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Organic wine:

Wines made from organically grown grapes.

Biodynamic Wine:

This approach is based along the principles of Rudolph Steiner and although some of the practices are similar to organics, the whole approach is very different. Homeopathic sprays and herbal preparations are used along with estate made composts to increase fertility and protect the vines. Great emphasis is placed on looking at the vineyard's place in the ecosystem as a whole. The application of lunar cycles, earth rhythms and astrology provide ample ammunition for the detractors to claim that it is mumbo jumbo. However you only have to look at its advocates (many of the world's top wineries) to see that although we cannot explain it, bio-dynamics produce exemplary raw materials. In my experience bio-dynamic wines always have a great sense of individuality and place.

Sommelier's recommendations **White wines**

Gros Manseng/Sauvignon 2007 abv 13%

Alain Brumont, Côtes des Gascogne, France

1 £4.10 175ml glass

2 £15.50 bottle

Albillo 2007 abv 12%

Viadero, Valduero, Castilla y León, Spain

11 £5.95 175ml glass

12 £23.50 bottle

Albillo is an obscure white grape native to Ribera del Duero. Historically it has been planted and harvested alongside the red varieties and then fermented together. Valduero believe it is a grape worthy of bottling as a single variety and I agree. A bright clean wine with grapefruit and pineapple notes and a fresh finish. Perfect as an aperitif or with lighter fish dishes.

Thalassitis Assyrtiko 2007 abv 13%

Gaia Estate, Koutsi-Korinthos, Santorini, Greece

3 £7.95 175ml glass

4 £31.00 bottle

In the last few years Greek wine has come of age. Assyrtiko is a grape native to the island of Santorini. It makes aromatic wines with a piercing minerality, coming from the volcanic soils the vineyards are situated on.

Menetou-Salon 'Morogues' 2007 abv 13%

Domaine Pellé, Loire Valley, France

5 £6.50 175ml glass

6 £25.50 bottle

Menetou-Salon's vineyards lie just next door to Sancerre and they utilise the same grape, Sauvignon Blanc. The wines have a similar grassy, mineral character but are always better value than their trendy neighbour.

Tallarook Roussanne 2006 abv 13.5%

Central Victoria, Australia

7 £6.50 175ml glass

8 £25.50 bottle

Tallarook specialise in the less familiar Rhône varieties. This is a really serious glass. It is rich with flavours of cream, spice and honey that are all kept in balance by vibrant acidity.

Pouilly-Fuissé 2006 abv 13%

Annie-Claire Forest, Mâconnais, Burgundy, France

13 £8.95 175ml glass

307 £16.50 half bottle

A rich, poised white Burgundy from one of the region's stars.

Red wines

Château Grande Cassagne 'La Civette' 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Costières de Nîmes, France

15 £4.10 175ml glass

16 £15.50 bottle

Maranges 1er Cru La Fussiére 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Bachelet-Monnot, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, France

23 £8.10 175ml glass

24 £30.00 bottle

This new Domaine has quickly established itself a stellar reputation for making brilliant Puligny-Montrachet. This is a fragrant, expressive Pinot Noir from the little know village of Maranges.

Bonarda Reserva 2005 *abv 13%*

Familia Zuccardi, Santa Rosa Vineyards, Mendoza, Argentina

17 £4.75 175ml glass

18 £18.00 bottle

Bonarda is a grape that originates from northern Italy (where it does not excel); it has found its true home in Argentina. It is full of black cherries, smoke and spice - brilliant stuff from one of the country's finest wineries.

Majella Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 *abv 14%*

Coonawarra, South Australia

27 £8.95 175ml glass

14 £35.00 bottle

Quite how Majella manage to make better wine at less cost than most of their competitors I am not sure. The 2003 cabernet is another compelling wine bursting with blackcurrents and framed by dusty, earthy tanins so typical of Coonawarra's terra rossa soil.

Côtes du Rhône 'Bouquet des Garrigues' 2005 *abv 14.5%*

Clos du Caillou, Domaine Vacheron-Pouizin, Rhône Valley, France

19 £5.95 175ml glass

20 £23.50 bottle

Clos du Caillou are making stunning wine at the moment. This full-bodied, chocolate infused wine is all held together by a fresh acidity. It is also a bargain, in a league above many Châteauneuf-du-Papes at twice the price.

Douro 2005 *abv 14%*

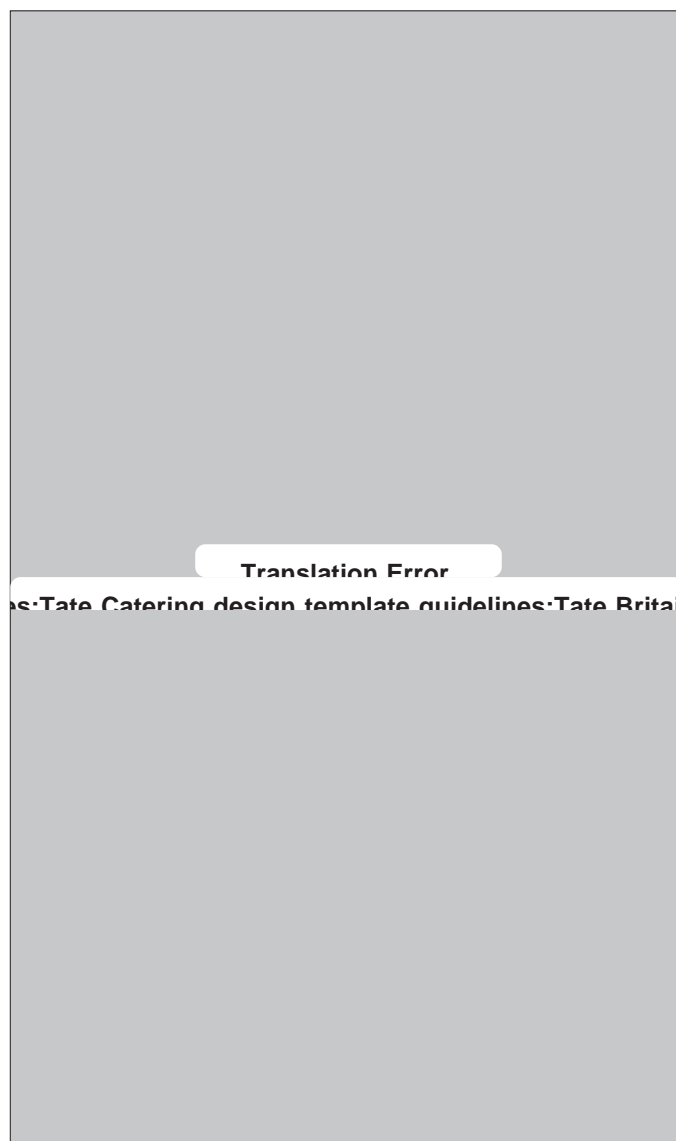
Quinta de La Rosa, Douro Valley, Portugal

Made from the 'Port' grape varieties by a top Port producer this is a fine example of what the Douro valley is capable of. Spicy jammy, fruit with great concentration and length. Delicious with Lamb, kidneys and cheese.

21 £6.60 175ml glass

22 £26.00 bottle

Half & 50cl bottles



Half bottles

Champagne

Billecart-Salmon NV *abv 12%*

102 £21.00 half bottle

Bollinger NV *abv 12%*

104 £27.00 half bottle

Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Nicolas François Billecart 1996 *abv 12%*

110 £38.00 half bottle

Billecart-Salmon Demi-Sec NV *abv 12%*

116 £22.00 half bottle

Billecart-Salmon Rosé Brut NV *abv 12%*

121 £26.00 half bottle

White wines

Alsace

Riesling Cuvée Frédéric Emile 2003 *abv 12.5%*

F.E. Trimbach

134 £23.00 half bottle

Riesling Clos Ste Hune 1997 *abv 13%*

F.E. Trimbach

135 £38.00 half bottle

Pinot Gris Clos Windsbuhl Vendage Tardive 2002 *abv 13%* **Biodynamic**

Domaine Zind-Humbrecht

138 £55.00 half bottle

Loire

Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2007 *abv 12%*

Domaine de la Quilla

141 £9.00 half bottle

Sancerre 2007 *abv 12.5%*

Matthias Roblin

147 £15.00 half bottle

Regional France

Mas de Daumas Gassac 2005 *abv 13%* **Organic**

Aimé Guibert, Vin de Pays de l'Herault

166 £22.00 half bottle

Bordeaux

Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2004 *abv 12.5%*

200 £22.00 half bottle

Burgundy

Pouilly-Fuissé Les Crays 2006 *abv 13%*

Annie-Claire Forest

307 £16.50 half bottle

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons 2006 *abv 13%*

Domaine Christain Moreau Père et Fils

316 £16.00 half bottle

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 2006 *abv 12.5%*

Domaine Christain Moreau Père et Fils

326 £26.00 half bottle

White wines

Burgundy

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Joseph Drouhin, Côte de Beaune

338 £37.00 half bottle

Puligny-Montrachet 2001 *abv 13.5%* **Biodynamic**

Domaine Leflaive, Côte de Beaune

374 £31.00 half bottle

Chassagne-Montrachet 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Ramonet, Côte de Beaune

379 £23.50 half bottle

Morey St-Denis 1er Cru Clos des Monts Luisants Vieilles Vignes 2002

abv 14.5%

Domaine Ponsot, Côte de Nuits

390 £30.00 half bottle

Rhône

Condrieu 2006 *abv 14%*

Christophe Pichon

503 £24.00 half bottle

St Joseph 2005 *abv 13%*

Domaine Bernard Gripa

507 £17.50 half bottle

Italy

Gaja & Rey Chardonnay 1999 *abv 14%*

Gaja, Langhe, Piemonte

601 £42.00 half bottle

Terlaner Classico 2006 *abv 13%*

Cantina Terlano, Alto Adige

616 £12.00 half bottle

Germany

Josephshöfer Riesling Kabinett 2005 *abv 9%*

Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

809 £14.00 half bottle

Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Auslese 2001 *abv 7.5%*

Carl Von Schubert, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

810 £20.00 half bottle

New Zealand

Terra Vin Sauvignon Blanc 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Marlborough

