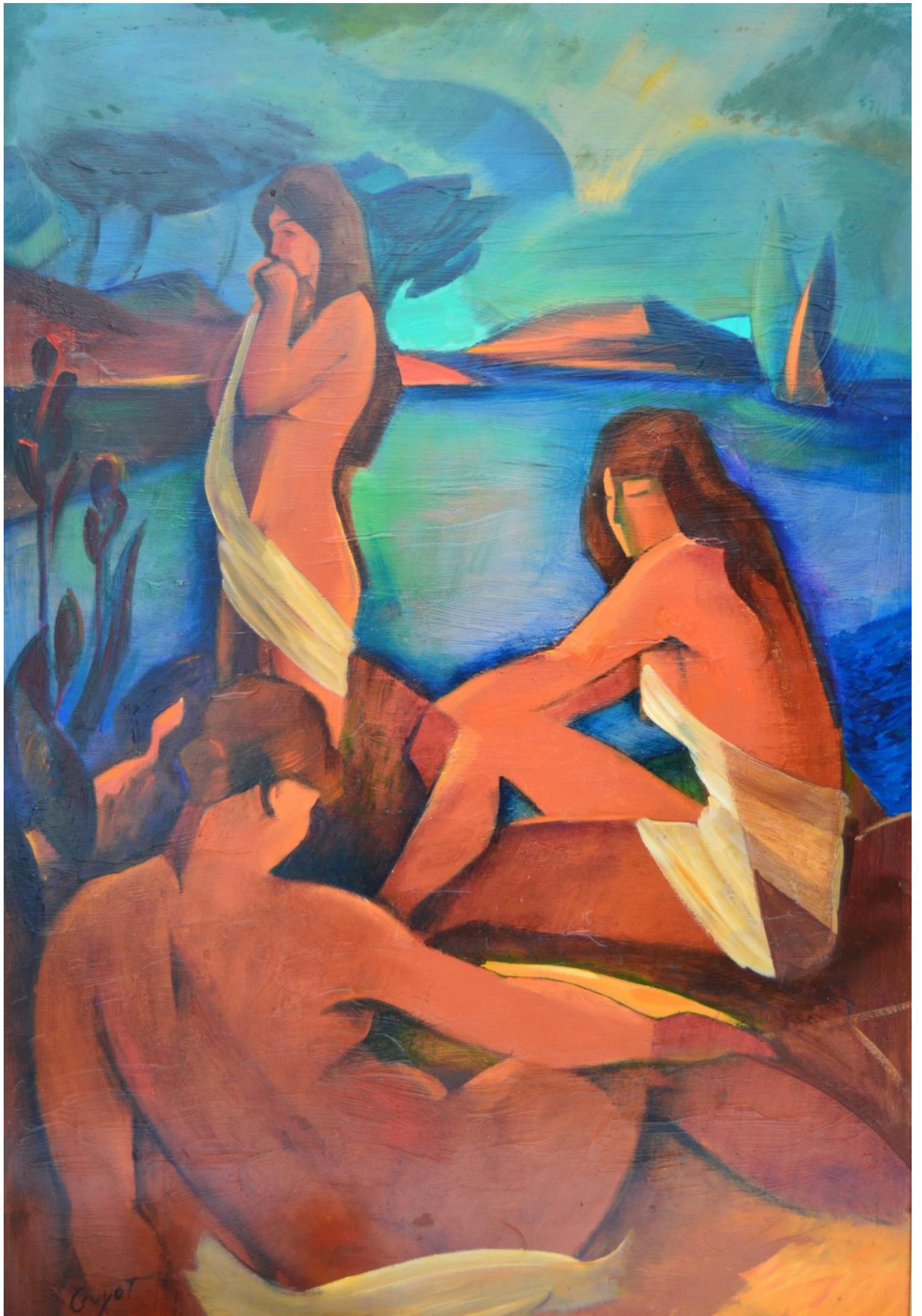


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Introduction

As a child I was convinced wines were only for meal time, and strictly mandatory on Sunday lunch, when the whole family gathered around the fire of the barbecue and each person arriving did so with their favourite wine, a Rioja Crianza, an Argentinian “Bordeaux”, my aunt usually brought a bottle of Liebfraumilch, and there was always a good amount of Uruguayan Tannat.

If you are familiar with Uruguayan Tannat of nowadays, you will find them complicated and not an easy wine to drink as the acidity, tannins and alcohol are high. Well 25 years ago they were not so friendly either, but they perfectly accompanied the intense aromatic barbequed cuts of beef which were garnished with little more than few slices of fresh tomatoes, well-seasoned with salt and pepper and plenty of bread.

It is easy to overlook the significance of a wine which can complement to perfection the food it is being enjoyed with. Even the best wines if poorly paired can ruin the hours of work our skilled chefs dedicated to creating the finest culinary offerings for you, our guests to enjoy. However the right wine can work seamlessly on the palate to extenuate the flavours, our chefs so carefully balance to create a meal you will not only enjoy but remember for years to come

In this book you will find about 1000 wines carefully chosen by the restaurant team and me, showcasing over 40 different vintages, approximately 30 countries, and more than 450 producers, with each wine representing the culmination of the tireless efforts of all the people that this involves, working around the year in the vineyards, cellars, offices, transporting and storing the wines.

The book is focused on “Old World”, countries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, places where they have been producing wine for over a thousand years, but there is as also a good selections of top producers from the “New World”. This decision has been made considering what I expressed previously about the imperative importance of food and wine pairing. Chef William Drabble’s food would be describe as French inspired but utilising local British produce, thus the French style “Old World” wines tend to endear themselves to it.

This also maintains a long held tradition of British enjoyment and importation of fine French wines, dating as far back Samuel Pepys, however I also sought to showcase different “local” wines (Europe) that perhaps do not enjoy the fame of their local neighbours but, are none the less extremely enjoyable.

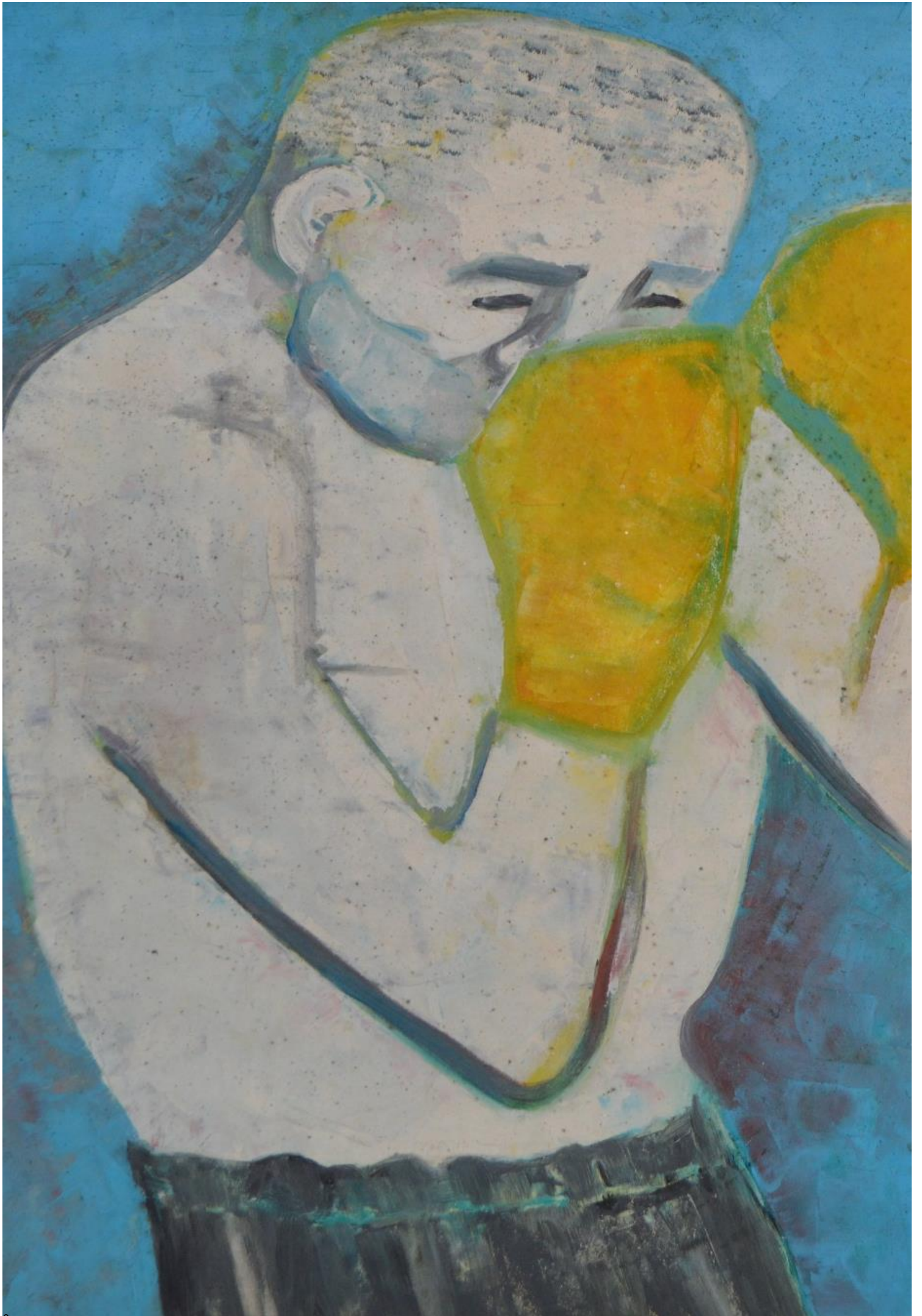
You will also find an Introduction to the each wine producing Country, Region, and some producers we have selected; producers who in our opinion reflect what we are trying to achieve every day in our jobs. Excellence.

The compiling of this list has by no means been a solitary effort, particularly in a day and age where the global demand is great for a selection of wines. Thus I would like to thank the producers and our suppliers with whom we have collaborated to find the gems we have selected to present to you.

The whole team of St. James Hotel and Club would like to wish you a most enjoyable time with us.

Please do not hesitate to ask Andrew or me for any help you would require, or simply you are a wine fan and feel like talking about it, we know the feeling.

Gonzalo Rodriguez Diaz
Head Sommelier



Sparkling

CHAMPAGNE

In 1668, Dom Pérignon is said to have discovered how to make sparkling wine; today his technique is used the world over. France's most northerly wine region, Champagne is now home to 15,000 growers and 290 'houses'. A blend of grape varieties is usually required: white Chardonnay to add fruit and elegance, and two reds – Pinot Noir and Meunier – to provide body and backbone.

Most Champagnes are non-vintage where a minimum of one and a half years ageing is required. In years where there is an outstanding harvest Champagne houses may 'declare' the vintage (millesimé) using only grapes from that particular year – three years maturation is required for these wines.

NON VINTAGE

Brut	Delamotte	NV	£90
Premier Cru, Brut	Forget-Brimont	NV	£99
Cuvée Spéciale, Brut 1 ^{er} Cru	Jean-Marc Sélèque	NV	£142
Les Beguines	Jerome Prevost La Closerie	NV	£195
Les Crayeres, Ambonnay, Grand Cru, Brut	Egly-Ouriet	NV	£290
Les Vignes de Vrigny, Premier Cru, Brut	Egly-Ouriet	NV	£175
Princes, Blanc de Noirs	De Venoge	NV	£155
Blanc de Noirs	Chateau de Boursault	NV	£109
Blanc de Blancs, Brut	Gosset	NV	£175

Delamotte

Founded in 1760. is the sixth oldest house of Champagne. In the heart of the Cote de Blancs in Mesnil-sur-Oger, Oger, Avize and Cramant Delamotte owns six hectares. One great asset to this house is it's first right to Salon Grapes if Salon decides not to make a vintage. This is a house worth notice, great quality, pure style, fresh and elegant wines of fantastic value, it's stylish brut is a safe bet. The Rose de saignee is in a fresh red berry style of refinement.

ROSE

Rosé, Brut	Delamotte	NV	£125
Premier Cru Rosé, Brut	Forget-Brimont	NV	£135
Rosé, Brut	Krug	NV	£520
Princes	De Venoge	NV	£155
Louis XV, Brut	De Venoge	2006	£450
Cuvée Dom Pérignon, Brut	Moët & Chandon	2004	£570

Sparkling

CHAMPAGNE

VINTAGE

Blanc de Blancs, Brut	Delamotte	2002	£225
Vintage, Brut	Salon	2004	£850
Vintage, Brut	Salon	1999	£890
R.D. Extra Brut	Bollinger	2002	£450
Vieilles Vignes Françaises, Blanc de Noirs	Bollinger	1999	£1,450
Cuvée Dom Pérignon, Brut	Moët & Chandon	2009	£370
Grand Cru, Brut	Egly-Ouriet	2004	£250
Clos des Goisses, Brut	Philipponnat	2005	£350
Clos des Goisses, Brut	Philipponnat	2002	£750
Les Chetillons, Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru, Brut	Pierre Peters	2010	£250
Coeur de Cuvée, Brut	Vilmart et Cie	2007	£280
Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill, Brut	Pol Roger	2004	£490
Grand Millésime, Brut	Gosset	2004	£199
Blanc de Blancs, Millésimé Brut	Deutz	2007	£205
Cuvée Dom Pérignon P2, Brut	Moët & Chandon	1998	£569
Millésime, Brut	Alfred Gratien	1998	£165
Millésime, Brut	Henriot	1995	£220
Millésime, Brut	Henriot	1971	£950
Louis XV, Brut	De Venoge	2006	£470
Blanc des Millénaires, Brut	Charles Heidsieck	1995	£340
Cote Premier Cru, Extra-Brut	Bereche et Fils	2005	£225
Le Jardin de la Grosse Pierre, Grand Cru	Benoit Lahaye	2011	£285
Mineral, Blanc de Blancs, Extra Brut, Grand Cru	Agrapart & Fils	2010	£265
Rive Gauche, Extra Brut	Bereche et Fils	2013	£179

Salon

In 1905 wealthy furrier Eugène-Aimé Salon purely created the Champagne for his personal pleasure. A tiny house on the Côte de Blancs, produces what connoisseurs consider to be the quintessential Blanc de Blancs. Salon produces Champagnes in minuscule amounts from over 40-year-old Chardonnay vines in Le Mesnil-sur-Oger (one of the greatest crus of the Côte de Blancs, 100% Grand Cru). Salon is on average only declared about 3 times a decade. His 1911 "Grand Vin Nature du Mesnil" thus became the very first blanc de blancs Champagne when it was released in 1921.

Salon is extremely delicate, subtly rich and with age (20-30 years or more) develops notable aromas and flavours of coconut, walnut, coffee and vanilla.

All champagne lovers should experience Salon at some stage.

Sparkling

ENGLAND

English wine is growing in popularity and is increasingly recognised as a premium wine producing region. In Britain's cooler climate, the challenge is ripening grapes that tend to cling to their initial high acidity, but at least high acidity is a positive attribute in sparkling wine. Chalk soil, common in Champagne, is closely associated with good quality sparkling wine from the champagne grapes Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier and can be found in parts of Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and Dorset.

VINTAGE

Sussex, Classic Cuvée	Nyetimber	NV	£85
Hampshire, Kings Cuvée Brut	Hattingley Valley	2011	£170
Kent, Blanc de Blancs Brut, Late Disgorged	Gusbourne Estate	2007	£155

ITALY

Prosecco Treviso	Cecilia Beretta	NV	£47
Trentino, Perlé Nero	Ferrari	2006	£115

SPAIN

Cava, a Spanish "sparkling wine", is a centuries-old tradition carried on in the northern areas of Spain. A Cava is created in the same manner as French Champagne is. The grapes traditionally used for Cava - macabeo, xarello, and parellada - make Cava a light, white, fruity, perfumed wine.

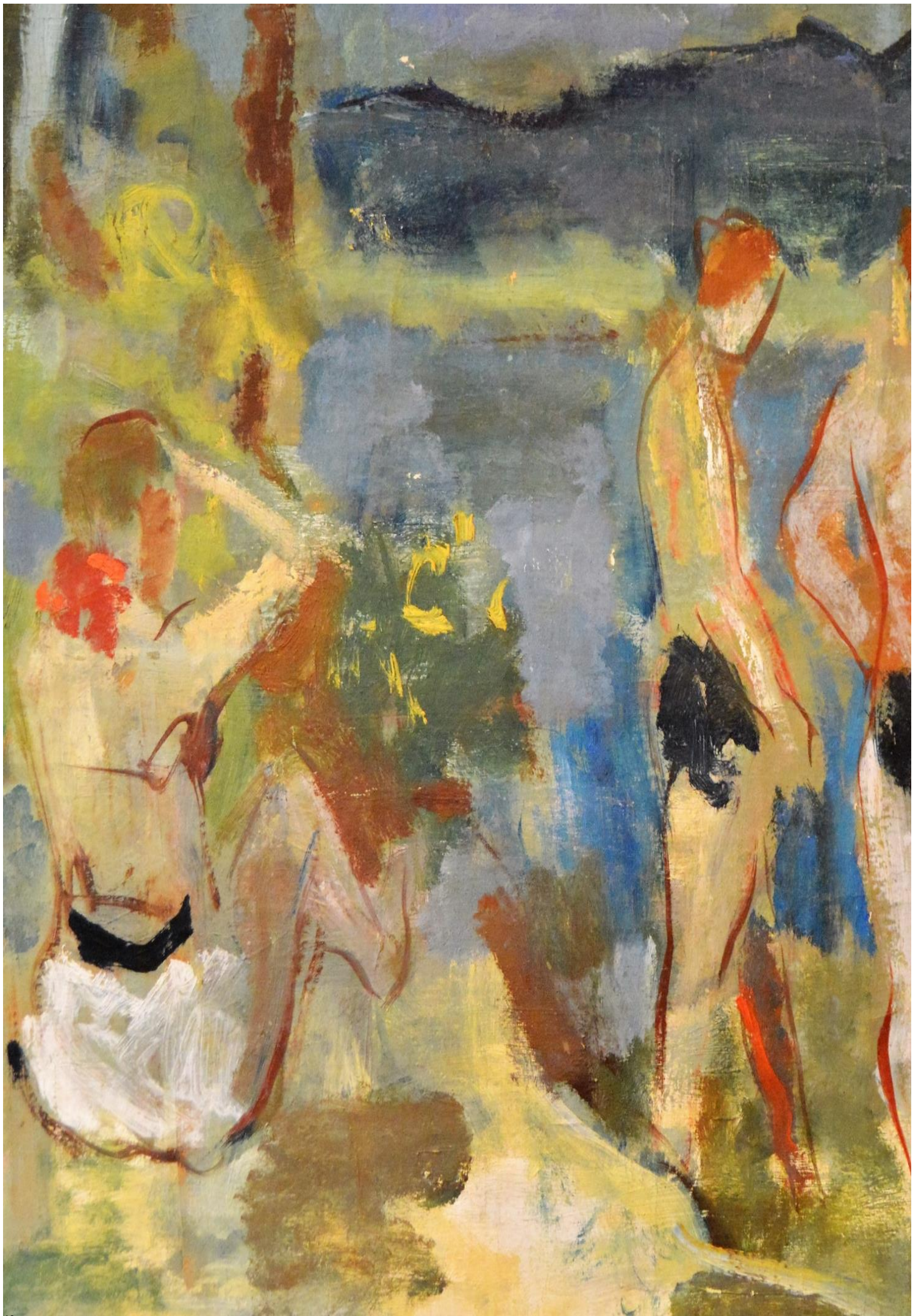
Catalonia, Imperial Gran Reserva, Brut, Cava	Gramona	2010	£90
Catalonia, Reserva Particular, Brut Nature, Cava	Recaredo	2003	£169
Catalonia, Turo d'en Mota, Brut, Cava	Recaredo	2003	£250

GERMANY

Rheingau, Sekt	Solter	NV	£55
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SWITZERLAND

Vaud, Blanc de Blancs Brut Mousseux	Auguste Chevalley	NV	£69
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FRANCE

COTEAUX CHAMPENOIS

Is the Appellation for the unusual still wines of Champagne. For every bottle of white still Coteaux Champenois produced, about 20 of still red Coteaux Champenois are produced, in good vintages, and approximately 16000 bottles of sparkling Champagne. The wines tend to be high in acidity, light and mineral, most of them will improve with long ageing.

Bouzy, Les Gouttes d'Or, Grand Cru	Pierre Paillard	2012	£135
Aÿ, Grand Cru	Henri Giraud	2010	£250
Aÿ, Grand Cru	Henri Giraud	2008	£310
Cramant, "Nature", Grand Cru	Larmandier Bernier	2009	£165

Henri Giraud

Champagne Henri Giraud was founded by François Hémart at the beginning of the 17th century when the family settled in the village of Aÿ in the Champagne region of France. The vineyard was wiped out, as many were, during the phylloxera outbreak and was re-planted with grafted vines by Leon Giraud at the beginning of the 20th century. At the helm today is the 12th generation of the Giraud-Hémart family, Claude Giraud, who oversees the hand-crafting of their top cuvées.

Chalky soils give the wine a unique sense of place and a minerality that creates a vibrant, delicate style, whilst the winery's use of Argonne oak lends a unique sophistication and character to each bottle.

SAVOIE

Savoie and Haute-Savoie are home to four different appellations contrôlées: Vin de Savoie, Roussette de Savoie, Seyssel for its sparkling wines, and Crépy. To make things slightly complicated, the more predominant of these, Vin de Savoie, which spans from the shores of Lake Geneva to beyond Chambéry, can be followed by the name of one of 16 crus, usually just the name of the village where the wine is produced. The same is true for the white Roussette de Savoie, made from the grape of the same name, which has four separate crus.

Roussette de Savoie, Frangy	Domaine Lupin	2015	£42
Chignin-Bergeron, Les Terrasses	Andre & Michel Quenard	2014	£62
Chignin-Bergeron, Les Fripons	Gilles Berlioz	2013	£82
Vin des Allobroges , "Un matin Face au lac"	Domaine Les Vignes de Paradis	2015	£60

White

FRANCE

JURA

The green, rolling landscape of the Jura is a sight to behold, and the perfect picture of how a mountainous region nestled in between Burgundy and Switzerland should appear in the mind's eye. In this cooler climate, vineyards are planted on slopes at varying altitudes and gradients. This region is home to forty different grape varieties with styles so different that they tend to shock the uninitiated.

Arbois, Traminer	Stéphane Tissot		2007	£56
Arbois, Clos de la Tour de Curon, Chardonnay	Stéphane Tissot		2012	£159
Arbois-Pupillin, Savagnin Ouillé	Pierre Overnoy - Houillon	50cl	2006	£199
Arbois-Pupillin, Savagnin Ouillé	Pierre Overnoy - Houillon	50cl	1998	£220
Arbois-Pupillin, Naturé Ouillé, Foudre à Canon	Domaine La Borde		2014	£59
Arbois Vin Jaune	Domaine de St Pierre	62cl	2008	£150
L'Etoile, Sélection	Domaine Jean-Luc Mouillard		2012	£65
Château Chalon	Stéphane Tissot	62cl	2010	£185
Château Chalon	Domaine Berthet-Bondet	62cl	2009	£145
Côtes du Jura, Sous La Roche	Jean Francois Ganevat		2014	£155
Côtes du Jura, Grusse en Billat	Jean Francois Ganevat		2013	£95
Côtes du Jura, Cuvée du Pépé	Jean Francois Ganevat		2008	£229
Côtes du Jura, Cuvée Prestige	Jean Francois Ganevat		2008	£195
Côtes du Jura, Cuvée Prestige	Jean Francois Ganevat		2006	£229
Côtes du Jura, Les Vignes de Mon Père	Jean Francois Ganevat		2005	£229
Côtes du Jura, Les Chassagnes Savagnin Ouillé	Philippe Bornard		2012	£95
Côtes du Jura	Domaine Macle		2012	£85

Ganevat

In the charming hamlet of La Combe, Jean-François Ganevat is making wine with the inspired magic of an alchemist. He comes from a long line of winegrowers, dating as far back as 1650. With only eight-and-a-half hectares under vine, the family had seventeen different local varieties planted of both red and white grapes. For such a fervent perfectionist the decision to have the domaine certified as biodynamic was a natural choice. His wines are de-stemmed by hand, each cluster carefully trimmed with scissors. Jean-François is committed to minute doses of sulphur, by aging many of his whites on the lees for extended periods of time, anywhere from two to eleven years.

FRANCE

ALSACE

Alsace is in a truly exceptional setting for wine production. Protected by the Vosges Mountains, this picturesque region is singularly blessed with enviable conditions: ancient soils, noble grapes and an extraordinary climate – one of the driest in France. Here Soil is the key to understand and enjoy, minerality and freshness aren't just concepts, they are the story of the wines.

Zellberg, Pinot Gris	Domaine André Ostertag	2009	£92
Sylvaner, Reserve	Weinbach	2015	£60
Altenbourg, Pinot Gris	Weinbach	2012	£130

GRAND CRU

Zotzenberg, Gewurztraminer	Lucas et Andre Rieffel	2012	£72
Rosacker, Clos Ste. Hune	Domaine Trimbach	2006	£375
Rosacker, Clos Ste. Hune	Domaine Trimbach	2008	£365
Schoenenbourg, Schoelhammer, Riesling	Famille Hugel	2008	£199
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Mambourg, Gewurztraminer	Weinbach	2013	£165
Furstentum, Gewurztraminer	Albert Mann	2012	£85
Schlossberg, Riesling	Albert Mann	2014	£95
Schlossberg, Ste Catherine, Riesling	Weinbach	2009	£175
Schlossberg, Ste Catherine, Riesling	Weinbach	2008	£175
Schlossberg, Ste Catherine, Riesling	Weinbach	2005	£225
Schlossberg, Ste Catherine, Riesling	Weinbach	2004	£240
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Schlossberg, Ste Catherine, Riesling	Weinbach	2001	£270
Hengst, Riesling	Barnes Buecher	2012	£105
Vorbourg, Clos Saint Landelin, Riesling	Rene Mure	2013	£95
Rangen, Clos Saint Urbain, Pinot Gris	Domaine Zind-Humbrecht	2013	£179
Rangen, Clos Saint Urbain, Riesling	Domaine Zind-Humbrecht	2011	£179

Weinbach

Located at the foot of the majestic Schlossberg hill in Alsace stands one of the finest estates in all of France, Domaine Weinbach, which means “wine stream”.

