

Sparkling & Champagne

	Gls	Carafe	bottle
Prosecco Di Colli Valdobbiadene, De Faveri, Veneto, Italy Apple and floral notes with citrus and mineral. The Italian aperitif	£5.75		£27.00
Vouvray Brut NV, Domine Champalou, Loire, France Apple, honey and quince with a crisp, pure, slate acidity. Try it with the charcuterie			£31.00
Cuvee Dei Frati Brut 2004, Ca' Dei Frati, Lugana, Veneto Ripe honeyed pears streaked through with mineral and chalk. A delicious alternative to Champagne			£38.50
Billecart Salmon Brut NV, Mareuil-Sur-Ay, France Finesse, balance & elegance are the hallmarks of this great 'family owned' Grande Marque	£9.50		£47.00
Billecart Salmon Rosé NV, Mareuil-Sur-Ay, France Strawberries, icing sugar & a dashing dash of creamy elegance. Arguably the finest rosé of the lot			£65.00

White

Le Lesc 2008, Caves de Saint Mont, South West France Light and fresh, grapefruit and lime. Perfect as an aperitif or with an added dash of cassis	£4.00	£8.00	£15.00
Trebbiano D'Abruzzo 2008, Caldora, Abruzzo, Italy A fresh & zesty Trebbiano from the wilds of D'Abruzzo	£4.50	£9.00	£17.00
Picpoul de Pinet 2008, Domaine de Sainte Croix, Languedoc, France An ancient grape variety producing a distinguished light fresh wine. Perfect with the freshest of fresh seafood			£19.50
Chardonnay 2008, Braide, Friuli, Italy Pure honeyed peaches & grapes but with lovely weight & purity			£19.50
Sauvignon - Gros Manseng 2008, Cotes de Gascogne, Domaine Alain Brumont 2007, SW France Soft & pleasing with delicious peach & apricot but also with that biting summer in the garden Sauvignon snacking on some gooseberries			£21.75
Con Class Exceptional 2007, Con Class, Rueda, NW Spain Imagine a well priced New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc - if such a beast existed. Lovely aromatics & bags of grapefruit, fennel & passionfruit			£22.25
Grenache Viognier 2007/8, Domaine La Croix Belle, Languedoc, France An excellent value unoaked Grenache Viognier from the Languedoc. Apricots, honey, peaches, mineral & spice. A summer treat			£22.50
Grillo Sicilia 2007, Athesia, Sicily, Italy Elegant floral, citrus peel aromatics. Graceful and lovely on the palate. Should sing with seafood	£5.75	£11.50	£22.50
Reserve De Gassac Blanc 2008, Mas de Dumas Gassac, Languedoc-Roussillon, France Very drinkable, very affordable & a world famous estate - words rarely seen together. Apricot, floral honey blossom and lime.			£22.50
Sauvignon de Touraine 2008, Domaine des Corbillieres, Loire, France A classic example of Loire sauvignon, bright and zippy with bags of lovely fruit and minerals	£6.00	£12.00	£23.00
Clairette 2007, Château De Roquefort, Vin de Pays de Bouche de Rhone, France A real experience from 50yr Clairette vines; mouth-watering citrus, intense minerals, wonderfully aromatic & oddly perfect			£23.50
Polena 2007(Cataratto, Viognier) Donnafugata, Sicily, Italy Polena is a Ukrainian dating agency - tel +380 50 *** The wine is light, soft & floral & with rather fine fruit			£24.50
Cuvée des Conti 2007 (Semillon - Sauvignon), Château Tour des Gendres, Bergerac, SW France Touching on richness (& good times) through its smoky, buttery stone fruit notes. Fresh & full with a spicy peppery finish	£6.50	£13.00	£25.50
Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 'Il Bacco' 2006, Fattoria Coroncino, Marche, Italy From the heartland, showing a touch of fatness & age, ripe fruit & pure minerality			£26.00
Vina do Campo 2007, Bodegas Docampo, Ribeiro, Galicia, NW Spain An intriguing blend of Treixadura & Torrontes. Soft, pure & mineral on the nose with bright appealing fresh ripe fruit. Lovely			£26.00