836 £12.00 half bottle

Red wines

Regional France

Madiran 2003 *abv 15.5%*

Alain Brumont, Château Montus

180 £12.50 half bottle

Bandol 2004 *abv 14.5%*

Domaine de Suffrène

185 £14.00 half bottle

Bordeaux

Château Bernadotte 2003 *abv 13%*

Cru Bourgeois, Haut Médoc

208 £15.50 half bottle

Château Patache d'Aux 1996 *abv 12.5%*

Cru Bourgeois, Médoc

212 £14.50 half bottle

Château Beau Site 2002 *abv 12.5%*

Cru Bourgeois, St Estèphe

222 £16.50 half bottle

Château Cos D'Estournel 1995 *abv 13%*

2me Cru Classé, St Estèphe

232 £69.00 half bottle

Château d'Armailhac 2001 *abv 12.5%*

5me Cru Classé, Pauillac

237 £18.50 half bottle

La Réserve de la Comtesse 2003 *abv 13%*

2nd wine of Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande

240 £34.00 50cl bottle

Chateau Lynch-Bages 1996 *abv 13%*

2eme Cru Classe, Pauillac

245 £55.00

La Réserve de Léoville-Barton 2004 *abv 13%*

Second wine of Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien

248 £19.00 half bottle

Château Langoa-Barton 1999 *abv 12.5%*

3me Cru Classé, St Julien

249 £19.50 half bottle

Château Margaux 1989 *abv 12.5%*

1er Cru Classé, Margaux

270 £185.00 half bottle

Château de Fieuzal 2000 *abv 13%*

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

280 £28.00 half bottle

Burgundy

Gevrey-Chambertin 2002 *abv 13%*

Domaine Armand Rousseau, Côte de Nuits

427 £31.00 half bottle

Red wines

Burgundy

Morey St-Denis 2003 *abv 14.5%* **Organic**

Domaine Dujac, Côte de Nuits

433 £25.00 half bottle

Clos de Lambrays Grand Cru 1999 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine des Lambrays, Côte de Nuits

434 £35.00 half bottle

Chambolle-Musigny 2003 *abv 13%*

Virgile Lignier, Côte de Nuits

447 £22.00 half bottle

Clos de La Roche Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru 1997 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Ponsot, Côte de Nuits

449 £85.00 half bottle

Savigny-lés-Beaune Vieilles Vignes 2005 *abv 13%*

Nicolas Potel, Côte de Beaune

473 £16.00 half bottle

Pommard 1er Cru Epenots 1999 *abv 13.5%*

Nicolas Potel, Côte de Beaune

476 £29.00 half bottle

Volnay 2002 *abv 13%*

Domaine Carré-Courbin, Côte de Beaune

480 £19.00 half bottle

Rhône

Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes 2006 *abv 13%*

Domaine du Murinais

535 £12.00 half bottle

Cornas 1999 *abv 13%*

Domaine Rochepertuis

544 £16.00 half bottle

Rasteau Cuvée Prestige 2003 *abv 14.5%*

Côtes du Rhône Villages, Domaine La Soumade

561 £13.00 half bottle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1999 *abv 13.5%* **Organic**

Château Beaucastel

574 £25.00 half bottle

Italy

Amarone 2001 *abv 15%*

Allegrini, Veneto

621 £30.00 half bottle

Recioto della Valpolicella Classico Amandorlato 1998 *abv 14.5%*

Corteforte, Veneto

623 £43.00 50cl bottle

Barolo Sperss 1994 *abv 13.5%*

Gaja, Piemonte

635 £55.00 half bottle

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Avignonesi, Tuscany

653 £14.50 half bottle

Red wines

Italy

Morellino di Scansano 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Elisabetta Geppetti, Le Pupille, Tuscany

656 £14.00 half bottle

Brunello di Montalcino 2000 *abv 14%*

Caparzo, Tuscany

665 £27.00 half bottle

Chianti Classico 2004 *abv 13%*

Il Molino di Grace, Tuscany

675 £12.00 half bottle

Collazzi 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Tuscany

676 £25.00 half bottle

Ornellaia 1998 *abv 14.5%*

Marchese Lodovicoa, Bolgheri, Tuscany

681 £41.00 half bottle

Australia

G.A.M. Shiraz 2005 *abv 15%*

Mitolo, McLaren Vale, South Australia

749 £24.00 half bottle

Lebanon

Château Musar 1998 *abv 14%*

Serge Hochar, Békaa Valley

873 £17.00 half bottle

New Zealand

Terra Vin Pinot Noir 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Omaka Valley, Marlborough

880 £14.00 half bottle

Portugal

Batuta 2001 *abv 12.5%*

Dirk Niepoort, Douro

890 £35.00 half bottle

Spain

Rioja Reserva 2003 *abv 14%*

Bodegas Roda

928 £26.00 50cl bottle

Valduero Reserva 2003 *abv 13%*

Ribera Del Duero

922 £25.00 50cl bottle

USA

Staglin Family Vineyard 1997 *abv 13.8%*

Staglin Family Vineyard, Napa Valley, California

931 £36.00 half bottle

Ridge Montebello 1996 *abv 13%*

Santa Cruz Mountains, California

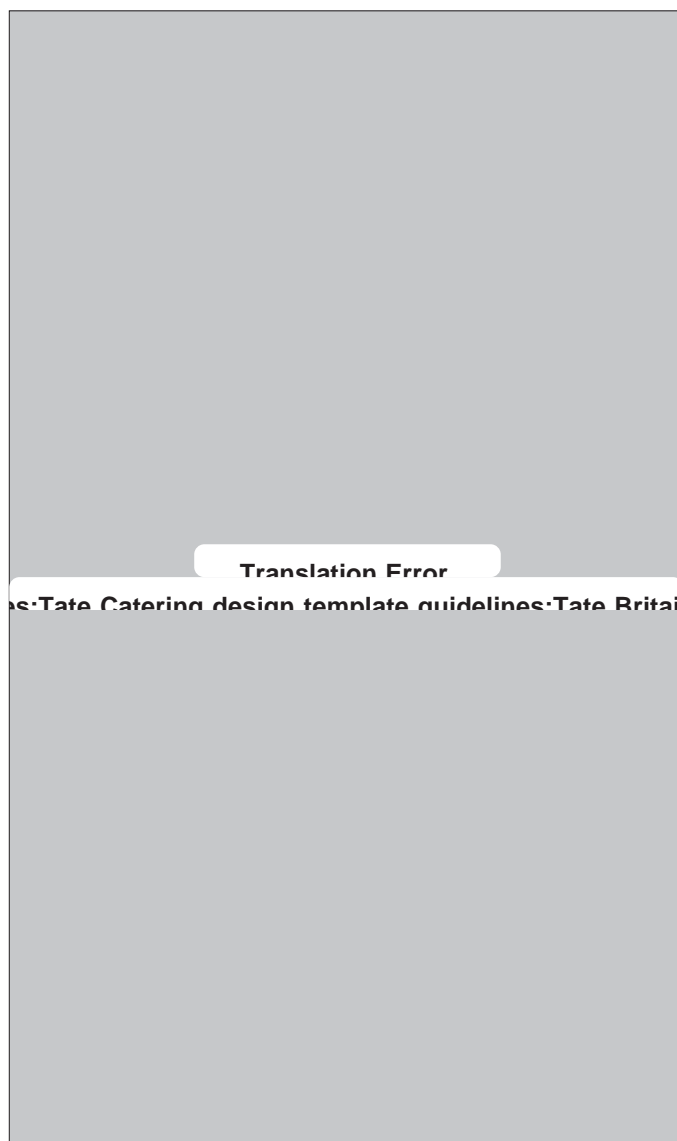
939 £65.00 half bottle

Ridge Geyserville 2002 *abv 14.5%*

Sonoma, California

943 £20.00 half bottle

France



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Champagne & Sparkling Wine

This is an area increasingly brand, rather than quality, orientated. Therefore, I particularly recommend the wines of Billecart-Salmon. They concentrate on making fine, restrained non-vintage brut, the best rosé around and their superlative long-lasting vintage; Cuvée Nicolas François Billecart.

Billecart-Salmon NV abv 12%

100 £78.00 magnum

101 £40.00 bottle

102 £21.00 half bottle

Bollinger NV abv 12%

103 £51.00 bottle

104 £27.00 half bottle

Vouette et Sorbée Blanc d'Argile NV abv 12% **Biodynamic**

Bertrand Gautherot

105 £57.00

Laurent-Perrier Grand Siècle NV abv 12%

106 £69.00

Pol Roger 1998 abv 12%

107 £76.00 bottle

108 £150.00 magnum

Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Nicolas François Billecart 1996 abv 12%

109 £72.00 bottle

110 £38.00 half bottle

Bollinger Grande Année 1999 abv 12%

111 £74.00

112 £170.00 magnum 1996 abv 12%

Dom Pérignon 1985 abv 12.5%

113 £165.00 bottle

Billecart-Salmon Demi-Sec NV abv 12%

115 £42.00

116 £22.00 half bottle

Rosé

Billecart-Salmon Rosé Brut NV abv 12%

120 £50.00

121 £26.00 half bottle

Billecart-Salmon Cuvée Elisabeth Salmon Rosé 1998 abv 12%

122 £87.00

Lamandier-Bernier Rosé NV abv 12% **Biodynamic**

Rosé de Saignée, Premier Cru

123 £46.00

Ayala Rosé Majeur NV abv 12%

124 £42.00

Balfour Rosé 2004 abv 12.5%

Hush Heath Estate, Kent, England

127 £49.00

White wines Alsace

As Alsatian wine is deeply unfashionable in this country, you can drink truly great wines at reasonable prices.

Riesling 2005 abv 12.5%

Frédéric Mochel

130 £23.00

Riesling 'Cuvée Frédéric Emile' 2003 abv 12.5%

F.E. Trimbach

133 £43.00 bottle

134 £23.00 half bottle

Riesling 'Clos Ste Hune' 1997 abv 13%

F.E. Trimbach

135 £38.00 half bottle

Gewürztraminer 'Kaefferkopf' 2004 abv 13.5% **Organic**

André Thomas

136 £25.00

Pinot Gris 'Terre d'Etoiles...' 2006 abv 13.5% **Biodynamic**

Domaine Mittnacht

137 £22.00

Pinot Gris 'Clos Windsbuhl' Vendage Tardive 2002 abv 13% **Biodynamic**

Domaine Zind-Humbrecht

138 £55.00 half bottle

Loire

Pouilly-Fumé and Sancerre are both made from Sauvignon Blanc grapes. The Sancerre by Cotat is made in a traditional style that enables it to age. They are complex and powerful. Made from the Chenin Blanc grape, the Anjou Blanc is a rich, honeyed and a bargain.

Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 'Les Gras Moutons' 2006 abv 12%

Domaine Claude Branger

140 £18.00

Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2007 abv 12%

Domaine de la Quilla

141 £9.00 half bottle

Pouilly-Fumé 'Les Cris' 2007 abv 13%

Domaine Alain Cailbourdin

144 £25.00

Sancerre 2006 abv 12.5%

Matthias Roblin

146 £26.00

147 £15.00 half bottle 2007 abv 12.5%

Sancerre 'Les Monts Damnés' 2004 abv 12.5%

François Cotat

150 £35.00

Saumur Vieilles Vignes 2003 abv 14%

Domaine Langlois-Château

153 £20.00

White wines

Loire

Anjou 'Les Noels de Montbenault' 2005 13.5% **Organic**

Richard Leroy

154 £28.50

Anjou 1979 *abv not available*

Moulin Touchais

155 £55.00

Regional France

Jura

Côtes du Jura 'Les Varrons' 2004 *abv 13%*

Domaine Labet

162 £28.00

South

Mas de Daumas Gassac 2005 *abv 13%* **Organic**

Aimé Guibert, Vin de Pays de l'Herault

166 £22.00 half bottle

Jurançon 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Nigri

167 £22.00

Red wines

Loire

Chinon 'Vieilles Vignes' 2003 abv 12.5%

Domaine Philippe Alliet

169 £25.00

Saumur-Champigny 'Terres Chaudes' 2006 abv 13% **Biodynamic**

Domaine des Roches Neuves, Thierry Germain

170 £31.00

Regional France

All these wines represent stunning value. The full-bodied leathery Cahors is not for the faint hearted. Try also the meaty Cuvée 21 and the more restrained Château La Dournie. A recent discovery has been the quality wines of the Savoie; the Mondeuse was an eye-opener when first tasted. Complex, mineral and very fine it reminded me of a Côte Rôtie, but at half the price.

Savoie

Mondeuse 2002 abv 12.5% **Organic**

Domaine Gilles Berlioz, Vin de Savoie

175 £28.00

South West

Cahors 'Les Laquets' 1999 abv 13%

Cosse Maisonneuve

177 £29.00

Madiran Vieilles Vignes 2004 abv 14.5%

Domaine Labranche Laffont

179 £23.00

Madiran 2003 abv 15.5%

Alain Brumont, Château Montus

180 £12.50 half bottle

South

Corbières 'Cuvée 21' 2004 abv 14.5% **Biodynamic**

Les Clos Perdus

181 £24.00

Saint-Chinian 'Elise' 2001 abv 13.5%

Annick et Henri Etienne, Château La Dournie

182 £22.00

Mas de Daumas Gassac 2000 abv 13% **Organic**

Aimé Guibert, Vin de Pays de l'Herault

183 £42.00

Bandol 2004 abv 14.5%

Domaine de la Suffrène

184 £26.00

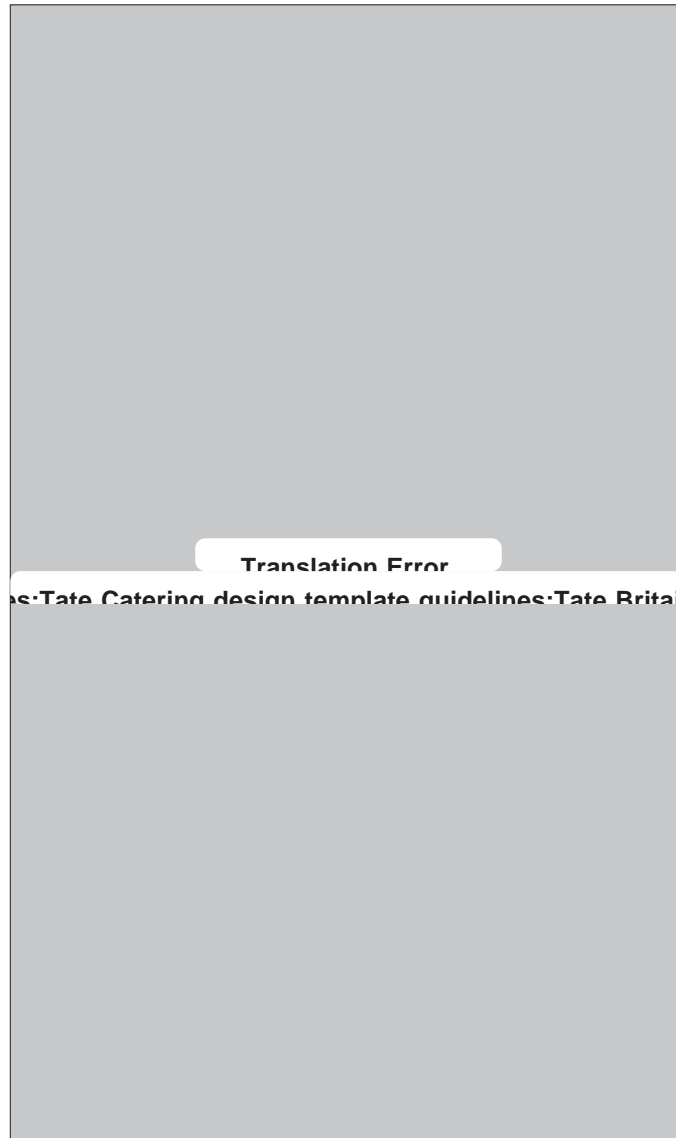
185 £14.00 half bottle

Bandol 'La Tourtine Cuvée Spéciale' 1995 abv 12.5%

Domaine Tempier

186 £70.00

Bordeaux



White wines Bordeaux

The more serious and ageworthy dry white Bordeaux tends to be made mostly from the Sémillon grape. The rich intense La Tour Martillac is exceptional value when compared to top white Burgundy.

Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2004 abv 12.5%

200 £22.00 half bottle

Château La Tour Martillac 1999 abv 12.5%

Grand Cru Classé, Pessac-Léognan

201 £44.00

The sweet wines of Bordeaux can be found at the end of the list, in the dessert wine section.

Red wines Bordeaux

Bordeaux 2005 prices have broken all records, as it takes its place amongst the legendary vintages of the last hundred years. All this might seem a bit depressing for us mere mortals. However, once you look beyond cases of Château Latour costing £11,000 (yes £11,000.....), there has never been a better time to be a claret lover. Quality is at an all time high and, if you steer clear of the trophy wines, prices are reasonable.

Left Bank Médoc & Haut Médoc

The highlight here is the '00 Potensac, an estate that consistently over-delivers for the price.

Les Brulières de Beychevelle 2000 *abv 13%*

Cru Bourgeois

204 £25.00

Château Bernadotte 2003 *abv 13%*

Cru Bourgeois, Haut Médoc

208 £15.50 half bottle

Château Sénéjac 2001 *abv 12.5%*

Cru Bourgeois

209 £31.50

Château Potensac 2000 *abv 13%*

Cru Bourgeois

210 £33.00

Château Patache d'Aux 1996 *abv 12.5%*

Cru Bourgeois

211 £26.00

212 £14.50 half bottle

213 £66.00 magnum Réserve Privée

Château La Lagune 1983 *abv not available*

3me Cru Classé

217 £130.00 magnum

St-Estèphe

Wines from St Estèphe have a reputation for being the most backward and rustic of the four prestigious Haut-Médoc communes. While this can be true of the top Châteaux, there are some excellent producers, such as Beau-Site, making forward, accessible wines.

La Dame de Montrose 2002 *abv 13%*

Cru Bourgeois

221 £26.00

Château Beau Site 1999 *abv 12.5%*

Cru Bourgeois

222 £16.50 half bottle 2002 *abv 12.5%*

223 £59.00 magnum

Château Cos D'Estournel 1986 *abv 12.5%*

2me Cru Classé

231 £130.00

232 £69.00 half bottle 1995 *abv 13%*

Pauillac

The most famous (and expensive!) appellation on the left bank; three of the five classified first growths are made here. The Réserve de la Comtesse 2001 is a lovely, soft example of the joys of Pauillac.

Chateau d'Armailhac 2001 abv 12.5%

5eme Cru Classe

237 £18.50 half bottle

Chateau Pontet-Canet 2001 abv 13%

5eme Cru Classe

238 £55.00

La Réserve de la Comtesse 2001 abv 13%

2nd wine of Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande

239 £51.00 bottle

240 £34.00 50cl bottle 2003 abv 13%

Chateau Longueville au Baron de Pichon-Longueville 1995 abv 13%

2eme Cru Classe

243 £95.00

Chateau Lynch-Bages 1986 abv 12.5%

2eme Cru Classe

244 £140.00

245 £55.00 half bottle 1996 abv 13%

St Julien

I find St Julien the most consistent appellation on the left bank. For a seductive mid-weight glass of claret, try the cedary La Fiefs de Lagrange 1999.

La Réserve de Léoville-Barton 2004 abv 13%

Second wine of Château Léoville-Barton

247 £35.00

248 £19.00 half bottle

Château Langoa-Barton 1999 abv 12.5%

3me Cru Classé

249 £19.50 half bottle

Château Léoville-Barton 1985 abv 12%

2me Cru Classé

253 £108.00

Les Fiefs de Lagrange 1999 abv 13%

Second wine of Château Lagrange

255 £32.00

Château Léoville-las-Cases 1993 abv 12.5%

2me Cru Classé

256 £75.00

Château Guard Larose 1989 abv 12.5%

2me Cru Classé

267 £110.00

Red wines

Margaux

The Paveil de Luze is a delicious, forward example of Margaux from the legendary 2000 vintage.

