

suggested wines for the season

as the year runs its course we search for wines to match the produce on offer and the mood of the season. listed below are bottles we feel enhance the current menu; the names are not necessarily well known but have been selected because they offer excellent value no matter the price; and express where they come from particularly well. and of course discovering something new has its own rewards . . .

white wines

chardonnay, montsablé 2013 £27

languedoc, france - chardonnay - yellow fruits, white flowers, faint vanilla

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crozes-hermitage blanc, etienne barret 2012 £42

northern rhone - marsanne, roussanne - white peach, lemon, honeysuckle

this is a relatively unusual wine from the northern rhone where less than 10% of the total production in the area is white. the blend of marsanne and roussanne has a lovely richness with a decent acidity and minerality. perfectly balanced with no oak contact this is a great wine to have with fish.

savennières, domaine des baumard 'clos du papillon' 2006 £57

loire valley, france - chenin blanc - quince, pear, chalk dust

the wines of savennières provide the very purest expression of their terroir and perhaps of chenin blanc itself. fuller

bodied and more concentrated than neighbouring vouvray, the wines are highly mineral, crisp and powerful.

baumards 'clos du papillon' is a beautifully balanced combination of crisp green fruit, white flowers and chalky acidity that works very well with the scallops and sea bream dishes.

lourieho, quinta do ameal 2012 £40

ponte de lima, portugal - lourieho - lemon sherbet, chalk, orange blossom

the historic vineyards of quinta do ameal date back to before portugal was a country and are at the forefront of the portuguese revolution in wine making. sited on the sunny hillsides of portugal's lima region; the estate produces modern, fruit driven wines from indigenous grape varieties championing the cause. this example is a celebration of freshness with edgy, clean aromatic fruit and a satisfyingly full palate. try with the parmesan flan

red wine

barbera d'asti, araldica 'ceppi storici' 2012 £30

piemonte, italy - barbera - dark sour plums, smoke, dried roses

from the beautiful landscape of piemonte this barbera d'asti is produced in araldica, piemonte's largest and most progressive co-operative yet retains a small, family run company feel. perfect for the cold winters and red meats this wine gives warm, spicy aromas of blueberries and plums, with subtle, smoky notes. nice and rustic finish that leaves you feeling warm and homely. try with the sirloin or the lamb.

pinot noir, montsable 2013 £26

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la solana, suertes del marques 2011 £47

valle de la orotava, tenerife, spain - listan negro - spiced blackcurrant, dark plumb, spice herbs

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ribera del duero, dominio de cair 2010 £58

ribera del duero, spain - tempranillo - dark cherry, graphite, violets

based in ribera del duero, long one of the most revered regions of spain thanks to the presence of vega sicilia there since the 19th century. the latest inspiring project comes from the riojan stalwart luis cañas, dominio de cair, is sure to become a classic part of this region's fabric. displaying both the power and finesse evident in the top wines from this iconic region. dark and brooding this is a fine match for the lamb or sirloin.

shiraz, bodegas vina elena 'the mimic' 2013 £33

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vin du jour

we often open additional wines to offer by the glass to add interest and variety to our selection; ask us what is on offer today or if there is something you would like to try please let us know...

champagne and sparkling wine

150ml bottle

le noble 'cuvée albert roux' mv £12.50 £57
damery, france - chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier - apple, accacia, brioche

prosecco, casa defra mv £6.75 £29.50
colli berici, italy - prosecco - lemon, lime leaf, apple

white wine

175ml bottle

sauvignon blanc, yelands estate 2013 £7.25 £30
marlborough, new zealand - sauvignon blanc - passionfruit, lime, nettles

viognier, mont rocher 2013 £6.50 £26
languedoc, france - viognier - orange zest, barley sugar, nectarine

grillo, ca'di ponti 2013 £4.95 £19.75
sicily, italy - grillo - lemon, almond, white lillies

rosé

fronton, château baudare 'rosé de saignée' 2012 £7.25 £30
south west france - negrette - cranberries, dried raspberries, crushed herbs

red wine

barbera d'asti, araldica 'ceppi storici' 2012 £7.25 £30
piemonte, italy - barbera - dark sour plums, smoke, dried roses

carignan, merlot, foncalieu 'la bastille' 2013 £4.95 £19.75
languedoc, france - carignan, merlot - dark plums, blackberry, cherries

syrah, grenach, prieure st hippolyte rouge 2013 £6.25 £27
langedoc, france - syrah, grenach - blackberry, rhubarb, sweet spices

rare, mature and distinguished

as suggested above the wines on this page are of a fine pedigree and vintage, representing the works of respected, talented winemakers from regions all over the world. in most cases the wines have had time to mature gracefully and in perfect conditions offering the opportunity to enjoy a memorable experience.

