

wine list

our list is a cosmopolitan compilation of fine wines designed to suit all occasions, complement our menus and enhance your dining experience. chosen with quality, character and variety in mind; all representing excellent value

you'll notice we're keen on the smaller (almost 'boutique' in some instances) independent wine producers noted for their passion and flair to create that 'little extra'...

we hope you will thoroughly enjoy your choice,

please note, vintages are subject to change

'wine is a little like love, when the right one comes along, you know it'

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wines by the glass

white		style	bin	small 125ml	medium 175ml	large 250ml
chardonnay unwooded	south-eastern, australia dry river 09	medium	4	2.60	3.70	5.25
chenin blanc	coastal region, south africa klippenkop vineyards 09	med-sweet	1	2.85	4.00	5.70
colombard	cotes de gascogne, france 'azura' leon dumas 09	dry-med	3	2.95	4.10	5.80
pinot grigio	south-eastern, australia dry river 09	dry-med	6	2.90	4.05	5.80
sauvignon blanc	central valley, chile viña vistamar 09	dry	5	2.85	4.20	5.95
sauvignon blanc	marlborough, new zealand southern lights 09	dry	2	3.45	4.55	6.25
rosé		style	bin	small 125ml	medium 175ml	large 250ml
cabernet & merlot	central valley, chile viña vistamar 09	dry	4139	2.80	3.95	5.65
zinfandel	lodi region, california discovery beach 08	med-sweet	4137	2.95	3.95	5.45
red		style	bin	small 125ml	medium 175ml	large 250ml
cabernet sauvignon	maule valley, chile kintu 09	medium	18	2.80	3.95	5.65
grenache	languedoc, france 'azura' leon dumas 08	lighter	15	2.80	3.95	5.60
merlot	central valley, chile viña vistamar 09	light-med	16	2.80	3.95	5.80
petit verdot-cabernet	south-eastern, australia 'hidden rock' brian dominic 09	fuller	13	2.60	3.70	5.25
shiraz	south-eastern, australia dry river 09	med-full	14	2.80	3.95	5.60
tempranillo, cab & syrah	andalucia, spain 'gibalbin' bodega barbadillo 08	medium	17	2.90	4.05	5.80
tempranillo & mazuella	rioja barrel aged, spain 'zarabanda' vinedos solarano 07	med-full	19	3.45	4.55	6.25
bubbly		style	bin		medium 175ml	½ bot 375ml
prosecco	veneto, italy 'sestiere castel 4357' fabiano nv	medium	60		4.55	
champagne	pierry, epernay, france champagne vollereaux brut nv	dry	61			18.00

white wines		bin	bottle
catarratto	sicilia 'doricum' feudi di sant'ufemia 08 sicilian wine obtained by a selection of catarratto grapes growing in the west area of the island. very good structure, good body, intense fragrance of rose and almond typical of this varietal with a fresh citrusy finish.	italy	34 18.20
chardonnay	south-eastern dry river 09 pale golden in colour with an enticing aroma of inviting peach and citrus aromas fill the nose. soft and full on the palate, generous tropical fruit flavours are joined with just a hint of slight oak notes. the grapes are picked at optimum ripeness to give a rich rounded flavour of tropical fruit but balanced out by a crisp clean finish.	australia	4 14.35
chardonnay	mâcon-bussières 'domaine du vieux puits' thierry drouin 07 this clear, straw-color wine shows glints of rich gold in the glass. apple and spice aromas add a whiff of honey on the nose, but not the palate where it's dry, crisp and tart. fresh apples & juicy lemons mingle in the flavour with an intriguing touch of stony minerality. a zippy lemony tang persists in the long, clean finish, sophisticated with breadth of a more senior appellation.	france	37 24.95
chardonnay	chablis vieilles vignes 'tour de roy' domaine des malandes 08 a beautiful example of how 'traditional' chablis should be from l'ynne marchive. aromas of honey and beeswax, with touches of vanilla or toast. perfectly balanced fruit, slightly honeyed, opening up quite quickly to show the typically evocative classic flinty/steely highly sort-after vivid chablis freshness edge.	france	22 24.95
chenin blanc	coastal region klippenkop vineyards 09 from the cape winelands, praised for the quality and value of its wines. off-dry, highly aromatic, full bodied wine with powerful varietal flavours of pineapple, lemon, melon and green apple. good structure with lovely balancing acidity.	south africa	1 15.10
colombard	cotes de gascogne 'azura' maison leon dumas 09 if you want something crisp, fruity and very sippable, here's just the tippie... almost sauvignon in style but not so over-powering in acidity. fresh lemon and grapefruit are lifted by hints of juicy, tropical peach, melon & hints of freshly sliced green pepper notes. excellent balance bringing the southern french lifestyle a little closer to home!	france	3 15.00
cortese	gavi 'la battistina' araldica vini piemontese 09 the 'la battistina' vineyard is a small south facing 20 hectare strip of land combining limestone and clay around the town of gavi. hand harvested 100% cortese grapes from on average 30 year old vines, stainless steel ferment for one month remaining on lees for 3 months. rich, ripe poached pear character, hints of peach with zingy acidity, minerality, almonds & lengthy finish.	italy	26 21.55
gewürztraminer	alsace philippe gocker 06 light straw yellow colour with youthful, pale green highlights, it is star-bright with fine, unctuous 'tears' that trickle down the glass. one is immediately overwhelmed by its graceful, charming perfume and aromas, from fresh-cut roses to the most mystic of oriental spices. silky, supple, soft and seductive, yet still dry and refreshing, it has body and structure, with an aromatic finish of juicy, flavourful grapes.	france	27 22.35
melon de bourgogne	muscadet de sèvre et maine 'sur lie' loire valley, château la noë 08 left undisturbed on the 'lees' until bottled to pick up yeasty, salty flavour and keep its fresh prickly taste. it is a light bodied wine which is clean, fresh, flinty, mineraly with notes of lime, a distinctive atlantic zing, slightly salty and yet bone dry.	france	29 18.95

