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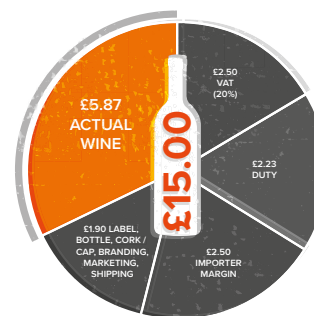
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# WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you our second edition of The Chronicle, which features our top 100 wines for drinking and entertaining in 2019, along with a number of new articles and features about our philosophy and services.

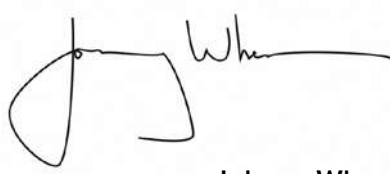
This list includes a rewarding number of new wines, which we're delighted to recommend for enjoyment this year. Our top 100 list is refreshed every quarter in order to provide a wide array of wines from around the world, taking in the best new vintages and reflecting our equal passion of seasonal dishes and ingredients. Whilst it has proved challenging to keep within the 100 wines limit, this discipline allows us to spotlight new wines and to give focus on those wines which have excited the Mr.Wheeler team in recent months.

Behind the wines featured here, there is of course a much larger range comprising both mature and younger wines across a spectrum of prices. These can be accessed via our website [www.mrwheelerwine.com](http://www.mrwheelerwine.com) or with the assistance of our friendly and knowledgeable wine team. We'll be delighted to chat and assist you to find the style of wines you are looking for and can be reached either by calling 01206 713560 or by emailing us at [sales@mrwheelerwine.com](mailto:sales@mrwheelerwine.com). Alternatively, if you are in the local area or planning a trip to the Essex/Suffolk border, do visit our shop Mr.Wheeler's Wine Cellar.

We are delighted to confirm that Mr.Wheeler's Top 100 list and all of our regular wine range includes our popular pricing format to cover purchasing by the Bottle, Case or Mixed Case; and our Wholesale Price allows you to shop and buy in the quantities or frequency that suits you best. Do ask us about this and we will be delighted to guide you depending on the service you are seeking.

I hope you will enjoy browsing through the pages of The Chronicle and you can be assured that you can order any wine from Mr.Wheeler with absolute confidence.

We look forward to being of assistance and thank you for your continued interest in Mr.Wheeler and for choosing better wine. Best wishes.



Johnny Wheeler Chairman



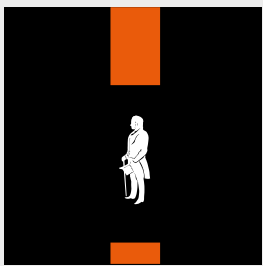
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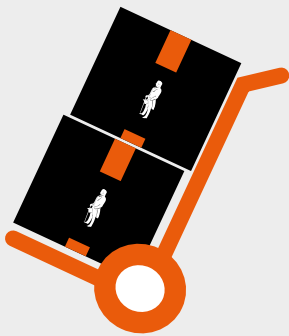
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**BOTTLE**  
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12 BOTTLES, MIXED.



**CASE**  
ANY PURCHASE OF 12-47  
BOTTLES, MIXED.



**WHOLESALE**  
ANY PURCHASE OF 48  
BOTTLES OR MORE, MIXED.

Within this publication you might see three different pricing structures on any given wine. What this refers to is the price of the wine, dependent on the amount you purchase – per bottle, per case or for wholesale.

# MR.WHEELER'S TEST DRIVE CASE



The last year has been a busy one for Mr.Wheeler's range - we seem to have found more interesting and delicious new wines than ever before. It's always a challenge honing a selection of 12 gems from the 800 or so in our portfolio, but I think the selection below has something for everyone, with several brand-new finds to complement some of our old favourites. Enjoy the wines.

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Enjoy Ben's picks. Each case is 12 bottles and includes delivery:

THE REDS		
2017 Barbera d'Alba, Enzo Boglietti, Piemonte - Barbera	ITALY	P5
2014 El Salvaje Malbec, Casa de Uco, Mendoza - Malbec	ARGENTINA	P9
2013 Pinot Noir, Moa Ridge, Marlborough - Pinot Noir	NEW ZEALAND	P12
2015 Petite Laurence, Bordeaux - Merlot	FRANCE	P17
2015 Laudun, Château Courac, Rhône - Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache	FRANCE	P17
2016 Las Martas Garnacha, Bodega San Gregorio, Calatayud - Garnacha	SPAIN	P21
THE WHITES		
2018 Sancerre, François Millet - Sauvignon Blanc	FRANCE	P4
2017 Al Qasar Zibbibo, Cantine Rallo, Sicily - Zibbibo	ITALY	P5
2017 Montagny 1er Cru 'Les Chaniots', Vignerons de Buxy, Burgundy - Chardonnay	FRANCE	P10
2013 Maritimus, Sumaridge Estate, Walker Bay - Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Semillon, Viognier	SOUTH AFRICA	P18
2018 Rioja Tempranillo Blanco, Finca Manzanos, Rioja - Tempranillo Blanco	SPAIN	P21
2018 Viognier, Domaine de La Baume, Languedoc - Viognier	FRANCE	P23

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# LOIRE & ALSACE

Two of France’s classic and most popular regions – both producing wines of every style – white, red, rosé, sweet & sparkling. Sauvignon in particular thrives in the Loire, whilst the wines of Alsace are aromatic, characterful and food-friendly.



**2017 Sauvignon de Touraine, Domaine Bellevue, Loire**  
- Sauvignon Blanc

A true staff and customer favourite. Think high class Sancerre in a ripe vintage with fresh cut grass, citrus, rich gooseberry and spine-tingling freshness. Wonderful value for money and a huge crowd pleaser.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.21</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 11170541



**2017 Pinot Gris, Dopff & Irion, Alsace**  
- Pinot Gris

A lovely off-dry white wine which is well balanced with a refreshing acidity. Rich straw in colour, with a nose of smoky notes with dried fruit. On the palate, aromas of quince lead to a fresh finish.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.25</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£11.88</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 10171151



**2016 Pinot Blanc, Domaine de La Ville de Colmar, Alsace**  
- Pinot Blanc

A genuine 'go to' for bold, energetic and densely flavoured dry white wines; Alsatian pinot blanc offers purity and generosity in equal measure. This example is full of ripe apple flavours and zesty freshness.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£14.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.06</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 1016VC01



**2017 Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine Des Fines Caillottes, Alain Pabiot, Loire**  
- Sauvignon Blanc

A combination of 15 hectares of prime vineyard, modern vinification methods and a passionate winemaker make this such a delicious sauvignon blanc, with a crisp mineral character and green fruit on the finish. Excellent.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£17.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£16.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£15.68</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 11170231



**2017 Chardonnay, Domaine du Cléry, Loire**  
- Chardonnay

Extraordinary value here from the Loire Valley. The mineral-laden soil in which this chardonnay fruit is grown is evident in this wine which boasts crisp, fresh citrus and mineral undertones reminiscent of Chablis.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£9.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£9.03</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 111792111



**2017 Chinon 'Le Temps Des Cerises', Domaine de la Noblaie, Loire**  
- Cabernet Franc

A cabernet franc solo performance, bursting with red cherry, bell pepper and spice with a fresh acidity. Light and fresh enough to be served cool with cold cuts.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£14.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£12.59</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V+, O | Drink now - 2021

Code: 11170871

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# ITALY

Our range from Italy has hugely increased this year, with great new arrivals from the Veneto, Piedmont, Tuscany, Puglia and Sicily. Do browse our website for the full extensive range, including an impressive fine wine selection.



**2017 Barbera d'Alba, Enzo Boglietti, Piemonte**  
- Barbera

Boglietti's barbera is a symphony of ripe raspberry and blackberry fruit, with perfumed nuances of rose petals. Plush in style with fine tannins, rich structure and a luscious, cassis freshness.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.25</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 33170131



**2017 Fiano, Carlomagno, Puglia**  
- Fiano

Fresh and vibrant just as fiano should be and one of our best sellers of 2018. Melon and citrusy fruit on the palate, deliciously moreish, a wonderful aperitif with seasonal canapes.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£9.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£8.79</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 33170071



**2017 Baccolo, Bianco di Veneto**  
- Gargenega, Sauvignon Blanc

A deliciously different northern Italian find. Partially air-dried gargenega grapes give a rounded, honeyed intensity, whilst sauvignon adds floral perfume and a citrus freshness.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.25</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£9.98</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | V | Drink now - 2020

Code: 33170931



**2017 Al Qasar Zibbibo, Cantine Rallo, Sicily**  
- Zibbibo

Zibbibo is better-known elsewhere as muscat. Fragrant and aromatic, with pronounced, lightly honeyed peach and pear flavours - but also a lightly spicy, mineral intensity. Delicious.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£14.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.78</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | V+ | Drink now - 2020

Code: 33178201



**2015 Barbaresco, Rizzi, Piemonte**  
- Nebbiolo

A new estate to us, and a very drinkable Barbaresco. Ripe, almost sweet fruit - a very accessible style with elegance, supple texture and great balance. Outstanding value.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£24.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£22.80</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2023

Code: 33158271



**2015 Millefiori, Rosso del Veneto**  
- Corvina, Merlot

Corvina and merlot combine to great effect, with 60% of the blend left to raisin on the vine. Richly flavoured with notes of chocolate, coffee and black cherry.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.25</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£11.88</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | V+ | Drink now - 2021

Code: 33159781

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**FRANÇOIS MILLET | LOIRE, FRANCE**

Nicolas Millet has taken over the reins from father François at this exceptional 21 hectare estate, and makes some of the best Sancerre around. Vineyards are in the village of Bué, regarded as one of the top sites in Sancerre. The clay soil in this region gives wines of greater roundness and body – very evident in Nicolas’s wines, and Bué has become so well-associated with distinctive and high quality wines, that it is frequently referred to as a ‘Cru’ of Sancerre – a site of superior quality and exceptional provenance.

FEATURED WINE



**2018 Sancerre, François Millet**  
- Sauvignon Blanc

Subtle mineral notes and hints of newly-cut grass enhancing the racy, verdant fruit, elegant and restrained. Everything you could wish for in a top Sancerre.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£14.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£12.59</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 11189181

TRY THE RANGE



François Millet Test Drive Case (Mixed)

**£105.00 £97.50**

www.mrwheelerwine.com/millet

PRODUCER PROFILE



**MONCHIERO | PIEDMONT, ITALY**

In Castiglione Falletto, in the heart of the Barolo region, the Monchiero family established their wine business in the 1950s, initially only selling their grapes, but by the 1970s making their own wine. Vittorio Monchiero has been at the helm since the 1980s, whilst his son Luca has recently joined the business. The estate’s wines are very pure, open expressions of Barbera and Nebbiolo, with some exceptional Barolo made here. Monchiero’s white, from Piedmontese speciality Arneis is crisp, aromatic and delicious.

FEATURED WINE



**2018 Langhe Arneis, Monchiero, Piedmont**  
- Arneis

A delightful, characterful white from Piedmont. Delicate flavours of crisp green apples, a lovely hint of minerality and a refreshing finish. Something a little different.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£12.11</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | V+ | Drink now - 2020

Code: 33180091

TRY THE RANGE



Monchiero Test Drive Case (Mixed)

**£111.50 £105.00**

www.mrwheelerwine.com/monchiero

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# FINE WINE NEWS

*As 2019 continues apace, Mr.Wheeler’s fine wine department has continued to grow and indeed, flourish since the turn of the year.*

Writing this in March 2019, Martin Wheatley has looked at a few key campaigns for the year, as a whole. For the very latest, in what is a very fast-paced market, please don’t hesitate to contact Martin directly to be added to our distribution list.