Château Paveil de Luze 2000 abv 12.5%

Cru Bourgeois

269 £30.00

Château Margaux 1989 abv 12.5%

1er Cru Classé

270 £185.00 half bottle

Château Lascombes 2000 abv 12.5%

2eme Cru Classé

273 £55.00

Château Palmer 1986 abv 12%

2eme Cru Classé

274 £255.00 magnum

Pessac-Léognan & Graves

This appellation starts just south of the city of Bordeaux and gets its name from the gravelly soil its vineyards are on. Quality can be patchy but top estates, as Domaine de Chevalier shows, can produce world class wines. Look out also for the de Fieuzal, a classic silky Graves from the superb 2000 vintage.

Domaine de Chevalier 1988 abv 12%

Grand Cru Classé de Graves

276 £79.00

Château de Fieuzal 2000 abv 13%

279 £56.00

280 £28.00 half bottle

Right Bank

These wines are predominately made from the Merlot grape which is lower in tannin, therefore the wines drink earlier than those from the Cabernet-dominated left bank. Château Dauphine was until recently owned by the Moueix family who own part of Château Petrus in Pomerol. This class shows, its is delicious sweet berry flavoured claret and great value.

Château Brulésecaille 2002 *abv 12.5%*

Côtes de Bourg

281 £22.00

Château Dauphine 2000 *abv 13%*

Fronsac

282 £21.00

Château Fontenil 1995 *abv 12.5%*

Fronsac

285 £20.00

St Émilion

The star here is the seductive Ferrand Lartigue, like many 1997s it is drinking beautifully and is a bargain.

Château Saint Dominique 1999 *abv 13%*

Grand Cru Classé

291 £39.00

Château Cap de Mourlin 1998 *abv 12.5%*

Grand Cru Classé

292 £42.00

Château Ferrand Lartigue 1997 *abv 12.5%*

Premier Grand Cru Classé

294 £28.00

Château Troplong-Mondot 1994 *abv 13%*

Grand Cru Classé

295 £60.00

Pomerol

Pomerol is an illustrious and expensive name in Bordeaux. However the tiny estate of Montviel always produce excellent value wines and '98 was a great year for the Merlot-dominated right bank

Château Montviel 1998 *abv 13%*

297 £35.00

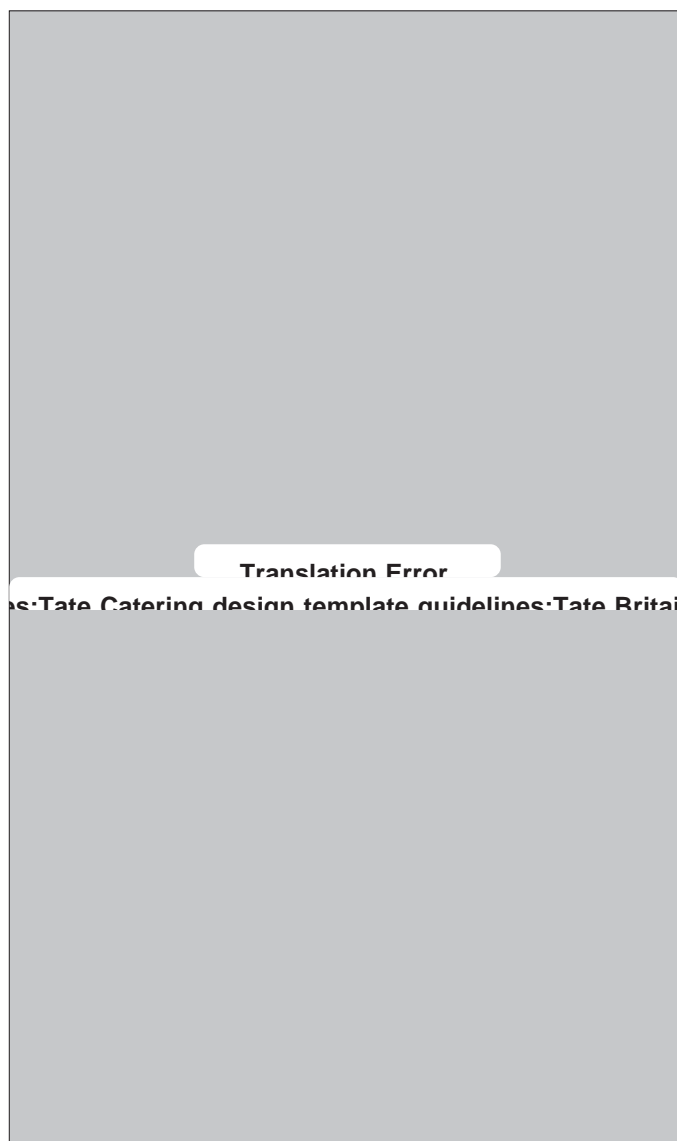
Château Beaugard 2000 *abv 13%*

298 £52.00

Château Trotanoy 1997 *abv 13%*

299 £84.00

Burgundy



White wines Burgundy

Almost all white Burgundy is made from Chardonnay. There is an enormous range of styles making it a challenging region to get to grips with. The best tip to offer is, if you enjoy a wine, remember the name of the producer.

More often than not you will have enjoyed their style of winemaking rather than the characteristics of the specific area. Additionally, producer rather than region is the only guarantee of quality.

Côte Chalonnais & Mâconnais

Jean Rijckart is a great example as to why you should look to producer first and foremost when choosing a bottle of Burgundy. His Viré-Clessé shows what can be done with dedication in this supposedly humble appellation. The hugely talented Jean-Luc Terrier from Domaine Deux Roches turns out stunning St-Véran and is rightly seen as one of the leading producers in the region.

Rully Vieilles Vignes 2005 abv 13.5%

Vincent Dureuil-Janthial

300 £28.00

Viré-Clessé 'Les Vercherres' Vieilles Vignes 2004 abv 13%

Régine & Jean Rijckaert

302 £23.00

Pouilly-Fuissé 'La Roche' Vieilles Vignes 2006 abv 14%

Domaine des Nembrets

306 £29.50 bottle

Pouilly-Fuissé 'Les Crays' 2006 abv 13%

Annie-Claire Forest

307 £16.50 half bottle

St Véran Les Chailloux 2005 abv 13%

Domaine des Deux Roches

312 £21.00

Chablis

The stars and value wines in Chablis are to be had at 1er and Grand Cru (individual designated vineyards) levels. Les Clos could be mistaken for Corton-Charlemagne, but at two-thirds of the price.

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons 2006 abv 12.5%

Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils

315 £30.00

316 £16.00 half bottle

Chablis 1er Cru 'Séchet' 2004 abv 13%

Domaine Vincent Dauvissat

317 £36.00

Chablis Grand Cru Les Clos 2006 abv 13%

Domaine Christian Moreau Père et Fils

325 £50.00

326 £26.00 half bottle

Côte de Beaune

The heartland of great white Burgundy production. Louis Jadot's Beaune Grèves offers the smart buyer a very serious glass. The same quality from a village, such as Puligny-Montrachet, would cost significantly more.

Bourgogne Blanc 2004 abv 12.5% **Biodynamic**

Domaine Leflaive

330 £32.00

Savigny-Les-Beaune 2005 abv 13%

Jean-Claude Boisset

331 £26.00

St Aubin 1er Cru En Remilly 2006 abv 13.5%

Marc Colin

333 £39.00

Beaune Grèves 1er Cru Les Clos Blanc 1998 abv 13.5%

Domaine Gagey, Louis Jadot

336 £46.00

Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches 1996 abv 13.5%

Domaine Joseph Drouhin

337 £75.00

338 £37.00 half bottle 2004 abv 13.5%

Corton-Charlemagne 2002 abv 13.5%

Domaine Marius Delarche

339 £65.00

Meursault

Meursault is often described as user-friendly because it drinks well when young and has rich, fat, buttery fruit flavours. Comtes Lafon is a producer that needs little introduction to the Meursault lover. We deal directly with his UK agents and are therefore able to offer the stunning 2001 Meursault at less than the auction value.

Meursault Gruyaches 2001 abv 13%

Jean-Philippe Fichet

353 £48.00

Meursault Les Meix Chavaux 1996 abv 12.8%

Domaine Roulot

355 £51.00

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes 2001 abv 13% **Biodynamic**

Domaine des Comtes Lafon

361 £110.00

Puligny-Montrachet

The most famous, and often expensive village producing white Burgundy. The wines are not as rich as Meursault. They have more mineral flavours, are higher in acidity and thus tend to need a little extra time before they drink. Domaine Leflaive is, for me, the greatest producer of white Burgundy.

Puligny-Montrachet Les Charmes 2005 abv 12.5%

Jean-Claude Boisset

369 £53.00

Puligny-Montrachet 2004 abv 13.5%

Louis Carillon

370 £49.00

Puligny-Montrachet 2001 abv 13.5% **Biodynamic**

Domaine Leflaive

374 £31.00 half bottle

Montrachet Grand Cru 2003 abv 13.5%

Marc Colin

376 £220.00

Bienvenue Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru 2002 abv 13.5%

Domaine Ramonet

377 £140.00

Chassagne-Montrachet

Chassagne tend to be bigger, riper wines than Puligny wines which don't age and evolve quite so well. They represent better value as their reputation is based on quality rather than name.

Chassagne-Montrachet 2002 abv 13.5%

Domaine Ramonet

378 £44.00

379 £23.50 half bottle

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Chaumées 'Clos de la Truffière' 2001
abv 13.5%

Domaine Michel Niellon

380 £56.00

Côtes de Nuits

Vougeot 1er Cru Le Clos Blanc de Vougeot (Monopole) 1999 abv 13%

Domaine de la Vougeraie

386 £73.00

Morey St-Denis 1er Cru Clos des Monts Luisants Vieilles Vignes 2001 abv 13%

Domaine Ponsot

389 £59.00

390 £30.00 half bottle 2002 abv 14.5%

Nuits-St-Georges La Perrière 1999 abv 13%

Domaine Henri Gouges

391 £65.00

Red wines Burgundy

The home of Pinot Noir, the most fickle and complex grape variety to grow. While there are good Pinots made elsewhere, no one has yet captured the power and complexity that comes from this grape when grown in Burgundy. Like white Burgundy it is an infuriatingly difficult area for the consumer to get to grips with. Each village (eg Nuits-St-Georges) can have many producers making wines of varying quality. The famous Grand Cru, Clos Vougeot had around 48 people bottling wine under it at last count, all producing very different styles and quality levels.

