

# EAST INDIA CLUB WINE LIST



## BIN END LIST

### RED

90	<i>Chambolle-Musigny 1<sup>er</sup> Cru</i> <i>François Bertheau</i>	2015	£119.75
88	<i>Château Calon Ségur</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Growth, Saint-Estèphe</i>	2012	£109.50
67	<i>La Dame de Montrose</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wine of Ch. Montrose, Saint-Estèphe</i>	2010	£88.00
99	<i>Château Reynier « Heritage »</i> <i>Bordeaux</i>	2015	£33.25

### WHITE

96	<i>Saint-Aubin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « La Chatenière »</i> <i>Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey</i>	2018	£90.75
70	<i>Rully « Les Cailloux »</i> <i>Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey</i>	2018	£55.50
35	<i>Bourgogne « Chardonnay »</i> <i>Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey</i>	2018	£50.00
39	<i>Sepp Moser « Grüner Veltliner »</i> <i>Gebling Erste Lage, Kremstal, Austria</i>	2020	£42.00

## SOMMELIER'S WINE SELECTION

**This selection is served from state-of-the-art preservation equipment, which maintains the wine fresh for weeks.**

		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<b><u>WHITE</u></b>					
<b>53</b>	<b><i>Riesling Trocken/Dry, 2023</i></b> <i>Rheinbessen, Germany</i> <i>Seehof</i>	£32.00	£22.85	£11.70	£8.25
<b>63</b>	<b><i>45 Rugientes, 2021</i></b> <i>Chubut, Patagonia, Argentina</i> <i>Otronia</i>	£54.25	£37.70	£19.10	£13.45
<b>45</b>	<b><i>Wild-ferment Assyrtiko, 2023</i></b> <i>Santorini, Greece</i> <i>Gaía</i>	£68.75	£47.35	£23.95	£16.80
<b>74</b>	<b><i>Meursault, 2020</i></b> <i>« Les Chevalières » Burgundy, France</i> <i>Xavier Monnot</i>	£98.00	£66.85	£33.70	£23.65
		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<b><u>RED</u></b>					
<b>40</b>	<b><i>Koshava (Gamza + Cabernet Franc) 2023</i></b> <i>Danubian Plain, Bulgaria</i> <i>Bononia Estate</i>	£34.00	£24.20	£12.35	£8.70
<b>50</b>	<b><i>Parada de Atauta, 2020</i></b> <i>Ribera del Duero, Spain</i> <i>Domino de Atauta</i>	£45.50	£31.85	£16.20	£11.40
<b>8</b>	<b><i>Three Pines – Syrah, 2019</i></b> <i>Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch, South Africa</i> <i>Stark-Condé</i>	£69.75	£48.00	£24.25	£17.05
<b>68</b>	<b><i>Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru, 2018</i></b> <i>« Les Goulots » Burgundy, France</i> <i>Heresztyn-Mazzini</i>	£109.75	£74.70	£37.60	£26.40

### SELECTION BY THE 50cl FLIGHT

(each flight comprises 4 different samples of 12.5cl each)

<b>Value Flight</b>	= the 4 better value wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£28.90
<b>White Flight</b>	= all 4 white wines in the selection	£43.45
<b>Red Flight</b>	= all 4 red wines in the selection	£44.45
<b>Premium Flight</b>	= the 4 more premium wines (2 whites + 2 Reds)	£59.00

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	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>	
<b><u>CHAMPAGNE</u></b>				
<b><i>Club Champagne, Brut, NV</i></b> <i>Édouard Brun, Négociant-Manipulant</i> <i>Philippe &amp; Emmanuel Delescot</i>	£46.00	£30.00	£9.50	
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<b><u>WHITE</u></b>				
<b><i>Club Dry White, 2023</i></b> <i>Sauvignon Blanc Blend</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton &amp; Filles</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
<b><i>Club White Burgundy, 2022</i></b> <i>Chardonnay</i> <i>Mâcon AC</i> <i>Collovray &amp; Terrier</i>	£32.50	£22.25	£11.20	£7.85
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<b><u>ROSÉ</u></b>				
<b><i>Club Rosé, 2023</i></b> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton &amp; Filles</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>½ Carafe (50cl)</i>	<i>¼ Carafe (25cl)</i>	<i>Glass (17.5cl)</i>
<b><u>RED</u></b>				
<b><i>Club Red, 2022</i></b> <i>Shiraz Blend</i> <i>Château de Ciffre « Rouge Classique »</i> <i>Saint-Chinian AC</i> <i>Comtes de Lorgeril</i>	£23.50	£16.25	£8.25	£5.75
<b><i>Club Claret, 2018</i></b> <i>Classic Club Claret + 25% Cuvée Héritage</i> <i>Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot</i> <i>Château Reynier</i> <i>Bordeaux Supérieur AC</i> <i>Marc Lurton &amp; Filles</i>	£28.00	£19.25	£9.70	£6.80

