

THE GRIFFIN INN WINES

We pride ourselves on our choice of wines and our wine list has been widely acclaimed most recently by the Good Food Guide 2013. We constantly seek out interesting wines which we enjoy but, more important, we think that you will enjoy too. Wherever possible we try and avoid the obvious and conventional and, because of that, we have a very good representation of wines from Italy, a country whose food and wine we love greatly. The enormous diversity of climate, soil, and grape variety in Italy gives endless scope for interesting and delightful choices. To quote from Hugh Johnson 2013, "to grasp the profusion of what Italy has to offer the lover of good wine you should go to Vinitaly, the annual sprint wine fair at Verona. You could taste for days, meet thousands of dedicated growers with self-respect of real craftsmen, and show your palate a range of flavours you had no idea that existed."

We are starting to see some fantastic wines coming out of Spain which particularly complement our love of wood oven and open fire cooking, see our wines of the week.

We have relatively few half-bottles because we offer nearly 20 wines by the glass and these are equivalent to a quarter bottle and this gives a wide choice for people to choose from. Also, we are very pleased to "cork up" an unfinished bottle of wine so that it may be finished at home.

WELCOME TO OUR WINTER 2015 WINE LIST

THE GRIFFIN WINE CLUB "Usque ad Mortem Bibendum" We launched the "Innovative, Didactic and Sybaritic" Griffin Wine Club in October 2012 with the intention of bringing a whole new world of oenological delights to our members in an informal and open forum (i.e Bacchanalian!) environment, with as much audience participation as possible. We meet every six weeks or so, and in the company of the winemaker and our resident experts, including yours truly, your palate is guided through an extensive range of boutique wines, and those that you fall head over heels in love with, you may subsequently buy at wholesale prices. We provide serious tapas as blotting paper; despite the fact we aim to taste wine we have yet to see the spittoons being troubled at a GWC event. There is an annual membership charge of £30 (which can be for a couple!) For the latest oenological news and future Wine Club events please visit www.thegriffininn.co.uk.

After what has truly been The Endless Summer of Love let us start in our usual didactic manner by opening up our Latin primer:

"Ecce Cruentum Hiberna!"

Behold the bloody Winter

But worry not, Sybarites; we have a full schedule of wine led entertainments that will ensure Winter hath but a short lease.

The Griffin Wine Club has been very busy keeping up its Bacchanalian reputation over the past couple of months, what with our Portuguese tasting in September, the splendid Jacquart Champagne dinner and the quite unparalleled GWC annual trip to Sicily, of which more later.

USQUE AD MORTEM BIBENDUM, YEALANDS, N.Z. Wednesday 28th January

The 19th stopover on the Griffin Wine Club's world tour continues on the above date when we visit (metaphorically speaking) New Zealand for the first time. We are honoured to welcome Helen Macfarlane, the winemaker at Yealands Winery who own fabulous estates in Marlborough and Otago and she will be showing their full portfolio of wines, which will be accompanied by some serious seasonal tapas with an Antipodean flavour.

I would love to see as many of you members and guests as possible to get the "Innovative, Didactic and Sybaritic" G.W.C. off to a flying start for the New Year, please book early. £40 per head.

GWC SICILY TOUR

The Griffin Inn returned at the end of October from Sicily, where we were guests of the iconic, impressive and quite unique Planeta family. Time and space does not allow for a full report here of that "trip" (for t'was indeed that, in all senses!), however we are putting together a pictorial travelogue which will follow shortly. In the meantime we are giving the whole Planeta wine portfolio a page to itself on our wine list at greatly reduced margins to encourage those of you unfamiliar with their wines to get stuck in - I promise you will not be disappointed!! And, of course, they are available to you glorious members, as wholesale.

While we strive to keep vintages up to date, vintages may be subject to change without notice.



PLANETA – 'THE WINE PIONEERS OF SICILY'

Bottle

WHITE WINES

LA SEGRETA BIANCO Planeta 2013 12.5% ABV	20.00
<i>Vibrant and aromatic with notes of citrus fruits, lychee, pineapple and peach complemented by hints of minerals, herbs and mint. Full and dry, smooth and supple with a long, minty finish.</i>	
ALASTRO BIANCO Planeta 2013 13% ABV	28.00
<i>Bright straw yellow with hints of green. Peachy nose, with hints of vanilla, jasmine and green tea.</i>	
CHARDONNAY Planeta 2012 13.5% ABV	38.00
<i>Citrus fruit flavours complemented by chestnut and honey notes with a spicy complexity.</i>	
ERUZIONE BIANCO 1614 CARRICANTE PLANETA 2013 13.5% ABV	38.00
<i>Green apple, typical of the vines grown at an altitude, white flowers, wild honey.</i>	

