

Wine List

Welcome to our 2024 list!

For our dishes, we buy the finest and freshest ingredients that we can find, treat them with the respect they deserve and serve them generously...we use the same ethos for our wines.

We source, with our award winning local Devon wine merchant, Christopher Piper Wines, the best wines, beers and spirits from around the globe. We deal with ethical producers who deeply care about their environment and their 'legacy' to the land. These producers are not making glib marketing statements but carrying out wide ranging eco-friendly practices that genuinely improve the land and their crops. You can taste the difference!

We have a wide-ranging list with many different 'styles' of wines. In order to help you choose the perfect pairing for your meal, the list has been arranged from dry, crisp whites through to the rich, complex reds. If there is anything that we can do to help with your wine selection, please just ask.

Pre Dinner drinks

Jerez/Sherry/Port

100ml Glass

'LA GITANA' MANZANILLA [Dry]

£7.95

Javier Hidalgo, Sanlucar de Barrameda, Spain. (abv 15%)

Fresher and fruitier than ever. This Manzanilla is elegant, pungent and nutty with a delightful tangy salty finish. The perfect way to start your evening.

AMONTILLADO DELGADO ZULETA [Medium dry sherry]

£7.50

Delgado Zuleta, Andalucia, Spain (abv 17.5%)

Wonderful, intensely complex Amontillado which is not completely dry. Concentrated, salty, nutty flavours are the result of long ageing in old soleras, within sight of the sea.

OLOROSO ABOCADO 'Alameda' [Cream sherry]

£8.95

Javier Hidalgo, Bodegas Hidalgo, Sanlucar de Barrameda, Spain (abv 18%)

For those looking for a sweeter Oloroso, the Abocado is a blend of old soleras with high-quality Pedro Ximenez; it is dark and concentrated with a very long finish. These are all sherries which represent the most traditional side of the market and are the purest examples of what the Jerezanos drink themselves.

DRY WHITE PORT

£9.95

Churchill Graham, Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto, Portugal (abv 19.5%)

This is a White Port that makes a statement. Full flavoured with a dry nutty finish, its naturally rich, golden colour is the result of 10 years' ageing in wood. The extent of extra ageing gives the white port a balance and smoothness which puts it firmly in a class of its own. Served chilled. Stunning!

Champagne & Sparkling

125ml Glass Bottle

CHAMPAGNE GREMILLET BRUT 'Ambassadeur' N.V.

- **£55.50**

Balnot-Sur-Laignes, Aube, Champagne, France (abv 12.5%)

$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle **£37.50**

Our stunning 'House' Champagne made from a blend of 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay. Wonderfully creamy in texture, it has a lovely depth of fruit. A little known 'grower's champagne', it has won many awards.

PROSECCO SPUMANTE DOC Porte Nova

£32.50

Casa Vinicola Botter, Treviso, Italy (abv 11%)

A delicate nose of white flowers, almonds and pears. Made from the Glera grape, this Italian fizz is delightfully fresh, light and fruity. Delicious!

CRÉMANT de BOURGOGNE BLANC

£11.50 £36.50

Cave de Lugny, Burgundy, France (abv 11.5%)

Made in the Champagne method from the same grape varieties, this is a truly delicious elegant alternative. Soft, and fabulously fruity, with a very fine mousse.

CRÉMANT de BOURGOGNE ROSÉ

£11.50 £36.50

Cave de Lugny, Burgundy, France (abv 11.5%)

A elegant and zesty sparkling rosé made from Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Gamay grapes. Delicate raspberry and strawberry fruit with a light, creamy texture and a lovely fresh finish.

VEUVE FOURNY ROSÉ N.V.

- **£71.50**

Vertus, Champagne, France

Robert Parker recently wrote of i:his " Fine and persistent as well as rich and seductive. It may become one of the most recherché wines in champagne". Somewhat limited in supply this pink champagne is made from 1er Cru vineyards only and comes from a tiny, family-run Champagne house in Vertus.