Today Domaine Weinbach is run with consummate skill and total dedication by Catherine Faller and her son, Théo. It was established by the Order of Capuchin monks in 1612. The “Clos des Capuchins” vineyard surrounds the domaine; in front the prestigious “Schlossberg” vineyard, the first terroir in Alsace to receive the status of Grand Cru. In the heart of Kayserberg’s hills and valleys, 28 hectares are worked Bio-dynamically.

White

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

Burgundy is a province in eastern France, that includes the viticultural regions of Chablis and Auxerre in the Yonne departement, the Cote de Nuits and Cote de Beaune in the departement of the Cote D'Or and the Cote Chalonnaise and Maconnais in the Saone-et-Loire departement.

It's not the majesty of the grapes vinified for these wines that make them unrivaled. The grapes are mostly Chardonnay, and a little of Aligote and other grapes. Chardonnay when standing alone, undisguised, Chardonnay is a bland grape, relatively punchless, easily manipulated by winemakers. It's productive enough that mediocre bottlings can be made inexpensively.

But it has certain qualities that make it capable of greatness. Because it is essentially subtle, it picks up flavors from the soil and the earth, few other grapes are so influenced by the concept of terroir, the French word for sense of place. The best white Burgundies are spare, concentrated, focused and noble.

Bourgogne	Domaine Leroy	2015	£125
Bourgogne, Cuvee Oligocene	Domaine Patrick Javillier	2014	£74
Bourgogne	Domaine Leflaive	2014	£145
Bourgogne, La Tufera	Domaine Etienne Sauzet	2013	£76
Bourgogne	Domaine Roulot	2012	£95
Bourgogne Aligoté	Anne Boisson	2014	£73
Bourgogne Aligoté	Domaine Coche-Dury	2014	£195
Bourgogne Aligoté	Domaine Coche-Dury	2013	£145
Bourgogne Aligoté	Domaine Marc Colin	2012	£49

Domaine Coche-Dury

Jean-François Coché. He began working in the family vineyards alongside his father, Georges, at the age of fourteen, becoming the third generation of Coches to tend these vines. His marriage to Odile Dury in 1975 added to the family holdings, which lead to the formation of Domaine Coche-Dury. Since then, the enigmatic, modest, Jean-François has only reluctantly accepted the celebrity status of his wines. When asked, he would be most likely say that it is rigor, constant vigilance, and adherence to old-school tradition that makes the wines so special. Jean-François' heritage seems more closely linked to the studious, farmer-monks that once propagated this area of Burgundy during the Middle Ages than to the stocky Gauls of lore, as his work style is almost hermetical.

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

YONNE

CHABLIS

Chablis is located in northern Burgundy, consequently, has a cooler climate than the rest of Burgundy, which contributes to the style of wine produced. A key division lies between soils, Kimmeridgian soils and Portlandian soils. Kimmeridgian soil is more highly regarded; it contains greater levels of mineral-rich clay, as well as the essential marine fossils which are responsible for its lime content, these are the source of the trademark minerality in Premier Cru and Grand Cru wines from Chablis.

Petit Chablis	Dauvissat-Camus	2014	£75
Chablis	Laurent Tribut	2015	£79
Chablis	Dauvissat-Camus	2012	£125

PREMIER CRU

Côte de Lechet	Domaine Bernard Defaix	2016	£95
Beauregard	Domaine Pattes Loup	2014	£155
La Forest	Dauvissat-Camus	2016	£185
La Forest	Dauvissat-Camus	2012	£185
Vaillons	Dauvissat-Camus	2010	£195
Montée de Tonnerre	Domaine François Raveneau	2006	£440
Monts Mains	Domaine de Vauroux	2012	£99
Monts Mains	Domaine François Raveneau	2004	£360

GRAND CRU

Preuses	Dauvissat-Camus	2012	£260
Blanchot	Jean-Paul & Benoit Droin	2013	£139
Les Clos	Maison Dampt	2014	£159
Les Clos	Maison Dampt	2013	£149
Les Clos	Maison Dampt	2010	£199
Vaudésir	Domaine Lavantureux Frères	2014	£185
Valmur	Moreau-Naudet	2015	£125
"La Moutonne"	Domaine Long-Depaquit	2012	£250

Domaine Dauvissat

Arguably the finest domaine in Chablis and its place at the top of the hierarchy is rivalled only by Domaine Raveneau. Vincent started working with his father in 1976 and has run the domaine for the last 5 years. There are 11 hectares split between 2 Grands Crus and 3 Premiers Crus sites. Yields are restricted and in the winery the vinification and maturation is painstaking and meticulous. The grapes are fermented in enamel tanks and the juice remains in tank for a year before being transferred to oak barrels, a small percentage of which are new. The wines have a purity and intensity of flavour rarely encountered in Chablis.

SAINT BRIS

Saint Bris	Domaine Sorin de France	2015	£42
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White

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

MARSANNAY

Marsannay	Domaine Joseph Roty	2014	£90
Clos Du Roy	Domaine Jean Fournier	2012	£86

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

In Morey-Saint-Denis most of the vineyards are planted with Pinot Noir grapes, although a few parcels are planted with Chardonnay or Pinot Blanc varieties, yielding a rare and interesting white wine, generally quite firm and opulent.

En la Rue de Vergy	Domaine Bruno Clair	2009	£145
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VOUGEOT

Vougeot is white or grey-gold in colour. The pleasant initial bouquet is of mayflower and acacia with an occasional hint of mango. A touch of minerality is often found. In the older wines, aromas range from amber to gingerbread to quince to fig. This wine is on the dry side but with that underlying richness which is the trademark of the Côte de Nuits Chardonnay.

White wine growing, uncommon in this area, nonetheless has a long history going back to the Cistercian monks.

PREMIER CRU

Le Clos Blanc	Domaine de la Vougeraie	2009	£210
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NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES

The rare whites wines of Nuits-Saint-Georges tend have a strong gold colour. They are firm and usually heady with a bouquet of brioche and sometimes honey, underpinned by white flowers.

PREMIER CRU

Clos des Grandes Vignes	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2014	£450
Clos de L'Arlot	Domaine de L'Arlot	2013	£199
Clos de la Maréchale	Domaine J-F Mugnier	2012	£215

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

HILL OF CORTON

The wood-capped hill of Corton marks the northern boundary of the Côte de Beaune, though its terroir is so individual as to warrant its own appellation. Superlative red and white wines are produced including two remarkable, iconic commune ambassadors in the grands crus Corton and Corton-Charlemagne. The hill of Corton is planted on every suitable site, on slopes of varying aspects, sharing vines with Aloxe-Corton, Ladoix-Serrigny and Pernand-Vergelesses. Burgundy is always complicated but the legalities surrounding the nomenclature of the Corton hill create a whole new level of complexity. The hill comprises some 160ha of grand cru, split between the three villages.

Ladoix, Le Cloud	Domaine Prieure Roch	2015	£135
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GRAND CRU

Corton	Lucien Le Moine	2010	£310
Corton-Charlemagne	Domaine Bonneau du Martray	2005	£325
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BEAUNE

Les Longes	Lucien Le Moine	2008	£135
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MONTHELIE

PREMIER CRU

Les Champs Fulliot	Domaine Roulot	2011	£165
Les Champs Fulliot	Domaine Roulot	2010	£175

SAINT ROMAIN

Saint-Romain in the Côte de Beaune stands at the foot of a high cliff but at an elevation which enables it to look out over a wide stretch of countryside.

100,000 years ago, bears and lions roamed here and it has been a focus of human activity since neolithic times. It was one of the first places in Bourgogne where Celts and Gallo-Romans cultivated the vine.

Saint-Romain	Domaine Henri Boillot	2013	£89
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White

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

MEURSAULT

Meursault is the largest village of the Cote de Beaune, with a wine history dating back to Roman times. Is the softest, richest and most rounded of the three main village appellations for fine white Burgundy. The classic descriptor used to be butter and hazelnuts. Nowadays there are more interpretations of the appellation than previously, there is a noted divide between the mineral wines from such hillside vineyards as Narvaux, Clous and Tillets and the fatter, fleshier wines from the valley floor below the premier crus.

Meursault	Domaine François Mikulski	2014	£185
Meursault	Domaine des Comtes Lafon	2014	£250
Meursault	Domaine Coche-Dury	2013	£399
Meursault	Domaine Coche-Dury	2013	£399
Clos des Ambres	Arnaud Ente	2013	£370
Clos des Ambres	Arnaud Ente	2012	£375
Clos du Domaine	Henri Darnat	2016	£139
Les Tessonns	Domaine Pierre Morey	2008	£220
Les Tessonns, Clos de Mon Plaisir	Domaine Roulot	2006	£390
Les Meix Chavaux	Domaine Roulot	2012	£240

PREMIER CRU

Perrières	Vallet Frères	2011	£195
Sous le Dos d'Ane	Domaine Leflaive	2014	£250
Genevrières	Domaine François Mikulski	2014	£330
Charmes	Domaine François Mikulski	2014	£290
Charmes	Domaine Matrot	2010	£175
Charmes	Louis Latour	2002	£125
Poruzots	Domaine François Mikulski	2014	£290
Poruzots	Francois et Antoine Jobard	2005	£205
Bouchères	Domaine Roulot	2010	£450

Roulot

The death of Guy Roulot in 1982 took many by surprise. This legendary producer of some of the finest Meursaults, if not some of the world's finest white wines. Domaine Roulot has become the master of the lieu-dit, not to mention the five premier cru parcels they farm in Meursault and Monthelie. Guy's sudden death left the family in transition, as his son, Jean-Marc was in Paris pursuing a career in acting. A series of three winemakers aided in the changeover until 1989, when Jean-Marc was at last ready to take on the direction of the estate.

What sets the domaine even further apart is Jean-Marc's commitment to a bright, chiseled, thoroughbred style of Meursault. Jean-Marc's wines certainly express a certain depth and sumptuousness thanks to the appellation's terroir, however his wines also show focus and restraint. Their elegance and amazing precision lend themselves to long aging in cellar.

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET

Puligny-Montrachet, along with Chassagne, is the most perfect expression of the Chardonnay grape. The appellation was created in 1937 on soils separated by only a few metres from the Grands Crus. The white wines have well-defined personalities and an established reputation. Puligny-Montrachet and its Premiers Crus are concentrated and well-bred. Their balance, aromatic complexity, and purified style demand delicate but rich food.

Puligny-Montrachet	Domaine François Carillon	2015	£129
Puligny-Montrachet	Domaine Etienne Sauzet	2015	£141
Puligny-Montrachet	Domaine Leflaive	2005	£270
Les Enseignères	Domaine Coche-Dury	2003	£599

PREMIER CRU

Demoiselle	Guy Amiot et Fils	2014	£285
La Garenne	Domaine Etienne Sauzet	2013	£185
Les Champs Canet	Domaine Jacques Carillon	2010	£250
Sous le Puit	Domaine Leroy	2009	£399
Les Combettes	Domaine Etienne Sauzet	2010	£390
Les Combettes	Domaine Jacques Prieur	2013	£290
Les Folatières	Domaine François Carillon	2013	£220

GRAND CRU

Bienvenues-Bâtard-Montrachet	Domaine Leflaive	2013	£750
Chevalier-Montrachet	Domaine Leflaive	2013	£910
Chevalier-Montrachet, Les Demoiselles	Louis Latour	2006	£390
Bâtard-Montrachet	Domaine Leflaive	2011	£850
Bâtard-Montrachet	Louis Latour	2002	£420
Montrachet	Morey Blanc	2003	£790

Etienne Sauzet

Etienne Sauzet's son-in-law, Gérard Boudot, makes the wine at this benchmark Burgundian Domaine and has been more recently assisted by talented winemaker Benoit Riffault, Gerard's son-in-law. A tasting with Gérard and Benoit is not just enjoyable but highly educational, each session is a virtual masterclass in terroir. Indeed, their knowledge of Puligny's different vineyards is second to none. they resist the temptation to interfere with the wines too much after fermentation, and employs on average 30% new oak every year. The Grand Crus are, of course, impressive; even right down to Villages and Bourgogne level the wines display the finesse and grace of truly great Puligny.

White

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

SAINT AUBIN

A close neighbour of Montrachet, lying between Chassagne and Puligny, Saint-Aubin is a wine-growing village in the southern part of the Côte de Beaune, the heartland of the great white Bourgogne wines. The area covered by the appellation Village includes 30 Premiers Crus Climats. The neighbouring hamlet of Gamay may have given its name to the Gamay grape. The 13th century fortress stands on solid rock from which it seems to draw its strength as the vine draws sap from the soil. Saint-Aubin white wines nobility and distinction derives from a subtle balance between elegant freshness and a rich but not excessive unctuousness which gives it great fluidity in the mouth.

Le Ban	Henri Prudhon & Fils	2016	£92
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PREMIER CRU

La Chateniere	Domaine Marc Colin	2014	£111
Charmois	Domaine Vincent & Sophie Morey	2014	£120
Derriere Chez Edouard, Haute Densité	Hubert Lamy	2014	£295
Derriere Chez Edouard, Haute Densité	Hubert Lamy	2013	£295

Hubert Lamy

Derrière chez Edouard "Haute Densité" is 1.68ha of Chardonnay planted in 2000 with high density. The family Lamy wanted to link this cuvee to very old Burgundy writings going back to Middle Ages until the phylloxera appeared. Vineyards were cultivated with high density which meant 30000 vines per hectare. This high density allowed beneficial rivalry between the roots, better quality of grapes and better quality wine. The high density results in fewer bunches per vines with smaller, highly concentrated berries.

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

This fine, broad hillside brings out the very highest expression of the two Burgundian grapes, the Pinot Noir and the Chardonnay, which grow here side-by side - such is the complexity of the region's soils. Extensive marble quarries, which form a kind of cliff face, were the source of the pink and beige flagstones which went into the building of the Trocadero in Paris and more recently the Louvre Pyramid.

Chassagne-Montrachet	Domaine Jacques Carillon	2015	£155
Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Vincent & Sophie Morey	2015	£120
Enceignères	Domaine Marc Colin et Fils	2014	£139

PREMIER CRU

Les Caillerets	Guy Amiot et Fils	2014	£160
Les Vergers	Philippe Colin	2013	£160
Les Petits Clos	Jean Noel Gagnard	2013	£165
Les Champs Gain	Domaine Marc Colin et Fils	2013	£165
Morgeot	Domaine Ramonet	2012	£260
Morgeot	Louis Latour	2002	£135
La Boudriotte	Domaine Ramonet	2012	£260
Vide Bourses	Domaine Marc Colin et Fils	2011	£175

GRAND CRU

Bâtard-Montrachet	Domaine Coffinet-Duvernay	2014	£399
Bâtard-Montrachet	Jean Noel Gagnard	2013	£590
Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet	Louis Latour	2005	£399

Jean Noel Gagnard

Jean-Noël has now long since retired, his daughter, Caroline Lestimé, has taken control of the vineyard, cellar and office at Domaine Jean-Noël Gagnard since the mid nineties and has recently been joined in this by her husband Hubert. Caroline is producing authentic Chassagne of great quality in way that is respectful both to tradition and the environment. The Domaine's boundaries encompass some superb vineyards including Chassagne-Montrachet Les Caillerets and Bâtard-Montrachet. The white wines are made in the traditional way, being kept in barrel for at least 18-20 months, only about a quarter of which will be new, and are bottled with only the very lightest of filtrations. They are expressive, impressive Chassagnes that display the complex nuances of their terroir.

MARANGES

PREMIER CRU

La Fussière	Domaine Charleux Maurice	2014	£69
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White

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE CHALONNAISE

Between the Côte de Beaune to the north and the hills of the Mâconnais to the south, the Côte Chalonnaise is some 25km long by 7km wide. Here, in the heart of a landscape spiked with hills, the plots of vines have been planted on the best southeast-facing slopes. For a thousand years, the vines have plunged their roots into soil similar to those of the nearby Côte de Beaune. Enjoying hot summers and dry weather in the fall, the grapes have no problem ripening here.

Bouzeron	Domaine A. & P. de Villaine	2014	£63
Rully, Les Saint-Jacques	Domaine A. & P. de Villaine	2015	£90
Rully, 1 ^{er} Cru Gresigny	Domaine A. & P. de Villaine	2013	£109
Givry, 1 ^{er} Cru Petit Marole	Domaine Francois Lumppp	2014	£90

Domaine A. & P. de Villaine

Aubert de Villaine deserves the accolades he receives. He is a reluctant hero, an unlikely trait in a man of such accomplishment, intellect, and inherent sense of noblesse. Heir to one of the most enviable wine legacies of all time, Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, the young Aubert was more interested in literature and law than wine. After spending time in New York working for an importer of Burgundian wines, he finally returned home in the mid-nineteen sixties to assume his role as co-director of DRC.

In the 1970s, Aubert and his American wife, Pamela, sought less pedigreed pastures to call home. They finally settled in the village of Bouzeron. However high profile his day job, Aubert still considers himself a vigneron like any other, and Bouzeron's off-the-beaten-path location left him alone to make his own wines without the demands of upholding an international reputation. The domaine was horribly rundown when the de Villaines took over, but years of studying this unique terroir have made them pioneers in one of the last forgotten enclaves of Burgundy.

BURGUNDY

MACONNAIS

The most southerly terroir in the Bourgogne winegrowing region, the Mâconnais covers a 10km-wide strip of vines 35km long, between Sennecey-le-Grand and Saint-Vérand. The region nestles between two valleys, the Grosne to the west and the Saône to the east. This is a winegrowing region with two faces. To the southwest of Tournus, the Monts du Mâconnais are a succession of wooded hilltops and little valleys, ideal for vine cultivation.

Pouilly-Fuissé, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Jacques Saumaize	2016	£79
Viré-Clessé, Cuvée E.J. Thévenet	Domaine de la Bongran	2009	£85

FRANCE

LOIRE VALLEY

Outside northern France, the Loire, with the exception of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, has been overlooked by modern wine enthusiasts. The wines' hallmark is relatively high acidity. Most of the whites are made to the recipe of trapping the fruit in the bottle as early as possible without exposing them to new wood although dry, barrel-fermented wines is a growing phenomenon. France's longest, laziest river joins the most beautiful châteaux that was once the playground of the French court and now of wealthy Parisians.

PAYS NANTAIS

Muscadet Sèvre et Maine sur lie	Famille Lieubeau	2016	£39
Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Cru Château Thébaud	Famille Lieubeau	2012	£56

ANJOU-SAUMUR

Savennières, Les Fougerais	Thibaud Boudignon	2013	£110
Savennières, La Roche aux Moines	Domaine Aux Moines	2013	£84
Savennières, Clos du Papillon	Domaine des Baumard	2007	£84
Anjou	Thibaud Boudignon	2014	£79
Saumur, L'Insolite	Domaine des Roches Neuves	2015	£65
Saumur, Clos Romans	Domaine des Roches Neuves	2015	£155

TOURAINE

Provignage	Domaine de La Charmoise	2011	£145
Chinon, Les Chanteaux	Couly-Dutheil	2015	£57
Cour-Cheverny	Domaine de Montcy	2015	£62
Touraine, Le Brin de Chèvre	Clos du Tue Boeuf	2014	£69
Vouvray, Le Mont, Demi-Sec	Domaine Huet	2015	£109

CENTRE-LOIRE

Sancerre, Clos de Beaujeu	Gérard Boulay	2015	£115
Sancerre, Grand Chemarin	Vincent Pinard	2014	£125
Sancerre, Etienne Henri	Henri Bourgeois	2014	£135
Pouilly Fumé, Blanc Fumé de Pouilly	Didier Dagueneau	2014	£135
Pouilly Fumé, Pur Sang	Didier Dagueneau	2014	£165
Pouilly Fumé, Buisson Renard	Didier Dagueneau	2014	£185
Pouilly Fumé, Silex	Didier Dagueneau	2014	£255

White

FRANCE

RHONE VALLEY

CONDRIEU

Condrieu is the most famous, white wine producing appellation in the entire Northern Rhone Valley. And with good reason. The wines of Condrieu are fresh, vibrant, mineral driven, rich, often oily textured, rich concentrated wines that showcase ripe, summer fruit sensations with subtle honeysuckle or floral accents.

Condrieu	Stephane Montez	2016	£125
Cuvée de Chery	Domaine Robert Niero	2016	£135
La Bonnette	Domaine René Rostaing	2013	£145

SAINT-JOSEPH

Light granitic, schist and gneiss soils are planted with Marsanne and Roussanne. The white Saint Joseph is made up of scents of acacia, honey and apricot.

Saint-Joseph	Bernard Gripa	2015	£99
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SAINT-PERAY

Terres Boisées	Domaine Alain Voge	2012	£85
Les Figueiers	Bernard Gripa	2014	£95

HERMITAGE

Famous hill and appellation in the Northern Rhône, Hermitage is limited to 132ha, making long-lived white wines. Marsanne and Roussanne are best suited to the limestone-dominated sites in the hill. The wines should be full-bodied and complex. They are famous for going into a bit of a trough at about 4-5 years of bottle age however they do emerge, the finest examples are up there with some of the best, most long-lived whites of France.

Domaine des Tourettes	Delas	2007	£99
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CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

While white wines represent only 7% of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's total production, don't think for a minute that most of today's producers treat them as afterthoughts.

Châteauneuf du Pape	Clos des Papes	2013	£145
Châteauneuf du Pape	Clos des Papes	2005	£350
Châteauneuf du Pape, Vieilles Vignes	Château de Beaucastel	2013	£315
Châteauneuf du Pape, Vieilles Vignes	Château de Beaucastel	2010	£320

VACQUEYRAS

Vacqueyras	Château de Roques	2015	£52
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FRANCE

PROVENCE

The picturesque southern French region of Provence, including the cities Bandol, Cassis and Marseille, is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea and has become famous for its rosé wines.

The primary grapes used for white wines it's Ugni Blanc, Rolle, Semillon and Clairette.

Bandol	Château de Pibarnon	2016	£79
Bandol	Château de Terrebrune	2016	£95

LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

Languedoc-Roussillon wines are dominated by red varieties but there are fascinating, rewarding whites. This is a blend of many of the most common varieties found across the region: grenache blanc, marsanne, vermentino and viognier. It is aromatic and full of character with fresh herbs and peach.

Pays d'Oc, Grenache Gris, Sélection Parcelleire	Domaine Gayda	2015	£59
Côtes Catalanes, Iglesia Vella	Domaine Le Roc des Anges	2010	£115
Collioure Blanc, Folio	Coume del Mas	2015	£99

Domaine Le Roc des Anges

Brilliant winemakers, Marjorie and Stéphane Gallet have been working together since 2008, and have managed to impose a personal tone on a production from a majority of old Grenache and carignans. The estate is now certified in organic and biodynamic, and the wines have acquired unusual finesse.

CORSICA

Corsica's climate is, for obvious reasons, classed as Mediterranean. With higher sunshine levels than any part of mainland France and correspondingly low rainfall, the growing season here is well suited to high-output viticulture; weather conditions around harvest time are generally excellent. That said, the island has many varied mesoclimates – the result of its mountainous topography.

Ajaccio	Domaine Comte Peraldi	2012	£50
Vin de France, Tarra D'Orasi	Clos Canarelli	2008	£155

White

FRANCE

SOUTH WEST

South West France is essentially all the wine areas between Bordeaux to the north and Spain to the south with the Languedoc to the southeast. Like Bordeaux it has an Atlantic-influenced climate.

Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, Folie de Roi	Producteurs Plaimont	2015	£39
Jurancon Sec, Part Davan	Camin Larredya	2015	£68
Irouléguay, Hegoxuri	Domaine Arretxea	2014	£79

BORDEAUX

Close to 10% of all Bordeaux wine is white. It's important to note, that was not always the case. Not that long ago, up until the late 1950's, close to 50% of all the wine produced in Bordeaux was white. What is interesting to know is that the change in the grapes planted in Bordeaux took only a few decades. The move to producing mostly red Bordeaux wine began taking place after the devastating frost of 1956. The frost, coupled with consumer demand and better knowledge of the soils and terroir led to a complete replanting for much of the Bordeaux wine region. Today, the quality of white Bordeaux wine has never been better for both sweet, Bordeaux wine and dry, white Bordeaux. Much of that credit deserves to be given to Professor Denis Dubourdieu . Denis Dubourdieu was directly responsible for many of the changes in the vineyards and the cellars that have led to explosion in quality for white Bordeaux wine, including using less new oak, during the vinification and aging process as well as harvesting dates and soil studies.

Blanc Sec	Château Doisy-Daene	2013	£78
Domaine de Chevalier	Cru Classé de Graves	2007	£230
Château Laville Haut-Brion	Cru Classé de Graves	2006	£580
Château Couhins-Lurton	Cru Classé de Graves	2004	£125
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Chateau Lynch-Bages	2006	£185

VIN DE FRANCE

Vin de France is a designation for table wine that has been in use since 2010. The wines you will find below do not refer as simple table wines but to good wines produced under unusual circumstances, where you cannot use a more "glamorous" designation, maybe because grapes from different regions are blended or grapes not allowed in the rules of the appellations.

Chardonnay	Thomas Pico	2016	£57
L'Ailleurs	Anne et Jean-François Ganevat	2014	£65

GERMANY

MOSEL

The Mosel Valley, a gorge the river carved between the Hunsrück and Eifel hills, and the valleys of its tributaries, the Saar and Ruwer rivers.

The Mosel River is the sinuous spine of the Mosel region, changing direction so often as it flows northeast toward the Rhine that it meanders nearly 250 km, to cover about half that distance as the crow flies. Although each river's vineyard area produces a wine with its own distinctive personality, the three share a family resemblance: a fragrance reminiscent of spring blossoms, a pale color, light body and a refreshing, fruity acidity. To add to their charm, they often have the slightest hint of effervescence. Most display their finest charms in youth; the late- and selectively-harvested wines merit aging. Along the serpentine route of the Mosel, the river banks rise so sharply that the vineyards carpeting these slopes are among the steepest in the world, with some planted at an astounding 70-degree gradient. On these precipitous inclines, nearly all labor must be done by hand. That includes tying each vine to its own eight-foot wooden stake, and carrying up the slate soil that has washed down with the winter rains.

