

THE WINE LIST

The wine list has been carefully developed from the house wines up. It is grouped by style, to offer interest and value. Featured are some of the greatest winemakers including Phil Sexton (Innocent Bystander), Stephen Henschke, Ben Glaetzer (Mitolo), Allegrini, Donabaum and Dr. Loosen. Matt Thomson of Saint Clair is a particular favourite, and we feature his very special pinot noir, three of the sauvignon blancs and a gewürztraminer. The wines have been chosen by our wine consultant, Robin Jones. This list has 'Awards of Excellence 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009' from 'Wine Spectator' magazine. One of just 22 UK awards in 2009.

WINES BY-THE-GLASS

CHARDONNAY.

VENTISQUERO 2008/9. 17.5cl. glass: 3.30
25cl. glass: 4.70
75cl. bottle: 13.20

Fresh, smooth and softly dry (no oak). From Chile.

PINOT GRIGIO.

PONTE DEL DIAVOLO 17.5cl. glass: 3.90
2008/9. 25cl. glass: 5.50
75cl. bottle: 16.40

From Friuli, in N.E. Italy. Dry, quite full and structured. There's lots of neutral pinot grigio around. Not from us.

SAUVIGNON BLANC.

SANTA RITA 2009/10. 17.5cl. glass: 3.90
25cl. glass: 5.50
75cl. bottle: 16.40

Very dry, crisp and zippy. From Chile.

CHAMPAGNE.

HUBERT LAURENT BRUT NV 12.5cl. glass: 7.00
75cl. bottle: 33.00

From the estates of Jacquart. Smooth, fruity, clean.

WHITE ZINFANDEL.

SUTTER HOME 2008/9. 17.5cl. glass: 3.30
25cl. glass: 4.70
75cl. bottle: 13.20

Pale pink 'blush' Californian. Off-dry, very light.

ROSÉ.

LE CAMPUGET DU GARD 17.5cl. glass: 3.90
2008/9. 25cl. glass: 5.50
75cl. bottle: 16.40

France, Mediterranean coast. Dry and refreshing, exactly what a good rosé should be.

MERLOT.

SUTTER HOME 2008. 17.5cl. glass: 3.30
25cl. glass: 4.70
75cl. bottle: 13.20

Appealing soft, fruity red from California. Easy drinking.

RIOJA.

CLUB PRIVADO 2006. 17.5cl. glass: 3.90
25cl. glass: 5.50
75cl. bottle: 16.40

Smooth, dry, classy. Fine modern Spanish wine-making.

SHIRAZ.

PETER LEHMANN 2007/8. 17.5cl. glass: 3.90
25cl. glass: 5.50
75cl. bottle: 16.40

A smooth, but beefy red. Typically strong Barossa.

REFERENCES

The annual International Wine Challenge tastes thousands of aspiring wines. Silver and Gold winners can be very good.

Look for ...



From the Golds, are chosen the Trophy winners, and we have three with six trophies between them. N.B. Not everybody enters the Wine Challenge. Some top growers think it beneath them.

'Wine Spectator' is the world's top wine magazine. Its ratings are independent and can be relied upon. 85 - 88 as a score is very good for a mid-priced wine. 89 - 91 rated wines are excellent bottles. 92 and up indicates brilliance.

Look for ...



CRISP DRY WHITE

SANTA RITA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009/10. 16.40
Half: 8.70

Fruity and crisply dry white from Chile.

YALUMBA 'Y' RIESLING 2008/9. 19.00

Zingy, fragrant and dry. Riesling from Australia offers real value. It's the white grape they drink most!

88
W.S.

VERMENTINO DI SARDEGNA
2008/9. (PALA) 20.00

Star Italian producer - Antinori. Brilliant fresh, dry style. Unusual and very good.

IWC
SILVER

COLOME TORRONTES 2008/9. 20.00

Dry, bright with a spicy edge. Top Argentinian estate.

88
W.S.

SAUVIGNON BLANC DE ST. BRIS
2008. (BROCARD) 22.00

Saint Bris sits between Sancerre and Chablis. Lean, very dry wine from a top Chablis producer.

PEWSEY VALE RIESLING 2008/9. 23.00

Bright, dry and polished tropical fruit flavours here. A top-notch South Australia winery.

89
W.S.

SAINT CLAIR SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009. 23.00

SAINT CLAIR PIONEER'S BLOCK
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2007/8. 29.00

SAINT CLAIR WAIRAU RESERVE 2009. 35.00

Classic New Zealand sauvignon from Marlborough star: Matt Thomson. Super-crisp, assertive. Masses of fruit. Pioneer's is a powerful reserve wine (beats Cloudy Bay?), topped only by the brilliant **Trophy** winning Wairau Reserve.

IWC
GOLD

RIESLING PRINCES ABBES
(SCHLUMBERGER) 2006. 26.00

Fragrant, pure, dry, crisp; under-rated Alsace.