## 2017 BURGUNDY

The worldwide release of 2017 Burgundy was met with keen demand from Merchants and private buyers alike. The vintage offered a sensationally supple, modern classic of a year and was equally successful for both pinot noir and chardonnay across the length of the Côte d’Or and Chablis. High quality was also combined with the rarest of Burgundian traits; good volume. Highlights for me included the addition of Chablis’s Samuel Billaud and Gevrey superstar Sylvie Esmonin to our offer for the first time, together with another dizzying performance from the irrepressible Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini also from Gevrey-Chambertin. If you have not already, I urge you to consider tucking a case or two away here as the wines in 2017 are simply divine.

## SUPER-TUSCANS

In recent years we have seen burgeoning demand for the greatest wines of Tuscany, particularly the twin vintages of 2015 and 2016 which have really ignited the imagination of buyers around the world. With the top wines of each vintage performing spectacularly in critics’ eyes, the considerations of drinking versus wine investment have never before been so closely fought! The historic names of Sassicaia, Ornellaia, Solaia and Tignanello are bywords for quality, pedigree and historical success on the world stage. Add to this famous group releases such as Donna Olimpia’s Millepassi and Petrolo’s “Pomerol clone” Galatrona and you have all the ingredients for continued growth and development in this hugely exciting region. Mr.Wheeler has privileged access to all of these wines and more, and with the lion’s share of the splendid 2016 releases still to come, do let me know if you are keen to secure an allocation and I will be delighted to assist.

## 2018 BORDEAUX

At the time of writing the Mr.Wheeler team is preparing to pack their overnight bags for a swift sojourn to this most noble of regions. Following what can only be described as a stunning summer across Europe, our hopes are extremely high for a vintage of great quality within the major communes of Bordeaux. If the rumblings making their way through social media are anything to go by, we have an amazing vintage on our hands. To put 2018 Bordeaux into context at this

point in time; in the words of Oliver Bernard, owner of Classed Growth Domaine de Chevalier in Pessac-Léognan, “This year is the best vintage of my life”. Some praise indeed, and the bar has very much been set. We look forward to communicating our view of this exciting vintage over the coming weeks and months.

## 2008 VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

For those of you looking for a little sparkle in your wine collections, 2019 has also delivered a handful of truly exceptional vintage Champagne releases from the otherworldly 2008 vintage. Occasionally, when perfect growing conditions permit, vintages such as this transcend the potential of a region and realign your perspective of greatness. Universally declared as the greatest release since the legendary vintages of 1990, 1996 and 2002; 2008 delivers fruit intensity and acid balance of the very highest level. With dynamic poise and significant aging potential allied to exceptional worldwide demand, these are wines which any serious wine lover should own. Mr.Wheeler has had notable success offering 2008 Bollinger Grande Année, 2008 Dom Pérignon and the simply stunning 2008 Winston Churchill from Pol Roger. Whether purchased for early drinking, with a view to let them mature longer, or even with investment in mind, these singular 2008s will reward at every single turn. Put simply, this is a vintage not to miss and with allocations already dwindling, an early expression of interest on any upcoming releases is highly recommended.

## SOURCING PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Looking beyond En Primeur, Mr.Wheeler has a great deal of success travelling around the country assessing and valuing private customer’s wine cellars. From vintage Port, to flights of Penfold’s Grange, d’Yquem and Mouton-Rothschild, we have been busily adding great bottles to our Dedham shop and website for our customers to enjoy.

It seems remiss not to take this opportunity to remind our readers that we are always on the lookout for well cared for, expertly cellared wines in great condition. Whether offered by the case or loose bottle, under bond or duty paid, please do feel free to drop me a line to discuss your holdings and I would be very happy to give you an idea of their value and



talk you through the process. For me there are few more exciting moments in the wine trade than pulling the cork on a fully mature bottle from a great vintage. It is with this thought in mind that we are growing our fine wine bottle list, with specific parcels due to be offered on their own merit over the coming weeks and months.

## ITALY

Super Tuscans aside, there are so many outstanding wines emanating from Italy that the Mr.Wheeler team felt it was high time to create a standalone offer of our very favourite releases. From Piedmont in the North, across to Sicily and then on to Puglia, the sheer divergence of grape varieties and wines styles could not be more eloquently expressed than here. Having achieved huge success with our *Italy’s Finest* publication in recent months, I feel it would be remiss not to mention that our offer is still very much live. If you are keen to investigate the breadth of Italy’s greatest regions and wine producers, I would be delighted to offer my assistance!

## THE RHÔNE

By the time this latest edition of The Chronicle is published you should be able to see the results of our current focus – working with several key growers in the Rhône Valley, both North and South, to put together our selection of wines from the sensational 2015, 2016 and 2017 vintages. Of all the wine producing regions in France it is the Southern Rhône where I have always felt most at home.

## SEPTEMBER RELEASES

Looking forward to the latter half of 2019, a range of super premium, world class wines see their release to the market though Bordeaux’s ‘La Place’. Illustrious names such as California’s iconic Opus One, the ultra-rare Ornellaia-produced Masseto cuvée from Tuscany, the Perrin family’s sensational Hommage à Jacques Perrin together with a trio of Chilean legends; Clos Apalta, Seña and Almaviva. All three wines receiving perfect scores in recent history, these particular releases remain amongst the best value around when purchased early. With this in mind, an indication of interest prior to the 1st September is essential, as wines of this ilk are quickly spoken for in the global market.

# MR.WHEELER’S FINE WINE PLAN

*A convenient, affordable way to create a cellar of wine for future enjoyment*

Mr.Wheeler’s Fine Wine Plan provides all you need to create your perfect cellar at your own financial pace - expert advice, access to the world’s finest wines and ideal storage condition. After an initial conversation with your personal Account Manager covering how much you’d like to pay in each month, what mix of investment and fine drinking wines you’d like, and what your wine likes and dislikes are, we’ll start building a fully personalised selection over time, for you to enjoy or to sell on once the wines have reached their evolutionary peak.

## WHY CHOOSE MR.WHEELER’S FINE WINE PLAN?

The team at Mr.Wheeler has been operating cellar-building schemes for over 30 years, providing wine clubs and services for many private individuals, top-tier companies and institutions.

Our professionalism and expertise in curating and caring for private wine collections has led thousands of clients to our cellars at Vinothèque in central England. Mr.Wheeler will manage your wine collection from beginning to end.

## MEMBER BENEFITS

- Personal service from a dedicated fine wine professional
- Free case of wine on your joining anniversary date if you sign up for £100+ per month
- No joining or management fees
- Cellar tailored to suit your tastes and objectives
- Be as involved as you like - approve all buying choices yourself, or leave it to us
- Free access to our industry-leading Portfolio Tracker to manage your collection online
- Optimum condition cellarage at preferential rates
- Priority access to fine wine
- Drink wines at their peak, or sell them on
- Insurance cover for your cellar

## PORTFOLIO TRACKER

We are very proud to offer Mr.Wheeler Fine Wine Plan customers exclusive access to Portfolio Tracker, our user-friendly member interface automatically linking your collection(s) to up-to-date, market-leading data.

Offering drinking dates, purchase history, market valuations, extensive producer profiles and the facility to withdraw cases for home delivery, we believe it is by far the best online tool to manage your wine cellar(s).

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# WINE HISTORY

We do like a bit of history here at Mr.Wheeler - obviously going back to 1883 we have a fair bit of heritage ourselves, and we do have a couple of ex-history students in the team. Whilst researching wine facts for this publication, a couple of interesting wine stories came to mind, which we thought worthy of a little more attention...

## NINETEETH CENTURY FOOD AND WINE MATCHING

Copies of the 1870 Christmas Day menu from a smart Paris hotel are still in existence and make for fascinating reading. In December 1870 Paris was under siege by the Prussian army. The French army had been defeated and the emperor Napoleon III captured – Paris had not yet surrendered but was surrounded and starving. As food ran out, beleaguered residents took to eating pets, vermin, and in some cases even each other.

For the wealthier inhabitants of the city, starvation rations were a little more exotic. Most of the residents of the Paris zoo were butchered, and a number were purchased by luxury hotels such as this. The bill of fayre for Christmas Day 1870 includes such delicacies as; Stuffed donkey's head, elephant consommé, roast camel 'a l'anglaise', kangaroo, haunch of bear, terrine of antelope with truffles and roast wolf in deer sauce. Most enticing of all is undoubtedly cat served with rats!

Slightly easier on the eye, and stomach, is the list of wines served alongside this feast; As well as an unspecified sherry, the first flight includes Bordeaux royalty in 1861 Château Latour Blanche and 1864 Château Palmer (a little on the young side perhaps?) The second flight takes things up a notch, featuring 1846 Château Mouton-Rothschild and 1858 Romanée-Conti (the 2015 vintage sells at an astonishing £25,000 a bottle!) Obviously, the diners had to 'slum it' a little – Mouton was, at the time, only a second growth, not the 1er Cru Classé it is today. Unsurprisingly, they were still able to rustle up a passable dessert and cheeseboard under the circumstances, and the meal finishes with a Bollenger (sic), Frappé and an 1827 'Grand Porto'.

Apparently, the monkeys of the zoo were spared, as they were considered a little too close to human to consume. The hippopotamus was also passed because the 80,000 francs demanded for it was above the reach of any of the butchers. (According to the internet, that's about £340,000 in today's money)

So, whilst the commoners of Paris were genuinely starving, the well-to-do were still able to eat in relative, if unconventional, luxury. There is no price shown on the menu, so one can only assume that the old adage applies "if you need to ask the price..."

This fascinating document does illustrate the enduring cultural significance of wine – whatever the circumstances under which we might be drinking it – under shellfire in this case, and with some particularly challenging food matches, it has always been important to choose better wine.

## 'BURIED' TREASURE

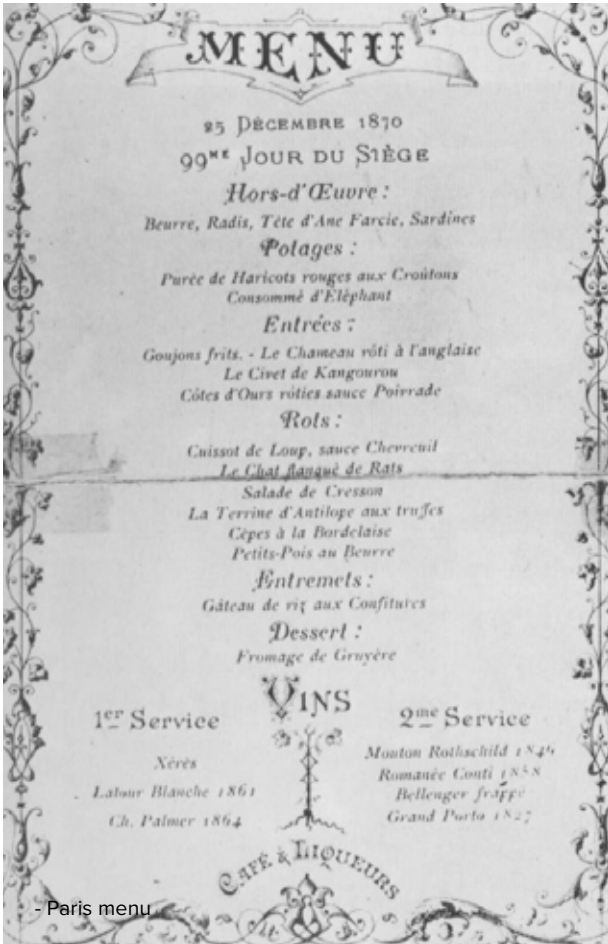
All of this piqued my interest, and I was intrigued to find out about other historical wine lists. 'What about the Titanic?' I thought. Annoyingly, although detailed menus are available from the doomed ship's first-class restaurant, any kind of wine list is frustratingly unspecific. What is documented is that the Titanic was carrying 1,500 cases of Champagne, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Sauternes, Mosel and Port – which doesn't seem a great deal, but perhaps the ill-fated wine cellar was due to be re-stocked in New York for the return voyage.

The one wine which is mentioned specifically amongst the cargo is Heidseick & Co. 'Goût Américaine' Champagne (a sweeter style, popular in the early decades of the twentieth century). Apparently bottles of this have been salvaged intact from the seabed and opened for examination – sadly without showing significant signs of improvement after 100 years underwater!

