

# House Wine

## White Wine

### **Panul '10 - Sauvignon Blanc**

*Citrus fruits & mineral notes  
with a touch of herbs.*

Bin 630

**Chile €26**

Glass **€6.75**

### **Farnese '09 - Pinot Grigio**

*Dazzling with enticing fruit and fresh herb aromas,  
a scintillating mouthful of rich peach and grapefruit is evident  
on the palate. Lemon, lime and a mineral crispness also persist  
with a gentle spicy finish.*

Bin 620

**Italy €30**

Glass **€7.95**

### **Bouchard Chardonnay 08– Chardonnay**

*Light yellow in colour with a bouquet of citrus fruit.  
with notes of honey and toasted bread*

Bin 605

**France €28**

Glass **€7.25**

## Red Wine

### **Panul 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon**

*Deep plum & damson flavours with  
some hints of herbs &  
a rich fruit finish.*

Bin 532

**Chile €26**

Glass **€6.75**

### **Bidoli '08- Merlot**

*Ripe attractive red fruits on front palate leading to  
Plentiful darker spicy cherry fruits with a well balanced  
Acidity on the palate*

Bin 523

**Italy €31**

Glass **€7.95**

### **Albali Arium '09 – Tempranillo**

*A “modern” style wine, smooth, elegant, spicy and  
concentrated with well balance oak flavours*

Bin 510.

**Spain €28**

Glass **€7.25**

# White Wine

## France

### **Picpoul de Pinet A/C 2009 – Picpoul**

**Languedoc €33**

*“Vigorous acidity overlaid with liquorice and touches of petroleum and lime. An alluring alternative to Sauvignon Blanc” – Tomas Clancy, Sunday Business Post.*

Bin 600

### **Château Haut Rian AOC '09 – Sauv Blanc / Semillon**

**Bordeaux €33**

*Concentrated with citrus fruits, gooseberry & green apple flavours, good balance & long crisp finish.*



*“Silver Medal winner concours general agricole 2010”*

Bin 601

### **Guy Saget AOC '07 - Pouilly Fume**

**Val de Loir €49**

*Deliciously rich with lemon, lime & hints of honey. This is a big full-bodied white wine with a long finish.*

Bin 602

### **Sancerre AOC '09 - Sauvignon Blanc Domaine Serge Laloue**

**Val de Loir €54**

*Crisp & dry leading to luscious, slightly flinty gooseberry fruit.*

Bin 603

### **Chablis Premier Cru '06 – Chardonnay Bouchard Montmains Aine et Fils**

**Burgundy / Chablis €63**

*Fresh, steely green apple fruits with a crisp dry finish.*

Bin 604

### **Bouchard Chardonnay 08– Chardonnay**

**Burgundy €29**

*Light yellow in colour with a bouquet of citrus fruit. with notes of honey and toasted bread*

Bin 605

# White Wine

## Spain

### **Marques de Caceres '08/2009 – Viura**

**Rioja €30**

*Crisp, clean taste with a hint of lemon*

Bin 610

### **Jose Pariente '08/09 – Verdejo**

**Rueda €39**

*This Verdejo grape combines the richness of a ripe Chardonnay with the tingling freshness of a Sauvignon Blanc.*

*Aromas of olive oil and freshly cut grass.*

*Delicate yet assertive with concentrated mineral and lime fruit flavours.*

*A long, crisp and nettley finish. **Liam Campbell, The Dubliner.***

Bin 611

### **Fillaboa '08 – Albarino**

**Rias Bixas €45**

*Aromas of apricot and honey and a satisfying finish with a citrus flavour, making this wine to a special tip for everybody who likes it fruity.*

Bin 612

## Italy

### **Farnese '09 - Pinot Grigio**

**Temeno €30**

*Dazzling with enticing fruit and fresh herb aromas, a scintillating mouthful of rich peach and grapefruit is evident on the palate. Lemon, lime and a mineral crispness also persist with a gentle spicy finish.*

Bin 620

### **Gavi di Gavi '07- Corvina**

**Piedmont €36**

*Fresh Aromas of green apples and grass. Full flavour with crisp acidity and a lingering green fruit after taste.*

Bin 621

# White Wine

## New World

**Panul '10 - Sauvignon Blanc** Chile / Lontue Valley €26

Citrus fruits & mineral notes  
with a touch of herbs.