**2018 CLUB CLARET IN LARGER SIZES :**  
 £60.00.....**1.5l Magnum**  
 £118.00.....**3l Double Magnum**  
 £200.00.....**5l Jeroboam**

## SPARKLING WINES

	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle (37.5cl)</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>
<b><u>CHAMPAGNE</u></b>			
<b>44</b>	<b><i>Édouard Brun « Blanc de Noirs » Grand Cru Aÿ, Extra Brut, NV</i></b>		
	£115.50	-	-
	<p>This cuvée is exclusively grown in the Grand Cru Village of Aÿ. This new addition to the house range is a celebration of the flagship Pinot Noir grape of the birthplace of Champagne Édouard Brun, established in Aÿ in 1898. This big, spicy food wine becomes approachable after 4 years on lees sur latte, plus another 4 years post disgorgement in the company's cellars. <i>(100% Estate-Grown, Grand-Cru Pinot Noir – 3 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<b>-</b>	<b><i>Édouard Brun « Club Champagne » Brut, NV</i></b>		
	£46.00	£30.00	£9.50
	<p>Champagne Édouard Brun's "Cuvée Spéciale Brut" (which includes some 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Pinot Noir) became the East India Club Champagne back in June 1994. Thanks to no more than 2 years of ageing on lees sur latte, the playful aromas of orchard fruit and hard candy retain plenty of freshness and zing. That crispness of character will whet one's appetite, making for a Champagne that is best served as an aperitif or at a reception. <i>(60% Pinot Meunier, 20% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay – 10 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<b><u>ENGLISH QUALITY SPARKLING WINE</u></b>			
<b>80</b>	<b><i>Hambledon « Classic Cuvée Rosé » Brut, NV</i></b>		
	£58.00	-	-
	<p>Hambledon Vineyard is England's oldest commercial vineyard, established by Major General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones in 1952 with the help of friends at Champagne Pol Roger. This rosé cuvée strangely showcases the finesse of Chardonnay, a grape that thrives on a Côte-des-Blancs-like chalky terroir. 4 years on lees help wrap the citrus-boosted candied strawberry in brioche. <i>(86% Chardonnay, 14% Pinot Noir – 10 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<b>52</b>	<b><i>Hambledon « Classic Cuvée » Brut, NV</i></b>		
	£54.00	-	-
	<p>Hambledon in Hampshire is the birth place of both cricket and the modern English wine industry. The Champagne-like terroir was replanted with Champagne cultivars by ex-owner Ian Kellett after he bought the estate in 1999. 3 years of ageing on lees yielded rich notes of digestive biscuit, while the salinity and the citrus energy help lift the flower-scented fruit profile. <i>(58% Chardonnay, 23% Pinot Meunier, 18% Pinot Noir – 4.5 g/l dosage)</i></p>		
<b><u>CRÉMANT</u></b>			
<b>36</b>	<b><i>Deux Roches by C&amp;T « Blanc de Blancs » Crémant de Bourgogne, Brut, NV</i></b>		
	£35.00	-	-
	<p>Collovray &amp; Terrier called on a local specialist in the Mâconnais to elaborate this elegant reception wine. This crémant is reminiscent of Champagne Blanc de Blancs thanks to 18 months of ageing on lees. The mousse is creamy, the orchard fruit is delicate and the lively acidity is softened by a warm and comforting autolytic character of buttered brioche. <i>(100% Chardonnay – 6 g/l dosage)</i></p>		

## NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

### ARGENTINA

- 63** *Otronia « 45 Rugientes –Corte de Blancas » Patagonia, 2021* £54.25  
 “45° Latitude Roaring Winds” refers to the mercilessly dry, cold and windy conditions encountered in Chubut (the most southerly wine region in the world), which yield this aromatic, minerally and precise Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris, Riesling blend.
- 59** *Matias Riccitelli « Blanco de la Casa » Valle de Uco, 2021* £46.75  
 This 40% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon, 20% Chardonnay blend is grown at very high altitude in cool conditions hence it is so fresh and aromatic. Natural fermentation and 8 months on lees in concrete eggs yield texture and intensity of mineral-boosted flavours.

