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Sherry

La Gitana Manzanilla *abv 15%*

Hidalgo, Sherry, Spain

£2.95 100 ml glass

£20.00 bottle

Bone dry, ultra refreshing Manzanilla. There is no better way to kick-start the taste buds.

White Sparkling

Billecart-Salmon Brut Réserve NV *abv 12%*

Mareuil-Sur-Aÿ, Champagne, France

£7.40 125ml glass

£19.50 half bottle

£38.00 bottle

£74.00 magnum

Complex, creamy fizz from the Champagne house that is the choice of those in the trade.

Laurent-Perrier 1999 *abv 12%*

Champagne, France

£60.00 bottle

Classic vintage Champagne, multi-layered, toasty and rich. 1999 is a forward year so this wine is drinking perfectly now.

Prosecco Rustico NV *abv 11%*

Nino Franco, Prosecco di Valdobbiadene, Italy

£23.00 bottle

Much Prosecco is dire, Nino Franco is though one of the region's masters making grapey, floral fizz that is a pleasure to drink.

Croser 2004 *abv 13%*

Petaluma, Piccadilly Valley, South Australia

£32.00 bottle

This is the kind of bottle that should really worry the Champenoise. It is a rich, interesting glass of bubbles that is better than anything Champagne can produce at this price.

Rosé Sparkling

Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé NV *abv 12%*

Mareuil-Sur-Aÿ, Champagne, France

£26.00 half bottle

£49.00 bottle

£95.00 magnum

Billecart are famous for their elegant, strawberry scented rose.

Miret Rosado Reserva NV *abv 11.5%*

Cava, Spain

£20.00 bottle

Made using the same production method as Champagne this is a vibrant, deceptively drinkable glass of pink fizz.

Rosé wines

Quinta da Giesta 2006 abv 12.5%

Boas Quintas, Dão, Portugal

£3.95 175ml glass

£15.25 bottle

A vibrant glass of rosé, brimming with ripe reds fruits and touch of spice.

Classic Rosé 2006 abv 13.5%

Massaya, Békaa Valley, Lebanon

£5.50 175ml glass

£22.00 bottle

This wine really is a piece of history as the Békaa was heavily bombed right up to the time of harvest in August 2006. This glorious, strawberry scented rosé is a testament to those that continued to work the vineyards during the conflict.

Patrimonio 2004 abv 13%

Domaine Leccia, Corsica

£27.00 bottle

Most rosé is designed to be drunk on release and fulfil the role of being a simple, uncomplicated drink. This Corsican estate are one the few to take it altogether more seriously. It is made from a native grape (Nielluciu) and has taken on complex, herbal notes after a few years in bottle.

White wines



White wines

Richer with some oak

Encruzado Branco 2005 abv 13.5%

Quinta dos Roques, Dão, Portugal

£21.00 bottle

Encruzado is the name of a grape, native to this part of northern Portugal. A stint in an oak barrel has added a luscious, honeyed edge to the wine.

Cairanne Blanc Réserve des Seigneurs 2006 abv 14.5%

Domaine de l'Oratoire Saint-Martin, Rhône Valley, France

£23.00 bottle

This is a great example of southern Rhône white. Rich tropical fruits are balanced by a zesty acidity.

Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Nuits Blanc 2005 abv 13%

Jean-Claude Boisset, Burgundy, France

£6.20 175ml glass

£24.00 bottle

As with all white Burgundy this is made from the Chardonnay grape. In a short space of time Gregory Patriat, Boisset's talented young winemaker, has turned around the fortunes of this previously underperforming house. He makes pure wines with a real sense of identity.

Yering Station Chardonnay 2003 abv 13%

Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia

£14.00 half bottle 2006 abv 13.5%

£26.00 bottle

Yering station has quickly established itself as one of the benchmark wineries in Australia, producing superb cool climate wines. This is an elegant, complex Chardonnay reminiscent of top-quality Chablis.

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru La Garenne 2004 abv 13%

Domaine Larue, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

£45.00 bottle

£23.00 half bottle

This is classic Puligny from an excellent white Burgundy vintage. Its power and richness is cut by a refreshing streak of minerality.

