



CURTAIN BLUFF  
Antigua, West Indies

*Wine List*



## INTRODUCTION

*It is rare in the wine industry for opportunities like this to come along. Most of the great wine collections have been sold, pulled apart and the thoughts of the individual that drew together through friendships, places and personal feelings lost forever. And yet here, buried deep in the rock that Curtain Bluff was built upon, I was introduced to quite the most extraordinary collection of wines from the greatest Chateaux, Domaines and Estates the wine world has ever produced. Selected decades ago, before market price was a simple indicator of quality, this cellar was collated through true instinct and understanding of fine vineyard sites and inspirational human beings.*

*Over the last few months we have attempted to present this collection of wines in a manner that tells not only the story of the wines, but also of the man that pulled them together. That man was Sir Howard Hulford. This is his wine cellar.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Steevenson'.

**Liam Steevenson,**  
*Master of Wine*

## George's Selection

George has managed the wine cellar at Curtain Bluff for over thirty years, selecting wines and working with suppliers to ensure that the we offer range of wines that is without equal in the Caribbean. His experience and depth of knowledge is shared both at the table and in the tastings he offers for private groups in the Wine Cellar (ask at reception for details).

The wine list is long and rich in content, so we thought we would ask George which were his favourite recommendations, and the following selection is them.

### White Wines

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| 4203 | <b>FINCHER&amp;CO Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2016.</b>  | \$38.00 |
|      | Crisp, fresh and herbal Sauvignon Blanc from a single vineyard site in the Awatere Valley of Marlborough.           |         |
| 2029 | <b>Vermentino, Belguardo, Mazzei, Italy, 2016.</b>  | \$39.00 |
|      | Tight, green and grippy Vermentino. This is an ideal match for the fish dishes on our menu. Beautifully elegant.    |         |
| 2012 | <b>Pinot Grigio 'San Angelo', Castello Banfi, Italy, 2015.</b>  | \$50.00 |
|      | A huge favourite due to its gentle aromatics, citrus notes and crisp acidity. Soft and delicate.                    |         |
| 3112 | <b>Emmolo Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, 2014/16.</b>  | \$55.00 |
|      | A waxy and ripe Sauvignon Blanc, lemons and lime on the nose and palate with some white peach notes.                |         |
| 1204 | <b>Chablis, 1er Cru 'Les Vaudevey', Domaine Laroche, 2013.</b>  | \$95.00 |
|      | Domaine Laroche make wonderful, elegant and refined Chablis. This Premier Cru has a feminine delicacy.              |         |
| 1269 | <b>Pouilly Fuisse, Louis Jadot, 2016.</b>   | \$65.00 |
|      | Rich, nutty and waxy Pouilly Fuisse with incredible depth and weight. Unsurprisingly one of our most popular wines. |         |

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| 3033 | <b>Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2016</b>   | \$98.00  |
|      | The popularity of Cakebread is incredible. This Napa estate over delivers for its price point, complex yet elegant Chardonnay.                   |          |
| 3019 | <b>Cakebread 'Reserve' Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2014</b>   | \$135.00 |
|      | A perfect example of fine Napa Chardonnay with brilliant use of French Oak offering a spicy and grippy complexity to the wine.                   |          |
| 1230 | <b>Meursault, L.Jadot, 2013</b>  | \$100.00 |
|      | Louis Jadot has some of the finest vineyard sites in Burgundy now and Meursault is certainly one of them. Rich and nutty, very classic in style. |          |

### Rose Wines

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| 9007 | <b>'The Palm' by Whispering Angel', Cotes de Provence, 2017</b>  | \$40.00 |
|      | A new product from Chateau d'Esclans. Red cherry and strawberry notes on the nose, with a sense of fruit but still the dry elegance that typifies this estate.               |         |
| 2029 | <b>'Whispering Angel', Chateau d'Esclans, Cotes de Provence, 2017</b>  | \$70.00 |
|      | One of the great Rose of Provence, and an institution on this list. Simply brilliant, elegant rose from the producer that made this whole style as fashionable as it now is. |         |

### Red Wines

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| 5718 | <b>Fleurie, P Ferraud et Fils, Beaujolais, 2013</b>   | \$45.00 |
|      | Bright, red and fruit driven Fleurie. Packed with strawberry and raspberry fruit.   |         |
| 7025 | <b>Hess Select Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2013</b>   | \$50.00 |
|      | Deep purple in colour with intense cassis on the nose and a smokey depth from the barrel ageing.  |         |
| 6036 | <b>Chianti Classico 'Riserva', Banfi, Italy, 2013</b>   | \$60.00 |
|      | Banfi make wonderful Chianti. Cooked strawberry notes on the nose, with a lovely winter spice note. Soft and round, yet pinned back by tight acid and tannin. |         |

