

The Oak

Wine List

By the glass

Whites	Glass	Carafe	Bottle
Le Lesc 2009, Caves de Saint Mont, South West France	4.00	8.00	15.50
Trebbiano D'Abruzzo 2009, Caldora, Abruzzo, Italy	4.50	9.00	17.50
Reserve De Gassac Blanc 2009, Daumas Gassac, Languedoc-Roussillon, France	6.00	12.00	22.50
Sauvignon de Touraine 2009, Joël Delaunay, Loire, France	6.00	12.00	23.00
Tocai Friuliano 'Toh' 2009, Di Lenardo, Friuli Venezia, Italy	6.75	13.50	26.50

Rosé

Côtes De Provence 'Corail' 2008, Château De Roquefort, Provence, France	6.25	12.50	25.00
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Reds

Madregale Rosso 2009, Terra di Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy	4.00	8.00	15.50
Laguna de la Nava 2004 (Tempranillo), Bodegas Navarro Lopez, Valdepenas, Spain	5.50	11.00	22.00
Sangiovese 2009, Di Majo Norante, Molise, Italy	5.75	11.50	22.50
Rioja Crianza 2005, Izadi, Rioja, Spain	7.25	14.25	28.00
Chianti Rufina 2008, Chianti Rufina 2008, Az Agr Selvapiana, Tuscany, Italy	7.25	14.25	27.75

Sparkling & Champagne

Prosecco Di Colli Valdobbiadene, De Faveri, Veneto, Italy	5.75		27.00
<i>Subtle ripe apple & floral notes. Touches of citrus and mineral. The definitive & distinctive Italian aperitif</i>			
Vouvray Brut NV, Domine Champalou, Loire, France			32.00
<i>Apple, honey and quince with a crisp, pure, slate-like acidity. Try it with a bite of charcuterie</i>			
Cuvee Dei Frati Brut 2007, Ca' dei Frati, Lugana, Veneto			39.50
<i>Ripe creamy honeyed apples & pears ripped through with twisting & vital mineral. A delicious alternative to Champagne</i>			
Billecart Salmon Brut NV, Mareuil-Sur-Ay, France	9.50		47.00
<i>Poise & bearing, finesse & elegance - very much the hallmarks of Billecart...& still a family owned Grande Marque</i>			
Billecart Salmon Rosé NV, Mareuil-Sur-Ay, France			65.00
<i>Strawberries, icing sugar & a dash of cream. Billecart's example is among the very best from the rosé famille</i>			

Rosé

Côtes De Provence 2008, Château De Roquefort, Provence, France	6.25	12.50	25.00
<i>Golden and beautiful - the perfect sunset. Passionfruit and raspberries yet fresh, elegant & bone-dry</i>			

Specials

Whites

Hattenheimer Riesling 2008, Von Simmern, Rheingau, Germany			31.00
<i>A true Riesling and an absolute character expressed as rock-juice minerality - airy and bright, fine and pure</i>			
Sole E Vento 2007, Marco De Bartoli, Pantelleria, Italy			30.00
<i>Between the heel of Italy & Africa is Isola di Pantelleria & a wine that is limes, grapes, beguiling & somewhat volcanic</i>			

Reds

Primitivo IGT 2008, Feudi Di San Marzano, Puglia, Italy			19.00
<i>The bright ripe blackberry fruit is driven by the Puglian sun but the vino has quite enough acidity to keep it jolly & fresh</i>			
Chianti Classico 2007, Az Agr Poggerino, Tuscany, Italy			34.50
<i>A Decanter 5 star award & very much a current favourite at The Oak. Classic Sangiovese cherries, ripe tannins, lively & right</i>			
Monteregio 2007(Sangiovese, Syrah & Cab Franc), Conti di San Bonifacio, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy			29.50
<i>Down in southern Tuscany the sun shines just that little bit more & so the wines tend towards riper, richer, fuller & lovely</i>			
Cepparello 2005, Isole e Olena, Tuscany, Italy (Cellar temperature & under stelvino)			60.00
<i>Buy it just to taunt the idiot Italian bureaucrats who once refused it a Chianti Classico Riserva designation. An iconic wine</i>			