## THE FIRST FIZZ?

Legend has it that Benedictine monk Dom Pérignon 'invented' the Champagne method of production in the region in the late seventeenth century exclaiming "Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!". But the region of Limoux, in France's Languedoc, claims to have pioneered the process around 150 years earlier in 1531 (a date which today is used extensively by Crémant de Limoux producers in their marketing). It is alleged by some wine historians that Dom Pérignon made a pilgrimage south to the Limoux region, and brought the idea back to Champagne with him.

Words by Ben Godfrey, our buyer and resident historian.



# SOUTH AMERICA

The best south American wines hail from Chile and Argentina, often from high-altitude vineyards in the foothills of the Andes. Look out for fragrant, cooler-climate whites and pinots, and big, flavourful malbecs and cabernets.



## 2018 Pinot Grigio, Uvas del Sol, Mendoza, Argentina

- Pinot Grigio

Fresh, zesty and full of peach, pear and green apple flavours, this is a pinot grigio which offers wonderful flavour and finishes with a crisp, refreshing acidity.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£9.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£9.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£8.79</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V | Drink now - 2020

Code: 53189301



## 2017 Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva, Dancing Flame, Leyda Valley, Chile

- Sauvignon Blanc

Vibrantly crisp and fresh, but also an appealing touch of richness. Pronounced tropical fruit and citrus flavours with lime, grapefruit and orange blossom.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.21</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | V | Drink now - 2020

Code: 56171711



## 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Gougenheim, Mendoza, Argentina

- Cabernet Sauvignon

Stylish Argentinian cabernet sauvignon that meets every expectation; rich, powerful, packed with vibrant blackcurrant fruit. Just the sort of calibre you'd expect from winemaker Patricio Gougenheim.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£9.74</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V+ | Drink now - 2021

Code: 53179191



## 2014 Nimbus Single Vineyard Syrah, Viña Casablanca, Casablanca Valley, Chile

- Syrah

From the Casablanca Valley, one of Chile's best known cool climate regions, this velvety syrah is exceptionally complex with black fruit and black pepper. A bold yet elegant wine.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£16.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£15.20</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 56140261



## 2016 'Grey' Single Block Chardonnay, Viña Ventisquero, Rapel Valley, Chile

- Chardonnay

Big and bold, exceptionally well-made Chilean chardonnay from vines in a single block. Oodles of tropical fruit such as pineapple and mango, subtle mineral notes and a hint of vanilla.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£16.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£15.20</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 56168241



## 2017 Pinot Noir Reserva, Pacifico Sur, San Antonio, Chile

- Pinot Noir

Chile produces some of the world's best pinot at the 'Bourgogne rouge' price-point, its cooler-climate vineyards suiting the natural perfume of this variety. Great value.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£9.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£8.79</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 56176001

## PRODUCER PROFILE

### CASA DE UCO | UCO VALLEY, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA



Picturesquely surrounded by dramatic Andean scenery, Casa de Uco is an innovative 320-hectare estate with a state-of-the-art winery and an impressive luxury wine resort in the Uco Valley. Most of all, it is also a producer of some excellent malbec, which we recommend very highly. Winemaking here is overseen by the esteemed Alberto Antonini. The 2014 malbec is now perfect for drinking, after a couple of years maturation, and we have recently added Uco's fresh, fragrant white blend to our range.

## FEATURED WINE



### 2014 El Salvaje Malbec, Casa de Uco, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

- Malbec

From the malbec capital of Argentina; Mendoza's Uco Valley, El Salvaje has the composure and depth of flavour that few producers in the region can obtain. It is more akin to Classed Growth Bordeaux! IWC Gold medal winner.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.25</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 53149271

## TRY THE RANGE



Casa de Uco Test Drive Case (Mixed)

~~£104.00~~ **£95.00**

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# BURGUNDY & BEAUJOLAIS

Burgundy is one of our favourite regions, and argued by many to be the source of the world's very finest wines. Beaujolais, at its southern extremity, is enjoying an enormous resurgence in popularity after a run of fine vintages.



**2017 Bourgogne Blanc, Séguinot-Bordet, Burgundy**

- Chardonnay

Jean-François Bordet makes a little of this Bourgogne Blanc - from vineyards close to Chablis. This is one of the best value Burgundies we have tried - very pure with luscious pear and apple flavours.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.25</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 04179591



**2017 Montagny 1er Cru 'Les Chaniots', Les Vignerons de Buxy, Burgundy**

- Chardonnay

Rich, vanilla and honey tinged fruit lifts this premier Cru Burgundy to great heights. Exceptional value and retaining tell-tail restraint of the region. This is world class chardonnay.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£18.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£17.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£16.63</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 04179291



**2018 Mâcon Uchizy, Domaine Talmard, Burgundy**

- Chardonnay

With perfectly ripe fruit from the warm 2018 vintage, Domaine Talmard have once again produced a superb chardonnay with beautiful purity and texture.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£14.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.54</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 0618SW01



**2015 Chénas, Henry Fessy, Beaujolais**

- Gamay

Beautiful Beaujolais here - some generous weight and structure comes through - red fruits and spice with a touch of smokiness and savoury richness. Delicious summer food wine, served slightly cool.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£14.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.01</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | V+ | Drink now - 2021

Code: 07150091



**2015 Bourgogne Blanc, Hubert Lamy, Burgundy**

- Chardonnay

The master of St Aubin; Olivier Lamy, has produced stunning wines in 2015. Fresh, bold and palate coating chardonnay which reflects delightful purity and precision of the highest order. This is simply outstanding wine.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£24.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£22.80</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V+ | Drink now - 2020

Code: 04159421



**2015 Santenay Champs Claude, J M Pillot, Burgundy**

- Pinot Noir

Pillot is regarded as one of the finest domaines in Chassagne-Montrachet. Renowned for his whites, Jean-Marc also makes a small quantity of exceptional reds. This 2015 Santenay is seriously delicious.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£27.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£26.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£25.18</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2023

Code: 03159041

PRODUCER PROFILE

MICHEL ET SYLVAIN TÊTE |  
BEAUJOLAIS, FRANCE



Sylvain Tête has recently taken over the winemaking reins from his father Michel, with whom we have been working for decades. After a spell working in New Zealand, Sylvain brings a fresh approach to an already excellent range of wines. Burgundian winemaking techniques are followed here, to take these Beaujolais to a whole new level. For the uninitiated, gamay is the grape here, and whereas often it is lighter and more delicate, Sylvain's cuvées are serious, structured, and jam-packed with rich, luscious black fruits.

FEATURED WINE



**2016 Juliéas, Domaine du Clos du Fief, Michel Tête, Beaujolais**

- Gamay

A stunning, accessible Cru Beaujolais from Michel Tête. Silky, rich red berry fruit with fine minerality shrouds a wine of purity, definition and poise. In a word? Joyous and awarded 90 points by The Wine Advocate.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.96</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 07160251

TRY THE RANGE



Michel Tête Test Drive Case (Mixed)

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If you are unable to visit our shop and tasting room do call us at the office and we will be delighted to talk you through some suggestions. We can provide you with a six bottle 'home tasting case' to conduct your own tasting. Enjoy sampling your selected wines with friends and family, we'll happily credit the cost of the case upon receipt of a subsequent order for your event. Do call us for more details.

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We will of course work to your planned budget and although Mr Wheeler specialises in genuinely 'Better Wine' typically in the premium £10-£30 range, we do stock an excellent value 'party range' with 'bulk pricing' and we can select wines to suit your occasion whatever you wish to spend. In addition if you purchase 48 bottles or more across the range, you will qualify for wholesale price providing you with both quality outstanding value for money.

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# NEW ZEALAND

From Auckland in the north to Otago in the south, via the vineyard heartland of Marlborough, exceptional wines can be found the length of this beautiful country, which has seen one of the most dramatic increases in profile of any winemaking country in the last two decades.



**2014 Gimblett Road Cabernet / Merlot / Malbec, CJ Pask, Hawkes Bay**

- Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec

This classic Bordeaux blend thrives at Gimblett Road. The strength of cabernet is partnered with subtle merlot and fragrant malbec, aged in oak for softening, complexing and completing this wine.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£14.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.01</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 45145851



**2018 Sauvignon Blanc, Greywacke, Marlborough**

- Sauvignon Blanc

Kevin Judd, the father of Cloudy Bay, has created a stunning sauvignon here. A deliciously ripe and zesty Marlborough sauvignon with a lemony, citrus thread that finishes crisp and dry.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£18.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£17.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£16.63</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 45188001



**2016 Cellar Selection Grenache, Villa Maria, Gimblett Gravels, Hawkes Bay**

- Grenache

A sweet spot for Rhône varieties in New Zealand, this has character in spades. Round, succulent and packed with spicy red and black berry fruit.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.73</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 45162511



**2013 Pinot Noir, Moa Ridge, Marlborough**

- Pinot Noir

There is certainly a nod to Burgundy, with the hallmark ethereal perfume and notes of spice and woodsmoke; but this is enhanced by the lusciousness of texture and vivid cherry, damson and blackberry fruit only found in the best kiwi pinots.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£18.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£18.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£17.10</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | O | Drink now - 2022

Code: 45130661



**2016 Pinot Gris 'Village', Kumeu River, Auckland**

- Pinot Gris

Very appealing, and quite distinctly pinot gris. Lively and complex with luscious stone-fruit and a rich, food-friendly texture. An extended period of maturation gives extra intensity.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£11.88</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 45162001



**2016 Riesling, Domain Road, Otago**

- Riesling

Crisp and very refreshing riesling, dry but with an abundance of ripe fruit. Aromas of spring blossom with peach, apricot and lime flavours. Steely and flinty with subtle notes of ginger and lemongrass.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.49</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V+ | Drink now - 2023

Code: 45169241

PRODUCER PROFILE

**GREENHOUGH | NELSON, NEW ZEALAND**



In late 1990, a young couple left Auckland behind for a rural village in Nelson, encouragingly named Hope. Swapping city for country life, Andrew Greenhough and Jenny Wheeler took on a four-hectare property, determined to create something of their own. More than a quarter of a century later, the 4-hectare adventure has expanded to 13 hectares of certified organic vineyard.

FEATURED WINE



**2017 Chardonnay, Greenhough, Nelson**

- Chardonnay

A bright, lemon-scented chardonnay, with a fresh, apricot ripeness. 10 months in French oak barrels adds a touch of spice and a creamy, biscuit character to this orchard-fruit laden chardonnay.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£18.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£17.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£16.63</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | O | Drink now - 2023

Code: 45170951

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# NEW ZEALAND: A BRIGHT FUTURE AT 200



*This year, New Zealand is celebrating 200 years since the country’s first vines took root. In September 1819, Yorkshire man and Christian missionary Samuel Marsden planted 100 vines in New Zealand’s far north but it would take a long time for a true wine industry to flourish.*

Pioneers and visionaries came and went over the next 150 years with early predictions that New Zealand would soon become a great wine producing nation as accurate as Nostradamus’s prophecy that the world would come to an end in 1999.

A nation dominated by beer and whisky-swilling British immigrants didn’t help New Zealand’s wine’s fortunes nor did strict government legislation regarding the sale of wine. It wasn’t until the 1960s and 1970s that any semblance of a wine culture began to form with a generation of young Kiwis travelling to Europe for working holidays, the creation of food and wine societies in the urban centres, and alcohol laws becoming more relaxed.



It is astonishing how far New Zealand has come in such a short time: the first Sauvignon Blanc was planted in Marlborough in 1975 - within a decade, its distinctive aromas had woken up the palates of international critics. In his autobiography A Life in Wine, Hugh Johnson remembers, “This was Sauvignon Blanc with the volume turned up. I remember the surge of scent, the snap on the tongue, the hundred-amp shock through the system. Like Sauvignon or hate it, here it was in primary colours.”

