# THE LITTLE CORK



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## THE PAST & THE PRESENT

In 1972, when Don moved to London and took over the Cork & Bottle the wine list was rubbish. Those days were before EU rules had to be obeyed and the UK bottled wines, mainly from the brewers, didn't have to observe the niceties of appellation controlée laws. Tankers of foul North African stuff was brought into Blighty and labelled with the great names. Bogus Beaujolais; Nuits St Georges which owed more to nights in Tunisia; malicious Meursault and Moroccan powered glutinous Côtes du Rhone. Anyway, he chucked all the wines out and only purchased genuine stuff. It took a while to sort everything out - he opened "Shampers" which allowed him the economies of scale to ship wines direct from suppliers, therefore guaranteeing a certain degree of authenticity. In 1978 he had lunch at the long gone Australian Wine Centre in Soho. The director Stuart Faulds showed him just how much the wines had improved since his NZ days - It was a revelation! He didn't just think of wine and food. Cricket is involved and that winter England was touring Australia...so, off he went. He visited wineries in the Barossa Valley and Adelaide, Grant Burge and a few others and shipped some wines. What a financial disaster! Central London wasn't ready for a couple of hundred dozen Australian reds and whites; he was the first independent wine merchant to ship direct so there had been no publicity. But things changed a few years' later. He wrote his first book "Enjoying Wine" in 1985 & dedicated a considerable chapter to Australia. Rob Hill-Smith was one of the first to realise the possibilities of the British market and he was able to buy his wines in only the quantities he needed for current sales...and it was all a spectacular success for the Cork & Bottle.

"Do you fancy buying the Cork & Bottle wine bar?"

It was April 2010 and I had known about this little oasis beneath Leicester Square for less than 48 hours, but this conversation started one of the most exciting journeys of my life. Although I'd had great success running and owning pubs, restaurants and cafés all over the world from London to Melbourne, this place was something else. I had never taken on anything as specialised as the Cork & Bottle, a wine institution for nearly 40 years. The celebrations, meetings, parties, friendships, marriages (and divorces), not to mention the hangovers that this place has been responsible for are too many to even begin to recount. Everyone I meet has a favourite story involving the Cork & Bottle. The first time I met the Don was in Aix-en-Provence. As far as I was concerned the deal to buy the wine bar had been done, a price agreed and all we had to do was shake hands ...oh boy, was I wrong! It didn't take long for me to realise that Don was hardly going to sell the crown jewel in his empire to "any little sh\*\*" - Don was not one to mince his words! After a few aperitifs, we were walking to a restaurant for lunch and it dawned on me I was being interviewed. Don asked me "You die tomorrow, which two bottles, one red and one white are you taking with you?"We soon found we shared a mutual love of good food, drink and wine, but probably most importantly, cricket. I must have said something right, as he eventually (and thankfully) agreed to sell up and pass on the reins. One of the things that attracted me to this business was the wine buying philosophy. We still don't do business with suits who descend on the wine bar with samples trying to flog us their wares. We buy much of our wine by going out to the vineyards and tasting the wines in situ. Our suppliers have become great friends over the last few years, my travels have taken me throughout Europe, to California, and back to Australia and New Zealand. Our list is diverse and has been described as a wine bible or as I prefer "the list of desire." The notes are not designed to tell you what to drink but to aid you in finding what you already like and occasionally help provoke you into trying something new. Don worked with us right up until the end - taking numerous wine trips together to visit existing suppliers and to find new ones. He was a legend, a friend and my true wine jedi. He taught us all so much and we have not finished learning. That is one of the beauties of wine - just when you think you have a grasp of it, something else comes along to take you by surprise. Glory in a glass.Thank you Don.

Salut, Will

## THIS SEASON'S SPECIALS

#### V: VEGETARIAN VE: VEGAN O: ORGANIC

### WHITES

<u>PICPOUL DE PINET ORNEZON 2022</u> LANGUEDOC, FRANCE A fashionable yet palatable alternative to Sauvignon and Chardonnay. Light, floral and fresh! 13%ABV	42.00
BOECKEL PINOT GRIS 2018 BOECKEL, ALSACE, FRANCE O,V The Boeckel family have been flaunting it since 1853! A beautifully aromatic and fulsome wine with weight and a delicate finish. 13%ABV	42.00
LODGE HILL RIESLING 2022 CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA A South Australian classic. An ethereal blend of dryness with silk, mineral & gently spicy citrus flavours. Try a bottle - you won't be disappointed. 12%ABV	43.00
ALLRAM GRÜNER VELTLINER 'STRASS' 2022 KAMPTAL, AUSTRIA <b>VE</b> Fresh, fruity and herbal characters balanced with delicate white blossoms and minerality. 12.5%ABV	47.00
'AMY' BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY 2020 GRAPES GROWN IN LOMBARDI, ITALY Beautifully balance Chardonnay giving richness and complexity. Creamy texture, smoked vanilla notes and baking spice from the oak ageing leading triumphantly into the long, lean finish. 13%ABV	

#### ROSE

<u>OPUS 'COTES DE PROVENCE' ROSÉ 2022</u> LES MARQUETS, SOUTH OF FRANCE 42.00 Deliciously dry with heaps of luscious strawberry flavours married with expressive notes of blossom and rose petals. A bottle of this and you'll be in the harbour at St. Tropez! 13%ABV

#### REDS

BOURGUEIL LES GALICHETS 2017 DOMAINE DE LA CHEVALERIE, FRANCE O, BIO 53.00 100% Cab-Franc, complex ripe red plums and berries aromas, subtle earthiness, the palate is round and rich, tannins are velvety and soft. Aged in large oak barrels, perfectly balanced, the length is terrific with its minty freshness & mineral finish!! 12.5%ABV

 'GARY' PINOT NOIR 2021
 GRAPES GROWN IN OLTREPO PAVESE, ITALY
 52.00

 Wild fermented, velvety medium bodied with soft tannins, lots of red wild
 strawberries, cherries fruit and some floral notes. This is definitely my kind of wine.