Riesling	Fritz Haag	2016	£40
Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Spätlese	J.J. Prüm	2014	£83
Graacher Himmelreich, Spätlese	J.J. Prüm	2009	£89
Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Spätlese Trocken	Weingut Dr. H. Thanisch	2012	£69
Berncasteler Doctor, Kabinett	Weingut Dr. H. Thanisch	2012	£85
Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr, Spätlese	Fritz Haag	2010	£74
Saarburger Rausch Riesling, Spätlese	Zilliken	2010	£77
Scharzhofberger, Kabinett	Egon Müller	2015	£185
Bruderberg, QbA	Von Schubert M. Grünhauser	2013	£49
Abtsberg Superior	Von Schubert M. Grünhauser	2011	£85

J.J. Prum

There are several Prüms in the Mosel, but the premier exponent of the region's wines is undoubtedly JJ Prüm, a legendary family estate which can trace its involvement in viticulture back several centuries. Riesling is king here with all 14.5 hectares of steeply sloping land, typical of the middle Mosel vineyards, planted with this most noble variety.

With superb sites along with strictly-controlled yields and extremely careful winemaking, quality across the board is top-notch. The harvesting period here often takes place after other producers, often continuing into late November. The wines are then bottled late after a long fermentation in the very cool cellars and are available for sale usually only in the second year after vintage.

JJ Prüm wines are justly known for their remarkable poise, refinement and mineral intensity. The Kabinett and Spätlese wines can show finesse and delicacy in youth or middle age. They often reach their best after many years, and can be kept in a cool cellar for several decades.

White

GERMANY

RHEINGAU

The Rheingau is one of the most distinguished wine regions of the world. Moving from east to west, the fairly flat, dimpled landscape evolves into progressively steep slopes. It is a quietly beautiful region, rich in tradition. Early on, its medieval ecclesiastical and aristocratic wine-growers were associated with the noble Riesling grape and, in the 18th century, were credited for recognizing of the value of harvesting the crop at various stages of ripeness from which the Prädikate, or special attributes that denote wines of superior quality, evolved. Queen Victoria's enthusiasm for Hochheim's wines contributed to their popularity in England, where they, and ultimately, Rhine wines in general, were referred to as Hock. The world-renowned oenological research and teaching institutes in Geisenheim have contributed significantly to the extraordinarily high level of technical competence in the German wine industry today. Two grape varieties predominate: the Riesling and the Spätburgunder.

Erbacher Marcobrunn, Kabinett	Schloss Schonborn	2011	£60
Schlossberg, Grosses Gewachs	Schloss Vollrads	2015	£99
Kiedrich Grafenberg, Spätlese	Robert Weil	2013	£129
Lorcher Krone Riesling, Trocken	Eva Fricke	2013	£125
Lorcher Schlossberg Alte Reben, Spätlese, Trocken	August Kessler	2011	£109
Lorcher Schlossberg, Erstes Gewachs	August Kessler	2009	£115
Rudesheimer Berg Roseneck, Erstes Gewachs	August Kessler	2010	£115

August Kessler

August gained a reputation for world class Riesling. In his own words " I am a Mosel Fan, I like lightness and drinkability in the wines." The style of the wines are something of a halfway house between Mosel and Rheingau Rieslings, they retain great lightness of touch to go with their innate power. August's approach is different to that many growers in this part of the Rheingau: The warmer sites around Rudesheim tend to be reserved for Grand Cru Dry wines, while the fruity sweeter wines mostly originate from the cooler terroirs around Lorch.

NAHE

It is a peaceful landscape of vineyards, orchards and meadows interspersed with cliffs and striking geological formations. Although the Nahe is one of the smaller German wine regions, its extraordinary range of soil types is second to none. For this reason, the region is able to produce quite diverse wines from relatively few grape varieties. The steeper sites of volcanic or weathered stone, and those with red, clayish slate seem predestined for elegant, piquant Riesling wines of great finesse and a light spiciness, while flatter sites of loam, loess and sandy soils yield lighter, fragrant Müller-Thurgau (Rivaner) wines with a flowery note. The Silvaner grape thrives in a number of soils and produces full-bodied, earthy wines.

Roxheimer Hollenpfad, Trocken	Dönnhoff	2013	£85
Felsenberg Felsenturmchen, Grosses Gewachs	Dönnhoff	2011	£110
Monzinger Halenberg, Grosses Gewachs	Emrich Schönleber	2014	£140

GERMANY

RHEINHESSEN

Germany's largest wine region, Rheinhessen, lies in a valley of gentle rolling hills. While vines are virtually a monoculture in the Rheingau or along the Mosel, they are but one of many crops that share the fertile soils of this region's vast farmlands. Steep vineyard sites are confined to small areas near Bingen and south of Mainz along the Rhein Terrasse. Varied soils and the favorable climate make it possible to grow many grape varieties, old and new.

Trocken, Von der Fels	Weingut Keller	2013	£65
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FRANKEN

Franken lies some 65 km east of the Rhine, in Bavaria, with most of its vineyards planted on the hilly slopes lining the Main River and its tributaries.

Würzburg is home of the famed vineyard Stein, which gave rise to the generic term Steinwein, formerly used to denote all Franken wines. Fuller-bodied, less aromatic, often drier, firmer and earthier, Franconian wines are generally the most masculine of Germany's wines. Part of Franken wines' singular personality is due to the climate: cold winters, high annual rainfall, early frosts long, warm autumns are rare. As a result, the late-ripening Riesling plays a minor role. Müller-Thurgau (also called Rivaner), Silvaner, are the most important white varieties.

Iphöfer Kronsberg Scheurebe Alte Reben	Weingut Hans Wirsching	2014	£79
Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Riesling G.G	Weingut Hans Wirsching	2014	£95
Iphöfer Julius-Echter-Berg Silvaner G.G	Weingut Hans Wirsching	2014	£95

Weingut Hans Wirsching

The Hans Wirsching winery ranks among the best known and largest privately held wine estates in all of Franconia. Now in its 14th generation, the Wirsching family has been making wine since the 1630s. Silvaner is the dominant grape variety which is known for being an ideal wine to accompany food thanks to its simple elegance, neutral bouquet and a delicate, mild acidity. The grapes are harvested by hand and processed as gently and carefully as possible. In this way the freshness and liveliness are preserved in the wines, as well as their vintage and grape varietal character in the form of specific aromas and flavour nuances.

White

GERMANY

PFALZ

Bordered by Rheinhessen on the north and France on the south and west, the Pfalz's vineyards sweep across this remarkably pretty, peaceful land for nearly 80 uninterrupted kilometres.

It is Germany's second largest wine region in acreage, but often has the largest crop of all. The word Pfalz is a derivation of the Latin word palatium, meaning palace. The English equivalent, Palatinate, is sometimes used to refer to the Pfalz. Modern technology and viticultural training have made their mark here in the past four decades.

Halbstuck, Riesling	Weingut Knipser	2010	£115
Jesuitengarten, Riesling G.G	Dr. von Bassermann-Jordan	2010	£145

BADEN

Baden is the southernmost of Germany's wine regions. It is primarily a long, slim strip of vineyards nestled between the hills of the Black Forest and the Rhine River, extending some 400 km from north to south. Comprised of nine districts, Baden has many soil types and grape varieties. Nearly half of the vineyards are planted with Burgunder (Pinot) varieties: Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir), Grauburgunder (Pinot Gris), a dry, food-compatible wine, or marketed under the synonym Ruländer to denote a richer, fuller-bodied (and sweeter) style; and Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), neutral enough to accompany many foods.

Ihringer Winklerberg, Grauburgunder	Weingut Dr. Heger	2014	£84
Ihringer Winklerberg, Chardonnay	Weingut Dr. Heger	2014	£95
Ihringer Winklerberg, Chardonnay	Weingut Dr. Heger	2013	£99
Bienenberg Malterdinger, Weissburgunder G.G	Bernhard Huber	2012	£89

Weingut Dr. Heger

Just a few miles from the French border, in the region of Baden, Joachim Heger farms the extraordinary Grand Crus (Grosses Gewächs) of Ihringer Winklerberg and Achkarrer Schlossberg. On these steep, volcanic slopes, Joachim gives voice to some shockingly unique, delicious expressions of Burgundian grapes. He is constantly pushing to maximize quality and his work has revolutionized the way we can interpret the potential of this ancient wine producing region. Today, Joachim Heger is considered one of the finest producers of red wine in Germany.

A U S T R I A

Austrian wine is some of the best made in the world – a fact that is increasingly recognised worldwide as wine lovers, and especially sommeliers, come to value its dry, full-bodied, characterful whites that pair so well with many foods. They can also develop well in bottle. Austria probably has the world's strictest wine regulations, and its wine producers are making some of the world's purest, highest-quality white wines, which range from dry and piercing to sweet and racy.

Kremstal, Weinzierberg, Grüner Veltliner	Weingut Stadt Krems	2015	£48
Wagram, Fass 4, Grüner Veltliner	Bernhard Ott	2015	£58
Kamptal, Ried Gaisberg, Riesling	Schloss Gobelsburg	2014	£74
Südsteiermark, Grüne Libelle, Sauvignon Blanc	Andreas Tscheppe	2014	£90
Südsteiermark, Blaue Libelle, Sauvignon Blanc	Andreas Tscheppe	2014	£90
Südsteiermark, Salamander, Chardonnay	Andreas Tscheppe	2015	£90
Burgenland, Seeberg, Pinot Blanc	Weingut Prieler	2012	£52
Burgenland, Lindenblättriger	Umathum	2010	£68

WACHAU

One of Austria's most exciting and fascinating wine regions. Over millions of years, the Danube has gorged its winding waterway through the consolidated gneiss and amphibolite. The crystalline rock soils on steep terraces produce outstanding Rieslings. During the Ice Age vegetation cover was poor and, prevailing winds carried drifting sand that settled in the lee of the east-facing crystalline hillsides, resulting in layers of loess. This is where great, opulent and expressive Grüner Veltliner is cultivated. The extremely diverse geological terrain, coupled with the construction of terraces in the best aspects, and the cultivation of vines on these steep inclines by the Bavarian monasteries during the Middle Ages, has resulted in a spectacular and unique Wachau landscape.

Honivogl, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd	Weingut Franz Hirtzberger	2015	£165
Singerriedel, Riesling Smaragd	Weingut Franz Hirtzberger	2011	£165
Achleiten, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd	Domäne Wachau	2016	£90
Achleiten, Riesling Smaragd	Domäne Wachau	1994	£199
Kellerberg, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd	F.X. Pichler	2012	£185
Kellerberg, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd	Domäne Wachau	1997	£179
Kellerberg, Riesling Smaragd	F.X. Pichler	2012	£185
Kellerberg, Riesling Smaragd	F.X. Pichler	2000	£185
Im Weingebirge, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd	Nikolaihof	2012	£110
"Unendlich", Riesling Smaragd	F.X. Pichler	2011	£350
"Vinothek", Riesling	Nikolaihof	1997	£260

Domäne Wachau

The Domäne Wachau is deeply rooted in the Wachau region. Close to 440 hectares of vineyards are cultivated by the members of this quality-oriented cooperative – that makes 30 percent of the entire Wachau vineyard area. These vineyards are found on steep terraces reinforced by old dry stone walls and are part of a World Cultural Heritage.

White

ENGLAND

Southern England's best-exposed land (sheltered, south-facing slopes) are planted with vines, which would be a complete waste of time at these latitudes were it not for the moderating influence of the Gulf Stream. The greatest concentration of vineyards is in Kent, East and West Sussex and Surrey. Wine has been produced in the British Isles for centuries but the modern English wine industry dates only from the 1950s, when one or two and then dozens of, typically, retired gentlemen began to plant vines and try their hand at winemaking. The industry today is much more professional and most wine is made by younger, qualified winemakers who usually have experience of cellars in other countries. Because of England's cool climate, only early-ripening vine varieties stand a chance of reliably producing a crop.

West Sussex, Foxhole Vineyard, Pinot Gris	The Bolney Estate	2015	£56
Kent, Chardonnay Guinevere	Gusbourne Estate	2013	£89
Kent, Ortega	Biddenden	2014	£39

LUXEMBOURG

It is no coincidence that the valley of the Moselle is one of Luxembourg's major tourist attractions. The mild climate (typically one or two degrees above the country average) and the spectacular beauty of the hilly vineyards at whose feet the Moselle ambles, gives the region its quite unique character. Moreover the Moselle valley fulfills all the right conditions allowing vintners to grow excellent wines which are appreciated far beyond the borders of this tiny country.

Moselle, Riesling, Domaine et Tradition	Domaine Mathis Bastian	2014	£76
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SWITZERLAND

Swiss wine, like Swiss anything, is expensive. It is a direct reflection of the Swiss cost of living, and its reputation has not been helped by the fact that the bigger Swiss wine merchants were in the past allowed to blend imported wines with their own. This was banned in 2006 and there have been many changes since the wine market was fully opened to the outside world at the beginning of this century. But all over Switzerland are passionately obsessive winemakers who each year are making better and better wines, many of them red, in such small quantities that they go straight into the cellars of the connoisseurs of Geneva, Zurich and Vaduz and are rarely mentioned in the international wine press. Only about 2% of Swiss wine leaves the country.

Vaud, Doral, Expression	Cave de La Côte	2015	£89
Vaud, Aigle, Les Murailles, Chasselas	Henri Badoux	2015	£115
Vaud, Villette Grand Cru, Le Blanc de Noir	Domaine du Daley	2014	£95
Valais, Petit Arvine	Jean-René Germanier	2015	£120
Valais, Vétroz Grand Cru, Fendant	Jean-René Germanier	2014	£89
Valais, Heida de Sierre Reserve Speciale	Domaine de Provins	2013	£99
Valais, Humagne Blanche	Domaine des Muses	2013	£105
Valais, Euterpe Séduction Blanche	Domaine des Muses	2011	£145
Ticino, Merlot Bianco Rovere	Guido Brivio	2014	£135

ITALY

Italy can provide wine lovers with so many distinctive, unique flavours and styles, bottles full of Italian verve and creativity. The key to understanding Italy is to understand that it is a group of regions rather than a single homogeneous country, from the heady, often sweet, ferments of the deep south to the delicate sub-alpine essences of the north, it is possible to generalise about Italian wine styles to a certain extent. Italian white wines, once distinguished by their lack of aroma and lack of obvious fruitiness (very un-modern), are now generally very well made, offering an attractive combination of fruit and refreshment.

Val d'Aosta, Petite Arvine	La Crotta di Vegneron	2016	£55
Piedmont, Langhe, Solea	Roagna	2013	£125
Piedmont, Langhe Riesling	Poderi Colla	2014	£49
Lombardy, Lugana, I Frati	Ca dei Frati	2015	£49
Trentino-Alto Adige, Barthenau Vigna S. Michele	J. Hofstatter	2014	£86
Veneto, Breganze, Vespaiolo	Maculan	2016	£49
Veneto, Soave Classico, La Frosca	Gini	2013	£59
Veneto, Soave Classico, Salvarenza	Gini	2013	£81
Veneto, Soave Classico, La Rocca	Pieropan	2008	£99
Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Vitovska Amphora	Paolo Vodopivec	2010	£135
Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Bianco	Miani	2014	£115
Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Buri Friulano	Miani	2014	£115
Marche, Impero Blanc de Pinot Noir	Fattoria Mancini	2014	£89
Umbria, Cervaro della Sala	Castello della Sala	2014	£139
Abruzzo, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	Azienda Agricola Valentini	2013	£305
Abruzzo, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo	Azienda Agricola Valentini	2010	£165
Sicily, Carjanti	Gulfi	2012	£75
Sicily, Etna, Vigne Niche, Santo Spirito Bianco	Tenuta delle Terre Nere	2014	£75
Sicily, Pietranera	Marco De Bartoli	2015	£75

Tenuta delle Terre Nere

The estate has roughly 20-21 hectares, of which 15 are planted to vines. Roughly 4.5 of these have been uprooted and will be replanted within two years after letting the soil "rest". Two vineyards, for a total of roughly 11-12 hectares, make up the Calderara Cru, of which 1.5 hectares are pre-phylloxera; the rest are about 40-50 years old (and they have not been uprooted). 500,000 years of volcanic eruptions have created endless soil variation in neighbouring plots of land, many of them radical. The soil at Terre Nere is mostly volcanic ash speckled by black pumice and peppered with abundant volcanic rock; to call it 'rocky' is putting it mildly! The weather variations in the area are profound and generally characterized by exposure, altitude, and 'airiness,' defined here as the character of a well-exposed vineyard not protected by hills, and therefore open to the cooling and drying effects of the wind. This is particularly important at Terre Nere because the harvest usually takes place in the last weeks of October, meaning that the grapes are in their most fragile state when the weather 'breaks' its autumn pattern, making them susceptible to oidium and mildew. The 'airiness' of the climate, however, helps to dry out the grapes after rain and moisture threaten mold.

White

SPAIN

Think of a top Spanish wine, and the chances are that it'll be red. After all, ours is a hot, dry land – the driest in the Mediterranean – where you would expect fresh, crisp whites to suffer.

The discovery of the truest character of Spanish whites occurred when this new generation of winemakers realised that old vines were the best tool with which to control yields, and identified ripening cycles more in tune with the Spanish climate and soil. The clear potential of Spain's most popular white grapes, and the considerable investment in technology over recent years have erased all doubts as to whether white wine production is viable. Quite simply, it is the most exciting element of Spanish wine today.

Spain is becoming more and more diverse, with young winemakers leading the way, working on the renaissance of lesser-known local varieties that, with nurturing, can offer great interest. Along with Portugal and Italy, we are leading the way in cataloguing still unexploited indigenous grapes. Improvements in wine technology are now available to everyone, and while this has been a benefit – helping new regions market their wines and offering consumers more choice – there has been a downside. With the world suffering from sensory globalisation, where wines – from international grapes to local varieties – increasingly taste the same, it is imperative that winemakers strive to retain the uniqueness of their indigenous grapes.

Galicia, Albariño, Selección de Añada	Pazo Señorans	2009	£95
Galicia, Ribeiro, Lagar do Merens	Lagar do Merens	2016	£56
Castile and Leon, Bierzo, Ultreia La Claudina	Raul Perez	2013	£119
Capitel, Castile and Leon, Spain	Ossian	2013	£168
Catalonia, Priorat	Bodega Mas La Mola	2010	£85
Catalonia, Priorat, Nelin	Rene Barbier	2014	£89
Catalonia, Empordà, Groc d'àmfora	Vinyes d'Olivardots	2014	£48
Catalonia, Alella, Bouquet d'A Blanc+	Bouquet d'Alella	2013	£54
Euskadi, Getaria, Txakoli Katalin Iturzaeta	Joaquin Aranzabal	2011	£59
Rioja, Tempranillo Blanco	Bodega Abel Mendoza	2015	£68
Rioja, Blanco	Remelluri	2012	£145
Rioja, Que Bonito Cacareaba	Bodegas Contador	2011	£145
Rioja, Viña Tondonia Reserva	Bodegas R. López De Heredia	2003	£99
Andalucia, Jerez, Navazos Niepoort	Equipo Navazos	2014	£62
Andalucia, Jerez, Fermentacion Lenta PX	Ximénez-Spínola	2015	£91
Canarias, Valle de la Orotava, Vidonia	Suertes del Marques	2015	£95

Bodega Contador

Was founded as recently as 1995, but the fact that it has become one of Rioja's most respected wineries in such a relatively short time is testament to its superb terroir and the brilliant winemaking skill of proprietor Benjamin Romeo. Starting off with an awe-inspiring cellar hewn into the rock beneath the Castle of San Vicente de la Sonsierra, finding extra space in his parents' garage, where he crafted the stunning 2004 and 2005 vintages, which both received 100 points from the Wine Advocate.

In 2008 Benjamin completed his new, state-of-the-art winery, built into the hills of Rioja surrounded by his vineyards. Benjamin's wine making is relatively modern, with individual vineyard plots farmed to very small yields and vinified separately, before ageing for a comparatively short 18-20 months in new French oak (as opposed to the traditional American oak). The results are extraordinary.

PORTUGAL

Portugal's advantage in wine terms - its isolation, which has kept its inheritance of indigenous vine varieties intact and virtually unaffected by Chardonnay- and Cabernet-mania - has also been its disadvantage. The Portuguese have had this strange habit of making wines to suit the palates of other Portuguese rather than making the sort of fruity, juicy-yet-structured wines that appeal to the majority of the world's wine consumers. White varieties were completely ignored, so much so that 20 years later there is now a very real shortage of grapes in the Douro for white port. Elsewhere in the country (with the notable exception of Vinho Verde) the emphasis has also been on red varieties at the expense of white. Although white winemaking has improved dramatically over the same period with the introduction of stainless steel and temperature control, white vineyards are still largely in chaos.

Vinho Verde, Eminência, Loureiro	Paço de Palmeira	2010	£72
Douro, VZ	Cristiano van Zeller	2013	£86
Bairrada, Nossa	Filipa Pato	2014	£75
Alentejo, Pêra-Manca	Adega Cartuxa	2012	£90

SLOVENIA

Slovenia's is possibly the most unusual wine culture in the world, certainly in Europe. The white wines that are by far Slovenia's most original gift to the world of wine. Of the wine regions of this small country in the far north of the old Yugoslavia the most fashionable is Primorska on or near the west coast. It encompasses sub regions Vipava, Istra (Slovenian Istria) and Brda, an extension of Friuli's Collio that also means 'hill', as well it might to judge from the precipitous landscape. This is heroic viticulture.

Vipava Valley, Zelen	Guerila	2014	£42
Vipava Valley, Pinela	Guerila	2015	£42
Goriska Brda, Opoka Ribolla	Marjan Simcic	2010	£125

White

SERBIA

Back in the 19th century, Serbia was a significant wine producer in Europe. The phylloxera, world wars and the years under the Communist regime have devastated the vineyards. It is only in the last 10 years that the wine industry is gaining positive momentum with small wineries taking the lead.

Negotinska Kraina, Poema	Francuska Vinarija	2010	£56
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CROATIA

Croatia, at the western edge of Europe's vast Balkan Peninsula, has been a winemaking region for more than two thousand years. Viticulture was most likely introduced here either by Phoenician traders or by those famous proponents of early winemaking, the Ancient Greeks.

Istria, Alba Antiqua	Matosevic	2012	£85
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HUNGARY

It's over two decades since Hungary's wine industry was reborn after the fall of the Iron Curtain. During that time it has switched from a cheap bulk producer for thirsty Soviet markets to an industry led by innovative producers, the best of whom who can finally hold their heads up alongside peers at the top of their game worldwide. In contrast to Hungary's collective past, today's industry is led by passionate individuals who have come into wine from many different directions and relish their freedom to improve. Outside Hungary's borders, the country is largely known, even today, for its sweet Tokajis or its good-value Italian lookalike Pinot Grigios.

Tokaj, Mézes Mály, Furmint	Royal Tokaji	2015	£74
Tokaj, Percze, Furmint	Szent Tamás	2012	£90
Tokaj, Cuvée 105	Sauska	2010	£130

ROMANIA

Romania has great potential for varied and high quality wine production, but it is unlikely to be fully realised for many years. The country has a greater area of vineyard than any other in eastern Europe, and the sweet white wines of Cotnari in the north east were as famous as Tokaj and Constantia in their day. Romania is also, unlike Hungary and Bulgaria, a wine-drinking country. It lies on the same latitude as France, even if its climate is more dramatically continental.

Recas, Solo Quinta	Cramele Recas	2012	£65
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GREECE

Situated between 32° and 42° north, Greek vineyards are some of the world's hottest. While this might suggest suitability to the production of red wine, Greece in fact makes a surprising amount of white, more than 60%. The key to success with white wines in hot countries such as Greece is exploiting cool microclimates. Grapes ripen more slowly in cooler terroirs in mountainous vineyards, developing more interesting flavours as a result. Cooler vineyards such as those on the island of Santorini, whose maritime location helps to maintain humidity and to moderate temperatures, with strong winds that blanket the island during the summer, bringing down the night-time temperatures.

Santorini, Assyrtiko	Estate Vassaltis	2016	£85
Santorini, Assyrtiko	Estate Argyros	2015	£59

LEBANON

Despite a turbulent political history, during recent years wine in Lebanon has flourished, with the best producers balancing tradition and modernity with power and delicacy.