Instead of turning its nose up, the wine world turned its attentions on this land at the bottom of the earth. In the 20 years since Nostradamus predicted the world was going to end, New Zealand’s vineyard area has more than tripled in size and its vineyards, winemakers and wines are coming of age. In the world of wine, New Zealand remains the new kid on the block. However, the first generation of this modern era, who are heading towards pension age, now have several decades of experience and understand their sites and vines. This confidence in their vineyards has led to a general move away from hands-on winemaking. It is increasingly common to find wines that have taken months to complete their wild ferments, little or no sulphur used during the winemaking process, and bottles whose contents have not been fined nor filtered, leaving all the good stuff in.

While the New Zealand wine scene’s image might be slightly safe compared with the more ballsy Australians across the Tasman Sea, there’s a new generation of young producers pushing boundaries further whether it’s experimenting with varieties including Grüner Veltliner and Albariño, making unconventional blends, fermenting wines in the vineyard, or pushing winemaking techniques to the limit whether that’s 100% whole bunch fermentation Pinot Noirs or skin-contact Sauvignon Blancs.



Lured by the beauty of its wines, the beauty of its land and its remoteness, it is unsurprising that wealthy overseas investors are looking to New Zealand rather than overpriced Burgundy or Bordeaux to buy a piece of dirt. While New Zealand’s Overseas Investment Office has to approve purchases by non New Zealanders, around one-third of New Zealand wine production is controlled by foreign owners. They join the United Nations of New Zealand wine: a young grape-growing country shaped by newcomers with a dream.



Words by **Rebecca Gibb** MW journalist and author of The Wines of New Zealand



# MIXED CASES

## TOP PRODUCERS

We offer taster cases for most of our top producers from key regions throughout the world. Producers from which we ship directly and who produced the wine from grape to bottle.



**SUMARIDGE**  
Sumaridge Estate, South Africa (Mixed)  
A bottle each of: 2013 Syrah; 2013 Pinot Noir; 2015 Bushell Red Blend (Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec); 2017 Sauvignon Blanc; 2013 Maritimus (Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Semillon); 2014 Chardonnay.  
**6 Bottle Case: £82.50 £76.00**



**GUILLEMINOT**  
Champagne Michel Guilleminot (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: Brut Tradition; Cuvée Prestige; Brut Rosé.  
**6 Bottle Case: £188.00 £169.50**



**GUIGAL**  
E. Guigal, Rhône, France (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2015 Côte du Rhône Rouge; 2017 Côte du Rhône Blanc; 2017 Côte du Rhône Rosé.  
**6 Bottle Case: £84.00 £75.00**



**DOMDECHANT WERNER**  
Domdechant Werner, Rheingau, Germany  
Two bottles each of 2007 Hochheimer Domdechaney Auslese; 2014 Hochheimer Domdechaney Spatlese; 2016 Riesling Kabinett Trocken.  
**6 Bottle Case: £159.00 £149.50**



**MALBEC**  
Argentinean Malbec (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2015 El Salvaje Malbec, Casa de Uco, Uco Valley; 2017 Malbec Reserva, Gouguenheim, Mendoza; 2017 Piedra Negra Malbec, François Lurton, Mendoza.  
**6 Bottle Case: £83.50 £77.50**



**PINOT NOIR**  
Pinot Noir (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2015 Pinot Noir Valmoissine, Louis Latour, Pays de Var, France; 2018 Pinot Noir 'Village', Kumeu River, Auckland, New Zealand; 2016 Pinot Noir Gran Reserva, Dancing Flame, Leyda Valley, Chile.  
**6 Bottle Case: £77.50 £72.00**



**SAUVIGNON BLANC**  
Sauvignon Blanc (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2017 Sauvignon de Touraine, Domaine Bellevue, Loire, France; 2018 Gimblett Gravels Sauvignon Blanc, CJ Pask, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand; 2017 Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva, Dancing Flame, Leyda Valley, Chile.  
**6 Bottle Case: £72.50 £65.00**



**RIESLING**  
Riesling (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2015 Riesling Grand Cru 'Florimont', Signature De Colmar, Alsace; 2016 Hochheimer Kirchenstück Riesling Trocken, Domdechant Werner, Rheingau, Germany; 2013 Riesling 'Hope Vineyard', Greenhough, Nelson, New Zealand.  
**6 Bottle Case: £102.00 £92.50**

## REGIONAL FOCUSES

Most of the major wine regions are represented in our taster selections. 'Known' wine styles are mixed with some more left-field choices, ensuring we deliver you a true taste of the region or country.



**NEW ZEALAND**  
New Zealand (Mixed)  
A bottle each of: 2013 Moa Ridge Pinot Noir, Marlborough; 2013 Riesling 'Hope Vineyard', Greenhough, Nelson; 2014 Gimblett Road Cabernet/Merlot/Malbec, CJ Pask, Hawke's Bay; 2018 Sauvignon Blanc, Nika Tiki, Marlborough; 2017 Chardonnay 'Village', Kumeu River, Auckland; 2017 Pinot Gris, Domain Road, Central Otago.  
**6 Bottle Case: £96.75 £89.50**



**SPAIN**  
The Spanish Collection (Mixed)  
A bottle each of: 2016 Las Martas Garnacha, Bodega San Gregorio, Calatayud; 2017 Bobal, Vega Moragona, Ribera del Júcar; 2018 Rioja Tempranillo Blanco, Finca Manzanos, Rioja; 2018 Abadia do Seixo Albariño, Bodegas Pazo de Villarei, Rias Baixas; 2017 Clos de Bartolomé, Priorat; 2012 Castillo Eneriz Reserva, Finca Manzanos, Navarra.  
**6 Bottle Case: £78.50 £72.00**



**BIG, BOLD REDS**  
Big, Bold Reds (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2015 Shiraz/Mourvedre, MWC, Victoria, Australia; 2014 El Salvaje Malbec, Casa de Uco, Uco Valley, Argentina; 2015 Tête de Cuvée Rouge 'Black Label', Domaine de la Jasse, Languedoc, France.  
**6 Bottle Case: £89.50 £82.50**



**FINE FRENCH ROSÉ**  
Fine French Rosé (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2018 Rosé de Provence, Selection Angelvin, Provence; 2018 Loubié Côte du Rhône Rosé, Domaine de Mourchon, Rhône; 2017 Sancerre Rosé, François Millet, Loire.  
**6 Bottle Case: £98.50 £89.50**



**SOUTH AFRICA**  
South Africa (Mixed)  
A bottle each of: 2013 Maritimus, Sumaridge Estate, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde; 2015 Lady, Lemberg Estate, Tulbagh; 2016 Kliprug Chenin Blanc, Kaapzicht, Stellenbosch; 2013 Syrah, Sumaridge Estate, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde; 2014 Pinotage, Painted Wolf, Paarl; 2014 Shiraz, Topiary, Franschhoek.  
**6 Bottle Case: £96.50 £89.50**



**ITALY**  
Italy (Mixed)  
A bottle each of: 2015 Millefiori, Rosso del Veneto; 2017 Fiano, Carlomagno, Puglia; 2017 Dolcetto d'Alba, Enzo Boglietti, Piemonte; 2017 Baccolo, Bianco di Veneto; 2017 Al Qasar Zibbibo, Cantine Rallo, Sicily; 2017 Cilegiolo, Sassotondo, Maremma, Tuscany.  
**6 Bottle Case: £81.00 £75.00**



**CRISP, DRY WHITE**  
Crisp, Dry White (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: 2017 Fiano, Carlomagno, Puglia, Italy; 2018 Pinot Grigio, Uvas del Sol, Mendoza, Argentina; 2018 Gimblett Gravels Sauvignon Blanc, CJ Pask, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.  
**6 Bottle Case: £64.50 £59.50**



**EUROPEAN FIZZ**  
European Fizz (Mixed)  
Two bottles each of: Brut Blanc de Blancs, Jules Larose, France; Brut Reserva Cava, Castel de Vilarnau, Catalonia, Spain; 2016 Prosecco, Terredrai, Veneto, Italy.  
**6 Bottle Case: £68.50 £62.50**

OVER 100 MIXED WINE CASES AVAILABLE ONLINE

## GREAT GRAPES

We've selected some of our favourite examples of the great grapes of the world. Only when tasting a selection produced from the same variety, do you get to understand how the climate and winemaking comes into play to make each one unique.

## WINE STYLES

We all have our favourite wine styles - from the biggest, darkest reds; to the freshest, zippiest whites. Each of our selections have a common 'style' and will go down well with those looking for wines in a similar vein to one another.



# WHY CHOOSE BETTER WINE?

It's Mr.Wheeler's job to help you choose better wine in-keeping with your budget.



BETTER INFORMED BUYING DECISIONS



BETTER PROVENANCE AND TRACEABILITY



BETTER DELIVERY



BETTER COMMUNICATION



BETTER CUSTOMER CARE AT EVERY STAGE



BETTER QUALITY THROUGH CAREFUL SOURCING



BETTER WINE TO COST RATIO

## COST BREAKDOWN 75cl bottle

The cost of the actual wine inside a typical 75cl bottle represents only a fraction of the overall cost at the lower end.

Choosing better wine (in our view) is a simple equation of:

PREFERENCE



OCCASION

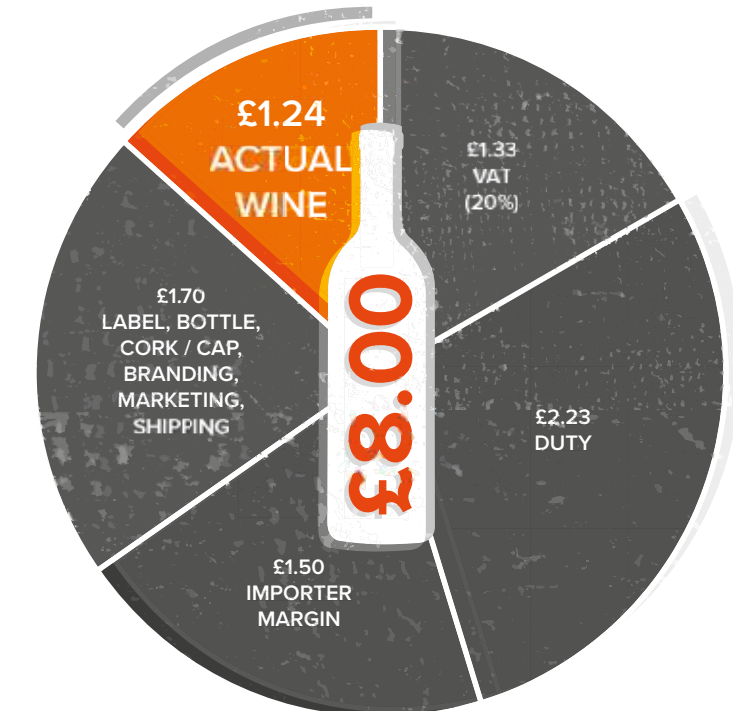


BUDGET



CHOICE

The quality can be improved upon by investing more in the upfront purchase. The cost of the bottle, label and shipping etc does not change, irrespective of the bottle price; and duty remains the same, as does VAT at 20% of the purchase price. So the additional investment is firmly on the actual wine, the grapes, the vineyard and heritage of the product.



## BUT WHAT DO WE REALLY MEAN BY 'BETTER' WINE?

Better wine drinking means experiencing a greater level of enjoyment and satisfaction. It is about empowering you, as a Mr.Wheeler customer, to be able to choose wines based on knowledge, insight and an understanding of what you enjoy. With tens of thousands of wines from across the globe, it is very easy to be overwhelmed by the choice. A large portion of UK consumers tend to rely on the major retailers or supermarkets to provide wine choices and more often than not, those wines selected are based on price, and then varietal, region or country, and possibly not quality or preference.

## BETTER WINE FOR BETTER QUALITY

The quality of any wine is determined by a number of factors and it is our belief that these factors can be replicated in order to deliver outstanding wines time and time again. Mr.Wheeler chooses wines from established family run vineyards where we know that the growers have mastered their craft, ensuring that all conditions, practices and process have been

carefully considered to deliver the very best outcome in their products. Weather, of course, is a significant factor in determining the outcome of any harvest and whilst the weather cannot be predicted – the experience and expertise of the grower can account for all the elements and ensure that the end product is delivered to the highest outcome.