The Whites

Delicious & Light: As an aperitif or with some padron peppers & bruschetta

Le Lesc 2009, Caves de Saint Mont, South West France	15.50
<i>Light and fresh, grapefruit and lime. Perfect as an aperitif with a dash of cassis</i>	
Trebbiano D'Abruzzo 2009, Caldora, Abruzzo, Italy	17.50
<i>Fresh, zesty, light & delicious. A cooperative that thinks & remains ahead of the game</i>	
Chardonnay 2008, Braide, Friuli, Italy	19.50
<i>Pure honeyed & ripe, peaches & grapes but also well balanced & fresh as a daisy</i>	
Picpoul de Pinet 2009, Domaine de Sainte Croix, Languedoc, France	21.00
<i>An ancient grape variety producing a distinguished light fresh wine. Perfect with the freshest of fresh seafood</i>	
Godello 'Mara Martin' 2009, Martín Códax, Galicia, NE Spain	23.25
<i>So very Galician; Apples, pears, a touch of nectarine, bright & fresh. Very smart at the price</i>	
Inzolia IGT 2009, Az Agr Cottanera, Sicily, Italy	26.50
<i>An indigenous Sicilian variety that's capable of so much. Dry with citrus fruit, aromatic herbal notes & a hint of spice</i>	

Sauvignon Blanc & their attractive continental cousins

Sauvignon - Gros Manseng 2008, Cotes de Gascogne, Domaine Alain Brumont, SW France	22.75
<i>Soft & pleasing with delicious peach & apricot but also that summer in the garden snacking on some biting gooseberries</i>	
Sauvignon de Touraine 2009, Joël Delaunay, Loire, France	23.00
<i>Classic Loire Sauvignon, bright and zippy with bags & oodles & lots of lovely fruit and minerals</i>	
Ribolla Gialla 2008, Az Agr Specogna, Colli Orientali, Italy	28.00
<i>Ribolla is an odd & yet oddly enticing grape. Pure lime & mineral, a touch of nuttiness & lovely length</i>	
Pinot Bianco 2007, Franz Hass, Alto Adige, Italy	27.50
<i>A wonderful expression of a grape, an area & a wine-making philosophy. A Pinot Grigio in wolfs clothing part 4</i>	
Sauvignon 2004, Tercic, Collio, Friuli, Italy	28.00
<i>Purity of fruit with lovely balance, a dash of bottle age & a great price. What more can you ask for?</i>	

Zesty ripe fruit with dashing minerality & complexity

Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 2009, Sartarelli, Marche, Italy	25.00
<i>Verdicchio as it should be. A delicate touch of fatness, ripe fruit & pure minerality</i>	
Tocai Friuliano 'Toh' 2009, Di Lenardo, Friuli Venezia, Italy	26.50
<i>A treasure from times past. Honeyed & tantalising in appearance with a palateto match: ripe peach, lime & almonds</i>	
Erbarluce 'La Rustia' 2008, Orsolani, Piedmont, Italy	30.50
<i>A true Piedmont one-off. Delicate notes of smoke, almonds & lime with really satisfying length & balance</i>	
Terlaner Classico 2009 (P Bianco, Sauvignon & Chardonnay) Cantina Terlano, Alto Adige, Italy	29.50
<i>Elegant, harmonious, ripe tropical notes, soft white fruit and some lovely floral bits & bobs</i>	
Riesling Tradition 2008, Albert Mann, Alsace, France	31.00
<i>Apple, pear, spice and minerals, or to quote the estate 'the wine is the memory of the grape' and so it is here</i>	
Terres Gauda 'O Rosal' 2008, Bodegas Terres Gauda, Rias Baixas, Galicia, Spain	33.50
<i>Albarino with some native bits & bobs. A seductive & elegant sip 'how could it not' of citrus, lime & honeysuckle</i>	

The Aromatics: Ripe, aromatic & expressive wines

Grenache-Viognier 2009, Domaine La Croix Belle, Languedoc, France	22.50
<i>A good value un-oaked Grenache Viognier from the south. Apricots, honey, peaches, mineral & spice</i>	
Reserve De Gassac Blanc 2009, Mas de Daumas Gassac, Languedoc-Roussillon, France	22.50
<i>More-ish & affordable from the world famous Gassac estate. Apricot, floral, honey blossom and lime. Bonne chance</i>	
Pinot Grigio 2008, Cantina Di Avio, Trentino, Italy	25.75
<i>Pinot Grigio should always begin just so, some opulence, a little weight, lime & floral fruit, almonds & spice. Quite classic</i>	
Polena 2008 (Cataratto, Viognier) Donnafugata, Sicily, Italy	26.50
<i>Polena is a Ukrainian dating agency - tel +380 50 *** (London expects). It's fresh, soft & floral with rather fine fruit</i>	
Sylvaner 2008, Cantina Valle Isarco, Alto Adige, Italy	27.00
<i>Just delicious this vintage: Bright & elegant notes of peach, apple, apricot, spice and mineral</i>	
Soave Classico 2009, Az Agr Tamellini, Veneto, Italy	29.00
<i>This is what Soave should be about. Ripe fruit, honey, elderflower, lime & grapefruit, a mineral edge & a hint of spice</i>	
Kerner 2007, Abbazia Di Novacella, Alto Adige, Italy	34.00
<i>From one the worlds oldest wineries (1142) comes a Kerner that is soft, ripe & fit for a king</i>	

