

THE WONDERBAR

The Wonderbar should be just that, a chance to marvel at some of the greatest wines in the world and a place to explore wines that you may have never have come across before. What we have tried to do is take you on a world tour with a range of styles, colours and grape varieties that will wow the senses and educate the palate. It is a great opportunity to taste together classic Bordeaux with New World Cabernet Sauvignon; to try grape varieties like Viognier and Trebbiano and step into the past with fine old vintages. This wine book is just to help you on that tour with facts about the wines and the people behind them.

CHAMPAGNES & SPARKLING WINE

AVAILABLE BY THE GLASS

BRUT STYLES

N.V SELFRIDGES SELECTION, ESPRIT BRUT, HENRI GIRAUD

We are very proud to have recently brought in our new own label champagne from the house of Henri Giraud. This family owned maison creates beautifully vinous champagnes from Aÿ in the heart of the Champagne region.

150ml - £12.50 / Bottle Price - £47.25

2007 GUSBOURNE ESTATE BRUT RESERVE, METHODE ANGLAIS, APPLIEDORE, KENT, ENGLAND

An outstanding English Sparkling wine made in the same style as Champagne that shows how serious the English are about making quality sparkling wines. There is a real complexity on the palate with notes of brioche, apple crumble and cream.

150ml - £11.95 / Bottle Price - £45.00

2000 POL ROGER BRUT

Pol Roger reserve their declarations of a vintage for years in which all the climatic, viticultural and winemaking components come together for the making of the finest Champagne. Made from Grand and Premier Cru vineyards in the Montagne de Reims, the Vallée de la Marne and the Côte des Blancs this is always a pleasure to drink.

150ml - £19.00 / Bottle Price - £90.00

N.V KRUG GRAND CUVEE

Krug showcases the art of the blender in Champagne. It is made up of at least two hundred wines that can date back eight to ten years. The champagne is then matured for up to seven years (four and half times more then regular non vintage champagne). The result is elegance, balance and complexity.

150ml - £35.00 / Bottle Price - £199.00

CHAMPAGNES

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ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE

N.V SELFRIDGES SELECTION, ESPRIT ROSÉ, HENRI GIRAUD

The house of Henri Giraud has been in the family since the 18th Century. The Esprit Rosé is consistently highly rated by the critics and you can see why; red berry fruits, roses, peonies and a touch of anise combine on the palate of this intense rosé.

150ml - £14.75 / Bottle Price - £57.90

N.V LAURENT-PERRIER, ROSÉ

An all time classic, that put rosé champagne on the map. Unlike many rosé champagnes Laurent Perrier leaves the juice from the red grapes in contact with the skins, as opposed to blending white and red wines. Its intense distinctive flavours reminds you of cherries and raspberries.

150ml - £18.50 / Bottle Price - £85.00

N.V BOLLINGER, ROSÉ

Madame Bollinger was always against Rosé champagne so it was a surprise when the house released this cuvée. I think Madame would not be disappointed, delicate red berries and rosehip seduce the palate, making this champagne a beautiful addition to the house

150ml - £20.00 / Bottle Price - £90.00

WHITE WINE

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MINERALS

Ask any wine expert to define minerality and you will never get the same answer. It is a word that is loosely linked with terroir, the idea that you can taste where the wine is from, for example the chalkiness of a Chablis or the flintiness of a Sancerre. The wines below all have a mineral edge that expresses the terroir they are from.

**2009 CHABLIS 1ER CRU, VAILLONS,
DOMAINE CHRISTIAN MOREAU PÈRE ET FILS, FRANCE**

The cool climate in this part of France is not conducive to wine making but in spite of this challenge the wine they produce there is some of the best Chardonnay in the world. The wines often have a steely, mineral edge to them and this one from the heart of Vaillons is a classic example.