POUILLY-FUME 2008. (BEL AIR) 29.00

Half: 15.50

Classic Loire sauvignon blanc. Very dry with that typical steely twang on the tongue. **WINE trophy**.

IWC
GOLD

GRUNER VELTLINER FEDERSPIEL 2008.
(DONABAUM) 29.00

Aromatic, zippy dryness, Austrian; with a punchy citrus finish. Fantastic grower. Wonderful stuff.

92
W.S.

ROSE

SUTTER HOME WHITE ZINFANDEL 2008/9. 13.20

Pale pink 'blush' Californian. Off-dry, soft and light.

LE CAMPUGET DU GARD ROSÉ 2009. 16.40

France, Mediterranean coast. Dry and refreshing.

DOMAINE COSTE ROSÉ 2008/9. 18.00

Crisp, fresh rosé from Languedoc, S. France.

DOMAINE VIGNELAURE ROSÉ 2007/8. 29.00

Classic top-of-the-range Provence rosé. Smooth, dry, and curvaceous!

SMOOTH WHITE

VENTISQUERO CHARDONNAY 2008/9. 13.20

Fresh-tasting and softly dry (no oak). From Chile.

SUGARLOAF DRY WHITE NV 13.20

Clean light wine produced by a local vineyard.

PINOT GRIGIO
PONTE DEL DIAVOLO 2008/9. 16.40

From N.E. Italy. Quite full and dry. Quality winemaking.

YALUMBA 'Y' VIOGNIER 2008/9. 19.00

Australia. Fragrant, peachy, dry and full-flavoured.

From the world's top exponent of this difficult grape.

88
W.S.

MANSION HOUSE PINOT GRIGIO 2008. 20.00

New Zealand, Marlborough. Dry and refreshing.

TYRRELL'S CHARDONNAY 2006. Half: 10.50

Smooth, dry, bright Australian half (no oak).

VOUVRAY CH. GAUDRELLES 2006. 22.00

VOUVRAY 2003/6. (BREDIF) Half: 11.50

That off-dry, soft style the French call 'sec tendre'.

GEWURZTRAMINER 2007. (KUEHN) 23.00

2005/7. (MURE) Half: 12.00

Medium-dry, aromatic Alsace. Overtly fruity.

EROICA 2006/7. (STE. MICHELLE/LOOSEN) 29.00

USA. Fragrant, dry, balanced with a fresh edge.

Benchmark riesling from famous names. Class shows.

90
W.S.

FULL WHITE

MORTON CHARDONNAY 2007. 19.00

A definitive rounded style from one of the top New Zealand chardonnay guys. No oak.

SAINT VERAN 2006/7. 23.00

(PERRAULT/CROIX SENAILLAT) Half: 12.00

Classy Mâcon chardonnay with all the flavours of more fancy Côte d'Or white burgundies.

LA SEGRETA BIANCO 2009. (PLANETA) 23.00

Italy, Sicily. Fresh flavours with a lovely smooth finish.

Chardonnay and local grenacico. Superb estate.

SAINT CLAIR PIONEER'S BLOCK
GEWURZTRAMINER 2007. 28.00

Big, quite dry, superbly grapey. New Zealand winner.

IWC
GOLD

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE CANOE
RIDGE CHARDONNAY 2005/6. 29.00

Polished citrus and peach notes in this dry assertive

wine from the Pacific Rim. Superb!

90
W.S.

CHABLIS FOURCHAUMES 2006. (LAMBLIN) 29.00

Flavoursome, clean dry premier cru burgundy

(no oak). Good grower.

SOAVE CLASSICO 'LA ROCCA'
2006/7. (PIEROPAN) 38.00

This North Italian white shows that Soave can be brilliant. Dry, opulent, racy. A real revelation.

FRUITY RED

SUTTER HOME MERLOT 2008. Soft, easy-drinking red from California.	13.20	
TEROLDEGO ROTALIANO RISERVA 2005/6. (MEZZACORONA) A bold wine from N.E. Italy. Blackberry bouquet, bright fruit, with a dry finish. Great with grilled meats.	19.00	IWC SILVER
COTES-DU-RHONE 2007. (DELAS) Junior wine from a fine grower. Shows pure, fresh fruit, in a classy frame.	20.00	88 W.S.
INNOCENT BYSTANDER PINOT NOIR 2006/8. Smooth fruit that rolls around the mouth. Enticing flavours from Phil Sexton, near Melbourne, Australia.	22.00	90 W.S.
SAINT CLAIR PINOT NOIR 2007. Fruity pinot to challenge good red Burgundy. From New Zealand - pinot noir's new home?	25.00	IWC SILVER
FLEURIE DOMAINE COLLONGE 2006/9. France. Fleurie, a crú Beaujolais, is as nice a wine village as the name suggests. Not light, quite weighty.	29.00 Half: 15.00	