ROSÉ WINES

PLANETA ROSÉ IGT SICILIA Planeta 2013 12% ABV	25.00
<i>A light and attractive nose with notes of rose petals, pomegranate and strawberries. The palate is silky smooth, light and fresh with a beautiful finish.</i>	

RED WINES

LA SEGRETA ROSSO Planeta 2013 13% ABV	20.00
<i>Aromas of crushed strawberries lead to supple tannins and fresh, rich acidity showing hints of chocolate.</i>	
PLANETA FRAPPATO DOC Vittoria 2013 13% ABV	28.00
<i>A soft and full palate bursting with red fruit and a hint of balsamic.</i>	
CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA Planeta 2012 13% ABV	28.00
<i>An intense fruity bouquet with notes of strawberries, cherries, dry fig and raisin.</i>	
ETNA ROSSO DOC Planeta 2013 13% ABV	30.00
<i>A soft red wine with flesh and structure. A notes of plums, raspberries and green tomato leaves.</i>	
DORILLI CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA Planeta 2012 13% ABV	35.00
<i>Ruby red, aroma of black cherry, strawberry, chestnut honey and prickly pear.</i>	
BURDESE Planeta 2009 13.5% ABV	38.00
<i>Rich aromatic flavours, warm and intense with firm tannins, perfectly balanced giving a harmonious result.</i>	
MERLOT SITO DELL'ULMO Planeta 2010 14.5% ABV	38.00
<i>Bilberry notes followed by a floral bouquet, vanilla and toast.</i>	
SYRAH Maroccoli Planeta 2009 14% ABV	38.00
<i>Intense and persistent on the nose with notes of black fruits like cherry and blackberry.</i>	
SANTA CECILIA Planeta 2010 13.5% ABV	39.00
<i>Well balanced with ripe, spicy fruit and a savoury character. The finish is long and elegant.</i>	
ERUZIONE ROSSO 1614 NERELLO MASCALESE PLANETA Prod 2011 13.5% ABV	38.00
<i>It shows aromas of red fruit preserved in alcohol, roses, oriental spices and beeswax.</i>	

DESSERT WINES

PASSITO DI NOTO Planeta 2012 11% ABV	39.00
<i>Sweet and sensuous with fine flavours of ripe apricot, honey and melon.</i>	



CHAMPAGNE

			Bottle
1.	JACQUART Brut Mosaïque NV 12.5% ABV <i>The bouquet is fresh with pear hints mingled with intense notes of bread crust.</i>		49.00
		Glass	9.90
2.	POL ROGER Pure Brut NV Winston's favourite, need we say more !		70.00
3.	TAITTINGER Brut Reserve NV 12% ABV <i>World renowned Champagne of great style.</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle	39.00 75.00
		Magnum	130.00
4.	JACQUART Brut Mosaïque Rosé NV <i>A deliciously elegant, rounded, fruity style with hints of cherry and wild strawberry. Its fine streams of bubbles enhance the delicate pale pink colour.</i>		60.00
5.	TAITTINGER Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs 2004/05 <i>It is fine and lean yet displays excellent length. Flavours of candied citrus fruits predominate, but there is a balanced touch of nuttiness.</i>		165.00

SPARKLING WINES

			Bottle
6.	BRUT DI PINOT NERO ROSÉ Ruggeri NV 12% ABV <i>Medium bodied with ripe cranberry fruit, as good to drink on the Griffin terrace as it is in the Piazza San Marco.</i>	Glass	29.90 8.90
7.	BLUEBELL VINEYARDS HINDLEAP, Blanc de Blancs <i>As served to foreign dignitaries at "Buck House". If it's good enough for HRH</i>		39.00
8.	BLUEBELL VINEYARDS HINDLEAP Rosé <i>Such as the stuff that Diamond Jubilees are made of!</i>		39.00

MAGNUMS

In response to demand, we are also listing some very exciting Magnums. These are ideal for larger parties (or thirsty people!)

Bordeaux	CHATEAU BEAUMONT, Haut Médoc 2009	95.00
Chianti	CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG, Fonterutoli 2009	85.00
Rioja	RIOJA RESERVA, Marqués de Riscal 2008	80.00
Burgundy	NUITS ST GEORGE, V. V., Domaine Michelot 2006	145.00

Should a vintage become unavailable, we shall offer the next best alternative with every confidence.