 I3%ABV

<u>'THE BRIGADIER' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018</u> BAROSSA, AUSTRALIA **VE** 68.00 Vibrant blackcurrant and herbaceous notes, layered with spices, leather and subtle oak influences. Powerful and refined with its creamy texture. Unmissable! 13.5%ABV

## FRANCE BEAUJOLAIS

BEAUJULAIS	
BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGES 2021 JEAN-MARC LAFOREST Smashing, extroverted wine shrieking of the joys of light, fresh Gamay. No resemblance to most of the wines in the UK from this appellation. 13%ABV	39.00
BROUILLY 2022 JEAN-MARC LAFOREST Archetypal easy-going, early drinking Gamay from the master. Lovely depth of cassis & raspberry fruits balanced with a soft, unctuous finish. 13%ABV	40.00
SAINT AMOUR 2021 DOMAINE LE COTOYON Packed with soft and silky, rounded plums and redcurrants. Stunning stuff! This is one of our favourites of the ten Beaujolais Cru. 13%ABV	43.00
ALSACE	
PINOT BLANC 'RESERVE' 2021 BOECKEL O,V Aromatic, soft, flowery and bone dry with an easy-going finish. 12.5%ABV	39.00
RIESLING 2022 BOECKEL <b>0, V</b> Another aromatic, bone-dry white - as opposed to many German Rieslings. Subtle nuances. I3%ABV	42.00
PINOT GRIS 2021 BOECKEL O,V The Boeckel family have been flaunting it since 1853! A beautifully aromatic and fulsome wine with weight and a delicate finish. 13%ABV	42.00
GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2021 BOECKEL <b>0,V</b> A one bottle example of the glories of this grape. Lychees and spice. Excellent with our chilli squid or tempura prawns. 13.5%ABV	47.00
<u>RIESLING ZOTZENBERG GRAND CRU 2015</u> BOECKEL <b>o,v</b> Don and I took one of our little trips and just had to go to Alsace and visit the Boeckel domaine. Top class stuff with brilliantly structured body, balanced with delightful finesse and minerality. 13%ABV	67.00
THE LOIRE	
WHITES	
TOURAINE SAUVIGNON 2022 DOMAINE FRANCOIS CARTIER The elegance of Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc, with notes of green apples, fresh grassy aromas and lemony notes with licks of zesty lime. 12%ABV	40.00
MUSCADET SEVRE ET MAINE SUR LIE 2022 DOMAINE GADAIS A unique style of bone dry, pure and racy tangy wine from the Melon de Bourgogne grape. A marvellous accompaniment to our seafood dishes. There is a lot of Muscadet around, some terrible, but there is also a wealth of	39.00

delicious stuff. This is one of the very best! 12.5%ABV

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TWO CLASSIC SANCERRES FROM ALAIN GUENEAU	
SANCERRE BLANC 2019 Classic stuff! The ultimate Sauvignon Blanc. 13%ABV	54.00
<u>SANCERRE ROSÉ 2022</u> Is this one of the world's great Rosés? Yes! Glorious ripe Pinot Noir fruit	57.00

## BURGUNDY WHITES

MACON VILLAGES 2022 DOMAINE NORMAND 43.00 Gentle, aromatic Chardonnay fruit with a lovely soft finish. Easy drinking. 12.5%ABV

46.00

#### SAINT VERAN 'LES SABLES' 2022 DOMAINE GAËL MARTIN

"Posh Macon Blanc" really. 100% unoaked Chardonnay with heaps of supple, generous flavours - white peaches... Excellent on its own or with our salads. A marvellous, affordable white Burgundy. We love this appellation. 13% ABV

<u>CHABLIS 2022</u> DOMAINE DE VAUROUX **VE** 52.00 This is graceful and elegant stuff, a fresh fruity nose complemented by a balance of citrus, green apples, pears, delicate honey and mineral notes. "Purity in a bottle", says the Guide Hachette des Vins. 12.5% ABV

CHABLIS Ier CRU 'MONTMAINS' 2018 DOMAINE DE VAUROUX VE 67.00 A powerful bouquet of citrus fruits, accompanied by supple lemon and lime on the palate with Chablis' distinctive flinty finish. "Once my wine has been bottled I don't really have much more to say about it, rather I prefer to let it speak for itself" -Oliver Tricon, winemaker I 3%ABV

 POUILLY FUISSE 'LES CRAYS' 2022 DOMAINE NORMAND
 75.00

 Subtle on the nose with a blend of fruit, flowers, fresh butter, baked almonds as well as a slight touch of oak. This is a top class Burgundy Chardonnay with a delicate minerality and a long finish. 14.% ABV
 75.00

## BURGUNDY REDS

BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2022 NUITON BEAUNOY, COTE DE BEAUNE This cherry-fruited Pinot Noir has a hint of garnet, excellent balance with dark red berry fruit helped along by some gentle spice and earthy sublayers. Supple, round and very drinkable, this is fantastic value. 11.5%ABV	54.00
MONTHELIE 2019 DOMAINE BOUCHARD PERE & FILS The neighbouring village to Volnay. Similar in style with heaps of perfumed, delicate, soft berry fruit flavours which hang in the mouth. The height of sophistication at a most reasonable price. I3%ABV	95.00
SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNES 2019 DOMAINE BOUCHARD PERE & FILS Right next-door to Aloxe-Corton but without the price tag! Juicy summer fruits complimented by fragrant violets. Drinking beautifully now! 13%ABV	92.00
NUITS ST GEORGES 2019 DOMAINE BOUCHARD PERE & FILS [20] Subtle Pinot flavours where the violets & raspberries mellow into soft nuances of this glorious grape. You'll find many lesser Nuits at twice the price. I3%ABV	0.00 of

 VOLNAY Ier CRU 'CLOS DES CHENES' 2019 DOMAINE RENE MONNIER
 140.00

 A 10th generation winemaker family, the Domaine owns vineyards in the best crus of the Côte de Beaune including this one. Deep, concentrated morello cherries with a harmonious silky style. 13.5% ABV
 140.00

<u>GEVREY CHAMBERTIN 'LES MARCHAIS' 2018</u> DOMAINE PIERRE NAIGEONS **VE** 190.00 A marvellous vintage in Burgundy. This Domaine produces some of the most refined elegant wines on the Côte de Nuits. A wonderful whoosh of cherries and raspberries with an enticing finish. It needed time and has come around beautifully. Enjoy! 13%ABV



## BORDEAUX

In 1855 Emperor Napoleon III instituted a Cru Classe classification of the finest 62 Bordeaux estates based on reputation and prices received for their wine, the wines were divided into five growths (Cru Classe). They were all red, and with the notable exception of the Graves Chateau Haut Brion, they were all from the Medoc. In the 1930's a new category for wines just below these exalted few, Cru Bourgeois was announced. We have majored on these relatively affordable classics for 40 years... But, a word of warning – The Cru Bourgeois status is not 100% reliable. They range from the sublime (we have a number of these on this list) to the distinctly average. Enjoy the benefits of our experience. Bordeaux is not the Barossa. It has a maritime climate with erratic weather patterns providing vintages of vastly different styles and qualities. We buy these Chateaux at auction and on the open market. We do not follow estates as much as vintages. All these wines are from attractive years and perfect for current drinking.