Better wine could easily be viewed as a subjective statement given that everyone's preferences of wine will be different. However, our mission at Mr.Wheeler is to ensure a certain standard of drinking and whether you enjoy red, white, rosé or champagne; French, Italian, New Zealand or South American – the wines that our in-house experts and vineyard partners choose and recommend to you are always the best and deliver on quality, value and enjoyment.

## PROVENANCE, HERITAGE & BOTTLED AT SOURCE

The majority of the wines we choose to stock come from family-owned vineyards across the globe – often smaller vineyards that have developed across a number of generations.

Our aim is to support these fantastic producers of wine, ensuring we are working in a partnership that means they have a sustainable business and can concentrate on producing the very best wines.

100% of the wines that we stock are wines that are bottled at source. Bottling wine at source is proven to deliver a better quality. There are a few exceptions to this, but if you look carefully at many of the supermarket wines (certainly those below £7) you will see they are UK bottled on an industrial scale, with the product shipped to the factory in large tanks.

Wine producing is an art and it is our belief that the grower is absolutely the best person to be bottling the wine, and that bottling at source is a key part of the overall wine supply chain. The care and control that the producer of the wine will have in this process is crucial to the end result. In addition, this process provides jobs and opportunity to the region from which the grapes are grown, which is critical from a sustainability, traceability and provenance perspective.

# BORDEAUX & RHÔNE

A run of fine vintages has brought us an abundance of very classy wines from two 'heavy-weight' wine regions of France. 2014's are classic and elegant, whilst the 2015's are warm, rich, bold and expressive.



## 2014 Gigondas, E.Guigal, Rhône

- Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre.

Largely grenache, with some mourvèdre, and a little syrah. Intense and generous with black fruit, spice and liquorice. Powerful and full-bodied, with a long elegant finish.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£24.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£22.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£20.90</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2024

Code: 08144161



## 2015 Petite Laurence, Bordeaux

- Merlot

Made in conjunction with the esteemed Hubert de Bouard of Château Angélus. The generosity of the 2015 vintage is apparent here, with luscious black fruits and a plush, rounded texture on the palate. Sensational value.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£11.40</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 01156001



## 2014 Château Lafon, Llistrac-en-Medoc, Bordeaux

- Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot

In 2014 Château Lafon you have a fabulously plush, richly-fruited, vanilla-infused Llistrac. Opens with notions of morello cherry, creamy oak notes and a palate of deliciously lifted redcurrant and bramble fruit flavours.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£16.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£15.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£14.25</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2024

Code: 01140651



## 2014 Château Pontet Plaisance, St Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux

- Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

Established in 1900, Château Pontet Plaisance is a small 2.5 hectare estate using vines with an average age of 50 years to produce its excellent St Emilion red. The resulting wine is jam-packed with black fruits, with a sweet spice note and toasted oak in the background. 2014 was a fabulous vintage.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£21.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£19.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£18.53</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2025

Code: 01140641



## 2015 Laudun, Château Courac, Rhône

- Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache

Laudun is one of the superior villages of the southern Rhône - one for lovers of Châteauneuf with its notable warmth and big, rich, spicy black fruit. Great value.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£12.11</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 08153821



## 2015 Ronan by Clinet, Bordeaux

- Merlot

This 100% merlot is silky, but structured, with leafy cassis and plum fruit. Shows the warmth of the excellent 2015 vintage – and made by the talented team at legendary Pomerol Château Clinet.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£14.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.06</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2024

Code: 01159331

## PRODUCER PROFILE

### DOMAINE DE MOURCHON | RHÔNE, FRANCE



Set in a secluded valley between the picturesque village of Séguret and the Mont Ventoux, Domaine de Mourchon was established by the McKinlay family in 1998, and their delicious wines have been part of our range ever since, going from strength to strength with every vintage. This is one of the Rhône Valley's true stars, highly rated by consumers and leading wine journalists throughout the world - Jancis Robinson is a fan, and Robert Parker has awarded Walter McKinlay's wines some impressive scores.

## FEATURED WINE



### 2015 Séguret Grande Réserve, Domaine de Mourchon, Rhône,

- Grenache, Syrah

Fabulous intensity in its black raspberry, liquorice, violet and peppery garrigue aromas and flavours. Full-bodied, nicely concentrated, with ripe tannins. Seriously good.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£22.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£21.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£19.95</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | V+ | Drink now - 2025

Code: 08150051

## TRY THE RANGE



De Mourchon Test Drive Case (Mixed)

£104.75 £99.50

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# THE BEST OF THE REST: WHITES

A mixed selection here, well worthy of special attention. Our best selling Picpoul, a multi-award winning estate Riesling and Salvaje’s delicious white blend catch the eye. The two South Africans are a must-try for any dinner party.



**2017 Reserve Chenin Blanc, De Morgenzon, Stellenbosch, South Africa**  
- Chenin Blanc

A show-stopping chenin, which displays effusive aromas of white flower, stone fruit, honey and toast which erupt into opulent flavours of pear, orange blossom, caramel and spice. It's a world class wine offering that strikes a brilliant balance between lush fruit and crisp, mouth-watering acidity.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£29.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£27.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£26.13</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2030+

Code: 51179311



**2013 Maritimus, Sumaridge Estate, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, South Africa**  
- Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Semillon, Viognier

A sophisticated white blend, full of finesse, that endeavours to reflect its maritime location. Floral and apple aromas leap from the glass, followed by complex flavours of quince, fig and toasted nuts.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£14.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.06</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | V | Drink now - 2020

Code: 51131141



**2016 Riesling Kabinett Trocken, Domdechanch Werner, Rheingau, Germany**  
- Riesling

Franz Michel was voted "White Winemaker of the Year" in 2017's International Wine Challenge. The 2016 Trocken is classic dry riesling, and a great introduction to his stunning range.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£19.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£18.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£17.10</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | O | Drink now - 2025

Code: 20169011



**2018 G de Guiraud, Château Guiraud, Bordeaux, France**  
- Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon

Wonderful value white Bordeaux - crisp and immediate, with crunchy Granny Smith apples, lemongrass, a touch of spice and a creamy, palate-coating intensity. So vibrant and scintillating, the wine is wonderfully tensile with a core of tightly wound freshness.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£17.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£16.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£15.44</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 02180111



**2017 El Salvaje Blend de Blancs, Casa de Uco, Uco Valley, Argentina**  
- Sauvignon Blanc, Torrontes, Chardonnay

This very moreish, fruit-driven white wine - tropical fruit laden sauvignon blanc in the main, with torrontes, Argentina's signature white grape, and chardonnay adding structure and a freshening citrus twist.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£14.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.30</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 53179341




**2018 Racine Picpoul de Pinet, Bruno Lafon & François Chamboissier, Languedoc, France**  
- Picpoul de Pinet

The palate has a lovely texture, with many layers of flavour and a notable length to the finish, there's a lot to enjoy about this latest arrival.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£11.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.45</b> per bottle

ABV 12.5% | V | Drink now - 2021

Code: 12189481




**2016 Semillon, Mitchell, Clare Valley, Australia**  
- Semillon

Has a gently spicy nose with honeysuckle, citrus and lemongrass aromas. Youthful, fresh and vibrant, with just a gentle touch of smoky oak. Delicious now, but will age well for 3-5 years.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£13.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£13.06</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink Now - 2025

Code: 40160891



WINE FACT

Last year saw the most expensive single bottle of wine ever sold at auction, a bottle of 1945 Grand Cru Romanée-Conti, which sold at Sotheby's in October for a whopping \$558,000, which was over 17 times its original estimate of \$32,000! A previous record-holder was a £225,000 bottle of 1787 Château Margaux, inscribed with the initials THJ, having purportedly originally come from the cellar of US founding father Thomas Jefferson.

It was due to be opened at a gala dinner in New York in 1989, but was knocked over by a waiter and smashed!

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# WHEELER FAMILY VINEYARDS

My wife Carine and I are Pinot Noir devotees and are very passionate about our own vineyard holdings; mine in Marlborough, New Zealand and hers in Champagne.


Managed in partnership with Swiss winemaker Georg Fromm, Clayvin Vineyard was first planted in 1991 and was the first ‘hillside’ vineyard to be cultivated in the beautiful Marlborough region at the top of the New Zealand’s South Island.

The exceptional characteristics of this vineyard are its terroir, location and unique close-planting as found in the best sites of Burgundy. Located on the north-facing slopes of the Brancott Valley in Marlborough, the Clayvin Vineyard takes its name from the clay-based subsoil that lies beneath the vineyard. This site has consistently produced wines which have attracted worldwide attention and acclaim, and as the vines age, the wines go from strength to strength with each vintage. As well as pinot noir, very good chardonnay and also syrah are grown here. A second label Moa Ridge is also made, using the younger chardonnay and pinot vines from the Clayvin vineyard.

Carine’s family also specialises in pinot noir, and produces their Champagne Michel Guilleminot in the Aube Valley, at the very far south of Champagne. This is a high-class ‘Récoltant-Manipulant’ Champagne which means they grow all their own grapes and bottle all their own wines, ensuring great character, provenance and individuality. A family-run business, led by Corinne and Patrice Guilleminot who represent the 4th generation, Champagne Guilleminot’s vines are in prime pinot noir territory – the Aube Valley’s Côte des Bars is almost in Burgundy.

Whereas pinot meunier and chardonnay are grown elsewhere in Champagne, Carine’s parents Michel and Colette decided to plant their vineyard solely with pinot noir, creating their signature Blanc de Noirs style.

After bottling, Champagne Guilleminot rests peacefully on its lees for a minimum of three years during which time the Champagne softens, and gains richness and texture and fine balance. This is a high quality Champagne, which always performs well in blind tastings against the more famous Grande Marque names.




**Brut Tradition ‘Blanc de Noirs’, Champagne Michel Guilleminot**  
- Pinot Noir

A true ‘grower’s’ Champagne; 100% pinot noir grown, produced and bottled by the Guilleminot family. Offering a weight, texture and complexity that defies its price. Delicious.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£26.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£24.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£23.28</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 13000961




**Brut Rosé, Champagne Michel Guilleminot**  
- Pinot Noir

The Guilleminot family produces its own red wine called Coteaux Champenois specially for the production of the champagne rosé. This champagne has a vibrant deep salmon pink colour and wonderful red fruit aromas with a fine creamy mousse. A lovely aperitif or with your summer red fruit pudding.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£29.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£27.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£26.13</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 13002141



**Brut Prestige, Champagne Michel Guilleminot**  
- Pinot Noir

Champagne Guilleminot Brut Prestige is also a Blanc de Noirs, 100% pinot noir but is aged five years on its lees before being released. There is still a lovely fruit character from the pinot noir but with greater richness and depth of yeasty, toasty character.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£34.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£32.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£30.40</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 13000981



**2013 Syrah 'Clayvin Vineyard', Wheeler & Fromm, Marlborough**  
- Syrah

The biggest, and most structured wine in the Clayvin portfolio. Powerful, dark and intense with a noticeable pepper and spice character. Serious and impressive - would not feel out of place on the steep slopes of the northern Rhône.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£29.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£27.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£26.13</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | O | Drink now - 2021

Code: 45139361



**2013 Grand Vin Pinot Noir 'Clayvin Vineyard', Wheeler & Fromm, Marlborough**  
- Pinot Noir

Aromatically complex and deeply elegant, Clayvin Pinot Noir shows world-class restraint and terroir expression. More akin to Chambolle-Musigny than New World Pinot, it shouts of the potential achievable in New Zealand.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£32.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£29.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£28.03</b> per bottle

ABV 14% | O | Drink now - 2025

Code: 45139341



**2013 Chardonnay 'Clayvin Vineyard', Wheeler & Fromm, Marlborough**  
- Chardonnay

Marlborough in mind and body, but Burgundian in spirit. A fresh, crisp and tart cox apple fruit is followed by a gentle, creamy citrus that is no doubt from the 15 months spent in new and second fill French oak barrels. Wonderful.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£29.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£27.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£26.13</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | O | Drink now - 2019

Code: 45120651

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# THE RISE OF ENGLISH WINE

English wines are on a roll – this year it is estimated that another two million vines will be planted. England’s vineyards have doubled in size in the past 8 years and tripled since 2000. There are currently 7,000 acres under vine across 164 wineries and a record breaking 15.6 million bottles were produced in 2018, 130% higher than the previous year’s crop in 2017 and far exceeding the previous record of 6.3m bottles in 2014.