VIN ROSÉ

No longer considered “Camper than row of tints”, the popularity of rosé wines has increased enormously. Ideal, either as an aperitif, or as an accompaniment to our wood-oven and barbecue dishes.

	175ml	250ml	Bottle
9. LA LANDE Cinsault Rosé 2013 12% ABV <i>The summer of love starts here – “Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair.”</i>	4.50	5.90	16.50
10. COMTE DE PROVENCE ROSÉ La Vidaubanaise 2013 <i>A light, bright nose of wild strawberries with a refreshing, smooth palate.</i>			29.00

WHITE WINES FROM EUROPE

	Bottle
11. VIIGNIER L'HOSPITALET Gerard Bertrand 2012 <i>From the Languedoc, one of the best and best value Viogniers we have tried.</i>	24.00
12. VERMENTINO DI SARDEGNA, VILLA SOLAIS Santadi 2013 <i>Fashionable, sexy wine from the Mediterranean's sexiest Island.</i>	26.00
13. ROYAL TOKAJI Dry Furmint, Hungary 2011 <i>This shows that dry Tokaji can compete with some of the finest French wines. Do give it a go!</i>	28.00
14. TREIXADURA Ailala Ribeiros Do Avia 2013 <i>Clean, powerful aromatics on the nose of apricot and white flowers. Spices such as clove, mint and fennel are also present.</i>	28.00
15. JURANÇON SEC, Domaine Cauhapé 2013 <i>A welcome return to the list for this splendid French wine.</i>	30.00
16. GRÜNER VELTLINER FEDERSPIEL KOLLMÜTZ Erich Machherndl 2013 <i>Fruity, textured white with apples, pears and spice on the palate and a hint of mint on the finish.</i>	28.50
17. DOURO WHITE Quinta Do Crasto 2012 <i>This has bright lively fruit, with a distinct purity, and pleasing richness. A winner from the Antinori stable.</i>	28.00
18. PINOT BLANC Trimbach, Alsace 2011 <i>Alsace wines are a sheer joy. This is a prime example with firm structure, lemony fruit, lots of breadth and a mineral backbone.</i>	29.50
19. ORVIETO CLASSICO Secco, Antinori 2011 <i>Time to revisit this classic Italian white, made by the famous Antinori Family.</i>	27.50
20. MACON IGE Chateau London 2010 <i>This has to be the best value Macon we have ever tried. Rich, elegant and well balanced.</i>	35.00



WHITE WINES FROM EUROPE

	Bottle
21. GAVI DI GAVI Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio 2013 <i>Single vineyard example of Piedmont's classic white wine. Rich and intense.</i>	35.00
22. ALBARIÑO VALMIÑOR Rias Baixas 2012 <i>This Galician gem was on our list for years before Rick Stein 'discovered' it.</i>	36.00
23. SANCERRE, LE PETIT BROUX Caves des Vins de Sancerre 2012 <i>Immediately appealing, crisp and clean with a good concentration of fruit.</i>	39.00
24. CHABLIS Vieilles Vignes Domaine de Vauroux 2007 <i>Everything you expect from a top Chablis at a very non Chablis price.</i>	45.00
25. SAN VINCENZO Anselmi 2013 <i>Anselmi has "divorced" his wine from the Soave denomination because of his superior quality. This aromatic wine is a real delight.</i>	33.00
26. COMETA Planeta 2012 <i>Intense, full of character and elegant mineral elements. Without doubt one of the finest examples of Sicily's Fiano grape.</i>	50.00
27. PINOT GRIGIO Vinnaioli Jermann 2012 <i>Simply the best! The Jermann family with estates in Friuli Venezia-Giulia in North-East Italy are famous for producing superb white wines - including this, the very best Pinot Grigio.</i>	49.00
28. CHOREY LES BEAUNE BLANC Domaine Maillard 2011 <i>Lovely 'buttery' nose and taste, classic white Burgundy; very good value for this quality of wine.</i>	52.00
29. CHABLIS 1er Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Louis Michel 2011 <i>After our recent Louis Michel tasting this has to be the star of the show.</i>	65.00
30. PULIGNY MONTRACHET 1er Cru Les Folatieres 2010 <i>A classic mineral style of Puligny Montrachet, from one of the most respected names in the Appellation.</i>	89.00
31. CONDRIEU LES CHAILLETS Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Cuilleron 2012 <i>The most highly regarded white from Rhone, wonderfully opulent and perfumed on the nose with a honey, blossom and spicy complexity.</i>	110.00



NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

We love the Sauvignon grape and the examples here are each superb and more than compete with the best from France.