Don Hewitson

#### WHITE

CHATEAU HAUT BESSAC BLANC 2020 graves de vayres	39.00
A lovely herbaceous nose followed by marvellous Sauvignon Blanc content with	
flamboyant gooseberries and asparagus, fleshed out with the breadth and depth	
of Semillon. Great with our seafood & salads, or on its own. 12.5%ABV	

#### RED

<u>CHATEAU HAUT BESSAC 2019</u> GRAVES DE VAYRES A smooth and gentle plum nose leads to big meaty Merlot flavours on the palate. 20% Cabernet Sauvignon brings cassis and black fruits to the party. A wine with pedigree at a modest price, crying for one of our steaks! 13%ABV	40.00
CHATEAU DE BERNON 2018 CASTILLON-CÔTES DE BORDEAUX Soft, rounded and supple with a vibrant Merlot finish. A "classic lunchtime Claret" from the north bank of the Dordogne. I4%ABV	41.00
CHATEAU NOTRE DAME MONTAGNE 2018 ST.EMILION VE Merlot & Cabernet Franc grapes grown in the finest hillsides of St-Emilion. Full-bodied, firm and grippy. The palate is round with juicy plums and redcurrant, hint of spice, earth and leather. An affordable taste of the finest of the Right Bank. 15% ABV	55.00
CHATEAU CHANTE ALOUETTE 2016 SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU Do you like good ripe, luscious yet subtle Merlot fruit? Full marks to the	72.50

D'Arfeuille family for flaunting the elegant character of this vintage! I4%ABV

## BORDEAUX

CHATEAU MERVILLE 2012 SAINT-ESTEPHE72.0050% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. Drinking<br/>at its peak. Complex, perfumed nose of exotic wild berry fruits with hints of tobacco<br/>and fresh leather complemented by integrated French oak and hints of roasted meats.<br/>A supple texture with soft, resolved tannins and great balance.77.00CHATEAU LE COTEAU 2015 MARGAUX CRU BOURGEOISo77.00Eric Leglise masterminds one of the few remaining family estates in Margaux,<br/>and lo and behold - affordable! 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and all the<br/>vineyard is cultivated organically. 13%ABV152.00

71% Cabernet Sauvignon and 29% Merlot. A lovely rounded wine with powerful elegance and concentrated blackcurrant fruits. Cigar box and cassis flavours abound. 92 points Parker. 13.5% ABV

## MAGNUM

"A magnum is the perfect size for two gentlemen over lunch, especially if one of them isn't drinking." Sir Winston Churchill.

CHÂTEAU DU COURLAT CUVÉE JEAN-BAPTISTE 2016 LUSSAC-ST. ÉMILION MAGNUM 140.00 Cuvée Jean-Baptiste is a selection of the very best barrels of Merlot at the leading winery Château du Courlat in Lussac St. Emilion. A fabulously rich, soft red bursting with ripe dark, cherry, blackberry and cedar flavours and velvety tannins. 14.5% ABV



## THE RHÔNE VALLEY

The media has suddenly jumped on the Rhône bandwagon as if the beauties of the Valley have only recently arrived on the scene. And yet, in the early 1980's these wines came of age. Suddenly a large number of estates raised their game with wonderful, luscious fruit flavours and oh so soft sexy finishes. We began shipping then and have never looked back. Now we offer marvellous value wines from great domaines.

#### WHITE

CROZES HERMITAGE BLANC 2019/20 DOMAINE HAUTS DE MERCUROL	50.00
A fascinating combination of Marsanne & Roussane. Heaps of character. Crisp	
lemon flavours with a hint of dried apricots. The perfect 'winter white'! 13.5% ABV	

120.00

GUIGAL CONDRIEU 2016 **VE** The ultimate Viognier from a tiny Northern Rhône appellation. This beauty is 'unabashed indulgence'. Musk, peaches, dried apricots and toasted almonds vie for attention like precocious teenagers. 14%ABV

#### REDS

CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2019DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL43.0075% Grenache, 25% Syrah. Deliciously rounded, plummy flavours with lashings of prunes. A one-bottle intro to the glorious Rhône Valley! 14%ABV	
<u>CROZES HERMITAGE 2020</u> DOMAINE MICHEL POINARD Delightfully subtle 100% Syrah; gorgeous, juicy, peppery and spicy with hints of both raspberries and plums and a gentle touch of star anise. 14%ABV	52.00
VACQUEYRAS 2020 DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah & 10% Mourvédre. A luscious mouthful of ripe fruit flavours with a solid backbone & gentle pepper spice. 14%ABV	55.00
<u>GIGONDAS 2020</u> <i>CUVEE VIELLE VIGNES</i> This estate is on glacial rocks, which act as storage heaters, producing gorgeously ripe, voluptuous Grenache, Mourvédre and Syrah. 14.5%ABV	63.00
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE 2018 E. GUIGAL <b>VE</b> 70% Vieux Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah 5% Autres. Showing an exciting concentration with black fruit, spice, leather and very well integrated tannins. 14.5% ABV	100.00
COTE ROTIE 'BRUNE ET BLONDE' 2019 E. GUIGAL <b>VE</b> 96% Syrah 4% Viognier. Rich, brooding flavours of black cherries, liquorice and spices - yet still soft and elegant. 82/100 Robert Parker. 13.5%ABV	145.00