### SOUTH AFRICA

- 43** *Lismore « Chenin Blanc » The Cape South Coast, 2021* £54.00  
 The cool climate of Walker Bay allows Californian winemaker Samantha O’Keefe to produce this understated and classy Chenin Blanc. Its orchard fruit delicately perfumed with orange blossom & jasmine preludes the taut & linear palate through to a racy finish.
- 78** *Momento « 63% Chenin Blanc + 27% Verdelho » Western Cape, 2021* £50.75  
 While the richness of the Chenin Blanc comes from its being dry-farmed in the warm and arid conditions of Swartland, the focus and precision of the Verdelho results from the marginal climate of Paarl and Walker Bay; a blend of white peach, lemon tart and jasmine.
- 46** *Uva Mira « The Mira Chardonnay » Helderberg, Stellenbosch, 2020* £49.00  
 This gently oaked style from selected Chardonnay grown in the mountain vineyards of the estate displays intense fruit purity and an elegant, creamy texture. The minerally orchard fruit is scented with lime and citrus blossom, plus nuttiness from the lees ageing.
- 81** *Wildeberg « White –Semillon » Franschoek, 2021* £39.00  
 This old-vine Semillon is grown in an isolated mountain estate in the south-eastern corner of the Cape’s coastal region. Hand-harvesting, natural-fermentation and gentle maturation in barrel contribute to this wine being a direct expression of its wild terroir; pure energy.
- 33** *Stark-Condé « Field Blend » Jonkershoek Valley, Stellenbosch, 2021* £41.50  
 Grapes have been grown in Jan Lui’s field for 350 years. The idea behind this blend, co-fermented and aged on lees in barrel for 8 months, is to balance the textural richness of Roussanne and Viognier together with the lively fruitiness of Chenin Blanc and Verdelho.
- 69** *Coterie by Wildeberg « Chenin Blanc + Grenache » Coastal Region, 2022* £31.50  
 This blend of two parts Chenin Blanc from Franschoek and one part Grenache Blanc from Paarl is naturally fermented then aged for 6 months in used demi-muids. The ripe, yet succulent stone fruit is lifted by flowery notes of Jasmine; incredible value for money!

### NEW ZEALAND

- 89** *Churton « Sauvignon Blanc » Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, 2022* £35.00  
 This is New-Zealand Sauvignon Blanc but made by an English winemaker in a Sancerre style. Sam Weaver partially ferments this biodynamic wine in oak then ages it on fine lees hence the subtle and layered aromas of passion fruit, pink grapefruit and lemon curd.

## OLD WORLD WHITE WINES

### GREECE

- 45** *Santorini « Wild-ferment Assyrtiko » Gaía, 2023* £68.75  
 This Assyrtiko is naturally fermented in stainless-steel, wooden and enamelled vats then aged on fine lees for 6 months. It is underpinned by a smoky & saline quality of minerality that speaks of the volcanic terroir of an island steeped in time-immemorial wine history.

### GERMANY

- 53** *Rheinhessen « Riesling Trocken », Seehof, 2023* £32.00  
 It is not easy to make inexpensive Riesling of quality, but Florian Fauth of Seehof in Westhofen manages to produce this fine and exciting example with plenty of ripeness. It is easy-drinking enough to be served on its own and serious enough to be paired with food.

### SPAIN

- 48** *Rias Baixas « Albariño » Valmiñor, 2022* £34.25  
 This elegant style of Albariño, full of mineral-boosted peach and citrus blossom, is the result of the coastal influence from the Atlantic and from the Miño River between which the appellation sits. This flagship cuvée is grown in the estate's own vineyards in O Rosal.

### ITALY

- 83** *Marche « Verdicchio di Matelica », Agricola Tenuta Colpaola, 2021* £33.00  
 The Porcarelli family grows organic-certified grapes and vinifies them with minimal intervention. The resulting wine is crisp and characteristically fresh, with lively citrus notes and delicate white floral nuances, yet the palate is beautifully rich, creamy and complex.

