

wines to ponder

whites

l'olivier blanc
grenache/sauvignon £12.95

light straw like in colouring. the bouquet is clean and fresh with a light fruity smell in the background. quite reminiscent of the herb-like smell from sauvignon grapes. it has a clean, quite dry taste with a little spiciness and herb on the palate and a lasting fresh flavour.

glass 175ml £3.60 225ml £4.60

former bay chenin blanc 2006
fairtrade £15.00

certified FAIRTRADE supported by Under the Stairs. a zesty upfront wine in true New World style. Lime, lemon and grapefruit are much in evidence on the nose. The palate is fuller and rounder with white peach, lychee and crisp green apple.

glass 175ml £3.80 225ml £4.80

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mont auriol viognier £16.75

vin de pays des cotes du thongue, france

fragrant aromas but somewhat lighter and drier than its more famous rhone brothers (condrieu and chateau grillet). limes, honeysuckle & orange peel with a spicy tinge to the palate.

picpoul de pinet £17.50

domaine saint peyre, south west france

similar to muscadet, or vinho verde, this is a crisp white wine with floral and citrus aromas, an ideal accompaniment with seafood.

awards - silver medal, macon concours des grands vins de france.

petit chablis £24.50

domaine de la meuliere

complex, and mineral palate with a good fruit concentration and acidity. elegant nose of fruit, minerals and white flowers.

cliford bay £25.50

sauvignon blanc, marlborough, new zealand

characteristic sauvignon blanc tang with flavours of freshly mowed grass and leafy green herbs. bursting with gentle mouth filling fruit, leading on to a crisp refreshing finish.

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reds

l'olivier merlot/grenache £12.95

vin de pays d'oc, france

this wine has a deep ruby colour with a violet rim. it is peppery with red fruit aroma's and a soft well balanced palate with red currant, raspberry and blackberry fruit character.

glass 175ml £3.60 225ml £4.60

former bay cabernet/merlot £15.00

citrusdal, south africa

certified FAIRTRADE supported by Under the Stairs the nose of cherries, cloves and nutmeg are complemented by ripe raspberry and plum. the palate is well-balanced with the black fruits of the cabernet balanced by the bitter dark chocolate of the pinotage.

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willowglen shiraz/cabernet £16.50

new south wales, australia

vibrant purple in colour, this is full of plum and berry fruit flavours. a touch of spice on the palate enhances the rounded fresh flavours it finishes with a light touch of toasty oak.

festivo malbec £17.50

mendoza argentina

typical malbec displaying delicious spices and plum characters. full bodied bursting with ripe red fruit flavours and hints of dark chocolate. the 2004 vintage was given 91 points by robert parker.

mont auriol cabernet franc £19.00

vin de pays des cotes du thongue, france

red wines produced from 100% Cabernet Franc are rare. produced biodynamically its colour is deep black cherry with intense blakcurrant , sweet pepper and liquorice. complex, lively and round with persistent flavours of spices and red fruits.

chianti colli senesi £22.50

by poggio salvi tuscany italy

an elegant style of pinot noir, showing typical berry fruit on the nose, with a hint of earthiness. beautifully textured with a wonderful balanced acidity on the palate.

paradyskloof pinot noir £27.00

stellenbosch, south africa

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ormer bay rose - fairtrade £15.00

certified FAIRTRADE supported by Under the Stairs a modern, light-coloured rosé with good fruit characteristics and refreshing acidity. generous in style showing just a touch of spice, blended perfectly with gentle red berry aromas.

glass 175ml £3.80 225ml £4.80

lo bartas' domaine bassac
certified organic £18.50

made from cinsault, tempranillo, syrah & cabernet sauvignon, this rosé is totally fruit driven with soft red berries and spicy characters finishing with well balanced acidity. delicious!

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fizz

prosecco di conegliano valdobbiadene
'corda', by tonon £18.00

okay it may not be champagne but it has more than enough character and flavour to bite at the heels of the best in sparkling wine! elderberry and apples with a sparkle that is both light and refreshing; perfect for late afternoon drinking.

paul dangin £26.50

the cuvée 'carte d'or' is made up of 70% pinot noir, 25% chardonnay and 5% pinot meunier and is rested on its lees for up to 24 months before bottling. this gives a toasty complexity and richness to this fresh and elegant cuvée.

paul dangin rosé NV £28.00

made from a blend of 60% chardonnay and 40% pinot noir, this champagne has delightful red fruit aromas and lovely yeasty complexity.

pol roger 1998

£85.00

famous as the preferred champagne of sir winston churchill, pol roger is something of an institution, and what better expression of that than their delicious vintage champagne? soft, creamy flavours, ripe fruit and a gentle but persistent fizz combine with a rich, biscuity, yeasty complexity. the elegant charm typical of pol remains. excellent value too, for the vintage champagne of a top house. after all, 'in victory we deserve it, in defeat we need it,' to paraphrase the great man. picked especially for our opening, a best friend ever since!

wines to ponder dessert

grant burge tawny

£26.00

the grant burge 10 year old tawny is a richly flavoured wine showing a tawny colour with tinges of red. complex rancio characters show through on the bouquet, together with some fresh fruit characters and excellent integration of spirit. the palate is sweet and mellow but finishes quite dry and shows a harmonious balance of developed fruit characters and oak tannins. very much enjoyed on a regular basis with cheese in Under the Stairs. choose cheese!

glass 50ml £3.75