

CHAMPAGNE / SPARKLING WINE

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Corney & Barrow Sparkling Blanc de Blancs **E**

This traditional method sparkler is a breath of fresh Alpine air! It is made for Corney & Barrow by Savoie's leading producer. Located a few miles from the Swiss border, the region of Savoie produces mainly sparkling white wines. Here, unpolluted lakes and mountain air give these wines a characteristic freshness. A Chenin-based blend of important local grape varieties, this wine is bone dry with delicate, crisp apple and light brioche notes.

NV **1** 12 1,500

Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Brut

With its radiant style, Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label gives the thrill of a vibrant life full of elegance and audacity. Grapes from as many as 50 to 60 different crus go into the blend of Yellow Label. The *Chef de Caves* has to achieve the total consistency of taste, which makes it so immediately recognisable, so utterly reliable in terms of quality, colour and bouquet.

NV **1** 6 2,350

Delamotte Blanc de Blancs, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger (also available in Magnums)

The quintessence of Delamotte's distinctive house style. Full-flavoured yet tantalisingly light, its precise, filigree texture seems to dance on the palate. Subtle floral scents and biscuity notes are complemented by a core of mineral acidity. This is a revitalising, uplifting Champagne, all too easy to drink on its own or with canapés, as well as with dishes such as roast chicken or turkey, cold cuts and salads.

NV **1** 6 2,940

Delamotte Rosé, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger

One of the rare rosé Champagnes to be made by the traditional, high quality *saignée* method, partly responsible for its pale salmon colour, subtle, elegant, red fruit characters and hints of spice. Based on Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay in the blend gives the distinctive minerality and elegance synonymous with Delamotte. The ideal aperitif, Delamotte Rosé is also a surprisingly good match for oriental dishes or richer game birds such as duck, which reflect and enhance its bright, red fruit flavours.

NV **1** 6 3,300

Delamotte Blanc de Blancs, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger

A distinguished Champagne from a fine vintage. Similar in profile to the NV Blanc de Blancs, it is also more vinous and complex, like a fine, aged wine. White flowers and fresh peach aromas develop into richer, delicately-honeyed citrus and dried fruit on the palate, shot through by Delamotte's characteristic incisive minerality. Well structured, this Champagne comes into its own with food, complementing a wide range of dishes, even those with richer, more complex flavours. Ideal for the cheeseboard.

1999 **1** 6 3,300

Champagne Salon, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger

A quintessential Salon vintage in so many ways, displaying Salon's minerality and supreme elegance without compromise. The 1997 – slightly austere on release a year or so ago – is now showing an inviting flash of curve on that fine bone structure. The nose is suggestive, at once fresh and exotic, while the palate has developed a creamy, gossamer-fine texture, counterbalancing its firm minerality. Layered, subtly fragrant and poised, the 1997 is one of the most refined yet approachable expressions of Salon.

1997 **1** 6 14,880

Champagne Delamotte, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger

250 years old this year, Champagne Delamotte is not only one of the oldest champagne houses, but also, arguably, one of the most refined in style and pedigree. Established in the prestigious village of Le Mesnil, Champagne Delamotte is Chardonnay's most dedicated advocate. Indeed, most of Delamotte's vineyards are planted with Chardonnay, all of which enjoy the exalted grand cru status common to the very best Champagnes. This is hardly surprising, considering Delamotte's status as sister house of the legendary Salon Champagne, perhaps the world's finest and rarest Blanc de Blancs Champagne, produced only in exceptional vintages.



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Bordeaux

Château d'Yquem, 1er Cru Supérieur Sauternes

This is a legendary, flawless wine. Honey, citrus, orange peel and coconut, with fresh acidity and a linear poise. The finish goes on and on.

2001  12 55,000

Burgundy

Bourgogne Blanc Les Sétilles, Olivier Leflaive

The insider's choice – this Bourgogne Blanc is a prestigious blend of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault. Chardonnay is at its most mineral and complex on Burgundian soil. Bright lemon in colour, this wine is incredibly fresh with white flower, citrus fruit and apple notes, balanced with subtle hints of creamy vanilla.