### FRANCE

- 4** *Condrieu « Les Grandes Chaillées » Domaine du Montillet, 2023* £73.00  
 "Les Grandes Chaillées" refers to the stone walls that hold the terraced vines along steep granitic slopes. Stéphane Montez ferments then matures his Viognier in wood hence notes of smoke and bread crust. The vintage delivers concentration & mineral-boosted freshness.
- 6** *Arbois « Chardonnay » Domaine Rolet, 2021* £50.25  
 The estate rose to prominence in the 1940s by acquiring prime parcels of old vines within the Jura region. Winemaker Cédric Ducoté strikes a balance between tradition and modernity with this organic Chardonnay made in a Burgundian style; so fine and elegant.
- 82** *Sancerre « La Côte des Monts Damnés » Michel Girard, 2022* £45.00  
 This Sauvignon Blanc is grown on clay and limestone soils along the most famous slopes of Chavignol. The village is equally renowned for its goat cheese, which is a perfect match for this elegant wine. Fourteen months of ageing on lees add depth and finesse of texture.
- 12** *Muscadet Sèvre & Maine « Monnières-Saint Fiacre », Ménard-Gaborit 2020* £41.50  
 This Cru Muscadet has real ageing potential. The 50-year-old Melon de Bourgogne grapes are grown organically in the best plots on the hillside of Moulin de la Minière then aged on lees for 36 months in concrete tanks. The tropical, exotic fruit tails off into a saline finish.
- 79** *Riquewihr « Classic Riesling » Hugel Family, 2022* £39.00  
 The Classic Riesling is Hugel's signature wine. It is made in a style that is rich and opulent, but never to the detriment of finesse and elegance. The ripe peach is energised by mineral-boosted acidity, making it the ideal partner to the smoked salmon from the carving trolley.
- 95** *Pays d'Oc « Grands Penchants -Chardonnay » Altugnac by C&T, 2022* £27.50  
 This high-altitude Chardonnay cannot be bottled under the Limoux appellation, for it is not 100% processed in wood. Since part of the wine is reductively made, the rich orchard fruit displays just a hint of vanilla oak and all of its mouthwatering salinity and citrus energy.

WHITE BURGUNDY**2018**

- 31 Chassagne-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « La Boudriotte » Jean-Noël Gagnard** £119.00  
Jean-Noël Gagnard handed in 1989 his eponymous domaine to his daughter Caroline Lestimé, who transitioned to fully certified organic farming. This Chassagne-Montrachet, displays a mineral-boosted level of freshness, let alone unparalleled finesse and precision.

**2019**

- 60 Chassagne-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « La Maltroie » La Vougeraie** £120.00  
This is a late acquisition by one of Burgundy's leading domaines (Boisset's grouping of all the vineyard holdings of their various negociant companies in 1999). The winemaking team turns the fruit of biodynamically grown old vines into a rich and buttery offering.

**2020**

- 96 Saint-Aubin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « La Chatenière » Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey** £104.75  
This wild and seductive wine is the speciality of Pierre-Yves, a rising star of the Côte de Beaune. It is very impressive and powerful, with a flinty, spicy nose and a huge lemon-infused midpalate. The wine will improve with age, but it is hard to resist drinking it now.
- 74 Meursault « Les Chevalières » Xavier Monnot** £98.00  
The youthfulness of the colour, with its green highlights, is in keeping with the purity of the orchard fruit. The underlying scent of mineral smoke and butter is a perfect prelude to the classic profile of the palate, which unfolds along a chalky, sappy and herby line.

**2021**

- 17 Saint-Aubin, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey** £98.00  
The nose is perfumed with flower-boosted aromas of green apple and citrus rind. The palate is juicy, yet precise and with a chalky quality of minerality. The long finish displays great tension. Mineral definition and citrus energy is Pierre-Yve Colin-Morey's signature.
- 73 Chablis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Montmains » Samuel Billaud** £90.75  
Samuel Billaud launched his own label in 2015, his exacting sustainable approach promising to take him to the top of the league table of producers. The wine has concentration and power, yet its mineral character and tension convey a sense of finesse.
- 34 Chablis, Jean Dauvissat** £57.50  
This terroir-driven wine is made with minimum intervention. Natural fermentation with no oxidative ageing in wood helps bring out the mineral-boosted freshness of fruit. The scent of wild flowers and lemon rind invites one to experience a display of sheer energy.

**2022**

- 7 Pouilly-Fuissé 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Crays » Deux Roches by C&T** £50.50  
Old vines planted at the foot of the Vergisson cliff on iron-rich soils over limestone rock yield this rich, yet fine wine. It is fermented then aged for 11 months in wood barrel hence the sweet spices. The fruit is ripe, yet it displays tartaric freshness and juiciness.
- 13 Saint-Véran « En Terre Noire » Deux Roches by C&T** £40.00  
In Davayé, wine is either fat when grown on clay or lean and minerally when grown on limestone. Here, the limestone-rich vineyard at the bottom of a slope is enriched with humus through erosion hence a luscious fruit lifted by citrus energy and tartaric acidity.





## OLD WORLD RED WINES

### BULGARIA

- 40**     ***Danube Plain « Koshava –75% Gamza, 25% Cabernet Franc » Bononia, 2023***     £34.00  
 Gamza is the Bulgarian name for Kadarka, a thin-skinned grape that is quite difficult to grow, but capable of producing this sort of pale-coloured red wine. The juiciness of the tartaric, yet spicy plum and damson fruit is lifted by herbal notes. Enjoy it slightly chilled.