SMOOTH RED

CLUB PRIVADO 2006. (BARON DE LEY) Rounded, dry and classy, modern Spanish rioja.	16.40	
CHATEAU MONTOLIERS 2008. France, Minervois. Good, dry, rounded claret style.	19.00	
STIMSON ESTATE MERLOT 2006/7. Taste the grape, meaty rather than overt fruit - St. Emilion style. From Washington State, USA.	19.00	
CORTEGIARA VALPOLICELLA RIPASSO 2007. (ALLEGRIANI) A real voluptuous style. Rounded, jam-packed with fruit. Super value - winner of a WINE trophy .	20.00	IWC GOLD
CHOCALAN RESERVE CABERNET FRANC 2006. Lovely Chilean red, in a Bordeaux style, but with bags of fruit. A less-known grape showing real style.	21.00	
TYRRELL'S CABERNET/MERLOT 2005. Half:	10.50	
JIM BARRY THE COVER DRIVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006/7. Firm backbone supports the warm, spicy, dry tastes. A great wine for red meats; fine S. Australia grower.	22.00	88 W.S.
YALUMBA SHIRAZ/VOIGNIER 2004/6. Soft, but still meaty Australian; respected estate. Shiraz with a little viognier is a classic N. Rhône mix.	24.00 Half: 12.50	IWC GOLD
CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY 2004/6. (BOISSET) Classic smooth pinot noir. Star Burgundy producer.	44.00	

FULL RED

PETER LEHMANN SHIRAZ 2007/8. Australia's best grape. Smooth but strong too.	16.40	
TORMARESCO NEPRICA 2007/8. S. Italy, Puglia. Antinori offers a 'modern meaty' style.	19.00	
BARBERA BRICCOTONDO 2008. (FONTANAFREDDA) N.E. Italy. Full and silky smooth, packed with flavour. Great value for a posh wine region.	21.00	88 W.S.
COLOME AMALAYA 2007/8. Argentinian star. Smooth and ripe, superb mix of malbec, cabernet sauvignon, syrah and tannat.	22.00	91 W.S.
NORTON RESERVE MALBEC 2006/7. Argentina offers great value. Malbec is their big grape. Dark, juicy, deceptively strong.	23.00	90 W.S.
BARON DE LEY RIOJA RESERVA 2003/4. Benchmark, modern rioja: more fruit, less oak.	23.00	
MITOLO 'JESTER' SHIRAZ 2006/7. Bold fruit to the fore, in this smooth meaty red. Spicy dark stuff from a consistently fine S. Australia estate.	23.00	
CHURCHILL ESTATE 2006. Douro, Portugal. Structured claret-like red with a long finish, from an innovative port estate.	24.00	90 W.S.
CHIANTI CASTIGLIONI 2007. (FRESCOBALDI) Aromatic, ripe red fruit shines from this Italian red, made by the respected Marchesi di Frescobaldi.	25.00 Half: 13.00	
SHAW AND SMITH SHIRAZ 2005. Sophisticated Adelaide Hills red showing a ripe aromatic character. A vibrant glass of Oz at its best.	32.00	IWC GOLD
CHARLES MELTON SHIRAZ 2002. Warm, solid Aussie, chock full of dark fruit, from a South Australia star. Extraordinary concentration of flavour.	38.00	
CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE MONT OLIVET 2003/5. Firm but juicy ripe, with a forceful style. Top Rhône estate with a traditional way of winemaking.	39.00	93 W.S.
HERMITAGE MARQUIS DE LA TOURETTE 1998/2000. (DELAS) Fragrant, velvety syrah (shiraz) from famed Northern Rhône vineyards. Perfect maturity now.	48.00	IWC GOLD
BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 1999. (CASTELGIOCONDO) Great vintage for this Tuscany super-star. Dark fruit in a polished frame.	57.00	95 W.S.
HENSCHKE EDELSTONE SHIRAZ 1995. Old South Australia vines and world-class winemaker; a superb vintage. Brambly, meaty, deep-flavoured.	69.00	93 W.S.
CHATEAU PICHON-LONGUEVILLE 1997. Famous Bordeaux at its best. Cabernet-dominant intensity and richness almost New Worldy.	76.00	
CHATEAU LASCOMBES 2001. Smooth dry Bordeaux red from a second-growth Margaux estate. Fine, solid traditional flavours.	82.00	91 W.S.

DESSERT WINES

INNOCENT BYSTANDER SPARKLING
 MOSCATO 2008. Half-bottle: 10.50
 Innovative medium-sweet pink grapey fizz from Phil Sexton in Australia. A frothy bit of fun for two or four.