2007  12 1,700

Montagny 1er Cru Les Bonneveaux, Olivier Leflaive

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2007  12 2,100

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2008  12 2,100

Chablis 1er Cru Les Lys, Domaine Vincent Dampf

The Les Lys parcel of vines includes an old block where the vines are over 55 years old, low-yielding and adding complexity and concentration. This wine has a lovely opulence complemented by a crushed seashell mineral structure.

2007  12 2,500

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Abbaye de Morgeot, Olivier Leflaive

One of Olivier Leflaive's favourite wines, this is a Chassagne-Montrachet premier cru with true class. The Abbaye de Morgeot vineyard is arguably the jewel in the crown of Chassagne-Montrachet, one of the most revered wine villages in Burgundy. Olivier Leflaive's Chassagne offers layers of subtle flavours.

2007  12 5,200

Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru Champs Gains, Domaine Henri Darnat

This tiny plot of land – just a quarter of a hectare – contains old vines that produce limited amounts of fruit with great richness. Henri Darnat works tirelessly throughout the year, tending his vines organically. The result is an elegant wine with huge concentration of fruit flavours.

2007  12 5,200

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny, Domaine Joseph Matrot

Very pale glittering gold, this offers a restrained, mineral nose, reminiscent of crushed seashells and stones. This is reflected on the palate, which is a taut thoroughbred, focused but concentrated with grapefruit and lime dominating a poised finish. Deserves time for the fruit to open out – a great food wine in the making.

2004  12 5,550

Meursault 1er Cru Blagny, Domaine Joseph Matrot

Pale glittering gold in colour, this is quite closed on the nose, vaguely mineral and very taut. This is not however borne out by the palate which develops a purity and focused minerality – rather reminiscent of crushed seashells and stones – and reveals a warm-fruited, nutty richness. It is also refreshed by hints of grapefruit and lime, which complement a long, elegant finish.

2005  12 5,550

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine Bonneau du Martray

This is a shimmering, pale yellow gold in colour. The nose is opulent and ripe – really delicious with warm spongecake complemented by hints of nougat, creamy plump nuts and vanilla. Luscious and full, the palate is nonetheless balanced by a finely-tuned, mineral structure and flashes of steel – a lovely wine.

1994  12 9,800

 Exclusive to Corney & Barrow in Asia

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Burgundy *continued*

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Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine Bonneau du Martray Pure, white gold in colour with flashes of green. Quite lovely nose of opulent, seductive fruit, rich broad perfume and grilled nuts. The palate is almost flamboyant but that characteristic elegance and minerality flow through to the finish, which is sustained and complex. Great wine.	2001	✔	12	10,250
Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Domaine Bonneau du Martray Flashing green-gold colour. The nose is initially subdued, then opens slowly with flatly-perfumed fruits, flashes of seductively ripe, heavy scent and latent minerality. The palate is almost creamy, generously structured, both open and concentrated yet with that eerie kick of finesse that lifts the weight effortlessly to a broad, sustained finish of impressive length.	2003	✔	12	10,250

Loire

Sancerre, Domaine du Nozay Philippe de Benoist built Domaine du Nozay himself in 1970 and still manages the vineyards today while son Cyril runs the winery. His exuberant, single vineyard Sancerre is hard to beat with its ripe, grassy fruit and complex minerality.	2009	⬇	12	1,800
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Rhône

Condrieu Le Grand Vallon, François Villard Honeysuckle and peaches roar from the glass. The peach and apricot notes become very rich on the palate, but are reigned in by crushed rock, nutmeg and flowers. Although this wine sees some oak, it is well concealed. Displays a steely edge with crisp acidity that coats the tongue and gives it a refreshing finish. Delicious.	2006	⬇	12	3,100
Hermitage, Tardieu-Laurent E The nose here is rich and leesy with orchard fruit layered with buttered pastry notes and vanilla cream. The palate, similarly, presents pastry shop aromatics with warm brioche, honey and nuts, layered and toasted. Albeit rich, there is a wonderful precision and refreshment throughout which lifts the wine and gives definition to a prolonged finish.	2007	—	12	4,800
Condrieu, Tardieu-Laurent E There are only 225 cases for the world of this benchmark Viognier. Shimmering gold in colour, this wears its heart on its sleeve. It does not whisper Viognier from the wings but boldly declares it, centre-stage and firmly in the limelight. A profusion of fresh, dried peaches and apricots dominate the nose and palate, laced with acacia honey. The texture is silky and opulent yet there is a focus and precision throughout. This is a must for all devotees of this very particular grape variety.	2008	✔	12	5,400

