

# Gilbey's

## WINE LIST

### My wine blog

Looking at our wine sales throughout December it does look as though a lot of you had some very happy times with us. We can tell this by looking at the wines you drank. Good wines at good prices make everyone happy. We sold a lot of our finer more expensive wines which now gives me the impetus to look at re-stocking our cellars ... always something that I enjoy doing. Our wine pricing policy is obviously paying off. Good wines at good prices must make people happy.

For every wine charged at more than £30 per bottle we have a standard uniform cash mark up. This means that we make no more on a bottle selling for £30 than we do on a bottle selling for £70. Conclusion: the more expensive the wine, the better value for money you actually get. There are no penalties for trading up on our Wine List; the very opposite in fact.

We continue to list our wines by grape variety as well as by country and region. Grape variety is always the key to what you might expect from any given wine. Each wine is given **a brief description in green text** ... .. and then I get a bit more verbose with **four more lines in black text** about each wine. This is definitely not compulsory reading, but I enjoy the writing and some of you might find my words useful. I hope so! Mind you, the better you know your grape varieties the less you have to read.

My current reasonably priced desert island wines? If I have to restrict myself to say four, then I will happily stick to France.

Two whites

**TOURAINE SAUVIGNON 2018, Dom Desloges, Loire** (see Page 2)

Sauvignon: Delicious upfront gooseberry fruit. Instantly refreshing and brilliant with all those fish I will catch.

**BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY 2018, Nuiton-Beaunoy, Burgundy** (see Page 3)

Chardonnay: A bit more depth here, a wine to be lingered over and thought about for a little longer. Softer more tropical fruit flavours when your palate is tiring of the gooseberry assault!

Two reds

**GAMAY DE TOURAINE 2017, Domaine Desloges, Loire** (see Page 6)

Gamay: Uncomplicated crunchy red fruit flavours. I might well have this with the fish for a change, but might there be the odd chicken lurking about?

**CROZES-HERMITAGE Signature 2015/16, Domaine Michelas St. Jemms, Northern Rhône** (see Page 7)

Syrah: Presumably it will not always be stinking hot and there might be some red meat to be had. I want a big beautifully crafted red to make me sit up and take notice. I absolutely love this wine.

**Michael**  
**February 2020**



WHITE WINES | SPARKLING WINE BY THE GLASS | CARAFE

	125ml	175ml	250ml	500ml	Bottle
<b>LA BASTILLE 2018, Vin de France</b>					
Ugni Blanc, Colombard 11%	3.60	5.00	7.20	14.40	20.00
Peach aromas, crisp refreshing green apple flavours					
<b>MUSCADET de Sèvre et Maine 'sur lie' 2018, Dom de la Vinconnière, L. Perraud, Loire</b>					
Melon de Bourgogne 12%	4.80	6.70	9.60	19.20	26.75
Fine, dry, refreshing					
<b>TOURAIN SAUVIGNON 2017, Dom Desloges, Loire</b>					
Sauvignon 13%	5.70	8.00	11.40	22.80	32.00
Zippy, citrus fruit flavours					
<b>VAL do XULIANA ALBARIÑO 2018, Rias Baixas, Galicia, NW Spain</b>	6.70	9.40	13.40	26.80	37.50
Albariño 12.5%. Pronounced fruitiness and zing					
<b>PROSECCO EXTRA DRY PROVERBIO, DOC, Veneto, Italy</b>					
Glera, hand-picked, Organic, Vegan 11%	6.00				33.00
<b>CHAMPAGNE GILBEY'S, Brut NV, Charles Ellner</b>					
50% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Meunier 12%	9.00				48.00