Tocai Friuliano 'Toh' 2008, Di Lenardo, Friuli Venezia, Italy A treasure from times past. Deep honey & tantalising in appearance with a palate that is ripe peach, honey & almonds. Beautifully brisk & fresh			£26.50
Sylvaner 2006, Cantina Valle Isarco, Alto Adige, Italy A fresh and succulent Sylvaner brimming with notes of peach, apple, apricot, spice and mineral.			£26.50
Soave Classico 2007, Az Agr Tamellini, Veneto, Italy Defines what Soave should be all about. Bright fruit, pineapple, elderflower, lime & grapefruit, with a mineral edge & a hint of spice			£26.75
Erbarluce 'La Rustia' 2006, Orsolani, Piedmont, Italy A true one off from Piedmont. Delicate notes of smoke, almonds and lime with really satisfying balance and length			£27.00
Sauvignon 2004, Tercic, Collio, Friuli, Italy Wonderful purity of fruit, perfect balance & with some bottle age it's makes it a very fine wine at a very fine price			£28.00
Ribolla Gialla 2006, Az Agr Specogna, Colli Orientali, Italy Ribolla is an odd, & yet oddly enticing grape variety. This is all pure lime & mineral, shows a little nuttiness & has lovely length			£28.00
Pinot Bianco 2007, Hoftstätter, Südtirol, Italy The classic expression of a grape, an area and a wine-making philosophy. A Pinot Grigio in wolfs clothing part three			£28.00
Terlaner Classico 2007 (P Bianco, Sauvignon & Chardonnay) Cantina Terlano, Alto Adige, Italy Elegant and harmonious with ripe tropical flavours, soft white fruit and some lovely floral notes			£29.00
Riesling Tradition 2007, Albert Mann, Alsace, France Apple, pear, spice and minerals, or to quote the estate 'the wine is the memory of the grape' and so it is here			£29.50
Bourgogne Chardonnay 'Terroirs de Côte d'Or' 2006, Verget, Burgundy, France It doesn't tar the good name of Burgundy & for the money it's right on the ball. As vibrant & ripe as a summer lemon & lime tart			£29.75
Sole E Vento 2007, Marco De Bartoli, Pantelleria, Italy Tucked between the heel of Italy & North Africa is Isola di Pantelleria & a wine that is limey, grapey, beguiling and somewhat volcanic			£30.00
Terres Gauda 'O Rosal' 2008, Bodegas Terres Gauda, Rias Baixas, Galicia, Spain This blend of Albarino and native varieites offers a seductive floral nose with elegant citrus, lime and honeysuckle flavours			£31.50
Tocai 'Clivi Brazan' 2005, Az Agr Clivi Di F Z, Friuli Venezia, Italy Phenomenal Tocai. Rich & luscious with incredible minerality, spice, flowers & honeyed apples (Calvados?) If only Burgundy could at this price			£33.75
Kerner 2007, Abbazia Di Novacella, Alto Adige, Italy From one the worlds oldest wineries (1142) comes a Kerner that is soft, ripe, aromatic, delicious and perfect with antipasto			£34.00
Côtes Du Rhône Viogier 2007, Domaine Pierre Gaillard, Rhone, France Elegant weight & purity of expression, 100% Viognier, no oak & lovely honeyed stone fruit ripeness. Baby Condrieu in all but name			£36.00
Gewurztraminer d'Epfig 2006, Domaine Ostertag, Alsace, France Quite wonderful. Lingering and nuanced with intense notes of spice, caramel, coffee and lychees. Off dry			£36.00
Montagny 1er Cru 2006, Jean-Marc Boillot, Côte d'Or, Burgundy, France Really rather serious, strict & elegant showing expressive ripe fruit, butter, mineral & vegetal notes & drinking very well indeed			£38.00
Pouilly-Fuisse 'La Verchère' 2006, Daniel Barraud, Burgundy, France Certainly not strict, just generous, ripe, rich & loving - as very fine Burgundy can & should always be			£43.00

	Glass	Carafe	Bottle
Rosé			
