

# WINE

## WE REALLY LIKE CHOICE

**We hope you like our selection of wines. If there's anything you'd like us to add to the list, please let us know and we'll try to find it at a reasonable price for you to drink the next time you're in.**

**If you're interested, please also ask to see our Reserve & Bin ends list.**

# WHITE WINE

(Please see the chalk board for other by the glass specials)

175ml / bottle

## Kleine Zalze Bush Vines Chenin Blanc 2007

South Africa, Stellenbosch. 13.5% abv

£3.80 / £15.00

*The most widely grown grape in South Africa, this example has pineapple and peach on the nose with a refreshing crisp acidity on the palate.*

## Domaine Alain Marcadet, Sauvignon de Touraine 2007

France, Loire. 12% abv

£4.80 / £19.00

*Delicious citrus and gooseberry flavours, along with a classic Loire minerality. Much crisper than New World Sauvignons.*

## Le Petit Noir Viognier 2007

France, Languedoc-Roussillon 13% abv

£5.30 / £21.00

*Expressive floral nose with a smooth honeyed palate and peach fruit. A great example of big fruit-driven Viognier.*

## The Long Paddock Pinot Grigio 2008

Australia, Redbank, Victoria 12% abv

£6.00 / £24.00

*Clean, pale straw with green hues this wine is light to medium bodied with a mouth-watering, crunchy citrus mid-palate balanced with fruit sweetness and minerality. Aromas of stone fruits combined with fresh spices, herbs and nashi pears, with lifted fresh florals of white flowers.*

## Wild South Riesling 2008

New Zealand, Marlborough. 13.5% abv

£6.20 / £25.00

*Beautiful floral aromas with orange marmalade notes infused with warm toffee apple. An elegant yet powerful palate, with ripe citrus notes. A full bodied mid-palate flows seamlessly into a long floral finish.*

## Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc 2006

New Zealand, Marlborough. 13% abv

£7.30 / £29.00

*Produced by an ex winemaker & vineyard manager from Cloudy Bay who both left in 2003, this is a fantastic sauvignon with racy citrus & mineral notes and a very long finish. Low yields, hand-harvesting, natural yeasts and lots of contact with the lees really add to the character of the wine.*

## Chanson Chablis 2006

France, Chablis. 13% abv

£7.30 / £29.00

*Crisp and flinty, this is benchmark Chablis. Great length and fantastically clean. Like swimming in a crystal-clear mountain pool!*

WHITE

## WHITE WINE *(continued)*

Bottle

### **Raimat viña 24 Albariño 2007**

Spain, Costers del Segre. 13% abv

**£25.00**

*Pale yellow in colour with greenish hues that indicate the wine's freshness. Bright and transparent. Intense aromas of citrus, dried flowers and spices with an additional hint of sweet vanilla and dried fruit.*

### **Klevner Reserve Pinot Blanc 2006**

France, Alsace. 12.5% abv

**£26.00**

*Hunawihl is a small co-operative in the heart of Alsace. It was rated the best co-operative in Alsace, & 3rd in France, by the Revue de Vins de France in 2005. This wine has good varietal character, with clean, full green fruit, a slight herbiness and a distinct minerality giving the wine wonderful balance.*

### **Elena Walch Pinot Grigio 2007**

Italy, Alto Adige. 13% abv

**£29.00**

*Elena Walch is seen as one of the top producers in the Alto Adige region of north east Italy. This is Pinot Grigio as it should be, citrus & pear fruit, but with a generous length and balanced acidity.*

### **André Kientzler Gewürztraminer 2006**

France, Alsace. 13% abv

**£29.00**

*The 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Kientzlers produce dry-style wines with minimal residual sugar. This gewürztraminer has a wonderful aromatic nose of honeysuckle, white stone fruits, spice and this is all confirmed on the very refreshing long palate.*

### **Domaine Masson Blondelet, Pouilly-Fumé 'Villa Paulus' 2007**

France, Loire. 13% abv

**£32.00**

*Low yields of sauvignon blanc from this small 20 hectare estate ensure that this wine is of the highest quality. It offers the hallmark Pouilly Fumé smokiness and racy mineral acidity.*

### **Dr Unger Gruner Veltliner Reserve 'Gottschelle' 2006**

Austria. 13% abv

**£33.00**

*A hugely versatile wine with food or without. With an attractive grapey lemon nose, this is dry and complex with spicy, white pepper notes as well as zesty apricot flavours.*