Wines of the House

125ml Glass 250ml Glass Bottle

Whites

- | | 125ml Glass | 250ml Glass | Bottle |
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| <p>1. VIOGNIER, 2022</p> <p>Domaine Saint Hilaire, Pays d'Oc, France (abv 13.5%)
 <i>St. Hilaire's Viognier vines are over 20 years old, planted long before this variety was fashionable - the resulting wine is alluringly exotic with aromas of ripe apricots, peaches and honeysuckle. The palate exudes lush and unctuous fruit flavours beautifully balanced with a clean, mineral freshness.</i></p> | £8.50 | £12.00 | £35.00 |
| <p>2. SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023</p> <p>Lanark Lane, Marlborough, New Zealand (abv 12.5%)
 <i>Intensely aromatic, crisp and fresh, reflecting the world famous Marlborough style. Upfront and zesty, it shows typical gooseberry and tropical fruit with attractive herbaceous notes and a lingering finish. Leafy, tree lined Lanark Lane runs from Marlborough's West Coast Road down to a precious vineyard, planted exclusively in Sauvignon Blanc.</i></p> | £8.50 | £12.00 | £35.00 |
| <p>3. DART VALLEY RESERVE, 2022</p> <p>Sharpham Vineyards, Totnes, Devon (abv 11%)
 <i>Off-dry, ever popular, elegant white from South Devon. Made from Madeleine Angevine, Chardonnay and Bacchus grapes grown on the banks of the River Dart. This is a great aperitif wine and an ideal accompaniment to fish.</i></p> | £8.50 | £12.00 | £35.00 |

Wines of the House

	125ml Glass	250ml Glass	Bottle
Rosé			
4. TEJO ROSÉ, 2023	£7.50	£11.00	£32.50
Quinta do Casal Monteiro, Tejo, Portugal (abv 12.5%) <i>Charming pale pink rosé, crisp and dry with abundant red berry aromas and lovely fresh finish.</i>			
5. ROSÉ PINOT NOIR, 2022	£8.00	£11.50	£34.00
Villa Wolf, Rheinhessen, Germany (abv 11.5%) <i>Hints of rhubarb and raspberry on the nose, off-dry, yet rich and full flavoured, with a creamy texture and a splash of strawberry essence running through the middle.</i>			

Reds

6. CASSAGNAU ROUGE Syrah/Grenache/Merlot 2022	£7.50	£11.00	£32.50
Jacques Abet, Pauligne, Languedoc, France (abv 14%) <i>Produced in the low foothills of the Pyrenees, where the climates of the Mediterranean and Atlantic meet, this original gluggable blend has an expressively fruity bouquet and a hint of spice and Mediterranean herbs that herald in a smooth, creamy palate with silky tannins.</i>			
7. 'STABLEMATE' Merlot 2021	£8.50	£12.00	£35.00
Excelsior Estate, Robertson, South Africa (abv 14.8%) <i>A lovely rich and velvety Merlot with plenty of rich, ripe fruit and some subtle oak ageing. Lush cherry and plum characters backed up by smoky coffee and spice notes and a soft, supple texture.</i>			
8. RIOJA CRIANZA, 'Cerro Anon', 2020	£8.50	£12.00	£35.00
Bodegas Olarra, Logrono, Rioja Alta, Spain (abv 14%) <i>A traditional Riojan blend that offers crisp raspberry aromas which follow onto the palate Supported by layers of spiciness from the ageing mainly American oak. A firm yet velvety mouthfeel and long clean finish—a well balanced wine.</i>			

White Wines

Bottle

Light, crisp fresh whites, fully dry to off-dry

9. MUSCADET Sevre et Maine sur Lie, 2023 **£32.95**

Domaine de la Bretonnière, Le Landreau, Loire, France (abv 12%)
A truly memorable Muscadet from one of the most highly-regarded villages in the region. Pale in colour with distinctive white flower and green apple aromas. The palate is hyper-fresh and crisp yet with a wonderful richness and a great depth of fruit.