Beaujolais

All made from the Gamay grape. The Juliéna is forward and juicy, while the Brouilly has more structure.

Juliéna Cuvée Prestige 2005 abv 13%

Château de Juliéna

400 £22.00

Brouilly 2005 abv 12.5%

Château Thivin

403 £19.00

Côte Chalonnaise

Vincent Dureuil-Janthial's Rully 2005 is a fantastic, rich example of Pinot Noir and terrific value.

Rully 1er Cru 'Maizières' 2005 abv 13%

Vincent Dureuil-Janthial

414 £29.00

Côte de Nuits

If I was stuck on a desert island, the one producer's wines I would take with me would be Domaine Dujac's. The wines are fragrant and perfectly balanced. Also drinking well at the moment is the pure Chambolle from Virgile Lignier.

Gevrey-Chambertin 2002 abv 13%

Domaine Armand Rousseau

427 £31.00 half bottle

Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru 1996 abv 13.5%

Christophe Roumier

428 £95.00 bottle

Morey St-Denis 1er Cru aux Cheseaux 2000 abv 13.5%

Domaine Arlaud

430 £98.00 magnum

Morey St-Denis 2004 abv 13% **Organic**

Domaine Dujac

431 £47.00

433 £25.00 half bottle 2003 abv 14.5%

Clos de Lambrays Grand Cru 1999 abv 13.5%

Domaine des Lambrays

434 £35.00 half bottle

Chambolle-Musigny 2001 abv 13%

Virgile Lignier

446 £37.00

447 £22.00 half bottle 2003 abv 13%

Red wines

Côte de Nuits

Clos de La Roche Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Grand Cru 1997 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Ponsot

449 £85.00 half bottle

Vosne Romanée 2002 *abv 12.5%*

Domaine René Engel

450 £48.00

Vosne Romanée Genavrières 2000 *abv 13%* **Biodynamic**

Domaine Leroy

451 £115.00

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Les Suchots 1976 *abv not available*

Robert Arnoux

456 £110.00

Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les St Georges 1985 *abv not available*

Domaine Henri Gouges

459 £245.00 magnum

Côte de Beaune

The reds from here generally lack the stuffing of those from the Côte de Nuits. However, they do have the advantage of being more forward and better value. Try the pure fruit-driven Savigny from Maréchal and the meaty Volnay from Carré-Courbin

Savigny-lés-Beaune Vieilles Vignes 2005 *abv 13%*

Nicolas Potel

473 £16.00 half bottle

Savigny-lés-Beaune Vieilles Vignes 2005 *abv 13%* **Organic**

Catherine et Claude Maréchal

474 £36.00

Pommard 1er Cru Les Rugiens 1996 *abv 13%*

Domaine de Courcel

475 £89.00

Pommard 1er Cru Epenots 1999 *abv 13.5%*

Nicolas Potel

476 £29.00 half bottle

Volnay 2003 *abv 13%*

Domaine Carré-Courbin

479 £34.00

480 £19.00 half bottle 2002 *abv 13%*

Volnay 1er Cru Taillepieds 1988 *abv 12%*

Domaine Les Héritiers de François de Montille

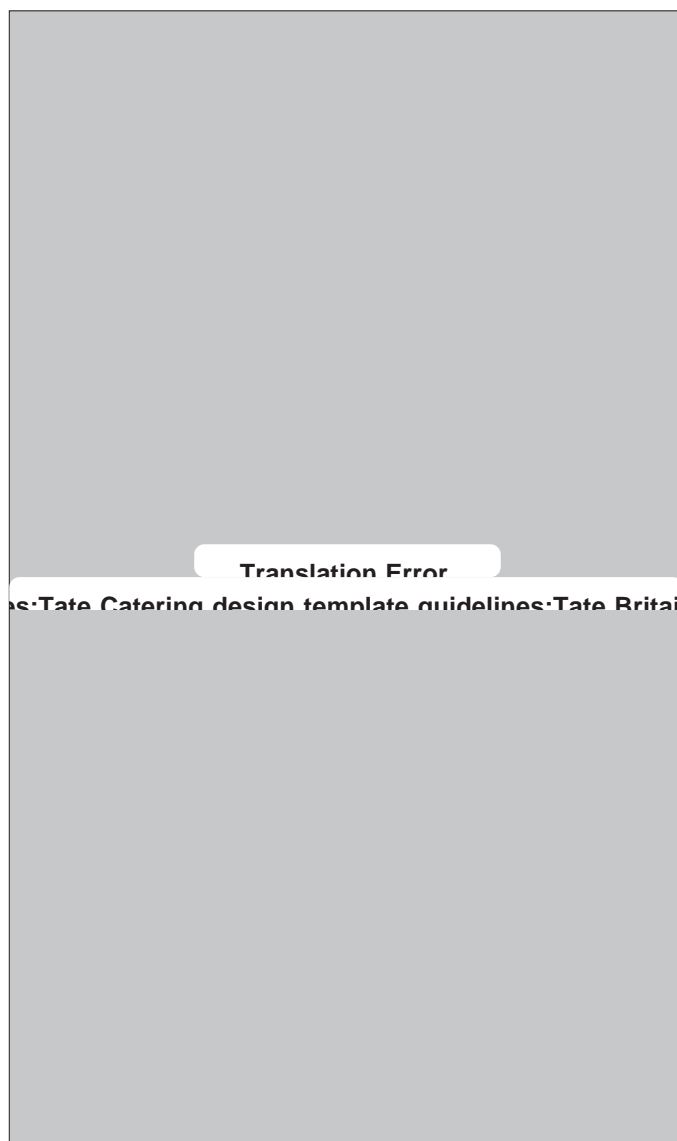
483 £120.00

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Boudriotte 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine Ramonet

484 £39.00

Rhône



White wines Rhône

White Rhône wine is often overlooked. This is a shame, whilst production quantities are tiny compared to red, quality is high. Made from the Viognier grape, Condrieu is an opulent hedonistic wine. Also try the Burgundy-like Châteauneuf-du-Pape's from Beaucastel.

North

Viognier 2007 *abv 13.5%*

Yves Cuilleron, Vins de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes

499 £26.00

Condrieu 'La Bonnette' 2005 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine R Rostaing

500 £59.00

Condrieu 2006 *abv 14%*

Christophe Pichon

503 £24.00 half bottle

St Joseph 2005 *abv 14%*

Domaine Bernard Grippa

506 £32.00

507 £17.50 half bottle

Hermitage 'Chante-Alouette' 2004 *abv 14.5%* **Biodynamic**

Michel Chapoutier

509 £49.00

Ermitage 'De L'Orée' 1996 *abv 13.5%* **Biodynamic**

Michel Chapoutier

512 £135.00

South

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Château La Nerthe

522 £51.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2002 *abv 13.5%* **Organic**

Château Beaucastel

523 £59.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Château Rayas

526 £69.00

Red wines Rhône

After a disastrous 2002 vintage the Rhône experienced a once in a lifetime vintage, 2003. Extreme heat produced a unique set of very rich, but often unbalanced wines. 2004 has seen a return to normality, with a collection of classic terroir-driven wines. Although prices have started to rise, these wines are still exceptional value compared to Bordeaux and Burgundy.

North

All the reds here are made from the Syrah (or Shiraz in Australia) grape. The Côte Rôtie is perfumed and restrained, more reminiscent of fine red Burgundy than a burly Syrah. The Crozes-Hermitage (bin 536), made from old vines, is probably one the best value wines on the whole list.

Côte Rôtie 2003 abv 13.5%

Domaine Duclaux

531 £49.00

Côte Rôtie 2001 abv 12.5%

René Rostaing

532 £59.00

Côte Rôtie 'La Turque' 1992 abv 13%

E. Guigal

533 £159.00

Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes 2006 abv 13%

Domaine du Murinais, Luc Tardy

535 £12.00 half bottle

Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes 'Les Croix' 2004 abv 13% **Organic**

Domaine Les Bruyères, Marceline & David Reynaud

536 £27.00

Crozes-Hermitage 'La Guiraudé' 2001 abv 13%

Alain Graillot

538 £39.00

Hermitage La Chapelle 1995 abv 13.5%

Paul Jaboulet Aîné

542 £64.00

Cornas 1999 abv 13%

Domaine Rochepertuis

544 £16.00 half bottle

Cornas 1997 abv 13%

Auguste & Pierre Clape

545 £40.00

Red wines

Rhône

South

The blending of different grape varieties is the key to the southern Rhône; thirteen in all can be used to make Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This is reflected by the huge range of styles the southern Rhône has to offer. Domaine Pegaü's Châteauneuf-du-Pape is stunning – rich, complex and, as prices continue to escalate for this estate, a complete bargain.