5009	<b>Chateau de Lamarque, Medoc, 2015</b> Heavily weighted in the blend by Cabernet Sauvignon, there is a ripe, purity of fruit, and the classic leather and spice complexity.	\$70.00
1310	<b>Immortelle, Cotes de Roussillon Villages, 2016</b> Hand made by our wine consultant and Master of Wine Liam Steevenson. 100yr old vines, Carignon, Grenache, Syrah & Mourvedre lovingly blended together.	\$70.00
7212	<b>Elouan, Pinot Noir, Oregon, 2016</b> Fine and elegant Pinot Noir from cool climate Oregon vineyard sites. Delicate notes of red fruit and supple tannins.	\$80.00
8102	<b>Penfolds Bin 128 Shiraz, Coonawarra, Australia, 2015</b> One of the greatest wine estates in the world, Penfolds create majestic wines from their wineries in Australia. Bin 128 is always one of their most elegant.	\$80.00
5629	<b>Cotes de Nuits Villages 'Le Vaucrain', Louis Jadot, Burgundy, 2011</b> Perfumed and simply brilliant Pinot with a muscular strength and richness.	\$85.00
7050	<b>Orin Swift 'The Prisoner', California, 2015</b> A huge favourite at Curtain Bluff. Opulent, full of fruit with real depth.	\$125.00
5441	<b>Chateau Laroque, Saint Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, 2011</b> A classic Saint Emilion Estate very much driven by Cabernet Franc and Merlot in the blend. Full of flavour whilst elegant at the same time. Excellent.	\$128.00
7051	<b>Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, California, 2014</b> Ripe, driven and beautifully made Napa Cabernet.	\$150.00

### The Sir Howard Hulford Library Collection

Sir Howard Hulford OBE, took a personal fascination with wine and over a lifetime built a global network of friends throughout the wine world, enabling him to create a world-class wine list at Curtain Bluff.

The Caribbean's foremost cellar of wine was created through personal love for the subject, and was reflected in an incredible selection of wines from all over the world, with a particular focus on the classic regions of Bordeaux & Burgundy. At a time when wine could affordably be purchased and layed down, not only did he create an outstanding wine list for the customers that visited, he put in place a legacy that remains the backbone of the wine list today.

## Champagne

To be called Champagne wine has to do more than sparkle; it must come from the region bearing its name in north-east France. To claim that this region's finest wines are better than any others would be wrong, but the finest Champagne has a combination of freshness, richness, delicacy and raciness unmatched by sparkling wine from elsewhere.

At the northerly limit of French viticulture, Champagne is a cool region; the vineyards face north, south and east across open plains. The key ingredient to the region's success is

the chalk soil that reflects itself in the firm, crystalline constitution of the finished wine. Dom Perignon did not invest the Champagne process, he did however develop a practice of blending both vintages and vineyards, resulting in any ties with provenance within this roomy appellation of 33'000ha being weakened. The combination of blending and production method means that the final wine shows little resemblance to the paid *vin clair* with which the cellar-master began his work.

### Non Vintage Selection

1018	Taittinger, Brut Reserve, NV	\$140.00
1027	Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin 'Yellow Label', Brut, NV	\$155.00
1033	Piper Heidsieck, Brut, NV	\$110.00
1045	Moet et Chandon, Brut Imperial, NV	\$145.00
1003	Louis Roederer, Brut Premier, NV	\$111.00

### Rose Champagne

1012	'Comtes de Champagne' Rose, Taittinger, 2000	\$250.00
1024	Louis Roederer Rose, Reims, 2009	\$170.00
1021	Taittinger 'Prestige Rose', NV	\$190.00

### Prestige Cuvee

1002	Armand de Brignac	\$400.00
1000	'Cristal', Louis Roederer, Reims, 2007	\$310.00
1012	'Comtes de Champagne', Taittinger, 1988	\$190.00
1039	Dom Perignon, Moet et Chandon, Reims, 2004	\$360.00

tax and service not included

## Rose

It was not so long ago, a decade no more, when Rose as a category was not taken particularly seriously. The large brands of Portugal and California moved volume but spoke not of quality. The glasses in the south of France contained as much ice as they did wine, the price point was low, but so was the expectation. At Chateau d'Esclans under the new ownership of Sacha Lichine, a new story was about to be told. One of quality and dreams.

The explosion of the Rose category is nothing short of extraordinary. Yesterday's tap-water is now the most sought after wine in the world, with brand equity that threatens Champagne.

9000	Sancerre, Domaine Pascal Jolivet, Loire, 2016	\$60.00
9009	Beaujolais Rose, Domaine P Ferraud et Fils, 2016	\$33.00
9007	'The Palm' by Whispering Angel', Cotes de Provence, 2017	\$40.00
9005	'Whispering Angel', Chateau d'Esclans, Cotes de Provence, 2017	\$70.00
9004	Minuty, Cotes de Provence, 2017	\$50.00
9105	Monte Vibiano, Maryam Rosato, 2015	\$45.00

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## Southern France

The region of the Midi (Languedoc-Roussillon) is located around the basin of the Mediterranean. It is the world's largest wine region, and it stretches from Nimes in the east to the Spanish border in the west and consists of a multitude of quality appellations and a more generic source of good value Vin de Pays.

This region is rich in cultural heritage and geography offering a great diversity of wine styles. The unique concept of terroir and tradition work in harmony with the modern varietal approach and a new wave of young, passionate and dynamic producers have established themselves. In the past this area was infamous for its poorer quality viticulture with over-production yielding copious

quantities of Vin de Table. This is no longer the case, yields have been significantly reduced and quality is now paramount.