25ml £1.75 / 125ml - £7.10 / 175ml - £10.50 / Bottle Price - £44.00

2009 SANCERRE, MONT DAMNÉS, GERARD BOULAY, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE

Gerard Boulay has just 11 hectares of land and this wine comes from the most famous hillside in Sancerre of Mont Damnes. The vines are 35-40 years old and the grapes are hand harvested. The wine is amazingly mineral with a smoky note that curls around your tongue; it is no wonder that this wine was named the best Sauvignon in the world.

25ml - £2.00 / 125ml - £8.50 / 175ml - £12.25 / Bottle Price - £50.00

**2009 SELFRIDGES SELECTION UNWOODED CHARDONNAY,
J&H EDWARDS, ADELAIDE HILLS, AUSTRALIA**

From one of the best wineries in the Adelaide Hills comes the Selfridges Selection Unwooded Chardonnay. The Edwards family are all involved in the winery in some way and their passion for quality is evident in the wine. The purity of the Chardonnay comes through in this elegant wine and it shows a true minerality from the grape that is normally only seen in Chablis

25ml - £1.20 / 125ml - £5.25 / 175ml - £7.50 / Bottle Price - £35.00

2009 FIANO, KRASTOS, MAFFINI, CAMPANIA, ITALY

Luigi Maffini's vineyards are on the coast of Campania, south of Naples and he specializes in the local varietals such as Fiano. He is a master of this variety bringing out the minerality and freshness that is often lacking. This is an intense wine that has an intriguing note of melon, apple and herbs with a salty mineral tang on the finish.
25ml - £1.25 / 125ml - £5.25 / 175ml - £7.50 / Bottle Price - £35.00

2009 DRY RIESLING, MAC FORBES, STRATHBOGIE RANGE, AUSTRALIA

Mac Forbes owns eight small vineyard plots that are all picked for their suitability for growing specific varietals. The Strathbogie range rises high above the surrounding area just two hours drive from Melbourne and is fast becoming one of Australia's top Reisling growing areas. This wine is taunt and mineral with a lovely streak of lime.
25ml - £1.75 / 125ml - £7.50 / 175ml - £10.75 / Bottle Price - £45.00

FRUIT FORWARD

This category covers a whole range of styles from the tropical Sauvignon Blanc of New Zealand to the Chenin Blanc of South Africa. The climate very much determines the fruit character of the wine. In New World areas warmer climates lead to more tropical fruits than the cooler Old World areas. Grape varieties impart a wide range of fruit characters from citrus to stone fruits, to ripe luscious papaya.

2010 SELFRIDGES SAUVIGNON BLANC, MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

Grapes for this Sauvignon Blanc come from a unique piece of Terroir in the Wairau district of Marlborough. This narrow strip of land has a distinct climate and soil structure which allows the grapes to ripen slowly. Dr Andrew Hedley, the winemaker at Framingham, describes the wine as having 'a complex spectrum of flavours from herbal notes through to ripe tropical fruit salad'.

25ml - £1.15 / 125ml - £5.95 / 175ml - £7.95 / Bottle Price - £32.50

2009 KOSHU, KAYAGATAKE, GRACE VINEYARDS, KATSUNUMA, JAPAN

Winemaking in Japan began about 120 years ago and today the most important variety in Japan is Koshu. This variety is elegant and delicate and is reminiscent of a well made pinot grigio. Grace Winery, known for the quality of their Koshu, is in Katsunuma southwest of Tokyo in the shadows of Mount Fuji.

25ml - £1.45 / 125ml - £6.85 / 175ml - £10.25 / Bottle Price - £41.00

2010 SELFRIDGES SELECTION CHENIN BLANC, KEN FORRESTER, ELGIN, SOUTH AFRICA

Chenin Blanc is a wine which is usually associated with the Loire Valley, but the South Africans have also taken it to their hearts. Ken 'forgot' about this vineyard and it is the only vineyard in Elgin planted with Chenin Blanc but Ken thinks that potentially it could make his best wine yet, and the early results certainly seem to suggest this.