### ITALY

- 27**     ***Brunello di Montalcino, Conti Costanti, 2018***     £117.75  
 Brunello is only produced in outstanding vintage years. Since this example is grown at high altitude, it combines power and elegance. The savoury edge of the spiced morello cherry fruit results from extended wood aging; 12 months in French oak then 24 in Slavonian oak.
- 85**     ***Barbaresco, Bruno Rocca, 2021***     £98.75  
 This family winery in Nieve produces modernist wines with great intensity of fruit while retaining the structure and elegance of the Langhe at its best. A dark fruit underpinned by cocoa and lifted by rose and violet results from slow fermentation then 12 months in oak.
- 21**     ***Chianti Classico « Gran Selezione –Poggio Rosso » San Felice, 2015***     £73.00  
 This single-vineyard Sangiovese displays immense depth and superb elegance. It is produced from selected fruit in limited quantities and exclusively in outstanding vintages. Extended maturation tried to tame the power of a wine that will only improve with time.

### SPAIN

- 14**     ***Tenerife, Valle de la Orotava « Migan Tinto » Envínate, 2021***     £65.75  
 Volcanic soils and a low-intervention approach to winemaking (including whole-bunch fermentation) yield this mineral, feral style; light and refreshing, yet with an impressive intensity of dark berry and bitter cherry fruit underpinned by cigar ash and undergrowth.
- 32**     ***Ribera Sacra « Quinta Toucedo –Pelouro » Atrium Vitis, 2021***     £45.50  
 The very old Mencía and Brancellao vines yield a wine with incredible concentration. The blend is entirely processed and matured in stainless-steel tanks in order not to compromise its purity with excess vanilla oak. The palate is densely structured, yet very fresh and juicy.
- 50**     ***Ribera del Duero « Parada de Atauta » Domino de Atauta, 2020***     £45.50  
 This bottling is from the estate's younger vineyards, planted with low-yielding Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) some 60 years ago. After 12 months in oak barrels, this fine & complex wine expresses the high-altitude, rugged terrain of its origin in the eastern part of the appellation.
- 87**     ***Manchuela « Fundamentalista » Finca Sandoval, 2022***     £41.00  
 Javier Revert's juicy, yet characterful blend of 90-year-old Bobal co-planted with four other indigenous grapes at altitude along the calcareous slopes of the Cuenca mountains is part foot-trodden, part whole-bunch fermented & partially aged in amphora hence its freshness.

**RED BORDEAUX (Classified Growths)****2009****57** ***Château Malescot Saint Exupéry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Growth, Margaux*** £132.25

This hedonistic wine displays a rich aromatic profile and a dense, yet velvety texture. The mineral-boosted black currant and damson fruit is underpinned by a mushroom-like forest floor character. The ripe tannins yield notes of vanilla, chocolate and leather; just delicious!

**2010****66** ***Château Calon-Ségur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Growth, Saint-Estèphe*** £139.00

So fragrant and expressive! There is a floral element that lifts the dark fruit, with notes of blackcurrant that have the necessary level of concentration to compete with the oak treatment. Some pencil-shaving-like minerality brings a great sense of freshness and elegance.

**18** ***Château d'Armailhac 5<sup>th</sup> Growth, Pauillac*** £99.00

The youthful fruit displays great purity and contributes a sense of finesse to the finish of very long length. The scent of worn leather and cigar box and ashtray is lifted by the dampness of moss and the iron edge of mushroom. This very structured wine is a giant in its simplicity.

**58** ***Réserve de la Comtesse (2<sup>nd</sup> Wine of Château Pichon Lalande) Pauillac*** £93.00

The wine still looks youthful in the glass with its purple colour. It is scented with fresh forest berry fruit. The palate also displays a lot of freshness, with a juicy black fruit full of mineral precision and lively acidity. What the wine lacks in complexity, it makes up for in elegance.

**2011****93** ***Château Branaire-Ducru, 4<sup>th</sup> Growth, Saint-Julien*** £86.00

The fresh black fruit seems to have been dipped into chocolate. The smokiness of vanilla oak is offset by the saline minerality of liquorice. Some earthiness is freshened up by herbal vegetal notes. The thirst-quenching acidity cuts right through the tannins. Simply charming.

**2012****30** ***Château Saint-Pierre, 4<sup>th</sup> Growth, Saint-Julien*** £91.00

The colour looks youthful in the glass. The mineral-boosted blackcurrant fruit has quite an earthy edge to it, with notes of mushroom and forest floor. The palate displays opulence, yet it is mid-weight. The aromatic profile is modern, with loads of chocolate and vanilla oak.