French Regional

Corney & Barrow Blanc, Producteurs Plaimont, Vin de Pays du Gers An appealing, zesty and infinitely versatile dry white, blended in Gascony by Corney & Barrow's buying team. The warm summers of Gascony are tempered by cool breezes from the Pyrenees mountains, which encourage the grapes to ripen slowly and gently – the true key to quality. A 50/50 blend of local grapes, Colombard and Ugni Blanc, this wine is fresh and zingy with a white flower and lemon character.	2009	⬇	12	795
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Germany

Rheingau Riesling QbA, Schloss Schönborn ^E

Schloss Schönborn, an exclusivity, is one of the oldest established houses in the Rheingau. The Schönborn family has been involved in wine since 1349, building up an enviable collection of vineyard holdings. This Rheingau Riesling is light, fresh, floral and grape-sweet – perfect as an aperitif or a lunchtime wine.

2009 🍷 12 1,300

Riesling Kabinett, Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm, Mosel

Pale, shimmering, lime gold. Smoky minerality is immediately to the fore, while gunpowder notes interplay with fresh grapefruit. Off-dry but extraordinarily fresh – lithe, crackling fruit acidity channels the delicate floral notes and zesty fruit through to a lovely clean finish.

2007 🍷 12 2,400

Italy

Gavi di Gavi, Fratelli Levis, Piedmont

Ripe pear and white flowers dominate in this elegant and appealing Gavi di Gavi. Wine is the lifeblood of the quiet town of Gavi, nestled snugly in the south-eastern corner of Piedmont in northern Italy. Here, the Cortese grape flourishes on fossil-rich soils, which are ideal for the production of white grapes. Fratelli Levis' Gavi di Gavi is pretty and perfumed with notes of orchard fruit.

2009 🍷 12 1,400

Spain

Macizo, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja ^E

Pale yellow gold in colour, this is enticing from the outset. Rich, creamy stone fruit complements fresh orchard fruit, layered and richly textured, punctuated by minerals and hints of nuts. A richness of old vines is evident throughout. Long and full, the finish is perfumed with sandalwood and shades of spice and wild herbs.

2009 🍷 12 2,400

Predicador White, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja ^E

A very pretty pale gold in colour, this was a little shy on the nose initially when we tasted. Gradually it reveals floral notes and fresh orchard fruit, enriched by vanilla cream and lifted by citrus notes – lime zest and lemongrass. The palate echoes the aromatics suggested by the nose, adding herbal nuances and hints of the exotic – stone fruit and physalis. This is very pretty indeed.

2009 🍷 12 2,700

Que Bonito Cacareaba, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja ^E

An opulent and seductive palate, with hints of tangerine and lemon. The full yet fresh citric palate is enhanced by aromatic wild herbs.

2009 🍷 6 2,750

Australia

Pinot Gris, The Lane, Adelaide Hills

This Pinot Gris comes from Adelaide Hills' rising star estate, The Lane. Fine white flower aromatics and peaches and cream palate, balanced by attractive mineral acidity. Would work perfectly partnered with food but is equally enjoyable on its own.

2008 🍷 12 1,900

New Zealand

Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Marlborough

Hailing from the Awatere Valley in Marlborough, this is packed with intense gooseberry flavours, yet nevertheless has a very mineral style with huge appeal. Pale lemon with green flashes with an intense blend of asparagus and cut grass on the nose. The palate is beautifully balanced and fresh with good fruit flavours, herbaceous notes and a stony minerality. The finish is long and rich.

2008 🍷 12 1,400

ROSÉ

Château Léoube Rosé, Côtes de Provence

Elegant and exceptionally versatile Provençal rosé from the majestic Château Léoube on the shores of the Mediterranean. With its idyllic Mediterranean climate and stunning coastal backdrop, Château Léoube offers a little taste of summer all year round! The property in the Côtes de Provence creates wines of exceptional quality. Their rosé is a delicate pink, with a subtle, creamy palate.