25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £4.75 / 175ml - £5.75 / Bottle Price - £26.00

2010 PINOT GRIGIO, VISINTINI, FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA, ITALY

Unlike a lot of Pinot Grigios on the market today this one has real personality and character. The wine has a light copper tone which comes from the wine being left in contact with the skins of the Pinot Grigio grape, which is actually red. On the palate you find pears, apples and acacia flowers.

25ml - £1.20 / 125ml - £5.95 / 175ml - £8.85 / Bottle Price - £35.00

2009 NAIA, BODEGAS NAIA, MONTSANT, SPAIN

Located on the left bank of the River Duero, this winery dedicates itself to the production of high quality white wines from their meticulously cared for vineyards, which were planted three decades ago. This 100% Verdelho is fantastic - a herbaceous note characterizes the nose, on the palate - citrus, green fruits and a creamy notes come through.

25ml - £1.20 / 125ml - £4.95 / 175ml - £6.95 / Bottle Price - £28.00

OAK KISSED WINES

Winemakers like to ferment wine in oak in order to give the wine more texture and flavour. The amount that the wine is affected by the oak is determined by the amount used, how new the oak is and how much the barrel has been toasted. Chardonnay has a natural affiliation with Oak and wines from Burgundy can show how well this pairing work.

2009 CHARDONNAY, AU BON CLIMAT, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

This ripe, round, creamy Chardonnay has been lovingly created by one of America's best winemakers, Jim Clendenen - known for delivering wines that reflect a Burgundian influence but still have the intensity of American fruit. The wine is all about apple crumble, toasty biscuits and a fresh citrus finish.

25ml - £1.60 / 125ml - £7.95 / 175ml - £11.50 / Bottle Price - £47.00

2008 CHARDONNAY, MCINTYRE, MOOROODUC, MORNINGTON PENINSULA, AUSTRALIA

This winery produces some of the best wines on the Mornington Peninsula. This wine is only made in years where the fruit is of a high enough quality to represent the vineyard. It has spent 10 months in oak, of which 25% was new. This is a very elegant wine with great complexity and depth and may even convert the odd Burgundy lover.

25ml - £1.60 / 125ml - £7.50 / 175ml - £10.75 / Bottle Price - £45.00

2009 PULIGNY MONTRACHET, ALAIN CHAVY, BURGUNDY, FRANCE

In 1879 the village of Puligny, along with Chassagne, was allowed to append the name of the Grand cru Montrachet to their wines. To this day it remains one of the most famous white wine growing regions in the world. Alain Chavy's Puligny has good length and structure a hint of citrus and a good weight of fruit on the palate.

25ml - £2.75 / 125ml - £11.75 / 175ml - £18.50 / Bottle Retail Price - £74.00

2007 MEURSAULT, NARVAUX, GIRARDIN, BURGUNDY, FRANCE

Since 2009 this negociant has been committed to biodynamic viticulture and winemaking principles. All the grapes are harvested by hand and they use up to a third new oak in the wine. The nose is smoky and intense, tropical fruits follow through on the palate with a citrus lift on the finish.

25ml - £2.30 / 125ml - £10.25 / 175ml - £15.25 / Bottle Price - £65.00

THE BEAUTY OF AROMATICS

This category of wine is often overlooked as too sweet or a bit too risky. But those who try aromatic wines are hooked for life by the beauty and elegance these wines can have. Riesling, Gewurztraminer and Viognier are just some of the varieties that fall into this category. They all rely on freshness to keep them from becoming fat and rich which means they lean more towards production in cooler climates.

2008 RIESLING, PIESPORTER, GOLDTRÖPFCHEN KABINET, REICHSGRAF VON KESSELSTATT, MOSEL, GERMANY

The steep, rocky vineyard "Goldtröpfchen", meaning 'little gold drop', is located above the village of Piesport is one of the best known sites along the Mosel. This wine is all about grapefruit, blackcurrent and minerality and should dispel any preconceptions you have about Piesporters.