**2014****97** ***Alter Ego (2<sup>nd</sup> Wine of Château Palmer) Margaux*** £97.75

The nose is expressive and playful. Elegant notes of Parma violet brighten the black fruit, almost concentrated to confection. The tannins are dense, yet soft and the oak treatment is well-integrated. The spiced and cedary blackcurrant lasts in a refreshing finish of long length.

**28** ***Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5<sup>th</sup> Growth, Pauillac*** £95.00

The cassis and blackberry scent is underpinned by a touch of truffle and pen ink. As the wine starts to open, layers of smoky herbs and graphite appear. The plummy, dark fruit cuts through the palate's huge structure of fine tannins and lively acidity; dense, yet very elegant.

**65** ***Château Talbot, 4<sup>th</sup> Growth, Saint-Julien*** £80.00

The well-judged wood treatment is integrating hence the wine is now showing well. The brambly, plummy black fruit is underpinned by sweet spices. While the refreshing acidity gives the palate juiciness, the chewy tannins offer balancing texture; so refined and classy.

**2016****55** ***Château Batailley, 5<sup>th</sup> Growth, Pauillac*** £103.25

The dark cherry, cassis and plum fruit is underpinned by umami notes of smoked meat. The rich profile is lifted by a subtle flowery perfume and graphite-like minerality. The ripeness never compromises the elegance. The dense, yet soft tannins are matched by fresh acidity.

**RED BORDEAUX****2009****24** ***Château les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan, Graves*** £113.25

The dense tannic structures still muffles the intensity of dark berry fruit, smoky cigar box and sweet spices. After some time in the decanter, that complexity becomes unleashed; a very classy claret, full of poise and finesse, yet not without a great generosity of flavours.

**2014****15** ***Château Phélan Ségur (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe*** £81.50

Phélan Ségur is comparable to classified growths in terms of quality. The fruit is a paradox of concentration and restraint. The crème de cassis is underpinned by notes of espresso coffee and leather. The fleshy body of this approachable wine is lifted by refreshing acidity.

**2015****71** ***Château Sociando-Mallet, Haut-Médoc*** £70.00

The colour looks youthful and there is scope for development here, yet this wine is fun to drink now. The nose is full of dark fruit underpinned by pencil-shaving minerality. The Merlot in the blend contributes a roundness of style that the soft tannins complement well.

**23** ***Sarget (2<sup>nd</sup> Wine of Château Gruaud-Larose) Saint-Julien*** £52.75

In a vintage understood to have yielded big, fat wines, this example shows elegance and lightness of touch. It is ready to drink now. The cassis, blackberry and black cherry fruit is underpinned by earthy notes of forest floor. The iron-like minerality will pair well with beef.

**22** ***Château Mille Roses, Haut-Médoc*** £39.75

David Faure is responsible for this organic-certified Cabernet, Merlot blend. It is grown in Macau hence it is reminiscent of nearby Margaux. The scent of chocolate-coated cassis is captivating. The wine's velvet-like texture compliments that suavity of fruit on the palate.

**99** ***Château Reynier « Réserve –Cuvée Héritage » Bordeaux*** £33.25

This premium version of our Club Claret truly is a huge step up in terms of quality. The older vines yield fruit of perfumed intensity. 18 months in new French oak barrels result in this rich, yet elegant wine. It is scented with vanilla, tastes fruity and proves very refreshing.

**2016****91** ***Château Les Ormes de Pez (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Saint-Estèphe*** £73.50

The forest berry, currant and blueberry fruit is supported by subtle undertones of cigar box. The fruit is ripe, yet there is a tartaric quality to it that is reminiscent of refreshing morning dew. Decanting cannot but help unleash this wine's muffled layers of complexity.

**2** ***Château du Glana (Cru Bourgeois « Supérieur ») Saint-Julien*** £56.25

This approachable claret serves up abundant cassis, tobacco and cedar wood. The tannins are soft, the acidity is refreshing and the long finish is full of life and energy. Wine with that sort of structure tends to age well and grow in complexity; a standout offering in that year!

**37** ***Château Patache d'Aux (Cru Bourgeois « Supérieur ») Médoc*** £37.25

This early-drinking charmer is full of juicy fruit, mostly cassis, but also strawberry. The tannins still display a degree of grip, but all in all, the structure is quite round. The oak treatment in well-judged, only imparting subtle notes of tobacco to the fresh, fruity finish.

**2017****84** ***Château Chasse-Spleen (Cru Bourgeois « Exceptionnel ») Moulis-en-Médoc*** £73.50

The nose opens up quite readily soon after decanting, revealing an intense dark fruit with notes of dried flowers, capsicum and sweet spices. Regardless of the firm tannins that still prevent its great potential from being fully expressed, this wine proves subtle and elegant.

