

Wine List

House

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
<u>White</u>				
Petit Gasconne blanc, Plaimont, Languedoc, France	£4.50	£5.25	£7.25	£23.95
<i>Clean, refreshing fruity Colombarde/Ugni Blanc/Sauvignon Blanc blend delivering sweet, apple fruit and crunchy textures.</i>				
Pinot Grigio, La Luna, Cecilia Beretta, Veneto, Italy	£4.50	£5.25	£7.25	£23.95
<i>This exceptional 'classic PG style' shows wonderful freshness and a subtle underlying minerality. Well-balanced on the nose and palate with grilled almonds, ripe gooseberries and a delicate citrus finish.</i>				
<u>Red</u>				
Carmenere, Casa Filipe, Central Valley, Chile	£4.50	£5.25	£7.25	£23.95
<i>A grape variety that was for years found to be languishing in the shadows and (quite literally) in amongst the vines of the Merlot grape. It has seen a remarkable rejuvenation. Bursting with wild Autumnal fruits and silky textures, this impressive Carmenere balances fragrant aromas of violets, ripe, velvet fruitiness with supple tannins</i>				
<u>Rosé</u>				
Grenache-Syrah Rose, Domaine de Montauberon, Cotes de Thongue, fra.	£4.50	£5.25	£7.25	£23.95
<i>The blend is approximately 60% Grenache & 40% Syrah oozing fresh, juicy red fruit aromas spiked with 'garrigue' herbal aromas on a crisp, succulent palate.</i>				

Sparkling & Champagne

- 1 Prosecco, 'Sylvoz', Le Colture, Treviso, Italy** £29.50
- 2 Sparkling rosé, Le Colture, Treviso, Italy** £29.50
Prosecco is the white grape that gives this wine its name and is grown in the rolling hills between the towns of Valdobbiadene and Conigliano in the province of Treviso in Northern Italy. The Le Colture winery and a cellar make up the large central farmhouse surrounded by vineyards in the village of San Stefano di Valdobbiadene. The 'white' is pale straw in colour that leads to orchard fruit, citrus & floral aromatics and a delicate, fine and refreshing palate whilst their 'Sparkling rosé (produced from Merlot & Chardonnay grapes) is juicy and soft, bursting with fresh and lively fruit with a clean, sherbetty length.
- 3 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label NV Champagne** £60.00
Pleasing to the nose: initially reminiscent of white fruits and raisins, then of vanilla and later of brioche. Note the fine balance between the fruity aromas coming from the grape varieties and the toasty aromas following the ageing in the bottle. The first sip delivers all the freshness and forcefulness so typical of Yellow Label with a symphony of fruit tastes following on. Here is a true member of the powerful Brut family, well structured, admirably vinous. The lingering aromas echo and re-echo, with each fruit or spice note distinct.
- 4 Veuve Clicquot Rose NV Champagne** £65.00
Delicious, red fruit-flavoured champagne from a legendary house. Supremely quaffable and likely to arouse romantic notions in even the hardest of hearts.

Whites

- 5 **Chablis, Vincent Damp, Burgundy, France** £37.50
Stylish with delicate notes of lemon & textbook minerality. A 'rising star in the region' domaine crafting immaculately balanced boutique Chablis. It oozes that elegant, pure and mineral style of Chardonnay that defines Chablis.
- 6 **Pouilly-Fuisse, Moulin du Pont, Maison Auvigue, Burgundy, fra.** £42.50
The Auvigue family are well-known winemakers in the Maconnais region. Their Pouilly-Fuisse is a classic representative of the appellation, made from the fruit of their old vineyard Moulin du Pont. Beautifully judged ripeness of orchard & citrus fruits with a fine structure and acids.
- 7 **Pinot Gris, Eradus, Marlborough, New Zealand** £29.95
A charming 'food-friendly' PG that is produced in a more Alsation/marginally off-dry style. Rich and weighty, the wine is very flexible on a food match level and copes with complex seafood, cheese and egg dishes.
- 8 **Sancerre, Grande Maison, Chaumeau-Balland, Loire, France** £37.50
A delightful small, 10 ha. farm producing fine delicately balanced wines. The Sancerre possesses delicious fruit with classic minerality and herbaceous notes and bone-crushingly dry and finish. A fine expression of Loire Sauvignon.
- 9 **Ana Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Marlborough, New Zealand** £28.95
Although the Eradus vineyards are situated in the Awatere Valley, most of the grapes that go into Ana are grown in the Wairau Plains, north of the Awatere topped up with juice from the younger vines of the Awatere fruit.. This means the wine has all the flavour and minerality of the other Eradus wines but gives a more up-front, juicy style.
- 10 **Chassagne-Montrachet Domaine Bachelet-Ramonet, Burgundy, fra.** £59.50
Stylish Cote de Beaune Chardonnay from this small quantity of just four parcels of vines totaling 0.49 Ha. Fine citrus and floral aromas with lovely minerality and toast. The palate is reserved with great underlying structure.