Côtes De Provence 'Corail' 2008, Château De Roquefort, Provence, France	£6.25	£12.50	£25.00
Golden and beautiful - the perfect sunset. All ripe passionfruit and raspberries on the nose, but fresh, elegant & bone-dry in the mouth			
Red			
Madregale Rosso 2008, Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy	£4.00	£8.00	£15.00
Montepulciano and Sangiovese, fresh herbs, white pepper and red fruit - a spiritual match with pizza			
Saint Cirice 2007 (Syrah, Grenache & Carignan) Vin De Pays Du Gard, Rhone, France			£16.00
Essentially a Côtes Du Rhône gone backpacking. Gutsy & spicy, warm, welcoming & very more-ish			
La Nogarede 'Cuvée Charles' 2006 (Cabernet, Syrah & Mourvedre), Dom Boyer, Languedoc-Roussillon			£17.00
Ripe cassis blackcurrant & blackberry (very Australian) but with lots of lovely French spice, garrigue herbs & dark fruit			
Laguna de la Nava 2004 (Tempranillo), Bodegas Navarro Lopez, Valdepenas, Spain	£5.50	£11.00	£21.00
Such a Spanish wine..but in the best way. Creamy & savoury with ripe dark fruit & 'just' mature 'just' now. A great value 2004 - where else?			
Le Roc Classique 2005, Cotes du Frontonnais, South West France			£21.00
Ah the Negrette grape - a beautifully toned wine that is at once rustic & light but with warming Christmassy spice and fruit			
Sangiovese 2007, Di Majo Norante, Molise, Italy	£5.75	£11.50	£22.00
Slay the dragon with soft bright ripe cherry fruit & a touch of oak. "A good honest wine" TG			
Syrah IGT 2006, Athesia, Sicily, Italy			£22.75
Soft, approachable Syrah displaying fleshy ripe red fruit characteristics and a welcome dash of bottle age			
Vigna Grande 2005, Az Agr Conte Onofrio Spagnoletti, Puglia, Italy			£24.00
100% Nero di Troia from Puglia but here thank God is one that's fresh & perfumed with an elegant floral red fruits finish			
Marcillac 'Cuvee Lairis' 2006, Jean-Luc Matha, South West France			£25.00
Marcillac it may be - unusual, underated & unknown. Oddly similar to a rather fine Brouilly - trust us on this			
Côtes du Rhône 2007, Domaine de la Mordoree, Rhone, France			£25.50
Just delicious; ripe crunchy red fruits but still fresh, spicy, slightly savoury & not at all heavy. Like a soft Irish day			
Cotes du Ventoux Rouge "Fayard" 2007, Domaine de Fondreche, Rhone, France			£26.00
A wine that momentarily gives consideration to being a preacher of sorts. Compelling, powerful, creamy & savoury with sweet dark fruit			
Barbazzale 'Nerello Mascalase' 2007, Az Agr Cottanera, Sicily, Italy			£26.25
800m altitude vines, minerally volcanic soils, the lava flow of Mount Etna in sight, & a spicy, savoury, mouthwatering, dark dried fruit sip			
Aglianico del Vulture 'Grifalco' 2004, Lucania, Basilicata, Italy			£26.50
A wine of substance, persistence and balance, offering intense, complex, savoury, balsamic and strawberry flavours			
Bergerie De l'Hortus 2006 (Syrah, Grenache & Mouvedre) Pic Saint Loup, Dom de l'Hortus, Languedoc			£26.75
Châteauneuf du Pape meets the warm Mediterranean sun. Soft silky plummy cherry fruit with a touch of peppery spice			
Saumur Champigny 2008, Domaine Des Roches Neuves, Loire, France. <u>Available chilled</u>			£26.75
"One of the elite wine-growers..gathers exceptionally ripe grapes which give a unique smoothness & velvety texture to his wines" Bettane			
Il Valpolicella 2007, Az Agr Buglioni, Veneto, Italy			£27.00
Delicate & distinct; bearing all the hallmarks of damn fine Valpolicella. Bright cherry fruit, notes of almond & spice & really nice mouthfeel			
Morellino Di Scansano 'Heba' 2007, Fattoria Le Magliano, Tuscany, Italy	£6.75	£13.50	£27.00