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2009	🍷	6	980

RED WINE

Bordeaux

Château Lafleur Beauséjour, Côtes de Castillon

This pretty vineyard of 10 hectares in Sainte Magne de Castillon lies on a mix of clay and sand soil, hence its round and well-structured flavour. The vineyard is 75% Merlot with 25% Cabernet Franc. After vinification in concrete vats, the wine is aged partly in tank and partly in barrel. Lovely sweet fruit and rounded, well-structured flavour.

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2005	🍷	12	1,300
2008	🍷	12	1,400
2009	🍷	12	1,400
2005	🍷	12	1,750
2004	🍷	12	2,300
2006	🍷	6	2,400
2006	🍷	12	2,500
2004	🍷	12	3,600

Château Mayne-Graves, Bordeaux Supérieur

A very accessible, Merlot-dominated blend, long on the finish. The Guimberteau family have, once again, come up trumps with this very approachable, easy-drinking Bordeaux Supérieur. Richly-textured, with herbal refreshment, this has lovely balance.

Château Mayne-Graves, Bordeaux Supérieur

Intense, dark plum-ruby this presents subtle spice on the nose, allied to red and black fruits. The palate reveals more serious notes, dark fruit compote, tobacco and fennel, balanced with well-integrated, grainy tannins and a stony minerality.

Corney & Barrow Company Reserve, Bordeaux, Ets J-P Moueix

A rich and serious claret, full bodied and elegantly balanced. The Corney & Barrow Company Reserve, our exclusive label blend, has been selected and blended by Etablissements J-P Moueix from wines from three regions in Bordeaux, which produce accessible and well-balanced wines. The 2005 is eriously inviting, displaying sensual ripe fruits and a complementary, more serious minerality.

Château de Lamarque, Cru Bourgeois Haut-Médoc ■

Huge investment, allied to natural terroir, results in excellent value and really high quality here – a fine traditional claret. The Gromand d'Evrys at Château de Lamarque, a longstanding exclusivity, invest considerably in vineyard and cellar. Their single-minded determination to produce the highest possible quality – from their land – is admirable. 2004 presents red and black fruit, roasted fennel and mocha notes underpinned by a firm, mineral structure – classical Lamarque charm.

Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg *(see page 19 for more information)*

Deep ruby in colour, its luscious, sweet, coffee-ed nose is toasted with butterscotch and vanilla notes – a very intense combination. The palate is equally concentrated and presents seductive, opulent red and black fruit, liberally spiced – a stunning wine.

Château Capet-Guillier, Grand Cru St-Emilion

A wonderful 20-hectare estate which lies on one of the clay-limestone hillsides around St-Emilion. Owned by the same family since the Revolution, it has always produced wines of elegance and pedigree.

L'Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol

Approachable Pomerol in youth due to predominantly younger vines -a prime site, adjacent to Pétrus. The grapes for this, the second wine of Château Gazin, are rigorously selected to ensure top quality across vintages. The soils, shared with its neighbour Pétrus, are key to this wine's understated richness. Designed to be accessible in youth, Hospitalet de Gazin presents ripe cherries and plum fruit, delicately spiced.

Bordeaux *continued*

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Les Songes de Magdelaine, Grand Cru St-Emilion

Deep ruby in colour. The nose offers stylish, creamy black fruits touched by mint and a palate that has real density, excellent concentration and a subtly extracted structure and freshness to the finish.

2006  12 3,750

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan

A stunning property, incongruously situated in the built-up suburbs south-west of Bordeaux. This proximity to the city results in elevated temperatures and early ripening. The wine has a wonderful, brilliant cherry-ruby hue. The nose presents very pure aromatic red and black fruit spiced with pepper which the palate continues, adding complexity with hints of wild herbs and tobacco – a very fine and elegant style.

2007  12 4,750

Réserve de la Comtesse, Pauillac

One of the finest second wines the Comtesse de Lalande estate has produced. Structured, rich black berries, savoury spice and a hint of chocolate.

2000  12 5,200

Château Giscours, Margaux

Deep plum/purple. Licorice, sweet spices and blackcurrants. Rich and concentrated yet pure and showing a refined elegance.