A recent study suggested that there are approximately 70,000 acres of land that may be highly suitable for vine plantation. By 2040, there could be 40 million bottles produced creating a market worth over £1bn (by comparison Champagne produces over 500 million bottles per year). Gosh.

It is not only English and Welsh producers who are planting new vineyards. French champagne houses are moving in, with Tattinger the first to buy land in Kent, followed by Pommery’s venture in Hampshire and more are sure to follow...

Our marginal climate is better suited to sparkling wine varietals, so it is not surprising to find that 68% of bottles produced are sparkling with the classic grape varieties Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier

accounting for over 71% of all grapes planted. Of course, it helps when both the Queen and Downing Street assist with the PR – Buckingham Palace have served sparkling wines from Gusbourne Estate (Kent) and Ridgeview (in the South Downs) at state banquets and Chapel Down (also in Kent) is an official supplier to No.10.

Sparkling wine producers continue to innovate. Flint Vineyards in Norfolk and Fitz in Sussex are now producing Prosecco-style, more fruit-driven sparkling wines using the Charmat method (secondary fermentation in tank rather than the traditional method in bottle).

Clearly, it isn’t only all about the sparkling stuff. Still wines continue to improve in quality with some excellent Pinot Noir and Bacchus wines now being produced. The New Hall Bacchus

Reserve we feature as one of our go-to wines is regularly praised in the press, with The Times’ Jane MacQuitty being a big fan.

Helping to drive the growth of English wines is wine tourism, where there is a thriving scene offering an experience once reserved for trips overseas. This year, clusters of vineyards in the winelands of England are promoting their regions as go to places to visit – and we suggest you do exactly that. So, pick up your secateurs and enjoy a visit to a vineyard and in the meantime, we encourage you to taste an English bottle or three when you next order from us.

Luke Crawley  
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## FEATURED ENGLISH WINE PRODUCERS



### 2014 Brut Reserve, Gusbourne

- Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay  
Gusbourne Brut Premier is bright gold in colour and has bright red fruit aromas of cherry and strawberry, which then develop into attractive fresh pastry notes with a touch of cinnamon and spice. With a bright streak of citrus fruit, the palate is clean and fresh whilst giving tonnes of soft stone fruit and a long, refreshing finish. Outstanding.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£35.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£32.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£30.88</b> per bottle

ABV 12% | Drink NOW - 2022

Code: 34140251



### 2018 Bacchus, New Hall, Essex, UK

- Bacchus  
A lovely introduction to how good English wine can be - crisp, aromatic, perfumed and deliciously fresh. This could very well be your next ‘go to’ white.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£11.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.93</b> per bottle

ABV 10.5% | V+ | Drink 2020

Code: 3718NH41

## GUSBOURNE ESTATE, KENT

The original Gusbourne Estate in Appledore, Kent dates to 1410. Each bottle of wine crafted at Gusbourne carries a contemporary goose crest in honour of de Goosebourne family crest. In 2004, Andrew Weeber took over the estate with a clear vision and a single goal: to create English sparkling wines that would stand up alongside the very finest offerings from across the globe. The first vines were planted that year. In 2010, the debut vintages of Gusbourne Brut Reserve 2006 and Gusbourne Blanc de Blancs 2006 were released to critical acclaim. Gusbourne quickly earned a reputation as a producer of outstanding quality wines, with accolades from some of the industry’s most exacting critics.

## NEW HALL VINEYARDS, ESSEX

New Hall Vineyards is a family business located in East Anglia. It was established by the Greenwood family in 1969 and it’s known to be one of the oldest vineyards In England to produce award winning wines. New Hall accounts for the largest Bacchus production in the country due to the special microclimate of Purleigh in Essex, with 350,000 bottles produced a year. This scale enables them to produce wines which are pound for pound up there with European counterparts in terms of offering great value for money. The award-winning Bacchus and their brilliant Pinot Noir rosé should be the mainstay in any fridge across the 2019 summer!

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# SPAIN

Spain is on phenomenal form at the moment, bringing us some of the best value wines around. Rioja leads the charge of course, but do try a crisp, fresh Albariño, oak-matured Navarra or berry-fruit-packed Bobal.



### 2016 Las Martas Garnacha, Bodega San Gregorio, Calatayud

- Garnacha

Warm, rich and flavourful – this garnacha has lots of personality and old-vines intensity and an appealing crunch. Ripe, luscious and jam-packed with black and red berry fruits – very moreish.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.21</b> per bottle

ABV 15% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 30164001



### 2017 Bobal, Vega Moragona, Ribera del Júcar

- Bobal

A great example of the new reds coming from southern Spain – made from the lesser-known but fruit-laden bobal grape. Fresh and bright with sweetish cherry fruit, vanilla spice and a soft, creamy texture.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.25</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£9.74</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 30174011



### 2018 Rioja Tempranillo Blanco, Finca Manzanos, Rioja

- Tempranillo Blanco

Cool crisp and sherbet-scented, there is a vibrancy and lifted zing in this refreshing, mandarin-fruited dry white Rioja. A dash of creamy oak adds further texture. A truly unique wine which we absolutely adore.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£11.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£10.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£10.21</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 30180501



### 2018 Albariño, Abadia de Seixo, Rias Baixas

- Albariño

This is an expressive, forward style of albariño, shining with ripe citrus fruit and tangy green apple flavours. Classic albariño minerality, with pretty floral aromas and a crisp, fresh, luscious palate. Delicious!

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£12.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.00</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£11.40</b> per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 30180541



### 2017 Clos de Bartolomé, Priorat

- Garnacha, Carinena, Cabernet Sauvignon

This is one of the best wines we tried in 2017. From Priorat in northern Spain - powerful, yet effortlessly classy with luxurious black fruit and polished French oak.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£21.00</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£19.50</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£18.53</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | V | Drink now - 2025

Code: 30179901



### 2012 Castillo Eneriz Reserva, Finca Manzanos, Navarra

- Tempranillo, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a barrel-matured Rioja Reserva style with 6 years ageing, and real Reserva polish. Plush and sumptuous, with warm damson, plum and blackberry fruit. Rich, ripe and rewarding with velvety tannins and an impressive finish .

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£10.75</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£9.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£9.26</b> per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 30120511

## PRODUCER PROFILE

### ZINIO BODEGAS | RIOJA, SPAIN



Zinio Bodegas has been one of MrWheeler’s key producers in Rioja for many years. This fine, and principled collective of family estates is based in the picturesque village of Uruñuela, in La Rioja Alta - the source of Rioja’s very finest vineyards. Zinio, managed by the passionate Fernando Villamor with winemaker Maria Martinez (pictured), has been on the cutting-edge of wine production in Rioja for some years, embracing traditional, barrel-aged Rioja, with its familiar flavours, as well as pioneering new trends.

## FEATURED WINE



### 2015 Rioja Crianza 'Black Label', Zinio Bodegas

- Tempranillo

Berry fruit is balanced perfectly with lively cassis and flavours of vanilla spice. Dark chocolate and cherry liqueur follow, enhancing the pronounced berry fruit. Smooth and plush in texture, with a rich and rewarding finish. Delicious.

<b>Bottle:</b>	<b>£13.50</b>
<b>Mixed Case:</b>	<b>£12.75</b> per bottle
<b>Wholesale:</b>	<b>£12.11</b> per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 30150051

## TRY THE RANGE



Zinio Mixed Case

~~£74.00~~ **£69.50**

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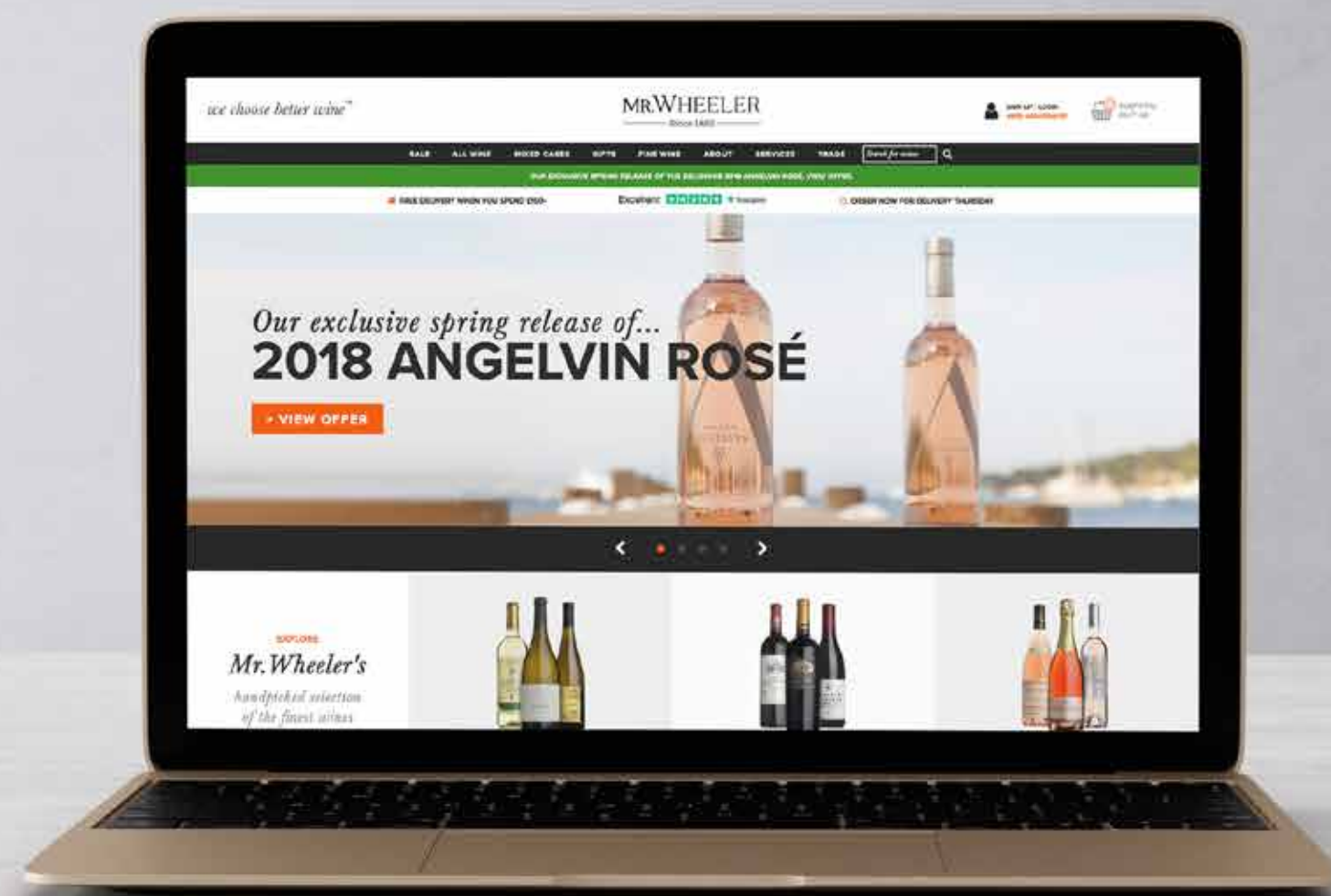
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From what many believe is France's best-value wine region – and certainly its largest vineyard area; effortlessly stylish *Provençal rosé*; perfumed, opulent *viognier* and a trio of warm, rich rewarding reds.



