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"It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend, one's present or future thirst, the excellence of the wine, or any other reason."
Latin saying

Bin End List

We have a great choice on our usual wine list, but it would be boring if we only had the same wines for 6 months at a time, so we also have the bin end list. We have chosen things that we think are special, great & reasonably priced, and passed them on at prices that hopefully allow you to try them for less than you might otherwise have to shell out.

Sparkling

Moscato d'Asti, azienda Agricola Contero, docg £ 28.00
A great summer wine. Strong floral nose similar to a glade lavender plug-in. On the palate a sweet tart, green apple play with a refreshing good finish.

Ayala Zero Dosage (NV) £39.00
Ayala is very well-known for its excellent zeroes. Most Champagne has a 'dose' of sugar syrup added before bottling. This is supposedly helps 'finishes' the wine, but can also be used to mask the quality of the grapes. Ayala only use the finest grapes for their Zero wines. The palate is very, very dry and ideal with seafood or as an aperitif.

Bollinger Grand Annee 2000 £79.00
As always this is a blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, the former predominant (in a ration of 2:1) in keeping with the house style. No Pinot Meunier here. The fruit is all sourced from grand cru and premier cru vineyards. Offering rich, intense and complex aromas, a fine sparkle and lots of full, ripe, malty fruit and chocolaty flavours.

Bollinger Grand Annee 1999 £90.00
Intensely rich and biscuity, with a yeasty nose. Powerful flavours of toasted nuts, wild fruits and crème brûlée abound, balanced with lively acidity. Great Pinot Noir character. Also Bond's Champagne of choice!

Perrier Jouet Belle Epoque 1999 £110.00
PJ's cult top product, shown off in a hand-painted bottle. A delicate, fresh palate with honey, scones and buttery fruit. A classic chardonnay-dominant vintage Champagne.

Perle d'Ayala 2000 £120.00
The Jewel of Ayala – This elegantly packaged prestige cuvée is a masterpiece. Chardonnay from Côte des Blancs represents 80% of the blend with Pinot Noir from Aÿ comprising the balance. All of these grapes emanate from Grand Cru vineyards and are harvested in a vintage year. Perle's distinguishing attribute is the fact that it is aged in the cellars for more than 6 years with a natural cork closure, which enables the wine to have an exchange with the air, and, by extension, to develop beautiful and complex aromas of cooked fruits with delicate notes of spices.

Whites

Isabel Estate Dry Riesling, Marlborough 2006 £ 29.00
A multi-layered aroma profile, which includes honey, fruit and flint all at the same time. As these vines gain age, more minerality and limestone hints are becoming apparent - definitely an Isabel vineyard feature. At this early stage of development, grapefruit seems quite dominant and some wine geek on our staff tasting panel 'pulled out' aromas of sage and marigolds

Mastroberardino Sannio Falanghina 2007 £ 31.00
100% Falanghina. The historic Falanghina grape, which was first recorded almost two hundred years ago, in 1825, nowadays finds its epitome in the vineyards of the province of Benevento. The origin of the name is the Latin word 'phalange', meaning 'supported by stakes'.

Schloss Volrads Riesling Kabinett. Rheingau 2007 £ 32.00
Forget your preconceptions about bland German Riesling. This Riesling is a belter, with fresh crisp apple fruit flavours and a hint of delicate sweetness on the palate. Sublime as an aperitif or with light dishes. Rowald Hepp carefully selects all grapes used to produce a Riesling which is fragrant with good weight and balance. The grapes are picked by hand over a period of 3 months enabling the team to go through the vineyard time after time, and vine by vine in order to select the best grapes.

Giustiniana Gavi di Gavi 2008 £35.00
100% Cortese grape. Light lemon/gold in colour, with fresh aromas of white peaches and nectarines. More concentration and weight on the palate than the 2007 with similar lemony citrus notes. Rich with good levels of acidity and a long mineral finish.

Domaine de Bel Air Pouilly Fumé 2007 £ 38.00
The 2007 wines give out a palette of intense aromas as varied as the diversity of their terroirs. Floral aromas dominate accompanied by fruity, vegetal and mineral. The balance in the mouth characterized by a lively freshness, combined with the potential provided by the grapes' natural richness in sugar yields wines should age well: full and firm.

Annie-Claire Forest Pouilly Fuissé 2007 £ 38.00
Deep apple-pear notes on both the nose and the palate. The structure is flawless and has a long firm finish. Michel Forest has now officially retired and re-named the estate after his wife, but he's still very much involved, and the wine remains at the very core of his range.

Reds

Santa Caterina Pinot Nero, Italy, Friuli-Venezia Giulia 2006 £22.00

After an average ageing period (2-3 years) there are suggestions of wood and liquorice.

Bonny Doon 'Clos De Gilroy' Grenache, USA, California 2004 £29.00

A perfect example of how well Grenache can age and why it is so prized in the vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It is beautifully made with fine melting tannins and a wonderful balance.

