESS. IT IS ONLY MADE IN EXCEPTIONAL YEARS AND SHOWS REMARKABLE RICHNESS AND DEPTH BUT RETAINS A BALANCE OF FINESSE AND ELEGANCE. IT'S GREAT WITH ASIAN INFLUENCED CUISINE, BRILL WITH STRONG CHEESE, AND ARGUABLY THE VERY BEST MATCH FOR SMOKED SALMON. HUGE AGEING POTENTIAL, BUT READY TO DRINK NOW! OH, AND JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE BOTTLE ...



**READY TO DRINK NOW**

THIS SECTION OF THE WINE LIST INCLUDES SOME REAL BARGAINS THAT ARE PEAKING NOW. THESE ARE WINES THAT ARE AN ECLECTIC MIX OF BINS WE EITHER BOUGHT SOME TIME AGO AND LAID DOWN, SNAPPED UP IN A DEAL STRUCK WITH OUR WINE MERCHANTS OVER LUNCH, FOUND AS AN UNDISCOVERED GEM IN THE CORNER OF A SALEROOM, OR BOUGHT DURING A ...AHEM...'FACT FINDING' TRIP DIRECT FROM THE FRENCH VINEYARDS !

600	LES ALLÉES DE CANTEMERLE	HAUT-MÉDOC, 1997	£38
605	CHATEAU D'ANGLUDET	MARGAUX, 1991	£45
610	CHATEAU MEYNEY	SAINT-ESTÈPHE, 1997	£49
615	CLOS DU MARQUIS	SAINT JULIEN, 1984	£60
620	CHATEAU LA POINTE	POMEROL, 1992	£65
625	CLOS DU MARQUIS	SAINT JULIEN, 1984	£75
630	CHATEAU BEYCHEVELLE, 4EME	CRU GRANDVIN, SAINT JULIEN, 1993	£70
635	POMMARD 1ER CRU DOMAINE PARIGOT,	CLOS DE LA CHANIERE, 2002	£70
640	CHATEAU BRANE-CANTENAC	MARGAUX, 1995	£80
645	CHATEAU LA LAGUNE	HAUT-MÉDOC, 1996	£80
650	NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES, 1ER CRU,	CHAINES CARTEAUX, 2000	£95
655	CHATEAU CALON SEGUR,	SAINT ESTEPHE, GRAND CRU 1989	£135
660	CHATEAU LA GRÂCE DIEU	SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU, 1993	£135

**IF YOU DO NOT FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, PLEASE ASK AS THIS SECTION IS ALWAYS BEING EXTENDED AS WE FIND 'NEW' GOODIES TO ADD TO OUR INCREASING WINE LIST!**

## CHATEAU MUSAR, LEBANON

CHATEAU MUSAR WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1930 BY GASTON HOCHAR IN AN 18TH CENTURY CASTLE WHOSE CELLARS PROVIDE STORAGE FOR OVER A MILLION BOTTLES OF MATURING WINE. SINCE 1959, IN CHARGE OF THE WINE MAKING PROCESS IS HIS ELDEST SON SERGE, WHO IN 1984 WAS NOMINATED BY 'DÉCANTER' MAGAZINE AS THE FIRST EVER "WINE MAN OF THE YEAR". THIS HONOR RECOGNIZED HIS EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS, DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION IN PRODUCING WINE DURING THE DIFFICULT YEARS OF LEBANESE CIVIL WAR.

THE VINEYARDS, WHICH LIE 30 MILES EAST OF GHAZIR IN THE BEKAA VALLEY, WERE REMARKABLY CLOSE TO THE FRONTLINE. BATTLE RAGED AROUND THE VINES THROUGHOUT THE 1983 HARVEST, AND SERGE HOCHAR HAD TO BE SMUGGLED IN USING A SMALL BOAT TO MAKE THE WINE. SIMILAR CONDITIONS WERE ENDURED IN 1988 AND 1989, AND DURING THE LATTER YEAR BOTH THE HOCHAR FAMILY HOME AND THE CHATEAU MUSAR WINERY SUFFERED DIRECT HITS FROM SHELLING. FOR A SHORT WHILE THE WINE CELLARS SERVED A DUAL PURPOSE, AS THEY MADE EXCELLENT BOMB SHELTERS FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