2001  12 5,950

Tertre Rôteboeuf Grand Cru, St-Emilion (see opposite for more information)

François Mitjavile is a law unto himself, stalwart in his ambition to produce wines which evoke the vintage. His 2006 is stunning. Deeply coloured, it presents dark, earthy black fruit and warm fruitcake on the nose. The palate is opulent and ripe, silk textured and full bodied with an attractive freshness, which extends through a long focused finish.

2006  6 6,000

Château Canon 1er Grand Cru Classé, St-Emilion

Deep healthy crimson with a lot of development at the rim. Displays an evolved, mild nose, not especially assertive but well balanced. Fairly traditional build with quite a lot of fine tannins well hidden under a cloak of velvety fruit – but not dramatic! Some might overlook this quite easily.

1998  12 6,500

Château Magdelaine 1er Grand Cru Classé, St-Emilion

The dark ruby-coloured 1999 Magdelaine is a stylish, light- to medium-bodied effort. It possesses sweet, lush aromas and flavours redolent of cherries and currants. Subtle notions of earth, wood, and a touch of herbaceousness also emerge.

1999  12 7,000

Chateau Latour à Pomerol *Magnum*

This is an excellent, forward, complex Pomerol with creamy opulence on the mid-palate and a nose of cedar, licorice, plum, black cherries, and a hint of herbaceousness. The sweet, fleshy, sexy, seductive style will be popular with many tasters.

1999  6 8,100

Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Cru Pauillac

Attractive cassis aromas jump from the glass of this dark ruby/purple-tinged 2004. While elegant, medium bodied, soft and broad in the mouth, it is slightly superficial, without the broodingly deep, backward, muscular personality of this estate's wines prior to 2001. Given its flavour profile and softness, the 2004 will have wide consumer appeal if drunk over the next 10-14 years.

2004  12 9,000

Château l'Evangile, Pomerol

Black smoky tea, black currants and cherries. A powerful wine with firm tannins, excellent richness and a long, ripe finish.

1996  12 11,500

Château Mouton-Rothschild, 1er Cru Pauillac

Deep ruby in colour, raspberries and black cherries with some tertiary cedar, sweet black fruits, graphite and toasty oak. This elegant, medium-bodied wine is beautifully proportioned. An excellent to outstanding Mouton.

1989  12 43,000

Château Lafite-Rothschild, 1er Cru Pauillac

A majestic wine and a rival for the 2005. Full-bodied and sweet, with hints of ripe blackcurrant and cedar. Intense, textured and profound with silky tannins and serious concentration. This will drink sooner than the 2005, but will evolve for three decades.

2006  12 105,000

Burgundy

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Cyrot-Buthiau

During the 1930s the French authorities moved the boundaries of the Pommard appellation from one side of the main road to the other. Vines that once produced Pommard wines, could now only produce 'lowly' Bourgogne Rouge. The result for us is top quality Pinot Noir at a snip of a price!

2008  12 1,650

Bourgogne Rouge Cuvée de Pressonnier, Domaine Joseph Roty

Tart, bright cherry fruit with considerable but stimulating bitterness, and a sleek palate and sassy finish. A hint of vanilla and spice adds a bit more interest to this simply delightful Bourgogne.

2006  12 2,400

Côte de Nuits-Villages Rouge La Robignotte, Domaine Gilles Jourdan

La Robignotte is a *lieu-dit* monopole, an outstanding parcel of old vines which produces intense, long-lived, pure Pinot Noir. Red and black fruit with mocha, kirsch and violet show in this wonderful Côtes de Nuits-Villages.

2006  12 2,600

Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine des Varoilles

Jet-plum to bramble rim, this is very toasted on the nose, with dark chocolate, cherries, tobacco and spice to the fore. The palate reflects these initial aromatics on attack, adding layers of vivid primary fruit: wild blackberry and cassis, scented with violet. This is a beautifully integrated Charmes where muscle is impeccably balanced by poised elegance and, aptly, sheer charm.

2004  6 3,400

Corton Grand Cru, Domaine Bonneau du Martray

The domaine, uniquely, produces only grands crus: white Corton-Charlemagne and, in red, Corton. Drinking perfectly now, Le Corton 2001 offers bright, fresh, summer pudding fruit allied to darker, richer, lightly-spiced aromatics – beautifully balanced.

