

Champagne

1. **Taittinger Reserve Brut NV, Champagne, France**
A Champagne of particular finesse combining elegance with a creamy richness. Light and fresh, with plenty of lemony white fruit character and a little biscuity note of maturity and complexity. (1) 12%vol
Btl £49.00 | 125ml £9.00
2. **Laurent Perrier Rosé Brut NV, Champagne, France**
Delectable pink Champagne, a favourite among wine lovers. Pale pink and interesting floral notes yet full and flavoursome. A classic wine in an iconic bottle. (1) 12%vol
Btl £69.00
3. **Dom Perignon 2000, Champagne, France**
Reputedly the oldest and most traditional of all champagnes. Very delicate style to savour. One of the greats. (1) 12%vol
Btl £110.00
4. **Louis Roederer Cristal Brut 2002, Champagne, France**
An outstanding Champagne. It shows a touch of butteriness and a faint scent redolent of strawberries and cream. It has stunning balance on the palate with crisp citrus lemon notes and incredible poise. (1) 12%vol
Btl £155.00

Sparkling wines

5. **Gran Bach Reserva NV, Penedes, Spain**
This cool, understated Reserva proves worthy of attention. The bouquet is appley with a hint of fresh herbs, while on the palate apple and citrus fruit flavours are in balance with the racy edge and make a long, cool finish. (1) 11.5%vol
Btl £19.00
6. **Prosecco di Valdobiadene NV, Domenico di Bertiol, Italy**
Vibrant crisp and exceedingly refreshing. Packed with bright green apple fruit and a softening touch of sherbet for added zip. A great example of this very trendy fizz. (2) 11%vol
Btl £22.00
7. **Camel Valley Brut 2006/07, Cornwall, UK**
Superb golden sparkler with elegant fizz and full, ripe flavour, yet truly brut, and it shows a brilliant freshness. (1) 12%vol
Btl £39.00

White wines

8. **San Alessandro Pinot Grigio 2007/08, IGT delle Venezie, Italy**
Light and polished with almost tangible floral notes and a delicate lime and sherbet touch. (2) 12%vol
Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50
9. **Viña Carmen Sauvignon Blanc 2007/08, Curico, Chile**
Sunny fine fruit ripeness on the nose. Full lemon/apricot ample flavour and rounded finish. (2) 13%vol
Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50
10. **Benchmark Chardonnay, Grant Burge 2007/08, South Australia**
Clean, pure fruit style with tropical fruit and not a jot of oak to interfere - just bright, fresh chardonnay in all its glory. Another classic from this iconic winemaker. (2) 14%vol
Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50