Bin 630

**Nautilus Estate 09 - Sauvignon Blanc** New Zealand / Marlborough €43

Fragrant bouquet of gooseberry,  
passion fruit & lime showing excellent dept  
dept & intensity of flavours.

Bin 631

**Paddy Borthwick – Pinot Gris** New Zealand / Wairarapa €39

stylish dry white, halfway between the exuberant  
zing of pinot grigio and the fuller, more serious  
Alsace Pinot Gris, is an example of that attention to detail:  
intense with fresh pears on the nose, exotically juicy apple  
and pear flesh and a refreshing citrusy zing providing the  
satisfying counterpart that brings an elegant dry finish  
to the proceedings." *The Independent, Fifty Best Wines.*

Bin 634

**Pepperton Estate - Chardonnay / Semillon** Australia / New south Wales €33

Pale green gold in colour. Fresh fruit driven  
Style with citrus and peach aromas, soft clean fruit  
Flavours and with lemon acidity finish.

Bin 632

**Pewsey Valle '09 - Riesling** Australia / Eden valley €38

Intense fruit aromas of limes and lemon zest.  
Refreshing natural acidity on the finish gives balance.

Bin 633

**Tahbilk- Marsanne** Australia / Nagambie Lakes €36

This is one of my favourite Aussie whites,  
Light peach and pineapple fruits with a strong mineral streak.  
It ages brilliantly, yet is quite delicious now. *The Irish Times*



"Silver Medal winner concours general agricole 2010"

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# Red Wine

## France

**Hautes Cotes de Nuits AOC '06 - Pinot Noir** **Burgundy** €55

*A classic Pinot with tons of intense cherry like fruits.  
Well balanced & finishes with some mouth watering acidity.*



*"Gold Medal winner vingerons independents concours 2008"*

Bin500

**Corbieres A/C Syrah/Grenache/Carignan** **Languedoc** €33  
**Chateau de Vagelas**

*Slightly Burly, warming dark fruits, with a good dry finish.  
This is a classic French style of wine, the sort you could  
happily drink with most mid-week meals." John Wilson, Irish Times*

Bin501

**Châteauneuf du Pape A.C '06 - Grenache, Syrah** **Cote du Rhône** €69  
**Domaine Per Pape**

*Real spice influence on the nose. A very aromatic & well balanced wine,  
it reveals notes of blackberry, cherry, liquorice & has a persistent finish.*

Bin502

**Margaux A/C 1999 - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot** **Bordeaux** €95  
**Chateau Labegorce**

*An elegant and supple wine with delicious black fruits  
Overlain with cedary tones and hints of vanilla.*

Bin503

**St EmilionTour de Pas St George 06- Merlot /Cab Sauv** **Bordeaux** €49

*Soft plummy fruit with elegance. A medium body & a good finish.*

Bin504

**Fleurie Dom. De la Treille '08- Gamay** **Beaujolais** €45

*It has typical raspberry fruit flavours with a medium  
body & a good finish.*

# Red Wine

## Spain

### **Albali Arium '09 – Tempranillo**

A “modern” style wine, smooth, elegant, spicy and concentrated with well balance oak flavours

Bin 510.

Valdepenas €28

### **Vinasperi Seleccion Limitada '08 - Tempranillo**

*Elegant, pleasant smoky plum, cassis and a touch of Menthol and tobacco notes, this wine has real depth*



“Gold Medal winner international wine challenge”

Bin 513

Rioja €56

### **Elias Mora Semicrianza '08- Tinto de Toro**

*Rich chocolate, fig and damson flavours fill the mouth; a substantial, rounded, smooth wine offering hedonistic pleasure to the wine drinker". **The Best of Wine In Ireland.***

Bin 511.

Toro DO €38

### **Langa Organic '08- Grenacha-Shyrah**

*Intense aromas of ripe red fruits. The palate is generous harmonious and sumptuous, filled with soft red fruits*

Bin 512.