2001  6 4,000

Clos de Vougeot Vieilles Vignes, Château de la Tour

Here the average age of vines is an incredible ninety years. Deep, lustrous ruby in colour, it offers rather decadent fruit and dried rose and violet *pot-pourri* on the nose. The palate reflects the perfumed character, balancing obvious power and concentration with exuberance and freshness through to a sustained, controlled and focused finish.

2006  12 11,200

Chambertin Grand Cru, Domaine Trapet Père & Fils

This grabs the attention instantly with its dark, dense, black-ruby colour. The nose is similarly powerful, brooding black fruit vying for dominance against spice, hot fruitcake and vanilla cream. The palate echoes this complexity, dense and firm with a concentration that camouflages a deeply-set tannic structure – sensational.

2001  12 14,250

Rhône

Côtes du Rhône Les Becs Fins, Tardieu-Laurent

This deeply-coloured, 50/50 blend of Grenache and Syrah reveals smoky underbrush, grilled herb, and meaty black fruit notes. The wine sees no wood as the goal is to preserve fruit purity, which perhaps answers for its wonderfully evocative nose and its richness in seductive red and black fruit. This is beautifully balanced with an earthy minerality. A great buy.

2008  12 1,415

St-Joseph Vieilles Vignes, Tardieu-Laurent

Raspberries, savoury spice and a hint of leafy herbaceousness. Medium to full bodied, with a solid backbone of acidity which is more than a match for the concentrated red berry character.

2007  12 2,600

Gigondas Vieilles Vignes Tardieu-Laurent

Deep ruby with notes of raspberries, blueberries and a delicate floral character. A dense, full wine with power and richness yet an attractive minerality and lift.

2007  12 2,800

Hermitage, Tardieu-Laurent

High acid and a rather narrow framework are characteristic of the 2004 Hermitage. The wine has a deep ruby/purple color with a sweet nose of red fruits, mint, and wet stones. The zesty acidity compresses the palate, which is medium bodied and nicely concentrated but finishes sharply. Hopefully this will soften and expand as the wine ages both in cask and subsequently in bottle.

2004  12 6,010

French Regional

Corney & Barrow Rouge, Vin de Table, François Lurton E

Classic red, blended exclusively for Corney & Barrow by the famed Lurton family of Bordeaux. The special relationship between François Lurton and Corney & Barrow has enabled us to create a house blend that over-delivers on price and quality. Sourced from Lurton vineyard holdings in the Aude region of Languedoc-Roussillon, this wine is supple and easy drinking with ripe berry fruit and a classic structure.

NV 1 12 880

Cabernet Sauvignon, Domaine de Saissac, Vin de Pays d'Oc E

This fine, juicy, well-priced Cabernet Sauvignon shows just what the Languedoc-Roussillon is capable of. The region produces fantastic, modern-style wines at exceptional prices, and Domaine de Saissac Cabernet Sauvignon is no exception. A long-time favourite of Corney & Barrow, Domaine de Saissac is a small wine estate on the banks of the historic Canal du Midi. Concentrated and balanced with delicate cedar-spice notes.

2008 2 12 890

Italy

Le Cupole, Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany E

The 2007 Le Cupole di Trinoro is superb. This impeccable, pedigreed Tuscan red flows seamlessly onto the palate with layers of perfumed, silky fruit that carry through all the way to the long, polished close. The 2007 is an incredibly harmonious and well-balanced wine that is sure to deliver much pleasure.

2007 3 6 1,800

Le Cupole, Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany *Magnum* E

2007 3 3 2,000

Passopisciaro, Sicily E

This is lustrous, ruby in colour and immediately inviting. The nose presents fresh cherries, warm cherry compote and summer berries, with a darker, rather earthy, mineral backdrop. The palate is tantalising on attack, revealing vitality, a delicate, breezy finesse and elegance with hints of citrus adding to the allure. Playing across the palate, there is nonetheless a well-integrated tannic structure, good acidity and an ever-present smoky minerality. In inimitable Andrea style, this was very late harvested to maximise aromatics.

2006 3 6 1,900

Passopisciaro, Sicily E

Andrea Franchetti has embarked upon an exciting new venture with Passopisciaro in Sicily. From this lively, volcanic landscape, he is producing wines which reflect the complex minerality of its soils, whilst maintaining a complex fruit profile and essential elegance. This is fresh with balanced acidity showing red fruits and stone minerality.