### 2017 Mas Belles Eaux 'Les Côteaux', Languedoc

- Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre

This Rhône-like syrah blend is absolutely bursting with flavour. Big, bold and expressive with lots of ripe, seductive plum and blackberry fruit. One for the barbecue.

**Bottle:** £12.00  
**Mixed Case:** £11.75 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £11.16 per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2025

Code: 12179681



### 2016 Vignes de Bila-Haut Blanc, Chapoutier, Roussillon

- Macabeo, Grenache Blanc

The house of Chapoutier - one of the Rhône's biggest names - makes this vibrant white. A lifted bouquet of lemon and lime citrus leads to a round palate of apricot and yellow plum with a notable mineral core.

**Bottle:** £12.50  
**Mixed Case:** £11.50 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £10.93 per bottle

ABV 13.5% | V+ | Drink now - 2022

Code: 12160161



### 2016 Corbières Rouge, Les Forts de Bories-Azeau, Languedoc

- Syrah, Grenache, Carignan

This delicious blend of syrah, grenache and carignan delivers rich and ripe bramble fruit flavours in droves. Warming and rewarding, it offers Southern French sunshine in every glass!

**Bottle:** £10.00  
**Mixed Case:** £9.50 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £9.03 per bottle

ABV 13% | V+ | Drink now - 2021

Code: 12169371



### 2018 Rosé de Provence, Selection Angelvin, Provence

- Mourvedre, Grenache, Cinsault

Crisp and luscious with subtle summer pudding flavours, and a touch more texture and class than generally found in the region's rosés. Very moreish and an ideal aperitif, whilst serious enough for food.

**Bottle:** £15.00  
**Mixed Case:** £13.75 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £13.06 per bottle

ABV 13% | Drink now - 2020

Code: 12188011



### 2018 Viognier, Domaine de La Baume, Languedoc

- Viognier

Big viognier style at a distinctly un-big price. Intense, sun-drenched golden yellow, this is a lively and exciting wine with an exotic and opulent character.

**Bottle:** £10.75  
**Mixed Case:** £9.75 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £9.26 per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 12189501



### 2016 Les Romains Merlot, Les Vignes des Deux Soleils, Languedoc

- Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Produced from vineyards near Montellier, Bruno Le Breton's merlot is polished, stylish and rewarding, with more than a hint of St-Emilion about it. 2016 is a great vintage at this property.

**Bottle:** £14.75  
**Mixed Case:** £13.75 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £13.06 per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2024

Code: 12166001

## PRODUCER PROFILE

### TESSELLAE, DOMAINE LAFAGE | CÔTES CATALANES, ROUSSILLON, FRANCE



Domaine Lafage is one of the Roussillon's star estates, and Jean-Marc's wines have been favourites of ours for some years. An award-winning family estate since 1798, Lafage is based in Perpignan, and makes a wide range of exceptionally crafted wines, from vineyards either side of the Pyrenees. His wines under the Tessellae label hail from the Côtes Catalanes region, and offer exceptional value – they are undoubtedly one of our most exciting recent finds.

## FEATURED WINE



### 2016 Carignan Vieilles Vignes Tessellae, Côtes Catalanes, Roussillon, France

- Carignan

This is one of our wines of the year, and sure to be popular. Carignan has such intensity and character when made with old vines. Expressive black fruits with freshness and a warm, Mediterranean character.

**Bottle:** £14.00  
**Mixed Case:** £13.25 per bottle  
**Wholesale:** £12.59 per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2021

Code: 12164001

## TRY THE RANGE



Tessellae Test Drive Case (Mixed)

£86.75 £75.00

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# THE TEAM

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“World Class Pinot Noir is my favourite wine style, with Red Burgundy and New Zealand featuring prominently, but I am also fascinated by mature fine Bordeaux which undoubtedly deserves its Global acclaim.”



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# THE BEST OF THE REST: RED

A ‘magnificent seven’ of some of our favourite reds here, which we had to find a space for, and epitomise our philosophy of ‘choosing better wine’. From almost every corner of the world, and delivering class, character and drinkability in spades.



2012 Chateau Musar Rouge, Serge Hochar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

- Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignan  
One of the world’s most famous wines, in 2012 Musar we find bold, expressive and richly flavoured fleshy black fruit with firm underlying tannins. A powerhouse with a sweet personality.

Bottle:	£28.00
Mixed Case:	£27.00 per bottle
Wholesale:	£25.65 per bottle

ABV 14% | V+, O | Drink now - 2025+

Code: 57120011



2014 Carlyle Shiraz, Pfeiffer, Rutherglen, Australia

- Shiraz  
A well composed and proportioned shiraz which, though full bodied, offers delicious balancing freshness to the spiced black cherry and plum flavours. Perfect with barbequed steak.

Bottle:	£15.50
Mixed Case:	£14.25 per bottle
Wholesale:	£13.54 per bottle

ABV 14.5% | V | Drink now - 2020

Code: 40149971



2011 Epitome, Sumaridge Estate, Upper Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, South Africa

- Syrah, Pinotage  
The ultimate ‘Cape blend’ of 57% syrah and 43% pinotage, matured in the finest French oak for 18 months. This big, bold fruit-driven wine is simply stunning.

Bottle:	£18.75
Mixed Case:	£17.50 per bottle
Wholesale:	£16.63 per bottle

ABV 14.5% | V | Drink now - 2021

Code: 51111151



2017 Zweigelt 'Romerstein' Weingut Muenzenrieder, Burgenland, Austria

- Zweigelt  
Lots of cherry and blackberry fruit in this delicious Austrian red. A little oak brings smokiness, spicy vanilla, dark chocolate and tobacco. Fine-grained tannins, with a rounded, luscious palate.

Bottle:	£18.50
Mixed Case:	£17.50 per bottle
Wholesale:	£16.63 per bottle

ABV 13.5% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 25179101



2017 Ciliegiole, Sassotondo, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy

- Ciliegiole  
With its luscious black-fruit warmth and bonfire-smokiness and spice, this is a perfect red meat partner - the palate is dark, smooth, plush and almost soothing. Substantial and richly-textured, this really comes into its own with food.

Bottle:	£15.00
Mixed Case:	£16.25 per bottle
Wholesale:	£13.54 per bottle

ABV 14.5% | Drink now - 2023

Code: 33178231



2016 Prios Maximus Roble, Bodegas de los Rios Prieto, Ribera del Duero, Spain

- Tempranillo  
Quite a big tempranillo, so typical of Ribera, with a lovely seam of freshness. It's seen just 6 months in oak, which has added a sweet spice and roundness to the wine. This, balanced well with punchy blackcurrant. Excellent value.

Bottle:	£13.50
Mixed Case:	£12.75 per bottle
Wholesale:	£12.11 per bottle

ABV 14% | Drink now - 2022

Code: 30169631

## WINE FACT



A number of the best-known grape varieties can be found with alternative names depending on where in the world they are grown, or sometimes the style in which they are made. shiraz is very widely seen in the New World, but when grown in Europe, or made in a more European style it is more commonly found with its ‘original’ name syrah.

Malbec can sometimes be found in France with its ‘old’ name côt, chenin blanc can be found in South Africa as steen, and zinfandel, most often emanating from California is believed by many to be the same grape as Southern Italy’s primitivo.

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# A - Z GLOSSARY

*We're all familiar with the reputation of viniculture and its association with the inexplicable terminology and impossible rhetoric of pretentious wine pseuds. But at Mr.Wheeler, we feel that fine wine and the lexicon that orbits it really needn't be so impenetrable. Wine often speaks for itself when you sip.*

*Even so, because we choose better wine at Mr.Wheeler, we think some wine terms are worth defining in an accessible and understandable way. We want to help wine lovers expand their oenological vocabulary along with their palate. Here's our first A - Z glossary of useful wine terms:*

**ACIDITY:** The crucial ingredient determining a wine's freshness. If the acidity is excessive, the wine will taste tart and sour. Too little acidity will result in dull, dreary, lifeless wine.

**AERATION:** This is all about the process of getting oxygen into a wine to allow it to breathe. Simply pulling the cork out of a bottle and leaving a bottle open for a period will make very little impact. Decanting a wine or pouring it into a jug and back into a bottle will have a much greater impact. The goal is to cause a wine to open up and in turn begin to develop.

**APPELLATION:** The French term that defines a specific area where a wine's grapes were grown, for example Bordeaux, Gvrey-Chambertin, or Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Each appellation with have its own regulations and rules that cover everything from which varieties can be planted to how the vines must be planted.

**BALANCE:** Winemakers consider this the holy grail. Balance refers to the harmonious blending of a wine's acidity, alcohol level, fruitiness and tannins.

**BARREL AGED:** This describes a wine that has spent a period of time in an oak barrel prior to bottling. This can affect the wine in numerous ways, softening tannins, adding flavour and enriching the body.

**BIG:** Not a reference to the size of the bottle but a description of the size of flavour in your mouth. This doesn't necessarily mean fruitiness. Plentiful tannins can lend wine a big flavour, too.

**BODEGA:** Spanish for wine cellar or wine warehouse. A wine estate producing wine, for example Bodegas Benito Urbina.

**BODY:** The impression of weight or fullness of a wine. A full-bodied wine may leave a bigger impression than a light bodied wine, but it is not necessarily a reflection of a wine's quality or resulting taste.

**BLENDING:** The art of combining more than one grape variety with another in the production of a single wine using varying quantities of each. Wines can be blended for many reasons usually however blending is primarily used to produce wines with more layers, complexities or character. Almost all the wines of Bordeaux are blends made up primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon and merlot.

**BOND:** Wines held 'under bond' are stored securely in a customs approved warehouse. The duty and VAT payable on any wines held 'under bond' is not required until their removal from this facility i.e when they are required by a customer.

**BOTRYTIS CINEREA OR "NOBLE ROT":** A mould that under specific conditions of humidity and warmth can grow on ripe wine grapes. The mould causes a dehydrating effect on the grapes, leaving them shrivelled and raisin like. This in turn concentrates the grape sugars and flavours in the grapes. Subsequently wines made from these berries can have a very rich, honeyed character with high levels of residual sugar making them sweet. The best-known examples are the white Sauternes of Bordeaux and the famous Tokaji's of Hungary.

**CHEWY TANNINS:** Ingredients in certain wines that dry out the mouth as it passes over the tongue, making you "chew" and salivate to clear these tannins from the sides of your mouth.

**CLUNKY:** The opposite of balance. A clunky wine either has too much fruit and too little acidity or too much acid and too little fruit and tannins.

**CORKED:** Term commonly used to describe any faulty bottle however the true definition describes a wine that has an off-putting, musty or mouldy aroma or flavour which is caused by a tainted cork.

**DENSE:** Take a sip of Côtes du Rhône, Brunello di Montalcino or cabernet sauvignon and you'll know what this term means. It's shorthand for "bold red wine" (but beware: in other wines that are meant to be lighter, it usually means the wine is handicapped in some way).

**DOMAINE:** An estate, vineyard or territory that produces wine – typically associated with the wineries of Burgundy.

**DRY:** A wine described as dry has no perceptible taste of sugar. While a dry wine may still have some residual sugar left it is too small to give the consumer any sense of sweetness.

**DUTY:** UK duty is payable on every bottle of wine that we sell, however it is a flat fee meaning you pay the same amount per bottle regardless of how expensive or not a wine is. This means you actually pay proportionally less the more expensive a wine is making the better-quality wines even better value than the cheaper ones.

**EARTHY:** Describes the flavours or aromas of soil or earth which can add a complexity or depth to a wine. However excessive levels can lead to a wine tasting dry or old.

**EN PRIMEUR:** The method of buying wine before it is bottled and released for general purchase. Wine is usually shipped two springs after release, for example 2016 Bordeaux was released in late spring 2017 and will be shipped in the spring of 2019.

**FINISH:** Not a reference to the sad moment when the bottle is empty, but a term referring to how long the wine flavour lingers (sometimes known as a wine's "length"). A wine that lingers pleasantly, yielding layers of fruit, might be described as possessing "a satisfyingly long, complex finish."