		Bottle
32. Australia	CHARDONNAY, LITTLE YERING Yering Station 2011 <i>Mineral notes, white nectarine and citrus flavours along with a creamy, nutty complexity.</i>	27.00
33. New Zealand	SAUVIGNON BLANC Yealands Estate 2013 <i>Powerful, gooseberry aromas in this classic Sauvignon.</i>	29.50
34. South Africa	THE FMC, CHENIN Ken Forrester Wines 2012 <i>Rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla and honey.</i>	49.00
35. USA	CHARDONNAY Cannonball 2012 <i>A California Chardonnay with attitude, Clean fresh chardonnay flavours, with some lovely rich and complex ones, makes this a real Gem.</i>	33.00
36. South Africa	JOURNEY'S END 'HAYSTACK' CHARDONNAY Stellenbosch 2011 <i>Single vineyard Chardonnay from the Stellenbosch boutique winery.</i>	34.00
37. New Zealand	PINOT GRIS Yealands Estate 2012 <i>The Kiwi's really get Pinot Gris (New world Pinot grigio). More unctuous and full bodied than it's Italian cousins, perfect with any winter pork or chicken dishes as well as fish.</i>	35.00
38. South Africa	CHARDONNAY Thelema 2012 <i>Medium to full bodied with a creamy texture. Packed with luscious tropical fruit notes, a delicious mineral streak and nutty oak. Finishes soft and succulent.</i>	35.00
39. Chile	ELKI PEDRO XIMENEZ Vina Falernia 2012 <i>This classic sherry grape, reborn invented in the cooler climates of Chile. The new favourite of the wine Cognoscenti.</i>	23.00



RED WINES FROM EUROPE

	Bottle
40. CHATEAU DE LUGAGNAC Bordeaux 2009 <i>Quite simply the best house claret we have tried.</i>	28.50
41. SALICE SALENTINO RISERVA Francesco Candido 2008 <i>Full-flavoured wine from the southern tip of Puglia.</i>	27.50
42. CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES CHUSCLAN ROUGE, Laudun Chusclan 2012 <i>From the the best of the 18 Rhone villages this sturdy red bursting with fruit is a real delight.</i>	29.00
43. MERCUREY AGNES DEWE Burgundy 2009 <i>Leading Burgundy of the Cote Chalonnaise. All the elegance that you would expect from this terrific grower.</i>	40.00
44. EBANO 6 Ribera Del Duero 2012 <i>At last, we are starting to see superb Spanish Reds from outside Rioja. Strawberries and ripe blackberries accompanied by mineral notes.</i>	29.50
45. BARBERA BRICCOTONDO Fontanafredda 2012 <i>Deep, rustic red with an aromatic, spicy nose. A lovely wine to go with all meaty dishes.</i>	32.00
46. TEROLDEGO ROTALIANO RISERVA Mezzacorona 2009 <i>Indigenous to the Alto Adige, perfect in the summer. Great to drink chilled.</i>	29.00
47. VIN DE PAYS DE LA PRINCIPAUTE D'ORANGE 2011 Domaine de la Janasse <i>From one of Chateauneuf's top producers – a full bodied red that bears no relation to its 'Vin de Pays' status. Do try it!</i>	29.00
48. CHÂTEAU LA TUILERIE DES COMBES Lussac St. Emilion 2010 <i>From the excellent 2010 vintage, the classic taste of St. Emilion.</i>	45.00
49. BURDESE Planeta 2008 <i>We selected this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon – hence Burdese (Italian for Bordeaux) – on our visit to Planeta.</i>	49.00