25ml - £1.35 / 125ml - £6.75 / 175ml - £9.95 / Bottle Price - £40.00

2009 VIOGNIER, STAETE LANDT, MARLBOROUGH , NEW ZEALAND

When Abel Tasman first discovered New Zealand back in 1642, the name he gave to this land mass was "Staete Landt". The wines produced from this estate are all about the land, they put a large emphasis on the typicity of their terroir. This viognier is all about peaches, nectarines, ginger and has a fantastic weight to the palate but retains a fresh finish.

25ml - £1.25 / 125ml - £5.95 / 175ml - £8.85/ Bottle Price - £36.00

2009 ACÚSTIC BLANC, BODEGAS ACÚSTIC, MONTSANT, SPAIN

Montsant is often overlooked in favour of its famous neighbour Priorat but, when made well, these wines offer great value for money. This wine is a blend of old vine Garnacha Blanca, Macabeo, Garnacha Gris and Pansal. It is partly fermented in French oak 'barriques' for three months. As close to a Rhone white as you are likely to find outside the area.

25ml - £1.30 / 125ml - £5.85 / 175ml - £8.65 / Bottle Price - £34.50

2010 CUVÉE GYOTAKU, DOMAINE MITTNACHT, ALSACE, FRANCE

This interestingly named wine is a blend of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Riesling and Gewurztraminer and was created by Christopher Mittnacht and his Japanese wife specifically to work with Sushi and Sashimi. It has the aromatics to work with Asian cuisine but also the body to not be over powered by wasabi and a bone dry finish.

25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £5.10 / 175ml - £7.10 / Bottle Price - £29.00

2008 CHARDONNAY/ VIOGNIER, QUPE, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, USA

This wine is 50% viognier and 50% chardonnay. The viognier is picked ultra-ripe, and blended with chardonnay that's picked at the low end of ripeness. The aromas show that classic floral, apricot and peach that comes from ripe viognier, all balanced by crisp, fresh, minerally chardonnay.

25ml - £1.35 / 125ml - £5.50 / 175ml - £8.50 / Bottle Price - £39.00

2009 GEWÜRZTRAMINER, LEON BOESCH, ALSACE, FRANCE

Gewürztraminer is a grape variety that is very aromatic; it likes cool climates like Alsace. This wine is an absolute classic with aromas and tastes of ripe mangoes, jasmine tea, lychees, flowers and rose water. There is an amazing intensity to this wine and a wonderfully silky texture. If you want a real taste sensation then this is the wine for you.

25ml - £1.75 / 125ml - £5.75 / 175ml - £10.25 / Bottle Price - £41.00

2004 TOKAJ, 5 PUTTONYOS, TOKAJ CLASSIC WINERY, HUNGARY

This winery was set up by three musicians one from Hungary and two from Germany who fell in love with the wines from this region. This is made in the classic Aszu style with Furmint and Hárslevelü that has been affected by noble rot. It is a one of the sweetest styles made in the area and is full of marmalade, apricots and honey.

25ml - £2.15 / 125ml - £9.50 / 175ml - £13.50 / Bottle Price - £58.00

FORTIFIED

There are many styles of Fortified wines in the world but two of the most famous are Sherry and Port. Fortified wines are those that have had a grape spirit added to them to arrest fermentation. In the case of port the spirit is added before fermentation finishes and leaves some residual sugar in the wine. In certain styles of sherry the addition is after so the wine is bone dry.

N.V MANZANILLA 'DELICIOSA', VALDESPINO, SPAIN

The Valdespino family have been making wines for over 700 years and they lay claim to being the oldest sherry Bodegas. Manzanilla is very similar to Fino sherry but is made in Sanlúcar de Barrameda, which is on the coast of Spain. This wine is perfect summer drinking as it is light, crisp and dry.