10. CHABLIS, 2022 **£48.50**

Domaine Pinson, Chablis, France
Bright, vibrant, pure, refreshing, aromatic, loaded with 'goût de pierre à fusil' (gunflint taste), and perfectly balanced between ripe fruit and lemony, green apple, acidity.

11. VERMENTINO di Sardegna, 2022 **£39.50**

Costamolino, Argiolas Estate, Cagliari, Sardinia
Subtle, delicate and beautifully dry, this Vermentino is, we think, outstanding. Argiolas personifies Sardinia, due in part to the family's devotion to indigenous Sardinian grape varieties. Their passion is shared by the famous oenologist Professor Giacomo Tachis, the father of prestigious Italian wines such as Sassicaia, Tignanello and Solaia, who has worked closely with the Argiolas family for over a decade now.

Aromatic, graceful whites

12. ALBARINO, 2022 **£39.50**

Bodegas Valtea, Pontevedra, Rias Baixas, Galicia, Spain
From a family-owned winery situated in a beautiful location where the Salnes Valley meets the Atlantic. This is a very fresh Albarino with white peach, melon and citrus flavours, leading to a superb mineral 'kick' on the finish.

13. THE REAL McCOY RIESLING, 2022 **£36.95**

Jordan Wine Estate, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Grown on the unique south-east facing cooler aspect, these vines are 30 years old and grown in decomposed granite soil. This sensitive and aromatic variety has been made with a hint of natural sugars and wonderful intense flavours of lime through to white peach and green apple. The balancing acidity makes it a perfect match to foods with some spice & white fish dishes. Utterly divine with crab and shellfish.

14. PINOT GRIGIO delle Venezie 'Bivio' 2022 **£32.50**

Bivio, IGT Venezie, Italy (abv 12%)
From Italy's northern province, almost on the Slovenian border, this is Pinot Grigio as it should be an elegant and lively bouquet with notes of pear, exotic fruit and crisp acidity, finishing with a gorgeous minerality.

White Wines

Bottle

Richer, more complex whites

- 15. CHARDONNAY, 2022** **£32.95**
Casas del Bosque, Casablanca, Chile
An intense, fruit driven Chardonnay from cool climate vineyards in Chile. On the nose aromas of walnut, ripe pear and quince dominate. In the mouth a citrus backbone is fleshed-out by ample mineral and peach notes, finishing with a very subtle smoky note. A short spell in oak adds to the complexity of this excellent, full-bodied Chardonnay.
- 16. MACON DAVAYE, Les Belouzes, 2022** **£42.95**
Domaine Guy Saumaize, Burgundy, France
Pale yellow and brilliant white Burgundy with an intense, fresh aroma and hints of citrus and ripe fruit. A nice minerality on the palate gives way to a persistent finish. Careful winemaking is the trademark of the Saumaize family giving their wines elegance and concentrated fruit flavours.
- 17. PINOT GRIS, 2022** **£36.50**
Villa Wolf, Pfalz, Germany
Ernst Loosen - of 'Dr Loosen' Mosel Riesling fame - took over this wine estate in the nineties and under his expert guidance it has gone from strength to strength. Their Pinot Gris has an opulent weight to it but retains a beautiful crisp freshness. Ripe pear and stone fruit abound with a hint of white pepper spice and a lovely zesty lift of lemony acidity.
- 18. ROUSSANNE 'Samuel's Garden' 2020** **£39.50**
Yalumba Wines, Eden Valley, South Australia
Aromas of wild flowers, chamomile, lavender and wild rose. A silky yet rich and structured wine with white fleshed peach and vanilla layered over fresh grapefruit with lingering hints of honeycomb.
- 19. CHARDONNAY 'Le Baron' 2022** **£42.00**
Domaine Saint Hilaire, Montagnac, Pays d'Oc, France
A sumptuous, rich, barrel-fermented Chardonnay from this picturesque and historic estate tucked away in the beautiful Hérault countryside. Named after the first Baron, Hilaire Reynaud, 'Chardonnay Le Baron' is made from hand-picked grapes carefully selected from the best parcels of 30 -35 year old vines which have exceptionally low yields and give intensely flavoured, concentrated juice. Delicately floral aromas of garrigue honey, lead to a palate of brioche typical of a Chardonnay resulting from a long ageing. This artisanal wine seduces with its elegance comparable to the great Burgundian wines.