A Sangiovese & easily a match for good Chianti. Spicy dark cherries & chocolate, creamy toasty oak with soft supple tannins			
Minervois 'Sous les Cailloux des Grillons' 2006, Clos du Gravillas, Languedoc-Roussillon, France			£27.00
Nicely textured with sweet macerated dark fruit, chocolate & bright fresh acidity. Very good			
Rivola 2006 (Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon), Abadia Retuerta, Sardón del Duero, Spain			£27.50
Modern Spain meets Bordeaux. Sweet herbal & smoky notes with plump ripe blackcurrant (a Cabernet thing) & soft fleshy Tempranillo			
Yecla 'Colección' 2005, Bodegas Castano, South East Spain			£27.50
80% Monastrell, 20% Cabernet, all old vines. A brooding Heathcliff of a wine, dark fruit, soft tannin, liquorice & black olives. Please try it			
Chianti Rufina 2007, Chianti Rufina 2007, Az Agr Selvapiana, Tuscany, Italy			£27.75
Once the summer residence for the Florentine bishops - naturally. A Chianti that delights through being pretty, appealing & approachable			
Caburnio 2006 (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Alicante), Tenuta Monteti, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy			£28.50
Oodles of luscious blueberry, chocolate & menthol aromas. plump savoury dark fruit flavours. An international wine			
Rioja Crianza 2005, Izadi, Rioja, Spain	£7.00	£14.00	£28.00
Blueberry and chocolate with savoury & vanilla undertones. Fresh, eager & willing to please - much like a puppy			
Barbera d'Asti 2002, Trincherio, Piedmont, Italy			£28.50
A deep dark savoury Barbera that's peaking beautifully right about now.....and still great value			
Montepulciano D'Abruzzo 'Yume' 2005, Caldora, Abruzzo, Italy	£7.25	£14.50	£29.00
Montepulciano but not as we know it. Ripe savoury fruit, all cream, chocolate & soft tannin. Strangely reminds me of Puglias finest			
Dolcetto d'Alba 'Dei Grassi' 2006, Elio Grasso, Piedmont, Italy			£29.50
Perfumed & textured in that soft delicious plump Dolcetto way - all bright fruit & the rest. Very much a Grasso wine			
Palazzo Della Torre 2005, Allegrini, Veneto, Italy			£29.75
A smoky briary nose & a full bodied palate of opulent dark dried savoury fruit & chocolate. Think super baby Amarone			
Refosco Riserva 2006, Russolo, Friuli, Italy			£30.00
A really lovely medium bodied red full of sweet dark brambly fruit and soft peppery notes that just linger. Delicious			
Crozes Hermitage 2006, Domaine Les Chenêts, Northern Rhone, France			£30.00
The essence of Crozes displaying savoury notes, black olives, a dash of pepper, dried herbs, orange peel and soft red fruits			
Bourgueil Galichets 1996, Domaine de la Chevalerie, Loire, France			£37.00
A fantastic example of Cabernet loafing around. Earthy, savoury & elegant with soft dark fruit, touches of leather and herbs. Soothing			
Chianti Classico 2006, Isole E Olena, Tuscany, Italy			£37.75
From one of the finest estates (in a fine vintage) this is delicious. Soft fleshy tannins, a perfumed elegant nose & pure expressive fruit			
Rioja Reserva 1997, Urbina, Rioja			£38.50
Wonderfully drinkable Rioja that is smoky, complex, meaty, sensous, bright, and that should be enough			
Pithos 2007 (Nero d'Avola, Frappato) Az Agr Cos, Sicily, Italy			£39.00
Touches of ancient Greece here. Fermented in open amphura (very funky) yet luscious, ripe, savoury & elegant. Both good & individual			
Trimplin 2004, Podere Selvagrossa, Marche, Italy			£39.00
Sensual velvety Sangiovese with deliciously ample strawberries and raspberries that just dance over the tongue. So good			
Morgon 2007 'Côte du Py', Dom Jean Foillard, Burgundy, France. <u>Available chilled</u>			£42.50