**RED BURGUNDY**

- 2015**
- 47 Vosne-Romanée, Gérard Mugneret** £,115.00  
Pascal Mugneret produces textbook Vosnes, always suave and stylish. Whole-bunch fermentation helps preserve fruit purity while ageing in oak (1/3 new) gives the wine structure. The spiced red fruit is juicy and the palate is lifted by a tartaric quality of acidity.
- 2016**
- 51 Chambolle-Musigny, François Bertheau** £,115.75  
The nose displays a subtle intensity of red fruit, with notes of cherry, raspberry and strawberry. The tannin structure is smooth, yet firmer than usual. The style seems more masculine, yet the wine remains effortlessly graceful; quintessential Chambolle-Musigny!
- 2017**
- 19 Nuits-Saint-Georges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Vaucrains » Robert Chevillon** £,154.00  
So much depth and concentration here! A perfume of dried rose petals, rhubarb and medicinal roots soon blossoms into aromas of cherry and red apple, with notes of oriental spice and autumn leaves. The tannins are firm, yet balanced by a tartaric quality of acidity.
- 2018**
- 54 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Champonnets » Heresztyn-Mazzini** £,109.75  
The ripe scent of dark cherry fruit echoes the depth of colour in this unusually hot vintage. Thanks to 100% whole-bunch fermentation, the most refreshing quality of acidity balances the generous extraction, the tannins contributing savouriness to the “sweet” fruit character.
- 68 Gevrey-Chambertin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Goulots » Heresztyn-Mazzini** £,109.75  
Florence and Simon took over the family domaine in 2011 and have kept improving the quality of their terroir-driven wines ever since through the introduction of biodynamic farming and whole-bunch fermentation. This charming wine has finesse rather than power.
- 2019**
- 42 Morey-Saint-Denis 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Millandes » Heresztyn-Mazzini** £,117.00  
The club is privileged to be dealing directly with Heresztyn-Mazzini hence their high quality wines grown with the respect of the environment in mind are of such great value here. The depth & power of this wine with huge ageing potential is lifted by flowery notes.
- 1 Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Epenottes » Antoine Jobard** £,114.50  
Antoine Jobard’s ambition to produce red wines came true in 2018 when he acquired farming rights to prime parcels in Beaune, with vines that were planted back in 1988 and have never seen any chemicals. The resulting wine is silky smooth, balanced and elegant.
- 11 Beaune 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Les Montrevenots » Antoine Jobard** £,114.50  
The nose is exceptionally perfumed, with notes of violet, rosehip and tomato leaf. The palate seems a bit raw at this stage of development, but the generous smoked fruit makes up for it. The blueberry fruit is a tad candied, yet the acidity restores a sense of freshness.
- 86 Gevrey-Chambertin « Old Vine –Les Songes » Heresztyn-Mazzini** £,80.50  
The growing season was very hot hence the resulting wines are well-structured and powerful, with rich, smooth tannins. It is a vintage full of flavour with well-defined ripeness, yet a juiciness lifted by the most tartaric freshness of acidity; a real crowd pleaser.
- 2020**
- 72 Maranges 1<sup>er</sup> Cru « Clos de la Fussièrre –Monopole » Xavier Monnot** £,69.75  
Despite the firmness of the tannins, the wine proves very enjoyable now. This is a really excellent, smooth Pinot Noir for that matter. The dark fruit is lifted by the most refreshing, lively acidity. In the finish, the black cherry fruit tails off into beautiful notes of strawberry.

LOIRE VALLEY

- 3** *Saumur Champigny « Les Poyeux » Dom. des Sables Verts, 2021* £48.25  
This single-vineyard is hailed as one of the Loire Valley's most famous red wine sites. The 70-year-old Cabernet Franc grown on deep silica-limestone soils is naturally fermented then aged in barrel, hence a concentrated wine with spiced black fruit & velvety softness.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

- 20** *Côte-Rôtie « Cœur de Combard » Domaine J. Barge, 2019* £122.75  
Julien Barge believes that this is the only wine grown on volcanic soil in the appellation. The Syrah is co-fermented with Viognier then aged for 24 months in demi-muids. The mineral-boosted cherry fruit, with notes of peppery herbs & tea leaves, is lifted by violet.
- 77** *Cornas « Les Chailles » Alain Voge, 2015* £73.50  
Ever since it was established in the appellation in 1905, this estate have been crafting elegant wines with the highest regard for terroir. Their wines are now organic-certified. Here, the dark fruit is smoky and spicy, the tannins are soft and the acidity is very lively.
- 29** *Saint-Joseph, Domaine (Laurent & Dominique) Courbis, 2021* £57.00  
Concentrated fruit is grown along the steep, terraced slopes of the southern part of the appellation. Whilst long maceration helps extract vibrant colour and soft tannins, ten months in mostly reused wood helps preserve the violet-boosted freshness of cassis fruit.
- 94** *Crozes-Hermitage « Les Chaflans » Domaine Les Alexandrins, 2020* £53.75  
This young estate with its newly constructed winery in Tain-l'Hermitage has established a reputation as the producer of some of the best wines in the region. This slowly fermented and gently extracted Syrah aged in used barrel is deep-coloured, smoky, smooth and juicy.