### **Selbach 'Wehlener Sonnenuhr' Riesling Kabinett 2005**

Germany, Mosel. 10% abv

**£33.00**

*Kabinett is a relatively rare beast these days in the Mosel, due to increasing temperatures in the last few years. Johannes Selbach's example combines finesse, purity of fruit and supreme elegance. Minerally and razor sharp with a rich sweetness.*

### **Vincent Pinard, Sancerre 'Cuvée Flores' 2007**

France, Loire. 13.5% abv

**£38.00**

*This is a great example of Sancerre made by a brilliant wine maker with excellent vineyards. The Cuvée Flores is unoaked & displays all the wonderful racy acidity & minerals tones you would expect from sauvignon blanc.*

## RED WINE

175ml / 750ml

RED

### **Viña Monte Verde Merlot, Dona Javiera 2007**

£3.80 / £15.00

Chile, Maipo Valley. 13% abv

*Easy drinking elegant merlot with soft tannins. Red fruits and plums on the palate.*

### **Finca La Linda Malbec, Luigi Bosca 2006**

£4.40 / £17.00

Argentina, Mendoza. 14% abv

*Deep, rich Malbec with cherry and spice. Aged in French oak for three months. A great wine for steak and our burgers.*

### **La Flor De Pulenta Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

£4.80 / £19.00

Argentina, Mendoza. 13.5% abv

*Ruby-red colour with cassis, bramble and spices on the nose. Slightly jammy on the palate with a nice round finish. Very easy drinking with any meats.*

### **Bodegas Lan, Rioja Crianza 2005**

£5.80 / £23.00

Spain, Rioja. 13% abv

*Bodegas Lan sells 80% of its wines within Spain. Since it made its debut in the UK, it has picked up a huge number of awards for the quality of its wines. This is no exception - with soft brambly fruit and a touch of soft vanilla, this is modern Rioja made exceptionally well.*

### **Chanson Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2006**

£6.30 / £25.00

France, Burgundy. 13% abv

*A great introduction to Burgundy, this is fresh strawberries, cherries and raspberries rather than the leather and leaf mould of older Pinot Noir. Typical French Pinot, it is not just dominated by fruit though, and is also delicious served slightly chilled.*

### **Turkey Flat Butcher's Block 2005**

£7.00 / £28.00

Australia, Barossa. 15% abv

*Mataro (Mourvèdre), Shiraz, Grenache. Spicy and complex with aromas of leafy raspberry, cherry, and sandalwood with hints of cocoa, sage, leather and white pepper. Brilliant complexity and length.*

*Please turn over for more red wines by the bottle*

## RED WINE *(continued)*

**Bottle**

### **Alidis Tinto Ribera del Duero, Vina Mambrilla 2006**

**£22.00**

Spain, Ribera del Duero. 14% abv

*Fruity, intense, soft and very easy drinking. Sweetness and vanilla from American oak aging make it a comforting, warming and rich wine.*

### **Viña Chocalán Carmenère Reserva 2005**

**£24.00**

Chile, Maipo Valley. 13.5% abv

*A Decanter World Wine Award winner, this shows lots of ripe red fruit, cassis, spice and a touch of coffee and chocolate on the nose. Smooth tannins, and lots of fruity flavours.*

### **Liveli "Orion" Primitivo 2007**

**£24.00**

Italy, Apulia. 13% abv

*Dense ruby red with a purplish rim, it is immediately intense on the nose with marked aromas of ripe and fleshy red fruits, notably cherries followed by spicy notes of cinnamon and mace; in the mouth it is full, powerful, smooth and very long, with a well defined acid streak which makes it fresh and pleasing.*

### **Château Le Pey, Cru Bourgeois 2004**

**£25.00**

France, Bordeaux (Médoc). 14% abv

*A brilliant bottle of Cru Bourgeois, with all the balance, fruit and poise you would expect from a more expensive wine. Drink with roast beef, fine cheeses or great just on its own.*

### **Agostinelli Barbera 2006**

**£29.00**

South Africa, Paarl. 15% abv

*Agostinelli is the Italian varietal label of Fairview, famous for their great wines. This is no exception, with juicy fruits, plum and berry fruit making a wine that closely resembles the Piedmont equivalent, but with more new-world fruit.*