WHITE WINES BY THE BOTTLE

*with Michael's tasting notes*

<b>LA BASTILLE 2018, Vin de France</b>	20.00
Ugni Blanc, Colombard 11%	
Peach aromas, crisp refreshing green apple flavours	
<b>FEDELE BIANCO Organic 2018, Terre Siciliane IGT, Sicily</b>	25.00
Catarrato, Inzolia, Grecanico 13%	
Fresh citrus and tropical fruit flavours. Organic, Vegan friendly	
Once the juice from each grape variety is blended together, it is aged on its lees (the deposit at the bottom of the barrels) before bottling. This gives added complexity and character. The Catarrato grape gives structure, viscosity and tropical fruit flavours, while the other two grape varieties give refreshing acidity and tropical fruit flavours.	
<b>VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO DOC 2018, Pontemagno, Cupramontana, Italy</b>	26.50
Verdicchio 12.5%	
Delicate scent of almond and wisteria flowers	
This is a perfect aperitif, good with creamy chicken dishes too, but not the best fish wine .. its not quite dry enough for that, not that it wants to be. Delicacy and elegance are to the fore, the flavours are of lemon and pear, the wine is soft and moreish in the mouth, refreshing too ... and there is a long fruit filled finish. The name means the Verdichchio of the castles of Jesi and Cupramontana is just one of the numerous hilltop villages that surround the central town of Jesi.	
<b>MUSCADET de Sèvre et Maine 'sur lie' 2018, Domaine de la Vinconnière, L. Perraud, Loire</b>	26.75
Melon de Bourgogne 12%	
Fine, dry, refreshing	
'Sur lie' are the key words here: this means that the wine stays in contact with the lees (dead yeast cells left over from fermentation) right through until bottling (usually March). The wine must be bottled directly off its lees and not go through any filtration process either. This gives the wine a really creamy 'mouth-feel' which together with its fresh fruity flavours makes this one of the all-time greats with seafood.	

**RUPE SECCA GRILLO 2017/18, DOC Sicilia, Italy** **27.00**

**Grillo 13%**

**Aromatic, lip-smacking dry citrus fruit flavours**

From the best vineyards in Sicily's Marsala area, all the grapes are picked by hand ... and this is a very pure example of what can be produced from the Grillo grape. The aromas recall fresh ripe lime and lemon, the palate is intense and racy and there is a lovely cleansing salinity to finish. Ideal as an apéritif, great with all seafoods and salads too.

**ANJOU Blanc 2017, Domaine de la Treille, Gabriel Taillée, Loire** **27.75**

**Chenin 11%**

**Medium dry; a hint of sweetness**

Situated South of Anjou, where the clay and sand soils seem to work so well with the highly versatile Chenin Blanc grape, this wine has distinct white flower and peach characteristics. A softer Loire white, not quite as uncompromisingly dry as some, but the grape's natural acidity ensures a clean crisp mineral finish. There is a soft unctuous element on the palate that will appeal to those who like their whites 'off-dry'.

**LE VERSANT CHARDONNAY 2017, IDP Pays d'Oc, South West France** **28.00**

**Chardonnay 13%**

**Honey, pineapple, almonds, toast**

These grapes are grown in the warmth of South West France, but the vineyards face North and maintain maximum freshness, which makes this wine a cracking alternative to a good Mâconnais white. A very aromatic nose with hints of white flowers, honey and pineapple, the wine is then quite full on the palate and has a long tropical toasted finish. Delicious on its own but will show even better with a bowl of our Cornish mussels.

**TOURAINE SAUVIGNON 2018, Domaine Desloges, Loire** **32.00**

**Sauvignon 13%**

**Zippy, citrus fruit flavours**

Typically aromatic with a quite complex note of hawthorn, elderflower and boxwood. Its crispy herbal texture and sheer refreshment value make it a bit of a crowd-pleaser. Always delicious as an apéritif and a good match for lighter fish and poultry dishes. It cannot match the steely gooseberry grip of a great Sancerre ... but, for the price it does get pretty close! It definitely zings.

**PEHHCORA PECORINO TERRE DI CHIETI IGT 2017, Abruzzo, Italy** **32.00**

**Pecorino 12.5%**

**Refreshingly crisp mineral flavours, hints of dandelion leaf and grapefruit**

The Abruzzo is a mountainous area bordering the Adriatic and Terre di Chieti is one of eight Indicazione Geografica Tipica (IGTs) in the province. Green hints on the nose, the palate opens up in a floral pear and hazelnut manner, and the all-important finish is fresh, crisp and long. Quite a unique style, think Picpoul de Pinet as a comparison. This goes well with any grilled fish, fresh cheese and white meats.

**PIONEER ROAD CLARE VALLEY RIESLING 2017, Australia** **33.00**

**Riesling 12%**

**Floral apple aromas, smoky minerals**

The New World is the home of dry Rieslings ... which is to be celebrated. If you have not been a fan of Rieslings to date, I urge you to try this and be converted. This Riesling from a single vineyard has been picked during the cool valley nights, thus preserving the crisp fruit freshness and natural acidity. Fresh, with the scent of lemon and lime on the tongue, wonderful with smoked salmon. This is a bit of a Riesling revelation.

**BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY 2017, Nuiton-Beaunoy, Burgundy** **36.50**

**Chardonnay 13%**

**Dry, fine, mineral**

Nuiton-Beaunoy is the only cooperative in the Côte d'Or and takes grapes from 140 different domaines. Everything rather came good for Burgundy in 2017. It's easy to forget that Burgundy is still quite far North and is subject to the same sort of weather patterns as we are. 2017 was great though ... and this is a delicious wine, full of typical chardonnay tropical fruit flavours, but with real grip on the palate. Great winemaking by Sebastien Sauvageot.