RED WINES FROM EUROPE

	Bottle
50. FLEURIE PONCIE Domaine du Vissoux 2012 <i>Fleurie at its very best. Bottled without filtration to give the fullest flavour.</i>	39.50
51. GIGONDAS TRADITION Le Grand Montmirail, Domaine Brusset 2011 <i>Hugely mouthfilling Southern Rhone wine with tremendous flavour and length.</i>	65.00
52. CHIANTI CLASSICO Fonterutoli 2011 <i>From an historic estate in Castellina, owned by the Mazzei family since the 14th Century. A superb, full flavoured Chianti.</i>	42.00
53. TORMARESCA NePriCa Puglia 2010 <i>Aromas of red fruit, black cherry and black currants. A blend of Primitivo and Negro Amaro. This has a rich, spicy taste.</i>	29.00
54. CROZES HERMITAGE ROUGE Domaine Combier 2012 <i>21st Century Crozes, Organic, Orgasmic & Boi Dynamic.</i>	48.00
55. CHOREY LES BEAUNE Domaine Maillard 2011 <i>A wonderfully soft and spicy Pinot Noir from a top Burgundy producer.</i>	49.00
56. SANTA CECILIA NERO D'AVOLA Planeta 2009 <i>From Sicily's award-winning winery. Full of spicy fruit, an ideal accompaniment to all full flavoured dishes.</i>	49.00
57. MERLOT Planeta 2009 <i>Another stunner from Planeta. Merlot of "stellar" quality!</i>	49.50
58. CUMARO ROSSO CONERO Umani Ronchi 2009 <i>Umani Ronchi's star wine, persistent bouquet and great sense of flavour.</i>	48.00
59. CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE, TRADITION Domaine de la Janasse 2011 <i>One of the great wines of the Rhone, this is soft, lush and ripe, with enticing fruit and good balance.</i>	78.00
60. VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO Poliziano 2011 <i>The star so far of the newly formed wine club. "You're just too good to be true."</i>	55.00
61. LAROSE DE GRUAUD Chateau Gruaud Larose 2009 <i>Second wine of this fantastic estate, vigourous and smooth.</i>	75.00



NEW WORLD RED WINES

We are particularly delighted with the Pinot Noirs that rival the very best from Burgundy.

		Bottle
62. Argentina	INTIMO CABERNET, MERLOT, MALBEC Humberto Canale 2012 <i>Complex and elegant nose, with red berries and notes of vanilla and tobacco.</i>	25.00
63. Chile	CARMENERE RESERVA De Gras 2012 <i>The Carmenere grape is uniquely grown in South America. This is a beautifully made, subtle-tasting wine.</i>	27.50
64. California	WILDFLOWER J. Lohr, Monterey 2012 <i>A delicious Beaujolais style wine, made using the Valdigue grape, at its best when served chilled.</i>	28.50
65. USA	CABERNET SAUVIGNON Cannonball 2010 California <i>An Artisan Cabernet both fruit driven and elegant. Plenty of delicious strawberry and dark chocolate flavours to keep you wanting for more.</i>	35.00
66. Uruguay	GARZON TANNAT Uruguay 2012 <i>This Uruguayan beauty has more bite than Suarez.</i>	32.00
67. New Zealand	PINOT NOIR Urlar 2011 <i>Simply the best NZ Pinot Noir we have tasted, made by a "Jock" incredibly!</i>	44.00
68. South Australia	KEYNETON ESTATE EUPHONIUM Henschke 2010 <i>Henschke is one of Australia's finest boutique wineries and this Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon blend shows immense depth and complexity.</i>	70.00
69. South Africa	JOURNEY'S END SHIRAZ Stellenbosch 2007 <i>From one of the best wineries in Stellenbosch.</i>	45.00
70. South Africa	THE GYPSY, SHIRAZ GRENACHE Ken Forrester Wines 2010 <i>The character is somewhat wild, a little brambly with hints of nutmeg, cinnamon, dark spices, with vanilla scents and a distinct, concentrated red-fruit focus.</i>	55.00



WINES BY THE BOTTLE & GLASS

WHITE

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
PIEDRAS BLANCAS Bodegas Fernando Castro 2012 12% ABV <i>Green apple and apricots are on the nose, fresh and aromatic on the palate.</i>	3.50	4.50	5.50	15.50
PINOT GRIGIO Via Nova 2013 12% ABV <i>Light, dry and crisp, with a delicious balance between zingy citrus and fruity red berry.</i>	4.20	5.30	6.80	19.50
LA SEGRETA BIANCO Planeta 2013 12.5% ABV <i>Full and dry, smooth and supple with balancing acidity and a long, minty finish.</i>	4.80	6.20	8.00	20.00
SAUVIGNON BLANC De Gras (CHILE) 2013 13% ABV <i>Exotic fruit character with crisp acidity and lingering fresh fruit to finish.</i>	3.90	5.50	7.40	21.50
PADSTAL CHARDONNAY, MAN Family 2013 13.5% ABV <i>Refreshing style of Chardonnay made with a touch of oak for added complexity and richness.</i>	5.40	6.70	8.70	22.50
PICPOUL DE PINET Domaine Roquemolière 2013 12.5% ABV <i>The wine is crisp, light and aromatic, with remarkable freshness on the palate.</i>	4.20	6.00	8.00	23.50
BLANCO RUEDA Marqués de Riscal 2012 12.5% ABV <i>Pleasant aromas of blossom and herbs, a fresh and fragrant supple palate.</i>	5.00	6.80	9.00	26.50
LA BARRY WHITE, SAUVIGNON BLANC Martin Meiner 2013 12.5% ABV <i>Delicate floral fruit with underlying grassier tones.</i>	5.60	7.80	9.90	28.50