### **Francis Ford Coppola Director's Cut Zinfandel 2006**

**£32.00**

U.S.A. California (Dry Creek Valley). 14.5% abv

*Ford Coppola was producing wine before films, and he plays a very large part in ensuring the wine is up to his standards. A powerful wine, but with some restraint and complexity coming from French oak barrels. Vanilla, blackcurrant and red cherry notes.*

### **Shadowfax Landscape Shiraz 2004**

**£34.00**

Australia, Victoria. 14% abv

*A complex Shiraz from high altitude vineyards in Victoria. Fresh and ripe with damson fruit and a touch of eucalyptus on the palate. One of our favourites on the list.*

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## RED WINE *(continued)*

Bottle

### **Arlewood Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2004**

**£39.00**

Australia, Margaret River. 14.5% abv

*Family owned, producing small quantities of great wines from estate-grown fruit. This is the top wine they produce, with rich dark fruit, cedar and oak. It was recently voted one of the top Margaret River Cabernets by Decanter Magazine.*

### **Chateau Musar 2000**

**£40.00**

Lebanon, Bekaa Valley. 13.5% abv

*Founded in 1930 in an 18th Century castle 15 miles North of Beirut, the Chateau is still family owned and famed for producing fantastically complex and mature wines. A blend of Cab Sav, Cinsault and Syrah, separately aged in oak before blending in the third year. Cellar aged before release. Big, bold and complex.*

### **Alario Claudio Barbera d'Alba 'Valletta' 2005**

**£41.00**

Italy, Piemonte. 14.5% abv

*A rich, full bodied 100% Barbera from a small family producer (around 5,000 bottles a year). The vineyard was planted in 1945 so the fruit is small and intense with a low yield. The palate is warm, well structured with soft, silky tannins.*

### **M. Chapoutier Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 'La Bernadine Rouge' 2005**

**£42.00**

France, S Rhône. 14% abv

*Complex and subtle with blackcurrant, plum and roasted coffee on the nose, rich berry fruit and spice on the palate. Silver at the Decanter World Wine Awards 2007. A famous Chateauneuf.*

### **Roda 2004**

**£43.00**

Spain, Rioja. 14% abv

*Garnet black colour, raspberry jam with smoky cedar aroma; long finish with berries, smoky oak, & a touch of mint leaf. New style of rioja with a little less wood and a little more fruit. A famously good wine.*

### **Joseph Roty Gevrey-Chambertin 'Les Champs Chenys' 2003**

**£49.00**

France, Burgundy. 13% abv

*Classic Burgundy with ripe, fleshy fruit & beautiful freshness. A superb finish, with layers of blackcurrant fruit together with supporting tannin and acidity. Pinot noir at its Old World finest.*

### **Massolino Barolo 'Parafada' 2002/2004**

**£55.00**

Italy, Piemonte. 14% abv

*Great depth of ruby red colour, it is excellent for drinking relatively young, with deliciously soft rounded fruit. Very elegant. Barolo cru from one of the best traditionalists in the area*

## ROSÉ

175ml / bottle

### Domaine Alain Marcadet, Touraine Rosé 2007

£4.50 / £18.00

France, Loire. 12% abv

*A crisp, dry rose with a wonderfully light salmon pink colour. Ideal for drinking on its own or as a light aperitif.*

### Turkey Flat Rosé 2007

£6.30 / £25.00

Australia, Barossa. 13% abv

*Grenache, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Dolcetto go to make up a very fresh rosé. Wine legend Robert Parker gave it 90 points – “a knock out bouquet of Strawberries, and cherries, terrific fruit, and plenty of body”*

## SPARKLING

125ml / bottle

### Santo Stefano Prosecco Spumante Extra Dry NV

£4.20 / £24.00

Italy, Veneto. 11% abv

*From a small but perfectly formed family estate in Veneto. The Prosecco is light and crisp with soft peach and pear tones.*

### Ayala Brut Majeur NV

£6.50 / £37.00

France, Champagne, Ay 12% abv

*Bollinger's second house, the Champagne is pale gold in colour with a fine mousse. Rich and aromatic on the nose, well balanced and shows great finesse and complexity. Also available in Magnums for £74.*

### Ayala Rosé NV

£43.00

France, Champagne, Ay 12.5% abv

*With a little added old vine Pinot Noir grown in Mareuil-sur-Ay. "This rosé is yeasty and elegant with bright raspberry fruit that leads on to some creamy, dark, spicy flavour and a juicy finish."*