THE RED WINES ARE MADE FROM A BLEND OF DIFFERENT GRAPE VARIETIES, MAINLY CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CINSULT AND CARIGNAN. THE VINES ARE GROWN ON A GRAVELY SOIL WITH A LIMESTONE BASE. THE COMPOSITION VARIES FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT, GIVING CHÂTEAU MUSAR A DIFFERENT CHARACTER AND IDENTITY EACH YEAR. THE WINE IS FERMENTED IN CONCRETE, BEFORE SPENDING ONE YEAR IN VAT, THEN A YEAR IN FRENCH OAK, BEFORE GOING BACK TO VAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HOCHAR BELIEVES HIS WINE NEEDS YEARS - PERHAPS TEN - BEFORE IT IS READY FOR DRINKING, AND THE WINES ARE ALREADY SOME WAY TOWARDS THAT AGE WHEN THEY ARE FINALLY RELEASED ONTO THE MARKET. THE WHITE WINES ARE MADE FROM A BLEND OF OBEIDEH AND MERWAH, WHICH ARE NATIVE TO THE BEKAA VALLEY AND MOUNT LEBANON. ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, OBEIDEH AND MERWAH WERE TAKEN BACK TO EUROPE WITH THE CRUSADERS AND  
ARE THE LIKELY ANCESTORS OF CHARDONNAY AND SEMILLON RESPECTIVELY.

CHÂTEAU MUSAR MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO PRODUCE TOTALLY NATURAL WINES, LETTING EACH ONE DEVELOP ITS OWN CHARACTER. THE MOSAIC RANGE IS A RELATIVELY NEW ENTRY-LEVEL LINE FROM THIS WELL KNOWN CHATEAU AND REPRESENTS EXCELLENT VALUE FOR MONEY AS WELL AS CONTINUOUS TOP CLASS WINE MAKING. A FASCINATING ADDITION TO THE MUSAR BRAND.