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

- 41** *Gigondas, Lieu Dit... Domaine des Bosquet, 2020* £92.50  
Rising Star of Gigondas Julien Bréchet is responsible for this wine, which Jeb Dunnuck describes as "the Chambolle-Musigny of the Rhône". Fine tannins and bright acidity delicately frame the cherry fruit with dried flowers, delicate spices and subtle earthiness.
- 61** *Châteauneuf-du-Pape « Cuvée Impériale » R. Usseglio, 2015* £91.25  
This Grenache-dominated blend is from a vineyard planted by the family back in 1902. It is grown according to biodynamic farming principles. This spicy expression of Grenache is vinified traditionally, except for a little new oak. The wine will only grow in complexity.
- 92** *Châteauneuf-du-Pape « La Part des Anges » R. Usseglio, 2015* £91.25  
The "Angels' Share" is 70% Mourvèdre, 70% of which is aged in new oak. Winemaker Stéphane Usseglio maintains that the sucrosity of the wood sap helps the opulently morish black cherry, myrtle and cassis fruit to open up and last in a crescendo-like finish.

LANGUEDOC

- 26** *Faugères « Grand Vin de Ch. de Ciffre » Lorgeril, 2019* £42.00  
The freshness of the nose is lifted by underlying minerality. On the Palate, the tannic structure is dense, yet fine and ripe. The acidity cuts right through the spiced black fruit. Notes of black truffle, clove and pepper give the flavour profile an almost savoury edge.
- 10** *Pays d'Oc « Côté Pierre Lys -Pinot Noir » Altugnac by C&T, 2022* £30.75  
The wind-swept vineyard where this Pinot Noir is grown on schist- and marine-fossil rich soils is the highest vineyard of the estate. The result of cooler conditions and 10 months of ageing in mostly reused oak barrels is this flower-boosted, fruity wine; fine and so moreish.

## DESSERT WINE

		<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Half Bottle</i>	<i>Glass (12.5cl)</i>
	<b>2017</b>			
<b>98</b>	<b><i>Old Vine Muscat by Daschbosch in Breedekloof</i></b> The Hanepoot grapes for this wine are from timeworn, gnarly vines which bear a meagre yield. Some vines are indeed over 120 years old. This concentrated and perfumed fortified Muscat d'Alexandrie will match hard cheeses & chocolate desserts well.	-	£31.25 (37.5cl)	£10.50
	<b>2019</b>			
<b>62</b>	<b><i>Sauternes « Les Mingets » by Château Le Juge</i></b> Made from botrytis-affected Semillon grapes then matured in oak barrels, this wine is intensely rich, yet refreshingly floral. Its flavours of caramelised exotic fruit and pear-and-almond tart will marry liver pâtés and fresh fruit desserts ever so well.	£49.00	-	£10.25
<b>75</b>	<b><i>Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos by Kardos in Mád</i></b> This family-run boutique winery produces this limited Furmint blend from botrytised or Aszú grapes in exceptional vintages only. The sweetness is balanced by salinity and lemon-sharp acidity. Try this wine with creamy cheeses or fresh fruit desserts.	-	£47.00 (50cl)	-

## MADEIRA

		<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
	<b><i>Henriques &amp; Henriques 10-Year-Old Sercial</i></b>	
	(Dry Madeira)	£15.65
	<b><i>Justino's 5-Year-Old Fine Rich Reserve</i></b>	
	(Sweet Madeira)	£8.90

## PORT

	<i>Bottle (75cl)</i>	<i>Glass (10cl)</i>
<b>1992 Taylor's *</b>	£138.00	-
<b>1997 Fonseca</b>	£103.75	-
<b>1995 Quinta do Noval</b>	£92.50	£15.65

### SPECIAL OFFER

<b>2000 Smith Woodhouse</b>	£75.50	£11.55
<b>2018 Fonseca LBV</b>	£58.00	£11.55

\* Taylor's 1992 Vintage Port was awarded the perfect 100-point score by renowned critic Robert Parker.