### Bollinger Special Cuvée NV

£9.50 / £55.00

France, Champagne, Ay 12% abv

*A rich, biscuity nose with a hint of summer fruits. On the palate, full flavours of nuts and toast and some citrus, balanced by excellent acidity.*

### Bollinger Rosé

£55.00

France, Champagne, Ay 12% abv

*"Raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries — the first note of acidity is jolted by the sensuousness of the flesh. An impertinent flavour dances in the mouth, but the lively, joyous sparkle of the fruit is always contained by the wine's precise structure, which gains in fullness and climaxes with mellow notes that stay on the palate and resound in the memory for a long time."*

ROSÉ & SPARKLING

## SHERRY

75ml/175ml/bottle

### **Bodegas Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla**

**£2.00 / £4.20 / £12.00**

Spain, Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 15% abv

*Dry and refreshing, with apple, straw and nutty flavours all underscored by a salty tanginess. Lightweight and balanced, this is very appealing. Great with olives! 500ml bottle.*

### **Bodegas Hidalgo Napoleón Amontillado Seco**

**£2.40 // £24.00**

Spain, Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 17.5% abv

*Amber colour and nutty aroma from this manzanilla that has been oxidatively aged in oak. Dry and rich. A silver medal winner at the International Wine Challenge 2006*

### **Bodegas Hidalgo Napoleón Oloroso Abocado**

**£2.40 // £24.00**

Spain, Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 17.5% abv

*Dark amber with the aroma of walnuts. A stage further in the oxidation from the Amontillado, giving a rich, smooth flavour; wine advocate 91 points*

### **Bodegas Hidalgo Napoleón Pedro Ximénez**

**£3.00 // £30.00**

Spain, Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 17% abv

*Made from dried PX grapes, this is dark brown and syrupy, tasting of liquidised raisins, prunes & figs. Wonderful, but very very sweet! International Wine Challenge Gold 2003*

### **Bodegas Hidalgo Palo Cortado Viejo V.O.R.S**

**£8.50 // £85.00**

Spain, Sanlúcar de Barrameda. 19% abv

*A very rare sherry, aged more than 30 years. Has a wonderful rich, complex, lingering taste. Not something you'll be able to try in many places...*

# SHERRY

## SWEET

75ml / 750ml

### Turkey Flat Pedro Ximénez (37.5cl)

£6.20 / £30.00

Australia, Barossa

*A limited bottling from this Barossa producer, the grape is more usually seen oxidised in sherry. Fantastically fruity, very smooth and mellow.*

### Klein Constantia Vin de Constance Muscat 2004 (50cl)

£5.50 / £48.00

South Africa, Cape Town

*The famous Vin de Constance, first produced in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and favoured by Napoleon during his exile on St Helena. Mentioned by Dickens, Jane Austen and Baudelaire. As if that wasn't recommendation enough, this fantastic wine has honey, apricots and dried mangos on the nose, with an incredibly long finish. £5 each for a table of 8 – no reason not to!*

### Tokaji Oremus, Tokaji Aszú, 5 puttonyos 2000 (50cl)

£48.00

Hungary

*Centuries-old vineyards produce this most prized sweet wine. Honey, apricots, amazing fragrances and a great acidity to support it.*

### Vin Santo del Chianti Classico doc, Marchese Antinori 2004 (50cl)

£ 52.00

Italy, San Casciano (Florence) 16% abv

*A dessert wine bright yellow in colour with amber hues. Generous, complex aromas with hints of honey and dried fruit like apricots. A well-structured, pleasantly sweet and lingering flavour*

## PORT

### Fonseca Terra Prima (Organic) ruby

£2.70 / £25.00

Portugal, Porto

*A wonderfully rich, concentrated wine with great flavour and texture. The black fruit nose & palate shows berry, plum and cherry*

### Taylor's 10 year old tawny

£3.90 / £37.00

Portugal, Porto

*Spice and caramel on the nose, the palate is full and balanced with fruit keeping the alcohol in check*

### Quinta do Infantado 2004

£4,60 / £46,00

Portugal, Pinhão

*Tremendous depth of colour, with ripe red fruit and chocolate perfumes on the nose. On the palate the wine is rich and sweet, but beautifully balanced by well-integrated tannins and a chocolate, plum and savoury cherry fruit. The finish is elegant and clean, with fine, delicate perfumes of warm, ripe fruit.*

### Taylor's Vintage 1985

£75.00

Portugal, Porto

*Robert Parker. "... beefy, rich full-bodied, and loaded. ... outstanding"*

SWEET & PORT