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White wines continued

11. **Reh Kendermann Riesling Kabinett 2007/08**, Mosel, Germany
 White-and-green, fresh and grassy, quite sweet and well balanced with some edge. Clean pure style. (4) 8.5%vol
 Btl £18.00
12. **Vansha Chenin Blanc-Sauvignon Blanc, Ridgeback 2008/09**, Paarl, South Africa
 Bright Sauvignon aroma over tropical Chenin base marries well. Extremely refreshing with a bracing brightness and broad texture. (2) 13.5%vol
 Btl £19.00
13. **Château L'Oiselinière de la Ramée, Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2006/07**, Loire, France
 Just what a good young Muscadet is all about. A suggestion of sea breeze over new-mown hay, some mineral cool, finished with calm length. (1) 12%vol
 Btl £20.00
14. **Viña Carmen Nativa Chardonnay, 2005/06**, Alto Jahuel, Buin, Maipo, Chile
 This is a brilliant organic wine whose delicious style - that mixes tropical fruit notes and flashes of green energy - shows the wonderful results. A landmark wine that's simply lovely. (2) 14%vol
 Btl £21.00
15. **Esk Valley Chenin Blanc 2007/08**, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand
 Fresh, thirst-quenching and bright. This is a full bodied, dry style chenin that exhibits ripe fruit flavours of passion fruit, melon and apples. (2) 13%vol
 Btl £22.00
16. **Mâcon-Lugny Les Genièvres, Louis Latour 2007/08**, Burgundy, France
 Bright favourite from the Latour stable, with fresh grassy notes, plenty of tropical fruit and a firm roundness. Good ripe Chardonnay, with a touch of age, from one of Burgundy's most durable producers. (2) 13.5%vol
 Btl £23.00
17. **Brightview Semillon, Simon Hackett 2006/07**, Barossa, Australia
 Simon Hackett works well with this variety and gives tropical peachy richness from start to finish. Lifted so that ample flavours bloom and roll all the way through. (2) 12%vol
 Btl £24.00
18. **McHenry Hohnen Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon 2006/07**, Margaret River, Australia
 From the man at the forefront of the Marlborough Sauvignon revolution - founder of Cloudy Bay - these fruit notes of fresh apple, gooseberry and grapefruit, are a welcome feast of refreshment. (1) 12.5%vol
 Btl £25.00
19. **Laurent Miquel Viognier 2006/07**, Pays d'Oc, France
 Peach-scented Viognier is perfectly pitched here. Skillful winemaking keeps the peach notes true, right through the lovely long cool finish. (2) 13.5%vol
 Btl £26.00
20. **Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007/08**, Marlborough, New Zealand
 Crisp up-front gooseberry fruit. Rounded and expansive on the palate. Yet carries all through on a sweep of saline freshness giving remarkable clarity of flavour. (1) 13%vol
 Btl £27.00

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21. **Hamelin Bay Rampant White, Chardonnay-Sauvignon-Semillon 2007/08,**
Margaret River, Australia
 This is a finely-judged blend of international grapes from a producer of very elegant Margaret River wines. The result is rich and rounded with keen grassy elements and a broad texture. (2) 12%vol
 Btl £28.00
22. **Pinot Grigio Le Rosse 2007/08, Tommasi, Valdadige, Italy**
 Inviting and appetising dry white. Fresh, full, yet always understated, and has the curious weight or viscosity of good Pinot Grigio. Far too easy to drink! (2) 12%vol
 Btl £29.00
23. **3 Amigos Marsanne-Chardonnay-Roussanne, McHenry Hohnen 2006/07,**
Margaret River, Australia
 A delectable fusion wine with notes of quince, melons, banana, vanilla and spice. The flavours are full of zest yet come together in a rich smooth flow. (2) 13%vol
 Btl £30.00
24. **Ridgeback Viognier 2006/07, Paarl, South Africa**
 Splendidly rich and expressive apricot and almond bouquet. On the palate it is glamorously fat with sunshine, glossy and satiny in texture. Cathy Marshall really gets the best from this difficult grape. (2) 15.5%vol
 Btl £31.00
25. **Greco di Tufo Loggia della Serra 2006/07, Terredora, Campania, Italy**
 Exceptionally lovely wine that explains itself quietly. Bouquet is of wildflowers and apricots, with a whiff of smoke. The taste is again of apricots with mineral cool and a bitter almond finish. (2) 13%vol
 Btl £32.00
26. **Sancerre Sélection Première, Guy Saget 2007/08, Loire, France**
 Cool and grassy, with a boisterous touch of gooseberry fruit over a neat mineral base, this offers classic character at good value. (1) 12.5%vol
 Btl £33.00
27. **Camel Valley Bacchus 2007/08, Cornwall, UK**
 Light, floral and delicate with apple blossom and a racy edge. A really vibrant dry wine that shows the potential of our English vineyards. (1) 12.5%vol
 Btl £34.00
28. **Chablis Saint Martin, Domaine Laroche 2007/08, Burgundy, France**
 Fine gold, with full fruit and authentic Chablis flinty character. Firm, correct, perfectly expressed. (2) 12.5%vol
 Btl £35.00
29. **Philip Shaw No.11 Chardonnay 2005/06, Orange, Australia**
 The apex of Philip Shaw's own estate range, the Chardonnay has quiet drive. Floral notes precede a lush pure palate, discreetly edged with apple and mint. Not delicate, just invisibly mastered. (2) 13%vol
 Btl £37.00
30. **Pouilly Fumé Les Roches Cuvée Prestige, Guy Saget 2006/07, Loire, France**
 Fascinating mellow flavours combine in an unusual aged Loire Sauvignon. The enriched style still maintains its ultra-fresh character. An exceptionally calm and cool fine wine. (2) 12.5%vol
 Btl £40.00