ROSÉ - Please see main wine list for more Rosés

LA LANDE Cinsault Rosé 2012 12% ABV <i>The summer of love starts here – “Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair”.</i>	3.75	4.80	6.40	18.50
COMTE DE PROVENCE ROSÉ, La Vidaubanaise 2013 12.5% ABV <i>A light, bright nose of wild strawberries with a refreshing, smooth palate.</i>	5.90	8.00	9.90	29.00

RED

PRIMITIVO SALENTO Boheme 2012 13% ABV <i>Aromas of plum & rich strawberry, with a ripe and balanced palate.</i>	3.50	4.50	6.00	17.50
LA SEGRETA ROSSO Planeta 2012 13% ABV <i>A soft, silky palate showing a hint of chocolate and a long, elegant finish.</i>	4.80	6.20	8.00	20.00
CARIGNAN/GRENACHE IGP DE L'HÉRAULT La Lande 2013 12% ABV <i>The palate is rich with ripe fruit character and a hint of peppery spice.</i>	3.90	5.50	7.40	21.50
INTIMO CABERNET, MERLOT, MALBEC Humberto Canale 2012 13.5% ABV <i>Complex and elegant nose, with red berries and notes of vanilla and tobacco.</i>	4.70	6.40	8.50	25.00
1860 TEMPRANILLO Marques de Riscal 2011 13.5% ABV <i>From the iconic Rioja Estate, with subtle oak and a smooth palate.</i>	4.70	6.40	8.50	25.00
SHIRAZ, Thelema 2010 14.5% ABV <i>Blackberries, currants, liquorice and spices. Competes with the finest Northern Rhones</i>	5.60	7.80	10.20	30.00
CABERNET SAUVIGNON, Cannonball 2010 13,5% ABV <i>Plenty of delicious strawberry and dark chocolate flavours to keep you wanting for more.</i>	6.00	8.90	11.80	35.00

SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE

	125ml	Bottle
BRUT DI PINOT NERO ROSÉ Ruggeri NV 12% ABV <i>Sparkling rosé with ripe cranberry fruit intensity and a deliciously crisp finish.</i>	8.90	29.90
JACQUART Brut Mosaïque NV 12.5% ABV <i>Fresh, well-balanced and harmonious on the palate with persistent, fine bubbles.</i>	9.90	49.00



CONNOISSEUR'S LIST

All wines on the Connoisseurs List are in very limited supply so please do not be disappointed if stocks have run out. Please ask if you would like any of these fine wines to be decanted.

RED WINES

BORDEAUX

LAROSE DE GRUAUD <i>Chateau Gruaud Larose 2009</i>	75.00
<i>Second wine of this fantastic estate, vigorous and smooth.</i>	
CHATEAU BARON DE BRANE <i>Margaux 2005</i>	80.00
<i>Second wine of Cantenac; Andre Lurton great winemaker, 2005 great vintage.</i>	
CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY <i>Pauillac 2008</i>	95.00
<i>Delicious, mature wine from this distinguished and much loved chateau.</i>	
CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL <i>St Estephe 1982</i>	350.00
<i>Most refined St. Estephe and regularly one of the best wines of the Medoc.</i>	
CHÂTEAU LEOVILLE-LAS-CASES <i>St Julien 1982</i>	400.00
<i>'Elegant, complex, powerful, austere wines, for immortality' – Hugh Johnson.</i>	

BURGUNDY

VOLNAY PREMIER CRU <i>Le Santenots 2010</i>	75.00
<i>Santenots is one of the top vineyards in the Côtes du Beaune.</i>	
NUITS ST GEORGE <i>Michelot, 2009</i>	80.00
<i>Fragrant complex wine from one of the best producers in Cote D'Ors.</i>	

TUSCANY

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO RISERVA II Poggione 2006	110.00
<i>Elegant nose with black fruits, leather and sweet spice followed by a balanced palate and a very long, seductive finish. Brunello is generally regarded as Tuscany's finest Red.</i>	

PIEDMONT

BAROLO VIGNA DEL GRIS <i>DOCG Conterno Fantino 2010</i>	120.00
<i>One of the most iconic Barolo producers, this small estate produces small quantities of exceptional wine. Vigna del Gris delivers a full, well structured palate with black fruit, liquorice and mocha flavours. A big hitter!</i>	