Rosé

- 11 **Sancerre rose, Chaumeau-Balland, Loire, fra.** £37.50
This family-run estate focuses on quality and their wines show it. Average age of their vines is 30 years, which means extra concentration in the grapes and which imparts richness and elegance. Vines are grown on clay and limestone, which explains the characteristic, flinty minerality in the wines. Perfect as an aperitif or with food, from Asiatic cuisine to charcuterie to grilled fish or white meat.

Reds

- 12 **Malbec, Chamuyo, Mendoza, Argentina** £28.50
A lovely, lush and rounded Malbec that with its simple yet chunky dark fruit flavours pretty much cries out for beef under all its' guises. The young, dynamic team behind Chamuyo believe in expressing the grape's gutsy, bright and fleshy fruit characters.
- 13 **Cotes du Rhone, Vignobles Gonnet, Rhone, France** £29.50
Beautifully made slice of 'Rhône in a bottle' from innovative family winemakers, Vignobles Gonnet. The blend is equal parts Syrah, Grenache and Cinsaut producing a rustic yet well-structured and elegant wine layered with black fruit and spices.
- 14 **Rioja, Crianza, Vina Belezos, Bodegas Zugober, Spain** £29.50
Stunning Crianza from one of the new stars of the region. Definitely in the traditional style of Rioja but with a delicious fragrant and fresh angle that has singled this Bodegas out for critical praise. Look at this as fabulous drinking comfortably positioned somewhere between Rioja, Burgundy and Bordeaux with all the appeal.

- 15 **Shiraz/Viognier, The Lane, Adelaide Hills, Australia** £34.95
Delicious old-world style Shiraz-Viognier, borrowing winemaking techniques from France's Rhône Valley. With grapes from The Lane's younger vines, this wine is made by co-fermenting Shiraz, with a dash of aromatic white Viognier grapes, giving the wine a wonderful complexity and softness. Dark-fruit and white pepper notes embellish this elegant dry, full-bodied red.
- 16 **St. Emilion, Grand Cru, Ch. Barrail du Blanc, Bordeaux, France** £42.50
This tiny property, just 3 hectares, is situated in St Sulpice de Faleyrons on rather light, well-drained soils, 80% pure gravel with the rest a mix of gravel and sand. The wine is made by the 'Etablissements de J-P Mouiex' the current owners of Ch. Petrus. By virtue of the terroir here, this can never be a massively powerful wine – but so much the better. A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, deep shimmering ruby in colour, this offers accessible dark, sweet fruit on the nose. The palate is rich, supple and succulent, dense, with a well-integrated structure and good length.
- 17 **Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, Cecilia Beretta, Veneto, Italy** £34.75
Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso is often referred to as "the poor man Amarone" or "baby Amarone". Producers are not happy of these definitions but it is true that Valpolicella Ripasso is a wine that is in between the basic Valpolicella wine and the Amarone, sharing the freshness, the lightness and the value for money of basic Valpolicella wines, and some of the structures and flavours of the Amarone. It's a very flexible wine that can work well with lighter roast chicken and game dishes as well as fuller bodied beef and venison.
- 18 **Medoc, Ch. St. Aubin, Bordeaux, fra.** £35.00
Interesting to see a Bordeaux chateau still using the traditional blend of the six permitted grapes. Approximately 50% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc 15 % Petit Verdot, 7 % Carmenère & 6% Malbec, this is very stylish wine bursting with rich, polished fruit, fine tannins and ripe length
- 19 **Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee Tradition Vignobles Gonnet, Rhone, fra.** £ 52.50
The Gonnet family estate in Châteauneuf-du-Pape was developed by Etienne Gonnet in the 1950s. Run today by Etienne's sons, Jean and Michel Gonnet, the estate's quality credentials could not be more impressive: thirty hectares of vineyards running up to Le Crau (arguably the most revered vineyard plot in the entire Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation); sunny south/south-east facing slopes; clay-limestone soils littered with prized, heat-reflecting galets roulés (pudding stones); and low-yielding 110-year-old vines. Fresh and aromatic bursting with velvety fruit with underlying muscle of the finish.

Dessert & Fortified Wines

(37.5cl Bottle)

- 20 **Elysium Black Muscat, Quady Winery, Napa Valley, USA** £29.50
Black Muscat, known in Europe as the table grape variety, Muscat Hamburg, is one of the very few black skinned muscats. Ethereal rose-like aromas and lychee like flavours dominate this outstanding dessert wine and inspired the winery to name the wine Elysium, Greek for heaven. A firm favourite of ours, and perfect with chocolate & caramelised fruit dishes.
- 21 **Sticky Mickey LH Sauvignon Blanc, Eradus, Marlborough, New Zealand** £29.50
An experimental LH Sauvignon (known as a 'sticky' in the southern hemisphere) that has grown arms and legs in the past couple of years ... Michiel 'Mickey' Eradus has been playing around with this wine for a few years now and has only now started to produce small amounts commercially. The grapes have been chosen from selected parcels in the vineyards and have been left on the vines to concentrate sugars and develop the complex fruit and herbaceous characters. "Hilariously named sweetie has the most raucous orange blossom notes on the nose and a slippery syrupy palate and I must admit that it won me over in a trice" Mathew Jukes, Daily Mail.