## SOUTH OF FRANCE

OPUS 'COTES DE PROVENCE' ROSÉ 2022 LES MARQUETS Deliciously dry with heaps of luscious strawberry flavours married with expressive notes of blossom and rose petals. A bottle of this and you'll be in the harbour at St. Tropez! 13%ABV	42.00
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MONT ROCHER 'VIEILLES VIGNES' VIOGNIER 2022 PAYS D'OC <b>ve</b> Cool fermentation ensures that those delicate flavours of white peach and lemon are very present. A refreshing find! 13%ABV	43.00
TANNAT 'LES VIEILLE VIGNES' DOMAINE CAPMARTIN 2020 MADIRAN o Inky in colour, a full-bodied beauty with very generous blackberry and blackcurra followed by warming spice and toasted oak, and a lingering finish. Oh boy, this on come off your shirt! 13.5%ABV	

## GERMANY & AUSTRIA

 RIESLING DR LOOSEN 'RED SLATE' 2021 MOSEL
 VE
 43.00

 Intense minerality that is warm and enveloping with a floral, spicy aroma of citrus
 blossom. 12%ABV

ALLRAM GRÜNER VELTLINER 'STRASS' 2022 KAMPTAL, AUSTRIA VE 47.00 From the heart of Europe, with long winemaking traditions, we finally gave in to Grüner Veltliner; fresh, fruity and herbal characters balanced with delicate white blossoms and minerality. 12.5%ABV

VILLA WOLF PINOT NOIR 2022 PFALZ,VE39.00A classic expression of a Pfalz Pinot Noir, which owes its gorgeous mineral traitsto the ideal mountain and river setting. Soft red fruits on the surface, but withearthy tannins and a spicy bite underneath. I3%ABV



#### S P A I N WHITES

RIOJA BLANCO FINCA MANZANOS 2022 RIOJA VE The grapes are picked early, then fermented in oak casks. The result is a creamy style of white wine with hints of spice and vanilla overtones. I2.5%ABV	39.00
BERONIA VERDEJO 2021 RUEDA VE Crisp, refreshing, no nonsense wine with reminiscing pear drop aromas. Quaff it with seafood or salads 13.5%ABV	39.00
ALBARIÑO 'PAZO DAS BRUXAS' 2022 RIAS BAIXAS <b>VE</b> This varietal is Spain's answer to Viognier. A lovely amalgam of peaches, apricots & dried fruit. I3%ABV	45.00
REDS	
RIOJA IBERICOS CRIANZA 2018 <b>ve</b> This is a new take on the region - more vibrant up-front fruit no longer masked by excessive oak. Considerable depth and weight with a beautiful balance. 14%ABV	41.00
RIOJA DE ALTO AMO RESERVA 2018 RIOJA <b>v</b> A luscious, brooding beauty with layers of strawberries and raspberries balanced with vibrant oak. 14%ABV	49.00
RIOJA BERONIA GRAN RESERVA 2016 RIOJA VE The best of Rioja Alta with intense prolonged aromas of black fruit, sweet spice and cocoa over a base of tobacco. Meaty, elegant and structured with a long finish Ideal with red meat, game and cheese. 14.5%ABV	64.00 h.
RIBERA DEL DUERO CELESTE CRIANZA 2020 v	
Marvellous stuff from a new Bodega with high altitude (895 metres), cool climate vineyards. Alluringly spicy with a balanced oak finish. 14.5%ABV	46.00
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climate vineyards. Alluringly spicy with a balanced oak finish. 14.5%ABV <u>MAS LA PLANA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018</u> PENEDÈS <b>VE</b> This wine demolished Margaux, Lafite and other French ultra-expensive classics in the legendary 1976 Gault Millau Paris tasting. Voluptuous and powerful with touches of smoky oak and gentle spice.	
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#### ITALY WHITES

PINOT GRIGIO VENEZIE BIOLOGICO, CASA DEFRA 2023 VENETO <b>VE</b> The 'Real Deal'. I love this varietal from the Veneto. It has lovely hints of pears, almonds and melons with a crisp finish. Great value! 12%ABV	37.00
GAVI LA SMILLA DEL COMUNE DI GAVI DOCG 2022 PIEMONTE VE 100% Cortese, a very trendy white Italian varietal. A beautiful wine with the taste of tangy greengages, gentle spice and a crisp finish. 13%ABV	47.00
DONNA ELVIRA 'AEGIDIUS' GRECO DI TUFO 2019 CAMPANIA This grape is thought to have been introduced to the region by the Pelasgians, an ancient people from Thessaly. Straw yellow colour and the aroma is very elegant, reminiscent of grapefruit, orange blossom, concentrated & savoury flavours. 14%ABV	49.00
REDS	
PRIMITIVO TERRE DE MONTELUSA 2022 PUGLIA VE A native varietal from the southern peninsula, this is better known as Zinfandel to you and me! Black fruits, prunes, black pepper, leather and gamey notes which linger on and on. This wine has power and terrific value! I3%ABV	39.00
ITINERA MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO 2022 ABRUZZO VE Near the Marche region border, adjacent to Tuscany. It offers easy drinking Montepulciano with ripe plums and a soft, lingering finish. 13.5%ABV	40.00
CHIANTI CLASSICO PIEVE DI CAMPOLI 2019 TUSCANY <b>VE</b> Spiced red fruits dominates the palate with dried herbs, balsamic notes, cedar and smoky oak, voluptuous body, soft, long finish. Definitely food wine!14.5%ABV	49.00
BARBERA D'ASTI, VILLA MONSIGNORE 2022 PIEMONTE Hand harvested 100% Barbera. Vibrant cherries & blackcurrants with a savoury and opulent length this hearty red whisks you away to a warm Piemont evening. 14.5% ABV	49.00

## ITALIAN SUPERSTAR

AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO, FABIANO 2019 VENETO VE 99.00 Produced only in the best vintages with only 6,000 bottles made. Earthy fragrances of tobacco leaf, plum, liquorice and raisin with an everlasting opulent palate of concentrated black cherry extract. 15.5%ABV

## CHAMPAGNE

## HOUSE

#### <u>DON HEWITSON CUVÉE</u> ve

Classic structure. Mellow Pinot flavours with a delicious splash of top class Chardonnay. 72.50 Half Bottle 45.00 Magnum 135.00 12%ABV

#### DON HEWITSON 'PREMIER CRU'

BLANC DE NOIRS νε This cuvee is 100% Pinot, made from only the finest grapes in Hautvillers - the integral source of much of Dom Perignon. 78.00 12%ABV

#### DON HEWITSON ROSÉ VE

Real Champagne Rosé - 100% Pinot Noir. Heaps of raspberry & strawberry flavours. Close your eyes & forget the bubbles... and you are in the heartlands of Burgundy. 80.00 12%ABV

TESTULAT BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV VE 100% Chardonnay from Marne Valley, near Épernay. Light and subtle, notes of apple and quince, crisp and well-balanced, with delicate bubbles. 95.00 12%ABV

## GRANDES MARQUES

<u>G.H. MUMM CORDON ROUGE</u> ve Elegant, soft and creamy. Never tasted better! 90.00 12%ABV

### <u>DEUTZ BRUT NV</u>

Attractive fresh apple and brioche with good intensity and finesse. 95.00 12%ABV

> PERRIER-JOUËT GRAND BRUT Light & juicy with a lively frothy bead! 115.00 12%AB

All quotes are from Don's book; "The Glory of Champagne".