VENETO

AMARONE VALPOLICELLA VALPANTENA DOC <i>Villa Arvedi, Bertani 2010</i>	75.00
<i>Deep scents of cherry, sour cherry, berries and notes of spices. Soft in the mouth with flavours of red fruit.</i>	

WHITE WINES

BURGUNDY

PULIGNY MONTRACHET <i>Les Folatieres 2009</i>	89.00
<i>A classic minerally style of Puligny Montrachet, from one of the most respected names in the Appellation.</i>	
CHABLIS 1er Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine Louis Michel 2012	59.50
<i>After our recent Louis Michel tasting this has to be the star of the show.</i>	

RHÔNE

CONDRIEU LES CHAILLETS VIEILLES VIGNES <i>Domaine Cuilleron 2011</i>	110.00
<i>The most highly regarded white from Rhône, wonderfully opulent and perfumed on the nose with a honey, blossom and spicy complexity.</i>	





DESSERT WINES

A glass of dessert wine, of which we have considerably increased our selection, is a delicious accompaniment to all puddings, cheeses etc. and also a delightful alternative to port or cognac as a "digestif." For the more "avant garde" among our customers, a glass of well-chilled Muscat is an excellent aperitif, or accompaniment to terrines and, in particular, foie gras.

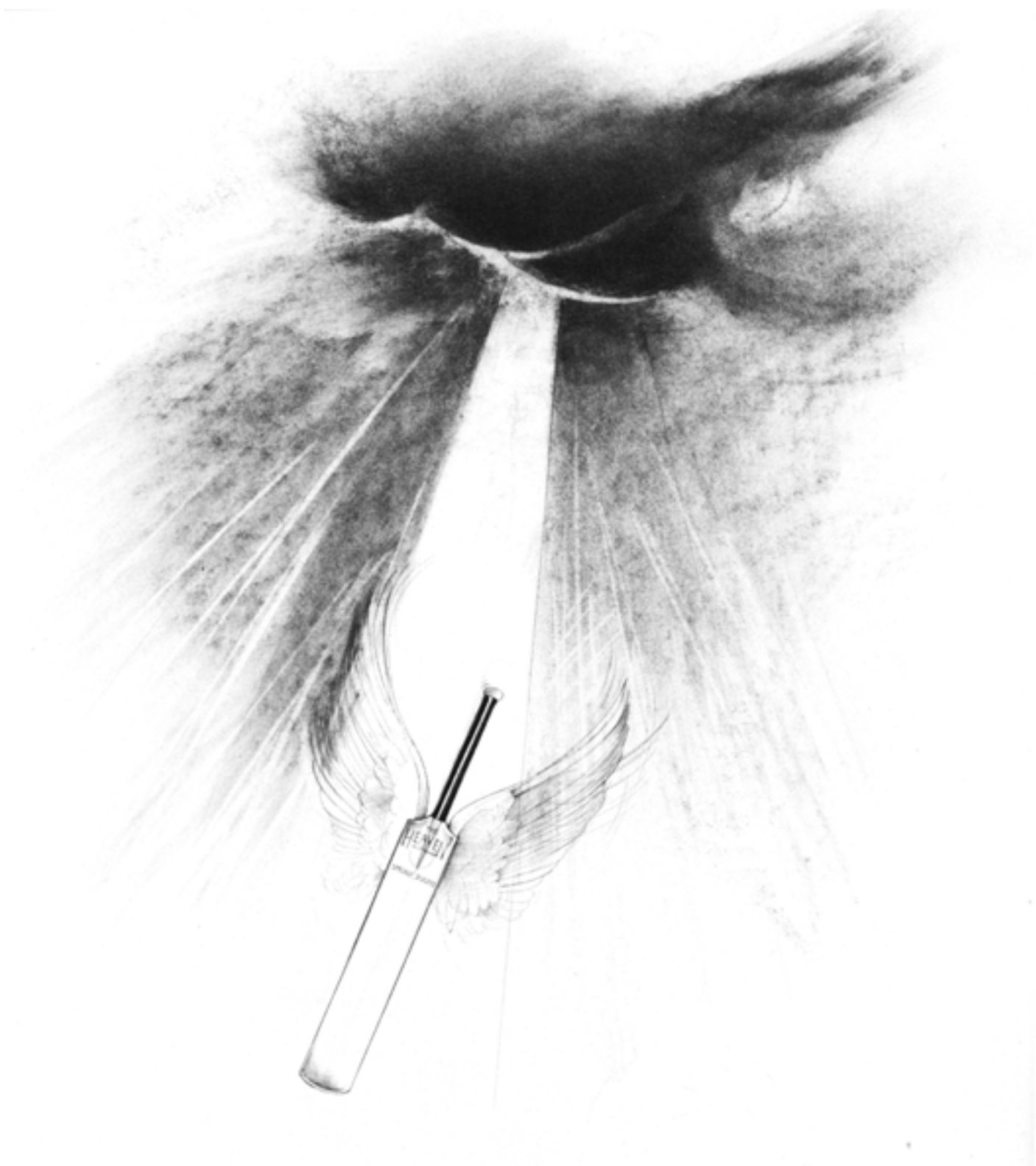
MUSCAT DE SAINT JEAN DE MINERVOIS Domaine de Barroubio 2011 15% ABV <i>Intense, complex nose of grapes, pear, rose petals and citrus. Sweet, rich and powerful with a balancing zesty acidity on the long finish.</i>	37.cl Bottle 24.00	125ml Glass 7.00
MORSI DI LUCE 2009 Vino Liquoroso di Pantelleria <i>From the island between Sicily and Tunisia, where "Catch 22" was filmed; a golden wine with traces of hazelnuts and apricots on the palate - without any catches!</i>	50cl Bottle 39.50	125ml Glass 10.00
PASSITO DI NOTO Planeta 2011 11% ABV <i>Medium bodied, sweet and sensuous with fine flavours of ripe apricot, honey and melon, good balancing acidity and a crisp, mouthfilling finish.</i>	50cl Bottle 49.00	125ml Glass 13.00
LIQUEUR MUSCAT Skillogalee NV 17.5% ABV <i>This shows nutty, raisin and apricot flavours, and is full and sweet enough to match well with the sweetest desserts (even chocolate!).</i>	75cl Bottle 70.00	125ml Glass 14.00
VIDAL ICEWINE Peller 2010 11.5% ABV <i>A sweet mouth-feel balanced by bracing acidity and fruit flavours of peach, apricot and a drizzle of honey. Citrus peel, pineapple and white currant linger through on the finish.</i>	37.5cl Bottle 75.00	125ml Glass 18.00