Bekaa Valley, Source Blanche	Château Ka	2014	£41
Bekaa Valley, Château Musar	Gaston Hochar	2007	£89

White

REST OF THE WORLD

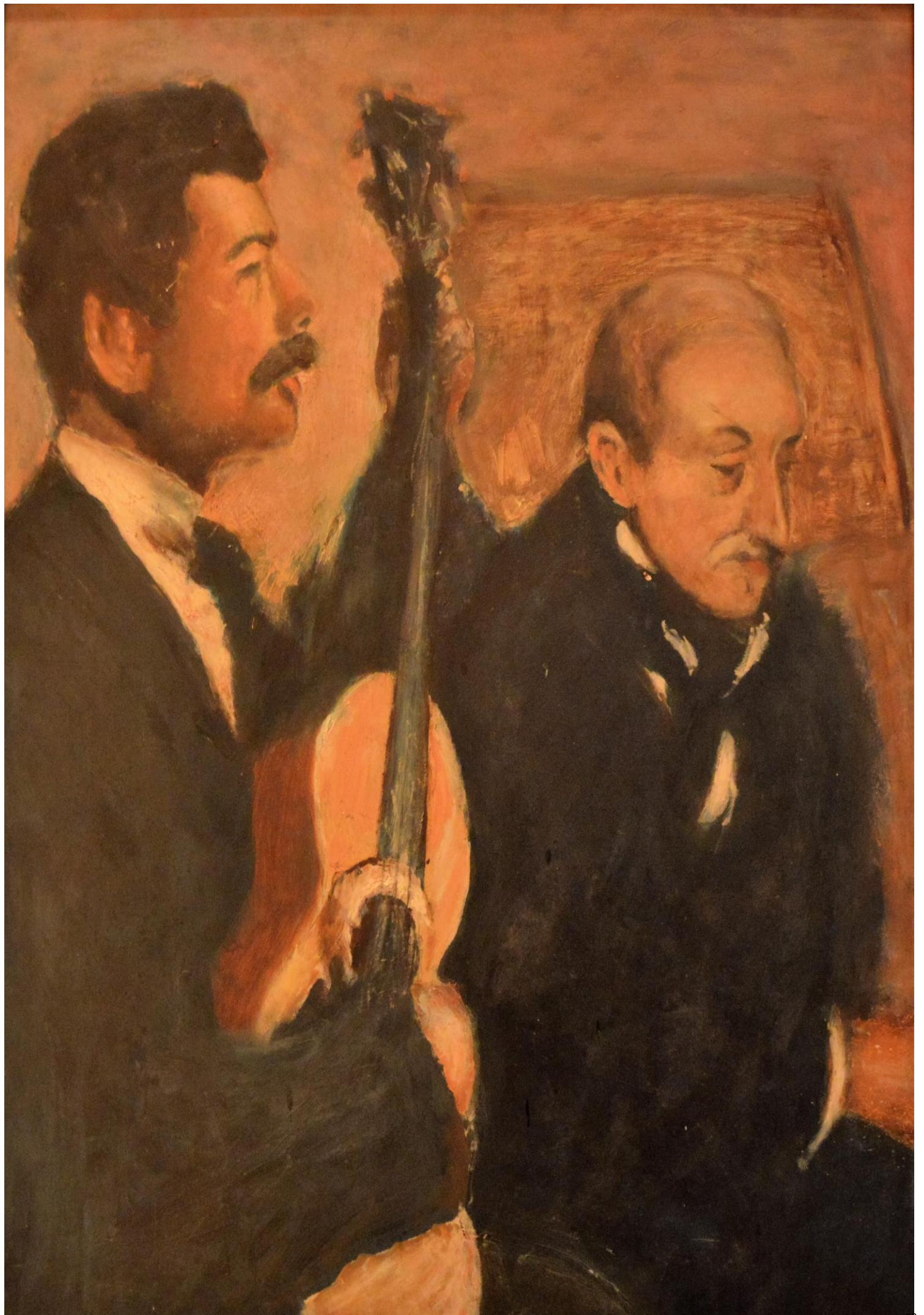
South Africa, Swartland, El Bandito Cortez	Testalonga	2014	£85
Australia, Clare Valley, Polish Hill, Riesling	Grosset	2015	£98
Australia, Beechworth, Chardonnay	Giaconda	2014	£215
Australia, Tasmania, Lady A Sauvignon Blanc	Domaine A	2011	£155
New Zealand, Angel Flower Chardonnay	Pyramid Valley Vineyards	2011	£135
United States, Sonoma Coast, Stone Flat Vineyard	Kistler Vineyard	2009	£165
United States, Sonoma Coast, Chardonnay	Kistler Vineyard	2008	£175
Canada, Okanagan Valley, S.F.R Chardonnay	Quail's Gate	2015	£129

Giaconda Vineyard

Was established by Rick Kinzbrunner, a mechanical engineer who became interested in wine in the early 1970's and spent the next ten years traveling to wine-growing areas overseas learning as much as possible.

Giaconda Vineyard and Winery is situated nine kilometres southwest of Beechworth on the Wangaratta Road in North-eastern Victoria, in the foothills and within sight of the Victorian Alps. The winery overlooks the vineyard and is constructed of local granite blocks and hand-made bricks.

Rick was the first to establish a vineyard of any consequence in Beechworth when he first planted in 1982. Now there is a real buzz for the region while his wines are counted among Australia's very finest.



Red

FRANCE

COTEAUX CHAMPENOIS

Modern history of sparkling Champagne is only 300 or so years old, and that Champagne used to be a still wine. Many Champagne producers continue to make small amounts of still wine, called Coteaux Champenois. If you've never heard of these wines or never tasted one, you are most certainly not alone. Not a lot is made, and most of what is made is consumed in Champagne. The grapes used to make Coteaux Champenois are the same highly valuable grapes that could be used to make Champagne, it just doesn't make good financial sense to divert production from a highly profitable wine that is in demand all over the world to a little known wine that is harder to sell. Coteaux Champenois grapes need to be grown in the warmest places in order to attain sufficient ripeness, and only in certain vintages is that achieved, which is why the most famous examples are from villages such as Bouzy, Ambonnay, Aÿ or Cumières, all of which have sunny, south-facing slopes that see plenty of sunshine.

Ormes, Les Montées	Bérèche & Fils	2014	£135
Ambonnay, Vieilles Vignes, Grand Cru	Egly-Ouriet	2015	£295
Ambonnay, Vieilles Vignes, Grand Cru	Egly-Ouriet	2014	£290
Bouzy, Les Mignottes, Grand Cru	Pierre Paillard	2012	£115
Aÿ, La Côte aux Enfants, Grand Cru	Bollinger	2013	£235
Aÿ, La Côte aux Enfants, Grand Cru	Bollinger	2012	£185
Aÿ, La Côte aux Enfants, Grand Cru	Bollinger	2009	£250
Vertus, Premier Cru	Larmandier-Bernier	2012	£185

La Côte aux Enfants

Champagne country originally owed its fame to its red wines. Favourites of King Henri IV, the Pinot Noirs from the town of Aÿ were the most popular wines of the French court.

The name "La Côte aux Enfants" (the Children's Hillside) comes from different stories: some say that children used to go there to take shoots from the vines. Others say that only children were agile enough to work on the slope.

La Cote aux Enfants is a small plot of 4 hectares of Pinot Noir, located in the heart of the terroir of Ay, one of champagne's Grands Crus.

This vineyard is specifically cultivated, with a green harvest that reduces the yield down to 8,500kgs per hectare.

Made only from the free-run juice. The wine macerates on its skins for 10 to 12 days. It is then aged for a maximum of 2 years, in 205 litre oak casks, which are three to five years old. This cuvée is only produced in exceptional years.

FRANCE

ALSACE

Originally from Burgundy, the Pinot Noir is the only red grape variety authorized under the designation "Alsace". Consequently among all the protected designations of origin (PDO) from Alsace, the Pinot Noir wine is the only red wine produced in the region. Records show that the Alsace region was a very large producer of red wines during the Middle Age.

Pinot Noir W	Weinbach	2015	£135
Pinot Noir Grand P	Albert Mann	2015	£185
Pinot Noir Grand P	Albert Mann	2012	£175
Clos de la Faille, Pinot Noir	Albert Mann	2014	£145

JURA

The Jura has come to represent France's last enclave of untarnished, unadulterated, old-fashioned farming in the minds of modern-day drinkers. Grapes, it is undoubtedly the great red duo of the Jura, Trousseau and Poulsard, that is driving much of the attention.

The latter is the heartier, the former the more delicate, but both make wines so ethereal and savoury in an alpine context that they have formed a popular opposition to the wine world's push for Big Flavour. When combined with Pinot Noir, the region's other notable red, these speak to a sensibility for fresh, porcelain red wines.

Arbois, Singulier, Trousseau	Domaine Tissot	2015	£99
Arbois-Pupillin, Sous la Roche, Trousseau	Domaine de la Borde	2015	£85
Arbois-Pupillin, Poulsard	Pierre Overnoy - Houillon	2015	£195
Côtes du Jura Pinot noir, En Barberon	Domaine Tissot	2015	£155
Côtes du Jura, Julien	Jean Francois Ganevat	2015	£160
Côtes du Jura, Julien en Billat	Jean Francois Ganevat	2014	£130

SAVOIE

As a wine region though, Savoie consists of many isolated sub-regions and plots of vineyards scattered across four French departments: Savoie, Haute-Savoie, Isère, Ain. Savoie neighbours Switzerland (to the East), the Jura region (to the North) and the little-known Bugey region, which is west across the Rhône river. All told, the region is under 5,000 acres (2000 ha) accounting for a mere 0.5% of French wines.

Chignin-Mondeuse, Vieilles Vignes	André & Michel Quenard	2014	£56
Mondeuse, La...Deuse	Gilles Berlioz	2013	£85
Arbin Mondeuse, La Belle Romaine	Château de Mérande	2013	£62

Red

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

Bourgogne, Vieilles Vignes	Maison Antoine Geoffroy	2014	£68
Bourgogne	Domaine Robert Chevillon	2014	£65
Bourgogne	Domaine Emmanuel Rouget	2014	£149
Bourgogne	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2014	£69
Bourgogne	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2013	£75
Bourgogne	Domaine Sylvain Cathiard	2013	£105
Bourgogne	Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	2012	£99
Bourgogne	Domaine Trapet	2012	£79
Bourgogne	Domaine Mugneret Gibourg	2012	£99
Bourgogne	Domaine Coche-Dury	2012	£145
Bourgogne Passetoutgrain	Domaine Emmanuel Rouget	2015	£115
Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, L'Exception	Domaine Michel Lafarge	2014	£63
Bourgogne Passetoutgrain, A minima	Domaine Trapet	2014	£65
Bourgogne Passetoutgrain	Domaine Robert Chevillon	2013	£59

BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

MARSANNAY

Marsannay is the only appellation Village which produces wines from all three colours. Their typicity is that of the Côte de Nuits, and their style resemble that of their neighbouring appellations Fixin and Gevrey-Chambertin.

Marsannay	Domaine Méo-Camuzet	2013	£99
Les Longeroies	Domaine Denis Mortet	2013	£115

FIXIN

The reds are what are known as "winter wines" because they need to spend some time in bottle. High-coloured, they are a brilliant deep purple or what the Burgundians call "deep mid-red". The bouquet comprises violet and peony scents, blackcurrant, Morello cherry and quince, animal scents, musk and pepper. Cherry-pit is also common. Often tannic and a little hard in their youth, with age the Fixin acquire a heightened and rounded attack and solid structure. Their fullness is remarkable and their texture delicate.

Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Denis Mortet	2014	£119
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PREMIER CRU

Clos du Chapitre	Domaine Méo-Camuzet	2014	£129
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FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Gevrey-Chambertin's wines are typically some of the sturdiest in the Côte de Nuits, certainly bigger and heavier than those of close neighbours Vosne-Romanée and Chambolle-Musigny. As such the best examples require a longer bottle ageing to show at their best. Gevrey also boasts eight grands crus, the finest of which are Chambertin and Chambertin-Clos de Bèze. Gevrey also boasts two Premiers Crus, the region's best, considered worthy of elevation to Grand Cru status.

Gevrey-Chambertin	Armand Rousseau	2012	£299
Gevrey-Chambertin	Armand Rousseau	2011	£255
Gevrey-Chambertin	Armand Rousseau	2010	£350
Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Sylvie Esmonin	2012	£159
En Jouise	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2012	£125

PREMIER CRU

Bel Air	Philippe Pacalet	2014	£289
Clos Saint-Jacques	Armand Rousseau	2010	£1,100
Clos Saint-Jacques	Domaine Bartet	1988	£650
Lavaux Saint-Jacques	Armand Rousseau	2012	£550
Lavaux Saint-Jacques	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2010	£175
Les Combottes	Domaine Georges Lignier	2005	£235
La Romanée, Monopole	Domaine des Varoilles	2005	£215
Clos des Varoilles, Monopole	Domaine des Varoilles	2002	£199

GRAND CRU

Charmes-Chambertin	Domaine Leflaive & Associés	2011	£399
Charmes-Chambertin	Domaine Maume	1996	£399
Mazis-Chambertin	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2014	£320
Mazis-Chambertin	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2013	£305
Mazis-Chambertin	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2012	£299
Mazis-Chambertin	Domaine Maume	2007	£270
Mazis-Chambertin	Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot	2005	£690
Chapelle-Chambertin	Domaine Pierre Damoy	1995	£450
Griotte-Chambertin	Domaine Fourrier	2013	£1,500
Chambertin	Domaine Denis Mortet	2014	£1,500
Chambertin	Domaine Trapet	2009	£989
Chambertin	Louis Latour	2006	£290
Latricières	Louis Remy	1992	£260
Ruchottes	Domaine Christophe Roumier	2014	£1,500
Clos de Bèze	Olivier Bernstein	2012	£850
Clos de Bèze	Domaine Pierre Damoy	2000	£490

Red

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

MOREY-SAINT-DENIS

Rich in Premiers Crus, Morey-Saint-Denis boasts also 5 Grands Crus, Clos de Tart, Bonnes Mares, Clos de la Roche, Clos Saint-Denis, Clos des Lambrays. The appellation forms a bridge, between the wines of Gevrey-Chambertin and those of Chambolle-Musigny. The history of this wine-growing village has in the past been heavily influenced by the powerful religious house of Vergy, the abbeys of Cîteaux and Tart, and by some of the great Burgundian families. Of its wine, Dr. Lavalley wrote in 1855, "it can be said that it lacks nothing". The AOC since 1936.

Morey-Saint-Denis	Domaine des Lambrays	2014	£175
Très Girard	Cécile Tremblay	2014	£215
Rue de Vergy	Domaine Perrot-Minot	2010	£145
Les Crais	Domaine Christian Clerget	2010	£175
Clos Les Sionnières	Domaine Lucie & Auguste Lignier	2005	£135
Cuvée des Grives	Domaine Ponsot	2001	£165

PREMIER CRU

Morey-Saint-Denis	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2012	£145
Clos de la Bussière, Monopole	Domaine Georges Roumier	2013	£290
Ruchots	Domaine Arlaud	2013	£195
Clos des Ormes	Domaine Georges Lignier	2013	£165
Clos des Ormes	Lucien Le Moine	2010	£175
"Cuvée des Alouettes"	Domaine Ponsot	2001	£185
"La Forge de Tart"	Mommessin	2008	£550

GRAND CRU

Clos-Saint-Denis	Domaine Heresztyn	2005	£270
Clos-Saint-Denis	Domaine Georges Lignier	2005	£270
Clos de la Roche	Olivier Bernstein	2013	£560
Clos de la Roche	Armand Rousseau	2005	£690
Clos de la Roche	Louis Remy	1997	£320
Clos de Tart, Monopole	Mommessin	2009	£790
Clos de Tart, Monopole	Mommessin	1999	£890

Clos De Tart

Originally established by some Cistercian nuns in the 12th Century whose order carried the Notre Dame de Tart. It was classified as Grand Cru in 1939. The wines had shown none of their potential greatness until the arrival of Sylvain Pitiot in 1996. There are 7.53ha comprising a range of micro terroirs depending on the subsoil composition or the elevation. The vines are trained to Cordon de Royat and yields are low, rarely more than 25hl /ha. After fermentation, the wines are aged in oak barrels from 16-18 months and are hand bottled the second spring after the vintage without fining or filtration. Depending on the vintage a second wine is sometimes made, Morey St Denis 1er Cru La Forge. The wines are hand harvested at full ripeness and make for some of Burgundy's expressive and luxurious wines.

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COTE DE NUITS

CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY

Chambolle-Musigny is often regarded as the most "feminine" wine of the Côte de Nuits; its intensity and delicacy express themselves with elegance and subtlety. Chambolle-Musigny boasts 24.24 hectares of Grands Crus across two vineyards. The wines are graceful and charming. They are not the deepest-coloured of Burgundies, nor the most structured, but they deliver a sensuous fruit and a laciness of texture which are entirely satisfying.

Chambolle-Musigny	Domaine J-F Mugnier	2014	£230
Chambolle-Musigny	Domaine Chauvenet-Chopin	2010	£115
Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Perrot-Minot	2010	£145
PREMIER CRU			
Les Groseilles	Domaine Digoia-Royer	2014	£189
Les Baudes	Henri de Villamont	2012	£185
Les Chatelots	Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	2010	£320
Les Véroilles	Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	2008	£365
Les Véroilles	Domaine Ghislaine Barthod	1990	£450
Les Lavrottes	Olivier Bernstein	2009	£215
Les Charmes	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2012	£199
Les Charmes	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2010	£179
Les Charmes	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2005	£250
Les Charmes	Domaine Christian Clerget	2001	£290
Les Fuées	Domaine J-F Mugnier	2014	£399
Les Amoureuses	Domaine J-F Mugnier	2014	£1,350
Les Amoureuses	Domaine Amiot-Servelle	2005	£590
GRAND CRU			
Bonnes-Mares	François Bertheau	2008	£395
Bonnes-Mares	Domaine Georges Lignier & Fils	1988	£499

Jacques Frederic Mugnier

Created in 1863, this a family estate run from the Château de Chambolle-Musigny. This was initially a 4-hectare Chambolle domaine, but since Frédéric took back the family's old Nuits St-Georges Monopole, Clos de la Maréchale, from Faiveley in 2004, the Domaine has increased to 13 hectares. The aim is to produce wines that are each representative of their respective terroir and vintage, while at the same time having their individual character, wines of harmony and sincerity. This is achieved by eliminating weed-killers and industrial fertilisers in the vineyard; neither of these have been used for 10 years, whilst in the cellars all processes that traumatise the wine, over extraction, for example, or excessive woodiness, are limited to a minimum. To allow each terroir to express itself, the wine making is exactly the same for all of the wines. These are sensual, stylish Burgundies of great finesse.

Red

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

VOUGEOT

The town of Vougeot, situated in the centre of the Côte de Nuits directly north of Vosne-Romanée and slightly southeast of Chambolle-Musigny, is mainly known for its Grand Cru vineyard Clos de Vougeot. The Côte de Nuits' largest Grand Cru.

The Vougeot village itself is only about a third of a square mile, so the majority of viable wine territory is within the walls of the Grand Cru. This makes Vougeot more like Bordeaux or the Rhône than other Burgundy; it becomes necessary to rely more on the producer rather than a specifically designated location. There are only 4 Premier Cru vineyards outside the Clos, and a few village-level vines.

Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Perrot-Minot	2010	£135
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PREMIER CRU

Les Petits Vougeots	Hudelot-Noellat	2013	£189
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GRAND CRU

Clos-de-Vougeot	Domaine Prieure Roch	2015	£650
Clos-de-Vougeot	Denis Mortet	2014	£520
Clos-de-Vougeot	Denis Mortet	2012	£495
Clos-de-Vougeot	François Lamarche	2013	£325
Clos-de-Vougeot	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2012	£240
Clos-de-Vougeot	Hudelot-Noellat	2009	£395
Clos-de-Vougeot	Domaine Paul Misset	1999	£375

Domaine François Lamarche

A 10 ha domaine in Vosne whose jewel in the crown is the monopole La Grande Rue, which was elevated to Grand Cru status in 1992. After years of neglect by previous generations François oversaw a steady improvement in quality throughout the 1990s and in the last few years his daughters have helped raise the qualitative bar further still. As of the 2007 vintage the François' daughters have total control of the winemaking. The approach is fairly hands off in the winery and hands on in the vineyard. Grapes are mostly de stemmed, depending on the vintage, and between 50-100% new oak is used. These are Burgundies that display ripe, high-toned fruit and strong terroir complexity.

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BURGUNDY

COTE DE NUITS

FLAGEY - ECHEZEAX

The wine-growing village of Flagey-Échezeaux lies in the plain, so-called, between Vougeot and Vosne-Romanée in the Côte de Nuits. Facing east, the Grands-Échezeaux vines are a prolongation of Musigny following the North-South axis of the Côte, but more regular and less broken in their layout. At the bottom end, the Climat known as La Combe d'Orveau separates them from Musigny. The Échezeaux vineyards, for their part, divide the Clos de Vougeot vineyard from the Vosne-Romanée Premiers Crus vineyards.

Grands-Échezeaux and Échezeaux both date their AOC Grands Crus from July 31, 1937. Like the Clos de Vougeot, from which they are separated only by a wall, they were founded by the monks of the abbey of Cîteaux and date from the 12th and 13th centuries. Their name derives from chesaux, a word of Gallo-Roman origin meaning a group of dwellings, presumably referring to an ancient hamlet.

GRAND CRU

Echézeaux	François Confuron-Gindre	2013	£185
Echézeaux	François Lamarche	2010	£375
Echézeaux	Louis Latour	2010	£345
Echézeaux	Domaine Emmanuel Rouget	2001	£1,200
Echézeaux	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	2014	£1,800
Echézeaux	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	1997	£1,800
Grands-Echézeaux	Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret	2012	£490

Emmanuel Rouget

Early in his winemaking career Emmanuel Rouget was lucky enough to have been taken under the wing of his uncle, Burgundy legend Henri Jayer. Now Emmanuel's wines are almost as sought after as those of his universally lauded uncle. The emphasis is placed on the vineyard, where much preparation and leg-work is done during the growing season to ensure that healthy, thick-skinned Pinot Noir can be harvested in September. In the cellar, a minimal intervention policy is in place, which sees the wines rest peacefully in oak barriques for a year and a half before bottling without filtration.

Red

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COTE DE NUITS

VOSNE-ROMANEE

"Bourgogne has produced nothing better than this little corner where all her charms come together". Wrote Gaston Roupnel, Burgundian author. The small commune is the Côte de Nuits' brightest star, producing the finest and most expensive Pinot Noir wines in the world, and boasting no fewer than eight Grand Cru vineyards. Its wines have an extraordinary intensity of fruit which manages to combine power and finesse more magically than in any other part of the Côte d'Or. The best examples balance extraordinary depth and richness with elegance and breeding.

Vosne-Romanée	Robert Sirugue	2015	£149
Les Champs Perdrix	Domaine Bruno Clair	2013	£155
Clos du Château, Monopole	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2012	£590
Clos du Château, Monopole	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2009	£650
Clos du Château, Monopole	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2005	£650

PREMIER CRU

Aux Reignots	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2010	£1,295
Aux Reignots	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2008	£995
Aux Reignots	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2007	£895
Aux Reignots	Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair	2006	£795
Les Suchots	Domaine Confuron-Cotetidot	2011	£135
Les Beaux Monts, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Perrot-Minot	2010	£320
Chaumes	Domaine Jean Tardy	2001	£165
Les Petits Monts	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2013	£155
Les Petits Monts	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2012	£155
Les Gaudichots	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2014	£390
Les Gaudichots	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2012	£390

GRAND CRU

Richebourg	Domaine Du Clos Frantin	2007	£590
Romanée-Saint-Vivant	Louis Latour	2003	£570
Romanée-Saint-Vivant	Louis Latour	2001	£450
Romanée-Saint-Vivant	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	2014	£1,750
Romanée-Saint-Vivant	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	1994	£1,500
La Tâche, Monopole	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	2014	£3,200
La Tâche, Monopole	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	1997	£2,900

Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair

Until 2000, the Liger Belair family's superb Vosne-Romanée vineyards had been made and marketed by Bouchard. However, Louis-Michel began to take back plots of land bit by bit and started producing outstanding wines. La Romanée, is the jewel in the Liger Belair crown. The smallest appellation in France and a family "monopole" situated above Romanée Conti. The aim is to make pure, intense terroir-driven wines by respecting his vineyards and their environment. Pesticides are not used and other chemical treatments are carried out only when necessary, rather than systematically. Vineyards are grown along bio-dynamic principles and are ploughed by horse to avoid compacting the soils too much. The wines undergo a very gentle maceration in favour of the common trend of over-extraction, which can often result in rather brutal, atypical wines. This, together with a careful selection of new barrels that don't stamp their mark on the wine, enhances the purity and finesse of his Vosne-Romanées. One of Burgundy's greatest stars.

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COTE DE NUITS

NUITS-SAINST-GEORGES

Previously Nuits-sous-Beaune, in 1892 after two years trying, the locals got permission to change the name to Nuits-Saint-Georges, annexing the name of the commune's best known vineyard.

The appellation falls into two parts, divided by the town itself. The northern portion extends as far as the border of Vosne-Romanée, and the southern section lies partly in Nuits-Saint-Georges and partly in Premeaux.

Corresponding differences are observed in the wines. Their colour is an intense crepuscular crimson with a hint of mauve. The nose often features rose and liquorice. The young red wine has aromas of cherry, strawberry and blackcurrant, and when matured, leather, truffle, fur, game. Notes of macerated fruits (prune) complete the picture. Muscular and vigorous, chewy and full-bodied, its structure is both well built and well-balanced and it is long in the mouth. It is most fully enjoyed after several years' laying down which rounds it out and underlines its sensuality and breeding. There are no grand crus in Nuits-Saint-Georges, though there is a move afoot to propose Les Saint-Georges for promotion.

Nuits-Saint-Georges	Domaine Nudant	2013	£137
Vieilles Vignes	Maison Antoine Geoffroy	2014	£132
Les Plateaux	Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret	2012	£145

PREMIER CRU

Clos des Porrets, Monopole	Domaine Henri Gouges	2014	£140
Clos des Porrets, Monopole	Domaine Henri Gouges	2010	£150
Clos de la Maréchale	Domaine J-F Mugnier	2013	£190
Les Saint Georges	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2014	£180
Les Saint Georges	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2013	£180
Les Saint Georges	Domaine Forey Pere et Fils	2012	£180
Les Pruliers	Domaine Jean Grivot	2009	£260
Les Cailles	Domaine Robert Chevillon	2006	£230
Aux Boudots	Domaine Méo-Camuzet	2005	£490
Bousselots	Domaine Leroy	2000	£990

Domaine Forey Pere et Fils

The estate was established in 1840, was renowned for exploiting the famous Grand Cru La Romanée, property of the Liger-Belair family, after 2001, the lease was not renewed. Foreseeing the loss of vineyards, Regis Forey in charge since 1987, got the audacity of acquiring some Echézeaux Grand Cru and a parcel of Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Gaudichots, a mythic 1er Cru that used to be integrated into la Tâche Grand Cru until the classification of 1936.

Under Regis, there is now a minimal use of herbicides and pesticides that contributes to increase both the richness and complexity of the soil. After the manual harvest, the grapes go through a 3 to 4 days cold maceration. The cuvaion continues for 3 to 4 weeks, and pigeage is practiced depending on the overall conditions of the vintage, then the wine is put into barrels for 16 to 20 months, there is only one racking during the period of élevage. He uses 80% of new oak on his Grands Crus but uses large barrels for his village wine to give better-integrated oak flavours to the wine. The wines are bottled unfinned and unfiltered

Red

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BURGUNDY

COTE DE BEAUNE

CORTON HILL

Ladoix, Le Cloud	Domaine Prieure Roch	2015	£135
PREMIER CRU			
Aloxe-Corton, Clos du Chapitre	Domaine Follin-Arbelet	2010	£125
GRAND CRU			
Corton	Domaine De La Romanée Conti	2014	£999
Corton	Domaine Bonneau du Martray	2009	£370
Corton	Domaine Bonneau du Martray	2008	£299
Corton Clos Rognet	Domaine Méo-Camuzet	2005	£590
Corton Rognets	Domaine Bruno Clavelier	1999	£490

PERNAND-VERGELESSES

Pernand-Vergelesses is tucked into the junction of two valleys among the hills of the Côte de Beaune. The nearby Hill of Corton stands guard over it and two other villages, Aloxe-Corton and Ladoix-Serrigny, harbouring prestigious Grands Crus: Corton in red and Corton-Charlemagne in white. Pernand with its sloping site and steep streets has a smiling face.