## EXOTICA

PERRIER-JOUËT BLASON ROSÉ NV ve Elegant aromas of raspberries, wild strawberries and rose petals. 150.00 12%ABV

PERRIER-JOUËT 'BELLE EPOQUE' 2013 ve Fruity power with luscious complex elegance. 350.00 12%ABV

> DOM PERIGNON 2008 ve 375.00 12.5%ABV

LOUIS ROEDERER 'CRISTAL' 2013 375.00 12%ABV

## BOLLINGER

BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE 'The aristocrat' of non-vintages. 120.00 12%ABV

#### **BOLLINGER ROSÉ**

Like Premier Cru Burgundy... with bubbles! Gloriously rich Pinot Noir with a splash of Chardonnay! 135.00 12%ABV

#### BOLLINGER 2014/15 GRANDE ANNÉE

Gloriously rich, classic structure with a beautiful balance of honeyed fruit & a pain grille finish. 60% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay. 250.00 12%ABV

## CASTELNAU

CASTELNAU - BRUT RESERVE NV ve Mature and complexed with depth of rich, creamy flavours. 89.00 12%ABV

CASTELNAU VINTAGE 2003 ve Toasty, intense with apricot, grapefruit and finishing touches of the classic creaminess of the house style. II5.00 12%ABV

## POL ROGER

POL ROGER WHITE FOIL ve Vibrant & mature - a beautiful, soft style. 125.00 12.5%ABV

POL ROGER VINTAGE 2016 ve Glorious array of the finest Chardonnay fruit with remarkable length. 175.00 12%ABV

## SWEETS & STICKIES

- OFTEN AVAILABLE BY THE GLASS -

MUSCAT BEAUMES DE VENISE DOMAINE DE COYEUX, RHONE VALLEY VE HALF BOTTLE	35.00
This is the wine that started the sweet wine-by-the-glass craze.	
It has marvellous Muscat flavours which linger in the mouth. I5.5%ABV	

LA FLEUR D'OR, SAUTERNES 2020 BORDEAUX VE HALF BOTTLE 49.00 Luscious Sauternes with rich peach and Victoria plum fruit accented by notes of honey, caramel and toast. Wonderful sweetness at the very start followed by a refreshing medium dry finish. 11%ABV

DISZNÓKŐ TOKAJI 1413 EDES SZAMORODNI 2019 HUNGARY V HALF BOTTLE 50.00 Deep yellow-gold colour. Spicy, fruity nose with blood-orange, tangerine, honey and santal tree aromas. The palate is rich, mouth filling and well structured. I5%ABV

THE GROWN UP STUFF	
TIO PEPE PALOMINO FINO HALF BOTTLE <b>VE</b> Dry, crisp and smooth with mineral notes. Ideal as an aperitif or with our salads, cheese and charcuterie. I 5% ABV	25.00
GONZALEZ BYASS LEONOR PALO CORTADO Nutty aromas of toasted almonds and hazelnuts. Perfect with cheese. 20%ABV	47.00
BLANDY'S HARVEST MALMSEY MADEIRA 500ml BOTTLE Rich & rounded with delicate toffee flavours. Great stuff. 19%ABV	55.00
SMITH WOODHOUSE QUINTA MADELENA 2013 VINTAGE PORT Opulent style, packed with berry fruit aromas and hints of chocolate and mint balanced by fine tannins. 20%ABV	75.00

## SPARKLING WINES

PROSECCO SESTIERE CASTELLO 4357 TREVISO - ITALY VE A zippy style with citrus and lemon flavoursand only 11% ABV! Ideal for any party or as a light "aperitivo."	48.00
<u>CREMANT DE LOIRE BLANC, CARTE TURQUOISE NV LOIRE - FRANCE</u> Methode traditionelle. Extroverted blend of Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc fruit; special old vine cuvée with depth and elegance. 12.5%ABV	55.00
<u>MAJELLA SPARKLING SHIRAZ</u> COONAWARRA - AUSTRALIA It drinks well with it's self and they matches food very well – breakfast, lunch and dinner. The choice it's yours! This Shiraz is filled with vibrant aromas of oak, vanilla, plums and spice; luscious plum, cherry and raspberry fruit characters shining through and well balanced tannins. I2%ABV	57.00

## CALIFORNIA

## WHITES

WENTE 'MORNING FOG' CHARDONNAY 2022 LIVERMORE VALLEY VE A creamy 'Stateside classic' from the San Francisco Bay area. This beauty hits the palate head on with lush tropical fruits and a sublime, sexy style with subtle oak, cinnamon and vanilla from careful barrel ageing. 13.5%ABV	47.00
LA CREMA SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY 2022 SONOMA COUNTY Elegant with a rich, buttery style with lingering hints of limes, spiced apples and vanilla with subtle oak at the finish. 90/100 - Parker. 13.5%ABV	77.00
GRGICH HILLS ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC, FUMÉ BLANC 2019 NAPA VALLEY Miljenko Mike Grgich got international recognition at the famous 1976 Paris tasting. But there is more to Napa, like this smoky Sauvignon. It opens with notes of green apple, lemongrass and snap peas with undertones of flint and minerals, mouth-watering freshness. A great complexity on the mid-palate with fresh and tangy fruit characteristics and it lingers forever 13.5% ABV	89.00
REDS	
<u>WENTE 'SANDSTONE' MERLOT 2020</u> LIVERMORE VALLEY <b>VE</b> Glorious mouthful of ultra-smooth, ripe plum and black cherry flavours, with a gentle toasted oak finish. 13.5%ABV	48.00
FOUR VINES 'SKEPTIC' PETITE SIRAH 2021 CENTRAL COAST Lush, complex with a lingering finish. Aromas of fig jam, toasted hazelnut, cinnamon, and wild dark fruit, backed by notes of cocoa and espresso. There is nothing to be sceptical about. 14.5% ABV	48.00
FOUR VINES 'LODI' OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2020 LODI A voluptuous beauty with layer upon layer of raspberries, cherries, tobacco flavours and a myriad of exotic spices. 14.5%ABV	55.00
PEDRONCELLI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015 DRY CREEK VALLEY Deep and rich with layers of developed blackcurrant, blackberry, tobacco leaves and leather.Very soft, creamy mid-palate with a long and dry finish. A proper Californian Cab. Sauv! 14%ABV	57.50
LA CREMA SONOMA COAST PINOT NOIR 2022 SONOMA COAST Don first tasted this on Celebrity Cruises, and when he came back to dry land he had to find some! Glorious ripe fruit; black cherries & blueberries galore. Not a fruit bomb, simply sophisticated elegance! 13.5%ABV	85.00
RUTHERFORD HILL MERLOT 2019/21 NAPA VALLEY <b>VE</b> Lavish cherry fruit flavours backed by a rich, balanced structure for an intensely complex Merlot. Silky, full-flavored, firm, and built for today's enjoyment! 14.5%ABV	105.00