PORT

The Englishman's traditional end to a good lunch or dinner.

TAYLOR'S LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE 2005 20% ABV	Decanted Whole Bottle 35.00	125ml Glass 8.00
VINTAGE PORT		
QUINTA DO CRASTO VINTAGE 2009 <i>Full-bodied structure, mouthfilling blackcurrant fruit and terrific length.</i>	75.00	
POCAS SINGLE VINTAGE 1994 <i>From a great vintage of the late 20th century.</i>	85.00	





DIGESTIFS

All spirits served in the restaurant are standard double measures (50ml). Please ask if you would prefer a single measure.

OUR FAVOURITE DIGESTIF? IT'S GOT TO BE GRAPPA !!

All serious meals in Italy finish with a good Grappa. No longer is Grappa the old "fire-water" as served in 1970's Tratts, but a refined and smooth drink that greatly benefits the digestive system. (We hope!)

GRAPPA TRADIZIONE NONINO 41% ABV	8.00
GRAPPA MONOVITIGNO IL MOSCATO NONINO 41% ABV	8.50
GRAPPA FRAGOLINO CRU NONINO 45% ABV	14.00

COGNAC

HINE V.S.O.P.	8.50
TESSERON X.O. SELECTION	16.50

ARMAGNAC

BAS ARMAGNAC V.S.O.P.	8.50
BAS ARMAGNAC X.O. (20 YEARS OLD)	10.50
VINTAGE BAS ARMAGNAC CASTARÈDE 1979	13.50

POTSTILL BRANDY

TOKARA, 5 YEAR OLD	15.00
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CALVADOS

HENRY DE QUERVILLE	9.50
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MALT & IRISH WHISKIES

GLENMORANGIE 10 YEARS-OLD	8.50
BUSHMILLS BLACKBUSH SPECIAL	8.50
TALISKER 10 YEAR-OLD	8.50
OBAN 14 YEAR-OLD	10.50
CRAGGANMORE 12 YEAR-OLD	10.50
LAGAVULAN 16 YEAR-OLD	10.50
MACALLAN 10 YEAR-OLD	8.50

LIMONCELLO

6.50

An Italian liqueur made from fresh lemons in Amalfi. Served cold, superb with all summery puddings – or on its own at the end of a meal.

We also sell a wide range of Liqueurs.