white wines contd..		bin	bottle
palomino & verdejo	'the seafood wine' bodega barbadillo 08 75% palomino (the noble sherry grape) 25% verdejo. highly aromatic, spanish lemon, celery seed, green apple. light-bodied citrus flavors with nice mineral notes and great balance. soft and very easy... nicknamed 'the seafood wine' this light and refreshing wine is a perfect pairing for any seafood dish or as an ideal aperitif. style: 2	spain 33	15.95
pinot grigio	south-eastern dry river 09 grapes were harvested at night and fermented at cool temperatures to retain varietal character and enhance the aromatic flavours of lime and grapefruit. well structured with a rich palate but refreshingly crisp on the finish. fuller and fruitier in style to italian pg due to the tropical australian climate. style: 3	australia 6	15.40
pinot grigio	provincia di pavia 'mirabello' castel boglione 09 a crisp and lively dry white, gently lifted aromas of pears, musk, exotic fruits, peach and honey. the wine is complex, rich and full bodied, balanced by refreshing acid, a mineral backbone with an underlying hints of nuts and a gently honeyed persistent finish. style: 2	italy 23	17.50
pinot grigio sem & sauv	clare valley 'luccio' pikes 08 a very clever blend. medium green with yellow tints. restrained aromas of nectarine, apples and talc with a very light celery top/herbal undertone. really tangy with lively limey stone fruits and some grassy sauvignon blanc. it's full of flavour, dry but not overly with lovely clean fresh fruit. a delicious summer white, and nice alternative to the more aromatic or wooded wines. style: 2	australia 36	23.50
riesling	nahe 'kabinett' kreuznacher kronenberg 08 still using the traditional nahe 'blue bottle'. an attractive summer flowers bouquet, fine, medium-sweet fruit flavours reminiscent of granny smith apples, crisp with up-front fruit which is typically kabinett in quality with fresh fruit and acidity. style: 5	germany 24	18.50
riesling	alsace 'reserve' cave de turckheim 08 a classy medium-dry white and typical of a fine riesling - elegant pear and citrus fruit on the nose underpinned by pungent mineral and 'petrol' aromas (the classical perfumed & 'stoney' oil trademarks when this grape develops in bottle), which broadens and gets richer in the mouth yet the finish is crisp, steely and racy. 'the' original 'noble' grape varietal. style: 4	france 28	21.50
sauvignon blanc	central valley viña vistamar 09 elegant straw yellow with vibrant greenish tinges. tantalising tropical fruit aromas with delicate hints of scented white flowers. palate is clean, zesty & refreshing with ripe citrus & stone fruit flavours balanced by a streak of crisp acidity. style: 2	chile 5	14.90
sauvignon blanc	languedoc domaine de vedilhan 09 a complex sauvignon blanc from the heart of the languedoc. piercing gooseberry aromas, reminiscent of ripe cool climate sauvignon, coupled with crushed limes on the palate make vedilhan as crisp and refreshing as (dare i say) a pouilly fumé? delivering an ultra clean, mineral character reflecting the terroir of the domaine. zippy acidity makes it the perfect accompaniment to most seafood or white meat dishes. style: 2	france 21	15.75
sauvignon blanc	marlborough southern lights 09 southern lights sauvignon blanc is sourced from established vineyards in marlborough's southern valley region. it is a fresh and vibrant wine, with passionfruit, gooseberries and some melon characters. nice sweetness of fruit with a floral note through the palate, good depth of flavour and a firm finish. style: 2	new zealand 2	18.25