## SOUTH AFRICA

JORDAN CHARDONNAY 2022 STELLENBOSCH VE, O Generous and bold aromas, graceful mouthfeel with fragrances of lemon biscuit, ripe peach and nectarine with a never-ending buttery, creamy finish. A crowd pleaser for those who enjoy wooded Chardonnays. I3%ABV	50.00
WARWICK ESTATE 'OLD VINE' CHENIN BLANC 2021 STELLENBOSCH VE Baked apple, cinnamon, and ripe stone fruits and flinty minerality on the nose. A rich and textured palate of quince, peach, and thatch, with a fine acidity. Long and lingering aftertaste with a creamy finish. 13.5%ABV	65.00
LA MOTTE 'MILLENNIUM' 2018 WESTERN CAPE 56% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot and 6% Malbec. Rustic on the nose with the earthiness of beetroot and leafy undergrowth, beautifully balanced with blueberry fruit, cinnamon, and a hint of toffee; almost Old World in style! 14%ABV	43.00
BOSCHENDAL PINOTAGE 'SOMMELIER SELECTION' 2018 FRANSCHHOEK <b>v</b> Rich, ripe and vibrant red and black currants, spice and plums. Bold and powerful, this is a classic example of South Africa's very own grape variety.14%ABV	43.00
COTEAUX DE MONTAGNE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022 WESTERN CAPE Mint, tomato leaves & tobacco alongside ripe blackcurrant and berries aromas. Well-integrated ripe tannins and the maturation in French oak give a smooth mouthfeel and a wine extremely harmonious. 13.5%ABV	44.00
ARGENTINA	
FABRE MONTMAYOU TORRONTES 2022 MENDOZA <b>VE</b> Complexity, freshness and elegance in a glass. Made from grapes grown at high altitude, the wines of Fabre Montmayou demonstrate the real purity of fruit. Typical Torrontes. 12.5%ABV	41.00
CHAKANA 'NUNA' ESTATE MALBEC 2021 MENDOZA <b>VE, O</b> Selected parcels of finest Mendoza fruit. A delicious amalgam of game, leather, figs and juicy blackberry with a big finish. Organic. 14%ABV	43.00
CHILE	
CASAS DEL BOSQUE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022 CASABLANCA VALLEY From the Casablanca valley, an aromatic, soft style with heaps of tangy passionfruit and grapefruit flavours. 13.5%ABV	41.50
SUTIL RESERVE CARMENERE 2020 COLCHAGUA VALLEY <b>0</b> , <b>VE</b> Herbaceous nose alongside notes of plums, red cherries, blackberries. A touch of toast, coffee & mocha from the oak ageing. Great value. 13%ABV	43.00
RITUAL PINOT NOIR 2019 CASABLANCA VALLEY VE	45.00

Generous fruity aromas of cherries and raspberries. A refreshing wine balanced with a silky, velvety finish. A true reflection of the Casablanca Valley. We love it! 14%ABV

## AUSTRALIA CORRYTON BURGE

Grant & Helen were great friends and suppliers to Don and Noelene for decades. This family owned winery is situated in the rolling hills of the Barossa Valley, with Griffins at the gate to protect the worldly possessions within. It's now under the 6th generation of winemakers, Trent & Amelia, (siblings,) who carry on the proud family tradition in a modern world.

<u>CHARDONNAY 2021</u> SOUTH AUSTRALIA <b>VE</b> Unoaked, fresh style of Chardonnay boasting white nectarine, peach, pear, and green melon aromas. Well balanced & easy drinking, perfect to enjoy on its own or with any seafood. I3%ABV	39.00
<u>RIESLING 2022</u> EDEN VALLEY <b>VE</b> Fresh lime, lemon & green apple aromas alongside notes of white blossom and hints of spice. The chalky texture, signature of the Eden Valley terroir, balances the acidity giving a round & fruity palate. 12.5% ABV	45.00
BAROSSA SHIRAZ 2020 BAROSSA <b>VE</b> Typical big and bold Barossa Shiraz with ripe black fruit, fresh raspberry, dark chocolate & sweet spices. Also shows some elegance due to a gentle extraction & its well-integrated cedar and toasty notes from the oak ageing. Elegant and long finish. 14.5%ABV	47.50
<u>'THE BRIGADIER' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018</u> BAROSSA <b>VE</b> Vibrant blackcurrant and herbaceous notes, layered with spices, leather and subtle oak influences. Powerful and refined with its creamy texture.	68.00

Unmissable! 13.5%ABV

## THE SUPERSTARS OF OZ

#### BROKENWOOD SHIRAZ 2019/21 HUNTER VALLEY

75.00

With fruits mostly drawn from Brokenwood's legendary 'Graveyard' vineyard, this Shiraz represents Australian craft at its finest. Supple mature flavours with heaps of blackberries, chocolate and black tea. 94 pts James Halliday. I 3%ABV

#### ASHTON HILLS ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2017 ADELAIDE HILLS 85.00

Quite rich aromas of red cherries and berries are swathed in creamy baking spices with a sappy edge and some gently earthy notes. Smoothly built palate on layers of fine, long tannin and delivers a convincingly concentrated impression. Smooth, plush and packed with fresh red-cherry flavor. I4%ABV

## AUSTRALIA HAYES FAMILY WINES

Brett Hayes found himself stuck in his corporate career. We are pleased he followed his heart and passion for wine and bought the Stone Well Estate. With vineyards dating back to the 1870s and a belief in doing things naturally means a lot of hands-on work. They hand-prune and hand-harvest, managing all aspects in the vineyard with extreme care and attention to detail. Andrew Seppelt is the superstar winemaker who has helped develop a superb small-batch wine portfolio under the Hayes Family Wines umbrella, achieving a five star rating from the James Halliday Wine Companion since inception; an impressive endorsement from Australia's top taster. We were lucky to snag two small allocations of some of their fantastic Grenache.