PREMIER CRU

Ile de Vergelesses	Domaine Denis Père & Fils	2013	£94
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SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE

Between the Hill of Corton and Beaune, the landscape opens up like a map unfolding. The hills of the Côte de Beaune recede a little on either side of the little river Rhoin. These vineyards are of ancient lineage.

PREMIER CRU

Clos des Guettes	A. F. Gros	2010	£130
Aux Vergelesses	Domaine Simon Bize	2005	£195

CHOREY-LES-BEAUNE

Its wines, generous and approachable, offer an excellent introduction to Bourgogne's AOC Village. For a long time in the past they were sold under the names of their more prestigious neighbours but their body and bouquet fully entitled them to their own appellation Village which they were granted in 1970.

Chorey-lès-Beaune	Domaine Maillard	2014	£69
Chorey-lès-Beaune	Domaine Tollot-Beaut	2012	£85
Chorey-lès-Beaune	Domaine Tollot-Beaut	2008	£85

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BEAUNE

A Burgundian icon and capital of Bourgogne's wine trade, Beaune takes centre place on the world stage during the annual Hospices de Beaune wine auction.

The Hôtel-Dieu, built in the Flamboyant style, the huge silent cellars of the négociants houses, and the wine-growing domaines of the district all attract countless visitors. The Beaune vineyards are among the most extensive of the Côte. From here comes the Pinot vermillion of the Dukes of Bourgogne- a red wine, aromatic and full of fire, whose reputation goes back to the late Middle Ages.

PREMIER CRU

Grèves	Domaine Michel Lafarge	2013	£195
Grèves, Vigne de L'Enfant Jésus	Bouchard Père & Fils	2008	£195
Les Pertuisots	Domaine Jean-Yves Devevey	2012	£115
Clos de la Mousse, Monopole	Bouchard Père & Fils	2011	£195
Les Aigrots	Domaine Michel Lafarge	2011	£165

POMMARD

For centuries Pommard has been considered the typical Bourgogne: deep red in colour, powerfully aromatic, solid and trustworthy. The very name Pommard has a generous ring to it and fills the mouth as it fills the glass. Pommard with its smiling vineyards lies between Beaune and Volnay where the Côte de Beaune makes a slight turn towards Autun. As early as the Middle Ages, Pommard was thought of as the flower of Bourgogne wines - the wine to which all others were compared. Beware of preconceived notions! The fame of Pommard in the 19th century earned it the image of a wine that is both forceful and virile. In reality, time, terroir and methods of vinification have all combined to create a more subtle reality, a wine that is both richer and more sensitive. Its colour is the deep, dark red with mauve highlights which caused Victor Hugo to speak of it as "night in combat with day".

Pommard	Boisson Vadot	2011	£139
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PREMIER CRU

Grands Epenots	Domaine Pierre Morey	2005	£155
Grands Epenots	Domaine Pierre Morey	2003	£145

Red

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COTE DE BEAUNE

VOLNAY

Volnay, perched on the hill of Chaignot high up in the Côte de Beaune, occupies a narrow and steeply sloping site as if to allow more space to the vines. The hill itself is oriented slightly differently from the general run of the country so that the vines face South-East rather than East. These vineyards have been valued and exploited for centuries. The typicity of this red Pinot Noir wine was fixed as early as the 18th century.

It gained its controlled appellation status in 1937. The appellation Volnay is twinned with Volnay-Santenots, grown in neighbouring Meursault on ground equally suited to the Pinot Noir grape. Volnay, admired for its delicacy, its sap, and its bouquet, has always been thought of as the most feminine of Bourgogne wines. Though certain of its terroirs modify this judgement with more vigorous and muscular versions, it truly does stand out among the red wines of the Côte de Beaune like the lipstick imprint of a kiss.

Volnay	Domaine M. Lafarge	2010	£155
Volnay	Domaine des Comtes Lafon	2009	£195

PREMIER CRU

Clos de la Bousse d'Or, Monopole	Domaine de la Pousse d'Or	2012	£195
Les Frémiets	Domaine Marquis d'Angerville	2010	£195
Les Brouillards	Regis Rossignol-Changarnier	2010	£125
Les Champans	Domaine des Comtes Lafon	2009	£250
Clos des Chênes	Domaine Jean-Marc Bouley	2009	£175
Clos des Chênes	Domaine des Comtes Lafon	2005	£330
Santenots du Milieu	Arnaud Ente	2009	£230
Les Taillepieds	Domaine de Montille	2006	£195
Les Taillepieds	Domaine Marquis d'Angerville	1995	£315

MONTHÉLIE

Monthélie is situated between Volnay and Meursault, looking out at the first hills of the Côte de Beaune. As Burgundian author Pierre Poupon puts it: "Prettily nestled into the curve of the hillside like the head of Saint John against the shoulder of Jesus, Monthélie resembles a village of Tuscany".

Its houses huddled together on a steeply sloping site, this handsome village boasts its own château and old houses with fine cellars. In the past, it was a property of the abbey of Cluny, and so exclusively devoted to wine-growing that "a chicken would die of hunger there at harvest time" the proverb has it.

Monthélie	Domaine Roulot	2011	£109
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PREMIER CRU

Les Duressees	Domaine des Comtes Lafon	2013	£135
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COTE DE BEAUNE

AUXEY-DURESSSES

A village westwards of Meursault and Monthélie on the road towards St Romain and the Hautes Cotes. There are 9 premier crus vineyards established in Auxey Duresses. The reds can be very good, ranging from light and fruity, to powerful but sometimes rustic.

Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Coche-Dury	2012	£175
Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Coche-Dury	2011	£165

PREMIER CRU

Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Roulot	2012	£127
Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Roulot	2011	£119
Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Roulot	2010	£119
Auxey-Duresses	Domaine Roulot	2008	£109

MEURSAULT

Meursault	Domaine Matrot	2005	£169
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BLAGNY

PREMIER CRU

La Pièce Sous le Bois	Robert Ampeau & Fils	1990	£175
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CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET

PREMIER CRU

Morgeot	Jean Noël Gagnard	2014	£105
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MARANGES

The Maranges area, which grows mainly Pinot Noir plus some Chardonnay, forms a link between the Côte-d'Or and the Saône-et-Loire. Its vineyards are interlocked with those of neighbouring Santenay, with which it shares some well-thought-of Premiers Crus.

PREMIER CRU

La Fussièrre	Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	2014	£75
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BEAUJOLAIS

Trying to convince consumers that Beaujolais reds can be serious is not an easy task. Beaujolais Nouveau has held such a stranglehold on taste and communication since the 1970s that it's difficult to believe the region produces anything other than this light, fruity and rather standardised libation.

At their best, these are wines of real personality and character that speak of soil and climate. The grape may be Gamay, but the crus find some resonance with the wines of their Burgundian neighbours to the north and those from the northern Rhône some 70km south. A semi-continental climate and poor, granite-based soils, provide freshness and structure, the acidity and supple tannins contributing a linear precision and firmness ideally enjoyed with food. Southern Beaujolais soils are richer and produce lighter wines.

Moulin-à-Vent, Les Rouchaux	Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	2013	£68
Moulin-à-Vent, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	2015	£85
Moulin-à-Vent, Champ de Cour	Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	2015	£94
Moulin-à-Vent, La Roche	Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair	2015	£99
Côte de Brouilly, Les Griottes de Brulhié	Château Thivin	2016	£75
Brouilly, Combiaty, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Laurent Martray	2015	£69
Morgon	Marcel Lapierre	2015	£70

Domaine Thibault Liger-Belair

Cousin to Vicomte Liger Belair of Vosne Romanée. In 2001 he took over an old family property in Nuits St Georges, taking back the vines which had been contracted out to various share croppers, and leased a cuverie just down the road. The family jewels consist of Richebourg, Clos de Vougeot and Nuits St Georges Les St Georges, to which he has added further vineyards and a few additional cuvées made from purchased grapes. The vines are now certified organic and farmed biodynamically, with horses used to plough the vineyards where possible. The grapes are rigorously sorted on a table de tri, then destalked and fermented without much punching down or pumping over. They will be racked once during the élevage, but Thibault is not afraid of reductive flavours at this stage which, he feels, adds to the eventual substance and complexity of the wine. The oak regime is not to exceed 50% new barrels but also not to use any barrels more than three years old. The natural style of Thibault's wines is plump and full-bodied, though the benefits of his farming methods seem to be bringing a more mineral aspect to the fruit as well.

FRANCE

RHONE

NORTH

COTE-ROTIE

Cote Rotie is perhaps one of the most, elegant, seductive wines in the world. At their best, they offer depth of flavours and complex aromatics including bacon fat, black and red fruits, kirsch, mineral, pepper, earth, spice and floral scents. The best Cote Rotie wines offer freshness in the finish, coupled with pure red and sometimes darker berries. The wines are most often medium to full bodied wines with sensuous, silky textures that caress the palate with exotic sensations. Viognier grapes add a finesse, floral and white fruit element, along with an exotic quality to the wines when blended. The stems from Viognier can also provide a black pepper component to the wine as well.

Côteaux de Bassenon	Jean-Michel Stephan	2013	£175
Côteaux de Tupin	Jean-Michel Stephan	2011	£199
La Mouline	E. Guigal	2004	£650
Brune et Blonde	Pierre Gaillard	1991	£270
La Chatillone	Vidal-Fleury	2005	£165
Côte-Rôtie	Vidal-Fleury	1985	£450

Maison Guigal

Is the most famous producer in Côte Rôtie and one of the finest in the Rhône Valley. It was founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal, following his departure from Vidal-Fleury, where he had worked for just under twenty years. His son, Marcel, joined the company in 1961 and is now the head of the company. Guigal pioneered the notion of single vineyard Côte Rôties and his 3 most famous wines, La Landonne, La Mouline and La Turque are amongst the most sought after wines in the world today. Marcel Guigal's attitude to winemaking is typical of the simple genius that one seems to stumble upon when looking at any of the world's greatest winemakers - low yields, organic viticulture and little or no intervention in the cellars - in short, a respect for nature and a passion for the wine itself.

SAINT-JOSEPH

Wines from those hillside vineyards can capture the essence of St.-Joseph, a firm core of minerality wrapped in savoury, peppery flavours of smoked meats, olives and herbs, with grace notes of violets and red and black fruits. These wines can show a density, which can be either as natural and fine-grained as the granite itself or, using the tools of the cellar, can seem polished to a glossy sheen with a light or heavy hand.

Les Serines	Yves Cuilleron	2008	£115
Les Reflets	François Villard	2008	£99

Red

FRANCE

RHONE

NORTH

HERMITAGE

This is a place of wine pilgrimage. The birthplace of Syrah. I can think of few appellations with such an emotional draw as the hill of Hermitage, which sits behind the town of Tain l'Hermitage..

Four of the lieu dits are particularly famous.

First, we have Les Bessards. This is the most granitic of all parts of the hill, and produces very tannic wines that form the core of many great Hermitages. Most of it is planted to Syrah, and this is where Chapoutier's Pavillon comes from. Le Méal produces richer, riper wines, in part because of its loose soils with lots of glacier stones. There's an alluvial influence here. L'Hermitage is the vineyard block that surrounds the famous Chapel of St Christopher (La Chapelle). This was built in 1864 on the site of a chapel that had been here from the 12th century. It faces south east, and has a commanding view of the Rhône and the neighbouring towns of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage. L'Hermitage has a range of soil types with some granite, some loess and some alpine residues. Further down the slope is Les Greffieux, which also has some granite, as well as clay and limestone. Most of the vines here are Syrah.

Domaine des Tourettes	Delas	2010	£175
Les Bessards	Delas	2007	£270
La Chapelle	Paul Jaboulet Aine	2001	£230
Hermitage	J.L Chave	2000	£440

CROZES-HERMITAGE

Crozes Hermitage	Domaine Guillaume Belle	2015	£55
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CORNAS

Like the Sleeping Beauty of the Northern Rhône, the appellation Cornas is at last awaking from a long slumber. Though these were wines once celebrated by Charlemagne, they have been regarded as the red-headed stepchild of the Northern Rhône for the last hundred years. Hard, tannic wines from the large négociants have given the appellation a bad reputation, and the rough, crumbling terraces lining the banks on this patch of the river have crippled even the most robust vigneron. In the early twentieth century, many vineyards here had already fallen into disrepair. By the 1980s, a slow insurgency of passionate winemakers started to resuscitate the vineyards.

Chaillot	Franck Balthazar	2013	£105
Reynard	Domaine Thierry Allemand	2012	£450
Les Billes Noires	Domaine du Coulet	2007	£189

Thierry Allemand

Young Thierry worked at Domaine Robert Michel learning the trade secrets of terrace farming, pruning, grafting techniques, and noninterventionist winemaking. Little by little, he began acquiring vineyard parcels that had long since been abandoned, rescuing some, buying others, and renting the rest. Insufferable work as it was, he dove into the project courageously: he cleared over-taken vineyards of weeds and scrub brush, reinforced terraces, rebuilt walls, and replanted. All by hand. Though it took him fifteen years before he could afford to fully dedicate himself to his own domaine (he earned his living as an electrician, the quiet, monastic Thierry Allemand had already become a legend.

FRANCE

RHONE

SOUTH

The wines made in this seductive countryside are, contrarily, best drunk in much cooler climates. They can seem head-thumpingly inappropriate when drunk in the place and season that produces them.

Vacqueyras, Les Restanques de Cabassole	Domaine Roucas Toumba	2013	£75
Gigondas	Domaine du Cayron	2013	£80
Lirac, Roquedon	Domaine Grand Veneur	2012	£51

RASTEAU

With 75% of vineyards on hillsides rising between 150 and 300 meters, Rasteau, with its smooth, stone covered clay-limestone terraces, has been long considered a top red Côtes du Rhône Villages wine. The red wines must contain at least 50% Grenache which, on the Rasteau terroir, produce full-bodied, structured and aromatic wines. Grenache stands up well to both winds and lack of water. It is perfectly suited to Rasteau's terroir with its exposed hillsides with dry, barren land. Produced using old vines, the result is often a heady, structured wine with notes of ripe fruits and spices.

Rasteau	Domaine Rabasse Charavin	2012	£63
Fleur de Confiance	Domaine la Soumade	2012	£155
Fleur de Confiance	Domaine la Soumade	1998	£189

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

Châteauneuf is most famous in wine books as the appellation in which 18 different grape varieties are permitted. In practice, however, the reds are made predominantly from Grenache, supplemented by Syrah, Mourvèdre and, to a decreasing extent, Cinsault. Châteauneuf is a big, beefy wine with lots of alcohol and extract, with a come-hither, if slightly bludgeoning, approach to the wine drinker. The stereotypical Châteauneuf vineyard has low bush vines struggling up for sunlight between large boulders, whose effect is to continue the warming process well into the night, but in fact many of the best vineyards are on much more conventional ground.

Cuvée Laurence	Domaine du Pegau	2009	£250
Châteauneuf du Pape	Domaine de Marcoux	2007	£125
Chante le Merle Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Bosquet des Papes	2007	£165
Vieilles Vignes	Domaine de La Janasse	2001	£290
Châteauneuf du Pape	Château Beaucastel	1998	£195
Réserve des Célestins	Henri Bonneau	2010	£950
Réserve des Célestins	Henri Bonneau	2009	£510
Réserve des Célestins	Henri Bonneau	2007	£590

Red

FRANCE

PROVENCE

Alpilles	Domaine de Trévallon	2009	£185
Alpilles	Domaine de Trévallon	2005	£195
Côtes-de-Provence, Ile de Porquerolles	Domaine de la Courtade	2011	£69

BANDOL

In Bandol, Mourvèdre is the kingpin grape, accounting for a minimum of 50% of the wine blend, even sometimes making up 100% of the wine's composition. Mourvèdre as a grape is a key player in the grape blends of the south of France and Spain; bringing power, backbone, and longevity. On its own it is a rare and wild thing; Bandol is the area that has learned how to tame the beast into something beautiful, velvety, powerful, densely dark-fruited. A wine to be reckoned with. The soils and climate of Bandol are perfectly suited to this late-ripening variety, and it is only here that we will see a blend so dominated by this grape; producing wines that harmoniously balance power and elegance, and that often need a few years' ageing to tame the tannins.

Bandol	Château de Pibarnon	2012	£109
Bandol	Château de Pibarnon	2003	£159
Bandol	Domaine Tempier	2013	£83
Bandol, La Migoua	Domaine Tempier	2013	£119
Bandol, La Tourtine	Domaine Tempier	2013	£119

Domaine Pibarnon

The Domaine Pibarnon benefits from an exceptional Terroir, located on the top of the Bandol Appellation, at 300m above sea level and very close to the sea, on blue clay subsoil added to chalk, leaning towards South-East shaped as a greek amphitheatre. This makes a much fresher wine, with a finesse unusual for the masculine Mourvèdre based Bandol wines.

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BORDEAUX

MEDOC

The Médoc is arguably the most famous red wine district in the world, home to many of the greatest and most renowned names of Bordeaux. Stretching north-west from the city of Bordeaux with the Gironde estuary to the east, the vineyards extend up to eight miles from the river and run for about 50 miles northwards. With natural drainage, access to water from the Atlantic ocean and the Gironde, gentle slopes and its unique variety of gravel, stones, sand, limestone and clay soils in its terroir, coupled with its moderate climate, the Medoc was perfect for the production of Bordeaux wine.

Every September, a few weeks before harvest, the Marathon du Medoc race takes place. The race travels through some of the most beautiful and picturesque vineyards and Chateaux in Bordeaux.

HAUT-MEDOC

Haut Medoc appellation is the largest area under vine in the Medoc. There is no particular style of Bordeaux wine produced here. It's wide and varied. With hundreds of Chateaux, there are some that push the quality envelope as far as it can go, hoping to produce the best wines possible.

Château Cantemerle	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2009	£130
Château Belgrave	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2005	£169
Château La Lagune	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2001	£189

SAINT ESTEPHE

The best of these wines from the northernmost appellation of the Medoc offer a purity and intensity that is seldom found in other Bordeaux wines. However, the region also produces a myriad of wines that are rustic and austere in style. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are the kings here. Even though some Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot are planted in the region, they only play a minor role.

Château Calon-Ségur	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1996	£299
Château Cos d'Estournel	2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1986	£550

Red

FRANCE

BORDEAUX

MEDOC

PAUILLAC

Pauillac, the home of several of the world's most famous wines, is an inauspicious small village in the Médoc. Pauillac's land area, a little less than 22.8 square kilometres, is highly optimized for wine production and accounts for a rather disproportionate amount of fine, expensive wine in Bordeaux.

Other than the wine industry, Pauillac has little to differentiate it from other Bordeaux villages. Despite a beautiful maritime climate and pretty view, only 1,274 people live in Pauillac. Many of them are somehow involved in the business of wine production.

Château Lynch-Moussas	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2008	£135
Château Pontet-Canet	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2008	£240
Château Haut-Bages Libéral	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2006	£99
Château Haut-Bages Libéral	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1996	£175
Château Duhart-Milon	4 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2005	£240
Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande	2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1983	£380
Château Latour	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé	1988	£950
Château Lafite-Rothschild	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé	1985	£1,600

SAINT JULIEN

St. Julien is the smallest of the major Bordeaux appellations in the Medoc with 910 hectares under vine. On average, 450,000 cases of wine are produced each year in Saint Julien. But it's important to keep in mind, great things come in small packages. As far as classified growths in the Medoc goes, the St. Julien appellation has the highest ratio of classified terroir of any Bordeaux region. In fact, during the 1980's and 1990's, close to 85% of the vineyards in Saint Julien consist of classified terroir! By 2015, with the larger, classified estates buying the land from the small estates, close to 95% of the entire Saint Julien appellation was classified!

Château Talbot	4 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2001	£190
Château Branaire-Ducru	4 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1989	£250
Château Langoa-Barton	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2000	£205
Château Gruaud Larose	2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2004	£210
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1990	£350

FRANCE

BORDEAUX

MEDOC

MARGAUX

It could be argued that prior to 2000, Margaux was a region known as much for its great terroir and reputation, as it was for the number of chateaux that were under performing based on their true potential to make great wine. From the 2000 vintage on, that was no longer the case for the Margaux appellation. Improvements in the Left Bank vineyards and wine making techniques, coupled with the desire to produce the best wines possible from Margaux have sparked numerous chateaux to wake from their deep sleep. Consumers have not had so many high quality Margaux wines to chose from for more than 100 years, In fact, the wines of Margaux are so consistently good now.

Château du Tertre	5 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2010	£170
Château Malescot-St-Exupery	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2003	£180
Château Giscours	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2010	£220
Château Giscours	3 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	1996	£265
Château Brane-Cantenac	2 ^{ème} Grand Cru Classé	2000	£295
Château Margaux	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé	1982	£1,500

BORDEAUX

GRAVES

PESSAC-LEOGNAN

The Graves, Pessac Leognan appellation takes its name from the unique soils that consist of deep layers of gravel and stone. Below the gravel and pebble laden surface, layers of sand, hardpan and clay can be found. But much of the quality from this Bordeaux wine appellation is also shaped by the pine tree laden forests that inhabit the region. The trees assist in creating the unique, micro climate of the commune by protecting the vines from the humidity and winds. Another important consideration that makes the Graves Pessac Leognan different from all the other Bordeaux wine appellations is, this is the only Bordeaux region making large quantities of world class red and white Bordeaux wine.

Château Haut Bergey		2000	£165
Château Pape Clément	Grand Cru Classé de Graves	2004	£230
Château Haut-Bailly	Grand Cru Classé de Graves	2000	£250
Château La Mission Haut-Brion	Grand Cru Classé de Graves	2006	£560
Château Haut-Brion	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé	1990	£1,200

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BORDEAUX

LIBOURNAIS

POMEROL

With only 800ha under vine, there isn't much to go around. The best wines come from the so-called plateau, which rises to a majestic 40m above sea level, and occupies no more than 25% of the appellation. Total production of this top Pomerol is equivalent to the total output of Lafite and Mouton-Rothschild combined. However, this plateau is by no means uniform. Clay, so well suited to Merlot, is widely encountered, but so is stony gravel, as at La Fleur-Pétrus, where the soils are in complete contrast to its clay-rich neighbour Pétrus.

Vieux Château Certan		2012	£299
Château Plince		2011	£128
Château Plince		2010	£132
Château Certan de May de Certan		2010	£295
Château L'Eglise Clinet		2005	£1,250
Château Bonalque		2004	£110

SAINT EMILION

The Merlot vine reigns here on the right bank of the Gironde, as it does in the greater Bordeaux region, producing generally warmer, more obviously fruity wines than in the Médoc and Graves, most of which mature between three and 10 years earlier. It is typically blended with some Cabernet Franc, the aromatic, lighter-bodied parent of Cabernet Sauvignon, which is easier to ripen than Cabernet Sauvignon in St-Émilion, which is less temperate than the heavily maritime-influenced Médoc.

Château Bellevue	Grand Cru Classé	2009	£175
Château Clos St. Martin	Grand Cru Classé	2000	£350
Château Pavie Macquin	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé B	2010	£325
Château Canon	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé B	2010	£320
Château Canon	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé B	2004	£255
Château Cheval Blanc	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé A	1990	£1,250

BORDEAUX

BLAYE & BOURG

COTES DE BOURG

Situated around the small town of Bourg-sur-Gironde near Bordeaux, France. The first vineyards in the area were founded by the Romans. In the Middle Ages, Bourg was a major port for wine and the vineyards developed at the same tempo as the estuary traffic.

Roc de Cambes	François Mitjavile	2010	£185
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LOIRE VALLEY

The Loire's reds remain some of the least understood of French wines. This is the northern limit for growing cabernet franc, and in cooler years it can taste hard. At their best they have a fine balance of tangy fruit with a solid backbone, and in the hands of great winemakers, even in difficult years shows amazing purity of fruit. The pinot noir, originally Burgundy, is very preponderant in the Val de Loire. It gives wines with cherry red colour, its nose offers aromas of red fruits like blackcurrant or cherry but also aromas of flowers such as violets. The attack on the palate is supple and leaves room for a light fruity, supple and elegant tannins.

Saumur-Champigny, Tuffe	Château du Hureau	2014	£40
Saumur-Champigny, La Marginale	Domaine des Roches Neuves	2013	£129
Saumur-Champigny, Les Poyeux	Domaine de la Bonnelière	2011	£50
Chinon, Clos de la Dioterie	Charles Joguet	2010	£99
Côtes de la Charité, Les Montées de Saint Lay	Domaine Serge Dagueneau	2013	£48
Sancerre, Vendanges Entières	Vincent Pinard	2011	£125

Charles Joguet

This young painter and sculptor abandoned a budding art career to assume direction of the family domaine in 1957. He soon questioned the common practice of selling grapes to négociants, as his family had done for years. The Joguets owned prime vineyards, with some of their finest found on the left bank of the Vienne, just outside Chinon. These very lieux-dits had been recognized for their character and defined before the Renaissance. Variations in the soils of these alluvial plains were substantial enough to realize that he was sitting on what would be considered in other regions as premier cru and grand cru vineyards. Over the years, Charles took the risks necessary to master the single-vineyard bottling with an artistry.

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FRANCE

SOUTH-WEST

The region covers 18 appellations over 12 departments – from Gascony and Cahors to Toulouse and the Spanish border – and the largest number of indigenous grapes in France. Some have earned an identity abroad, such as Malbec in Argentina, Tannat in Uruguay and Colombar in California and South Africa. There is a refreshing pride in local varieties.

Aveyron, Maximus	Nicolas Carmarans	2015	£69
Côtes du Marmandais, "Ce vin est une Fête"	Elian Da Ros	2014	£45
Côtes du Marmandais, Abouriou	Elian Da Ros	2014	£53
Cahors	Clos Triguedina	2012	£59
Cahors, GC	Château Du Cèdre	2002	£189
Gaillac	Château Lions Lamartine	2015	£38
Saint-Mont, Vignes Préphyloxériques	Producteurs de Plaimont	2011	£180
Madiran, Cuvée Prestige	Château Montus	1999	£130
Fronton, Tot Çò Que Cal	Château Plaisance	2011	£74
Irouléguay	Herri Mina	2015	£75
Irouléguay, Cuvée Haitza	Domaine Arretxea	2011	£88

Maison Arretxea

Just after losing his father at the age of thirteen, Michel Riouspeyrous was raised by his grandfather, with whom he worked in the family farm and vineyards. He eventually gravitated towards studies in Agronomy before the mandatory service militaire sent him to Africa for duty. While in Africa, Michel met Thérèse, an Alsatian who was on vacation. They married and returned to Michel's home in the Southwest in the early eighties. In 1989, they decided to start their own domaine by renting two hectares of vineyards. The decision to farm organically came rather instantaneously to Michel. Once certified as organic, he and Thérèse pushed on towards the next logical progression: biodynamics. Juxtaposed against a backdrop of co-op wine that has come to categorize the appellation in recent decades, the Riouspeyrous seem even more radical—not only for bottling their own wine, but also for farming it as they do. For Michel and Thérèse, it just translates into a more authentic expression of the grape. A mere glimpse of their steep, terraced land, amid beautifully lush wildflowers, set against the white peaks of the Pyrénées, with sheep grazing on the soft, aerated soils in between vineyard rows, makes it easy to see what inspired such a decision.