Established, deep-rooted vines of the traditional indigenous grape varieties such as Grenache, Cinsault and Carignan are grown alongside less traditional ones such as Syrah, Chardonnay and Merlot offering a great diversity of styles and flavours. The breathtaking landscape of sea and mountains, together with the sunny climate and the rich local flavours of Mediterranean food, convey the characteristics of Languedoc's unique and wonderful wines.

### White Wines

1307	<i>l'Abeille, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, 2017</i>	\$32.00
1308	<i>Domaine de la Baume Viogner, 2017</i>	\$35.00

### Red Wines

1309	<i>Domaine de la Baume Syrah, 2016</i>	\$32.00
1310	<i>Immortelle, Cotes de Roussillon Villages, 2016</i>	\$70.00

## Loire Valley

As a whole they are light and invigorating, with palpable acidity. At the mouth of the river salt marshes quickly give way to Muscadet, the region's first modern success story. It's dry, salty and firm style makes it the perfect foil for seafood. Heading east, one finds the vineyards of Touraine and Anjou, home to Chenin, Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc. The lush landscape is unlikely vine country and the vineyards generally coincide with bluffs of limestone, tufa and schist. Traditionally famous for its sweet wines, now also fine dry wines are produced.

The reds, produced from Cabernet Franc, are some of the world's most refreshing and vigorous, with raspberry freshness. The most evocative of the Loire's appellations are Sancerre and Pouilly Fume. A little Pinot has made its way into these vineyards but this is really the domaine of punchy, blackcurrant-scented Sauvignon Blanc. Despite competition from New Zealand, Sancerre and Pouilly Fume have maintained their varietal prominence, principally because the growers are still prepared to sacrifice a little flavour in order to boost Sauvignon's tactile thrill.

### White Wines

1302	<i>Muscadet Château-du-Cléray, Sauvion &amp; Fils, 2016</i>	\$42.00
1305	<i>Pouilly Fumé, Sauvion &amp; Fils, 2015</i>	\$49.00
1311	<i>Sancerre, Sauvion &amp; Fils, 2015</i>	\$55.00

### Red Wines

5700	<i>Sancerre, Pascal Jolivet, 2013</i>	\$50.00
5703	<i>Pinot Noir 'Attitude', Pascal Jolivet, 2014</i>	\$38.00



## Burgundy

Burgundy is not one big vineyard, but the name of a province that contains several distinct and eminent wine regions. By far the richest and the most important is the Cotes d'Or, composed of the Côte de Beaune to the south and the Côte de Nuits to the north, the ancestral home of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Côte d'Or's scarp limestone slope falls south-east. The climate is continental, humid and cool, with enough shelter to guard Pinot's inherent frailty. If the season is either is too hot or too cold, then Pinot

struggles to intensify its flavours or soften its hard edges, however the last twenty years have seen a remarkable run of vintages in the Côte d'Or. Pinot Noir and Burgundy become synonymous in the discussion of terroir. Burgundy's vineyards have been classified into ever-smaller units and each Grand Cru lends its own distinctive scent and texture to the wine. Confusing at first, to the enthusiast the litany of village names and Crus has magnified their fascination for the region.

### WHITE WINES

#### Chablis

1204	Chablis, 1er Cru 'Les Vaudevey', Domaine Laroche, 2013	\$95.00
1205	Chablis 'St Martin', Domaine Laroche, 2016	\$60.00
1209	Petit Chablis, Domaine Laroche, 2016	\$60.00

#### Maconnais

1263	Macon Villages, Louis Jadot, 2014	\$50.00
1269	Pouilly Fuisse, Louis Jadot, 2016	\$65.00
1273	Saint Veran, Chateau Fuisse, 2015	\$60.00

#### Cotes de Beaune

##### Grand Crus

1214	Corton Charlemagne 'Domaine des Heritier', Louis Jadot, 2002	\$230.00
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### Premier Crus

1236	Chassagne-Montrachet 'Morgeot Clos Chapel' L. Jadot, 2012	\$150.00
1238	Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Folatières' L. Jadot, 2011	\$210.00
1240	Puligny-Montrachet 'Clos de la Garrene L. Jadot, 2012	\$199.00
1224	Meursault "Narvaux", L.Jadot, 2012	\$150.00
1218	Savigny 'Les Haut Jarrons' L. Jadot, 2006	\$85.00
1227	Beaune Les Greve "Dom.Gagey" L. Jadot, 2006	\$140.00
1228	Chassagne-Montrachet, Louis Jadot, 2013	\$150.00
1229	Puligny-Montrachet, Louis Jadot, 2011/14	\$135.00
1230	Meursault, Louis Jadot, 2013	\$100.00