- 700 CHATEAU MUSAR MOSAIC, WHITE, BEKAA VALLEY, 2006** £25  
AN INTERESTING BLEND OF VIOGNIER, VERMENTINO AND CHARDONNAY PRODUCING A BRIGHT, CLEAR, GOLDEN COLOURED WINE WITH THE NOSE OF PINEAPPLE, CITRUS FRUITS AND JASMINE FLOWER, ALL FOLLOWED THROUGH TO THE PALATE. VERY REFRESHING AND VIBRANT WITH A CRISP FINISH.
- 710 CHATEAU MUSAR MOSAIC, RED, BEKAA VALLEY, 2006** £25  
DEEP SCARLET IN COLOUR, WITH RED CHERRY, BLACKCURRANT, AND SOME MILLED PEPPER COMING THROUGH. ON THE PALATE, THE VELVETY SOFT TANNINS REVEAL AGAIN RED CHERRIES, PEAR AND BLACKBERRIES, MIXED WITH CINNAMON AND CHOCOLATE ON THE MOST AGREEABLE FINISH. GOOD WITH THE SMOKEY MEATS QUITE COMMON IN WAR ZONE...!
- 720 CHATEAU MUSAR MOSAIC, ROSE, BEKAA VALLEY, 2006** £25  
THIS WINE IS MADE FROM 100% CINSULT GRAPES GROWN NEAR THE VILLAGE OF KEFRAYA IN THE BEKAA VALLEY. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MOSAIC ROSÉ IS DUE TO THE LONG MACERATION PERIOD AND ALSO COMES FROM THE LIMESTONE SOILS WHERE THE VINES ARE PLANTED. RICH, DEEP PINK IN COLOUR WITH A NOSE AND PALATE OF SUMMER PUDDING FRUITS, LEAD BY STRAWBERRIES, COMBINED WITH A GOOD ACIDITY AND RESULTING IN A WINE WHICH IS ROUND, SOFT AND MELLOW. SERVED GOOD AND COLD, IT'S SMASHING.
- 730 CHATEAU MUSAR, HOCHAR PÈRE ET FILS, BEKAA VALLEY, 2003** £32  
THE SECOND WINE OF SERGE HOCHAR'S LEGENDARY CHATEAU MUSAR, MADE IN THE SAME DISTINCTIVE SPICY STYLE, BUT ENJOYABLE AT A YOUNGER AGE. VERY INTENSE BURGUNDY COLOUR WITH A COMPLEX NOSE FULL OF RIPE, JUICY BLACK AND RED FRUITS WITH CHRISTMAS SPICES, COMBINED WITH FIGS, DATES AND CEDAR WOOD. THE OAK IS SUBTLE AND WELL-INTEGRATED WITH A PALATE BURSTING WITH FRUITS – RED AND BLACK CHERRIES, JUICY BLACKCURRANTS AND BLACKBERRIES, DAMSONS AND PLUMS BALANCED WITH GOOD ACIDITY, FINE TANNINS AND EXCELLENT LENGTH. ENJOY THIS, WHILE YOUR PRECIOUS MUSAR AGES IN THE CELLAR!
- 740 CHATEAU MUSAR ROSÉ, BEKAA VALLEY, 2004** £35  
CHATEAU MUSAR ROSÉ IS A HARMONIOUS BLEND OF THE CINSULT AND OBEIDEH GRAPES, ALMOST UNIQUE TO LEBANON. IT IS AGED FOR 6 TO 9 MONTHS IN OAK BARRELS AND BOTTLED AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR, THEN, UNUSUALLY, HELD TO AGE, AND RELEASED AT LEAST 2 YEARS LATER. THE 2004 VINTAGE FEATURES AN EXCELLENT BALANCE OF ALCOHOL, FRUIT AND ACIDITY. THE NOSE EXHIBITS RIPE CHERRIES, RED FRUITS AND ROSE WATER, WITH A HINT OF CHOCOLATE. IN THE MOUTH IT IS RICH, ROUND AND MELLOW, WITH A CONCENTRATION OF STRAWBERRY AND MATURE CHERRY FRUIT FLAVORS. VERY RARE.
- 750 CHATEAU MUSAR WHITE, BEKAA VALLEY 1993** £65  
BLENDED FROM 2 VARIETALS THAT ARE INDIGENOUS TO MOUNT LEBANON: OBEIDEH AND MERWAH, BOTH ARE GENTLY FERMENTED IN OAK BARRIQUES WHERE THEY MATURE FOR A 9 MONTHS. THEN WINE IS BOTTLED AND AGED FOR A FURTHER 4 YEARS BEFORE RELEASE. THE OUTCOME IS UNIQUE AND ECCENTRIC, BUT UTTERLY LOVABLE. QUITE AN EXPRESSIVE, NUTTY AND SPICY NOSE FOLLOWED BY VERY FULL PALATE, BOLDLY FLAVOURED WITH GOOD ACIDITY. A GREAT WINE TO GO ALONGSIDE PATE OR A TERRINE, OR DELICIOUS WITH CHEESE DUE TO ITS VERY FULL BODY. MEMORABLE FOR ALL SORTS OF REASONS!
- 760 CHATEAU MUSAR RED, BEKAA VALLEY 1993** £85  
THE LEGEND. MADE LARGELY FROM CABERNET WITH A BIT OF CINSULT, THIS MATURING VINTAGE IS PERFECT NOW. IT EXPLODES WITH INTENSE LEATHERY, DRIED FRUIT AND PEPPERY AROMAS AND FLAVOURS. IT'S FULL BODIED, OPEN KNIT, A BIT VOLATILE AND EDGY, BUT VERY EXCITING ON THE PALATE. GREAT SWEET, SOUR AND SPICE FLAVOUR TENSIONS AND OUTSTANDING LENGTH. BRILLIANT NOW, BUT SHOULD HOLD ANOTHER 5 YEARS.
- 770 CHATEAU MUSAR RED, BEKAA VALLEY, 2000, MAGNUM** £100  
THE 2000 VINTAGE OF CHATEAU MUSAR IS A BLEND OF CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CINSULT AND CARIGNAN – APPROXIMATELY 3RD OF EACH. IT WAS FERMENTED IN CEMENT VATS AND THEN AGED FOR ONE YEAR IN FRENCH OAK BARRIQUES. BLENDED AND BOTTLED AT THE END OF THE THIRD YEAR FOLLOWING THE HARVEST, AND AGED FOR A FURTHER 3 TO 4 YEARS BEFORE ITS RELEASE IN MAY 2007. THE NOSE IS AROMATIC, WARM AND QUITE SPICY. THANKS TO MAGNUM SIZED BOTTLE THE MUSAR GOES THROUGH A DIFFERENT AGEING PROCESS RESULTS IN A MORE COMPLEX AND FLAVOURSOME WINE.