Mediterra Poggio al Tesoro. Italy 2006 £33.00

40% Syrah, 30% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon harvested in September and aged for 8 months in barriques. Has a warm nose with plum, black cherry, meat and cedar. It's a rich red with dried herbs, plum and baked cherry fruit.

Wild Earth Pinot Noir, Central Otago. New Zealand 2006 £37.00

Voted the Best Pinot Noir at the International Wine Challenge in London 2008. A Top wine!

Torricoda primitivo del Salento 2006 £ 38.00

90 points – "A big, jammy offering with lovely nuances of herbs, tobacco, leather, liquorice and toasted oak that play off the wine's ripe dark fruit. It offers outstanding length and terrific balance, with a final note of sweetness that lingers on the finish." – The Wine Advocate, February 2008

Lan Rioja Reserva 2004 £41.00

80% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo, 10% Garnacha. Deep cherry-red with violet hues. Intense aromas of red fruits and fine wood. Elegant and well balanced in the mouth.

Clos Jordanne Pinot Noir. Canada 2004 £42.00

Red and black fruit intertwine effortlessly in the mouth creating incredible breadth and a prolonged finish.

Turkey Flat Shiraz 2006, Barossa Valley £ 46.00

The 2006 Shiraz is a glass-coating opaque purple colour with an aromatic array of pain grille, pencil lead, smoke, espresso, and blueberry. Layered on the palate, it has outstanding grip, savoury black fruit flavours, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. It will continue to unwind for several years and offer a drinking window extending from 2012-2022. Rating: 91 Points ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE - Issue 181, February 2009

Amarone della Valpolicella, Cortegiara. Italy 2005 £50.00

70% Corvina, 25% Rondinella and 5% Molinara for this huge "Rosso" made from grapes dried in ventilated barns, fermented and allowed skin contact for 15 days before 18 months maturation in new and used barrels. The wine is left to mature in bottle for a year before release.

Cheval des Andes Mendoza 2002 £62.00

Described as a "Legendary vintage": the nose open out on to warm notes of tobacco, red berries macerated in brandy while the attack on the palate is full and rich, with a long, long finish.

Sfursat 5 Stelle 2005, Nino Negri Lombardia, Italy £100.00

100% Chiavennasca (Nebbiolo). King of Valtellina wines, only produced in the best vintages. Deep ruby red in colour tending to brown around the edges. Displays a rich, fruity bouquet with overtones of nutmeg. On the palate is smooth, full and dry with a touch of sweetness in the nutty, caramel finish.

Carmel limited edition 2005 (Israel) £100.00

65% Cab Sauv 17% Petit Verdot 15% Merlot 3% Cab Franc. Winery founded in 1882 by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, owner of Chateau Lafite in Bordeaux. Deep purple in colour, aromas of black plum, violets and tobacco leaves. Full bodied, with excellent balance between fruit, tannins and acidity.

Chateau la Pointe 1982 £110.00

75% Merlot 15% Cab Franc 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Famous Pomerol appellation named after the particular position of the vineyard, in the extreme south-west of the "appellation". The wine comes from an average of 35 years old vineyards and rests between 15 and 18 months in barrels (35% new). A very beautiful dark colour, a tight carmine rim with good brilliance. Then we have crushed strawberries, raspberries, dark chocolate, and roast herbs. At the end we find a touch of liquorice, and the first notes of truffle appear, still hidden under the richness of this wine. In the palate the entry is very plump, concentrated and rich with a texture of very tight knit tannins.

Chateau Leoville Barton 2eme Grand cru Classé 2000 £120.00

"This opaque purple-colored, muscular, full-bodied, classically made St.-Julien displays impressive concentration, chewy, highly-extracted flavours of black fruits, iron, earth, and spicy wood, and a powerful mouth-feel. A pure, uncompromising, traditionally-styled wine, it is to be admired for its authenticity, class, and quality." Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate (April 2001)

Sassicaia 1999, Tenuta San Guido, Tuscany £229.00

85% Cab Sauv 15% Cab Franc. Skin contact for 15 days then aged in French Barriques (1/3 new) for 24 months. Refined in bottle for 6 months is now ready to be released. Intense, concentrated and deep ruby colour. The aroma is elegant, with a powerful flavour, great depth with a sweet and balanced tannins. A Bordeaux style for this "super tuscan", with extraordinary longevity.

1999 Château Mouton Rothschild, 1er Cru Classé, Pauillac £399.00

Last vintage of the Millennium, as clearly shown on the label. Deep colour with a garnet tint shading slightly to orange. The nose is rich, showing a wide variety of fruit, together with leather and humus, mocha, tobacco and cigar. On the palate is round and very expressive, displaying silky tannins integrated into elegant oak and pleasant freshness that fills out on caramel and vanilla flavour.

1998 Château Margaux Premier Grand Cru Classe £469.00

75% Cab Sauv 20% Merlot 3% Cab Franc 2% Petit Verdot. Complex aromas of crushed blackberries and toasted oak, with hints of tar. Full bodied, with big chewy tannins and hints of vanilla beans and coffee underneath. Ws 92