### RED WINES

#### Cotes de Nuits

5612	Clos de la Roche, Grand Cru, Domaine Marchand, 2008	\$320.00
5607	Morey Saint Denis 'Cuvee Eline', Premier Cru, Domaine Marand, 2006	\$165.00
5609	Nuits Saint Georges 'Le Vaucrain', Premier Cru, Louis Jadot, 2011	\$240.00
5634	Nuits Saint Georges, Louis Jadot, 2012	\$120.00
5615	Chambolle Musigny, Louis Jadot, 2008	\$165.00
5605	Chambolle Musigny, Louis Jadot, 2012	\$129.00
5600	Fixin, Louis Jadot, 2011	\$85.00
5604	Gevrey Chambertin, Louis Jadot, 2011	\$125.00
5618	Chambolle Musigny 'Cuvee Beatrice' Domaine Marchand, 2004	\$125.00
5629	Cotes de Nuits Villages 'Le Vaucrain', Louis Jadot, 2011	\$85.00

Cotes de Beaune

5655	Pommard 'Les Rugiens', Louis Jadot, 2009	\$215.00
5637	Pernand Vergelesses 'Clos Croix de Pierre', Louis Jadot, 2006	\$90.00
5656	Pommard 'Clos Commarine', Louis Jadot, 2011	\$180.00
5646	Volnay 'Clos de Chenes', Louis Jadot, 2007	\$180.00
5646	Volnay, Louis Jadot, 2011 \$160.005651 Pommard, Louis Jadot, 2012	\$109.00
5663	Santenay 'Clos de Malte', Louis Jadot, 2005/11	\$90.00
5654	Beaune, Domaine Louis Jadot, 2012	\$120.00

Beaujolais

5715	Brouilly, P Ferraud et Fils, 2014	\$50.00
5718	Fleurie, P Ferraud et Fils, 2009	\$45.00
5724	Morgon 'Chateau des Lumieres', Louis Jadot, 2009	\$85.00
5727	Moulin a Vent 'Clos de la Roche', Louis Jadot, 2006	\$95.00

**Bordeaux**

Bordeaux is the largest fine wine region in the world. The whole department of the Gironde, named after its most important estuary, is dedicated to winemaking. It's production, 6 million hectolitres, dwarfs that of other French Wine regions with the exception of the vast Languedoc-Roussillon. The great red wine areas are found in the deep gravel vineyards of the Medoc, north of the city of Bordeaux, and in the Pessac-Leognan on the west bank of the Garonne to the south. These are known as the 'left-bank' wines. The 'right-bank' consists of St Emilion and Pomerol, plus their satellite communes along the north bank of the Dordogne. The area between the two rivers is called Entre-Deux-

Mers, an area that produces much underrated crisp, dry white wines. To the south, where the Garonne river meanders slowly and brings humidity to the vineyards, noble-rot penetrates and helps produce the world's most sought after sweet wines in the communes of Barsac and Sauternes.

Bordeaux's stylistic qualities owe much to the marginality of its climate. Variations in vintage add interest but the deluges of 1963, 1968, 1974 and 1977 illustrated how damaging they can be. Winemaking advances have allowed a certain degree of control an additional the drier and warmer summers have taken some of the suspense out of the Bordeaux harvest.

WHITE WINES

Pessac-Leognan / Graves

1103	Chateau Haut Bergey, 2006	\$104.00
1110	Château Charron 'Acacia', 1er Côtes de Blaye, 2001	\$36.00
1112	Pavillon Blanc du Chateau Margaux, 2002	\$200.00

**Bordeaux (Right Bank)**

RED WINES

Saint Emilion, Premiers Grand Cru Classe

5405	Chateau Cheval Blanc, 2004	\$700.00
5409	Chateau Ausone, 1988	\$400.00
5418	Chateau Figeac, 1998	\$249.00
5424	Chateau Pavie, 2001	\$540.00
5427	Clos Fourtet, 2004	\$200.00
5415	Clos Fourter, 2005	\$270.00
5430	Chateau l'Angelus, 1983	\$250.00
5436	Chateau l'Angelus, 1998	\$320.00
5439	Chateau Canon, 1989	\$265.00
5442	Chateau Beau-Sejour Becot, 2004	\$190.00



*Saint Emilion, Grand Cru Classe*

5448	Chateau Troplong Mondot, 1986	\$200.00
5447	Chateau La Dominique, 1995	\$221.00
5450	Chateau La Dominique, 2005	\$235.00
5440	Chateau La Fleur Cardinale, 2006	\$140.00
5471	Clos de l'Oratoire, 2000	\$225.00
5455	Chateau Barde Haut, 2006	\$160.00
5456	Le Petit Cheval, 2004	\$240.00
5454	Chateau d'Assault, 2004	\$150.00

*Saint Emilion, Grand Cru*

5440	Chateau Cantin, Saint Emilion, 2014	\$90.00
5441	Chateau Laroque, 2011	\$128.00
5443	Chateau LaForge, 2011	\$100.00

*Fronsac*

5024	Chateau la Vielle Cure, 2005	\$115.00
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*Pomerol*

5501	Chateau Petrus, 1994	\$1800.00
5502	Chateau Petrus, 1997	\$2000.00
5503	Chateau Lafleur, 1995	\$450.00
5506	Chateau Trotanoy, 1995	\$375.00
5515	Chateau l'Evangile, 1988	\$230.00
5518	Chateau l'Evangile, 1995	\$400.00
5519	Vieux Chateau Certan, 2004	\$280.00
5525	Chateau Petit Villages, 1996	\$200.00
5542	Chateau La Feur de Gay, 2001	\$330.00
5523	Chateau La Conseillante, 1995	\$350.00
5507	Chateau Sergeant, Lalande de Pomerol, 2015	\$55.00