A wine with that authoritative cru Burgundian air to it. Beautifully textured & fine, soft red fruits & bright acidity. 'Sideways' in a glass			
Pinot Nero 2003, Az Agr Bressan, Friuli Venezia, Italy			£43.50
"I want to drink the wine, not eat the door to the kitchen" Quite right. Elegant oak, savoury, medicinal & fresh with bright poised fruit & spice			

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR THE REST

Others (which you should decant and that includes the whites if you like)

There's nothing a certain older distinguished wine person likes to reminisce about than the time they bought this or that wine back in the day for a farthing. In an effort to redress this historical travesty we've put together some fantastic wines from our favourite producers but without the inflationary mark ups

White	Bottle
Pinot Grigio 'Dessimis' 2006, Vie Di Romans, Friuli Isonzo, Italy	£43.00
Annoyed as we are as that there is no longer a wine called Tocai Friulano (the Hungarians you see) we've added the pinnacle of PG. A breathtaking mouthful of terroir, all butterscotch, cream, spice, pepper and purity of fruit	
Soave 'La Rocca' 2006, Leonildo Pieropan, Veneto, Italy	£44.00
Pieropan is very much among the top two winemakers in Soave with Anselmi being the main opposition & the rest..well The La Rocca in its youth & with a touch of barrel is showing beautifully - lovely weight, freshness, balance & length. Super	
Macon Viré Clessé 2003, Domaine De La Bon Gran, Burgundy, France	£44.00
"For being a beacon of quality, you'd expect him to be a hero in his own land. Instead, Thévenet has been penalized by the French authorities" Wine Spectator. One suspects that Thévenet being French, a man of the soil & fortified with the spirit of 1968 no doubt prefers it so. Visually it's intense liquid gold, the nose perfumed rich & compelling, all honeyed peaches & melon & flavours which are lush rich lingering creamy & mineral	
Engelgarten 2005 (Riesling, Pinot Gris, Beurot, Muscat & Pinot Noir), Marcel Deiss, Alsace, France	£46.00
"The 2005 Engelgarten offers a ripe nose of apple jelly, orange liqueur, and jellied red fruits. Lush and liqueur-like - indeed, quite dramatically rich but underlain with sufficient springs of acidity and chalky mineral substrate that its sweetness never gains the upper hand in a long finish" Wine Advocate	
Mas De Daumas Gassac 2007, Famille Guibert, Languedoc-Roussillon, France	£47.00
"We are not making coca- cola here" Samuel Guibert. "Wine is dead" Aimé Guibert, and somehow in this familial maelstrom wines are made that are pure, perfect and unique, from a mix of grape varieties that suggest both genius and madness	
Meursault Le Tesson 2003, Domaine Jean-Philippe Fichet, Burgundy, France	£65.00
"Jean-Philippe Fichet of Meursault is a real rising star" Jancis Robinson, The Financial Times. And that's it	
Red	
Please note we keep all our reds at cellar tempature so just give them a decanting moment in time	
Merlot Grave 2005, Az Agr Piero Croatto, Veneto, Italy	£38.50
It's something new & something red & something impressively modern in the best sense of the word. Wonderful purity of fruit on the nose, (on this occasion bandying the word bouquet about seems entirely appropriate) Ripe crunch red fruit, perfectly rounded tannins & a long lingering silky luscious finish. Good in every way, in particular the price	
Montecrasto 2005, Bodegas Montecrasto, Ribero del Duero, Spain	£43.00