25ml - £1.00 / 75ml - £3.50 / 125ml - £4.95 / 375ml Bottle- £19.00

N.V SELFRIDGES FINEST PORT, WHYTINGHAM'S, DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

This port is made by the Olazabal family, who have a history of wine and port making in the Douro since the 19th century and are well known in the region for the quality of their wines. This blend of two vintages shows beautiful length and power of fruit but still restrained and cool on the finish.

25ml - £1.25 / 75ml - £4.10 / 125ml - £6.50 / Bottle Price - £39.00

ROSÉ

Rosé wines are made by either leaving the juice from the red grapes in contact with their skins for a short time or by the using the saignee method, where rosé wine is bled off a proportion of red wine after very short contact with the skins to get a very delicate rosé colour. Red and white wines are only ever blended together to make rosé champagne.

2008 ENGLISH ROSE, CHAPEL DOWN, KENT, ENGLAND

This is a lovely light rose that reminds you of a bowl of fresh strawberries with cream poured all over them. It is made from the less well known varieties of Dornfelder, Rondo and Regent with a hint of the better known Pinot Noir this wine is a great example of English winemaking.

25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £5.10 / 175ml - £6.95 / Bottle Price - £29.00

2010 ROSE OF VIRGINIA, BAROSSA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

One of the world's iconic rosés this bold bright rosé is a complete contrast to the Sancerre rosé. It is made from a blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon which is picked early to retain freshness then co fermented with varying skin contact times to give its vibrant color.

25ml - £1.45 / 125ml - £5.25 / 175ml - £7.50/ Bottle Price - £32.00

REDS

LIGHTNESS OF TOUCH

An example of a light bodied wine is Pinot Noir. It is one of the most fickle of grapes to grow, its natural home is in the cool climates of Burgundy where it shows finesse. However regions such as New Zealand are producing some wonderful fruitier fuller styles of Pinot Noir. Other light bodied red grape varieties include Gamay and Dolcetto.

2007 VOLNAY, JEAN-YVES DEVEVEY, BURGUNDY, FRANCE

Volnay is situated in the Côte de Beaune, here the wines tend to be the most elegant red wines in the Côte de Beaune. This wine has a delicate perfume of bright red berries on the palate darker berries show through with hints of violets; the tannins are supple and ripe and although this wine will age it is drinking well now.

25ml - £2.10 / 125ml - £8.25 / 175ml - £12.25 / Bottle Price - £49.00

2008 DOLCETTO D'ALBA, COSTE E FOSSATI, G.D VAJRA, PIEDMONT, ITALY

The Vajra family is known for the quality of the wines they produce in Piedmont and this wine is made from two of their best sites. It is a great example of a Dolcetto that has the classic cherry fruit and fresh acidity but unlike many others it has a weight and depth of flavour that will surprise.

25ml - £1.65 / 125ml - £7.50 / 175ml - £10.75 / Bottle Price - £45.00

2008 PINOT NOIR, BARDA, BODEGAS CHACRA, PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA

Bodegas Chacra came to being when in 2004 Piero Incisa della Rocchetta found an abandoned Pinot Noir vineyard that was planted in 1932. He took over the land and has been working with organic and biodynamic viticulture practices ever since. The wines are subtle and burgundian in style, truly exceptional wines that have to be tasted to be believed.

25ml - £1.60 / 125ml - £6.75 / 175ml - £9.75 / Bottle Price - £43.00

2008 PINOT NOIR, CUVAISSON, NAPA VALLEY, USA

Steven Rogstad, winemaker, says, "My style and philosophy are based on expressing the unique character of our estate grapes and doing as little as possible to them." On the palate pure pinot fruit comes through in the form of cherries, strawberries and violets. This is supported by some lifted vanilla aromas from the oak.