*Tax and Service not included*

**Bordeaux (Left Bank)**

*Saint Julien*

5033	Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2eme Cru Classe, 1995	\$300.00
5039	Chateau Leoville Las-Cases, 2eme Cru Classe, 2004	\$290.00
5045	Chateau Leoville Barton, 2eme Cru Classe, 1986	\$250.00
5078	Chateau Beychevelle, 4eme Cru Classe, 1999	\$300.00
5078	Chateau Saint Pierre, 4eme Cru Classe, 2001	\$150.00
5088	Les Fiefs de Lagange, 2005	\$150.00
5084	Clos du Marquis, 2004	\$150.00

*Margaux*

5220	Chateau Margaux, 1eme Cru Classe, 1978	\$800.00
5223	Chateau Margaux, 1eme Cru Classe, 1980	\$350.00
5229	Chateau Margaux, 1eme Cru Classe, 1983	\$900.00
5232	Chateau Margaux, 1eme Cru Classe, 1988	\$700.00
5233	Chateau Margaux, 1eme Cru Classe, 1995	\$1000.00
5245	Chateau Palmer, 3eme Cru Classe, 1998	\$497.00
5244	Chateau d'Issan, 3eme Cru Classe, 2004	\$170.00
5251	Chateau La Tour de Mons, Cru Bourgeois, 2001	\$170.00

*Pessac-Leognan / Graves*

5300	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1976	\$375.00
5303	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1979	\$350.00
5309	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1981	\$300.00
5312	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1988	\$500.00
5315	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1990	\$900.00
5317	Chateau Haut Brion. 1er Cru Classe, 1995	\$777.00
5321	Chateau La Mission Haut Brion, 1986	\$300.00
5324	Chateau La Mission Haut Brion, 1988	\$350.00

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5328	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, 1999	\$250.00
5329	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, 2004	\$215.00
5336	Chateau Pape Clement, 2004	\$260.00
5339	Chateau Pape Clement, 1994	\$100.00
5332	Chateau Haut Bergey, 2005	\$150.00
5335	Sillage Malartic, 2005	\$135.00
5331	Domaine de Chevalier, 2001	\$155.00

### Bordeaux (Left Bank)

The vineyards of the Rhone valley fall into two categories; the north (Septentrional) which produces less than a tenth of the valleys wine, and almost all fine. And the south (Meridional) which is much more diverse. The vineyards of the Northern Rhône barely stray from the river's course and the two principal appellations, Côte Rôtie and Hermitage are situated where the curve of the river brings a southerly exposure to the steep valley sides. Syrah is the dominant grape variety and the parallel rows of vines impose their own geometry on the rugged landscape of granite and limestone.

Côte Rôtie is the most flattering of the two appellations to drink when young, whilst the wines of Hermitage have exceptional staying power. At a dramatic turn in

the river, 'Condrieu' produces white wines from the extraordinary heady, recognisably perfumed Viognier grape with its aromas of apricots and May blossom.

As you enter the Southern Rhône the steep Mistral buffeted valley gives way to a broad, sunbaked Mediterranean plane. Pines and almond trees yield to olive groves and vines bake in broad terraces. The grape mix is richly varied, Grenache being the dominant quality red grape, increasingly supported by Mourvedre and Syrah. Chateauneuf-du-Pape is the region that best sums up the regions qualities, but the surrounding villages of Gigondas and Vacqueyras are just as able.

#### WHITE WINES

1287	Condrieu, Etienne Guigal, 2009	\$120.00
1290	Hermitage Blanc, Etienne Guigal, 2011	\$94.00
1291	St Joseph 'Les Granits', M Chapoutier, 2002	\$115.00

#### RED WINES

5810	Cotes Rotie 'La Turque', Etienne Guigal, 2003	\$450.00
5811	Cotes Rotie 'La Mouline', Etienne Guigal, 2003	\$450.00
5815	Cotes Rotie 'La Landonne', Etienne Guigal, 1984	\$150.00
5818	St Joseph 'Les Granits', M Chapoutier, 2004	\$116.00
5819	Crozes Hermitages 'Les Varonniers', M Chapoutier, 2004	\$116.00
5822	Hermitage, Etienne Guigal, 2002	\$199.00
5827	Hermitage 'La Chapelle', Paul Jaboulet Aine, 1983	\$250.00
5833	Gigondas, Etienne Guigal, 2011	\$93.00
5836	Chateauneuf du Pape, Ferraud, 2016	\$150.00
5800	Cotes du Rhone, Etienne Guigal, 2012	\$50.00

## Italy

Italy has the richest variety of individual wine styles, local climates and the most important indigenous grape varieties of all the world's wine producing countries. The invading Greeks called Italy Oenotria (the land of wine) and a glance at a wine map reminds us that Italy is carpeted in vines. If slopes, sunshine, soil variety and a temperate climate are essential components of varied, quality wine production then Italy has it all. The long spine of mountains that run from the sheltering Alps almost to North

Africa produce the most desirable combination of altitude with latitude and exposure. Despite natural ability, unification only 150 years ago means that quality wine production, appealing to an international market is a relatively recent phenomenon. Today, growers have had their battles with a bureaucracy that wanted to put a permanent-lock on innovation and from top to bottom this is a land brimming with talent and flavour.