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31. **Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2007/08, Marlborough, New Zealand**
 This iconic wine is reminiscent of fresh fruit salad - full of ripe peach, mango and passion fruit, cut through with a citrus whiplash. (2) 13%vol
 Btl £42.00
32. **Louis Latour Puligny-Montrachet 2005/06, Burgundy, France**
 Pale lemon colour. Full-flavoured young wine with no evident oak. Very neat and confident Puligny with signs of balanced ageing for added depth. (2) 13.5%vol
 Btl £69.00

Rosé wines

33. **Viña Carmen Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé 2007/08, Maipo, Chile**
 A dry wine with a bright pink colour and delicate summer fruit aromas. On the palate, delicious strawberries, hints of raspberries and white peaches. Fresh, light and fruity, with nice acidity and a lingering finish. (2) 14%vol
 Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50
34. **Geoff Merrill Rosé, Owens Estate 2007/08, McLaren Vale, Australia**
 A richly bright rosé with plenty of colour and a berry scented nose. It has good concentration of raspberries-and-cream fruit character on the palate that goes on and on. (2) 14.5%vol
 Btl £20.00
35. **Esk Valley Merlot Malbec Rosé 2007/08, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand**
 Cool fermented to retain the vibrant berry fruit aromas and flavours. (2) 14%vol
 Btl £24.00
36. **No.5 Garnacha Rosado Señorío de Sarria 2006/07, Navarra, Spain**
 Though a traditional onion skin-coloured rosé, Garnacha grapes give a fresh, modern, exuberant fruity style to both nose and palate. Much to enjoy. (3) 14%vol
 Btl £28.00

Red wines

37. **Viña Carmen Merlot 2007/08, Rapel, Chile**
 Dark reddish-black. Gives a noseful of intense raspberry-edged fruit, and a palate of rich supple flavours. Merlot is one of Chile's top trumps and Carmen delivers it well. (C) 13.5%vol
 Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50
38. **Benchmark Shiraz, Grant Burge 2006/07, South Australia**
 Rich aromas of pepper, dark berries and spice. On the palate there are layers of oak, fruit and savoury spice with a smooth finish as long as a tiger's tail. (D) 14.5%vol
 Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50
39. **Vansha Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon, Ridgeback 2006/07, Paarl, South Africa**
 Vibrant fresh red berry nose with notes of plum and blackcurrant and a warm chocolate edge. Soft and supple, it has plenty of ripe fruit with a little oak complexity and a great long finish. (C) 13.5%vol
 Btl £18.00 | 175ml £4.50