2007 3 6 2,100

Passopisciaro, Sicily *Magnum* E

2007 3 3 2,200

Tardieu-Laurent, Rhône

Established in 1994, the Tardieu-Laurent wines turned heads from the outset. Michel Tardieu, now working independently, is completely free to pursue his philosophy without any impediment. Obsessive in his pursuit of the perfect translation of vintage and place, Michel refers to himself as a terroirist. Provençal by birth, Michel settled in the Luberon, in the southern Rhône, with his charming wife Michelle. In partnership with Burgundian pastry chef turned wine producer Dominic Laurent, he set up the négociant house, Tardieu-Laurent. Michel buys wine, selected according to the quality of the vineyard and looks after the maturation, blending and commercialisation of the wines. Michel Tardieu is now flying solo, establishing his own hallmark, whilst reflecting the essence of the vintage and specific vineyard sites.



Italy *continued*

Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany **E**

Deep plum-garnet, this is wonderfully evocative on the nose. Fresh aromatics, a heady combination of rose and violet, pink peppercorns and red and black summer berry fruit vie for dominance. The palate retains this perfumed allure whilst remaining firmly grounded, supported by well-integrated earthy tannins. Juicy and bright with complementary dark chocolate and espresso notes, this develops complexity whilst tasting and presents a prolonged, intense finish.

2007  6 8,800

Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany **E**

Opaque deep plum with a bright cherry rim, this is stunningly aromatic on the nose, with a profusion of puréed fruit, rose and violet, an almost citrus lift and an earthy minerality. The palate offers a similarly perfumed profile, beguilingly exotic yet playful on attack, underscored by a powerful, dense and serious structure which warrants some patience. This Trinoro provides an exemplary translation of a challenging yet ultimately rewarding vintage – really exciting!

2008  6 8,200

Franchetti, Sicily **E**

Deep plum-ruby in colour, with an immediately attractive nose of sweet red berries, floral and herbal notes and a mineral intensity. A layered and complex palate of dark berries and minerality.

2008  6 5,400

Tenuta di Trinoro, Tuscany

This is an amazing property, the brainchild of Andrea Franchetti who created Tenuta di Trinoro, from scratch, against all the odds, producing trail-blazing wines which turned heads from the outset. The estate lies between 500 and 700 metres above sea level, facing west-south-west and is protected by two mountains, Cetona and Amiata, which flank the ten mile wide valley. The climate is continental, with very hot days but cool autumnal nights. Dry, it is perfect for prolonged ripening. The grapes are picked bunch by bunch, with several passages through the vines to ensure optimum ripeness. No herbicides or pesticides are used and the only fertiliser is from vine cuttings.



Spain

Mas Oliveras Tempranillo, Bodegas Roqueta, Catalunya

Surrounded by olive groves near Manresa in D.O. Catalunya, Bodegas Roqueta is currently run by the fourth generation of the Roqueta family. The microclimate here is capable of producing very high quality grapes; Mas Oliveras Tempranillo is intense and scented, with supple, ripe strawberry and liquorice notes.

2009  12 850

Predicador, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja

The aromatics of this Predicador are warm and inviting, herb-scented black cherries to the fore. There are layers of both red and black fruit, richly textured and rather decadent, sweet and ripe yet with a lovely fresh focus throughout. This is a luscious translation of the region and vintage, supported by well-integrated, supple tannins.

2007  12 2,700

Predicador, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja

Bodegas Benjamin Romeo is situated in the heart of the famed Rioja region. Benjamin, frustrated by much of the mass production from the region, elected to make the very best Spanish wines possible, honest translations of very individual terroirs. Predicador is luscious, plummy, warming and ripe, refreshed by wild herbs.

2008  12 2,700

Psi, Dominio de Pingus, Ribera del Duero

Only the second vintage, yet already showing more personality than the 2007 at the same stage. This is a very attractive, intense plum-bramble in colour, firm to a bright rim. The nose exudes sweet, freshly-fermented grape must, lifted by a heady dash of pepper. Sweet, supple and ripe, there are very attractive wild berry aromatics on both the nose and palate, complemented by a serious underlying structure and fine mineral character.