red wine

côte-rôtie, clusel-roch 'classique'	2005	£145
northern rhone, france - syrah, viognier - blackberry jam, tapenade, smoke		
hemitage, m. chapoutier 'le pavillon'	2001	£195
northern rhone, france - syrah - blueberry, dried herb, ground pepper		
st-estephe, château lafon-rochet 4eme cru classe	1995	£135
bordeaux, france - cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot - black currant, blackberry, cedar		
margaux château kirwan, 3ème cru classé	2003	£132
bordeaux, france - cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc - ripe dark cherry fruit, meaty mocha		

chambolle-musigny, remoissenet	1969	£255
burgundy, france (côte de beaune) - ripe strawberry, dried violets, vanilla		

the opportunity to taste fully mature red burgundy that has been perfectly cellared is rare and not to be missed. now over four decades old this chambolle is wonderfully complex and surprisingly vibrant for its age, a real experience wine well worth treating yourself to.

pessac-leognan, domaine de chevalier	2009	£193
bordeaux, france - cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc - mulberry, graphite, cassis		
pessac-leognan, château haut brion 1er cru classe	1995	£698
bordeaux, france - merlot, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon - sweet tobacco, plum pit, cassis		
pauillac, château pontet canet 5eme cru classe	2007	£224
bordeaux, france - merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc - black currant, truffle, liquorice		
syrah, 1000 candles	2012	£136
yarra valley, australia - syrah, pinot noir, sauvignon blanc - cherry, white pepper, cedar sap		
ridge, lytton springs	2010	£98
california, usa - zinfandel, petite sirah, carignane - ripe cherry, clove, gravel		

champagne and sparkling wine

le noble 'cuvée albert roux' damery, france	mv	£56
ruinart brut blanc de blancs reims, france	mv	£98
louis roederer 'cristal' brut reims, france	2005	£368
salon 's' blanc de blancs le mesnil, france	1996	£675
dom pérignon brut epernay, france	2004	£195
charles heidsieck 'brut reserve' tours-sur-marne, france	mv	£85
laurent-perrier brut rosé tours-sur-marne, france	mv	£98
jacques selosse 'initiale' avize, france - chardonnay, pinot noir - golden apple, cinamon, toast	mv	£198
jacques selosse 'version originale' avize, france - chardonnay - green apple, dry herbs, ripe peach	mv	£268
cremant de loire, baumard 'carte turquoise' loire valley, france - chenin blanc - chalk, grapefruit, pineapple pith	mv	£39
prosecco, casa defra colli berici, italy - prosecco - green pear, musk flowers, lemon blossom	mv	£30

lighter bodied whites with fresh flavours and crisp acidity

muscadet sèvre et maine 'sur lie', domaine du manoir loire valley, france - melon de bourgogne - fresh bread, wet stones, green pear	2013	£26
vernaccia di san gimignano, querceto tuscan, italy - vernaccia - apricots, apples, almonds	2012	£25
chablis, domaine grossot burgundy, france - chardonnay - crushed lemon, green apple, chalk	2011	£40
gruner veltliner, machherndl wachau, austria - gruner veltliner - lemon zest, honeysuckle, white pepper	2012	£35
picpoul de pinet, domaine du roc blanc coteaux du languedoc, france - picpoul - limes, tarragon, nashi pear	2013	£29
chablis 1er cru vaillon, christian moreau burgundy, france - chardonnay - zesty lemon peel, tangerine, chalk	2012	£69

hatschbourg riesling grand cru, joseph caitin alsace, france - riesling - chalk, lemon curd, honey	2012	£43
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the caitin family arrived in voegtlinshoffen. a small village famous for its wines since the middle-ages in 1720. the tradition of father working with son has been passed down through the generations ever since. although not certified, the caitin's work organically in all of their own vineyards. this grand AOC gran cru riesling is great as an aperitif or fish. try with the cured salmon and crab.