A modern 100% Tempranillo from the ever so fashionable Ribero del Duero but one that is fairly priced (for the moment) considering the waves it's been making in the international press. "This rich, expressive red delivers ripe, almost sweet, black currant and blackberry fruit. It has muscular tannins, but there is enough acidity for balance, as well as vibrant floral and spice finish Now to 2020." The Wine Spectator	
Finca Terrerazo 2006, Bodega Mustiguillo, Utiel Requena, SE Spain	£45.00
Just to keep things fresh & new. Terrerazo is a blend of 70% Bobal from 50-60 yr old vines, 20% Tempranillo from 40yr old vines & 10% Cab Sauv which is then aged for 19 months in new French oak before going on to win numerous awards. The 05 has a savoury smoky nose filled with ripe dark fruit & a palate very much to match. A big wine	
Mas Mallola 2005, Bodega Marco Abella, Priorat, Spain	£43.00
A wine discovered for you and I in the back of cab by a chance meeting & I refuse to say any more. "45% Garnacha, 40% Carinena together with Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Beautifully expressive this in an incredibly vibrant and fine wine. Very fine fruit, crisp tannins and a balance that is so rarely achieved so that this wine really sings. With extraordinary length too, this is a very classy wine indeed" PS	
Barolo 1999, Podere Luidi Einaudi, Piemonte, Italy	£55.00
Excellent vintage, great producer (2nd president of the Italian republic - but who was 1st) Drinking beautifully, all poised fruit & rounded tannins.	
Il Favot 2003, Poderi Aldo Conterno, Piedmont	£53.00
Here's a story from the hot summer of 2003 & I quote Aldo Conterno "Anyway, about a month after we had decided not to make any Barolo in 2003 and instead eventually sell all the wine under our nebbiolo label called Il Favot, one of my sons came to me with a glass of wine in hand. 'Try this,' he said. He didn't tell me what it was. So I tasted it & I said, 'This is very great wine.' And my son said, 'Well, Dad, it's the 2003 Il Favot.'"	
Brunello 2003, Eredi Fuligni, Tuscany, Italy	£55.00
"Perfumed & beautiful on the nose, with plum, cherry, chocolate & nutmeg. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins & a long caressing finish" Wine Spectator. Very much an old school Brunello & all the better for it. Drinking really well	
Cepparello 2003, Isole e Olena, Tuscany, Italy	£53.00
Probably Paolo de Marchis most iconic wine; a barrique aged Sangiovese and holder of a Tre Bicchieri with which to taunt the idiot Italian bureaucrats who once refused it a Chianti Classico Riserva designation. Powerful and compelling	
La Poja 2003, Allegrini, Veneto, Italy	£55.00
Last time I saw this on a wine merchants list it was touching £50 which makes this somewhat a bargain. From a parcel of vines called La Poja in a vineyard called La Grola (confused?) this is a a full bodied savoury wine with firm tannins, lovely dried fruit notes, pepper & dark chocolate	
Il Carbonaione 2000, Valle della Greve, Podere Poggio Scalette, Tuscany, Italy	£52.00
If Sassicaia is the original Super Tuscan then Il Carbonaione is its rather well heeled offspring. 100% Sangiovese, rich and full-flavoured, laden with ripe dark fruit, spice and and vanilla, yet also elegant for what is a powerfully built wine	
Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux 2001, Domaine Comte Armand, Burgundy	£75.00
"Mint, spice, earth, and black cherries can be detected on the nose of the 2001 Pommard Clos des Epeneaux. A backward wine, it is dense, intense, thickly textured, and bruising. Its mammoth structure does not conceal the copious, deep black fruits that make up its core" Robert Parker	

* Tre Bicchieri - The Oscar of the Italian wine world