## PUDDING WINES

- 500 CHILE LA PLAYA, LATE HARVESTED SAUVIGNON BLANC, 2010 £19**  
 HARVESTED BY HAND THIS WINE HAS LOVELY AROMAS OF MELON AND QUINCE, GOOSEBERRIES AND PAPAYA. AS ONE OF OUR FAVOURITES IT IS SWEET, YET PERFECTLY BALANCED WITH LINGERING FRESH ACIDITY AND NOTES OF SPICES. WORKS WONDERFULLY WITH FRUIT PUDDINGS, ESPECIALLY ZESTY PUDDINGS LIKE OUR GOURGEOUS LEMON TART!
- 502 FRANCE LE SIÈCLE GEORGINA, JEAN-FRANCOIS MERIEAU, 2000, 50CL BOTTLE £25**  
 SAINT JULIEN DE CHEDON IS A SMALL VILLAGE ON THE BANKS OF RIVER CHER IN THE LOIRE TOURAINE REGION. HOME TO JEAN-FRANCIS MERIEAU, A TALENTED AND ENERGETIC YOUNG WINEMAKER. THIS WINE IS A DELIGHTFUL, SWEET SAUVIGNON BLANC, MADE FROM LATE HARVESTED GRAPES AND IN VERY SMALL QUANTITIES. IT IS NAMED IN HONOUR OF JEAN FRANCOIS'S GREAT GRANDMOTHER 'GEORGINA', WHO KEEPS AN EYE ON THINGS FROM THE LABEL! IT HAS A REFRESHING CLARITY ON THE NOSE WITH AROMAS OF DRIED APRICOTS. THE PALATE IS DOMINATED BY HONEY, SULTANA AND PINEAPPLE FLAVOURS WITH A CRISP ACIDITY WHICH MAKES IT INCREDIBLY BALANCED. THIS IS NOT A COMMERCIAL STYLE WINE AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO OFFER IT ON OUR LIST. JUST AMAZING WITH A TART TATIN OR SIMILAR SWEET PASTRY.
- 504 ITALY VIN SANTO DI MONTEPULCIANO, 2001 50CL £28**  
 MAMMA MIA WAS THE WORDS OF AN ITALIAN CUSTOMER WHEN HE TRIED THIS OUTSTANDING WINE FROM THE CROCIANI ESTATE. AFTER MEETING WITH SUSANNA AND TRYING THIS DELICATE AND DELICIOUS PUDDING WINE IT IS A MUST TO TRY! AROMAS ARE INTENSE WITH NOTES OF RIPE FRUIT AND BUTTERSCOTCH. LOVELY WITH PANNA COTTA AND OTHER CREAM PUDDINGS AND ALSO WITH BLUE CHEESE, AS WELL AS FRUIT CAKES AND CHRISTMAS PUDDING!
- 506 AUSTRALIA YALUMBA, ANTIQUE TAWNY, MUSEUM RELEASE 375CL £28**  
 THE PRODUCTION OF FORTIFIED WINES HAS LONG BEEN A PART OF YALUMBA HISTORY. THE ANTIQUE TAWNY IS A SPECIAL, RELEASED ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE. IT'S AN OUTSTANDING DESSERT WINE, WITH ITS DEEP COLOUR AND 19% OF ALCOHOL IT IS RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF BECOMING PORT. THE AROMAS FEATURE WOOD AND ELEGANT BRANDY SPIRIT WITH A HINT OF DRIED FRUITS AND SOME SPICES. THE PALATE IS EXTREMELY RICH AND FIRM, WITH CHOCOLATE AND CARAMEL FLAVOURS AND A PERSISTENT AFTERTASTE OF NUTS. THIS MIGHT JUST BE YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO TASTE IT!
