

# Champagne...

..is a 'region' of France, famous for producing 'sparkling wine'. It's a lot like 'The Home Counties'; a region of England also well known for producing some of the best 'sparkling wine' in the world. These two superpowers of bubbly have so much in common it's hard to believe that so many people aren't aware of it.

- o The chalky soil perfect for producing 'sparkling wine' starts on our fair shores, runs under the Channel and pops up again in Champagne (who knew?).
- o The climate is also very similar, largely due to global warming (its only benefit). //:(
- o Even the grapes are the same, with both counties producing their own Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grape varieties.
- o But what makes these two great regions stand out is that they both follow the strict rules of The Traditional Method, involving a 2<sup>nd</sup> fermentation. Hats off to two of Old Blighty's heroes Sir Robert Mansel & Christopher Merret for making such an important procedure possible.

Now let's raise a glass or two of this superb drink that we call... 'Sparkling Wine'!

## Gusbourne Brut - Kent

Vanilla, brioche, rich apple pastry, everything that you have come to expect from a great sparkling wine is found in this award winning Brut.

10.50 (175ml) 45.00 (Bottle)

## Nyetimber Blanc de Blanc - Sussex

Another fine wine from this award wining vineyard, green apple & ripe orchard fruits with a wonderful refreshing mousse, which must be why it's a favourite of the Queen!

60.00 (Bottle)

## Bolney Cuvee Noir - Sussex

Yet another award winning wine, this unique red sparkling wine oozes style. Warm aromas of stone fruits and blueberries lead to a creamy richness with a hint of spice on the finish.

40.00 (Bottle)

## Nyetimber Blanc de Blanc 1<sup>st</sup> Vintage 1992 - Sussex

Full bodied with very gentle bubbles and light, incredibly balanced notes of lemon tart, biscuits & cream with a very long finish of caramel and toast flavours the quintessential English sparkling wine.

120.00 (Bottle)

## Hush Heath Balfour Rose Brut - Kent

A multi-award winning elegant pale pink wine, with the finest of bubbles. Hints of rosehip & herbs on the nose. A palate full of bursting redcurrant & sloe fruits with a wonderfully long finish

60.00 (Bottle)

## Prosecco - Treviso - Italy

Crisp, with deliciously fine bubbles, ripe apples & citrus fruits. This is a classic Prosecco with a lovely smooth creaminess.

6.00 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

# Red

## Grenache/Syrah 2015 - La Métropole - Rhone, France

Smooth red fruit flavours of cherry, strawberry & damson make for a light, easy-drinking red that's great with or without food.

3.10 (125ml) 4.30 (175ml) 18.50 (Bottle)

## Shiraz 2014 - GB56 - Australia

This full-bodied wine from the Barossa Valley is vibrant purple with aromas of raspberry, berries, spice & hints of liquorice. It has excellent fruit flavours along with complex oak & savoury spice.

3.35 (125ml) 4.65 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)

## Aga Tinto Roble 2014 - Navarra - Spain

A novel take on the Rioja style, blending Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot for richer steak pairings, cherries, strawberries & sweet spice with vanilla oak complexity.

3.90 (125ml) 5.40 (175ml) 23.00 (Bottle)

## Pinotage 2015 - Abraham & The Heretics - S.A

A bold smoky & oaky incarnation of Stellenbosch's own grape, this is a big food wine with cooked red cherries, tobacco & oak. A complex wine pairing perfectly with game & steak.

4.00 (125ml) 5.60 (175ml) 24.00 (Bottle)

## Merlot 2015 - The Exhibitionist - Australia

Combines the deep plum and cherry flavours, but with its own unique vanilla and toasty oak finish, as well as an impressively smooth and refined body which make for an extremely memorable red.

4.35 (125ml) 6.05 (175ml) 26.00 (Bottle)

## Malbec 2015 - Inacayal - Argentina

Dark ruby red in colour, perfumed with blackberry, black cherry & burnt oak aromas. Well-rounded & rich on the palate, supple tannins & long finish, a classic with steaks for good reason!

4.50 (125ml) 6.30 (175ml) 27.00 (Bottle)

## Montepulciano 2015 - The Bullet Dodger - Australia

Freshly-harvested red berries, plum, violets and liquorice with a confectionary-like finish. A daring Australian take on an Italian classic, it is a must if you are eating a fillet, and imperative if you're eating Chateau-Briand!