Fruit & Oak: A dash of oak, opulence & weight & yet still exhibit finesse & balance

Cuvée des Conti 2009 (Semillon - Sauvignon), Château Tour des Gendres, Bergerac, SW France	26.50
<i>Touching on richness (& good times) with smoky, buttery stone fruit. Fresh & full with a spicy peppery finish</i>	

Tocai 'Clivi Brazan' 2005, Az Agr Clivi Di F Z, Friuli Venezia, Italy	34.75
<i>Phenomenal Tocai. Rich & luscious with minerality, spice, flowers & honeyed apple. If only Burgundy could at this price</i>	
Bourgogne Blanc 2006, Domaine Rémi Jobard, Burgundy, France	39.00
<i>From the Meursault vineyards (baby?), quite classic, purity, touches of oak, richness & a sort of wonderful precise style</i>	
Pouilly-Fuisse 'La Verchère' 2007, Daniel Barraud, Burgundy, France	45.00
<i>Certainly not strict (there's always one), just generous, ripe, rich & loving - as very fine Burgundy can & should always be</i>	
Mas De Daumas Gassac 07 (Viognier, Chardonnay, Petit Manseng, Chenin Blanc), Guibert, Languedoc	47.00
<i>'We are not making Coca Cola here' Guibert Sr. 'Wine is dead' Guibert Jr. Ignore them & just drink a fine French white</i>	
Pinot Grigio 'Dessimis' 2007, Vie Di Romans, Friuli Isonzo, Italy	47.00
<i>A dramatic sip of terroir (soil, air, grapes & the butterfly that beats it wings) butterscotch, cream, spice, pepper & purity</i>	
Soave 'La Rocca' 2006, Leonildo Pieropan, Veneto, Italy	45.00
<i>Named after eponymous vineyard 'La Rocca' & very likely the greatest expression of Soave the 06 is rich, spicy & complex</i>	

The Reds

Please note some of our reds are stored at cellar temperature - (C)

Fresh & Youthful: Reds you shouldn't necessarily think about; open, sip & enjoy

Madregale Rosso 2009, Terra di Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy	15.50
<i>Montepulciano and Sangiovese, fresh herbs, white pepper and red fruits - a spiritual match with pizza</i>	
La Nogarede 'Cuvée Charles' 2006 (Cabernet, Syrah & Mourvedre), Dom Boyer, Languedoc-Roussillon	18.00
<i>Ripe cassis blackcurrant & blackberry (very Australian) but with lots of lovely French spice, garrigue herbs & dark fruit</i>	
Vigna Grande 2005, Az Agr Conte Onofrio Spagnoletti, Puglia, Italy	24.00
<i>100% Nero di Troia from Puglia but here's one that's fresh, perfumed & elegant with soft floral red fruit</i>	
Sangiovese 2009, Di Majo Norante, Molise, Italy	22.50
<i>Slay that Molise dragon with soft bright ripe cherry fruit & a touch of oak. "A good honest wine" TG</i>	
Valpolicella 2009, Az Agr La Salette, Veneto, Italy <u>Available chilled</u>	23.75
<i>Delicate & distinct; light bright cherry fruit, notes of almond & spice; the hallmarks of damn fine Valpolicella</i>	

Wines Of The South: Herbs, spice & fruit warmed through with the scent of the garrigue

Saint Cirice 2007 (Syrah, Grenache & Carignan) Vin De Pays Du Gard, Rhone, France	17.00
<i>Essentially a Côtes Du Rhône gone backpacking. Gutsy & spicy, warm, welcoming & very more-ish</i>	
Le Roc Classique 2006, Cotes du Frontonnais, South West France	22.00
<i>A beautifully toned wine (Negrette being the grape) that is rustic & light-ish with warming spice and fruit</i>	
Côtes du Rhône 'Parallèle 45' 2007, Maison Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Rhone, France	23.75
<i>Just delicious; ripe crunchy red fruits but still fresh, spicy, slightly savoury & not at all heavy. Like a soft Irish day</i>	
Bergerie De l'Hortus 2007 (Syrah, Grenache & Mouvedre) Pic Saint Loup, Dom de l'Hortus, Languedoc	26.75
<i>Châteauneuf du Pape meets the warm Mediterranean sun. Soft silky plummy cherry fruit & a touch of peppery spice</i>	
Crozes Hermitage 2007, Maison Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Northern Rhone, France	33.00
<i>The essence of Crozes displaying savoury notes, black olives, a dash of pepper, dried herbs, orange peel & soft red fruit</i>	