Calatayud €31

## Italy

### **Bidoli '08- Merlot**

*Ripe attractive red fruits on front palate leading to Plentiful darker spicy cherry fruits with a well balanced Acidity on the palate*

Bin 523

Friuli €31

### **Tommasi Ripasso '08-Corvina Veronese/ Rondinella/ Molinara**

*Rich spicy black pepper nose with a hint of raisins. Full body, very intense, R spicy, sweet cherry flavours with a long opulent finish.*

Bin 520

Verona €45

### **Amarone DOC 2006- Corvina Veronese/ Rondinella/ Molinara**

*Full bodied, warm and ripe on the nose, intense and of great refinement with distinct notes of dried cherries and Plums with a lingering after taste.*

Bin 521

Verona €81

### **Barolo DOCG '04 Pio Cesare - Nebbiolo**

*Clean & closed. Rich fruit & tight tannins. Intense ripe flavours.*

Bin 522

Piemont €88

# Red Wine

## New World

**Budini '09 Dominio de Plata - Malbec** Argentina / Mendoza €31

*Medium in body with good intensity of plum, damson & red fruit character & a savoury, spicy finish.*

Bin 530

**Pepperton Estate '08 - Shiraz, Cab. Sauvignon** Australia / South Wales €33

*Rich aromas of plums and blackberries balanced by black pepper and spice with undertones leather and violets. Dark berry fruits well contrast with burnt Toffee flavours on the palate*

Bin 531

**Coriole '08 - Sangiovese/Shiraz** Australia / McLaren Vale €38

*Lovely, easy dark cherry fruits, classic of Sangiovese but riper and smoother with soft tannins on the finish.*

***The Best of Wine in Ireland***

Bin 531

**Panul 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon** Chile / Colchagua Valley €29

*Deep plum & damson flavours with some hints of herbs & a rich fruit finish.*

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## Classic Champagne

### **Heidsieck Brut**

Gently spicy, aromatic and rich with toasty, buttery flavours and a complex, biscuity finish

Bin 800

€65

### **Snipe of Heidsieck Brut**

Gently spicy, aromatic and rich with toasty, buttery flavours and a complex, biscuity finish

Bin 400

€19.50

### **Laurent Perrier Brut**

Fresh, delicate citrus and white fruit aromas are followed by an elegant, yeasty, fruity palate with balanced crisp acidity.

Bin 801

€85

### **Laurent Perrier Rose**

The palate is elegant, with subtle hints of red and black fruits along with a toasty, citrus lees character.

Bin 810

€95

## Vintage Champagne

### **Dom Pérignon 2000**

*Fresh, crystalline and sharp, the first nose reveals a unique vegetal aquatic world with hints of white pepper and gardenia. In the mouth the attack is direct, a prelude to a lusty roundness that seems to curl up like a plant. The notes of anis and dried ginger glide over fruit skins creating an effect more tactile than freshy.*

Bin 900

€250

### **Louis Roederer Cristal 1999**

Slight residual sugar, sweetness initially on the lips, far dryer on the palate, still sparkly and effervescent on the finish.

Bin 901

€650

## Sparkling Wine

### **Le Comtesse Prosecco DOC**

clean and fresh, with plenty of minerals and earthy notes, along with tangy apple and peach scents and flavors.

It delivers a spicy, clean finish.

Bin 700

€50

Glass

€10.50

### **Carles Andreu Brut Cava Reserva**

Aged for a minimum of 18 months, this sparkling wine is pale yellow in colour with green highlights and fine bubbles. Fruity on the nose with an intense apple aroma. A dry and fruity palate.

€50

# Rosé Wine

## Ca'Lunghetta 2009 –Pinot Grigio

Italy/North Italy

€26

Light, refreshing & fragrant with a light strawberry flavour.

Bin 640

## Dessert Wine / Port by the glass

### Muscat de Rivesaltes A/C - Muscat

France/ Banyuls

€7

#### Domaine Gardies Flor

Sweet black fruit nose with toasty undertones. Smooth and soft.

### Quinto de Crasto Touriga Nacional / Tinta Roriz DOC LBV Port

Portugal/ Porto

€8

## White Half Bottles

### Château Haut Rian AOC '09 – Sauv Blanc / Semillon

Bordeaux

€18

Concentrated with citrus fruits, gooseberry & green apple flavours, good balance & long crisp finish.

Bin 200

### Chablis Domaine Seguinot Bordet 07 -Chardonnay

Burgundy / Chablis

€26

A very drinkable Chablis that shows soft, round fruit flavour alongside more typical (and typically challenging) minerality.

Bin 201

## Red Half Bottles

### Château de Garras 07 Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon

€19

Lovely easy drinking red wine full of ripe red fruits and hints of spice in the finish

Bin 300

### St Emilion Tour de Pos St George 06 Merlot

€27

plummy fruit with elegance. A medium body & a good finish

Bin 301

# Italy

There is no other country on earth with a wine culture like that of Italy. There are over 2000 indigenous varieties (native grapes) spread throughout this beautiful country. In Italy there are a myriad of classified regions each one is home to a unique viticultural industry, from the cool climates in the northeast such as Alto Adige and Friuli to the warm, sunny zones of the south such as Campania, Puglia and Sicily. Be it delicious whites with vibrant acidity or powerful reds that age for decades, Italian wines present every color in the rainbow, viticulturally speaking!