# PRAYER GARDEN GRENACHE 2022 BAROSSA VALLEY 82.50 All bush vines so the pickers have to get on their knees, as if praying, hence the "Prayer Garden." A divine wine, beautifully balanced with purple and blue fruits, delicate spice and a silky long finish. 14.5% ABV

KOONUNGA GRENACHE 2022 BAROSSA VALLEY Intense dark cherry and mixed fruit, a powerful wine from 150 plus year old vines, has been highly recommended by Halliday 97 points. Bravo! 14.7%ABV 87.00



## WIRRA WIRRA

The Cork & Bottle has been selling from this amazing operation since 1979. In those days it was masterminded by the late, great Greg Trott. Life was sweet – Don used to go and taste at the cellar door with Trotty, followed by a liquid lunch....then off to the cricket at the Adelaide Oval, and watch the Poms trounce the Aussies..... Bliss!

#### <u>'CATAPULT' SHIRAZ 2021</u> MCLAREN VALE V, O

Rich, opulent, brimming with intense fruit, a hint of spice and a dash of eucalyptus. Pretty much the essence of McLaren Vale shiraz as you are likely to find at this price! I4.5%ABV

44.00

## AUSTRALIA YALUMBA

Australia's oldest and largest family run winery. It was great to visit great mate Rob Hill-Smith on my down under tour in early 2024. Rob was the first to realise we needed to be able to ship smaller volumes to get Australian wine into the UK market all those years ago. Rob and now sixth generation daughter, Lucy, continue to run this operation with an incredibly dedicated management team. No short-termism demanded by shareholders. No bean counters demanding costs to be cut. No 'work experience' marketing misanthropes changing tack every year.

<ul> <li>Y'VIOGNIER 2021 ve</li> <li>An easy drinking delight with subtle apricot nuances.</li> <li>Yalumba were the first New World winery to tackle the vagaries of this fickle varietal, which requires heaps of patience. 13.5%ABV</li> </ul>	42.00
SAMUEL'S COLLECTION SHIRAZ CAB. SAUVIGNON 2018 ve A youthful embodiment of 'The Signature' which reflects the smooth, herbal and ripe fruits characters of the Shiraz-Cabernet blend underpinned by dark chocolate and spice. The wine of choice for Don's 70th birthday, best drunk in the old concrete tank at Yalumba for authenticity! 14.5%ABV	49.00
CIGAR CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018 COONAWARRA <b>VE</b> Named after the unique cigar-shaped strip of rich terra rossa soil that	69.00

HAND PICKED SHIRAZ-VIOGNIER 2016 BAROSSA VE 79.00 The 5% Viognier softens the riot of spicy, extroverted Barossa Shiraz flavours. Rob H-S says, "gloriously expressive." Exactement! 14.5% ABV

defines the famous Coonawarra wine region. Peppery, fresh, and alive with spicy notes cassis fruit, and sea mist. An all-time favourite! 14.5% ABV



### AUSTRALIA JIM BARRY CLARE VALLEY

The late, great Jim Barry planted his first vines in 1959. His son, Peter, ran the show with an outstanding palate for quality and consistency. He gets a lot of his humour from his 92 year old mother – she refuses people to come for coffee in the mornings, but instead tells them to come by at 11.30; "It has always been quicker to pop the cork on a bottle of champagne than to boil the kettle!" she says! We agree! The winery is now in the very safe hands of Tom, Sam and Olivia a real family business and the kind of folks we love dealing with.

#### LODGE HILL RIESLING 2022 A South Australian classic. An ethereal blend of dryness with silk, mineral & gently spicy citrus flavours. Try a bottle - you won't be disappointed. 12%ABV

THE COVER DRIVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020	45.00
A combination of wines from the vineyards in the Clare & Coonawarra.	
Soft, blackcurrant fruit flavours with lingering ripe cassis & eucalyptus	
flavours, plus gentle oak. The biggest selling premium wine on our list.	
I4%ABV	

#### McRAE WOOD SHIRAZ 2015 V

Layers of spice, minerals, savoury black pepper and sweet fruits with fine tannins and a clean structure. Best decanted to allow the flavours to open. I4%ABV

#### JIM BARRY PB CABERNET-SHIRAZ 2014

Peter started making this particular blend in 2002 for himself... How privileged are we today to have grabbed hold of his stash! A cornucopia of mulberry, satsuma, plum and dark vine fruits to enjoy with good friends and loved ones. 14%ABV

#### A MONSTER OF THE WINE!

<u>THE ARMAGH 2013/17</u>

380.00

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95.00

99.00

Voluptuous plums, cherry and fruitcake over brooding cedar and sweet spices. Enjoy a glass of Champagne while it breathes! Unadulterated class. 97 points - Parker 2016 14.1%ABV

## NEW ZEALAND TE MATA ESTATE, HAWKES BAY

Don & John Buck go back to 1965, so there is a bit of bias here!