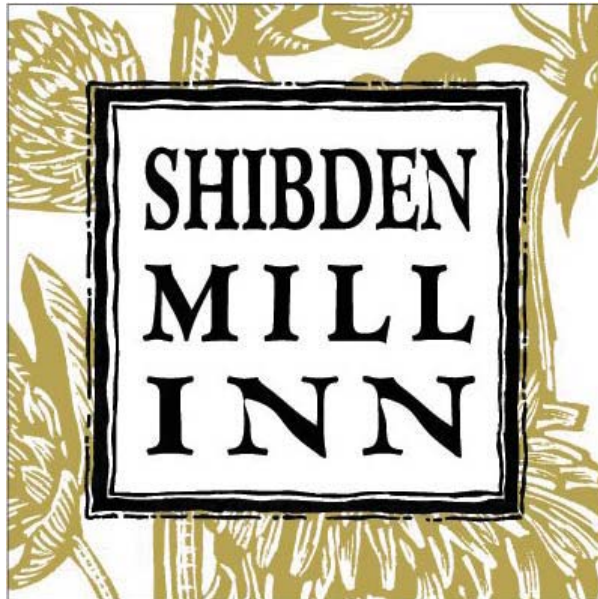
sauvignon blanc	marlborough omaka springs estate 09	new zealand	30	22.05	vibrant aroma of passionfruit, limes and grassy herbs. nifty and pleasing, fresh and zesty expressing fine flavours of dried grapefruit rind, ripe melons, bursting with limes, passionfruit, gooseberries, grass and lots of juicy fruit-sweetness, herbaceous bell pepper helped with the addition of 11% semillon. crisp, bone-dry finish with just enough acidity to whet the palate for more, more, more.... very tasty! style: 2
sauvignon blanc	sancerre domaine michel girard 08	france	38	26.95	grapes are hand-picked and gently pressed, fermented at 18°C by indigenous yeasts in stainless steel vats - all to preserve natural aromas, elegance and complexity. showing pure sancerre style - fragrant aromas of grapefruit and citrus with a waft of mineral pungency, full and round in the mouth with further fruity grapefruit and orange flavours but also almond nuttiness, supported by elegant zingy lees and acidity. style: 2
semillon & sauvignon	'you, me & the gatepost' frankland river, ferngrove 09	australia	32	18.95	south-western australia, possibly the most remote, isolated region in the world! a vivacious blend of 66% semillon and 34% sauvignon. nose; pale green, lifted tropical citrus notes, kiwi fruit and honey dew melon. palate; fresh and flavoursome tropical fruits complemented by hints of gooseberry, grapefruit and fresh passionfruit balanced with a crisp, zesty, kiwi fruit finish. style: 3
viognier	languedoc domaine de vedilhan 09	france	31	15.75	ultra clean, appealing textbook viognier aromas of ripe pears and peaches with a twist of turkish delight merge into a palate of matching concentrated flavours. fresh vibrant fruit, a hint of zestiness, zippy and elegant - sheer finesse! style: 3
viura	rioja blanco bodega el coto de rioja 09	spain	35	17.95	viura 100% from rioja alavesa. vinification: cold maceration for 12-24 hours; clarification and fermentation at a controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks for 15 days. pale, clear, with greenish hues, intensely aromatic, well balanced, with body and a refreshing touch of tartness. el coto blanco's pleasant acidity combines perfectly with an exquisite aftertaste of flowers, fruit and fine herbs. style: 3

cabernet & merlot	central valley viña vistamar 09	chile 4139	14.90
	a shining pale-pink wine with light cherry tones. its aromas are reminiscent of red fruits such as blackberries and raspberries. it is refreshing and balanced on the palate, medium-bodied with pleasant acidity and persistent flavours. a heavenly glass of 'strawberries & cream'.. style: 3		
pinot grigio	piedmont 'mirabello' castel boglione 09	spain 4140	17.95
	produced from grapes grown in the province of pavia in the lombardia region, northern italy. the ripest grapes were selected from mature hillside vineyards and hand harvested in early september. the extra ripeness allows the dark-skinned pinot grigio grapes develop a pink tinge which is further enhanced by the addition of a small proportion of pinot noir grapes from the same vineyards. style: 3		
tempranillo & cabernet	somontano 'montesierra' bodega pirineos 09	spain 4138	14.75
	only a few hours maceration with the skins to preserve all the fruit and freshness. wonderfully clean, it has an appealing strawberry pink colour with blue tones & orange glints. intense aromas of red fruits, violets and sandalwood. elegant on the palate, smooth and harmonious with a pleasant persistence making it very appealing. style: 2		
zinfandel	lodi region discovery beach 09	california 4137	15.65
	a delicious, medium-sweet rose from the north central valley in california. allowed only a short maceration on the skins to impart the beautiful salmon-pink colour, and then cool-fermented to retain freshness and acidity. ripe juicy grapes produce this delightful wine with aromas of fresh strawberries and soft red fruits. mouth-watering summer berry flavours with a hint of candy create this perfectly balanced easy drinking refreshing rose. style: 4		

red wines		bin	bottle
cabernet sauvignon	maule valley kintu 09 boasting a bright ruby-red colour with pronounced blackberry aromas on the nose mingling with touches of leather, chocolate and woodsmoke. soft and fruity on the mouth, well structured with fresh, mouth-filling flavours of cherry, strawberries with hints of cedar & vanilla undertones. style: c	chile 18	14.90
cabernet sauvignon	rapel valley vinedos santa emiliana 09 lots of typical, chilean cabernet varietal character showing fresh tart black and redcurrants on the nose with leafy, red pepper undertones. quite soft and fruity showing characteristic 'cigar box' qualities. good depth and structure as lightly dry tannins complete the finish. style: d	chile 41	15.85
cabernet & merlot	'quagga ridge' voor-paardeberg horse mountain 09 a balance of 60% cabernet, 40% merlot. french oaked for a wonderful balance and every day composure. soft, smooth berry ripeness produced from a fine marriage of noble red grape varieties. the wine has a delicious juicy middle palate with no evidence of excessive sharpness or tannins. proceeds of sales of this wine go to "the quagga project", an initiative bringing back the quagga animal from extinction. style: d	south africa 46	16.95
cabernet franc	du gard domaine mas barrau 09 a wild ripeness of sweet scented fruit twinned with an edgy woodland perfume. scrumptiously juicy fleshy rhone flavours are counter-balanced and intertwined with the savoury crunchy rooty character of cabernet franc. very exciting, totally unmissable – a wine that releases cabernet franc to new levels of pleasure.. style: c	france 53	19.00
carmenère	'reserva' colchagua valley viña ravanal 06 representing the pinnacle of their winemaker's creative art. 12 months in american & french oak. intense, inky colour while aromas of redcurrants and raspberries intrigue the senses. on the palate rich fruit flavours, well integrated oak and silky tannins join harmoniously to create a truly satisfying & memorable wine with lingering finish. style: e	chile 49	21.55
gamay	beaujolais-villages non-filtré 'manoir du carra' sambardier 07 a decidedly up-market beaujolais from a 'boutique' grower using very low yielding 'old' vines, intense bouquet with aromas of small red fruit bursting through to intense cherries on the palate and the long lasting textbook gamay finish. style: a	france 54	20.65
grenache	languedoc 'azura' maison leon dumas 08 wild blackberry fruit is prominent on the nose with hints of cinnamon spice, an underlying spicy sloe-berry mid-palate, soft and warm jammy fruit to follow with supple tannins making it an easy drinker. quintessentially mediterranean, bringing the southern french lifestyle a little closer to home! style: b	france 15	15.00
malbec	'reserva' mendoza nieto senetiner 08 aged in french oak for 12 months for added depth and complexity. a deeply-coloured, powerful red with great concentration of berry fruit. complex flavours of plums, figs, dried fruit with a smoky vanilla character, juicy fruit & great balance on the finish. style: e	argentina 52	19.65
merlot	du gard 'côté des abricotiers' domaine de bahourat 09 incredibly well balanced and easy to drink, engorged with sumptuous red fruit, rippling with nuances of crushed morello cherries and crunchy fragrant minty dark chocolate. seriously good without being too serious! style: c	france 47	15.95