### WHITE WINES

2021	Gavi, Principessa, Banfi, 2015	\$40.00
2022	Gavi, Pio Cesare, 2015	\$60.00
2012	Pinot Grigio 'San Angelo', Castello Banfi, 2015	\$50.00
2015	Pinot Grigio, Lungarotti, 2016	\$35.00
2034	Monte Vibiano, Maria Camilla, 2013	\$35.00
2029	Vermentino, Belguardo, Mazzei, 2016	\$39.00

### RED WINES

#### Tuscany

6000	Sassicaia, Tenuta San Guido, 2004	\$400.00
6006	Brunello 'Poggio al Mura', Castello Banfi, 2007	\$240.00
6009	Brunelle di Montalcino, Castello Banfi, 2012	\$165.00
6013	Summus, Castello Banfi, 2012	\$150.00
6015	Excelsus, Castello Banfi, 2007	\$160.00
6033	Sangiovese Cabernet 'Col di Sasso', Banfi, 2015	\$42.00
6039	Chianti Classico, Banfi, 2014	\$44.00

6036	Chianti Classico 'Riserva', Banfi, 2013	\$60.00
6048	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Cecchi, 2009	\$85.00
6010	Rosso di Montalcino, Banfi, 2012/13	\$70.00
6018	Cabernet Sauvignon 'Tavernelle', Castello Banfi, 2007	\$90.00

#### Piedmonte

6300	Amarone 'Costasera', Masi, 2010	\$175.00
6301	Patrimo, Fuedo San Gregorio, 2002	\$200.00
6200	Barolo, Pio Cesare, 2010	\$240.00
6205	Barbaresco 'Il Bricco', Pio Cesare, 2005	\$200.00

#### Umbria

6124	Cabernet Sauvignon, Lungarotti, 2016	\$50.00
6112	Rubesco, Lungarotti, 2013	\$50.00
6118	Rubesco Riserva, Lungarotti, 2009	\$100.00
6100	l'Andrea Monte Vibiano, 2008/09	\$80.00

#### Sicily

6302	Sedara, Nero d'Avola, Donnafugata, 2011	\$39.00
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## Spain & Portugal

The scale and infrastructure of the Spanish wine industry has always emphasised supply over demand. The annual influx of tourists soak up some of the surplus, but Spain's most dependable customers has always been the distilleries. Therefore, any grower heeding the international call for improved quality has had to confront both a backward winemaking culture and the widely held prejudice that Rioja was all that Spain was capable of producing. One criticism levelled at modern winemaking is that it diminished individuality, yet in Spain it has done the very opposite. After an excess of technological advances Spain is rediscovering her indigenous strengths and traditional practices. The latest generation of white wines

from Rueda, Galicia and Navarra are diverse and distinctive, whilst regions such as Priorat have proven that within a region modernised by French grape varieties, Spain's indigenous varieties produce world class wines. The traditional regions of Rioja and Ribera del Duero are also flourishing and starting to abandon a historical over-dependence on oak, allowing grapes picked at their ripe potential to dominate the wine. Spanish wine is enjoying a surge in international popularity with the growers rarely needing to worry about bringing their grapes to full ripeness due to the warm climate and consequently low cost. Spain offers bargains with individual character.

### RED WINES

8303	AALTO PS, Ribera del Duero, 2004	\$160.00
8310	Dalmau-Finca Ygay, Rioja, 2003	\$220.00
8304	Marques de Murrieta Reserva, Finca Ygay, Rioja, 2005	\$60.00
8309	Faustino V Reserva, Rioja, 2008	\$65.00
8315	Duas Quintas, Douro DOC, 2012	\$72.00

## United States

Prohibition in the middle of the last century stunted the growth of the wine industry in America. However the last five decades have seen a rapid catch-up as nearly every state has its own offering of vineyards and gleaming new wineries.

California is still the capital on North American wine production, producing over 90% of the total. The States' vineyard variation comes not from latitude but from the mountains which lie between the vineyards and the Pacific, preventing the sea air and fog moderating the climate.

Regions like Napa, Sonoma and Carneros are now considered classic, although there are 100 different AVA's (American Viticultural Areas) in total. Fashion plays an obvious role in a state

like California and many of the cult wineries which command four figure dollar price tags per bottle did not even exist in the 1980's.

In the UK market, the difference between the cheaper 'jug-wines' that fill supermarket aisles and the expensive boutique estates could not be more obvious. This has left the market confused about what California really offers, with most of us only experiencing the huge brands, deplete of quality or regional interest. However an increasing amount of quality wine is reaching our shores at an affordable price. We are discovering that this is winemaking heaven and that somewhere between Washington's Puget Sound and Los Angeles exists the perfect environment for every grape variety that has every been grown, vinified or bottled.