Meursault Les Luchets 1998 abv 12.8%

Domaine Guy Roulot, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

£49.00 bottle

Guy Roulot is one of the great producers in Burgundy. His Meursaults are more restrained in style than is usual from the region. They age superbly taking on nutty, buttery nuances.

Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay 2000 abv 14%

Margaret River, Western Australia

£52.00 bottle

Leeuwin have been setting the standard of this grape for over twenty years. Theirs is one of the few examples of Australian Chardonnay to improve in the bottle and the 2000 is now reaching its peak.

Aromatic

Château la Bastide Viognier 2005 abv 13%

Vin de Pays d'Hautervie, France

£4.40 175ml glass

£17.00 bottle

Viognier is a medium-bodied aromatic grape. This a fine, zesty example from Corbières in Southern France.

Knapstein Hand Picked Riesling 2006 abv 12.5%

Clare Valley, South Australia

£4.95 175ml glass

£19.00 bottle

Clare Valley is one of Australia's premium, cool sites for Riesling production turning out poised lime-scented wines.

Insolia 2006 abv 12.5%

Valle dell'Acate, Sicily, Italy

£12.50 half bottle

£21.00 bottle

This was a revelation when I tried it, it is steely and intense with a refreshing citrus character.

Jurançon Sec 2005 abv 13%

Clos Lapeyre, France

£12.00 half bottle

£23.00 bottle

Jurançon is a region in the southwest of France. There the Petit and Gros Manseng grapes make fragrant wines reminiscent of candied fruits and flowers.

Gewürztraminer 2004 abv 13.5%

F.E. Trimbach, Alsace, France

£13.00 half bottle

£24.00 bottle

Floral, aromatic Gewürztraminer from one of the region's historic estates.

Albariño 2007 abv 14%

Bodega Bouza, Canelones, Uruguay

£26.00 bottle

Uruguay has been making very serious reds for sometime, but this aromatic white is one of the best I have tried from the country.

Charming Grüner Veltliner 2005 abv 12.5%

Lauren V, Kremstal, Austria

£31.00 bottle

Grüner Veltliner is a rich spicy grape. Austria's long growing season suits it perfectly producing powerful wines, balanced by fine acidity.

Light & Fresh

Monte Alina 2006 *abv 12.5%*

Alvarez y Diez, Rueda, Spain

£3.80 175ml glass

£14.50 bottle

Raats Original Un-Wooded Chenin Blanc 2007 *abv 13.5%*

Coastal Region, South Africa

£4.75 175ml glass

£18.50 bottle

Chenin Blanc is increasingly being treated as a serious grape in South Africa. Bruwer Raats has fashioned a mouth-wateringly refreshing, fruit driven wine.

Soave Superiore 2006 *abv 12.5%*

Tamellini, Veneto, Italy

£4.95 175ml glass

£19.00 bottle

Forget your previous experiences with the wines from this area. This is a creamy, perfumed glass - a far cry from most watery, tasteless Soave.

Valençay 2006 *abv 12.5%*

Sebastian Vaillant, Loire Valley, France

£20.00 bottle

Valençay is a little known region in the Loire that produces crisp, mineral wines similar to Sancerre (this wine utilises eighty-percent of the same grape, Sauvignon Blanc), but at a fraction of the price.

Stella Bella Semillon/Sauvignon 2006 *abv 13%*

Margaret River, Western Australia

£5.50 175ml glass

£22.00 bottle

Semillon/Sauvignon is one of Australia's classic blends. The Sauvignon provides lush tropical fruit, while the Semillon gives a grassy backbone to the wine.

Terra Vin Sauvignon Blanc 2005 *abv 13%*

Marlborough, New Zealand

£6.20 175ml glass

£24.00 bottle

This has all the tropical, gooseberry flavours you would expect but also an added level of complexity that many of these wines lack.

Pinot Grigio 2005 *abv 12.5%*

Franz Haas, Alto Adige, Italy

£14.50 half bottle 2006 *abv 13%*

£27.00 bottle

To my mind ninety-five percent of all Pinot Grigio is deeply disappointing having all the flavour of alcoholic water. Haas though, makes lovely pure wines, with weight and character.