Rosé Wines

Bottle

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Red Wines

Bottle

Soft, fruity reds

- 20. FLEURIE, 2022** **£39.50**
Chateau de la Chaize, Beaujolais, France
Intense, brilliant garnet red in colour. On the nose, finesse and elegance with notes of dried flowers and very ripe red fruits, and delicate tannins on the palate flowing into a salivating finish. All in all a silky, soft Fleurie with real precision and underlying concentration, giving it great length.
- 21. PINOT NOIR, 'Serbal' 2023** **£34.50**
Bodegas Atamisque, Tupungatao, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina
With this wine, it's all about the fruit, no oak, and pure varietal character. Elegant, poised with a very fruity nose offering overtones of cherry and strawberry. A soft, velvety palate with a suggestion of smokiness and a good fruity finish. A delightful Pinot Noir that would give low-end Burgundy a run for its money.
- 22. MARANGES 1er CRU, 'Les Loyeres' 2022** **£50.50**
Château de la Charrière, Domaine Yves Girardin, Burgundy, France
With a brilliant garnet red colour, this is a great example of Pinot Noir from one of the less well known villages of the Cotes de Beaune. On the nose, ripe fruit aromas and toasted notes are to the fore. The palate is rounded and full with rich, gentle tannins and fine spicy notes which persist in the mouth-filling finish.

Red Wines

Bottle

Medium bodied, fruit driven reds

- 23. CÔTES DU RHÔNE Cuvée Terre Nature, 2022** **£36.50**
Domaine Roche-Audran, Buisson, Southern Rhone, France
*A deliciously fresh and silky Grenache/Syrah blend from the **Organic** and **Biodynamic** estate of talented Rhône winemaker, Vincent Rochette. Packed full of vibrant berry fruit infused with garrigue herbs, the 'Cuvée Nature' undergoes a long, slow vinification before being bottled in the spring with **no added Sulphur** to preserve the flavour and freshness of this cuvée.
Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Mourvèdre*
- 24. CHÂTEAU LA PASSONNE, 2020** **£35.00**
Bordeaux, France
*Situated in the commune of Cadillac, on the opposite bank of the Garonne to the Graves and Sauternes, this Premières Côtes de Bordeaux has been something of a find. Made by Michel Bonot and Louis-Michel Muyst, of Château Carbon d'Artigues, in the Graves, this is an outstanding claret with plenty of easy, succulent fruit, a good structure provided by very soft, ripe tannins and a long finish. It is complex and juicy and quite delicious, and shows that modest red Bordeaux can provide some terrific drinking if carefully made by passionate artisan-craftsmen.
Merlot 60%, Cabernet-Sauvignon 35%, Cabernet Franc 5%*
- 25. TOURIGA NACIONAL 'Forma de Arte', 2020** **£34.00**
Casal Monteiro, Tejo, Portugal
*Made exclusively from estate-grown Touriga Nacional grapes. harvested at the ideal maturation point. This unoaked, concentrated and fully aromatic wine has great structure and complexity, with bags of juicy black fruit flavours, and a persistent finish.
Very food friendly, especially with weighty, rich, meat dishes.*
- 26. MONICA DI SARDEGNA 'Perdera', 2022** **£37.50**
Argiolas, Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy
Perdera, meaning "place of many stones," is made from Monica, a grape grown exclusively on the island of Sardinia. This native variety has bright acidity, low tannins with flavours of cherries and plums underpinned by floral and spicy notes. Juicy, soft and easy to drink, rarely seen on wine lists, but very popular in its native land.