red wines contd..		bin	bottle
merlot	central valley viña vistamar 09	chile 16	14.90
	nice, bright youthful red colour. on the nose rich notes of plums and blackberries are lifted by traces of chocolate and mocha. strong flavours with soft notes of wild fruit. expressive in the mouth, bringing out the woodland fruit, berries, blackberries and slight blueberry flavour. persistent with a pleasing ripe plum finish.		style: b
petit verdot & cabernet	south-eastern 'hidden rock' brian dominic 09	australia 13	14.35
	intense petit verdot varietal characters of violet and perfume integrated with rich concentrated blackcurrant fruits from the cabernet sauvignon. integrated toasty vanilla oak flavours with powerful but soft tannins balanced with the sweetness of the abundant berry fruits. exceptional depth and flavour, that linger.		style: e
pinot noir	'reserva' valle de casablanca vina carmen 09	chile 48	19.75
	benefitting from 80% of the wine spending up to 10 months in french barrels. intense red raspberry colour. ripe and concentrated strawberry jam, violets and floral aromas, like pomegranate. mature and powerful. a medium weight and properly balanced wine, which mixes attractive fruit with barrel toast and firm tannins. long & soft finish.		style: a
pinot noir	marlborough 'falveys' omaka springs estate 09	new zealand 58	24.50
	lovely deep warm cherry bouquet with a touch of spice. a funky wine with deep warm cherry plum flavours. raspberries, blueberries with a little grapefruit which all develops into strong mushroom notes in the finish. a complex and distinctive wine.		style: a
pinotage	voor-paardeberg, paarl horse mountain 09	south africa 59	20.95
	bright deep ruby colour with spicy bouquet and palate. combines power with elegance. austere fruit in perfect balance with acid and round tannin. an imminently drinkable wine, however judicious wooding with french & american oak will allow this wine to age perfectly.		style: d
sangiovese & canaiolo	chianti 'gentilesco', tuscan cantine bonacchi 08	italy 50	20.50
	minimum 85% sangiovese grapes from hillside vineyards near siena in the heart of tuscan. bonacchi's tuscan tippie pulls off the neat trick of celebrating chianti's luminous, cherry-led flavors without falling victim to chianti's traditional tart, mouthpuckering finish. supple, silky and fruity, ideal for early drinking.		style: c
shiraz	south-eastern dry river 09	australia 14	14.85
	deep and inky in colour this wine displays a nose of rich ripe plum and blackcurrant flavours with a touch of mint. smooth and full bodied on the palate with spicy flavours of dark berried fruit, velvety tannins and a long lingering finish.		style: d
shiraz	languedoc 'simply shiraz' paul boutinot 08	france 55	16.25
	minimal intervention in the winery (no temperature control on the and use of indigenous yeasts) along with judicious use of oak are key production techniques. this wine has plenty of spice and ripe damsoms with a farmy rustic edge, lovely rich dark fruits with 'meaty' concentration and style, full flavoured but reasonably soft and drinking well. simply superb!		style: b
shiraz	big rivers 'murphy's' trentham estate 08	australia 51	19.10
	showing lifted spice and plum on the nose. delightfully ripe and flavoursome style, peppery with soft tannins, bulging with rich rounded supple fruit, just a hint of spice from subtle oak influences with a soft, appealing finish.		style: d