Sancerre 2005 *abv 12.5%*

Domaine Matthias Roblin, Loire Valley, France

£15.00 half bottle

£28.50 bottle

Textbook mineral-laden Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire Valley.

Red wines



Red wines Lighter

Saumur 2005 abv 13%

Domaine Langlois-Château, Loire Valley, France

£4.40 175ml glass

£17.00 bottle

Juicy, fruit driven Cabernet Franc from the Loire Valley.

Viña Leyda Las Brisas Pinot Noir 2006 abv 14%

Leyda Valley, Chile

£5.95 175ml glass

£23.00 bottle

Pinot Noir is a difficult grape to grow and make wine from cheaply. This is made in the cool of the Leyda Valley close to Santiago. The wine, with its black fruits and fresh acidity, is one of the best value I have come across.

Brouilly 2005 abv 12.5%

Château Thivin, Beaujolais, France

£12.00 half bottle

£23.00 bottle

All Beaujolais is made from the Gamay grape and Brouilly is one of the more structured of the 'cru' villages. 2005 was an outstanding vintage in the region, producing rich wines with real depth.

Dolcetto d'Alba 'Pra di Pò' 2006 abv 13%

Germano Ettore, Piemonte, Italy

£23.50 bottle

A wonderful example of a modern, juicy Dolcetto. This is a deep purple wine, full of rich fruit like black cherry.

La Crema Pinot Noir 2005 abv 13.5%

Sonoma Coast, California, USA

£28.00 bottle

I often struggle to find Californian wine that stacks up in terms of price to quality. However La Crema produce an exemplary range of wine. The cool of the Sonoma Coast suits Pinot down to the ground and the result is a seductive mouthful of plums and red cherries.

Gevrey-Chambertin 2001 abv 13%

Domaine Lucien Boillot & Fils, Côte de Nuits, Burgundy, France

£20.00 half bottle

This is a classic Gevrey-Chambertin being powerful and masculine. 2001 was a great red Burgundy vintage, but they were backward wines that are only now starting to blossom.

Chambolle-Musigny 2003 abv 13.5%

Jean-Claude Boisset, Côte de Nuits, Burgundy, France

£45.00 bottle

2003 was a year of extreme heat when only the top producers excelled. This has all the perfume of a classic Chambolle, but also, because of the vintage, extra weight and juicy, black fruits.

Red wines

Medium-bodied

Laudum Nature 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Bodegas Bocopa, Alicante, Spain

£3.80 175ml glass

£14.50 bottle

Château Grande Cassagne 'La Civette' 2005 *abv 13.5%*

Costières de Nîmes, France

£3.95 175ml glass

£15.25 bottle

This is a shockingly good blend of Grenache and Syrah. A warm, spicy wine, which if grown a little further north in the Rhône Valley would cost double.

Trescone (Sangiovese/Merlot) 2004 *abv 13%*

Lamborghini, Umbria, Italy

£5.30 175ml glass

£21.00 bottle

Yes, this wine is made by the same family that constructed the famous car! A robust, juicy wine and for my money the best value red on the list.

Trinity Hill 'Trinity' (Merlot/Cabernet Franc/Syrah) 2002 *abv 13%*

Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

£5.50 175ml glass

£22.00 bottle

New Zealand is now producing some great reds. As the climate is cool these wines are European, rather than New World, in style. This is a complex, medium-bodied wine reminiscent of Bordeaux.

Valpolicella Ripasso 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Corteforte, Veneto, Italy

£28.00 bottle

A Ripasso Valpolicella is a wine that has spent time soaking with the grape skins used to make Amarone (a rich powerful wine). This process adds extra weight and character to the wine. A few years bottle age have given this bottle a rich, gamey edge.

Rioja Reserva 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Bodegas Luis Cañas, Spain

£18.00 50cl bottle 1999 *abv 13.5%*

£25.00 bottle

Luis Cañas are among the new wave of Rioja producers. They make rich, complex expressions of the Tempranillo grape.

Château Cantemerle 1999 *abv 12.5%*

5me Cru Classé, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France

£36.00 bottle

Cantemerle sits just outside the appellation of Margaux, but the wines bear all the hallmarks of the illustrious region. The soft, elegant 1999 is now drinking perfectly.