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LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

Languedoc has been an important winemaking centre for several centuries, with the port of Sete and the link to the Atlantic via the 17th Century Canal du Midi providing key trading routes. The Mediterranean climate and plentiful land with soil ranging from rocky sand to thick clay has long been considered very suitable for the production of wine.

Coteaux de Languedoc, En Damaisela	La Peira	2008	£165
Vin de Pays du Gard, Roc d'Anglade	Remy Pedreno	2005	£155
Faugères, Belle Lurette	Domaine Cebene	2014	£69
Faugères, Jadis	Domaine Léon Barral	2014	£105
Minervois, Mais où est donc Ornicar	Jean-Baptiste Senat	2014	£61
Minervois, Tradition	Château Cabezac	2016	£36
Minervois, Belvèze	Château Cabezac	2013	£82
Côtes Du Roussillon Villages, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Gauby	2012	£108
Côtes Du Roussillon Villages, Les Orris	Domaine Boucabeille	2013	£78
Collioure, La Pascole	Bruno Duchene	2015	£88

Domaine Gauby

Is situated in and around the tiny, bucolic Roussillon town of Calce, inland from Perpignan and a short drive from the Cataluña border of Spain. This is a forgotten corner of France that is both wonderfully unspoiled and tragically neglected. Admittedly in recent years a handful of producers have set up camp in the Fenouillèdes and begun to deservedly gain international attention for some impeccably crafted wines from ancient vines. The most famous, Gerard Gauby, was born into a wine-making family with vines in Calce and took the reins in the 1980s. He thus was set to become one of the forerunners in developing the potential of the old vines and unique terroir of this region. More than twenty years on, Gerard Gauby's meticulous care for his vines tends to follow biodynamic principals that have been personally tested over 17-18 years of farming this way. In the winery he and his equally talented son, Lionel, use only natural yeasts and principals – no chaptalization, acidification, fining or filtration. They will not work with stainless steel, only cement and wood (including wooden fermenters and old foudres for inert storage).

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FRANCE

CORSICA

When you think of French wine, you think Burgundy or Bordeaux, not Corsica. That won't bother the Corsicans: they don't really think of themselves as French anyway. But while wine has been made here for 2,500 years, the latest generation of vigneroni have dramatically improved the quality of Corsican wine. And wine makers sell a lot of their production direct to the public, so mostly welcome visitors without an appointment. They specialise in traditional local grapes and, in a typically Corsican exception, there is no VAT on local wine, so buying from the cellar is good value. A Corsican vineyard may have any of 30 indigenous varieties like Aleatico, Barbarossa, Elégante, Biancu Gentile, Genovese, Riminese, and might also grow imported varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Grenache, Chardonnay, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Carignan, Ugni Blanc or Muscat à Petits Grains, but there are three noble, insular varieties - the Sciaccarellu, the Niellucciu and the Vermentinu - that are the basis of all Corsican appellation wines.

Corse Calvi	Clos Culombu	2010	£50
Ajaccio, Clos du Cardinal	Domaine Comte Peraldi	2012	£75

VIN DE FRANCE

Vin de France is a designation for table wine that has been in use since 2010. The wines you will find below do not refer as simple table wines but to good wines produced under unusual circumstances, where you cannot use a more "glamorous" designation, maybe because grapes from different regions are blended or grapes not allowed in the rules of the appellations.

Le Jaja du Ben	Anne et Jean-François Ganevat	2014	£65
J'en Veux Encore	Anne et Jean-François Ganevat	2014	£75

ITALY

VAL D'AOSTA

Fumin "Esprit de Follet"	La Crotta di Vegneron	2013	£75
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PIEDMONT

The scenery is stunning, too, especially in autumn at the height of the white truffle season when each patch of vines turns a different shade of pink, orange, brown, purple and green. Whenever the fog, or nebbia, clears, the tightly folded Langhe hills which expose the Barolo and Barbaresco vineyards, Piemonte's most famous, are dwarfed by the snow-covered Alps to the north and west. Most of Piemonte's excitingly varied wine is produced in conditions of enviable beauty and gastronomic luxury. Piemonte is a wine region to which grape varieties are the key.

Dolcetto d'Alba	Elio Altare	2016	£48
Verduno, Basadone	Castello di Verduno	2015	£48
Barbera d'Alba, Superiore	Le More Bianche	2015	£69
Roero, Vigna San Bernardo	Le More Bianche	2015	£75
Barbera d'Alba, Francia	Giacomo Conterno	2012	£115
Barbera d'Alba, Pre-Phylloxera	Elvio Cogno	2012	£125
Langhe Nebbiolo	Roberto Voerzio	2013	£67
Langhe Merlot	Roberto Voerzio	2005	£250
Langhe Barbera, Larigi	Elio Altare	2005	£185
Langhe Freisa	Bartolo Mascarello	2014	£95

BARBARESCO

Unfortunately, the high quality of Barbaresco still slips under the radar of most wine lovers. Despite pocketfuls of admirers, the wines have always played underdog to nearby Barolo. It's Barolo that has always garnered most of the attention, despite the fact that both wines are made essentially the same way, from the same Nebbiolo grape. The vineyards are just a short drive away, but in completely separate wine-production areas, and in a similar patchwork of geologically and topographically distinct sites beautiful enough to have merited UNESCO recognition.

Gallina	Piero Busso	2012	£155
Gallina, Riserva	Ugo Lequio	2010	£115
Camp Gros Martinenga	Marchesi di Gresy	2006	£185
Starderi, Vursu	La Spinetta	1998	£350

Ugo Lequio

Starting in the early 1980s, Ugo released his first bottles of wine following rigorous fruit selection from the six-hectare Cascina Nuova vineyard. This historic property is located on the sun-drenched Gallina Hill that was once part of the Neive Conti Riccardi Candiani patrimony and now belongs to the Marcarino family. Years later, thanks to experience and experimentation in both the vineyard and the winery, Ugo Lequio has emerged as one of the protagonist of the revolutionary shift that proses quality wine over quantity. His personal conviction is that class and elegance are tangible in a great wine only if that wine is given sufficient time, in a stress-free atmosphere, to evolve. For this reason, Ugo insists on giving his wines a long and deserved rest before they are released.

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ITALY

PIEDMONT

BAROLO

Barolo, conventionally known as Italy's 'wine of kings and king of wines', is particularly rich in different wine characters, created by the turn of a hillside, a seam of sandstone or marl. It is majestic in every sense, the most concentrated expression of the Nebbiolo grape which has needed coaxing and a fine autumn to ripen properly. But there are huge and demonstrable differences between different parts of the 11 communes that make up the Barolo DOCG. Wines made from grapes grown in the western villages of La Morra and the village of Barolo itself tend to be a little lighter and more open than those made in Castiglione Falletto, Monforte d'Alba and Serralunga d'Alba to the east and north.

Barolo	Bartolo Mascarello	2013	£390
Barolo	Bava	2008	£129
Barolo	Elio Altare	2008	£159
Tebavio	Tenuta L'Illuminata	2005	£120
Granbussia, Riserva	Poderi Aldo Conterno	2005	£680
Brunate, Vecchia Vigne	Marco Marengo	2005	£199
Bricco Boschis Vigna San Giuseppe, Riserva	Cavallotto	2009	£185
Le Vigne, Sibi et Paucis	Sandrone	2006	£330
Cannubi Boschis, Sibi et Paucis	Sandrone	2006	£330
Fossati Case Nere Riserva 10 Anni	Roberto Voerzio	2004	£520
Brunate	Roberto Voerzio	1996	£440
Cerequio	Roberto Voerzio	1996	£440
Margheria	Azelia di Luigi Scavino	2006	£139
Bricco Fiasco	Azelia di Luigi Scavino	1993	£210
Monprivato	Giuseppe Mascarello e Figlio	1999	£420
Barolo Riserva	Giacomo Conterno	1961	£850

Luciano Sandrone

One of the iconic producers in Barolo, has an extraordinary story. He started to learn viticulture at the age of 15, and after years of work as a cellarman he depleted his life savings and purchased his first vineyard on the Cannubi hill in 1977, though he could only manage his land on the weekends while he continued to work. He made his first vintage in 1978, in the garage of his parents, and then spent years refining his ideas to make a wine of distinction and utmost quality. The new winery, built in 1998 at the foot of the steep Cannubi hillside in the heart of the Barolo district, is characterized by the respect for tradition and desire for innovation. Luciano has devoted his life towards cultivating the finest Nebbiolo expressions from his sites in Barolo and the Roero. Sandrone's wines are sometimes described as straddling the modern and traditional styles in the region: elegant, attractive and easy to appreciate right from their first years in bottle, but with no less power and structure than traditional Barolos. Along with the extremely low yields in the vineyard and an obsessive attention to training, pruning and harvesting, Sandrone has a very rational approach in the cellar. This approach, however, is also unique and outside of simple classification: Sandrone subjects his wines to medium-length maceration period, shorter than traditional, but makes limited use of new oak in the maturation process, which takes place in 500 litre tonneaux, all signs of a more traditional approach in the cellar. The entire range of wines, all limited in production, are jewels of impeccably balanced concentration and precision, and the ability to age for long periods of time.

ITALY

LOMBARDIA

Valtellina Superiore Valgella	Balgera	2001	£115
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TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE

Situated in north-eastern Italy, the Dolomites are easily reached from the city of Bolzano in the region of Trentino-Alto Adige. Trentino (whose capital is Trento) and Alto Adige (also known as Südtirol or South Tyrol and whose capital is Bolzano) border Austria. The region was annexed to Italy in 1919, after World War I, but the Austrian/German influences are many, not least its range of fragrant white wines and German-accented syllables.

Alto Adige, Blauburgunder	Erste+Neue	2014	£48
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VENETO

Veneto wine region has played a pivotal part in Italy's wine culture since Roman times, boosted by its strategic location close to Venice and the Adriatic. Today is a thriving wine region, responsible for almost a sixth of Italy's wine production.

Alzero	Giuseppe Quintarelli	2005	£950
Valpolicella Classico Superiore	Giuseppe Quintarelli	2008	£175
Valpolicella Superiore	Romano dal Forno	2008	£195

AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA

No Italian wine is more distinctive than Amarone della Valpolicella, and few are as precious. That is due to the time, the labor and the materials required to craft every bottle. Consider: To produce one bottle of wine, a winemaker in any other part of the world will vinify about 1.2kg of grapes. For each bottle of Amarone, 5kg are required. And those grapes must dehydrate into raisins before vinification truly begins. So clearly, Amarone is singular in every way, most notably in its overall excellence. Amarone is high in alcohol, with intense aromatics that range from resin and dried prunes to cherry cola. On the palate it is rich and powerful but balanced, with flavors that can range from dark fruits like berry, cherry and plum to liquorice, coffee and chocolate.

Vigneto Monte Lodoletta	Romano dal Forno	2010	£650
Classico, Costasera Riserva	Masi	2009	£139
Classico, Stropa	Monte dall'Ora	2007	£195
Classico Superiore	Giuseppe Quintarelli	2006	£590

EMILIA-ROMAGNA

Macchiona	La Stoppa	2006	£90
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ITALY

TUSCANY

This region is the epitome of perfect wine country. On the windy country roads that cross the gentle hills you will pass wild forests, medieval pilgrim trails and ruins of ancient churches before arriving at your winery destination set in a fairy-tale castle. On the coast you can drive along streets lined with 400-year-old cypress trees to Bolgheri – the medieval hamlet where the super Tuscans were born. Or you might stay in the charming city of Florence, just a short drive from Chianti, where you will find wineries with Michelin-starred restaurants, or set within luxurious resorts.

Chianti Classico, Il Solatio Gran Selezione	Castello d'Albola	2013	£89
Chianti, Grosso Sanese	Podere il Palazzino	2005	£95
Flaccianello della Pieve	Fontodi	2006	£290
Montevertine	Montevertine	2013	£135
Le Pergole Torte	Montevertine	2013	£250
Sassicaia, Bolgheri	Tenuta San Guido	2012	£360
Sassicaia, Bolgheri	Tenuta San Guido	2004	£450
Galatrona	Petrolo	2009	£270
Boggina	Petrolo	2011	£150
Testamatta	Bibi Graetz	2010	£310
Tignanello	Marchesi Antinori	2014	£190
Solaia	Marchesi Antinori	2009	£490

MONTALCINO

The best examples of Brunello di Montalcino are among the world's greatest wines. Is a visibly limpid, brilliant wine, with a bright garnet colour. The Montalcino zone is one of the warmest in inland Tuscany and inevitably the wines reflect that. Although made from the same grape, they are nothing like pale, skinny, tart, basic Chianti. Instead they are rich, polished, magnificently concentrated renditions of Sangiovese.

Brunello di Montalcino	Poggio di Sotto	2009	£260
Brunello di Montalcino, Riserva	Poggio di Sotto	2010	£550
Brunello di Montalcino, Cerretalto	Casanova di Neri	2008	£260
Brunello di Montalcino	Poggio Antico	2011	£165
Brunello di Montalcino, Riserva	Poggio Antico	2007	£225

ITALY

UMBRIA

Often overshadowed by neighbouring Tuscany and Lazio, this lush and sparsely populated land is affectionately referred to as the “green heart of Italy.” Umbria offers an array of grape varieties, wine styles. It’s a compact, cautious and focused region that has something special for every palate.

Sagrantino di Montefalco	Perticaia	2010	£109
Sagrantino di Montefalco, Pagliaro	Paolo Bea	2008	£145
Montefalco Rosso, Pipparello Riserva	Paolo Bea	2007	£145

Paolo Bea

The quintessential artisanal producer steeped in the traditions of the Montefalco. Bea’s approach is firmly rooted not so much in the desire to translate provenance, but in the absolute necessity of articulating Montefalco’s terroir: “Nature should be observed, heard, [and] understood, not dominated.”

SARDINIA

Cannonau is the wine synonymous with Sardinia. The grape is grown all over this island, a special variety of what is generally known as grenache, producing explosive, potent wines. The great majority of the vineyards, and the highest-quality wines, are produced in a triangle that stretches along an idyllic coastline from Orosei to Bari Sardo, and then into the wild mountainous interiors as far as Atzara. This is an off-the-beaten-track destination – even the seaside resorts aren’t overpriced or packed out – and there is a really genuine feel to the welcome given to visitors.

Isola dei Nuraghi, S'arai	Pala	2013	£89
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MARCHE

Lacrima di Morro d'Alba	Zaccagnini	2016	£40
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ABRUZZO

Montepulciano d’Abruzzo, Belvedere	La Valentina	2012	£115
Montepulciano d’Abruzzo	Azienda Agricola Valentini	2012	£750

MOLISE

Perhaps the most obscure wine making region in all of Italy.

Tintilia del Molise, Macchiarossa	Cantine Cipressi	2011	£75
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ITALY

BASILICATA

Mostly known for Aglianico del Vulture, one of the best red wines of southern Italy. The cool highland climate of Mount Vulture (an old extinct volcano) and its soils rich in potassium and phosphorus are particularly well suited to this grape, which takes a long time to mature. Aglianico del Vulture produces very dark, full-bodied reds, which are both delicate and complex.

Aglianico del Vulture, Stupor Mundi	Carbone	2011	£145
Aglianico del Vulture, Il Sigillo	Cantine del Notaio	2011	£89

PUGLIA

Puglia is best known for three red grapes: Nero di Troia, Primitivo, from two main areas in the centre; and Negroamaro, in the south, on the Salento peninsula. Primitivo's two historic areas, the soft hills of Gioia del Colle and the flat coastal land around Manduria, near Taranto, offer the chance to taste the difference in its terroirs. The cherry fruit and rich colour that distinguishes Primitivo is underpinned by lively acidity and minerality in these areas, resulting in a freshness that makes them very enjoyable to drink, especially when they're not encumbered by too much wood ageing.

Puglia, Oltreme, Susumaniello, Salento	Tenute Rubino	2016	£47
Masseria Maime, Negroamaro	Tormaresca	2012	£86
Primitivo Gioia del Colle, Riserva	Fatalone	2010	£59

SICILY

Sicily's wine revolution really got underway in the 1980s, inspiring fresh plantings on Etna, the active volcano in the island's north-east corner, as well as in Siracusa, Cerasuolo di Vittoria, Menfi, Palermo and elsewhere. Thirty years later, no one would argue that Sicily has put all of its problems behind it, but it is now one of the most exciting wine regions in Europe, blessed with a combination of abundant sunshine, varied terroirs, good indigenous grapes.

Mille e Una Notte	Donnafugata	2011	£165
Il Piccolo	Vinding Montecarrubo	2013	£65
Il Carrubo	Vinding Montecarrubo	2015	£110

SPAIN

GALICIA

Ribeira Sacra, Bastarda	Fedellos Do Couto	2014	£99
Ribeira Sacra, Camino Novo	Envinata Lousas	2015	£80

ASTURIAS

Cangas, La Zorrina	Dominio del Urogallo	2014	£120
Cangas, Retortiroiro	Dominio del Urogallo	2013	£110

ARAGON

Calatayud, Jesus Angel	Casa de Si	2014	£72
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CASTILE AND LEON

Situated in north-western Spain, Castilla y León is the largest Comunidad Autonoma in the country. Castilla y León is known for its traditional beauty, plentiful fortifications, and historical importance. This area was dubbed the Kingdom of Castles due to hundreds of forts, castles, and patrolled walls defining the landscape.

Edicion Limitada	Albares	2007	£95
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Sierra de Gredos, Tumba del Rey Moro	Comando G	2014	£199
Sierra de Gredos, Las Umbrias	Comando G	2014	£199

BIERZO

However, Bierzo has exploded in popularity and wine experts recognition in the last 10 years. Part of the blame falls on Mencía, an indigenous grape of this region that if vinified and elaborated correctly can provide fruity wines with good acidity levels. Climate in the Bierzo region is Continental with Atlantic influence, thanks to its relative proximity to Galicia and the ocean, which gives substantial rainfall, about 721 mm. average per year, with lot of sunshine in Spring and Summer.

Villa de Corullon	Descendientes de J. Palacios	2013	£119
La Tentacion, Pinot Noir	Raul Perez	2012	£165
Ultreia de Valtuille	Raul Perez	2012	£140

Red

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CASTILE AND LEON

CIGALES

The great advantage of Cigales' never having been a dynamic wine region is that viticultural methods have remained doggedly traditional. The climate is dry and harsh. At 650-800 m altitude, and with relatively low rainfall, agrochemicals have rarely been used to any great extent. Drought and frost are the chief enemies of the vine here, not disease. Cigales is higher and cooler than Toro so its wines tend to be rather more structured. It is much smaller and less considerably less expensive than Ribera del Duero. But the best of them seem to have very promising ageing potential and very few of them suffer the over-oaking that seemed endemic in Spain.

Cigales	Bodega Rodriguez Sanz	2015	£39
Cigales	Bodegas Cesar Principe	2010	£85

RIBERA DEL DUERO

Ribera del Duero is, to put it mildly, a most unlikely great wine area. Bud break for vines is the latest in Europe; frosts in May are a constant danger, frosts in September are less common but still hazardous; the growing season is short and intense. This is a bleak landscape of flat-topped rocky heights on the northern meseta of Spain, with an average altitude of 700-800 metres. In the last 30 years, Ribera del Duero has risen up to challenge Rioja for the crown of Spain's greatest wine region. Once known only as the home of Vega Sicilia it now boasts numerous bodegas of outstanding quality.

Valdegatiles	Dominio de Atauta	2009	£179
Tierras de Cair	Dominio de Cair	2009	£105
Unico Reserva Especial (1994, 1996,2000)	Vega Sicilia	NV	£590
Unico	Vega Sicilia	1996	£890

Vega Sicilia

About 230 - 250 hectares of vines. Founded in 1864 by Don Eloy Lecanda y Chaves, who arrived from Bordeaux with cuttings of Cab. Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec and planted them, together with Spain's signature grape Tinto Fino in the arid Ribera soils. The winery begun building its reputation after 1903 under owner Antonio Herrero, winning a number of awards, and enjoying an international distribution. The estate changed hands several times before its acquisition by the current owners, the Alvarez family, in 1982. Vega Sicilia has founded its success on its meticulous wine-producing practices: In the vineyard it applies low yields, aided by green harvesting, and a painstaking grape selection. In the winery, wines undertake a series of rackings from huge barrels to new and old oak. Despite the long barrel ageing (1970 Unico over 16 yrs), the flavours are never dried out or overly oaky when mature, which is evidence of the superb quality of its raw materials.

SPAIN

CASTILE AND LEON

TORO

Toro's 6,000ha (hectares) of vineyards, 100km west from its illustrious neighbour Ribera del Duero, flow across a gently undulating plateau around the town, straddling the Duero river. Height gives Toro cool nights, but the summer days can be blistering. Topsoils vary, but a clay subsoil retains water and helps the vines stay green through the hot summers. The area also resists frost better than Ribera. The two regions share the same main grape: Tinta de Toro, also known as Tinto Fino, or Tempranillo. Garnacha and Cabernet Sauvignon are planted too, but Tinta de Toro is what gives these wines character. Toro benefits from the fact that a third of its vines are more than 80 years old.

Numanthia	Bodegas Numanthia	2011	£140
Pintia	Bodegas Pintia	2011	£125
Victorino	Teso la Monja	2009	£99
Toro, Primer Paso	Dominio del Bendito	2014	£56
El Titan	Dominio del Bendito	2006	£149

RIOJA

Rioja in north-east Spain was for long Spain's only high-profile wine region, but in the 1980s it lost many friends by overpricing and under-performing. Although both issues have since been addressed, other regions of Spain crept up while Rioja wasn't looking and seduced consumers with high-quality, characterful wines in a generally more modern idiom. At the moment produces superb value wines that goes unnoticed by wine fans given how not cool the area is perceived.

Graciano, Grano a Grano	Abel Mendoza	2012	£145
Lanzaga	Telmo Rodriguez	2010	£75
Las Beatas	Telmo Rodriguez	2014	£295
Las Beatas	Telmo Rodriguez	2012	£295
Cirsion	Bodegas Roda	2011	£350
Cirsion	Bodegas Roda	2001	£450
Trasnocho	Remirez de Ganuza	2008	£230
Reserva	Bodegas Amaren	2006	£120
Vendimia Especial, Gran Reserva	Bodegas Bilbainas	1964	£350
Gran Reserva, Viña Tondonia	Bodegas R. López de Heredia	1981	£390
Gran Reserva, Viña Bosconia	Bodegas R. López de Heredia	1978	£550

Red

SPAIN

BALEARIC ISLANDS

Until a decade ago, few people would have considered seeking out Mallorcan wines while holidaying here, far less visiting wineries to get to know the distinctive fruits of these particular vines and the people working them. But as high-end tourism has developed, high-quality winemaking has followed in its wake. As phylloxera ravaged France in the 1870s, the Mediterranean Sea kept the island's vines safe for about 20 years. Mallorca had 30,000 hectares of vines in 1891, the wine was shipped to France and relabelled as French. The indigenous grapes of the island, varieties like Callet, Escursac, Fogoneu and Manto Negro make the most interesting wines, sometimes blended with international grapes.

Reserva Privada	Macià Batle	2011	£85
ÀN	Anima Negra	2012	£91
4 Kilos	4 Kilos	2014	£91
Grimalt Cabellero	4 Kilos	2012	£145

CATALONIA

EMPORDA

Empordà is situated in the north east of Catalonia, with The Pyrenees to the north and The Mediterranean Sea to the south. It is only 150 km away from Barcelona. The characteristics of the soil, strong winds and over 30 year old vines facilitate the production of full bodied, harmonious and well formed red wines of the highest quality. With regards to the red varieties, Carignan or Samsó is prevalent, forming the basis of Empordà viniculture, together with Garnacha Tinta.

Vd'O 5.10, Garnatxa - Sorra	Vinyes d'Olivardots	2010	£99
Vd'O 1.09, Samsó - Pissarra	Vinyes d'Olivardots	2009	£120
Vd'O 2.09, Samsó - Sorra	Vinyes d'Olivardots	2009	£120

PENEDES

Perhaps better-known for its cava production, but behind this bubbly facade Penedès guards a secret: an array of top-class red wines. While red wine is not new to the region, until recently it was often poor-quality stuff, produced in bulk. The wine world was alerted to quality Penedès red when Mas La Plana, a cabernet sauvignon produced by Torres, best known as a volume producer of wines such as Viña Sol and Sangre de Toro, started winning prizes in the 1990s, even taking gold at the 2000 Challenge International du Vin.

Sot Lefriec	Alemany I Corrió	2007	£125
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SPAIN

CATALONIA

MONTSANT

Montsant wines straddle the fence between power and precision. Because the reds are usually based on Garnacha, Carignan and Syrah, expect ripeness and high alcohol levels. But grown at elevations close to 600 meters in high-mineral, schist-based soils like those in Priorat, Montsant wines can be alluring, refined, minerally and should rank high on one's Catalanian wish list.

Espectacle	Rene Barbier	2013	£185
Mans de Samsó	Vinyes d'en Gabriel	2012	£185
Cabrida	Celler de Capçanes	2012	£95

PRIORAT

Priorat is a small, dynamic wine region in Catalonia, north-eastern Spain, whose intense, full-bodied red wines have shot to fame in the past few decades. The classic Priorat wine is made from old-vine Garnacha and Cariñena, and has concentrated aromas of licorice, tar and brandied cherries. Soil is of paramount importance to Priorat winemakers. The region's flagship soil type is llicorella, a free-draining, nutrient-poor soil made up of partially-decomposed slate and quartz.