25ml - £1.60 / 125ml - £6.75 / 175ml - £9.75 / Bottle Price - £43.00

**2009 MORGON, VIEILLES VIGNES, DOMAINE DE LA CHAPONNE,
BEAUJOLAIS, FRANCE**

The grape varietal in Beaujolais is Gamay which makes light, easy drinking wines. Morgon is one of the top Cru Beaujolais Villages. The wines from this village tend to be rich, intense and concentrated. This wine is no exception to the rule. The wine is made by the young Laurent Gillet from vines which have an average age of 50 years.

25ml - £1.10 / 125ml - £5.10 / 175ml - £7.25 / Bottle Price - £30.00

SPICE IT UP

The king of spice is Syrah or if you like Shiraz. This grape variety can be rich and powerful as in Barossa Valley or mineral with hints of violets as in Cote Rotie. One character it always has is spice; whether that is white pepper, black pepper or a blend of Christmas spices. Often blended with other varieties such as Grenache and Mourvedre, this is a very versatile variety.

2008 BREECHENS BAROSSA SHIRAZ, MAVERICK, BAROSSA, AUSTRALIA

Maverick winery was founded in 2004 but they have quickly established themselves as one of Australia's finest with their cool climate shiraz based wines. Breechens has classic juicy black Barossa fruits touched with oak but with a beautiful balance and elegance that can be rare to find in this region of Australia.

25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £4.95 / 175ml - £6.95 / Bottle Price - £29.00

2005 CASA DE SAIMA, BAIRRADA, PORTUGAL

Graca Miranda keeps up the tradition of treading by foot, fermenting in lagares, and ageing the wine in large casks, before an unfiltered bottling. The wine is made from the varietal Baga which gives vibrant red berry notes (similar to Nebbiolo in style) and with a touch of Touriga Nacional to add flesh. This is a concentrated, gorgeous wine and a new favourite.

25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £4.95 / 175ml - £6.95 / Bottle Price - £28.00

2006 SYRAH/ XINOMAVRO, AXIA, KTIMA ALPHA ESTATE, AMYNDEON, GREECE

Xinomavro is a Greek grape variety that traditionally makes wines that have a very deep colour and powerful tannins. This blend of Syrah and Xinomavro is made by one of Greece's top wine makers Angelos Iatrides and he uses oak to soften the tannins, the wine is all about kirsch, cloves and vanilla.

25ml - £1.10 / 125ml - £5.25 / 175ml - £7.75 / Bottle Price - £31.00

2008 PRODIGAL GRENACHE, KILIKANOON, CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA

This wine is made from old vine grenache, sourced from two 60 year old vineyard sites in the Clare Valley. Wines made from old vine Grenache have a real purity and depth to them due partly to smaller crops coming from the vines. This wine shows cherries, dark chocolate and rich spices.

25ml - £1.75 / 125ml - £6.50 / 175ml - £9.50 / Bottle Price - £39.00

2006 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, DOMAINE DE VIEUX TÉLÉGRAPHE, RHÔNE, FRANCE

This is one of the most famous Châteauneuf terroirs and one of the few domains in the area that is a vineyard with only one owner. The vineyards are covered with the famous Galet stones that give Châteauneuf its distinctive terroir. Made from just three out of the 13 grape varieties that can be used for this wine, it can be drunk young or old, as it ages beautifully.

25ml - £2.65 / 125ml - £10.25 / 175ml - £15.50 / Bottle Price - £66.00

ANY ONE FOR CLARET

Claret is the old English name for Bordeaux, it derives from the French claret, a now uncommon dark rosé and the most common wine exported from Bordeaux until the 18th century. Red wines from Bordeaux are usually a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc in varying proportions, all grapes that can now be found growing world wide.

2007 RÉSERVE DE COMTESSE, PAULLAC, BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Reserve de Comtesse is the second wine of the wonderful Château Pichon Comtesse de Lalande. The wine is made from the same terroir as its big sister and from the same grapes, the difference being that it is not able to age as long. 2007 is a good vintage with elegant cassis fruit and delicate oak flavours.