- 508 AUSTRIA WILLI OPITZ CUVEE BEERENAUSLESE, 2007 375CL £32**  
 WILLI DID WELL TO GIVE UP HIS CAREER AS A MECHANICAL ENGINEER! THIS IS ANOTHER FAVOURITE OF OURS AND ALSO OF OUR REGULARS! A BEAUTIFUL HONEY NOSE IT IS LIGHT ON THE PALATE WITH AROMAS OF MELON AND APRICOT. LOVELY WITH FRUIT AND CREAM PUDDINGS OR JUST TO SIP ON ITS OWN!
- 510 FRANCE CHATEAU DU CROS, SEMILLON, SAUVIGNON, MUSCADELLE, 2002 £38**  
 TRADITIONALLY SERVED WITH FOIE GRAS, THIS WINE IS ALSO SUITABLE WITH MONKFISH AND SCALLOPS. THIS IS A WINE THAT INVITES YOU TO BE DARING WHEN MATCHING IT WITH FOOD! NOSE OF LIME AND ACACIA, IT IS FRUITY AND DYNAMIC WHEN YOUNG AND ACQUIRES AN ELEGANCE, BODY AND HINTS OF CANDIED FRUIT WHEN MATURING. LOVELY WITH MOST PUDDINGS AND ESPECIALLY APPLE, PEAR AND PLUM!
- 512 ARGENTINA SAURUS, LATE HARVESTED PINOT NOIR, 50CL £38**  
 AS A RESULT OF PATIENT AND LENGTHY WAIT, THIS LATE HARVESTED PINOT NOIR STANDS OUT FOR ITS ELEGANCE AND PATAGONI'S PERSONALITY. SWEETNESS AND RIPENESS ARE THE FEATURES THAT EMERGE FROM THE TRADITIONAL FERMENTATION PROCESS. NICE AROMA OF FRUIT COMPOTE AND DRY CHERRIES. FINISHES WITH A HONEYED BUTTERNESSESS AND HINTS OF FIG. CAN BE ENJOYED AS AN ACCOMPANY TO JUST COFFEE IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE A PUDDING BUT FANCY SOMETHING SWEET. LOVELY WITH DARK CHOCOLATE AND CREAMY PUDDINGS.
- 514 GERMANY EISWEIN RIESLING, BOLLING-LEHNERT, 1999, 35CL BOTTLE £40**  
 MADE BY A UNIQUE PROCESS EISWEIN IS PRESSED WHEN THE GRAPES ARE AFFECTED BY 'EDELFAULE' (THE GERMAN VERSION OF NOBLE ROT) AND THEN FROZEN ON THE VINE BY SNOW FALL OR FROST. THEY ARE THEN HARVESTED QUICKLY AND PROCESSED IN THEIR FROZEN STATE. THIS MEANS THAT THE WATER CONTENT RISES TO THE TOP OF THE VAT AS ICE, LEAVING AN INTENSE MUST, HEAVY WITH SUGAR CONTENT. WHILST RIPE AND GOLDEN A HINT OF ACIDITY CUTS THROUGH THIS SUPERIOR DROP'S SWEETNESS, AND WITH ONLY 7.5 % BY VOLUME, YOU CAN STILL DRIVE HOME! DELICIOUS.