Red Wines

Bottle

Full bodied, more complex reds

- 27. MONASTRELL Old Vine, Tarima Hill, 2020** **£37.95**
Bodegas Volver, Pinoso, D.O. Alicante, Spain
Made by one of Spain's most innovative winemakers, this is an outstanding 100% Monastrell (Mourvedre) made from old vines at high altitude between Alicante's main mountain ranges. Aged in French oak for twenty months, it is packed with deep brooding blueberries and blackberry fruit with a touch of chocolate. This wine has exceeded our expectations. Robert Parker 91points (An outstanding wine of exceptional complexity and character.)
- 28. SHIRAZ 'Bobbie Burns', 2021** **£42.00**
Campbells, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia
Deep, dark and brooding red made with grapes from Campbells' long-established 'Bobbie Burns' vineyard. The nose has a wonderful depth of spicy plum and blackberry fruit, following onto the full-bodied, beautifully structured palate, with layers of fine tannins and complementary characters of liquorice, cocoa, black pepper and toasty oak.
- 29. RIPASSA VALPOLICELLA SUPERIORE, 2019** **£48.50**
Zenato, Peschiera del Garda, Verona, Italy
A Ripassa wine shares many of the characteristics of Amarone. This is an intense, rounded, velvet-textured wine with rich, complex aromas of berries and an impressively lengthy finish that seems to linger forever. A superb wine that is perfect with richer foods and, to be frank, outstanding with cheeses too.
- 30. MALBEC Secret 2020** **£47.95**
Finca Eugenio Bustos, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina
One of the best reds from South America that we have ever tried. There is an astonishing concentration of rich fruit, Asian spices, dark chocolate and liquorice, underpinned by sweet vanilla (from careful maturation in oak barrels) and a zesty acidity. Silky, medium-bodied and stuffed with uber-ripe fruit, this wine doesn't need any validation but we ought to point out that it won the Malbec Trophy at the International Wine Challenge!

Half Bottles

½ Bottle

White Wines

40H. SAINT VERAN, Vieilles Vignes, 2021 HALF: **£30.50**

Domaine G Saumaize, Burgundy, France

Acacia and lime on the nose with a hint of spice, this delicious Maconnais wine has vibrant, racy fruit, a lovely minerality, and a creamy finish.

41H. CHÂTEAU HAUT RIAN, 2022 HALF: **£25.50**

Bordeaux Blanc, Rions, Bordeaux, France

Fully dry but packed with ripe, rich gooseberry flavour and a wonderful zesty balancing acidity.

A perfect aperitif, which happily accompanies creamy chicken and fish dishes.

This is a blend of 70% Sémillon and 30% Sauvignon Blanc.

Red Wines

42H. CHATEAU MUSAR, 2017 HALF: **£40.50**

Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

The traditional Musar blend of approximately one third each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault and Carignan. Dark blood red colour with a rich, fragrant fruit nose of mulberries, black cherries, plums with a hint of mocha. The palate is very intense and concentrated, full of volume and characterised by forest and black fruits with elegant spice. The tannins are soft and juicy and it has a lengthy finish.

43H. CHÂTEAU BOURGNEUF-VAYRON, Pomerol, 2010 HALF: **£39.50**

Château Bourgneuf, Bordeaux, France

Xavier and Dominique Vayron own 9 hectares of a single vineyard plot that rubs shoulders with those of Chateau Trotanoy Situated in one of the warmest parts of Pomerol, Château Bourgneuf produces substantial wines that are deep and dense, layered and complex, with perfectly rounded tannins. The palate is full-bodied and fleshy, with bouncy fruitiness, ripe tannins, and splendid length.