shiraz & cabernet	south-eastern 'lakefield' cranswick estate 08 10 to 15 year old vines, gentle pressing to ensure only soft tannins and stored on french oak staves prior to bottling. subtle aromas of raspberry and spicy fruit on the nose. a flavoursome palate with savory blackcurrant and ripe plum characters, integrated with lingering vanillin oak flavours.	australia	45	16.35	style: c
syrah & grenache	côtes du ventoux 'les hauts du mont' fûts du chêne. george darriaud 07 you'll be hard pushed to find better value red this year, or next! an outstanding combination of syrah and grenache that have spent 12 months in barrel to create a wonderfully smooth, spicy red with the most deliciously creamy, blackberry finish. smooth and rich, 'a treasure trove for the inquisitive palate'	france	42	18.50	style: b
tempranillo	rioja 'reserva coto de imaz' bodega el coto 04 tempranillo 100% from the rioja alta and rioja alavesa. it's complexity and potential are remarkable. brick-cherry red. hints of oak aromas stand out over the ripe fruit. developed, spicy fragrance with hints of plums, chocolate and leather. fairly mature palate with round, complex lengthy vanilla flavours from 18 months aging in american oak casks with a particularly broad, layered structure.	spain	56	23.95	style: d
tempranillo, cab & syrah	andalucia 'gibalbin' bodegas barbadillo 08 andalucias first big red! deep red-cherry colour with light purple tones. fruity, with notes of liquorice & ripe red fruit. lively on the palate, soft tannins & good weight. a long & pleasant finish highlights the harmony & power of the bouquet.	spain	17	15.25	style: c
tempranillo & mazuela	rioja 'zarabanda' barrel aged vinedos de solarano 07 hand harvested tempranillo & mazuelo, 'semi' crianza aged 8 months in a mixture of american and russian oak barrels. a delicious 'modern' rioja with a deep colour and ripe plum and cherry fruit aromas. richly flavoured, substantial with dominant fruit & a smoky, spicy dimension from the oak maturation.	spain	19	18.25	style: c
zinfandel	'old vine' lodi region scotto family 07 this important us grape is the same as southern italy's primitivo. very cassis and bilberry on the nose, the fleshy mix of black fruits have a dark chocolate richness. the tannins are ripe ensuring a supple, fleshy feel to the palate, a weight of sweet fruit that gives lushness on the finish.	california	57	18.95	style: d



welcome to our

connoisseur collection

an eclectic mix of old world style and modern
day classics, priced to tempt expert and novice alike

chardonnay	stellenbosch '5 soldiers' rustenberg 07	south africa	70	43.00	named after the five stone pine trees (five soldiers) that stand sentinel over the farm. whole-bunch-pressed directly to barrel for natural fermentation and maturation. redolent of flint, peach, lime and a hint of nuts. an elegant wine, fermented and matured in 500 litre burgundian barrels (70% new) for 15 months. drinking wonderfully now or will age for up to 7-10 years of vintage style: 4
chardonnay	chablis grand cru 'les clos' domaine des malandes 08	burgundy	72	47.00	'our vine of grand cru les clos occupies a surface of 53ha right in the middle of the appellation zone. with a south-eastern orientation, the slope is gentle and at an altitude of 150m. the vines were planted 40 years ago. the style is true to the appellation: austere, even closed but always rich elegant and long on the palate. it is an excellent wine for ageing.' style: 2
chardonnay	meursault vieilles vignes 'les pellans' château de chorey 04	burgundy	71	42.00	using organic methods in the vineyards, with only organic fertiliser. cordon de royat pruning is used to control the yeiled alongwith green harvest in july if necessary. aged in oak: nevers and alliers for the reds and the finer-grained vosges for the white. a proportion of new oak is used each year, 40% for meursault depending on vintage. aged in demi-muids. lightly filtered, a rich green gold colour, heady, lightly oakey but with a seductively nutty bouquet. style: 4
chardonnay	puligny-montrachet premier cru 'les folatieres' rené monnier 07	burgundy	74	63.00	domaine rené monnier was founded in 1723 now in the hands of the tenth generation of the family who own 16 hectares of vineyards. great attention is paid to limiting the yields in the vineyards. vinification: part in new french oak barrels and balance in stainless steel tanks. 1/3 of the wine is aged in oak for 8 -10 months. an elegant and generous wine with apricot and mineral notes on the nose and palate. a refined with a lingering finish. style: 3
gewurztraminer	grand cru 'brand vineyard' turckheim 08	alsace	76	29.00	the 'brand' [burnt] vineyard overlooks the medieval city of turckheim - an abrupt, southern facing slope, considered one of the best sites in alsace because it benefits from remarkable sunshine. showing a lovely balance of ripeness, varietal purity and finesse [i.e. not overblown and flabby like some]. golden yellow in colour, it has powerfully fragrant rose-petal/water, lychee and apricot aromas with a hint of sweet spice; rich and pineappley but with fine structure and complexity, spicy juicy fruit and acidity combine well on the medium-dry finish. style: 4
sauvignon blanc	marlborough cloudy bay 09	new zealand	77	32.00	pale straw green in colour and enticingly fragrant, reminiscent of a fresh summer fruit salsa - ripe peach, passionfruit, mango and juicy citrus - sprinkled with fresh fennel and a dash of pastis. the palate is rich and succulent, with a zesty citrus and apple-herbet acidity that leads to a long, lingering, and characteristically crisp finish. style: 2
viognier	condrieu 'terrasses de l'empire' georges vernay 08	rhône valley	79	67.00	from the 'king of condrieu'. grown on exceptionally steep hillsides on granite soils, making any mechanization impossible. the vines are manually kept without the use of residual herbicide nor insecticide. harvest: hand harvested with small cases at full maturity. maturing: small part in casks (10% new wood), the rest in stainless steel vats. this is a lovely example of a fresh, unoaked style, characterised by its peach and apricot flavours. style: 3