### WHITE WINES

#### Napa Valley

3112	Emmolo Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, 2014/16	\$55.00
3124	Cakebread Cellars Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, 2015	\$70.00
3009	Pahlmeyer Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2013	\$150.00
3019	Cakebread 'Reserve' Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2014	\$135.00
3033	Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay, Napa Valley, 2016	\$98.00

*Sonoma County*

3121	Simi Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County, 2013	\$36.00
3118	Rodney Strong 'Charlotte's Home' Sauvignon Blanc, 2014	\$38.00
3116	Ferrari-Carano 'Fume Blanc', Sonoma County, 2012/14	\$43.00
3021	Simi, Reserve Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, 2010/13	\$80.00
3024	Simi, Chardonnay, 2014	\$45.00
3022	Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, 2014	\$60.00
3025	Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay 'Les Perriers', 2011	\$94.00
3026	Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay, 'The Cutrer', 2011	\$100.00
3012	Rodney Strong 'Chalk Hill' Chardonnay, Sonoma County, 2014	\$72.00
3017	Ramey Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, 2013	\$89.00
3003	Ramey Chardonnay 'Ritchie Vineyard', Russian River Valley, 2012 /14	\$150.00
3008	Jordan, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, 2013	\$75.00

*Central Coast*

3027	Liberty School Chardonnay, Central Coast, 2012	\$45.00
3136	Caymus 'Conundrum' Central Coast, 2015	\$62.00
3039	Caymus Vineyard Mer Soleil 'Silver', Chardonnay, Central Coast, 2014	\$78.00

*Mendocino*

3040	Bonterra 'Organic' Chardonnay, Mendocino, 2002	\$39.00
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*Oregon*

3130	King Estate Pinot Gris, Lorane Valley, Oregon, 2015	\$36.00
3133	Sokol Blosser 'Evolution' Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2010	\$38.00

*RED WINES*

*Napa Valley*

7000	Caymus 'Special Selection' Cabernet Sauvignon, 2006/14	\$375.00
7003	Caymus Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015	\$180.00
7051	Cakebread Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014	\$150.00
7039	Bacio Divino Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013	\$210.00
7030	Hess 'Allomi' Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013	\$100.00

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7024	The Hess Collection 'Mount Veeder', Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012	\$145.00
7025	Hess Select Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013	\$50.00
7040	Silverado 'Solo' Cabernet Sauvignon, 2006	\$230.00
7042	Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012	\$135.00
7007	Plumpjack Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012	\$190.00
7050	Orin Swift 'The Prisoner', 2015	\$125.00

*Sonoma County*

7009	Ferrari-Carano Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, 2013	\$99.00
7048	Simi 'Landslide' Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, 2011/14	\$125.00
7045	Simi Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley, 2012	\$55.00
7021	Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander's Crown Vineyard, 2014	\$70.00
7106	Rodney Strong Merlot, 2013	\$55.00
7109	Ferrari-Carano Merlot, 2013	\$65.00
7115	Plumpjack Estate Merlot, 2013	\$125.00
7118	Emmolo Merlot, 2012	\$150.00
7158	Rodney Strong Vineyard 'Old Vines' Zinfandel, 2015	\$50.00
7155	Quivira Grenache, 2007	\$75.00
7203	Rodney Strong Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, 2015	\$50.00
7201	Sonoma-Cutrer Pinot Noir, 2013	\$105.00
7206	Meiomi Pinot Noir, 2016	\$65.00
7204	Belle Glos 'Clark + Telephone' Pinot Noir, 2014	\$125.00
7200	Patz and Hall 'Jenkins Ranch' Pinot Noir, 2013	\$165.00
7202	Patz and Hall 'Hyde Vineyard' Pinot Noir, 2013	\$190.00

*Central Coast*

7054	Liberty School Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013	\$50.00
7100	Liberty School Merlot, 2011	\$50.00

*Oregon*

7209	King Estate Pinot Noir, Lorane Valley, 2013	\$70.00
7212	Elouan, Pinot Noir, 2016	\$80.00

*Tax and Service not included*

## New Zealand

Few countries have quite such a defined image as New Zealand. Producing only 0.3% of the world's crop, its importance comes from the admiration the UK consumer in particular has for its wines.

The New Zealand wine industry is not only very new, it is also modern in terms of the styles of wine it produces. In 1960, the country had only 1000 acres of vines, mainly around the Auckland area, largely planted with hybrids. Today there are over 55,000 acres planted and over 550 producers. For such a small and ocean-bound country, New Zealand offers a remarkable diversity of climate which has allowed it to succeed with distinctive varieties, most notably

Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir which have not been successful in other new world regions.

Marlborough, at the top of the South Island, is the largest and most well known wine region (the home of Cloudy Bay), where distinctive and exemplary Sauvignon Blancs are produced as well as high quality Chardonnay. Today New Zealand is considered as the leading source of Pinot Noir outside Burgundy, with such regions as Martinborough and Central Otago producing wonderfully pure, intense and beautifully balanced wine. Pinot Gris, Riesling and Merlot are also enjoying wonderful success throughout much of the North and South Islands' wine growing regions.