Red wines

Full-bodied

The Siren Pinotage 2005 *abv 14%*

Stormhoek, Wellington, South Africa

£4.00 175ml glass

£15.75 bottle

Pinotage is a tricky grape to get right, but this is a fantastic, juicy example of South Africa's unique variety.

Don Cristobal Bonarda 2005 *abv 13.5%*

Mendoza, Argentina

£4.40 175ml glass

£17.00 bottle

Fabulous! One of the best South American reds we have tasted for a long time. Bonarda is grape of Italian origin that has sweet cherry fruit with a good balancing structure.

Heartland Stickleback (Cabernet/Shiraz/Grenache) 2005 *abv 14.5%*

Ben Glaetzer, South Australia

£4.60 175ml glass

£17.50 bottle

Ben Glaetzer is currently South Australia's hottest wine maker and is fashioning many of the region's benchmark wines. Thus, where many Aussie reds at this price point are uninteresting, this is a well-balanced succulent mouthful.

Viña Ulises 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega, Alicante, Spain

£24.00 bottle

The label of this wine has been designed by the British pop artist Richard Hamilton. A fitting tribute to the owner whose sweet and red wines have put Alicante on the map.

Cahors Cuvée Juline 2002 *abv 12.7%*

Domaine de la Berangerie, France

£16.00 50cl bottle

£23.00 bottle

Cahors has a reputation for making inky black, full-bodied wine. While this is certainly a powerful wine it also has a wonderful perfume and elegance.

Rockford Moppa Springs (Grenache/Shiraz/Mourvèdre) 2000 *abv 14.5%*

Barossa Valley, South Australia

£27.00 bottle

Barossa is famous for its full-throttle Shiraz. There are though some very old patches of other Rhône varietals, like Grenache, that produce silky complex wines like this.

Gigondas 2003 *abv 14%*

Domaine Raspail-Ay, Rhône Valley, France

£16.50 half bottle

£31.00 bottle

The Rhône is producing some of the most exciting and best value fine wine in France. Gigondas is close to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape region and utilises the same mix of grapes. This is full of sweet, red fruits and characteristic Rhône

To finish



To finish Sweet Wine, Sherry & Madeira

Coteaux du Layon 2004 abv 13%

Domaine des Forges, Loire Valley, France

£4.60 125ml glass

£24.00 bottle

Made from the Chenin Blanc grape, this is a fresh mid-weight sweet wine best with fruity desserts.

Finest Full Rich 5yr Old abv 19%

Henriques & Henriques, Madeira

£3.95 100ml glass

£17.50 half bottle

Madeira is one of the world's classic fine wines that has been ignored too long. As a result, rather like sherry, they are ridiculously good value. Medium sweet with flavours of dried fruits and coffee it is best drunk with nutty desserts or hard cheese.

San Emilio Pedro Ximénez abv 17%

Lustau, Sherry, Spain

£3.95 100ml glass

£27.00 bottle

The consistency and colour of engine oil! Very sweet and rich with flavours of soft brown sugar and black treacle; have this with chocolate pudding or pour it over vanilla ice cream.

Château Liot 2001 abv 14%

2me Cru Classé, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France

£17.00 half bottle

2001 was a classic vintage for the production of Bordeaux's great sweet wines. It is fabulous with any dessert that has caramelised flavours, like Crème Brûlée.

'The Noble' Riesling 2006 abv 10.5%

d'Arenberg Winery, McLaren Vale, South Australia

£21.00 half bottle

This is an ultra decadent, super sweet Riesling from South Australia. It reminds me of liquidised marmalade and should be drunk on its own or with sticky desserts like treacle tart.

Port

Quinta de la Rosa Finest Reserve abv 20%

Douro Valley, Portugal

£3.50 100ml glass

£23.00 bottle

Quinta de la Rosa are a small, quality conscious estate in a region awash with mediocre wines made by large companies. Drink with chocolate pudding and hard cheese.