Classic Italy: Grapes, regions, styles, distinct & unique

Chianti 'Don Guido' 2008, Fattoria La Collina, Tuscany, Italy	26.00
<i>It's lovely, inexpensive & exhibits that typical Tuscan Chianti thing - cherries, soft tannins & immensely drinkable</i>	
Barbazzale 'Nerello Mascalase' 2009, Az Agr Cottanera, Sicily, Italy	26.25
<i>800m altitude vines, minerally volcanic soils, the lava flow of Mt Etna; a spicy, savoury, mouthwatering, dark dried fruit sip</i>	
Chianti Rufina 2008, Chianti Rufina 2007, Az Agr Selvapiana, Tuscany, Italy	27.75
<i>From the once summer home of the Florentine bishops is a Chianti that delights by being pretty & very very appealing</i>	
Dolcetto d'Alba 2009, Aldo Vajra, Piedmont, Italy	30.50
<i>Perfumed & textured in that soft delicious plump Dolcetto way - all bright fruit & the rest. Very Aldo & very Piedmont</i>	
Refosco Riserva 2007, Russolo, Friuli, Italy	28.75
<i>A really lovely medium bodied red full of sweet dark brambly fruit & soft peppery notes that just linger. Delicious</i>	
Aglianico del Taburno 2003, Fattoria La Rivolta, Campania, Italy	29.50
<i>Muscular & mature; an intense old school Aglianico. Classic savoury notes, dark fruit & spice. Beef or lamb & do decant</i>	
Barbara d'Alba 2007, Az Agr Bricco Maiolica, Piedmont, Italy	32.50
<i>Wonderfully fragrant with notes of strawberry & blossom. Ripe, savoury, crunchy tannins & a fresh delightful finish</i>	

Contemporary Italy: Luscious ripe bright primary fruit, beautifully structured & drinking well

Caburnio 2006 (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Alicante), Tenuta Monteti, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy	31.00
<i>Oodles of blueberry, chocolate & menthol aromas, & plump savoury dark fruit flavours. An international wine</i>	
Montepulciano D'Abruzzo 'Yume' 2006, Caldora, Abruzzo, Italy	29.50
<i>Montepulciano but not as we know it. Ripe savoury fruit, all cream, chocolate & soft tannins. Reminds me of Puglias finest</i>	

Palazzo Della Torre 2006, Allegrini, Veneto, Italy	32.00
<i>A smoky briary nose & a full bodied palate of opulent dark dried savoury fruit & chocolate. Think super baby Amarone</i>	
Cabernet Franc Riserva 2003, Az Agr Letrari 2003, Trentino, Italy	33.00
<i>Rather like an elegant, plump, creamy, delicious & ripe blackcurrant driven Cabernet from Bordeaux at a very fair price</i>	
Trimplin 2004, Podere Selvagrossa, Marche, Italy	39.00
<i>Sensual velvety Sangiovese with deliciously ample strawberries and raspberries that just dance over the tongue. So good</i>	
Syrah 'Sustinet' 2007, Conti di San Bonifacio, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy	48.00
<i>Quite classic Syrah with real depth & an almost Rhone like complexity. Savoury olives, spice, dark fruit & firm ripe tannins</i>	
La Poja 2005, Allegrini, Veneto, Italy (C)	67.00
<i>A single vineyard Corvina from the Valpolicella region. Majestic, rich, luscious & very well bred. A glorious red</i>	
Il Carbonaione 2000, Valle della Greve, Podere Poggio Scalette, Tuscany, Italy (C)	55.00
<i>Sassicaia's well heeled offspring. A Sangiovese that's powerfully built, laden with dark fruit & spice, yet still elegant</i>	