dry furmint, st tamás 'má'd' tokaji, hungary - furmint - apple blossom, slate, grapefruit	2012	£42
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vouvray sec, sylvain gaudron loire valley, france - chenin blanc - cider, honeydew, wet stone	2011	£43
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palacio de feñiñanes 'albariño d feñiñanes' rias baixas, spain - albariño - limes, ripe pear, crushed stone	2013	£50
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founded in 1904, palacio de feñiñanes is housed inside a spectacular baronial palace dating back to 1674. it sits on the lovely main square of coastal cambados. palacio de feñiñanes was the first producer to bottle wine under the d.o. rias baixas denomination. this un-aged albariño shows pit fruits, ripe apple compote and intense floral aromas with a well balanced and fresh mouth feel.

aromatic whites with vibrant fruit

- gewürtztraminer, trimbach alsace, france - gewürtztraminer - lemon zest, rose water, lychee	2012	£46
torrontes, dominio del plata 'crios' salta, argentina - torrontes - pear, musk, lime flowers	2012	£39
dao, julia kemper beira, portugal - malvasia fina, encruzado - pineapple, smoke, chevil leaves	2013	£33
sauvignon blanc, henri bougeois 'petit bourgeois' loire valley, france - sauvignon blanc - lemon zest, guava, pine needles	2013	£31
sancerre, hubert brocard loire valley, france - sauvignon blanc - ripe green apples, lime juice, crushed grass	2013	£45
gavi, fontana fredda piemonte, italy - cortese - apricot, yellow peach, pine nuts	2013	£45
sancerre 'les culs de beaujeu', francois cotat loire valley, france - sauvignon blanc - white peach, lime zest, pineapple pith	2009	£79
pouilly fumé 'les cris', alain cailbourdin loire valley, france - sauvignon blanc - ripe pears, peach pit, smoke	2012	£46
sauvignon blanc, verus vineyards stajerska, slovenija - sauvignon blanc - peach, nettles, white flowers	2013	£37
sauvignon blanc, cloudy bay marlborough, new zealand - sauvignon blanc - goosberries, grapefruit, elderflower	2013	£79
pinot grigio, mavum delle venezie - pinot grigio, pinot nero - lime zest, lemon, apple	2013	£27
verdejo, marques de riscal, finca montico rueda rueda, spain - verdejo - fennel, mixed herbs, white blossom	2013	£40

full bodied, intensley flavoured whites

crozes-hermitage blanc, etienne barret 2012 £42
nothern rhone - marsanne, rousanne - white peach, lemon, honeysuckle

graves, château de chantegrive 'cuvée caroline' 2009 £59
bordeaux, france - semillon, sauvignon blanc - toasty oak, cereals, lemon

château de chantegrive is known for their exquisitely delicate white wines, the cuvée caroline that is fresh and fruity with a palate of length and smoothness. cuvée caroline is at the front line of new-wave aromatic bordeaux whites. this wine can easily be mistaken as a good white burgundy at a very agreeable price

macon-fuissé, domaine paquet 2013 £38
burgundy, france - chardonnay - white peach, lemon, blanched almond

chardonnay, iona 2013 £39
elgin, south africa - chardonnay - almond, praline, rosewater, apricot blossom

viognier, doamine de triennes 'sainte fleur' 2012 £46
provence, france - viognier - honeysuckle, orange blossom, apricot

chardonnay, hayes ranch 'best foot forward' 2010 £49
california, usa - chardonnay - peach, nectarine, toasty oak

waterkloof, circle of life 2011 £48
stellenbosch, south africa - sauvignon blanc, semillon, chenin blanc - grilled peach, ripe pineapple, toast

chenin blanc, raats 2012 £45
stellenbosch, south africa - chenin blanc - pears, ginger, honey

raats family wines are specialist chenin blanc producers, consistently making benchmark examples of the variety, winemaker bruwer raatz has an intricate understanding of the soils he works with and is truly talented in working with nature to achieve the fine results displayed in the bottle. Firm minerality and spiced fruit lead in to a palate that is both rich and intense but still manages to finish with elegance.