Côtes du Rhône Vieilles Vignes 2001 abv 14.5% **Biodynamic**

Domaine Les Aphillantes

556 £27.00

Côtes du Rhône 2000 abv 14%

Château Fonsalette Réserve, Château Rayas

558 £42.00

Vacqueyras 'Floureto' 2004 abv 14%

Domaine Le Sang des Cailloux

559 £26.00

Côtes du Rhône Villages Rasteau Cuvée Prestige 2006 abv 14.5%

Domaine La Soumade

560 £29.00

561 £13.00 half bottle 2003 abv 14.5%

Gigondas 2004 abv 14.5% **Organic**

Domaine La Roubine

562 £26.00

Gigondas 2003 abv 14%

Domaine Raspail-Ay

563 £28.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001 abv 14.5%

Domaine de la Vieille Julienne

566 £35.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2000 abv 14%

Château Rayas

567 £115.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Réserve 1998 abv 13.5%

Domaine Pegaü

569 £40.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 1998 abv 15% **Biodynamic**

Domaine de Marcoux

570 £145.00

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1999 abv 13.5% **Organic**

Beaucastel

572 £98.00 magnum

573 £48.00 bottle 2000 abv 13.5%

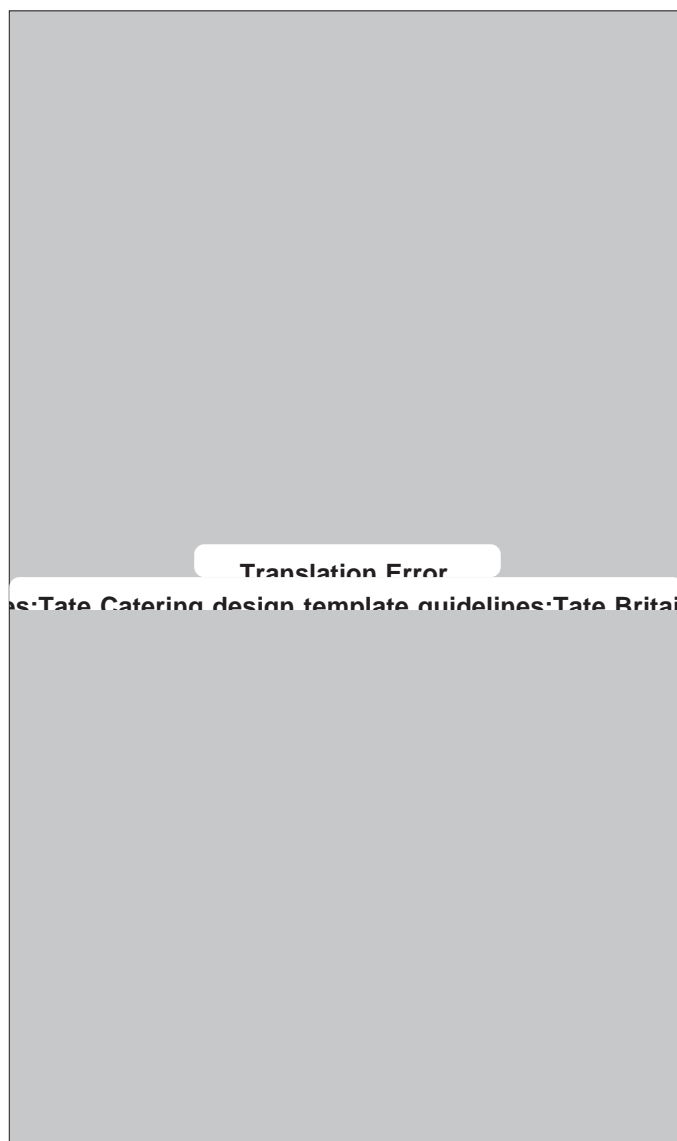
574 £25.00 half bottle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Cadettes 1994 abv 13.5%

Château La Nerthe

584 £160.00 magnum

Italy



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White wines Italy

Forget all your previous experiences with Soave and try the examples from Pieropan. He makes ripe nutty wines. Those made from single-vineyard sites, such as the La Rocca, take on the characteristics of white Burgundy.

Gaia & Rey Chardonnay 1999 *abv 14%*

Gaja, Langhe, Piemonte

601 £42.00 half bottle

Soave Classico Superiore 'La Rocca' 2006 *abv 13%*

Lenildo Pieropan, Veneto

603 £64.00 magnum 2004 *abv 13%*

604 £35.00

Pinot Grigio 'Lis Neris' 2006 *abv 14%*

Alvaro Pecorari, Isonzo del Friuli

609 £25.00

Chardonnay 2005 *abv 14%*

Borgo del Tiglio, Collio

612 £37.00

Pinot Bianco 'Thurner' 2007 *abv 13%*

Schreckbichl Colterenzio, Alto Adige

613 £24.00

Terlaner Classico 2007 *abv 13%*

Cantina Terlano, Alto Adige

615 £22.00

616 £12.00 half bottle 2006 *abv 13%*

Sylvaner 'Praepositus' 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Novacella, Alto Adige

618 £32.00

Red wines Italy

North East & West

Italy is the most diverse wine-producing country in the world and until recently had a lamentable record of consistency. A new generation of wine makers are starting to turn out wines that live up to its potential.

Aldo Conterno is one of the most prestigious producers in Italy, his Barolo's are highly sought after. The complex, mature Barbaresco from Cigliuti offers fine value, as does the elegant Dolcetto from Sandrone.

Amarone 2003 abv 16.5%

Roccolo Grassi, Veneto

619 £79.00

Amarone 2003 abv 15%

Allegrini, Veneto

620 £57.00

621 £30.00 half bottle 2001

Recioto della Valpolicella Classico Amandorlato 1998 abv 14.5%

Corteforte, Veneto

623 £43.00 50cl bottle

Barbera d'Alba Vignota 2006 abv 14%

Conterno Fantino, Piemonte

624 £28.00

Dolcetto d'Alba 2006 abv 13.5%

Luciano Sandrone, Piemonte

626 £23.00

Barbaresco 1998 abv 14.5%

Renato Cigliuti, Piemonte

629 £45.00

Barbaresco 1996 abv 13.5%

Bruno Giacosa, Piemonte

632 £85.00

Barolo Sperss 1994 abv 13.5%

Gaja, Piemonte

635 £55.00 half bottle

Barolo 1997 abv 14%

Aldo Conterno, Piemonte

638 £59.00

Tuscany & Umbria

The Chianti from Il Molino di Grace shows the region in its true colours; ripe cherries and not a wicker basket in sight. Also look at the rich halves of Vino Nobile from Avignonesi.

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2004 abv 13.5%

Avignonesi, Tuscany

653 £14.50 half bottle

Morellino di Scansano 2006 abv 13.5%

Elisabetta Geppetti, Le Pupille, Tuscany

656 £14.00 half bottle

Brunello di Montalcino 2000 abv 13.5%

Conti Costanti, Tuscany

659 £51.00

Red wines

Tuscany & Umbria

Brunello di Montalcino Beato 1994 *abv 13%*

E. Roberto Cosimi, Tuscany

662 £75.00

Brunello di Montalcino 2000 *abv 14%*

Caparzo, Tuscany

665 £27.00 half bottle

Chianti Classico 2004 *abv 13%*

Il Molino di Grace, Tuscany

674 £22.00

675 £12.00 half bottle

Collazzi 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Tuscany

676 £25.00 half bottle

Piastraia (Merlot/Cabernet/Syrah) 2000 *abv 13.5%*

Michelle Satta, Bolgheri, Tuscany

677 £44.00

Ornellaia 1999 *abv 14.5%*

Marchese Lodovicoa, Bolgheri, Tuscany

680 £95.00

681 £41.00 half bottle 1998 *abv 14%*

Campoleone 1998 *abv 13%*

Lamborghini, Umbria

683 £59.00

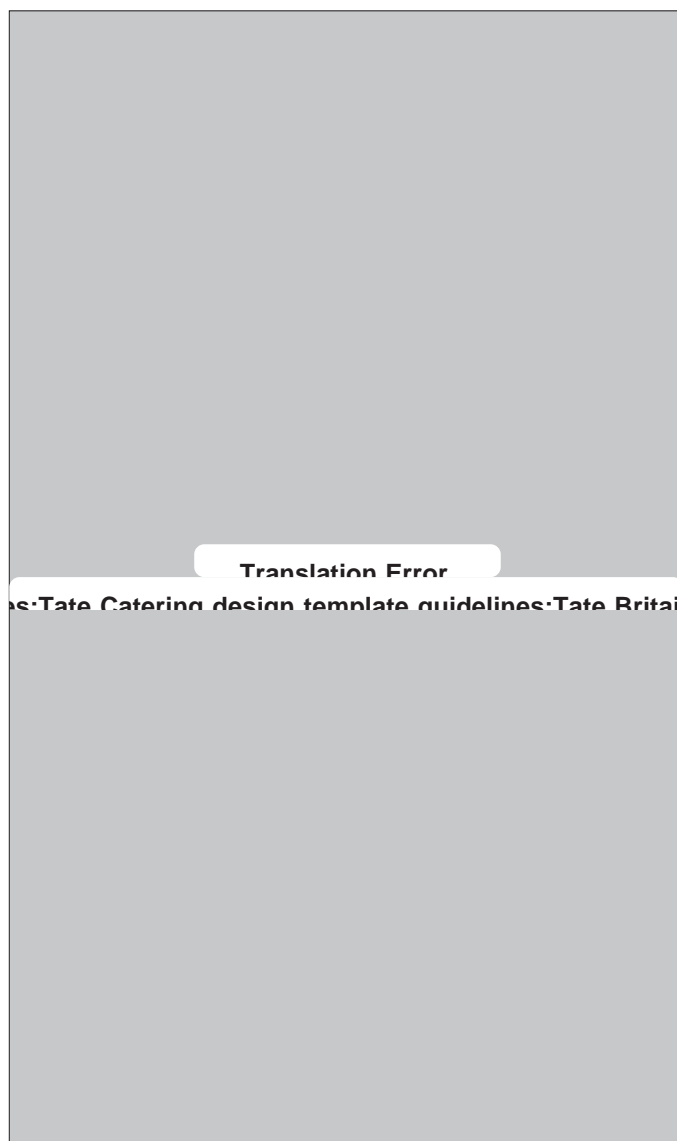
South

Montevetrano 1999 *abv 13%* **Biodynamic**

Silvia Imparto, Colli di Salerno

685 £82.00

Australia



White wines

Australia

Australia is not just all about Chardonnay, there are some very exciting wines being made from more unusual grape varieties. The Corayo Pinot Gris is rich and complex – a great food wine, while the lime-scented Leasingham Riesling is bone dry and a delicious aperitif. The Giaconda Chardonnay is one of Australia's top examples and gives most white Burgundy a serious run for its money.

Western Australia

Suckfizzle Sauvignon/Semillon 2004 *abv 13%*

Augusta, Margaret River

706 £25.00

South Australia

Tapanappa Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay 2005 *abv 13.5%*

Brian Croser, Piccadilly Valley, Adelaide Hills

710 £48.00

Leasingham Classic Clare Riesling 2002 *abv 12.5%*

Clare Valley

715 £31.00

Victoria

Giaconda Chardonnay 2000 *abv 14%*

Beechworth

718 £75.00

Best's Great Western Chardonnay 1991 *abv 14%*

Great Western

721 £58.00

Corayo Pinot Gris 2005 *abv 14%*

Geelong

724 £25.00

Tasmania

Lady A Sauvignon Blanc 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Domaine A

727 £37.00

Red wines Australia

Australia seems to be getting a bit of stick at the moment. Bland wines without substance are accusations not without substance. However, these problems afflict the whole wine world and Australia is no more a villain, than say France. There has been a real sea-change over the last few years, with much greater emphasis on regionality. In addition, an increasing number of vineyards are planted in the cooler areas, producing restrained, complex wines. There are many highlights below but the Rockford Basket Press Shiraz or the classical, structured Domiane A Cabernet Sauvignon are among my favourites.