Beer



Beer

Light and refreshing

Little Creatures Pale Ale (bottle conditioned) abv 5.2%

Freemantle, Western Australia

£3.30 330ml bottle

I initially set out to create a list of British beers. However, having tasted this at a bar in Margaret River, Western Australia, a place for it had to be found. It is utterly delicious and supremely refreshing

Hoegaarden (bottle conditioned) abv 4.9%

Belgium

£2.95 330ml bottle

Cains Finest Lager abv 5%

Liverpool, England

£4.30 500ml bottle

The Dusanji brothers have created an iconic British lager. Full in flavour and smooth, it is very much style of the classic European lagers.

Grolsch abv 5%

England

£2.95 300ml bottle

Richer with more flavour

Free Beer (version 3.2) (bottle conditioned) abv 5.5%

St Austell Brewery, Cornwall, England

£3.95 500ml bottle

A beer and art project all in one. This beer is brewed in conjunction with the Tate, St Austell and the arts group Superflex. For more information please see the label or ask one of our staff.

Fuller's London Pride abv 4.7%

London, England

£2.95 330ml bottle

Based in Hammersmith, Fuller's London Pride is one of the capital's historic beers.

William Worthington's White Shield India Pale Ale (bottle conditioned)

abv 5.6%

Burton-on-Trent, England

£4.50 500ml bottle

Quite rightly this sublime brew was awarded the accolade of Champion Bottled Beer of Britain 2006 at the Great British Beer festival. Bottle conditioning gives a silky, smooth mouthfeel to the complex, spicy palate.

Innis & Gunn Oak Aged Beer abv 6.6%

Edinburgh, Scotland

£3.70 330ml bottle

Apparently this brewery discovered, by accident, that maturing their beer in an oak barrel (a process more readily associated with wine) improved it. A stroke of luck as the results are superb, with its flavours of caramel and spice.

Dark and robust

Black Sheep 'Riggwelter' abv 5.7%

Masham, North Yorkshire, England

£3.95 500ml bottle

This is a dark, full flavoured ale from a multi-award winning brewery in the North of England.

Battersea Brewery Power Station Porter *abv 4.9%*

London, England

£3.95 330ml bottle

A deeply coloured Porter with rich flavours of coffee, chocolate and dried fruits.

Thomas Hardy Vintage Ale 2006 (bottle conditioned) *abv 11.7%*

O'Hanlon's Brewing Co, Devon, England

£5.95 250ml bottle

This is the most fantastic stuff. Thick, with full flavours like Christmas pudding and molasses. At 11.7% treat it like a wine, rather than beer!

Guinness Draught *abv 4.2%*

Dublin, Ireland

£2.95 330ml bottle

Fruity

Melbourn Brothers Cherry Beer *abv 3.4%*

Stamford, England

£4.30 355ml bottle

If you have not tried a fruit beer before this is the perfect introduction. It is a lip-smacking mouthful of red cherries.

Cains Raisin Beer *abv 5%*

Liverpool, England

£3.95 500ml bottle

I thought that a beer flavoured with raisins sounded plain odd when I first heard about it. A half a pint at the wonderful brewery in Liverpool soon converted me. The raisins add extra dimensions to a classic ale flavour.

Cider & Perry

Dunkerton's Organic Cider *abv 7%*

Herefordshire, England

£3.40 330ml bottle

Cider is one of the great British beverages that after years in the doldrums is now booming. Ivor Dunkerton champions the use of ancient apple varieties and makes a satisfying, fresh, dry cider.

Burrow Hill Kingston Black Bottle Fermented Cider *abv 8%*

Somerset, England

£15.95 750ml bottle

This is only producer I can find in the UK who makes bottle fermented cider, utilising the same production methods as Champagne. Bone-dry, yeasty and complex it is the Dom Pérignon of the cider world.

Sidre Brut *abv 5.5%*

Eric Bordelet, Loire Valley, France

£12.50 750ml bottle

Eric Bordelet used to be a sommelier, until he decided to turn his hand to cider making. This is a soft, off-dry apple cider, very different in style to its British counterparts.

Dunkerton's Organic Perry *abv 7.5%*

Herefordshire, England

£4.50 500ml bottle

Perry is made in the same way as cider, but with pears instead of apples. Dunkerton's make a lovely off-dry, fruity example with a soft mousse.