rully les cloux premier cru , maison roche bellene 2011 £57
burgundy, france (côte chalonaise) - chardonnay - nectarine, cereal grains, hazelnut

meursault, michel bouzereau 'les grand charrons' 2011 £98
burgundy, france (côte de beaune) - chardonnay - apple, quince, gravel

gulfi 'carricanti' 2010 £63
sicily, italy - carricante, albanello - almond, ripe lemons, wet steel

rose wines of all styles

fronton, château baudare 'rosé de saignée'	2013	£30
south west france - merlot, cabernet sauvignon - cranberries, dried raspberries, crushed herbs		
sancerre, françois cotat	2011	£68
loire, france - gamay - dried strawberry, tomato jam, ruby red grapefruit		
bandol, domaine tempier	2011	£69
provence, france - mourvedre, grenache, cinsault, carignan - strawberry, plum, red currant		

light bodied fragrant reds with fresh acidity

pinot noir, câlusari 'ville timisuli'	2013	£24
banat, romania - pinot noir - ripe strawberries, red cherries, straw		
pinot noir limited release, iona	2012	£49
elgin, south africa - pinot noir - red plum, smoke, earth		
pinot noir, terravin	2011	£57
marlborough, new zealand - pinot noir - ripe raspberry, cherry, tobacco leaf		
morgon 'les charmes' domaine pierre ferraud	2013	£41
burgundy, france (côte de beaujolais) - gamay - red cherry, blackcurrant, bramble		

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nuits saint georges, premier cru, les crots, albert bichot	2007	£79
burgundy, france (côte de beaune) - ripe strawberry, dried violets, vanilla		
garnacha, borsao	2013	£27
campo de borja, spain - grenache - stewed red cherries, clove, dried herbs		
malbec, mont rocher 'vieilles vignes'	2013	£26
languedoc rousillon, france - malbec - dark plum, boysenberry, bramble		
valpolicella superiore, zenato	2011	£40
verona, italy - rondinella, corvina, molinara - wild strawberry, cherry, ripe plum		

fruit driven reds of medium body and structure

sangiovese, bibi graetz 'cassamatta' solera £29
tuscany, italy - sangiovese - ripe cherry, dried herbs, vine tomatoes

nerello mascalese, vignetti zabù 'il passo' 2013 £38
sicily, italy - nerello mascalese - black plums, espresso, violets

crozes-hermitage, yann chavé 2012 £48
northern rhone, france - syrah - plums, white pepper, crushed violets

salice salentino riserva, apollonio 2010 £44
puglia, italy - negroamaro, malvasia nera - plum, cherry, bay leaves

syrah, pierrick harang 'cuvee bathazar' 2011 £34
rhone valley, france - syrah - cherry pie, roses, dry spice

côtes du Rhône, heritiers plantin de monredon 2013 £37
southern rhone, france - grenache, mourvèdre, cinsault - ripe plum, fennel seed, peppercorns

saumur champigny, domaine des roches neuves 2012 £36
loire, france - cabernet franc - red currant, tobacco, stone

chianti classico, castello di bossi 2010 £57
tuscany, italy - sangiovese, caniola - dark cherry, sandalwood, dust

the 14th-century castello di bossi is one of chianti's top estates. the bacchi family bought it in 1980, employing two acclaimed consultants, to raise standards. their wines are praised and for many, it's the tuscan equivalent of château lafitte. this superb wine comes from chianti's classico vineyards and is richly textured wine with red fruits and spice, considerable complexity and elegance.

shiraz, bodegas vina elena 'the mimic' 2013 £33
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waterkloof 'circle of life' 2010 £54
stellenbosch - cabernet sauvignon, merlot syrah, mourvedre - cassis, cedar, graphite

douro, quinta de la rosa 2010 £49
douro, portugal - tinta roriz, touriga nacional, touriga franca - cherry, vanilla, blackberry