25ml - £2.75 / 125ml - £12.50 / 175ml - £18.75/ Bottle Price - £75.00

2006 CHÂTEAU PONT ST MARTIN, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN, BORDEAUX, FRANCE

Trying to find a Bordeaux that is good value for money is always hard but this wine hits the nail on the head. The wine is made from 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and it is all grown organically which is again rare in Bordeaux. The wine is supple and elegant with a savoury character and a lingering minerality on the finish.

25ml - £1.80 / 125ml - £8.75 / 175ml - £12.75 / Bottle Price - £50.00

2006 RUBICON, MEERLUST, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA

Rubicon is Meerlust's signature wine and a classic Bordeaux blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The nose is brooding and with cassis, plum and black cherry, cedar smoke and cigar box. The palate is beautifully structured, with ripe tannins and a generous opulence.

25ml - £1.45 / 125ml - £7.95 / 175ml - £11.75 / Bottle Price - £47.00

2008 PETIT VERDOT, THE PHANTOM, GEMTREE, MCLAREN VALE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Gemtree is a family run business with a passion for the environment and a portion of the sales of every bottle goes to a wetland project that they have established on their land in the heart of the McLaren Vale. Petit Verdot is a variety that often makes up a small percentage of wines from Bordeaux. This is powerful and ripe with violets, cherries and rich tannins.

25ml - £1.20 / 125ml - £5.95 / 175ml - £8.85 / Bottle Price - £35.00

2007 MERLOT, FROGS LEAP, NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

With 130 acres of Organically farmed land producing some of the finest, well priced wines in Napa you cannot fail to enjoy these wines. The merlot is no exception, with its smooth ripe tannins, plums, cherries and cassis on the palate with a dusting of cigar box and garden herbs this wine is wonderful example of value for money.

25ml - £2.00 / 125ml - £9.75 / 175ml - £13.95 / Bottle Price - £57.00

2009 TOURAINE, LE HAUT MIDI, GERARD MARULA, LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE

This is a fantastically drinkable wine packed with rich juicy, ripe, supple fruits with a hint of leafy black current made from Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and the local Grolleau grape. This vine is made from tiny yields and the grapes are trodden by foot, so much care goes into the production of this wine and it really shows.

25ml - £1.40 / 125ml - £6.75 / 175ml - £9.95 / Bottle Price - £40.00

WHAT A GREAT BODY

We often talk about a wine's body, which is literally the texture and weight of the wine in your mouth. Light bodied grape varieties often include Gamay and Pinot Noir. Zinfandel and Malbec tend to be full bodied varieties. The wines below lean more to the full bodied side of the spectrum but some may surprise you.

2009 BONARDA, JOFFRÉ E HIJAS, VALLEY DE UCO, ARGENTINA

Bonarda is a grape variety that originated in Savoie, France, but has now made it's home in Argentina, where it has become all the rage. The Joffré sisters make a wine from it that is round and robust on the palate with notes of mint and tobacco peeking through the ripe, dark fruit. 25ml - £1.20 / 125ml - £4.50 / 175ml - £6.75 / Bottle Price - £27.00

2008 DRINK ME, DIRK NIEPOORT, DOURO, PORTUGAL

Portugal is creating some of the most exciting wine around at the moment. Dirk Niepoort is one of the most well regarded wine makers in the Douro indeed in Portugal. It is surprisingly medium bodied and has beautiful balance and fruit. The label on this wine says it all, so go on 'Drink Me'! 25ml - £1.00 / 125ml - £4.50 / 175ml - £6.75/ Bottle Price - £27.00

2006 AVATON, DOMAINE GEROVASSILIOU, EPANOMI, GREECE

Avaton is made from three indigenous Greek grape varieties; Mavroudi, Mavrotragano and Limnio – the oldest grape variety in Greece. The vineyards look out towards the majestic Mt Olympus and the Thermaikos Gulf. The wine is full bodied packed with blackberries and spices definitely a wine fit for the Gods. 25ml - £1.10 / 125ml - £5.95 / 175ml - £8.85 / Bottle Price - £36.00