### WHITE WINES

4203	FINCHER&CO Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2016	\$38.00
4200	Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2017	\$40.00
4201	Craggy Range Sauvignon Blanc, Martinborough, 2015	\$65.00

### RED WINES

4204	Rockferry 'Trig Hill' Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2010	\$90.00
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## Australia

Australia is bigger, hotter and younger than the rest of the wine world, but what really sets it apart is its sheer dynamism. Now the largest exporter to the UK, its fruit-driven wines and value for money have changed a nation. Australia has been criticised for an industrial approach to wine production and a lack of individual character that has come from a tendency to blend too readily. Recently however, more and more single vineyard wines are coming out of Australia as producers recognise the importance of terroir.

South Australia is the main wine state; the ancient Shiraz vines of the Barossa Valley produce the most concentrated of reds. Riesling, grown in the Clare Valley on slate reminiscent of the

Germany's Mosel Valley, has established itself as a New World classic. Coonawarra offers one of the world's most concrete explanations of terroir through its distinctive Cabernet Sauvignon grown on a distinct strip of 'Terra-Rossa' soil.

Elsewhere the cities of Sydney and Melbourne have their adjoining wine regions in the form of the Hunter and Yarra Valley. Close to Perth, the wine regions of Western Australia are cooled by the brisk sea breezes from the Southern Ocean and result in some of the cleanest, most refreshing whites and reds in Australia.

### RED WINES

8102	Penfolds Bin 128 Shiraz, Coonawarra, 2015	\$80.00
8108	Peter Lehmann Stonewall Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2009	\$140.00
8101	Clarendon Hills Merlot, Brookmann Vineyard, 1998	\$127.00
8105	Clarendon Hills 'Old Vine' Grenache, Romas Vineyard, 1999	\$166.00



## Chile

Geographically Chile is one of the world's most isolated nations. Pencil thin, it has the Andes to the east, the Pacific to the west, the Atacama Desert to the north and Antarctica to the south. The fertile and fruitful strip is climatically perfect for growing grapes and its remoteness has prevented the arrival of the deadly *Phylloxera* louse. Compared with Argentina, the vineyards of Chile are lower-lying and their wines earthier. Many vineyards are planted with red and white grapes and the resulting profusion of styles has created a reputation for reliability rather than creativity. The last decade has seen a growing understanding of the regional differences within Chile and the quality and interest of the wine it produces seems to improve every vintage.

### WHITE WINES

4000	'Amelia' Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, Chile, 2017	\$65.00
4006	Terrunyo Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile, 2017	\$45.00

### RED WINES

8000	Almaviva Cabernet Sauvignon, Puente Alto, 2005	\$220.00
8003	Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon, Puente Alto, 2009	\$150.00
8006	Terrunyo Carmenere, Peumo, 2013	\$80.00

## Argentina

After Europe, South America is the world's most important wine producing continent. It is the oldest New World wine producer and its history is heavily influenced by immigrants and their descendants, initially the Spanish and Portuguese and more recently the Italians, Germans and French.

Until the mid-nineties Argentina has almost no international aspirations for its win industry and produced vast quantities of mediocre wine. The last two decades have witnessed remarkable change to make it one of the world's most interesting sources of quality wine. The country's vineyards sit alongside the Andes, their thin mountain air barely resisting the sun's rays. Malbec is the country's favoured red, a grape that struggled for reputation in France, here produces one of South America's most compelling wines.

### RED WINES

8600	Catena, Malbec, Mendoza, 2015	\$100.00
8601	Catena Alta Chardonnay, 2004	\$65.00
8602	Bodega Luigi Bosca Malbec, Mendoza, 2014	\$50.00

## Dessert Wines

There is a saying in the wine trade that you can make poor wine from great quality grapes, but you cannot make great wine from poor grapes. It emphasises the importance of the raw ingredients in wine production, highlighting that no winemaker, however capable can create wine of real quality without having ripe grapes, balanced in acids and tannins that have a character that can be reflected in the finished wine.

Whilst the 'great grapes' analogy works for most wine, it is one that is difficult to defend if you have ever had a chance to see the black, heavily rotted grapes that are hand harvested from the vineyards of Sauternes before they are pressed and slowly fermented

into one of the world's greatest sweet wines. Hanging on the vine, the grapes covered in a thick fungal mould look unpleasant to say the least, yet the juice within is some of the wine world's most precious.

Fine sweet wines are made in a number of methods. The concentrating effect on both sugar and acidity of *Botrytis Cinerea* certainly produces some of the finest, but many world class sweet wines are produced without its influence. What is uniform is the patience, care and pure passion that goes into sweet wine production. Undervalued, they are some of the wine world's most fascinating creations.

9203	Chateau Rieussec, Sauternes, 2010	\$250.00
9206	Chateau Pechon, Sauternes, 2008	\$80.00
9500	Elysium Black Muscat, Andrew Quady, 2007 (37.5cl)	\$31.00



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