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40. **Carrascal Malbec-Cabernet-Merlot, Cavas Weinert 2004/05, Mendoza, Argentina**
 Attractively matured in style, with tasty baked blackberry and currant fruit character over a supple, well-knit structure. Carrascal, like Weinert, is a wine standing firmly astride old and new styles and technologies, drawing well from each. (C) 14%vol
 Btl £21.00
41. **Rolling Shiraz 2006/07, Orange, Australia**
 A wine of fine cool elegance, drawn from its high altitude vineyards and the famed skills of the Cumulus winemaking team. Pure peppered black fruit is supported by fine velvet tannins. (D) 14%vol
 Btl £22.00
42. **Pinotage By L'Avenir Domaine Laroche 2007/08, Western Cape, South Africa**
 Full of red berry fruit and a hint of spice, but subtly overlaid with the typically pinotage smoky gamey qualities that make it so individual. Brilliant with red meat. (D) 13.5%vol
 Btl £23.00
43. **Viña Carmen Carmenère-Cabernet Reserve 2005/06, Maipo, Chile**
 Fine concentrated rich fruit on both nose and palate announce clearly the 'Reserve' status. With it comes the extra gloss and silkiness gained by careful ageing. A fine wine packed with delicious fruit. (D) 13.5%vol
 Btl £24.00
44. **Simon Hackett Old Vine Grenache 2005/06, McLaren Vale, Australia**
 Simon Hackett's old Grenache vines deliver these intensely-juicy summer fruit characters. The flavours in this brilliant wine are smoothly ripe and touched with spice. (D) 14%vol
 Btl £25.00
45. **Valpolicella Classico Superiore 2007/08, Tommasi, Italy**
 Dark cherry character and nice meaty flavours. Perfectly full-bodied and balanced wine from this dynamic Veneto producer. (C) 12%vol
 Btl £26.00
46. **Old Vine Zinfandel, Ironstone 2007/08, California, USA**
 Almost 'Old Man Zin', but actually this supple, immediate, shining-bright, bursting-with-health, wine has been produced from very old vines. Maybe a surprise - but definitely a pleasure. (E) 14.5%vol
 Btl £27.00
47. **Laurent Miquel Syrah 2005/06, Pays d'Oc, France**
 Syrah is the star of Laurent Miquel's 9th generation family vineyards. Brilliance shows in its captivating spicy aromatic ripeness and its natural fruit freshness on the palate. (D) 13.5%vol
 Btl £28.00
48. **Louis Mousset Crozes Hermitage 2006/07, Rhône, France**
 Very deep red colour, and fascinating pepper aroma of classic Syrah. Richly maturing, delicious fruit flavours appear in the palate, with tense mineral notes and sweet fine leather. (D) 12.5%vol
 Btl £29.00
49. **Vallado, Quinta do Vallado 2005/06, Douro, Portugal**
 Deepest damson colour. Damson intensity of fruit on nose and palate too, touched with silk and spice. Marvellously rewarding wine - another great discovery from Portugal. (D) 13.5%vol
 Btl £30.00

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50. **Château Puynard le Chêne 2004**, *Premières Côtes de Blaye, France*
 Very fine with supple oak use that offers an attractive vanilla and caramel edge. It is ripe and spicy and shows some real character. (C) 13.5%vol
 Btl £31.00
51. **Fleurie, Domaine de la Chapelle des Bois, Paul Beudet 2007/08**, *Beaujolais, France*
 Beaujolais' most sought-after village wine, Fleurie's style is rounded and smooth, rather than zippily youthful. (C) 13%vol
 Btl £32.00
52. **Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine Faiveley 2006/07**, *Burgundy, France*
 Young domaine-bottled Burgundy from a great house. Fresh and genuine Pinot Noir character - and a touch of seriousness too. (B) 12.5%vol
 Btl £33.00
53. **Château Saint-Paul Cru Bourgeois 2004**, *Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France*
 Real Cabernet Sauvignon pedigree - glossy, well-made, vigorous - for all the world like a champion steeplechaser. (C) 13%vol
 Btl £34.00
54. **Tiger Country, McHenry Hohnen 2005/06**, *Margaret River, Australia*
 The bright berried wine combines three unusual grapes, and makes a new active fruit style, with spiced flavours and the perfect touch of oak. Another great from the McHenry Hohnen stable. (D) 14%vol
 Btl £35.00
55. **Chianti Classico Villa Cafaggio 2005/06**, *Tuscany, Italy*
 Fine Chianti from an estate with a rising reputation. The wine shows ripe aromas - even a hint of roses - dark colour, good structure and length. Beneath, there is the promise of even more to come. (D) 13%vol
 Btl £36.00
56. **Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Domaine Chanson 2007/08**, *Burgundy, France*
 True Burgundy quality has been given to this young Hautes Côtes - a real over-performer in its class with vibrant fruit and absolute depth. (C) 12.5%vol
 Btl £37.00
57. **Stonier Pinot Noir 2006/07**, *Mornington Peninsular, Australia*
 Light modern style of Pinot Noir that displays fruit purity and concentrates on the strawberry aspect of the grape variety's character. It is an almost ethereal wine, with its elevated fine style. (C) 13.5%vol
 Btl £38.00
58. **Faustino V Rioja Reserva 2002/03**, *Spain*
 Big fruit and oak characters in a chunky rustic romp. Old style Rioja entertainment. (C) 13%vol
 Btl £39.00
59. **Riberal Crianza, Santa Eulalia 2005/06**, *Ribera del Duero, Spain*
 Dark, rich, spicy, deep-flavoured wine. A magnificent creature of power and intense fruit. A giant in quality and a giant of a wine. (D) 13.5%vol
 Btl £40.00
60. **Casa Lapostolle Merlot Cuvée Alexandre 2005/06**, *Colchagua, Chile*
 Deep rich fruit and softly-textured oak throughout make an outstandingly supple fine wine. A truly masterful production and a delight. (D) 14.5%vol
 Btl £41.00

