

## CALIFORNIA REDS

California may have overtaken France as No.2 wine supplier to Blighty, but, let's face it, most of the stuff consumed here is industrially produced rubbish - high in alcohol content with vast quantities of residual sugar. And yet there are some wonderful wines; the difficult part is finding ones that offer good value.

139. WENTE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008 26.00  
LIVERMORE VALLEY. Seductive aromas with a gentle, easy-going style redolent of blackcurrants, relaxed oak and gentle spices... 15.5%ABV

140. CLINE CELLARS ZINFANDEL 2009 28.50  
A voluptuous beauty with layer upon layer of raspberries, cherries, tobacco flavours and a myriad of exotic spices. In fact, a stellar Zinfandel. 14%ABV

141. CLINE CELLARS MOURVÈDRE 2009 39.95  
'ANCIENT VINES'. From a 100 year old plot. A wonderfully expressive study in the unique characteristics of this Rhone varietal - luxurious plums, herbs, mocha and Asian spices. You name your exotic spice ... it's in the glass! 15%ABV

142. LA CREMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR 2008 39.95  
Don first tasted this on Celebrity Cruises. He was knocked out, came back to dry land and had to find some! Glorious ripe fruit with black cherries and blueberries galore. Definitely not a fruit bomb; simply sophisticated elegance! 14%ABV



144. JOSEPH PHELPS 'LE MISTRAL' 2006 71.95  
The ultimate 'Rhone Ranger'. Grenache, Syrah & Mourvèdre from Monterey County, south of San Francisco. Gorgeous sweet red berry fruits with gentle spice & oh so soft tannins. Not everyday drinking, but worth every penny. 15%ABV

145. DUCKHORN VINEYARDS 'DECOY' 2007 78.95  
A 'Meritage' wine as they call it Stateside, i.e. a 'Bordeaux blend' - 45% Cab Sauv, 36% Merlot, 11% Cab Franc, 8% Petit Verdot. Robust and spicy with lengthy, well rounded flavours and a long, gently spiced finish. 14.5%ABV

## SWEET & STICKIES

All available by the glass ... see blackboards

120. SAINTE CROIX DU MONT 2006 29.50  
CHATEAU DES DEUX LIONS. This appellation borders Sauternes and, in our opinion, offers much better value. Rich and luscious, nutty, sweet fruit, with an oh so soft finish. Wonderful! 13%ABV

121. BERTON RESERVE BOTRYTIS SEMILLON '09 22.50  
Half bottle. Luscious honeyed flavours with peaches and apricots. Beautifully balanced. 11%ABV

### THREE NEW WORLD MUSCATS

half bottles

122. QUADY'S ORANGE MUSCAT 'Essencia' 2009 23.50  
Outrageous orange zest flavours. Delicious with our chocolate desserts. 15%ABV

123. QUADY'S BLACK MUSCAT 'Elysium' 2009 23.50  
Rich & full flavoured. The perfect accompaniment to blue cheese. 15%ABV

124. GRANT BURGE 10 YEAR OLD TAWNY 19%ABV 41.50  
The Thunder From Downunder! Wonderfully expressive Barossa beauty with richly flavoured Christmas-cake characters. A surprisingly dry finish.



### AND NOW FOR THE GROWN UP STUFF

#### **BLANDY'S 2001 HARVEST MALMSEY MADEIRA**

Rich & Rounded with delicate toffee flavours. Great stuff. 19%ABV

£36.95 bottle £5.25 glass

#### **SMITH WOODHOUSE QUINTA MADELENA 1996 VINTAGE PORT**

£50.95 bottle £7.95 glass 20%ABV