"Although NZ is best known for its cool-climate wines it has been recognised for some time that Hawke's Bay is particularly well suited to weightier reds, such as Bordeaux style blends. The development of the Gimblett Gravels put these wines on the map, but the Buck family focused on their style much before that" Decanter

ELSTON CHARDONNAY 2021 A marvellous concentration of lime and apple flavours with great finesse. "It is without doubt the best New Zealand Chardonnay," says the iconic Australian wine writer, James Halliday. 13.5%ABV	82.00
AWATEA CABERNET-MERLOT 2019 v	80.00
Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Cabernet Franc, plus a splash of Petit Verdot.	
Lovely rounded, ripe fruit style with easy-going tendencies. New World meets	
the Old in style. I 3%ABV	

165.00

#### COLERAINE 2017 v

Cab Sauv, Merlot & Cab Franc. This is the business! Arguably NZ's finest red. Marvellous brooding plethora of blackcurrants, chocolate with some liquorice in the background. 95/100 Parker. John likes to put it up blind against Mouton, Lafite et al, with amazing results. So, it's great value! 14%ABV



#### STUCK FOR A PRESENT IDEA? WE NOW HAVE GIFT VOUCHERS!

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They can be redeemed at our restaurant, for wine tastings or at our takeaway bottle shop! Give the best gift - the gift of wine!

## MARLBOROUGH DOG POINT VINEYARD

Dog Point is one of the oldest privately established vineyards in Marlborough with first plantings in the late 1970s. Ivan and Margaret Sutherland were among the earliest wine industry pioneers. While working at Cloudy Bay Vineyards, Ivan met James Healy. Sharing the same aspirations, Ivan & Margaret and James & Wendy returned to a more 'hands-on' approach launching the Dog Point label. The next generation of the Sutherland family are now running the day to day operations. Don listed Dog Point in early 2005 and now this fantastic winery is back...

50.00

65.00

75.00

#### DOG POINT SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023 VE, O

Citrus core of flavours are juicy and intense with deliciously freshness. The wine calls for simple fresh seafood but can also be enjoyed as a pre-dinner aperitif. I 3%ABV

#### DOG POINT CHARDONNAY 2021 ve, o

A pure, bright and youthful citrus driven chardonnay with complex smokey, flint, toast and biscuit notes derived from extended barrel aging on full solids. The hallmarks of Dog Point chardonnay are ever present here with it's crisp palate structure. I4%ABV

#### DOG POINT PINOT NOIR 2021 VE, O

The fruit is supported by bright florals of rose and violets with crunchy red berry fruit and dried herb notes. The palate is succulent with alluring red cherry, brown spices and silky fine boned tannins. This wine has all the makings of a long lived Marlborough pinot noir and matches perfectly with duck, red meats (particularly venison and lamb), and mushroom dishes. 13.5% ABV

#### MOUNT EDWARD, CENTRAL OTAGO

Maverick, revolutionary, dynamo, pioneer and avant-garde...These are just a few words that have been used to describe Duncan Forsyth, winemaker at Mount Edward wines.

MOUNT EDWARD TED PINOT NOIR 2020 CENTRAL OTAGO **VE, 0** 68.00 Aromas reminiscent of the finest from the Côte de Beaune. Heaps of cherries and black fruits which linger around the mouth. OK not cheap - but it is a relative bargain! 13.5% ABV

## VASH'S PAGE

## Vash keeps searching for new wines and as always, he comes up with some 'left field' selections.

BACCHUS, LYME BAY 2021 DEVON, ENGLAND	49.00
100% Bacchus, perfect with seafood. An intense, aromatic wine with citrus, fruit,	
minerality. Aromas of peach, elderflower and guava. The crispness adds excellent	
structure to the palate. Perfect lunch time wine. 11.5%ABV	

CHATEAU KSARA 'RESERVE DU COUVENT' 2020 LEBANON VE 50.00 Lebanon's oldest winery. Organic cultivation without irrigation at 1,000 metres altitude produces an intensely fruity, meaty, robust blend of 55% Syrah, 25% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. 13.5% ABV

#### RENEGADE URBAN WINERY

A London urban winery may seem like a mad idea but just wait and... taste! They started making wines in 2016 and have put their own signature on winemaking. The UK doesn't have as much legislation as Europe, so they are not limited in terms of styles they can make. Another advantage is the fact that they can pick every year the best grapes from anywhere they like, so the best quality is always guaranteed. 50% European and 50% English grapes give them the vast variety of styles and here are some of them.

<u>'AMY' BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY 2020</u> GRAPES GROWN IN LOMBARDI, ITALY 50.00 Beautifully balance Chardonnay giving richness and complexity. Creamy texture, smoked vanilla notes and baking spice from the oak ageing leading triumphantly into the long, lean finish. I 3%ABV

<u>'GARY' PINOT NOIR 2021</u> GRAPES GROWN IN OLTREPO PAVESE, ITALY 52.00 Wild fermented destemmed grapes, 20 days on the skins and aged in 90% old french and 10% new American barrels for 8 months. Velvety medium bodied with soft tannins, lots of red wild strawberries, cherries fruit and some floral notes. This is definitely my kind of wine. 13%ABV



"I don't remember the name, but it had a taste that I liked."

HOUSE WINES FRANC BEAUSEJOUR SAUV. BLANC - SEMILLON 2022 BORDEAUX Delightfully soft, zingy flavours. A great every day drinking wine. 13.5%ABV	30.00
<u>CLAIRIÈRES MERLOT 2022</u> PAYS D'OC, FRANCE An easy going fruity style with a touch of complexity with a rounded finish. A charming, easy going style. 13.5%ABV	30.00
SAINT LAURAND COLLECTION PRIVÉE ROSE 2022 LANGEUEDOC FRANCE Carignan and Syrah blend, vibrant raspberry and strawberry flavours, hint of spice.14%ABV	30.00

## ALCOHOL-FREE WINES

"What a blasphemy!"

Don would disagree, but consumer demand is growing and vintners may finally have cracked the secret to delivering a sober but satisfying toast.

ZENO ALCOHOL LIBERATED WHITE - VIURA 2022 SPAIN 32.00 Fresh aromas of citrus, passionfruit and green apple and mouthfull of ripe mango, apple and zingy citrus with light herbaceous and elderflower notes. 0.27%ABV

ZENO ALCOHOL LIBERATED RED - TEMPRANILLO, CABERNET 2022 SPAIN 32.00 Red and black forest fruits merge with juicy plums and hints of crisp cherry. Spice, pepper and bright tannin add to the long finish. 0.28%ABV



## CORK & BOTTLE WINE SHOP

Driven by regulars at the Cork & Bottle wanting access to our wines away from the venue; to enjoy at home or send as gifts, we opened our Wine Shop. If you have enjoyed your wine today, please browse our range of over 300 wines featured at the back of this menu, each hand-selected for you to enjoy. You can also purchase our wine at **www.thecorkandbottle.co.uk** and click on Wine Shop