**FULL-BODIED:** A term used to describe a bigger style, rounded and often rich tasting wine that leaves you with a mouth filling sensation of weight.

**GRIP (OR "GRIPPY TANNINS"):** these wines can only be sipped slowly (as opposed to swallow smoothly) because the kind of tannins they contain dry your mouth further and further with every subsequent sip.

**HECTARE:** unit of measurement of land commonly used to describe the size of a vineyard. It 1 hectare is equivalent to 10,000 square meters or 2.47 acres.

**HERBACEOUS:** literally, the pleasing presence of an herbaceous flavour, ranging from thyme to lavender to fennel.

**HINT:** When sommeliers use the phrase "This wine has a hint of ....", they mean that a subtle but detectable flavour (e.g., citrus, oak, fruits, herbs, earthiness, etc.) will emerge upon sipping, especially on the finish.

**IMPERIAL:** Wine bottle containing six litres (equivalent to eight standard 750ml bottles)

**INTENSITY:** A reference to the sensual impact of a wine's balance of fruitiness, fragrance, alcohol level and tannin level. For example, "Guigal Côtes du Rhône has aromatic intensity."

**JAMMY:** Red wines that have been produced in very hot climates can sometimes taste a little thick and syrupy and the fruit can tend to taste a little cooked rather than fresh, while generally this is not a great characteristic it can add a bit of extra depth to a wine.

**JEROBOAM:** A wine bottle holding 3 litres of sparkling wine/ Champagne, or a wine bottle holding 4.5 litres of still wine. A 3-litre bottle of still wine is often referred to as a jeroboam but is technically a double magnum.

**LATE HARVEST WINE:** This is a clue that the wine you're about to slurp is going to be luxuriously sweet (usually, a dessert wine) because, as the name implies, grapes have been left on the vine until late in the picking season and so are particularly ripe and therefore contain high levels of grape sugar.

**LAY(ING) DOWN:** The process of keeping fine wine in storage to mature, either to be enjoyed or to be re-sold in future.

**LEES:** Dead yeast cells left remaining in a barrel or tank during or after fermentation. These are usually racked off however occasionally they may be left to enrich a wines character and assist aging (see "sur lie").

**LINEAR:** Wine possessing a pleasingly defined level of acidity that delivers a focused, lively taste.

**MACERATION:** Process primarily used in the production of red wine. Maceration involves in interaction of the grape skins and solids with the wine juice after fermentation, during which time the alcohol acts as a solvent aided by heat to extract both colour and tannins from the skin. Cold maceration does not require heat and takes place before fermentation instead.

**MAGNUM:** This refers to a bottle with a capacity of 1.5 litres. A double magnum contains 3 litres of wine (equivalent to four standard 750ml bottles).

**MATURE(ING):** The ageing process that develops the depth of flavours and aromas in wine. A wine at "the peak of its maturity" is often at its best, with the right balance of flavour and aroma.

**NEBUCHADNEZZAR:** Storing positively gargantuan 15 litres of wine, this is the largest wine bottle size of all (equivalent to twenty standard 750ml bottles).

**NEW WORLD WINE:** Wines produced in countries or regions outside the traditional wine-growing areas (Europe and the Middle East) where winemaking originated. New World Wines include those grown in Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States.

**OAK:** The traditional wood used for making wine barrels. Oak barrels are used to age a wine and over time soften its tannins. It can also be used to impart flavour into a wine which can be both very prominent in a wines style and also very subtle depending on the quality of oak used. The more expensive French oak traditionally adds a more restrained character than its American counterpart which is much cheaper. French Oak can add a cigar box, tobacco-ish character while American oak is more often more reminiscent of a sweeter vanilla and cedar wood character.

**OLD WORLD WINE:** Wine produced in regions where the arts of viniculture first originated, notably France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Germany.

**OPULENT:** Just as you'd imagine. Indulgent, rich, luscious and bold.

**PALATE:** The flavour or the taste of a wine is described as often being 'on the palate' As a wine travels through the mouth, it makes contact with all parts of the mouth causing numerous sensations that reflect the acidity, tannins, sweetness and flavours that make up of the wine.

**PHYLLOXERA:** Tiny root lice that attack Vitis vinifera (main group of wine producing variations of vine) roots. These vineyard pests became widespread in both Europe and California during the late 19th century and spread throughout the wine growing regions of the world. The few exceptions are the vineyards of Chile and South Australia.

**QUALITÄTSSWEIN:** The designation given to German wines of better quality.

**REDUCTIVE:** A wine yielding a somewhat sulphurous aroma, usually caused by being kept in airtight containers during fermentation.

**RESERVE/RISERVA/RESERVA:** Wine that has been aged longer, has higher alcohol levels and is better quality. Only the term "Reserva" for Spanish wines, however, has any official standings or requirements.

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** The amount of unfermented grape sugar that is left a finished wine, causing it to have a sensation or degree of sweetness.

**SECOND LABEL:** Most of the top wine estates produce more wine than is required for their flagship wine and therefore the excess is often used to produce a second wine which although may not conform to quite as high standards as the first wine will often share many of its characteristics and qualities but at a considerably lower price.

**SECONDARY FERMENTATION:** The process that creates the bubbles in sparkling wine. After a wine has been made, a small amount of yeast and sugar is then added just before the bottle is sealed which then reacts to begin the fermentation process once again. The yeasts once again start fermenting the sugars in the wine and produce both more alcohol and carbon dioxide. As the bottle is sealed the gas cannot escape and therefore it dissolves into the wine creating the bubbles.

**STANDARD:** The most common wine bottle size of all, holding 750ml.

**STRUCTURE:** The structure of a wine is made up from the core components of a wine namely acidity, tannin, alcohol, and sugar. The related mouthfeel produced should be balanced whereas an unbalanced lacking in one or more of these components will be said to lack structure.

**SUR LIE:** The French term for wines aged "on the lees". A wine kept in contact with the dead yeast cells after they have fermented a wine rather than being filtered away will keep a wine fresh and can also enrich and add a bit of body and depth. The most common use of this method is in the production of the wines from the Muscadet region in the NW of France.

**TANNINS:** Found mostly in red wines, these are the chemical compounds that produce the drying sensation drinkers experience on their gums.

**TERROIR:** Although a French term it is used throughout the wine industry to describe the soil, climate, and topography of a specific site and in turn the character imparted on to the wine distinguishing it from other wines made elsewhere.

**TOASTY:** A wine that's been oak-aged in medium-plus toasted oak. But don't expect a "toasty" taste; you'll get lightly burnt caramel in the finish.

**ULLAGE:** The space between the surface of the wine and the top of the barrel, or between the wine and bottom of the bottle's cork or cap.

**VARIETAL:** A wine produced from a single type of grape and named after that specific variety (a blended wine, by contrast, combines two or more grape varieties after separate fermentation).

**VINIFICATION:** The process of turning grapes into wine by fermentation.

**VINTAGE:** The year in which grapes are grown and almost always harvested. French wines with 2017 on the bottle will be produced from grapes grown from spring to late summer 2017 and will be harvested from late August to early October, depending on the region.

**VITICULTURE:** The science, production and study of grapes.

**YEAST:** The vital micro-organisms that convert the grape sugars in a wine into alcohol, producing both heat and carbon dioxide in the process, which is known as fermentation. The primary yeast used in wine production is saccharomyces cerevisiae, the very same as the yeast used in both bread and beer making.

**YIELD:** The quantity of grapes or wine produced per area of vine. Higher yields will usually result in more diluted flavours as the concentration of flavour per vine is spread across a higher number of grapes. By controlling a crops yields a wine producer can manage both the quantity and quality of their wines.

# MR.WHEELER'S WINE CELLAR

*Mr.Wheeler's Wine Cellar is a great deal more than just a wine shop.*

*Run by wine enthusiasts, for wine enthusiasts, you can always be guaranteed a first-rate service, with sound advice from the Mr.Wheeler team who are passionate about wine.*

A visit to our shop is not just about looking at a bewildering array of glass bottles, it's an experience to be savoured, come in and talk wine, taste wine and enjoy wine, that is after all what wine is about, is it not? Enjoyment.

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Nestled in beautiful Constable Country, and easily accessed from the A12, our characterful cellar shop is within 45 minutes' drive of the M25 and Stansted Airport, and only just over an hour from Cambridge and Norwich. If you're planning on making a special trip, why not call ahead to discuss with us your wine preferences, so we can prepare a selection of wines for you to taste?

There's so much to see and do in this beautiful part of East Anglia, you could even make a short break of it, and experience the gastronomic delights of the area, including its fine dining restaurants, cosy country pubs, farm shops, and local producers passionate about their specialities. As committed epicures ourselves, we're always happy to make a recommendation for dinner or accommodation – please just ask.

## TASTINGS, IT'S A PERSONAL THING...

There's no getting around the fact that everyone's tastes are different – the Mr.Wheeler team have differing opinions on the many we taste and evaluate constantly throughout the year. Not all wines are enjoyed by all wine drinkers, however we do believe it's our job to find wines to suit your taste, and you can do no better that to attend one or more of our many tasting events to discover the wines you love. We always have a selection of wines open to taste in the shop and our purpose-built tasting room allows us to host a range of tasting events throughout the year.

## MR.WHEELER'S CASUAL TASTINGS

Our casual tastings are just that, casual, walkaround events with the wines laid out for you to taste at your leisure and decide upon your favourites. These events are offered free of charge to our customers and usually consist of a dozen or more wines to taste following a theme, perhaps a producer, regional or varietal focus. We also host such tastings to showcase new wines which have recently join the Mr.Wheeler wine list.

Whilst these events are complimentary, you are required to book in advance as space is limited. We often run multiple repeat events over consecutive evenings to ensure as many guests as possible can taste the wines.

## MR.WHEELER'S TUTORED TASTINGS

For a more extensive tasting experience, and access to some extremely fine wines, you should certainly take a close look at our tutored tastings. With only 12 seated guests per event, you can be assured of a friendly, intimate atmosphere, and exceptionally generous tasting samples of the wines being shown! "Sounds a bit formal, need I don my finest cravat and dust off my school books?" HALT! the word 'tutored' may conjure up images of a classroom, where one must put pen to paper and furiously scribble down notes during the class for inspection. But this is certainly not the case, these tastings are fun and friendly with a great deal of chat and conversation throughout. Again, the purpose is to enjoy the wine tasting experience, and maybe learn a little along the way.

Tutored tastings usually run for approximately one hour and will focus on the wines of a producer, a particular style of wine or showcase some of the world's finest, rarest (and yes, most expensive) wines.

If you want to be kept up to date with the latest events it is essential that you are on Mr.Wheeler's email list, so do please ensure we have your details, and that they are up to date or you will miss out.



## VISIT OUR SHOP

**Mr.Wheeler's Wine Cellar**  
Birchwood Farm, Birchwood Road,  
Dedham, Essex CO7 6HX

**Opening hours:**  
Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 6pm

Contact us on **01206 713560** or by email at **sales@mrwheelerwine.com**

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— Since 1883 —

*The origins of Mr. Wheeler date back to Victorian times, when George Wheeler – the great-great-grandfather of our current Chairman Johnny Wheeler – first joined the wine industry and the family business supplying fine wine from Colchester, began.*

*Mr. Wheeler is the evolution of 130 years of expertise and experience, offering a carefully-chosen selection of outstanding wines to suit a variety of pockets.*

*The mission at Mr. Wheeler is to ensure a certain standard of drinking, whatever type of wine you enjoy, and from wherever in the world you'd choose. The wines that our experts and vineyard partners choose and recommend to you are always the best – they deliver on quality, value and enjoyment.*

## ORDER TODAY

### Telephone

01206 713560

Naturally, we love to talk about wine so we'll gladly help you make your selection. We're not fond of the word 'advisor' but we do offer **advice**, **insight** and **opinion** to make sure you get the best from your order.

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Browse all of our fantastic wines online and order for delivery or use our click and collect service. If you are in the local area, collections are available from Mr. Wheeler's Wine Cellar.

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