cabernet, merl & c franc	château batailley pauillac, 5ème cru classé 03	bordeaux	80	48.00	château batailley is one of the oldest properties in pauillac. the name of this land comes from the battles that took place during the 14th century on the plateau which gives access to the nearby château latour. deep ruby, purple colour, showing quite a nutty nose, deeply fruited, elegant blackberry and blackcurrant and truffle flavours, notes of cigar box, pepper and spices lead to hints of liquorice and earth on the finish, now showing a much more appealing, firm but not over-the-top style. style: c
cabernet, merl & c franc	château cantenac brown margaux, 2ème cru classé 01	bordeaux	81	62.00	at the beginning of the 19th century, john lewis brown –the esteemed animal painter of scottish descent– bought the estate and its holdings. designed by brown in a traditional tudor style, the château made the ideal venue for brown’s famous parties, when he took pleasure in showcasing his love of fine wines. now under new management with josé sanfins in charge, methods have changed and the vineyards are run in a more sustainable fashion. characterised by a great finesse, elegance and power. on the palate the wine has volume and great depth and richness complemented by silky tannins and an elegant complex finish. style: c
cabernet, merl & c franc	château pichon-longueville baron pauillac, 2ème cru classé 97	bordeaux	82	93.00	opaque and dense in the glass with expressive, deep, fully-ripe berry characters on the nose. there is a lovely weight of fruit on the palate and a very nicely balanced sense of proportion. a refined impression is encouraged by finely expressed tannins as well as a distinctive mineral vein. the cabernet content here, some 65%, asserts itself well though conversely there is a lush, openness on the mid-palate. style: d
cab, merlot & malbec	stellenbosch ernie els wines 04	south africa	83	67.00	ernie and jean have been friends from an early age. as they travelled the world to promote their respective careers in golf and wine, they decided in 1999 to combine their efforts and formed engelbrecht els vineyards, where they could produce wines that would reflect their personal styles. in december 2004 they opened their newly built winery, and for them a dream had come full circle. fruitcake aromas are rounded off by a subtle oak spice to the finish. there are also distinctive earthy undertones to this ‘claret’. the fruit from the aroma follows through onto a seductive mid-palate, supported by a silky mineral feel with hints of oak and backed by a sweat tannin finish. style: d
cabernet, shiraz & merlot	stellenbosch ‘englebrecht els’ englebrecht els 06	south africa	84	37.00	not to mention the cabernet franc, malbec & petit verdot! the joint venture between long standing friends ernie els and jean engelbrecht of rust en vrede. prominent characteristics of sandalwood, leather and tobacco aromas. supported by hints of spice and a strong blackberry core. full, juicy red fruits and floral aromas complete the bouquet. a medium palate weight with tannins that are showing good integration and length. the initial mineral impression is followed by juicy plum and black cherry flavours and concludes with a smoky coffee aftertaste. style: c
corvina, rondinella...	amarone classico ‘la colombaia’ giacomo montesor 06	italy	85	32.00	made from a blend of corvina, rondinella and molinara grapes grown in montesor’s valpolicella classico vineyards. the grapes are hand harvested at the end of october. the late harvested grapes are dried for four months (until february following the vintage) and then crushed. fermentation takes place in stainless steel for four months followed by maturation in slavian oak casks and small barrels for 2 years. ripe, warm and generous on the nose with plum and cherry aromas and hints of dried fruits. full bodied and richly flavoured with rich berry and plum fruit, supple tannins and a spicy finish, with the characteristic dry bite of good amarone. style: c
grenache & syrah	châteauneuf-du-pape unfiltered ‘les deux chênes’ mas de boislauzon 08	rhône valley	73	49.20	a pure expression of grenache from the northern border of châteauneuf-du-pape. deep ruby/purple-tinged. a gorgeous nose of kirsch, violet, sweet cherry and an underlying meatiness will draw you in to this beautifully complex and multi-layered châteauneuf-du-pape. peppercorns, licorice and a lovely minerality dominate the palate intertwined with balsam wood, earth, briery berry fruit, blackberry and spice. elegant, pure, fresh, and full-bodied, with a refreshing delicacy and vigor (a difficult characteristic to achieve), a classic example of a marriage between finesse and power. style: c

malbec	mendoza 'monteagrello' bodega bressia 07	argentina	86	28.00	there's something very special going on down a dusty track in one of the farther-flung out posts of mendoza. walter bressia - a winemaker for years, 'for other people...' as she puts it, and son walter are hand-crafting their own very intensely personal wines. there's a kind of secrecy to their source, gnarly old things, beautifully tended, but there is alchemy back at the bodega, production is tiny, pure and powerful yet elegant and aromatic, this is a deeply compelling malbec. the lifted red fruit aromas on the nose are reflected on the palate along with layers of mineral, fruit and balanced acidity to deliver a long finish, very more-ish! style: d
nebbiolo	barolo 'patres' cantine san silvestro 06	italy	94	33.00	the most powerful and dramatic expression of the nebbiolo grape, from the town of the same name 9 miles south of alba in piedmont. rich concentrated and heady wine with pronounced tannins and acidity. widely termed (one of several!) 'the wine of kings, the king of wines' by its more avid admirers. style: c
pinot noir	gevrey-chambertin. monopole 'clos de la justice' bernard vallet 05	burgundy	87	49.00	the vallet family is own the entire single vineyard of clos de la justice one of a handful of producers in the cote d'or who continue to use ultra-traditional winemaking techniques. grapes are selected from vines of a minimum 15 years of age, after pressing the juice is decanted then fermented in open wooden casks using only natural yeasts and no temperature control. they don't have a fancy bottling line here - usually a pipe is inserted into the bottles without any filtration and just a candle to check that it's clear! robert parker wrote: 'clos de la justice has only a level of village but has the quality of a 1er cru, it is one of the best gevrey chambertin' style: a
pinot noir	aloxe-corton premier cru 'les chaillots' louis latour 07	burgundy	78	58.40	one of the gems of the cote de beaune. it needs time for its bouquet to develop and for a certain youthful hardness to soften. worth the wait though, being quite full flavoured, complex, structured and distinguished. appealing velvety fruit to the fore, mouth-coating body and richness with an intriguing bouquet which is very distinctive. style: a
shiraz	coonawarra 'wilgha vineyard' hollick wines 03	australia	75	36.00	the wilgha vineyard is situated in cooler southern area of the farmed coonawarra wine growing district on the legendary "terra rossa" soil using only the best grapes and is only released in exceptional years. harvested late april, partially fermented in new american oak barriques then 2 years maturation in the same barrels. aromas of lifted finely ground white pepper with integrated chocolatey oak nuances. a soft and complex palate featuring enhanced sweet spicy fruit, pepper and balancing cedary oak characters finishing with soft lingering tannins. style: d
shiraz	padthaway-langhorne creek 'the boxer' mollydooker 08	australia	88	34.00	'one of the absolute favourites among our lefty wines. this year, hints of the blue eyed boy make themselves known on the nose and the palate. with aromas of blueberry, raspberry, violets, cedar and tobacco, it has a kaleidoscope of flavours that explode in your mouth with layers of blackberry, licorice, and spicy sweet fruit. super-rich and opulent with a lingering finish of dark fruit and vanilla-oak. there's a reason everyone asks for the boxer by name. incredible power and purity.' the label depicts a boxer with two left gloves; sure to knock you out! 17.0% Vol... style: e+
shiraz	langhorne creek 'old adam' bremerton wines 06	australia	89	34.00	a stunning example of premium langhorne creek shiraz, showing richness and density integrated with fine elegant oak, giving a structural long finish to the wine. 'we are in a unique position in that we are able to keep all parcels of our wine separate from the time of picking through fermentation to oak maturation. following some barrel maturation, each parcel is assessed, and the most outstanding parcels of shiraz are allowed further maturation before being blended to create the old adam. the concentrated, high quality parcels of fruit were fermented in open vats, then matured for 24 months in new specifically selected, extra fine grain, american oak. an additional 12 months in bottle allows full integration of oak and fruit tannin.' style: d