Western Australia

Suckfizzle Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 *abv 14%*

Augusta, Margaret River

740 £25.00

South Australia

Amon-Ra Shiraz 2004 *abv 15.5%*

Ben Glaetzer, Barossa Valley

741 £75.00

742 £145.00 magnum

Two Hands Bella's Garden Shiraz 2003 *abv 15%*

Barossa Valley

743 £37.00

Rockford Basket Press Shiraz 2002 *abv 15.5%*

Barossa Valley

746 £37.00

G.A.M. Shiraz 2005 *abv 15%*

Mitolo, McLaren Vale, South Australia

749 £24.00 half bottle

D'Arry's Original (Shiraz/Grenache) 2005 *abv 14.5%*

d'Arenberg Winery, McLaren Vale

752 £19.00

Joseph Nebbiolo 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Primo Estate, McLaren Vale

754 £34.00

Highbank (Cabernet/Merlot) 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Coonawarra

758 £44.00

Wynns John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 1996 *abv 13%*

Coonawarra

761 £58.00

Victoria

Yering Station Pinot Noir 2003 *abv 13.5%*

Yarra Valley

769 £46.00

Best's Pinot Meunier 2001 *abv 12.5%*

Great Western

770 £31.00

Armstrong Shiraz 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Great Western

773 £33.00

Australia Capital Territory

Clonakilla Canberra District Shiraz 2001 *abv 14%*

Canberra

775 £35.00

Tasmania

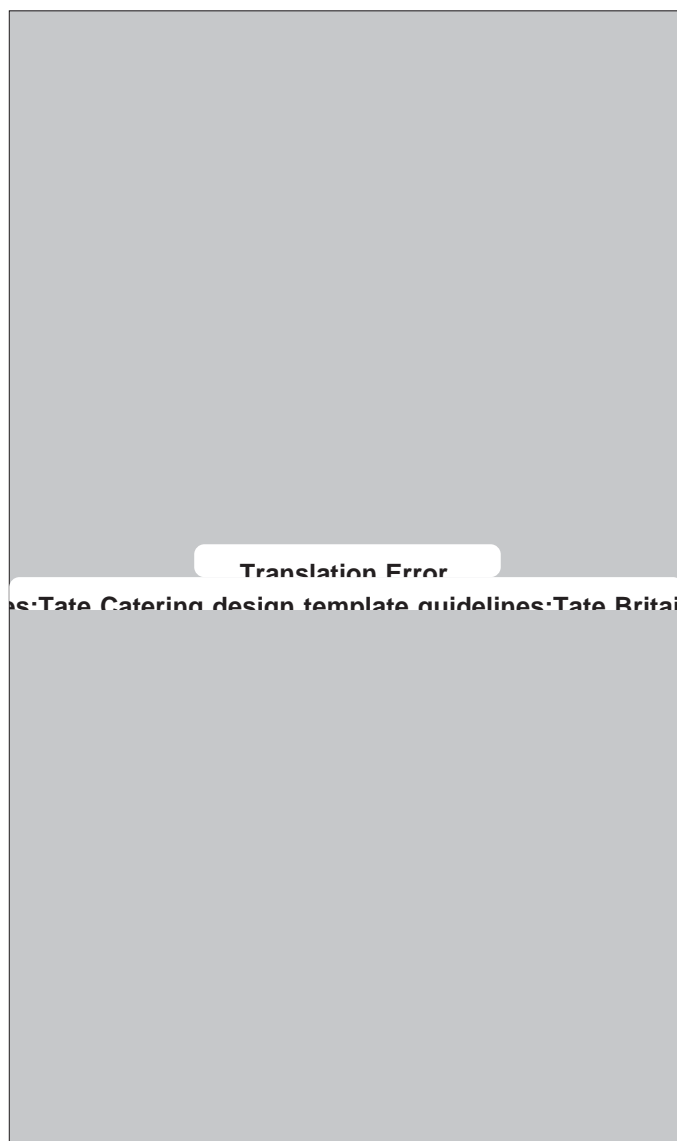
Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 *abv 13.5%*

Stoney Vineyard, Domaine A

781 £35.00

782 £82.00 magnum 1998 *abv 13%*

Rest of the world



White wines

Rest of the world

Austria

With the anti-freeze saga thankfully behind them a new generation of winemakers are turning out extraordinarily impressive wines. Grüner Veltliner is a spicy, rich grape.

Riesling Smaragd 'Steinreigl' 2004 abv 13%

Weingut Prager, Wachau

798 £45.00

Grüner Veltliner Alte Reben 'Oberfeld' 2006 abv 13.5%

Petra Unger, Kremstal

800 £29.00

Germany

Wine journalists seem to have given up lately on trying to persuade us to drink Riesling. I fear that I could write pages about how good these wines are and it would make little difference to how many we sell. The wines are listed in ascending order of sweetness (the Rudesheimer being the driest). As an introduction try a half of the floral Kabinett from Von Kesselstatt; if you don't like it we'll take it back, refund you, and drink it ourselves!

Rudesheimer Bischofsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken 2005 abv 12.5%

Weingut Leitz, Rheingau

803 £29.00

Brauneberger Juffer Riesling Kabinett 2006 abv 9.5%

Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

807 £21.00

Josephshöfer Riesling Kabinett 2005 abv 9%

Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

808 £25.00

809 £14.00 half bottle

Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Auslese 2001 abv 7.5%

Carl Von Schubert, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

810 £20.00 half bottle

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese 1996 abv 8%

Joh Jos Prüm, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

818 £36.00

Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Eiswein 1999 abv 7.5%

Carl Von Schubert, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

821 £49.00 half bottle

New Zealand

The Gravitas is a classic racy New Zealand white. Brajkovich's wines are among the top Chardonnays to come out of the country. In style they are like a cross between a Burgundy and a rich Australian Chardonnay.

North Island

Kumeu River Chardonnay 2004 abv 13.5%

Michael Brajkovich, Auckland

827 £28.00

White wines
New Zealand
South Island

Clos Henri Sauvignon Blanc 2007 *abv 13.6%*

Marlborough

831 £31.00

Gravitas Sauvignon Blanc 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Marlborough

833 £26.00

Terra Vin Sauvignon Blanc 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Marlborough

836 £12.00 half bottle

Northburn Station Pinot Gris 2007 *abv 14.5%*

Central Otago

839 £27.00

Block 1 Riesling 2003 *abv 11%* **Biodynamic**

Felton Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago

840 £35.00

South Africa

Chenin Blanc has succeeded in doing little apart from tarnishing the image of wine in South Africa. It was, then, a joy to taste some serious old vine Chenin from Rudera. Layers of honey with trademark zippy acidity. As well as being a labour of love to make and sell, it is a bargain.

Waterkloof Sauvignon Blanc 2006 *abv 14%*

Stellenbosch

841 £29.00

Constantia Uitsig Sauvignon Blanc 2007 *abv 14%*

Constantia

842 £19.00

Rudera Chenin Blanc 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Stellenbosch

845 £21.00

Spain

Albariño do Ferreiro 2006 *abv 13%*

Bodegas Gerardo Méndez, Rías Baixas, Galicia

852 £25.00

Nun vinya dels Taus 2004 *abv 13%* **Organic**

Enric Soler, Penedès

854 £45.00

Rioja 2005 *abv 14.5%*

Remelluri

857 £46.00

USA

Les Nuits Blanches Chardonnay 1996 *abv 14%*

Au Bon Climat, Bien Nacido, California

860 £47.00

Red wines Argentina

Achaval Ferrer Finca Altamira Malbec 2000 *abv 13.6%*

Mendoza

866 £59.00

Catena Malbec 2006 *abv 14%*

Bodegas Catena Zapata, Mendoza

869 £26.00

'Q' Tempranillo 2004 *abv 14%*

Familia Zuccardi, Mendoza

870 £27.00

Greece

Ktima 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Voyatzi, Vins de Pays de Velvendos

872 £21.00

Lebanon

Château Musar 1998 *abv 14%*

Serge Hochar, Békaa Valley

873 £17.00 half bottle

New Zealand

New Zealand is of course famous for its whites made from Sauvignon Blanc. Serious attention has recently been put into making fine reds and in particular with the most fickle of all grapes, Pinot Noir.

Martinborough Terrace Pinot Noir 2005 *abv 13.5%*

Martinborough Vineyard

878 £34.00

Bridge Pa Syrah 2005 *abv 13%*

Hawkes Bay

879 £29.00

Terra Vin Pinot Noir 2004 *abv 13.5%*

Omaka Valley, Marlborough

880 £14.00 half bottle

Northburn Station Pinot Noir 2006 *abv 14%*

Central Otago

881 £36.00

Terra Vin 'J' Merlot/Malbec 2003 *abv 13%*

Omaka Valley, Marlborough

882 £34.00

Block 5 Pinot Noir 2003 *abv 13.5%* **Biodynamic**

Felton Road, Bannockburn, Central Otago

883 £105.00 magnum

Portugal

Touriga Nacional 2005 *abv 14%*

Quinta dos Roques, Daõ

884 £28.00

Meandro do Vale Meão 2004 *abv 14.5%*

Quinta do Vale Meão, Douro

886 £29.50

Red wines

Portugal

Redoma 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Dirk Niepoort, Douro

887 £35.00

Batuta 2001 *abv 12.5%*

Dirk Niepoort, Douro

890 £35.00 half bottle

South Africa

Jean Daneel Signature 2000 *abv 14%*

Coastal Region

896 £36.00

Raats cabernet Franc 2006 *abv 13.5%*

Stellenbosch

897 £28.00

Spain

Spain still lags behind the major wine producing countries in Europe, but is catching up at a furious pace. Established regions like Rioja are at last increasing in quality too. More exciting are the unheralded areas, such as Jumilla in the south, that are turning out superb value bottles.