- 800 SPAIN HIDALGO, JEREZ CORTADO £4.00**  
AN UNIQUE DRY SHERRY, FROM A SOLERA (BARREL BLENDING PROCESS) STARTED 2 CENTURIES AGO. THE SUPERB CHARACTER OF THIS WINE IS ORIGINATED FROM AN ANCIENT SEDIMENT NOW LINING EACH OLD BARREL. POWERFUL SHERRY WITH LOVELY NUTTY FLAVOUR, YET WITH DELICACY AND FINESSE.
- 802 SPAIN HIDALGO, MOSCATEL £4.00**  
FINALLY A SWEET ONE! VERY FRAGRANT, WITH DEEP GOLDEN BROWN COLOUR AND AROMAS OF DRIED APRICOTS, FIGS AND DATES THAT ARE CARRIED OUT ON TO THE PALATE. THE SWEETNESS PAIRS HERE PERFECTLY WITH VERY REFRESHING ACIDITY AND MAKES THIS SHERRY MUCH MORE APPEALING THAN MANY DESSERT WINES.
- 804 SPAIN HIDALGO, NAPOLEON – CREAM £4.00**  
LOVELY RICH AND MOUTH FILLING SHERRY. CONCENTRATED AROMAS AND IRRESISTIBLE FLAVOURS OF PRUNES, DRIED APRICOTS, RAISINS AND HONEY, WITH PERHAPS SLIGHTLY VEGETAL UNDERTONES. VERY RESPECTABLE FINISH.
- 806 PORTUGAL MADEIRA D'OLIVEIRAS, 10 YEAR OLD £4.00**  
D'OLIVEIRA IS ONE OF THE GREATEST OF THE CLASSIC MADEIRA SHIPPERS, AND ONE OF THE FEW TO SURVIVE FROM THE PRE-PHYLLOXERA ERA. FOUNDED IN 1820, IS STILL OWNED BY THE SAME FAMILY, BUT WHAT IS REALLY EXTRAORDINARY IS THAT D'OLIVEIRA HAS HELD ON TO MANY OF ITS MOST FAMOUS VINTAGES, CREATING A UNIQUE, AND IRREPLACEABLE, STOCK OF VERY OLD WINES. THIS ONE IS MEDIUM – DRY, HAS DARK MAHOGANY COLOUR AND AROMAS OF CARAMEL, TOFFEE AND MOLASSES, ALL SLIGHTLY BURNT. ON THE PALATE IS QUITE ACIDIC AND RATHER MEDIUM BODIED WITH A FINE NUTTY FINISH.
- 808 PORTUGAL KROHN, WHITE PORT £4.00**  
KROHN IS A SMALL FAMILY-OWNED PORT HOUSE RUN BY BROTHER AND SISTER JOSE AND IOLANDA CARNEIRO. THEY PRODUCE A REMARKABLY COMPLETE RANGE FOR A SMALL HOUSE AND EACH WINE EXCELS IN ITS CATEGORY. THIS ONE, WITH A DEEP GOLDEN COLOUR AND A LOVELY COMPLEX AROMAS IS NO EXCEPTION. 8 YEARS OF CASK AGEING RESULTS IN RICH, HONEYED, BUT DRY PALATE, AND A LONG TANGY FINISH. GOOD ACIDITY MAKES IT WELL BALANCED AND VERY SUPERIOR TO MOST WHITE PORTS.
- 810 PORTUGAL WARRES OTIMA PORT, 50CL BOTTLE £6.50**  
HAS A LIGHT DELICATE PALATE AND IS IDEAL FOR DRINKING AT ANY TIME – PARTICULARLY IN THE SUMMER WHEN SERVED CHILLED AS AN APERITIF. AWARDED GOLD MEDALS IN BOTH, THE INTERNATIONAL WINE AND SPIRIT COMPETITIONS IN 2001. A NEW YOUTHFUL ANGLE ON PORT, GIVE IT A TRY.
- 812 FRANCE PINEAU DES CHARENTES, CHATEAU DE BEAULON, 5 YEARS OLD £4.80**  
PINEAU IS A REGIONAL FRENCH APERITIF, A FANTASTIC MIXTURE OF LIGHTLY FERMENTED GRAPE JUICE AND COGNAC, THIS ONE IS AGED FOR 5 YEARS. DELICATE, FRESH AND FRUITY WITH NOTES OF WHITE FLOWERS, HONEY, A LITTLE VANILLA, AND DRIED APRICOTS. EXCELLENT APERITIF, BUT EQUALLY GOOD MATCH FOR SCALLOPS OR FOIE GRAS.
- 814 FRANCE PINEAU DES CHARENTES, ROSE, JEAN FILLIOUX £4.80**  
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, IN THE 16TH CENTURY A WINE MAKER MISTAKENLY Poured SOME NEWLY PRESSED GRAPE JUICE INTO A CASK CONTAINING A LITTLE COGNAC. FURIOUS AT HIS BLUNDER, HE PUT THE "USELESS" CASK INTO A CORNER OF HIS STOREHOUSE AND FORGOT ABOUT IT. IT WAS A FEW YEARS LATER WHEN THE GRAPE HARVEST WAS PARTICULARLY ABUNDANT THAT HE SUDDENLY NEEDED HIS FORGOTTEN CASK. TO HIS SURPRISE WHEN POURING OUT THE CONTENTS, HE DISCOVERED A MARVELOUS, CLEAR LIQUID THAT TASTED OF THE FRUIT AND THE SUNSHINE THAT BLESSES THE CHARENTE AREA. PINEAU DES CHARENTES WAS BORN. THIS RUBY COLOURED ONE HAS BEEN MADE FROM JUICE OF CABERNET FRANC, CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND MERLOT. THE AROMAS OF RIPE CHERRIES, STRAWBERRIES AND BLACKCURRANT UNFOLD DELIGHTFULLY ON TO THE PALATE. PERFECT FOR LONG, WARM SUMMER EVENINGS.