shiraz, merlot & cabernet	padthaway-langhorne creek 'two left feet' mollydooker 08	australia	90	34.00
	<p>mollydooker - an aussie term for left-hander, which describes both sarah and sparky! 'consistently one of our top-rated lefty wines, this blend has superb aromas of butterscotch, plum, white chocolate, cherries and raspberry. its big, unctuous texture and incredibly dense, spicy fruit give you a wonderfully rounded mouth-feel and a silky smooth finish. as in years past, the mouth-filling texture gives this wine a very long finish. delicious! everyone seems to love having two left feet! named for what happens when sparky dances with sarah!' 16.5% Vol... style: e+</p>			
syrah	stellenbosch 'cirrus' englebrecht els 06	south africa	91	41.00
	<p>syrah 94%, viognier 6%. appearance: dark, intense. aroma: rich, classic red fruit aromas, most notably plum and mulberries, are immediately prevalent on the nose, and supported by subtle floral aromas emerging from the small amount of viognier added to the wine. palate: this initial orange peel impression from the viognier is overpowered by attractive red fruit flavours on the mid palate. the wine shows ripe, oaky tannins and a well structured finish. style: d</p>			
syrah & viognier	côte rôtie 'la germine' benjamin & david duclaux 01	rhône valley	92	56.00
	<p>the duclaux family own 6.5 hectares in the cote blonde. 5% is planted with viognier, and there are parcels of syrah dating back to 1940 and 1960, some have just been replanted. they have been bottling their wine since the 1978 vintage, and during the 1990's introduced various new practices - vendage vert, no destalking, dellestage and remontage for extraction, introduction of new oak, in 1998 they stopped fining and filtering their wine. the first year is spent in demi-muds and the second in barriques. david, and now brother benjamin are involved in the winemaking, with their father edmond. Just this single wine is produced. style: c</p>			
tempranillo, merlot, cab...	somontano 'marbore' bodega pirineos 04	spain	93	28.00
	<p>paying homage to one of the most representative peaks in the pyrenees, is their 'signature wine'. indigenous and european varieties are used looking for diversity and personality of the area. grape assemblage depends on individual quality for each vintage so, every vintage will mean the creation of a new marboré. great elegance and finesse. a good nose, well structured where red fruits, confectionery, bitumen and toasted wood combine well alongside spices such as pepper and nutmeg and hints of butter and chocolate. full bodied and well structured from beginning to end with a surprisingly lingering finish. the wood just melts into the fruit while being all wrapped up in excellent quality tannin. powerful without being aggressive. continues to age substantially in the bottle during its long life-span. style: c</p>			

'reasons to be cheerful...'

champagne vollereaux, pierry, eprenay



a 'boutique' champagne house which is still family owned and family run. the vollereaux family owns vineyards of 40 hectares, split up between the principal vintages of the champagne region and mainly on the slopes of eprenay. it is in pierry, one of the shrines of the history of winemaking in champagne that the vollereaux house vinifies and sells its champagnes. vollereaux champagne is the fruit of five generations of family tradition based on the constant search for rigour and perfection, where experience and 'know-how' have been developed from working the vines up to the total elaboration of champagne. more than 20,000 private customers throughout france have given them their trust, with loyalty resulting from our constant monitoring of the quality of our champagnes.