Viña Ulises 2001 *abv 13.5%*

Bodegas Gutiérrez La Vega, Alicante

905 £19.00

Odysseus 2000 *abv 13.5%*

Viñedos de Ithaca, Priorat

908 £38.00

Cérvoles 2002 *abv 14%*

Celler de Cantonella, Costres del Segres

911 £25.00

Marqués de Griñón Petit Verdot 2002 *abv 14.5%*

Dominio de Valdepusa

914 £31.00

Vega Sicilia 'Unico' 1991 *abv 13.5%*

Ribera Del Duero

917 £165.00

Bodegas y Vinedos Alion 1998 *abv 13.5%*

Ribera Del Duero

920 £42.00

Valduero Reserva 2003 *abv 13%*

Ribera Del Duero

922 £25.00 50cl bottle

Rioja 'Propiedad' 2003 *abv 13.5%* **Biodynamic**

Bodegas Palacios Remondo

924 £29.00

Rioja Reserva 2003 *abv 14%*

Bodegas Roda

928 £26.00 50cl bottle

Pie Franco 1998 *abv 14.5%*

Casa Castillo, Jumilla

929 £28.50

Red wines

USA

The wines from Ridge are some of my favourites from the region. Unlike their rivals they are not prohibitively priced; the Geyserville is great now. If you want a taste of a Californian 'cult' winery without breaking the bank try the Napanook from Christian Moueix. This is the second wine of the renowned, and needless to say very expensive, Dominus.

Bordeaux Grapes

Staglin Family Cabernet Sauvignon 1997 *abv 13.8%*

Staglin Family Vineyard, Napa Valley, California

931 £36.00 half bottle

Napanook 1997 *abv 14%*

Christian Moueix, Napa Valley, California

933 £41.00

Klipsun Cabernet Sauvignon 1998 *abv 13%*

Andrew Will, Washington State

936 £63.00

Ridge Montebello 1996 *abv 13%*

Santa Cruz Mountains, California

939 £65.00 half bottle

Zinfandel and Rhône Grapes

Ridge Geyserville 2003 *abv 14.5%*

California

942 £42.00

943 £20.00 half bottle 2002 *abv 14.5%*

Ridge Lytton Springs 2002 *abv 14%*

California

945 £76.00 magnum

Tablas Rouge 1997 *abv 14.5%*

(Mourvèdre, Grenache, Syrah), Tablas Creek Vineyard, Paso Robles,

California

948 £38.00

Qupé Bien Nacido Hillside Estate Syrah 1995 *abv 13.5%*

Santa Barbara County, California

951 £40.00

Pinot Noir

Etude Pinot Noir 1997 *abv 13.5%*

Tony Soter, Carneros, California

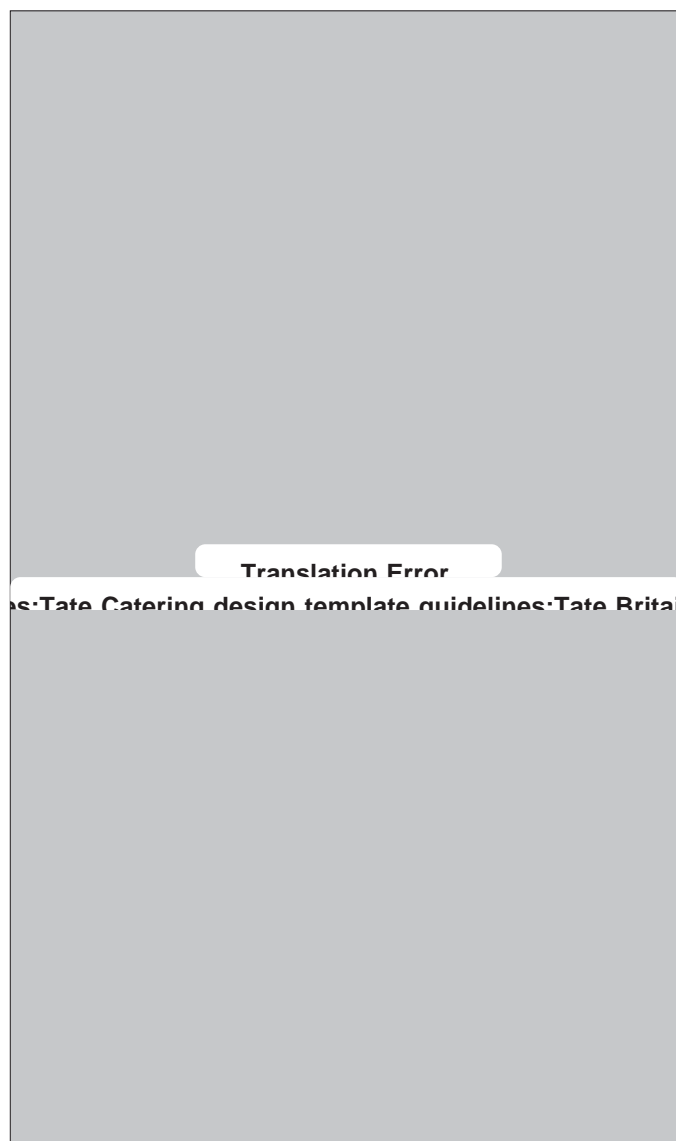
954 £46.00

Au Bon Climat Sanford and Benedict Pinot Noir 1996 *abv 13%*

Santa Ynez Valley, California

957 £42.00

Sweet wines, Port & Madeira



Sweet wine

Most great sweet wine is made in years when the weather conditions produce a mould on the grapes called botrytis. Unpleasant as this may sound it has the effect of concentrating the sugar and flavour levels in the grapes hence its other name 'noble rot'.

Bordeaux

Made from a blend of Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle. Due to Tate's buying policy we have good selection of older wines at very attractive prices.

Château Cantegril 2004 abv 14%

Denis Dubourdieu, Sauternes

52 £28.00 50cl bottle

Château Rieussec 1988 abv 14.5%

1er Cru Classé, Sauternes

53 £75.00 bottle

54 £29.00 half bottle 1997 abv 14%

Château de Fargues 1996 abv 14%

Sauternes

56 £51.00 half bottle

Château Suduiraut 1989 abv 15%

1er Cru Classé, Sauternes

58 £43.00 half bottle

Château Rayne-Vigneau 1986 abv 13.5%

1er Cru Classé, Sauternes

60 £55.00

Château d'Yquem 1986 abv 14%

1er Cru Supérieur, Sauternes

62 £315.00

63 £110.00 half bottle 1984 abv not available

Rest of France

The title 'rest of France' doesn't really do justice to these wines. The Monbazillac is a beautifully mature Sauternes lookalike, while Baudouin's Coteaux du Layon is honeyed and decadent.

Coteaux du Layon 2006 abv 12.5%

Château de la Roulerie, Loire Valley

67 £27.00 bottle

Vin de Paille Ermitage 2005 abv 14.5% **Biodynamic**

M Chapoutier, Rhône Valley

68 £75.00 half bottle

Coteaux du Layon Grains Nobles 1998 abv 12%

Domaine Patrick Baudouin, Loire Valley

69 £35.00 50cl bottle

Jurançon 2002 abv 12% **Biodynamic**

Domaine de Souch

72 £36.00

Monbazillac 1983 abv 13%

Domaine du Touron

73 £26.00

Sweet wines

Australia

For Love or Money Cane Cut Semillon 2004 *abv 11%*

Two Hands, Barossa Valley, South Australia

75 £34.00 50cl bottle

Noble One Semillon 1996 *abv 11.5%*

De Bortoli, New South Wales

79 £45.00 bottle

Austria

Grüner Veltliner Eiswein 2005 *abv 11.5%*

Fischer, Burgenland

81 £20.00 25cl bottle

Germany

Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Auslese 2001 *abv 7.5%*

Carl Von Schubert, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

810 £20.00 half bottle

Maximin Grünhäuser Abtsberg Riesling Eiswein 1999 *abv 7.5%*

Carl Von Schubert, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

821 £49.00 half bottle

Greece

Vinsanto 1999 *abv 13%*

Hatzidakis Winery, Santorini

87 £16.50 half bottle

Hungary

Tokaji Noble Late Harvest 2004 *abv 12.5%*

Oremus

89 £21.00 half bottle

Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos 2001 *abv 12%*

Tokaji Classic Winery

90 £45.00 50cl bottle

Italy

Recioto della Valpolicella Classico Amandorlato 1998 *abv 14.5%*

Corteforte, Veneto

623 £43.00 50cl bottle

Recioto di Soave Vigna Marogne 2002 *abv 13%*

Tamellini, Veneto

93 £32.00 50cl bottle

Spain

Sol de Alicante (Monastrell) NV *abv 15%*

Vin de Licor, Bodegas Bocopa, Alicante

95 £18.00 50cl bottle

Don PX Gran Reserva 1979 *abv 17%*

Toro Albalá, Montilla-Moriles

96 £26.00 half bottle

Casta Diva Cosecha Miel 2005 *abv 14%*

Bodegas Gutiérrez La Vega, Alicante

97 £21.00 50 cl bottle

South Africa

Vin de Constance 2002 *abv 13.5%*

Klein Constantia, Constantia

98 £39.50 50cl bottle

Port

Quinta de la Rosa Finest Reserve *abv 20%*

45 £34.00

Fonseca Quinta do Panascal 1996 *abv 20.5%*

975 £36.00

Quinta de La Rosa 1991 *abv 20%*

976 £29.00 half bottle

Taylor's Quinta de Vargellas 1988 *abv 20.5%*

977 £21.00 half bottle

Gould Campbell 1980 *abv not available*

981 £27.00 half bottle

Taylor's 1977 *abv not available*

983 £115.00

Taylor's 20yr Old Tawny (at cellar temperature) *abv 20%*

987 £60.00

Niepoort Colheita 1991 (at cellar temperature) *abv 20%*

989 £24.00 half bottle

Niepoort Colheita 1976 (at cellar temperature) *abv 20%*

991 £106.00

Madeira

Barbeito Malvasia 20yr Old Reserve Lote 7199 *abv 20%*

993 £79.00 bottle

Barbeito Verdelho Frasqueira 1981 *abv 20.5%*

995 £45.00 500ml bottle

Barbeito Boal Frasqueira 1978 *abv 19%*

997 £74.00