DOMAINE CAZES MUSCAT DE
 RIVESALTES 2005 27.00
 10cl. glass: 4.00
 Sweet grapey nectar from Southern France. In France this is drunk as an apéritif! Leading estate.

CHATEAU JOLYS 2004. Half-bottle: 11.00
 Racy, sweet white from Jurançon, S. France.



PAUL CLUVER LATE-HARVEST
 RIESLING 2003. Half-bottle: 16.00
 From a top South African grower. Sweet but with refreshing balancing acidity. Super modern wine.

SKILLOGALEE
 FINE MUSCAT NV 10cl. glass: 4.00

YALUMBA MUSEUM
 LIQUEUR MUSCAT NV Half-bottle: 17.50
 Unique to Australia. Rich, raisiny flavours that go with all desserts (and cheese). Museum is a rare 20-year old release.

PEDRO XIMENES NV
 (HIDALGO). 10cl. glass: 4.50
 Very dark, sweet dessert sherry. Good with chocolate!

ROYAL TOKAJI
 5 PUTTS 2000. 25cl. Bottle: 19.50
 Hungary. Late-picked grapes, with noble rot, are added to the must. Five putts gives a very sweet, amber nectar. Enough for two or three.



MOUNT HORROCKS CORDON-CUT
 RIESLING 2004. Half-bottle: 28.00
 "Sweet and rich but beautifully balanced, with enough acidity to keep it fresh and lively. Amazingly subtle, with hints of mayflower, honey, pineapple and apricot that pick up speed and amplitude as they race through the long, elegant finish." Wine Spectator.



CHATEAU LA TOUR-BLANCHE
 1989. Half-bottle: 30.00
 Historic Sauternes estate; magnificent form in this great year. Rich botrytis flavour with an exotic edge.



CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1989. Half-bottle: 138.00
 Intense and luscious, and a top vintage, nicely mature now. This is the world's most famous sweet-wine estate. Fame adds to the price, but the effort involved is incredible. Wine-making skills apart, each grape was individually picked at optimum ripeness, in one of up to 20 visits to each vine. And each vine yields enough for just **one glass** of finished wine!



Or just a glass of sweet wine with biscuits to dunk...

VIN SANTO 'TEGRINO' 2002/3.
 (CANTINE LEONARDO) 10cl. glass: 5.20
 Sweet, raisiny Tuscan speciality made by half drying the very ripe grapes before pressing. Some water in the grapes is lost, and this intensifies the sweetness of the wine. With hard cantuccini biscuits to dunk.



SPARKLING

MORTON RESERVE SEC NV 23.00
 Fresh, dry (not brut), *méthode traditionnelle* sparkler from New Zealand. Classic pinot noir and chardonnay.

CHAMPAGNE HUBERT LAURENT BRUT NV 33.00
 Our house champagne is from the respected estates of Jacquart. Smooth, fruity, clean flavoured.

CHAMPAGNE CANARD-DUCHENE. 37.00
 BRUT NV Magnum: 74.00
 A Grande Marque with a fine reputation. Fine creamy, pinot noir style, properly aged.



CHAMPAGNE CANARD-DUCHENE.
 BRUT ROSE NV 41.00
 A lovely pink Grande Marque. Bright and appealing.

CHAMPAGNE VEUVE CLICQUOT NV 50.00
 Half: 27.00
 One of the big names. Rich-flavoured and impressive.

CHAMPAGNE GOSSET 49.00
 GRANDE RESERVE NV Half: 27.00
 The oldest, and smallest, of the great houses. Here is well-aged complexity, but flavours still zingy fresh.



CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER NV 50.00
 Fashionable grower with a flowery, chardonnay style. Understated power. Very appealing.



CHAMPAGNE GOSSET GRAND ROSE NV 55.00
 A perfect rosé style. Shows a rich, rounded style with concentrated flavours, and a long finish.



CHAMPAGNE VEUVE CLICQUOT 1998/9. 70.00
 Definitive vintage champagne, with a nice maturity. Still bold with assertive toasty notes.



CHAMPAGNE GOSSET CELEBRIS 1995. 107.00
 A famous and rare top cuvée - pinot noir dominant. "With a subtle hint of berries, this is developing well, contrasting maturing flavours with a freshness provided by its lively structure. Fine, lingering finish." Wine Spectator.



CHAMPAGNE DOM PERIGNON 1999. 136.00
 The deluxe cuvée of Moët & Chandon really delivers. Tightly structured but a creamy character and flavours that go on and on. Remarkably fresh tasting.



CHAMPAGNE KRUG
 GRANDE CUVÉE NV 150.00
 Dense long-matured beauty with a rich, toasty style that can grow on you.



CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER
 COMTES DE CHAMPAGNE 1995/8. 170.00
 The ultimate 'blanc de blancs', a pure expression of chardonnay. Only released in exceptional years. Deft intensity with complexity (must not go OTT!). Completely delicious.