5.00 (125ml) 7.00 (175ml) 30.00 (Bottle)

## Hochar 2011- Chateau Musar - Lebanon

A curious & lavish blend of Cinsault, Carignan, Cabernet & Grenache. Aged for 9 months in French oak barriques. Rich spicy aromas with flavours of plums, cherries, figs & dates with a hint of leather & thyme.

5.20 (125ml) 7.25 (175ml) 31.00 (Bottle)

## Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 - Jester, Mitolo - Australia

Full-bodied & rich, with flavours of blackberries, cloves, liquorice & currants. This McLaren Vale red partially uses the Amarone method which gives vibrant & complex flavours as well as supple, ripe tannins, it can hold its own against the richest of our steaks.

5.65 (125ml) 7.95 (175ml) 34.00 (Bottle)

## Zinfandel 2013 - Seghesio - Sonoma County - California

Dark, ripe cherries, sweet raspberries & chocolate, with a velvet mouthfeel & a full body created by some of the oldest Zinfandel vines. Enriched by French oak making for a powerful wine that lasts on the tongue & in the memory.

40.00 (Bottle)

## Magnums & Vintages

## On the blackboard

# White & Rosé

## Sauvignon Blanc 2016 - Nostros - Chile

A pure, exuberantly fruity Sauvignon Blanc, packed full of grassy notes, citrus & tropical fruit. Instantly refreshing & moreish, with a zesty lime finish.

3.10 (125ml) 4.30 (175ml) 18.50 (Bottle)

## Chardonnay 2016 - The Accomplice - Australia

Big, buttery, stone-fruit flavoured oaked Chardonnay with peach & nectarine dominating on the palate, great with food or just drinking by itself!

3.25 (125ml) 4.55 (175ml) 19.50 (Bottle)

## Chenin Blanc 2016 - Klippenkop - South Africa

Wonderful freshness with aromatic qualities this is the perfect wine for those wanting a change. Slightly floral on the nose, delicious pineapple & melon flavours with a hint of citrus.

3.35 (125ml) 4.70 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)

## Garganega 2016 - Torre Del Falasco - Veneto, Italy

Supple, lively and fresh, with floral & light tones on the nose, masking a lemon citrus edge and exquisite mineral note on the palate. Delicate in flavour whilst retaining a distinct body.

3.70 (125ml) 5.15 (175ml) 22.00 (Bottle)

## Picpoul de Pinet - Domaine des Lauriers - France

Ripe pears, green apple & orchard fruits, with a stunningly refreshing acidity and a floral finish dominate in this Mediterranean coastal wine, making it an ideal match for seafood.

4.00 (125ml) 5.60 (175ml) 24.00 (Bottle)

## Sauvignon Blanc 2016 - Marlborough, New Zealand

Estate bottled by the Lawson's family. Gooseberry, lemon citrus complexity makes for a crisp, slightly herbaceous, tropical, & intense wine... delicious!

4.50 (125ml) 6.30 (175ml) 27.00 (Bottle)

## Gavi 2015 - Camporosso - Piedmont - Italy

The finest white wine of Piedmont, this incarnation displays grapefruit zest, flinty minerality with a mouth-watering, floral finish that make it an ideal summer wine pairs beautifully with fish.

5.00 (125ml) 7.00 (175ml) 30.00 (Bottle)

## Chablis 2015 - Domaine Seguinot Bordet - France

A very pretty pale golden yellow with light greenish glints. Floral on the nose, with ripe peaches & apricots. On the palate a perfect harmony of flowers & fruit, enhanced by charming biscuit notes.

5.30 (125ml) 7.45 (175ml) 32.00 (Bottle)

## Grüner Veltliner 2015 - Schloss Gobelsburg - Austria

A scintillatingly crisp and delicate Austrian flagship wine; floral tones, hints of mango and peach with white pepper. A refreshing effervescence mean it's an incredible versatile food wine or one to relax with outside.

32.00 (Bottle)

## Pinot Grigio Rosé 2015 - Carlo Damiani - Italy

Delicate pink colour with a very gentle bouquet of white flowers & fresh peaches. The palate is fruity, soft & dry, with a clean lingering finish.

3.15 (125ml) 4.45 (175ml) 19.00 (Bottle)

## Malbec Rosado 2016 - Mendoza - Argentina

Rich red cherry, raspberry, strawberries & cream on the palate make for well-balanced bold fruit flavours without cloying sweetness in this unusual rosé that proves just how good rosés can be.

4.20 (125ml) 5.85 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

All prices include VAT at the current rate