VINTAGE PORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE BY THE BOTTLE, BUT PLEASE, ORDER BEFORE YOU EAT TO GIVE THE WINE TIME TO SETTLE AFTER DECANTING. WE KEEP UP TO 20 VINTAGES AT ANY ONE TIME IN OUR CELLARS, SO PLEASE ASK FOR THE UP TO DATE AVAILABILITY OF SHIPPERS, VINTAGES AND PRICE.

**COGNACS**

<b>900</b>	<b>COURVOISIER VS</b> AGED IN WOOD FOR A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS, DELICATE AND FRUITY.	<b>£ 4.50</b>
<b>902</b>	<b>HENNESSY FINE DE COGNAC</b> CREATED IN 2002, IS A HARMONIOUS BLEND OF AROUND 60 'EAUX-DE-VIE'. VERY SUBTLE AND DELICATE, WITH SPICY, FLORAL CHARACTER.	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>904</b>	<b>REMY MARTIN VSOP</b> INTENSE COMPOSITION OF RIPE SUMMER FRUITS AND OAK AROMAS. MINIMUM OF 4 YEARS IN WOOD.	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>906</b>	<b>HENNESSY XO</b> THIS EXTRA OLD COGNAC IS A BLEND OF AROUND ONE HUNDRED, CAREFULLY SELECTED, OLD 'EAUX-DE-VIE' FROM COGNAC'S FINEST GROWING REGIONS. AN AVERAGE AGE OF THIS GOLDEN LIQUID IS ABOUT 50 YEARS, WHICH MAKES IS INCREDIBLY SMOOTH, MATURED AND COMPLEX. AROMAS RICH IN DRIED FRUIT AND WARMING SPICES EVOLVE TO ROBUST BUT ELEGANT PALATE, CONFRONTED BY STRONG PEPPERY NOTES WITH A HINT OF LEATHER AND TOBACCO AND FINALLY BALANCED BY SWEET NOTES OF CINNAMON AND VANILLA. ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!	<b>£ 8.70</b>
<b>908</b>	<b>COURVOISIER XO</b> MINIMUM OF 6 YEARS WOOD AGEING FOR EACH 'EAUX-DE-VIE' INCLUDED IN THIS COGNAC MAKES IT VERY RICH AND COMPLEX, WITH AROMAS OF APRICOTS, PEARS AND VANILLA. LONG AND MELLOW FINISH	<b>£ 7.70</b>
<b>910</b>	<b>HENNESSY PARADIS</b> AN EXCEPTIONAL AND VERY UNIQUE, PARADIS IS THE PRODUCT OF SUCCESSIVE BLENDS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED 'EAUX-DE-VIE' BROUGHT TO THEIR PEAK BY SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS OF CELLAR MASTERS FROM THE SAME FAMILY. FIRST CREATED IN 1979 BY MAURICE FILLIOUX WHO CHOSE 'EAUX-DE-VIE' WHICH HAD BEEN SELECTED BY HIS GRANDFATHER. NOWADAYS, THE HENNESSY PARADIS BECAME AN ICON AND IS REVERED ALL OVER THE WORLD BY COGNAC CONNOISSEURS, ITS AROMAS AND FLAVOURS ARE THE ULTIMATE DELIGHT FOR THE SENSES. PURE INDULGENCE.	<b>£25.00</b>

**WHISKIES**

<b>912</b>	<b>PENDERYN, WELSH WHISKY</b> AWARD-WINNING SINGLE MALT FROM THE ONLY DISTILLERY IN WALES, JUST HALF AN HOUR FROM HERE. MATURED IN BOURBON BARRELS AND FINISHED IN MADEIRA CASKS. FULL AND SMOOTH. EUROPEAN SINGLE CASK WHISKY OF THE YEAR 2009.	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>914</b>	<b>GLENMORANGIE, 10 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>916</b>	<b>GLENFIDDICH, 12 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>918</b>	<b>HIGHLAND PARK, 12 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>920</b>	<b>MACALLAN, 10 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>922</b>	<b>GLEN ORD, 12 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>924</b>	<b>OBAN, 14 Y.O. – HIGHLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>926</b>	<b>GLENKINCHIE, 12 Y.O. – LOWLAND</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>928</b>	<b>CRAGGANMORE, 12 Y.O. – SPEYSIDE</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>930</b>	<b>BUNNAHABHAIN, 12 Y.O. – ISLAY</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>
<b>932</b>	<b>TALISKER, 10 Y.O. – ISLAY</b>	<b>£ 5.50</b>

IN ADDITION WE CARRY A HUGE RANGE OF UNUSUAL LIQUEURS AND HAVANA CIGARS IN THE BAR.. ALL PRICES INCLUDE VAT AT 20 %