Clos Martinet	Mas Martinet	2004	£175
Clos Mogador	Rene Barbier	2013	£145
Clos Mogador	Rene Barbier	2011	£145
Clos Mogador	Rene Barbier	2010	£210
Clos Mogador	Rene Barbier	2009	£185
Clos Mogador	Rene Barbier	1998	£275

Clos Mogador

The estate of Clos Mogador is a must for any serious Spanish wine aficionado. Located in Gratallops, in the heart of the Priorat hills, René Barbier, one of the founders of the Priorat revolution, creates his intensely concentrated wine from a blend of 40% Garnacha (from 80 year old vines), 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah and 5% Pinot Noir, Mourvedre and Merlot. This distinctive blend balances the power and massive structure typical of Priorat with an elegance and finesse that belies its aging potential.

CONCA DE BARBERÀ

Grans Muralles	Miguel Torres	2005	£165
Grans Muralles	Miguel Torres	2004	£170
Grans Muralles	Miguel Torres	2000	£175

EXTREMADURA

Habla N° 14	Bodegas Habla	2011	£88
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SPAIN

VALENCIA

1771 Monastrell	Bodegas Los Frailes	2011	£72
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MURCIA

That wine is Monastrell, and Murcia is its native home. In its best expression, it exhibits great concentration, muscular tannins, earthy red fruits, juicy acidity, and a meaty, almost smoky undercurrent. Originated in Spain, and while records show it was in cultivation during the 1300s, it's likely centuries older. The vine made its way into France in the 16th century, taking root in Provence and Roussillon and acquiring the name Mourvèdre.

Jumilla, Clio	Bodegas El Nido	2015	£115
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ANDALUCIA

The province has long been world famous for wine, but really only one type – fortified. Andalucía's famous product is Sherry, but Montilla-Moriles, Malaga and even Huelva all have a certain fame. Now, increasingly making of the non-fortified wines from this most southerly part of Spain.

Sierras de Malaga, Tadeo	Bodegas Cortijo Los Aguilares	2013	£90
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CANARIAS

Europe's highest vineyards are on the slopes of the highest mountain in Spain, El Teide, the active volcano that dominates the island of Tenerife in the Canaries off the coast of Africa. The phylloxera aphid is yet to invade the island's vineyards so, most unusually, all vines grow on their own roots rather than being grafted on to phylloxera-resistant rootstocks. And, to reprise the topic of obscure grape varieties, here is a place to find them.

Valle de La Orotava, El Ciruelo	Suertes del Marqués	2014	£99
Valle de La Orotava, Los Pasitos	Suertes del Marqués	2014	£99

PORTUGAL

Since joined the EU, has been transformed from a country of dried-out tannic reds, to one of the most exciting and innovative regions in the world. Investment, technology and knowledge have been the key. Qualitatively-speaking, the Douro leads the way for the reds. It is closely followed by its northern neighbours Dão and Bairrada. However, it is the large regions of the south and Beiras in the north that laid the foundations with their great value, modern, fruity reds from the mid-90s onwards. Ally of England against France, offering itself, as an alternative source of wine, it isolated itself for the 42-year Salazar dictatorship that ended in 1974.

BAIRRADA

Principal Grande Reserva	Colinas de São Lourenço	2009	£280
Nossa Calcário	Filipa Pato	2013	£95

COLARES

Arenae Ramisco	Adega Regional de Colares	50cl	2007	£72
Arenae Ramisco	Adega Regional de Colares		1992	£115

TEJO

Touriga Nacional	Quinta do Alqueve	2007	£86
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ALENTEJO

Pêra Manca	Adega Cartuxa	2010	£390
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DOURO

Three sub-regions. Baixo Corgo is westernmost and mostly produces ports to be drunk young. Its main town is Peso da Régua. The posh section of the Douro is Cima Corgo, whose classy quintas are run by a manicured handful of intermarried wine dynasties, often with British and Dutch names. Cobbly, sleepy Pinhão with its gorgeous blue-tiled station, is at Cima's centre. Then, closest to Spain, is Douro Superior, the largest area, which is mostly national park and also has the fewest people.

Vinha da Francisca	Quinta do Vale D. Maria	2012	£176
Curriculum Vitae	Quinta do Vale D. Maria	2012	£185
Batuta	Niepoort	2009	£180
Charme	Niepoort	2008	£190
Quinta do Noval	Quinta do Noval	2008	£90
Grande Reserve	Quinta do Portal	2007	£123
Quinta da Gaivosa	Alves de Sousa	2005	£95
Vinha do Fojo	Quinta Do Fojo	1996	£250

Red

GERMANY

AHR

The Ahr is one of Germany's northernmost wine regions. It is also one of the smallest, with vineyards extending only 24 km/15 miles along the Ahr River as it flows toward the Rhine just south of Bonn. From Altenahr, in the west, to the spa Bad Neuenahr, the vines are perched on steep, terraced cliffs of volcanic slate. In the broad eastern end of the valley, the slopes are gentler and the soils are rich in loess. Four out of five bottles of Ahr wine are red — velvety to fiery Spätburgunder and light, charming Portugieser predominate, with plantings of Dornfelder on the rise.

Walporzheimer Kräuterberg G.G	Meyer - Näkel	2013	£155
Dernauer Pfarrwingert G.G	Meyer - Näkel	2013	£165
Neuenahrer Sonnenberg G.G	Meyer - Näkel	2013	£195

MOSEL

Pinot Noir	Weingut Dr. H. Thanisch	2012	£119
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RHEINGAU

Spatburgunder	Schloss Schonborn	2013	£50
Pinot 'N'	August Kessler	2012	£64
Pinot Noir	August Kessler	2013	£95

PFALZ

Pfalz is located between the Haardt Mountains (an extension of the Vosges) and the Rhine plain, extending from south of Worms all the way to the French border. The main soil is Loam often in a mixture with other soil types, such as loess, chalk, clay, colored sandstone or sand.

It is Germany's second largest wine region regarding the surface. The word Pfalz is a derivation of the Latin word palatium, meaning palace. The English equivalent, Palatinate, is sometimes used to refer to the Pfalz. In response to the growing demand for red wine, there are many new plantings of Dornfelder, which produces a deep-colored wine that can be quite complex, depending on the winemaking techniques employed.

Kalkmergel Spätburgunder	Knipser	2012	£105
Im Sonnenschein, Spätburgunder G.G.	Weingut Okonomierat Rebholz	2012	£195

Knipser Family

Heinz Knipser started bottling wine and marketed it directly to private clients and restaurants in 1948. In the early 70s his son Werner became the first full-time vintner and the business started to grow. In the middle of the 80's, the family started the barrique vinification.

The Knipser Family focuses in Große Gewächse Riesling and Pinot Noir. The majority of their premium wines are sold only after several years of maturation in the bottle.

GERMANY

FRANKEN

Burgstadter Centgrafenberg G.G	Weingut Rudolf Furst	2010	£175
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BADEN

People have long beaten a path to this sunny south-western corner of Germany for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, plus bathing in the hot springs of Baden-Baden, Bad Krozingen, Badenweiler and countless other Bad-prefixed spots. But today it is increasingly the food and wines that are Baden's trump card.

Limberg XII, Burkheim	Weingut Bercher	2012	£82
Sasbacher Limburg, Burkheim	Weingut Bercher	2012	£85
Burkheimer Feuerberg Spätburgunder G.G	Weingut Bercher	2012	£141
Ihringer Winklerberg G.G	Weingut Dr. Heger	2010	£145
Malterdinger, Trocken	Bernhard Huber	2013	£64
Alte Reben	Bernhard Huber	2013	£88
Bombacher Sommerhalde, G.G	Bernhard Huber	2012	£125
Bienenberg, G.G	Bernhard Huber	2013	£125

Domaine Bernhard Huber

Bernhard Huber Estate is located in Malterdingen, in Baden. Bernhard took over the family's 5 ha of vines in 1986 when the family was still selling the crop to the Winzergenossenschaft (Co-op). Slowly, Bernhard Huber took the decision to produce and bottle his wine by himself, currently managing 28 hectares of vines. Until 2003 his top wine was a Reserve blend from all his best vineyards. He then started bottling the single vineyards individually. He is recognised as one of the finest red wine producer of Spätburgunder in Germany.

WURTTENBERG

Apart from the urban centers of Stuttgart and Heilbronn, Württemberg is a rural, hilly countryside with vineyards and orchards scattered amidst forests and fields.

Most of the terraced vineyards of the past have been reorganized to improve efficiency. However, a number still exist, notably the so-called "cliff gardens" near the Neckar's scenic loops between Besigheim and Mundelsheim. With more than half of its vineyards planted with red wine varieties, Württemberg ranks as Germany's premier red wine region. The main variety is Trollinger, seldom found outside of this region, followed by Schwarzriesling, also known as Müllerrebe or Pinot Meunier, and Lemberger. An additional 919 ha / 2,270 acres are planted with Spätburgunder, Dornfelder and Portugieser. Much of the wine is light, fruity and easy to enjoy; but deep-colored, rich, full-bodied red wine with great class is also produced here.

Fellbacher Lämmli, Trollinger	Weingut Aldinger	2011	£75
Fellbacher Lämmli, Lemberger G.G	Weingut Aldinger	2013	£119
Marienglas Spätburgunder, G.G	Weingut Aldinger	2013	£119

Red

SWITZERLAND

Swiss wine, like Swiss anything, is expensive. It is a direct reflection of the Swiss cost of living, and its reputation has not been helped by the fact that the bigger Swiss wine merchants were in the past allowed to blend imported wines with their own. This was banned in 2006 and there have been many changes since the wine market was fully opened to the outside world at the beginning of this century, not least the fact that Switzerland now produces more red wine than white. Because Switzerland is not a member of the European Union, it is not answerable to European wine law, although it has tightened up its wine laws considerably in recent years and has developed its own appellation contrôlée system.

But all over Switzerland are passionately obsessive winemakers who each year are making better and better wines, many of them red, in such small quantities that they go straight into the cellars of the connoisseurs of Geneva, Zurich and Vaduz (Liechtenstein is close to one of the best wine regions) and are rarely mentioned in the international wine press. Only about 2% of Swiss wine leaves the country.

German Swiss, Graubünden, Pinot Noir	Weingut Fromm	2012	£171
Vaud, Gamaret-Garanoir, Expression	Cave de La Côte	2015	£112
Vaud, Le Léopard Rouge	Henri Badoux	2013	£105
Vaud, La Côte, Gamar'One	Cave de La Côte	2012	£125
Valais, Syrah, Cayas Reserve	Jean-René Germanier	2013	£145
Valais, Cornalin, Champmarais	Jean-René Germanier	2008	£195
Valais, Humagne Rouge	Domaine des Muses	2013	£120
Valais, Terpsichore Séduction Rouge	Domaine des Muses	2011	£180
Valais, Humagne Rouge	Simon Maye & Fils	2011	£130
Ticino, Merlot, Riflessi d'Epoca	Guido Brivio	2012	£135
Ticino, Merlot, Trentasei	Gialdi Vini	2010	£250

Simon Maye & Fils

Founded in 1948, this is truly one of Switzerland's most respected producers whose wines are rightly seen as absolutely perfectly vinified - the best of the best of Swiss wine.

Simon was ahead of his time in his thinking and adopted modern knowledge and techniques very early on.

The estate is now run by his two sons - Axel is the winemaker and manages the cellars whilst Jean-Francois is responsible for their 8 hectares of vines. The estate produces a variety of wines, ranging from flawless Fendants from top sites, through to powerful reds.

Red

A U S T R I A

There are 13 red wine grape varieties classified for the production of quality wine in Austria, and approximately one-third of Austrian vineyard area is planted with red wine varieties. By far the most successful red wine variety is the Blauer Zweigelt, an Austrian crossing, of which there are many planted in regional vineyards. Other indigenous varieties include Blaufränkisch and St. Laurent, which have already received international acclaim. International varieties, such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, are popular wines for blending with native Austrian red wine varieties.

Niederösterreich, Alte Haide, Pinot Noir	Schloss Gobelsburg	2011	£105
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BURGENLAND

Full-bodied and rich red wines are produced under the influence of the hot, continental Pannonian climate, in the eastern region of Burgenland.

Neusiedlersee, Kirschgarten Blaufränkisch	Umathum	2007	£139
Velvet	Pittnauer	NV	£45
Rosenberg, Blaufränkisch	Pittnauer	2008	£85
Leithaberg, Blaufränkisch	Weingut Prieler	2013	£77
Neckenmarkt, Blaufränkisch Alte Reben	Weingut Moric	2013	£215

Schloss Gobelsburg

Situated close to the town of Langenlois, is the oldest and best wine producer in the region of Kamptal. Kamptal lies between Linz and Vienna, and it is one of the three adjacent regions which make the finest wines in Austria, the other two being Wachau and Kremstal, all enjoying both the scenic magnificence and vinous potential offered by the River Danube.

Schloss Gobelsburg's history was influenced both by the Hapsburg Emperors, who built the eponymous castle in the 16th century, and the Cistercian monks, who introduced vines as far back as 1171, a mere year after England had endured the murder of its most famous archbishop in its most famous cathedral. Indeed the vines were only ceded to their current owners, Wilhelm Brundlmayer and Michael Moosbrugger, in 1995. With an encyclopedic tapestry of soils, organic viticulture and relatively traditional winemaking, Gobelsburg make superlative wines.

E N G L A N D

Kent, Estate Pinot Noir	Gusbourne	2012	£75
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HUNGARY

The main red varieties used in Hungary are Kékfrankos (Blafränkisch), Kadarka, Portugieser, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. Main red wine regions are Szekszárd, Villány, Sopron, Eger (Bull's Blood), Somló. Sopron is predominantly a red wine-producing area lying close to the Austrian border on the eastern side of lake Fertu (Neusiedler). The bedrock is black basalt, the remnant of ancient lava flows, and above it lies a topsoil with loess, clay and sand. The climate is more temperate than the rest of Hungary, with cooler summers and wetter winters. Kékfrankos dominates, and the wines tend to be tannic, with firm acidity.

Sopron, Kékfrankos	Peter Wetzer	2015	£56
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SLOVENIA

Slovenia gained its independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991, and was relatively unscathed by the civil wars that scarred her neighbours. Its wine tradition dates back some 2400 years. There are around 17000 ha of registered vineyards and a growing number of high quality wine estates. In the Brda Hills, directly on the border with Italy, wine-makers produce red wines, such as Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. BRDA, located in the northernmost portion of Primorje, features low rocky hills with terraced vineyards and somewhat higher rainfall than other areas of the region.

Kras, Terra Rossa	Cotar	2005	£82
Goriska Brda, Opoka Merlot	Marjan Simčič	2011	£135

SERBIA

The geographical location and weather conditions of Serbia allow the people that live in almost all parts of the country to grow grapevine. In Serbia there are around 700 different kinds of wine. Serbia is landlocked. It has no fewer than eight international borders, or potentially nine, depending on whether Kosovo is treated as independent. Roughly speaking, the country's key viticultural areas follow the path of the Velika Morava river as it approaches its confluence with the Danube, 120km north of its origin at Stalac in central Serbia.

Negotinska Kraina, Obečanje, Gamay	Francuska Vinarija	2011	£60
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CROATIA

Dignac, Plavac Mali	Mateo Vicelic	2013	£79
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MACEDONIA

Winemaking in "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" has had a tradition of at least 3,500 years from archaeological evidence, and wine was certainly significant in the culture of the Macedonian empire under Alexander the Great. Macedonia is now re-establishing itself as a wine producer of interest, with increasing investment in both its vineyards and wineries.

Bela Voda	Tikveš	2012	£89
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G R E E C E

Southeastern Europe is the cradle of viticulture. Historians believe the birth of winemaking and wine culture took place here, in what was Asia Minor, between 6000 and 8000 years ago. The History of winemaking in Greece can be traced back as far as 4000 years and the wine export industry to as long ago as 1000 BC, when the ancients were shipping their highly popular product to most of Europe. Wine was transported in two handled airtight vessels called amphorae. Around 730 BC, the ancient Greeks began to colonize many parts of the Mediterranean. They took their vines with them and in the same time laid the foundations for much of the wine industry in Europe today.

Santorini, Mavrotragano	Domaine Sigalas	2013	£89
Santorini, Mavrotragano and Avgoustiatis	T-Oinos	2011	£130
Naoussa, Xinomavro	Markovitis	1999	£80

B U L G A R I A

Those of a certain age will remember the glory days of Bulgarian wine back in the 70s, when it used to be practically everyone's basic red. Australia and Chile muscled in on Bulgaria's territory, while its Russian market dried up. Many producers abandoned their vineyards, and few wanted to invest there. Vastly improved quality, and the emergence of a new generation of quality focused producers make Bulgaria worth a fresh look.

Bessa Valley, Enira	Enira	2010	£49
Vidin, Dux	Borovitza	2008	£88

R O M A N I A

Although climatically very different, Romania lies on the same latitude as France. The main geographical features, which also temper the continental climate of the country are the Black Sea, the Danube and the height of the Carpathian Mountains. The continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters, moderated by such local factors as those mentioned above, the soils, basically stony and well-drained around the Carpathian's, but more alluvial and sandy in the coastal area and, the exposure to sun light are the key factors determining the quality of wines produced in what many would consider a God-blessed wine country.

Viile Timisului, Fetească Neagră	Alamina	2015	£30
Dealul Mare, Fetească Neagră	Crama Ceptura	2012	£35

Red

GEORGIA

Wine lovers have a lot to thank Georgia for. It is widely believed that this is where wine production first began, over 7000 years ago. In fact, our word “wine” is derived from “gvino” – the Georgian word for wine. Archaeological remains suggest that as early as 4000 BC grape juice was being placed in underground clay jars, or quevri (also known as kvevri), to ferment during the winter. The vine is central to Georgian culture and tightly bound to their religious heritage. It is common for families throughout Georgia to grow their own grapes and produce wine. As interest in natural and artisan wine making increases, a great deal of attention has recently been falling on Georgia’s ancient tradition of quevri wine-making. Quevris are not the same as amphora – firstly, they are much larger, and are buried in the ground up their neck, to preserve a stable temperature. Secondly, the entire wine making process takes place within the quevri – initial fermentation right through to maturation, with the fermenting grape juice often being left on the skins and even grape stems to produce wines of exceptional flavour and complexity. Quevris are used differently in different areas of Georgia, often depending on the climate of the region. As the regions get hotter the more skins and stems tend to be fermented with the grapes – if stems were left in the wine in the cooler regions it would produce wines that were far too “green” and harsh.

Kakheti, Tavkveri	Pheasant's Tears	2013	£55
Guria, Saperavi	Zurab Topuridze	2015	£65

ARMENIA

Winemakers from all over the country, including local independents working out of their garages. For millennia wine in Armenia was produced using the same painstaking methods, and stored in the traditional karas—a ceramic vessel that is still employed to this day. Wine was used for divination in ancient shrines about 3,300 years ago. The main focus of Armenian wine has traditionally been Areni, which is the name of an ancient ovular-shaped red varietal.

Karasi	Zorah	2013	£65
Yeraz	Zorah	2012	£250

LEBANON

Lebanon boasts probably the longest established winemaking heritage in the world. Vines of vitis vinifera are thought to have first been introduced in the region by traders from South Caucasus via Mesopotamia or the Black Sea. The local wine trade has overcome several setbacks over the centuries: production was curbed, albeit tolerated for religious rituals, when Lebanon was under the rule of the Caliphate. Winemaking blossomed in the late 1800s – in 1857 Jesuit monks planted Cinsault vines from Algeria and founded Château Ksara in the central Beqaa Valley. Despite the adverse effects from the frequent conflicts in the region (chiefly vineyard destruction and immigration), the resilience and dedication of Lebanon's winemakers has kept winemaking traditions there alive, with annual production levels in recent times achieving between 400,000 and 700,000 cases. During the Lebanese Civil War in the 1980s, Gaston Hochar was famous for transporting his grapes across the front lines which separated his vineyards from the winery.

Bekaa Valley, Fleur de Ka	Château Ka	2006	£85
Bekaa Valley, Château Musar	Gaston Hochar	1999	£95

ISRAEL

The first recorded winery of modern times was Shior, set up in Jerusalem in 1848, but more significant was the Carmel winery established by Lafite Rothschild in 1882. At the foundation of the state of Israel in 1948 there were 14 wineries with 1720 ha under vine, mainly producing for the local market. This accelerated with the boutique winery boom of the 1990s, by the end of the decade although there were 30+ large scale wineries, there were a further 200 producing less than 100,000 bottles per year.

Judean Hills, Reserve Wild Carignan	Recanati	2014	£90
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MOROCCO

It comes as quite a surprise to many people that Morocco, a Muslim country, produces wine, but wine has been made in North Africa for least 2,500 years, since the Phoenicians colonized its coast around the 12th century BC. During the era of the Roman Empire wines were exported to Rome from the region. It was during the years as a French protectorate in the first half of the 20th century that wine production boomed in Morocco, most of it produced on the sunny plateau around Meknes. At its peak in the 1950s the country was producing 300 million litres of wine, powerful stuff known as 'vins médicinaux', medicine wine, used to fortify weaker French wines. When Morocco became independent in 1956 the wine industry collapsed, as the country lost most of its winemaking expertise, its consumers and its main export market.

Les Coteaux de l'Atlas, Premier Cru	Chateau Roslane	2011	£78
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SOUTH AFRICA

It has taken nearly 20 years for the South African wine trade to become the exciting place it is today. The once widespread production of inexpensive, inferior wines have made way for smaller volumes and higher-quality wines, partly via the rise of maverick winemakers.

Elgin, Pinot Noir	Elgin Vintners	2013	£65
Stellenbosch, MR de Compostella	Raats	2013	£135
Swartland, Columella	Sadie Family	2014	£175

NEW ZEALAND

The red burgundy grape, notoriously difficult to grow successfully, particularly in warm climates, is now New Zealand's most planted red wine grape and third overall behind Chardonnay and its world-famous Sauvignon Blanc. All over the country passionate young winemakers are wrestling with this minx of a grape trying to turn it into something as fruitily delicious as a simple young Beaune or even something as demanding as a Chambertin. And they are doing this in response to consumers who seem to be more aware of Pinot Noir than anywhere else in the world. Part of the reason Pinot has taken off in New Zealand is that it is one of the very few New World wine-producing countries with a climate cool enough to suit it.

Hawke's Bay, The Barnstormer	Alpha Domus	2012	£68
Canterbury, Angel Flower Pinot Noir	Pyramid Valley Vineyards	2015	£135
Canterbury, Earth Smoke Pinot Noir	Pyramid Valley Vineyards	2011	£135
Central Otago, Bannockburn, Block 5	Felton Road	2012	£155

Pyramid Valley

The estate has only 2.2 ha planted in 4 separate blocks, all certified Biodynamic.

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are planted, on clay-limestone soils on scarp slopes, at a density of 10,000-12,000 vines per hectare.

The estate vinifies each block and variety separately but identically in the percentage of old oak and clay amphorae.

AUSTRALIA

Commercial viticulture was established during the early part of the 19th century, with South Australia the last to plant in the 1840s before quickly establishing itself as the major source of fortified wine. A post-WWII move towards consumption of still dry table wine, encouraged by the steady stream of immigrants, was accelerated by the introduction of German pressured fermentation vats, stainless-steel and refrigeration units during the 1970s, enabling winemakers to ferment to dryness. At the same time, French barrels made their debut, adding complexity and a premium allure, while fruit from new, cooler areas such as Coonawarra and Padthaway permitted lighter styles to be made. The Australians grasped the opportunity, only too willing to supply the right product at the right price, supported by aggressive pricing and discounts. Meanwhile there's a significant minority of winegrowers making regionally expressive, terroir wines of real distinction clamouring to make themselves heard.

New South Wales, Canberra, Shiraz-Viognier	Clonakilla	2010	£145
Victoria, Heathcote, Baptista	David Traeger	2000	£130
Victoria, Yarra Valley, Pinot Noir	William Downie	2015	£155
Victoria, Yarra Valley, Pinot Noir	William Downie	2014	£145
Victoria, Gippsland, Pinot Noir	William Downie	2015	£155
South Australia, Barossa, Fifth Wave	Langmeil Winery	2009	£79
South Australia, Barossa, Freedom 1843	Langmeil Winery	2012	£165
South Australia, Barossa, Roennfeldt Road	Greenock Creek Vineyards & Cellars	2006	£450
Tasmania, Cabernet Sauvignon	Domaine A	2008	£165

Domaine A

Was established in 1973 by H. Peter and Ruth Althaus, in the Stoney Vineyard, which is the oldest in Tasmania's Coal River.

The 11ha single vineyard lies on a north facing slope that enjoys a temperate maritime climate and extended sunlight hours over a long, cool season. Experiencing some of the longest sunshine hours in Australia, ensuring grapes ripen to develop the full spectrum of varietal character. The vineyard is planted in the European tradition with a density of 6000 vines per hectare.

Red

UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON

Walla Walla Valley, Sangiovese	Leonetti Cellar	2009	£145
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CALIFORNIA

It can easily be argued that California wine comes from the most interesting soils and terroirs for wine lovers, wine makers and wine growers alike. Napa Valley, you can to some extent divide the region into three parts: At the exterior of the Napa Valley region, you are in what is often referred to as the bench land. Here, you find more gravel, along with alluvial soils which provides naturally good drainage. This is perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon. You have the slopes, hillsides and mountain vineyards which are the home of volcanic soils, red and white clay as well as sandstone. The soils are not as deep as you find on the benchland, but they are complex, often providing unique, micro-climates. Due to the cooler temperatures, you get lower yields, more tannic, fresher, concentrated wines that are usually the last area to complete harvesting. The valley floor, which consists of a myriad of various rock strewn sites and clay soils. Vineyards on the valley floor have the ability to withstand, the hot, dry summers. This is going to become more important in the years to come as water becomes more scarce. Due to the divergent array of soils and climates, as well as choices made by wine makers, wine lovers have numerous choices in the style of wines they can drink as well. California, unlike Europe is more often than not, going to enjoy good weather conditions, with enough warmth, sunshine and rain to allow the grapes to ripen. Plus, when nature comes up short, it's legal for growers to irrigate, when the water levels were too low.