2007 MAS MALLOLA, BODEGAS MARCO ABELLA, PRIORAT, SPAIN

The land in Priorat is very unfertile and it is this soil that produces the high-quality wines which have now gained world wide recognition. This is an impressive blend of Garnacha and Cariñena together with Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. The wine is full bodied and rich, bitter cherries and exotic spices combine with crisp tannins. 25ml - £2.15 / 125ml - £8.75 / 175ml - £12.75 / Bottle Price -£55.00

2006 BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO, COLLEMATTONI, TUSCANY, ITALY

Brunello di Montalcino is where Sangiovese grows up and becomes very serious. There are two styles to Brunello, the traditional and the modern. However as a wine maker Marcello Bucci happily sits in between the two extremes. The wines are very approachable and a great introduction to this wonderful region.

25ml - £2.50 / 125ml - £10.25 / 175ml - £15.50 / Bottle Price - £62.00

2005 RODA, RESERVA, RIOJA, SPAIN

Since the mid 80s Spanish winemakers have been making dramatic steps to modernise their winemaking techniques. This is a perfect example of the modern face of Spain. The wine is aged in 100% new French oak instead of American which gives it added complexity. Tobacco, smoke and spices enhance the flavours of black fruits which dominate the palate.

25ml - £2.75 / 125ml - £12.50 / 175ml - £18.50 / Bottle Price - £76.00

2008 POGGIO ALLA GUARDIA, ROCCA DI FRASSINELLO, MAREMA, ITALY

This is a joint venture between Chateau Lafite and Castellare in the Marema in the south of Tuscany. This wine is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. With wonderful black fruit aromas, on the palate the smooth tannins and floral notes give immediate pleasure making this a firm favourite.

25ml - £1.30 / 125ml - £6.85 / 175ml - £10.25 / Bottle Price - £44.00

WORLD OF WHISKY

The whiskies below reflect 4 very different styles of Whisky. Try one of Japan's top malts to one of the world's best known brands and if you dare we have one of the most heavily peated whiskies in the world. Or you could sit back and sip on a beautifully 40 year old and let your cares drift away.

HIBIKI 17 YO, SUNTORY, JAPAN

Hibiki means resonance in Japanese and they say it speaks to the soul and emotions of the most discerning whisky lover'. It is a blend of different whiskies aged in different woods including the rare Japanese Mizunara oak.

25ml - £12.50 / 35ml - £15.50

GLENMORANGIE SIGNET, HIGHLANDS, SCOTLAND

The Signet's melting sweetness and explosive spiciness is, at least in part, caused by their unique roasted 'chocolate' barley malt (Chocolate malt is heavily roasted malted barley) and the casks made bespoke for Glenmorangie from American white oak.

25ml - £9.50 / 35ml - £12.50

ARBEG UIGEADAIL, ISLAY, SCOTLAND

Arbeg is often heralded as the most intensely peated whisky in the world, certainly of all the island malts. Uigeadail is the name of the loch from which all Ardbeg water flows and is a marriage between whiskies from sherry and bourbon barrels. If you like peat go no further.

25ml - £5.50 / 35ml - £7.50

GLENFARCLAS 40YO, SPEYSIDE, SCOTLAND

This whisky is the latest addition to the Glenfarclas range and is exceptional value for money for a 40 year old whisky. A sweet initial taste of orange peel dipped in chocolate, then you will find a lovely flavour of burnt brown sugar at the back of the mouth.

25ml - £17.00 / 35ml - £20.00

For the last two wines on our list please ask your assistant. These wines are constantly subject to change due to the fact they are available in very limited quantities so what we have on will vary week to week. We call them our Wonder Wines so please feel free to ask or look on the machines to see what we are pouring today.

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