Piedmont & Tuscany; Nebbiolo & Sangiovese

Il Favot 2006, Poderi Aldo Conterno, Piedmont (C)	60.00
<i>As the years pass this 'Barolo' seems ever more glorious. Savoury, ripe, taut, lingering & intelligent. Decant</i>	
Barlolo 'Vigneto Brunate' 2005, Andrea Oberto, La Morra, Piemonte, Italy (C)	75.00
<i>Very giving & generous at the moment. Words that spring to mind: powerful, smoky, savoury, intense, macerated, liqueur-like</i>	
Gattinara Selezione 2004 (Nebbiolo), Travaglini, Piemonte, Italy (C)	44.00
<i>An area that historically was not just the rival of Barolo but superior to. The 04 is a refined, complex & graceful example</i>	
Brunello di Montalcino 1996, Il Marroneto, Tuscany, Italy (C)	54.00
<i>Expressive & pure Brunello, powerful & savoury. This level of maturity needs a little decant & then rewards beautifully</i>	
Brunello 2005, Eredi Fuligni, Tuscany, Italy (C)	60.00
<i>Perfumed & lovely on the nose, with plum, cherry, chocolate & nutmeg. Full-bodied, with velvet tannins & a long finish</i>	
Chianti Classico Riserva 'Cortevecchia' 1997, Fattoria Le Corti, Tuscany, Italy (C)	55.00
<i>Chianti of the old school & one fully matured by the estate before release; a wine for both body & the soul</i>	

The Spanish: Soft Riojas, intense Monastrell, & crafted modern Tempranillo

Laguna de la Nava 2004 (Tempranillo), Bodegas Navarro Lopez, Valdepenas, Spain	22.00
<i>Such a Spanish wine - but in the best way. Creamy & savoury with ripe red fruit & 'just' mature 'just' now. A great value 04</i>	
Rivola 2007 (Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon), Abadia Retuerta, Sardón del Duero, Spain	28.00
<i>Modern Spain meets Bordeaux. Sweet herbal & smoky notes, plump ripe blackcurrant (Cabernet) & soft fleshy Tempranillo</i>	
Rioja Crianza 2005, Izadi, Rioja, Spain	28.00
<i>Blueberry and chocolate with savoury & vanilla undertones. Fresh, eager & willing to please - much like a puppy</i>	
Yecla 'Colección' 2006, Bodegas Castano, South East Spain	28.50
<i>80% Monastrell, 20% Cab, all old vines. A brooding Heathcliff of a wine, dark fruit, soft tannin, liquorice & black olives</i>	
Rioja Reserva 1997, Urbina, Rioja, Spain	39.00
<i>So drinkable at the moment. Smoky, complex, meaty, sensous, bright.....and that should really be enough for you</i>	
Mas Mallola 2005, Bodega Marco Abella, Priorat, Spain (C)	45.00
<i>45% Garnacha, 40% Carinena together with Cab Sauv and Syrah. Delicious & unusual, ripe, concentrated, & very elegant</i>	
Finca Terrerazo 2006, Bodega Mustiguillo, Utiel Requena, SE Spain (C)	46.00
<i>50 yr old Bobal vines & a dash of Tempranillo. Savoury & smoky with ripe dark fruit & a palate to match. Muscular & grand</i>	

Burgundy Pinot, a Burgundy Cru & a very fine ringer

Morgon 2007 'Côte du Py', Dom Jean Foillard, Burgundy, France. <u>Available chilled</u>	42.50
<i>A wine with an authoritative Burgundian air. Beautifully textured & fine, soft red fruits & bright acidity. 'Sideways' in a glass</i>	
Pinot Nero 2003, Az Agr Bressan, Friuli Venezia, Italy	43.50
<i>"I want to drink the wine, not eat the door to the kitchen" Quite right. Savoury & fresh with bright poised fruit & spice</i>	
Beaune 1er Cru Reversées 2002, Domaine Nicolas Rossignol, Burgundy, France (C)	57.00
<i>Mature & peaking Pinot with classic earthy, savoury notes alongside a ripe, creamy & full textured palate</i>	
Pithos 2008 (Nero d'Avola, Frappato) Az Agr Cos, Sicily, Italy	38.50
<i>Two varieties that sing the good name of Sicilia. Luscious, ripe, savoury, elegant & judiciously balanced. Both good & individual</i>	

Odd Little Things In The Best Possible Way: Very French, very foodie, rustic, sort of visionary

Marcillac 'Cuvee Lairis' 2007, Jean-Luc Matha, South West France	25.00
<i>Marcillac it may be - unusual, underated & unknown. Oddly similar to a rather fine Brouilly - trust us on this</i>	
Saumur Champigny 2009, Domaine Des Roches Neuves, Loire, France. <u>Available chilled</u>	28.00
<i>"One of the elite growers...gathers exceptionally ripe grapes which give a unique smoothness & velvety texture" Bettane</i>	
Bourgueil Galichets 1996, Domaine de la Chevalerie, Loire, France (C)	37.00
<i>A fab example of Cabernet loafing around. Earthy, savoury & elegant, soft dark fruit, touches of leather and herbs Soothing</i>	