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61. **Crearo della Conca d'Oro 2005/06**, Tommasi, Veneto, Italy
Cool ripe blackcurrant style of fruit, oak-aged with elegance and polish. Exceptional style. This is a rare wine using the ancient Oseleta grape for authenticity and rustico style. (D) 13.5%vol
Btl £42.00
62. **Esk Valley Merlot-Cabernet-Malbec Reserve 2004/05**, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand
Aroma is both dense and exciting. Palate is rewarded with a full range of rich ripe fruit flavours, with cassis and fine leather. Tannins are soft, flavours linger. A grand and impressive wine. (D) 14.5%vol
Btl £43.00
63. **Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge Château des Fines Roches 2007/08**, Rhône, France
The red with everything: deep dark colour; intensely spicy yet floral nose; mouthful of unctuous fruit, citrus zest, spice and candied peel. It finally folds into a velvet finish. (D) 14%vol
Btl £45.00
64. **Nuits-St.Georges Les Argillats, Domaine Faiveley 2001**, Burgundy, France
This is a deeply rich and concentrated fine Nuits with a mineral richness and a complex mix of oak, nuts and leather and plenty of ripe delicious fruit. It has great powerful concentration that delivers all the way through to a long finish. (D) 13%vol
Btl £59.00
65. **Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Fèves, Domaine Chanson 2002**, Burgundy, France
Serious dark colour and instant deep rich aroma. Ripe fruit carpet laid out in the palate with proper tannins for ageing. Lovely big genuine wine. (D) 13.5%vol
Btl £85.00
66. **Château Grand-Puy Lacoste 5ème Cru Classé 1988**, Pauillac, Bordeaux, France
Richly powerful with a ripe sweetness on the fore-palate and a pleasing style. Endless layers of fruit and given an edge of weight with solid oak underpinning. Really no rush on this one. 17 points from Jancis Robinson. (D) 13%vol
Btl £145.00

Dessert wines

67. **De Bortoli Botrytis Semillon Vat 5 2005/06**, N.S.W., Australia
De Bortoli Vat 5 is a perfect expression of botrytis: pure luminescent gold in colour, with intense marmalade and dried peel fruit flavours, plus the botrytis honeyed effect. (8) 12%vol
Half btl £15.00
68. **Elysium Black Muscat, Quady Winery 2007/08**, California, USA
First aroma notes are twiggy, then brambly, then a wild sweetness - then finally the Muscat perfume with the Elysian sweet long finish. A wonderful mix. (8) 15%vol
Half btl £25.00

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