2008  12 2,900

La Viña de Andres, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja

This is a very dark, jet-shot ruby in colour, and velvet textured. There is a profusion of black cherries and dark chocolate on both the nose and palate, with a heady dash of spice. There is also a refined mineral layer that complements the fruit, making for a very precise and elegant finish. What really distinguishes this wine is a lightness of touch that has resulted in great freshness and purity.

2002  6 4,700

El Contador, Benjamin Romeo, Rioja

El Contador is incredible. The colour, as with the other wines, is concentrated, brilliant and intense. The nose is much more highly spiced and focused, with red fruits and brambles complemented by savoury notes and hints of wild herbs, fennel and thyme. It may well seem like a descriptive overkill – but it is all there – an enchanting wine!

2002  6 10,500

The Wines of Peter Sisseck, Ribera del Duero

Danish born, Bordeaux-trained Peter Sisseck was dispatched to Spain in 1990, at the age of 27, to the as yet rather unknown area of Ribera del Duero. Despite its relative obscurity, at the time Ribera del Duero had a long viticultural history and Peter believed that it had the potential to produce Spain's finest wines. It was from this belief that the iconic Pingus was created, a wine which soared to worldwide acclaim, as did Peter's reputation as a truly gifted winemaker. His philosophy involves both revisiting and reinventing tradition to encapsulate the essence of Ribera del Duero. Large wooden vats are used and oak is very much under played. Over successive vintages Peter has experimented with contrasting and complementary vinification methods, to express the character, texture and fruit of Ribera wines in the best way possible.



Argentina

Quimera, Achaval-Ferrer, Mendoza **E**

Deeply-coloured black-plum with a tight fuchsia rim, this presents a very serious, complex array of red and black fruit, cherries, baked earth and refreshing wild herbs. The palate is high-toned and refreshing, with lovely fruit intensity and a lively personality which almost obscures a powerful structure – complex, yet accessible, precise and focused – impressive.

2007  6 1,600

Finca Mirador, Achaval-Ferrer, Mendoza 2006 **E**

This is a dense, jet-shot plum in colour with a firm, bright rim. Rather sombre initially when we tasted, it rapidly opened up to reveal an explosion of summer berries suffused with violets. There are slight hints of exotic spice in the background. This dances on a tightrope, tantalising and intriguing, marrying very concentrated dark fruit with grace, elegance and incredible purity. Impeccably balanced, the tannins here are beautifully integrated.

2006  6 3,300

Achaval-Ferrer, Mendoza

In 1998, a group of Italian and Argentinian friends joined forces to realise a then extremely ambitious dream – the creation of world class Argentinian wine. From the outset, the aim of Achaval-Ferrer was not only to produce exceptional quality but also to remain faithful to the wines' origins. This is fundamental to the company's philosophy which echoes the ideals of all of our major principals in that the vineyard is seen as fundamental, the very essence of the finished wine. The importance of this is too often belittled by emphasis on winemaking skills alone – not here, although Roberto Cipresso as winemaker is a phenomenal asset.



RED WINE

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Las Colinas, Sonoma Coast Syrah, Radio-Coteau

Viscous and concentrated. Blackberries with meaty, charcoal tones and a long, luxurious mouthfeel with fantastic length.

2006  12 3,100

Australia

Cabernet Merlot, Eagle Vale, Margaret River

The Margaret River wine region is known for its stunning Cabernet-Merlot blends; the climate suits these vines perfectly. Eagle Vale's expression is true to type: juicy plum fruit with blackcurrant leaf character, well balanced and all too easy to drink.

2007  12 1,650

Shiraz, Eagle Vale, Margaret River

A Corney & Barrow favourite! Beautifully fresh and elegant, a 'new world' wine in an 'old world' style. Steve and Wendy Jacobs bought Eagle Vale Estate in the '90s with a dream of making wines typical of their region. Their Shiraz is heady and indulgent, yet fresh and smooth, with black fruits and rich chocolate.

2005  12 1,700

New Zealand

Pinot Noir, Muddy Water, Waipara 2008

Muddy Water Pinot Noir is only available in small quantities each year. Crop levels are purposely kept very low, giving super-concentrated fruit. This wine is ripe and pure with blackberries, kirsch, hints of chocolate and a spicy fruitcake finish.

2008  12 2,820

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