Sonoma, Syrah, Russian River Valley	Radio-Coteau	2012	£175
Sonoma, The Pivot Vineyard Pinot Noir	Littorai	2012	£195
Sonoma County, La Joie,	Vérité	2005	£950
Sonoma County, Le Desir	Vérité	2003	£690
Sonoma County, La Muse	Vérité	2001	£990
Napa Valley, Dominus	Dominus Estate	2004	£350
Napa Valley, Trailside Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon	Heitz Cellar	2004	£199
E Raised, Syrah	Sine Qua Non	1998	£960
More Than A Number, Grenache	Sine Qua Non	2002	£1,300

CANADA

Canada's wine has come a long way. It's wine industry has only recently put away childish things and become an adolescent, awkwardly moving towards adulthood. With only a short legacy of premium winemaking, Canada was once thought "too cold" for growing wine grapes, and though that has since been handily proven wrong, for a long time, winemaking in Canada was focused on cheap, plonk-y juice that only with the most liberal of interpretations could be consumed with Canadian pride. On the plus side, it's industry was pretty small. Moving on to the heady days of the 1990's, wine started really getting good. Smaller producers, making wine they were proud to put their names on and built with an eye for improvement, are looking for better locations for vineyards, microclimates even, and some real innovation when it came with what to plant and where to plant it. Wine production in Canada is mostly centered on the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia and the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario, with other areas such as Vancouver Island, Prince Edward County, and Nova Scotia producing smaller amounts, but with very promising results. Canadian wine is definitely making its way onto the world stage.

Okanagan Valley, S.F.R Pinot Noir	Quail's Gate	2015	£149
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ARGENTINA

As the fifth-largest wine producing nation in the world, Argentina was long renowned for the quantity rather than quality of its wines. Since the 1990s however it has benefited enormously from the influx of investment and expertise – seemingly from every famous wine region in the world – combined with modern technology and better vineyard management and winemaking techniques. The country's trump card has turned out to be the old Bordeaux variety Malbec which, outside of Cahors, has never really made its mark in its French homeland. In Argentina it seems to have found its spiritual home, producing intense, opulent wines with refreshing acidity and increasing sophistication. In the hands of top producers and in increasingly good (and high) single vineyard sites, it is yielding some truly fine wines.

MENDOZA

Malbec, Remolinos Vineyard	Decero	2015	£52
Cheval des Andes	Cheval Blanc-Terrazas de Los Andes	2010	£165
Finca Bella Vista	Achaval Ferrer	2007	£189
Finca Altamira	Achaval Ferrer	2004	£179

CHILE

A viticultural paradise with hot, sunny days, chilly nights, little rain and cooling breezes, Chile is famous for being the only wine-producing country free of the devastating phylloxera bug. Despite the rise of neighbouring Argentina, Chile remains South America's finest source of well-priced, excellent-quality varietal wines with sleek, fruity Cabernet Sauvignons and Carmenères and ripe, clean Chardonnays.

Colchagua Valley, Altura	Casa Silva	2007	£115
Empedrado, Escaleras de Empedrado	Torres	2012	£125

URUGUAY

Uruguay is South America's fourth most important wine producer. Thanks to a substantial immigration from Basque country in South West France in the 19th century, it is one of the world's centres of Tannat vine-growing. Here it tends to be softer and riper-tasting than in Madiran and can be drunk much younger. It's the country's pride and joy, as a single varietal or blended. The maritime climate of the main vine-growing regions in the south around the capital Montevideo is relatively cool and where yields are held in check, both reds and whites retain a characteristic and attractive freshness that is unusual in South America.

Canelones, Preludio Barrel Select	Establecimiento Juanico	2010	£79
Canelones, Massimo Deicas	Establecimiento Juanico	2009	£135



Rose

FRANCE

Cotes de Provence, La Source Gabriel	Famille Sumeire	2016	£45
Provence, Bandol	Château de Pibarnon	2015	£85
Provence, Garrus	Château d'Esclans	2014	£195

ITALY

Sicily, Etna Rosato	Tenuta del Terre Nere	2015	£49
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SPAIN

Montsant, Dido Rosa	Venus La Universal	2014	£58
Sierras de Malaga, Ariyanas Rome Rosado	Bodegas Bentomiz	2013	£58



FRANCE

Alsace, Rosacker, Clos Ste. Hune, G.C. V.T	Domaine Trimbach	75cl	1989	£990
Alsace, Pinot Gris Selection de Grains Nobles	Domaine Trimbach	75cl	1986	£250
Alsace, G.C. Schlossberg, Q.G.N, Riesling	Weinbach	50cl	2002	£550
Burgundy, Macon Villages, Cuvée Botrytis	Domaine de la Bon Gran	37.5cl	2006	£225
Burgundy, Macon Villages, Cuvée Levroucée	Domaine de la Bon Gran		2005	£135
Rhone Valley, Condrieu, Luminiscence	Guigal	37.5cl	2015	£195
Vin de France, Les Coufis de Paille	M. Chapoutier	37.5cl	2012	£55
Loire Valley, Vouvray Moelleux	P. Foreau Dne. du Clos Naudin	75cl	1995	£150
Loire Valley, Vouvray Moelleux, Premiere Trie	Domaine Huet	75cl	1989	£325
Pacherenc du Vic Bilh , Cuvée Saint Albert	Producteurs Plaimont	75cl	2014	£68
Jurançon, Les Jardins de Babylone	G Pautrat, L-B Dagueneau	50cl	2011	£199
Sauternes Deuxieme Cru Classé	Château de Malle	75cl	2009	£118
Sauternes Premier Cru Classé	Château de Rayne-Vigneau	75cl	2007	£145
Sauternes Premier Cru Classé	Château Rieussec	75cl	1988	£350
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	37.5cl	2002	£280
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	37.5cl	1999	£270
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	37.5cl	1997	£315
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	37.5cl	1996	£290
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	37.5cl	1990	£460
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur	Château d'Yquem	75cl	1988	£990

Château d'Yquem

Yquem is located on the highest hill in Sauternes and enjoys the best growing conditions in the whole appellation. The 110-hectare vineyard is planted with 80% Sémillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc. Only fully botrytized fruit is picked by the 150 highly skilled pickers and yields are so low that each vine produces only one glass of wine. Yquem is fermented in oak barrels (100% new) and is left in barriques to mature for up to 36 months. Intensely opulent when young, Yquem develops an extraordinary complexity and exotic richness when fully mature, with the best vintages lasting for over 50 years.

In 1855, Château d'Yquem was promoted as the unique Premier Cru Supérieur from the official Classification asked by the Emperor Napoléon III on the occasion of the Universal Exposition of Paris.

The Château d'Yquem didn't produce any sweet wine for the following vintages: 1910 1915 1930 1951 1952 1964 1972 1974 1992 and 2012.

GERMANY

Pfalz, Deidesheimer Hohenmorgen Auslese	Dr. Bassermann-Jordan	37.5cl	2011	£79
Pfalz, Forster Ungeheuer TBA	Reichsrat von Buhl	75cl	1994	£450
Mosel, Oberemmelmer Hutte Riesling Auslese	Weingut von Hovel	75cl	2007	£130
Mosel, Scharzhofberger, Auslese	Egon Müller	37.5cl	2015	£490
Nahe, Riesling Beerenauslese	Weingut Gottelmann	50cl	2011	£120

Sweet

A U S T R I A

Burgenland, Welschriesling Essenz	Weingut Helmut Lang	37.5cl	1997	£150
Burgenland, Samling 88 TBA	Weingut Helmut Lang	37.5cl	1995	£130
Burgenland, Ruster Ausbruch	Feiler-Artinger	37.5cl	2013	£72
Burgenland, Ruster Ausbruch Essenz	Feiler-Artinger	37.5cl	2005	£75
Kamptal, Gruner Veltliner Eiswein	Schloss Gobelsburg	37.5cl	2014	£125
Wachau, Kellerberg, Riesling TBA	F.X. Pichler	37.5cl	2009	£199

S W I T Z E R L A N D

Valais, Polymnie Seduction Or	Domaine des Muses	50cl	2010	£199
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H U N G A R Y

Tokaji 6 Puttonyos Aszu	St Tamas	50cl	2009	£215
Tokaji Aszu Essencia, Tokaj-Hegyalja	Sauska	50cl	2003	£220

R O M A N I A

Pietroasa, Busuioacă de Bohotin	Crama Basilescu	50cl	2014	£49
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Santorini, Vin Santo 12 Year Barrel Aged	Estate Argyros	37.5cl	2000	£135
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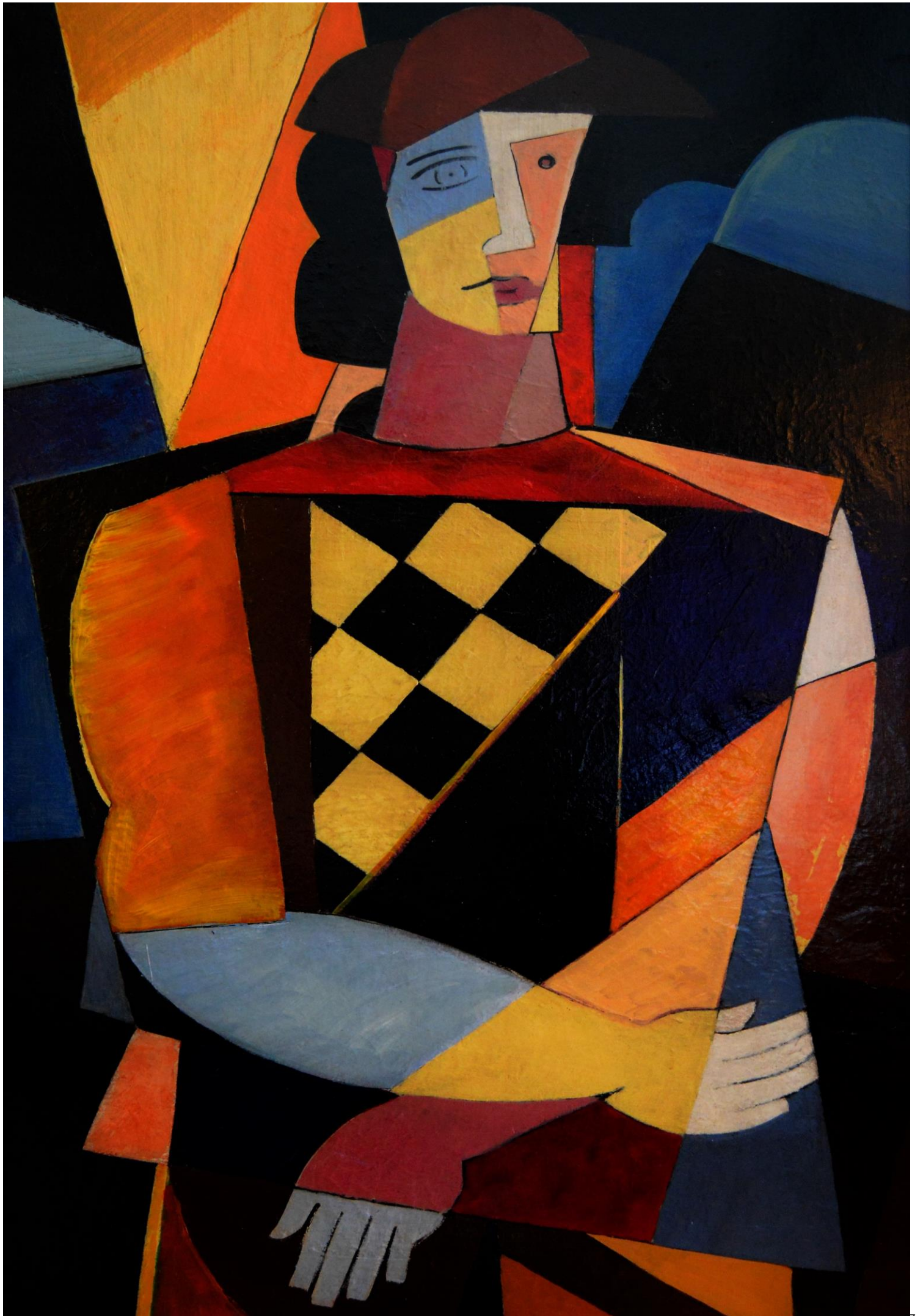
Friuli, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Noans	La Tunella	50cl	2014	£65
Veneto, Torcolato Breganze	Maculan	75cl	2011	£99
Tuscany, Vin Santo del Chianti Classico	Isole e Olena	37.5cl	2006	£105
Tuscany, Vin Santo del Chianti Classico	Podere il Palazzino	37.5cl	2001	£85

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Sierras de Málaga, Ariyanas Moscatel	Bodegas Bentomiz		2012	£65.00
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California, The Noble Man	Sine Qua Non	37.5cl	2002	£220
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Fortified

S H E R R Y

Many modern wine drinkers will look at this section and wonder why on earth I think it worthwhile devoting so much space to such a dinosaur of a wine as sherry. The answer is plain to anyone who has tried a good quality version. The trouble is that most people have not. They tend to have been put off by the tired, undistinguished syrupy stuff that lurks in the bottom of sherry bottles and decanters all over the world.

So fine, varied and noble a wine is sherry - and so intriguingly complicated is it to make - that replicating sherry, like imitating a top-quality champagne, is a common daydream for many of the world's more talented winemakers.

Fino	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£105
Amontillado, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£175
Amontillado, Viejisimo	Bodegas Tradicion	37.5cl	NV	£300
Oloroso, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£175
Palo Cortado, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£220
Cream, VOS 20 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£160
Pedro Ximénez, VOS 20 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£210
Pedro Ximénez, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion		NV	£380
Manzanilla En Rama, Deliciosa	Valdespino	37.5cl	NV	£32
Puerto Fino, Solera Reserva	Lustau	37.5cl	NV	£27
Fino en Rama	Equipo Navazos	37.5cl	NV	£35
Oloroso	Barbadillo		NV	£32
Amontillado, Antique	Fernando de Castilla	50cl	NV	£75
Oloroso, Antique	Fernando de Castilla	50cl	NV	£75
Amontillado, Cuatro Palma	Gonzalez Byass	50cl	NV	£150

P O R T

If you have the faintest idea to what I am referring when I ask "do you know the Bishop of Norwich?" then, like me, you must be a fan of port wines. We may no longer be the main consumers of port, that'll be the French, but Britain's part in the history of this now most underrated of drinks is a long and illustrious one. Even if for many it is one of the most confusing categories of wine and one that is incorrectly relegated to an annual glass at Christmas. Port owes much of the thanks for its existence to the conflicts between the British and the French at the beginning of the 18th century. The might of the Royal Navy was used to blockade the French ports. This strangled the French economy but, more importantly, stopped the export of the French wines to dining tables across the channel. In response, the British turned to their European allies, the Portuguese, and began buying large quantities of wine produced in the Douro valley, fortifying it with local brandy to raise the alcohol content so it would not spoil as it was shipped in barrels to be bottled back in England. This increase in alcohol also stopped fermentation dead in its tracks, leaving a greater amount of residual sugar and giving us the sweet wine that we are familiar with now and that was so in tune with British tastes then.

Fine White	Graham's		NV	£37
Port, Tawny 10 years old, Port	Niepoort		NV	£75
Reserve Ruby, Six Grapes, River Quintas	Graham's		NV	£55
Late Bottled Vintage	Dow's		2011	£48
Vintage Port	Quarles Harris		1977	£210
Vintage Port	Gould Campbell		1977	£215
Vintage Port	Gould Campbell		1983	£165
Vintage Port	Fonseca		1992	£210
Vintage Port	Dow's		1980	£225
Vintage Port	Warre's		1970	£215

Fortified

MADEIRA

Bual	Cossart Gordon	37.5cl	1987	£165
Bual	Blandy's	37.5cl	1957	£260
Verdelho	Blandy's	37.5cl	1979	£199
Sercial	Blandy's	37.5cl	1975	£220

CYPRUS

Commandaria	Kyperounda	50cl	2008	£49
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CHAMPAGNE

Ratafia de Champagne	Henri Giraud	50cl	NV	£99
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JURA

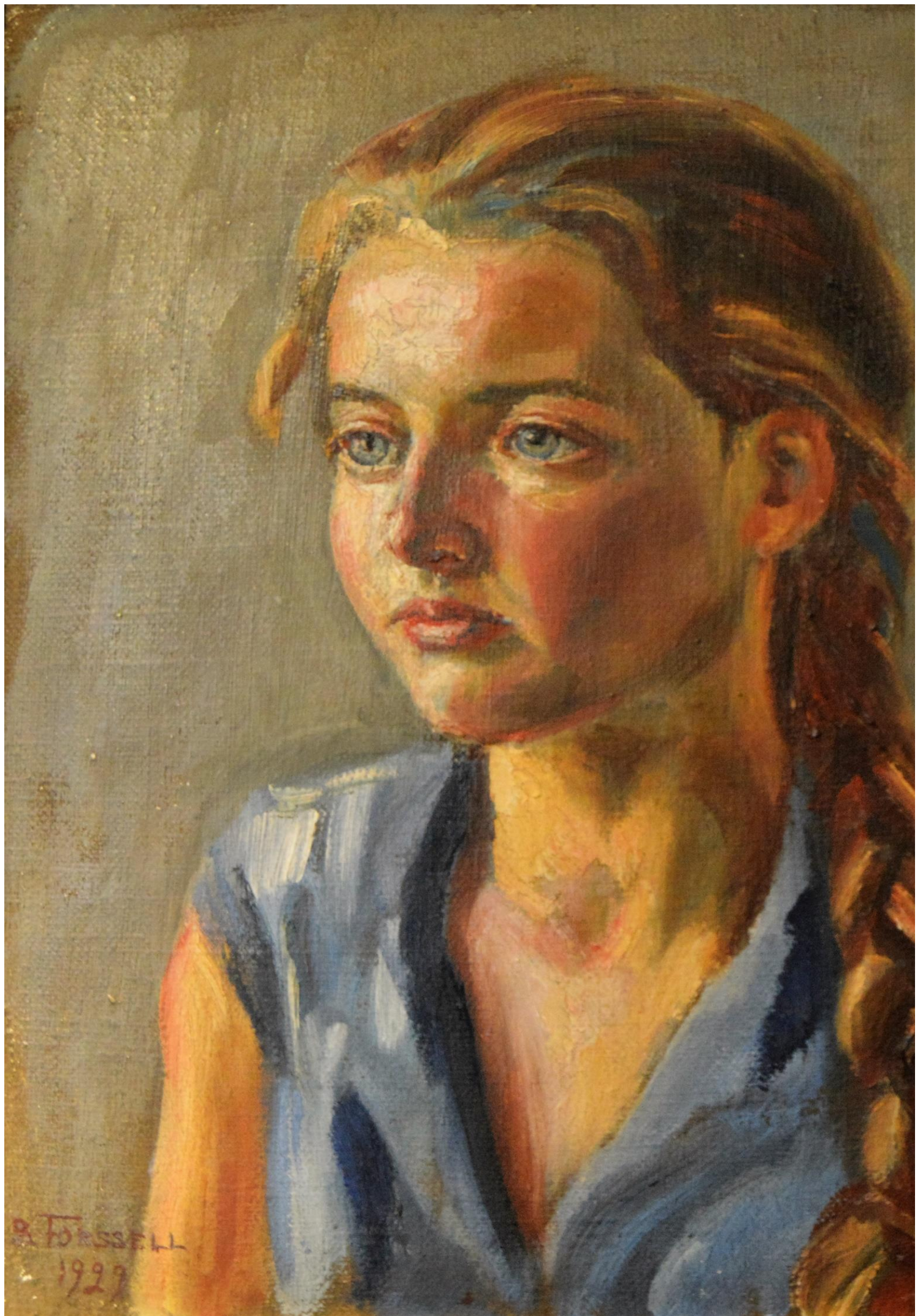
Macvin du Jura, White	Domaine Macle		2011	£78
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ROUSSILLON

Maury	Mas Amiel		2014	£99
Maury	La Coume du Roy	50cl	1998	£86
Banyuls White	Coume Del Mas	50cl	2014	£59
Rivesaltes Ambre Antic	Tramontane Consolation	50cl	1996	£61

CRIMEA

White Muscat	Massandra		1958	£650
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Magnums

CHAMPAGNE

Grand Millésime, Brut	Gosset	2004	£350
Cuvée des Enchanteleurs, Brut	Henriot	1999	£750
Cristal, Brut	Louis Roederer	2000	£2,100

WHITE

FRANCE

Morey-St-Denis 1 ^{er} Cru Monts Luisants	Domaine Ponsot	2003	£450
Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	Domaine Remi Rollin	2009	£450
Chassagne Montrachet, 1 ^{er} Cru Morgeot	Jean Noel Gagnard	2010	£350
Batard Montrachet, Grand Cru	Jean Noel Gagnard	2006	£795

AUSTRIA

Wachau, Kellerberg, Riesling Smaragd	F.X. Pichler	2013	£290
Wachau, Achleiten, Gruner V. Smaragd	Domane Wachau	1999	£290

RED

FRANCE

Mazis-Chambertin, Grand Cru	Domaine Harmand-Geoffroy	2009	£550
Morey-St-Denis 1 ^{er} Cru Cuvée des Alouettes	Domaine Ponsot	2003	£450
Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Vieilles Vignes	Domaine Ponsot	2003	£1,600
Corton Renardes, Grand Cru, Burgundy	Domaine Maillard	2009	£290
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, Clos des Epeneaux	Domaine Comte Armand	2005	£650
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, Rugiens, Burgundy	Domaine Ballot Millot	2009	£265
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, Grand Clos des Epenots	Domaine de Courcel	2012	£640
Givry 1 ^{er} Cru, Clos du Cras Long	Domaine Francois Lumppp	2013	£170
Chinon, Clos du Chêne Vert, Loire Valley	Charles Joguet	1996	£360
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhone	Domaine Chante Cigale	2012	£170

ITALY

Barolo, Dardi Le Rose Bussia	Poderi Colla	2006	£235
Toscany, Galatrona	Tenuta Di Petrolo	2009	£380



by the Glass

CHAMPAGNE

Brut	Delamotte	NV	£15.00
Rosé, Brut	Delamotte	NV	£18.50

ROSE

125ml

Cotes de Provence, La Source Gabriel, France	Famille Sumeire	2016	£8.00
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WHITE

125ml

Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh Sec, Folie de Roi, France	Producteurs Plaimont	2016	£7.50
Riesling, Mosel, Germany	Fritz Haag	2016	£9.00
Tokaj, Mézes Mály, Furmint, Hungary	Royal Tokaji	2015	£12.00
Sicily, Etna, Vigne Niche, Santo Spirito, Italy	Tenute delle Terre Nere	2014	£14.50
Hermitage, Domaine des Tourettes, Rhone, France	Delas	2007	£15.50
Achleiten, Grüner Veltliner Smaragd, Wachau, Austria	Domäne Wachau	2016	£16.50

by Coravin

Langhe, Solea, Piedmont, Italy	Roagna	2013	£23
Sancerre, Grand Chemarin, Loire Valley, France	Vincent Pinard	2014	£25
Capitel, Castile and Leon, Spain	Ossian	2013	£27
Scharzhofberger, Kabinett, Mosel, Germany	Egon Müller	2015	£33
Meursault, 1 ^{er} Cru, Sous le Dos d'Ane, Burgundy	Domaine Leflaive	2014	£54
Montrachet, Grand Cru, Burgundy, France	Henri Boillot	2009	£160

RED

125ml

Cigales, Tempranillo, Spain	Bodega Rodriguez Sanz	2015	£8.00
Basadone, Verduno, Italy	Castello di Verduno	2015	£9.00
Rheingau, Spatburgunder, Germany	Schloss Schonborn	2013	£10.00
Barbera d'Alba, Superiore, Piedmont, Italy	Le More Bianche	2015	£12.00
Cahors, Malbec, South West, France	Clos Triguédina	2012	£12.50
Irouléguay, Herri Mina, France	Jean-Claude Berrouet	2015	£15.50

by Coravin

Château Bellevue, St. Emilion, Bordeaux, France	Grand Cru Classé	2009	£29
Volnay, Burgundy, France	Domaine M. Lafarge	2010	£29
Roc de Cambes, Cotes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France	François Mitjavile	2010	£37
Morey-St-Denis 1 ^{er} Cru Cuvée des Alouettes, France	Domaine Ponsot	2003	£42
Barolo, Le Vigne, Sibi et Paucis, Italy	Sandrone	2006	£55
Sassicaia, Bolgheri, Italy	Tenuta San Guido	2012	£60

by the Glass

SWEET

		Vintage	Glass 100ml
Sylvaner Racine, Moelleux, Alsace, France	Domaine Loew	2012	£8.50
Friuli, Colli Orientali del Friuli, Noans, Italy	La Tunella	2014	£11.00
Ariyanas Moscatel, Sierras de Málaga, Spain	Bodegas Bentomiz	2012	£13.00
Saarburger Rausch Riesling, Spätlese, Germany	Zilliken	2010	£15.00
Sauternes Premier Cru Classé, France	Château de Rayne-Vigneau	2007	£19.50

by Coravin

Alsace, Pinot Gris S.G.N. France	Domaine Trimbach	75ml	1986	£25.00
The Noble Man, U.S.A.	Sine Qua Non	75ml	2002	£42.00
Tokaji Aszu Essencia, Tokaj-Hegyalja, Hungary	Sauska	75ml	2003	£44.00
Sauternes Premier Cru Supérieur, France	Château d'Yquem	75ml	2002	£45.00

FORTIFIED

Madeira, Malmsey	Blandy's	50ml	1985	£41.00
Madeira, Verdelho	Blandy's	50ml	1979	£26.00
Madeira, Sercial	Blandy's	50ml	1974	£32.00
Sherry, Fino	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£7.50
Sherry, Amontillado, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£12.50
Sherry, Oloroso, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£12.50
Sherry, Palo Cortado, VORS 30 years	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£16.00
Sherry, Cream, VOS 20 years	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£11.50
Sherry, Pedro Ximénez, VOS 20 years	Bodegas Tradicion	50ml	NV	£15.00
Port, Fine White	Graham's	70ml	NV	£7.50
Port, Reserve Ruby, Six Grapes, River Quintas	Graham's	70ml	NV	£11.00
Port, Late Bottled Vintage	Dow's	70ml	2011	£8.50
Port, Tawny 10 years old	Niepoort	70ml	NV	£12.50
Port, Tawny 20 years old	Warre's	70ml	NV	£15.00
Port, Tawny Single Harvest	Graham's	70ml	1972	£35.00
Port, Vintage	Smith Woodhouse	70ml	1985	£21.00
Maury, Roussillon, France	Mas Amiel	70ml	2014	£12.50
Macvin du Jura White, Jura, France	Domaine Macle	70ml	2011	£15.50