house	'white foil' s.a. brut nv	half	61	18.00
		bottle	62	33.00
		magnum 3062		68.00

a blend of three varieties of grapes from the champagne region [1/3 chardonnay, 1/3 pinot noir and 1/3 meunier] that complement each other marvellously and make it a well-balanced wine. delicate, supple and fruity. three different years of reserve stock are blended to achieve a consistent level of quality. it may be savoured as an aperitif or accompany an entire meal. it's the right champagne for every occasion! style: 2



vintage	'grande cuvee marguerite' millesime 04	69	42.00
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a prestige vintage of the maison vollereaux, this is the product of our top batches and of our finest vintages. offering aromas of figs, dried apricots, jellied fruit and an aftertaste that is delightfully long-lasting, complex and flavourful. fruity and robust, it is the blending of 75% chardonnay and 25% pinot noir that guarantees the potency and elegance of the marguerite single vintage. style: 3



rosé	'rosé de saignée' brut nv	bottle	66	36.00
		magnum 3066		74.00

100 % pinot noir. this champagne is produced by the grand, classic champagne-region method of direct maceration of pinot noir, known as 'saignée'. only a handful of houses where the quest for quality permit the winemaker to take a risk in doing this (most rose champagnes are made by blending red with white wines). this rosé champagne is potent and full-bodied, marked by red berry aromas. a delight as an aperitif and to accompany dessert. style: 3

			bin	bottle
prosecco	veneto 'sestiere castel 4357' fabiano nv named after the street of the very first fabiano wine business, a wine merchants, just off st mark's square in venice. 100% prosecco grapes. elegant fruity aromas of pear, apple and citrus. delightfully smooth & fresh, with plenty of light, refreshing bubbles. fresh, fashionable with that touch of venetian elegance ... simply the perfect aperitivo to start a perfect evening! style: 4	italy	60	18.25
grande marque	'brut l-p' tours-sur-marne laurent-perrier nv the flagship of laurent-perrier, it embodies their individual house style: deliciously fresh and easy to drink. a blend composed of over 55 different crus (with an average 94% rating). 45% chardonnay, 40% pinot noir & 15% pinot meunier. pale gold in colour with a fine and regular bead. delicate and complex with hints of citrus and white fruit. consistently delicious, crisply fresh, distinctly fruity with good balance & length. style: 2	france	63	41.00
grande marque	'yellow label' reims veuve cliquot brut nv highly regarded all over the world since its foundation by madam cliquot in 1772, still inspired by her mott.. 'one quality, the finest'. identifiable by its full flavour and long fruity aftertaste, as by the distinctive packaging. style: 2	france	64	52.00
prestige	'dom perignon' epernay moet & chandon 00 dom pérignon was the 17th century benedictine monk who's goal was "to make the best wine in the world". for a young monk just 30 years old, it took a visionary spirit and exceptional audacity to set such lofty ambitions. he succeeded in transforming the history of wine and is known today as the person who "invented" champagne. a rigorous selection process in both the vineyard and winery ensures that only the best grapes go into dom pérignon. chardonnay and pinot noir are used in roughly equal proportions without one variety dominating the other. showing incredibly smooth, creamy fruit with perfect balance and weight. as it ages, it takes on wonderfully toasty aromas and a finesse equalled by very few of the other grandes marques. style: 2	france	65	143.00
prestige	'cristal' reims louis roederer brut 02 the jewel of the house of louis roederer is cristal, created in 1876 for tsar alexander ii, fearing assassination he ordered that bottles be made clear to prohibit hiding a bomb within them, this flat-bottomed bottle needed to be made from stronger, clear lead crystal, hence the name. this is champagne at its finest, as inspired today as it has always been, the embodiment of elegance and purity. cristal is made according to the strictest criteria, based on a drastic process of selection applying to the vintage, the cru, the village, the grapes and finally the wines. only pinot noir and chardonnay grapes from the house's 10 most celebrated crus are used in the production of this legendary cuvée. an intensely floral bouquet fragrant with almonds, hazelnuts and wild flowers is complemented by a touch of acidity to mark a finish of elegant persistence. light and fresh, this is undoubtedly a champagne of admirable magnitude with time. style: 2	france	68	225.00
rosé	'cuvée rose' tours-sur-maine laurent-perrier nv blended from 10 different 'crus' (or villages) situated mainly in the south and north areas of the montagne de reims – including the famous côte de bouzy – notably from the finest crus of ambonnay, bouzy, louvois and tours-sur-marne. 100% pinot noir. elegant, with colour changing naturally from a pretty raspberry hint to salmon-pink. precise and very crisp aroma. wide range of small red fruits: strawberries, redcurrants, raspberries and black cherries. its amazing freshness is the dominating note. intensely fruity flavours, clean, well-defined and slightly sharp, the wine then opens up to provide an impression of plunging into a basket of freshly picked red berries: strawberries, morello cherries, blackcurrants and raspberries. the wine is supple and rounded on the finish. style: 3	france	67	66.00



pudding wines

bin bottle

muscat	coonawarra 'the nectar' hollick 07	australia 95 37.5cl	25.75
	lime juice, apricot and musk. riesling fruit aromas come to the fore. luscious wine that shows intense honey, citrus and marmalade flavours with dried apricot notes. style: 5		
moscato	pantelleria 'passito di pantelleria' carlo pellegrino 08	italy 96 37.5cl	22.50
	the volcanic island home of giorgio armani, pantelleria is halfway between sicily and the tunisian coast. made from grapes that have been dried to concentrate their juice, luscious, strong, hints of cinnamon and honey. style: 5		
semillon & sauvignon	monbazillac domaine de grange neuve. castaing 05	50cl france 97 50cl	23.75
	small parcels of late picked grapes from monbazillac near bergerac. with a fabulous colour which deepens over time. it is an extremely elegant wine with dominant overtones of honey, acacia and peaches and hints of citrus fruits and crystallised 'mirabelle' plums. serve chilled as an aperitif or with foie gras, it also goes very well with cheeses such as bleu d'auvergne, roquefort and fourme d'ambert. luscious and rich with a backbone of fine acidity. style: 5		