full bodied, richly flavoured reds with robust structure

chinon, domain de la noblaie loire, france - cabernet franc - blackcurrant, graphite, cocoa	2012	£59
barolo, fontanafredda piemonte, italy - nebbiolo - stewed cherries, dried flowers, ground cinnamon	2010	£72
rioja, remelluri 'lindes de remelluri' rioja, spain - tempranillo, garnacha, mazuelo - black cherry, ground spice, smoke	2011	£50
cabernet sauvignon, burdese, pianeta sicily, italy - cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc - red berry leather, tobacco	2009	£55
bordeaux supérieur, château parenchère 'cuvée raphaël' bordeaux, france - merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc - dark plum, cassis, cocoa	2010	£40
château fourcas hosten, cru bourgeois bordeaux, france - , cabernet sauvignon, merlot - dark plum, cassis, cocoa	2005	£59
cahors, château pineraie south west france - malbec, tannat - wild blackberry, bramble, leather	2010	£35
syrah, trinity hill 'gimblett gravels' hawkes bay, new zealand - syrah, viognier - blue berries, dried herbs, violets	2010	£47
malbec, pulenta estate 'l' mendoza, argentina - malbec - black cherry, dries flowers, graphite	2010	£49
enira, enira bessa valley, bulgaria - Merlot, Syrah, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon	2009	£39
majella, shiraz coonawarra, australia - dark plum, blackcurrant, baked spice	2008	£59
st emilion grand cru, château de ferrand bordeaux, france - merlot, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon - dark plum, blackcurrant, baked spice	2006	£76
châteauneuf du pape, chateau mont-redon southern rhone, france - grenache, syrah, mourvedre, cinsault - spicy plum, dried herbs, fruit cake	2009	£79
amarone, latium 'campo león' verona, italy - covina, corvinone, rondinella - summer pudding, beetroot, chocolate	2009	£92

wee bottles

muscadet sèvre et maine 'sur lie', domaine du manoir (37.5cl) loire valley, france - melon de bourgogne - fresh bread, wet stones, green pear	2013	£24
sancerre, hubert brocard (37.5cl) loire valley, france - sauvignon blanc - ripe green apples, lime juice, crushed grass	2013	£24
chablis, domaine colombier (37.5cl) burgundy, france - chardonnay - flint, green apple, chalk	2012	£29
lis neris pinot grigio (37.5cl) friuli isonzo, italy - pinot grigio - citrus blossoms, honey, bread crust	2009	£28
puligny Montrachet 1er cru, jean-louis chavy (37.5cl) burgundy, france - chardonnay - acacia blossom, wet stone, ripe lemon	2010	£59
gevery chambertin, joseph drouhin (37.5cl) burgundy, france (côte de nuits) - pinot noir - baked cherry, undergrowth, graphite	2011	£59
rioja crianza, bodegas franco-espanolas (37.5cl) rioja, spain - tempranillo, mazuelo, graciano - dried cherry, orange peel, vanilla	2009	£25
montagne st-emilion, château montaiguillon (37.5cl) bordeaux, france - merlot, cabernet franc - plum, raspberry and black cherry	2010	£38

dessert wines

sauternes, carmes de rieussec (37.5cl) bordeaux, france - semillon, sauvignon blanc, muscadelle - preserved apricot, treacle, honeysuckle	2009	£42
jurancon molleux, charles hours 'urola' (75cl) south west france - petit manseng, gros manseng - crystallised citrus, honey, nuts	2012	£65
beerenauslese, alois kracher (37.5cl) burgenland, austria - chardonnay, welschriesling - manuka honey, citrus blossom, papaya	2011	£39
coteaux du layon 'rochefort', pierre bise loire valley france - chenin blanc - candied citrus, honey comb, ripe pineapple	2005	£118
vin santo del chianti classico, isole e olena (50cl) tuscany, italy - malvasia, trebbiano, sangiovese - dried figs, macerated orange, hazle	2005	£75
tokaji, st tams 'kiraly' (37.5cl) tokaji, hungary - furmint - barley water, must, rose water	2012	£47

fortified wines

tawny port, quinta de ventozelo l Oyo (75cl) oport, portugal		£47
madeira 'boal', barbeito reserva (50cl) madeira, portugal		£48
dow (75cl) oport, portugal	1963	£385
muscat de rivesaltes, consolation 'ntic' roussillon, france	1996	£68
black muscat, quady winery' elysium' (37.5cl) california, usa	2012	£44
muscat, campbells (37.5cl) rutherglen, australia	mv	£38
maury, domaine des schistes 'la cerisaie' (50cl) roussillon, france	1928 Solera	£68
pedro ximinez, fernando de castillia (50cl) jerez, spain	mv	£54