Italy has a similar classification system to France and Spain, with all classified wine regions regulated under the **Denominazione di Origine Controllata** (DOC) or **Denominazione di Origine Controllata et Garantita** (DOCG).

**Piedmont** in the northwest of Italy may be the most significant Italian wine region, for it is the origin of perhaps the greatest Italian red wine, **Barolo**. Nearby is **Valpolicella**, a red wine DOC. In the heart of **Valpolicella** is located Tommasi, a family viticultural firm founded in 1902. Since then the Tommasi estate has grown on the production of high quality whites and red wines. This DOC is in the running for top Italian red wine

# Champagne

When it comes to this famous wine region, there aren't many different appellations to remember. In fact, there is just one: Champagne. Hence, if you see a bottle with the word 'Champagne' on the label, it acts as a guarantee that this wine has been produced in this cold, northern French region, and nowhere else.

French monks were the first to bottle a sparkling form of wine called Champagne, named after the Champagne region of France.

The method of making "mousse" (another name for bubbles) in a bottle was invented by the efforts of Frère Jean Oudart (1654 – 1742) and Dom Pierre Pérignon (1639 – 1715), Benedictine monks and cellar masters at the respective abbeys of Saint-Pierre aux Monts de Châlons and Saint-Pierre d'Hautvillers

What determines the quality of the bottle is the style of wine inside it. A **non-vintage** (often abbreviated to NV) wine is a blend of wine from several different years. They are blended so as to maintain a house style, and this is the entry level for Champagne. **Vintage** wines are produced from a single year, and most houses will only release a vintage wine if they deem that the grapes harvested that year are of sufficient quality. Accordingly, they are more expensive than the NV wines. They are identifiable simply by the presence of a vintage year on the label. **Prestige cuvées** are released by some of the top houses, and here quality can be excellent. Some examples include Dom Pérignon (Moët et Chandon), Année (Bollinger), Cristal (Roederer), La Grande Dame (Veuve Clicquot), etc...

# France

France's history with wines can be traced back to the times of the Roman Empire. When the Romans expanded, they planted vineyards as they went. The religious orders in France took care to protect these grape vines during the Dark Ages. Many *noble varieties* of grapes are ones that have been refined in France over the centuries to produce a high quality of flavor.

France's climate and geography makes it quite unique, and in many ways perfect for growing grapes. The growing season is long, not too hot, with just the right amount of rainfall. Much of the soil is chalk and limestone, providing great drainage for the vines. The centuries of research they have done on the grapes has taught the French just which grapes grow in each particular area.

The main wine producing regions in France:

Bordeaux – This region is the most well known in France and produces some of the world's best wines.

Burgundy – This area is home to the most appellations in the entire country of France.

Languedoc-Roussillon – This area has the most planted vineyards in France.

Loire Valley – Produces mostly white wines and is divided into four sub-regions.

Rhone Valley – Produces mostly red wines and is located along the Rhone river

# Spain

Spain has a long history of producing fine wines, particularly the red wines of Rioja. Surprisingly, however, this famous name is just one small region among many, some of which produce equally good wines. Some of these regions are huge, and account for the fact that Spain has the largest area of land dedicated to viticulture of any country in the world.

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A wine guide for a whole country in just a few words is a difficult task, and I try to pick out the best regions, based on my own personal experiences.

In red wines we have the **Ribera del Duero**, a region of vineyards situated around the Duero river. Despite Rioja's reputation, it is in fact the Ribera del Duero that is home to Spain's most expensive wine, produced by Vega Sicilia. There are some splendid wines to be had in this region, based on a mixture of international (Cabernet Sauvignon) and indigenous (Tempranillo) grapes.

Further east, and back to the north a little, is **Rioja**. The epitome of fine red Spanish wine for generations, Rioja can still be superb. The grape of note is the Tempranillo, although there are some plantings of lesser grapes, including Garnacha Tinta (known as Grenache in France).

Going down a bit to the center is **Valdepeñas**, a red wine region, less important than Rioja or the Ribera del Duero, which produces good value drinking wines. Some of the best producers are using oak-ageing to add more appeal to their wines.