Dessert & Cheese Wines

Bottle

- 50. SAUTERNES, 2020** 37.5cl **£32.00**
Maison Sichel, Bordeaux, France
The Sichel Sauternes, crafted by one of the most prestigious classified growths of the appellation, (we can't say which one, as their own wine would be three times the price!) enjoys the same meticulous, very special care that goes into producing the top Crus of this renowned region. Here, the Sémillon (80%) and Sauvignon Blanc (20%) combine harmoniously to offer a highly expressive bouquet of citrus notes and marmalade fruit with a hint of honey. Incredible length and complexity.
- 51H. ELYSIUM, Black Muscat, 2022** 37.5cl **£36.00**
Quady Winery, Madera, California, USA
An aroma of roses accompanies dark cherry, strawberry which is balanced with a fruit acidity to finish. It has been said that this crimson delight is well deserving of it's name, as it transports the drinker into a state of eternal bliss.

Ports

75ml Glass

- CHURCHILL'S 'RESERVE' PORT** **£9.00**
Churchill Graham Lda., Oporto, Portugal (abv 20%)
This Port punches well above its weight: concentrated flavours (fruitcake, dried figs and spicy mulberries) and a smooth, rich texture make this a sensibly priced alternative to Vintage Port.
- 10 YEAR OLD TAWNY PORT** **£10.00**
Churchill Graham Lda., Oporto, Portugal (abv 19.5%)
Delicious served chilled or at cellar temperature. Perfect for sipping and a delight with all cheeses. A sensational match with chocolate desserts .One of our 'must-trys'!

Digestifs

35ml
Glass

Cognac

VSOP FINE PETITE CHAMPAGNE COGNAC

£9.95

Chateau de Montifaud, Jarnac, Cognac, France

A delightfully light and fragrant cognac with aromas of lime blossom. The palate is smooth and rounded with flavours of fresh pear and hints of toffee apple and vanilla.

XO RÉSERVE DE LA FAMILLE (30 YEAR OLD)

£11.95

Chateau de Montifaud, Jarnac, Fine Petite Champagne Cognac, France

Beautifully mellow with pronounced aromas of dried fruits and toasted almonds. Silky in the mouth with great freshness and hints of tawny port, cedar, eucalyptus, tobacco and nutmeg.

HINE ANTIQUE XO GRANDE CHAMPAGNE

£16.95

Hine, Grande Champagne Cognac, France

Created in 1920 by Georges Hine (grandfather of Bernard Hine, today's Honorary Chairman).

Complex, rich and long-lasting on the palate with aromas of vanilla, honey, baked apple, spices then hints of leather and liquorice. Made from the best area of Cognac; Grande Champagne this is simply mesmerising.

Armagnac

ARMAGNAC 12 YEAR OLD

£9.95

Domaine des Cassagnoles, Ténarèze, Gascony, France

Robust and full-bodied Armagnac with a good weight of earthy dried fruit and faint hints of violet and liquorice. The mouthfeel is smooth and rich with well-balanced toasty vanilla oak.

BAS ARMAGNAC VIEILLE RÉSERVE (15 – 20 YEAR OLD)

£11.95

Loubère, la Bastide d'Armagnac, Gascony, France

Splendidly traditional: plenty of spicy vanilla, prune and citrus fruit, leading to a long, generous finish with honeyed raisin flavours.

Calvados

CALVADOS PAYS D'AUGE 2009

£9.95

Les Vergers de la Moriniere, Astrid Hubert, La Fresnaye-Fayel, Normandy, France

Nestling deep in the lush fertile country of the Pays d'Auge, les Vergers de la Moriniere produces some of the very best farm-produced calvados with knowledge and expertise passed down through five generations of the Hubert family. An absolute classic with remarkable complexity, round and very long in the mouth.

Rum

DIPLOMATICO RESERVA EXCLUSIVA RUM - Venezuela

£9.50

Multi-award winning, deep golden rum - honey and cinnamon spice with notes of dried fruits and candied citrus peel and a light, silken texture. Think hot cross bun with a blob of butter. Mmmhh...

LUGGER RUM - Lyme Bay, Devon England

£8.50

Caribbean rum aged in bourbon-charred oak barrels by the Lyme Bay winery in Devon before spicing it with nutmeg, orange-peel and cloves, as well as the more typical vanilla.

We also keep a fine selection of single malt whiskies. Please ask.