**VAL do XULIANA ALBARIÑO 2018, Rias Baixas, Galicia, North West Spain** **37.50**

**Albariño 12.5%**

**Pronounced fruitiness and zing**

This grape variety has grown hugely in popularity over the last decade. There is a fresh and zesty nose and a fairly smooth taste of peach and grapefruit on the palate, but there is also a racy lemon sherbet twist and minerality on the finish. An excellent partner to seafood dishes. A wine that reminds one of summer, a little surprising when you think it comes from one of Spain's wettest regions. Strong Atlantic influences.

**38.50**

**Bacchus 12.5%**

**England's answer to Sancerre: typical zingy English hedgerow flavours**

We are very pleased to have an English Bacchus back on the list as we have not been listing one since the demise of our own English vineyard. Hate to admit it but this is probably even better than the one we made. It has those typical English hedgerow flavours, with apple orchard, crisp elderflower and grapefruit flavours. Uniquely refreshing. If after this you still want to stick to a French Loire sauvignon, then there is always our excellent Pouilly-Fumé which is situated just across the river from Sancerre.

**MONTAGNY Tête de Cuvée 2017, Domaine Berthenet, Côte Chalonnais, Burgundy 39.00**

**Chardonnay 13%**

**Round and smooth with sustained mineral flavours**

The Côte Chalonnais still provides the best Burgundian flavours for the money, a fact which has not changed since we began importing from the Berthenet family in the 1980s. The vinification is traditional, a small part is aged in oak barrels to give that Burgundian depth of flavour, but most of the wine is restricted to stainless steel tanks in order to maintain maximum freshness of flavour. Fish, poultry, creamy dishes, goat's cheese: great with all these.

**CHABLIS 2018, Domaine Séguinot-Bordet 39.50**

**Chardonnay 13%**

**Uniquely steely, dry, cool climate grip**

Jean-Francois Bordet's vines are situated on the right bank of the River Serein where the rich Kimmeridgian soils give the wines the minerality so typical of great Chablis. Unlike chardonnay grown further South, we get green lip-smacking flavours, freshness and essential acidity. Added to this is considerable complexity, derived from the use of horizontal fermentation tanks that allow the wine greater lees contact. Cool choice.

**POUILLY- FUMÉ 2018, Domaine du Bouchot, Loire 40.00**

**Sauvignon 13%**

**Dry, perfumed, whiff of gun-flint**

Pascal and Rachel Kerbiquet work on a 10 hectare vineyard in the commune of Saint Andelain ... and are exactly the type of growers we like to deal with. They are completely passionate about every facet of the production of this very delicious Loire Sauvignon. The hard calcareous and flint soils ensure good minerality and liveliness as well as that famous gun-flint aroma which smells exactly as though two flints are being rubbed together. Pouilly Fumé is made just across the bridge from Sancerre but has a typically 'fatter' style.

**MEURSAULT 2015, 'Cuvée Saint Jean', Vincent Latour, Burgundy 58.00**

**Chardonnay 13%**

**Very fine with excellent richness and minerality**

This is definitely one of Burgundy's most celebrated white wines. In almost all instances I like these wines to have a bit of nervosity, so I do like them still to be quite young. It is important to choose a good winemaker too because white Burgundies are about the most variable of all. The use of oak has to be judged perfectly; it should not mask the fruit or conceal the essential acidity. Vincent Latour has really excelled here: very delicious indeed and worth the money. Expect to pay at least £25 more per bottle in most other restaurants!

## ROSÉ WINES

	125ml	175ml	250ml	500ml	Bottle
<b>LA BASTILLE 2018, Vin de France</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>14.40</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Carignan, Merlot 11%</b>					
<b>Dry, lip-smacking refreshment</b>					
<b>CHINON ROSÉ 2018, Domaine des Clos Godeaux, France</b>					<b>31.00</b>
<b>Cabernet Franc 13%</b>					
<b>Fleshy redcurrant fruit with balancing acidity</b>					
Deliciously dry cool climate Loire rosé - this is a rosé to be enjoyed throughout the year.					



## RED WINES BY THE GLASS | CARAFE

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	125ml	175ml	250ml	500ml	Bottle
<b>LA BASTILLE 2018, Vin de France</b> Carignan, Merlot 12% Ripe fruit delivers a soft, yet flavour-packed Southern French red	3.60	5.00	6.70	13.35	20.00
<b>ENSEDUNE MALBEC 2018, IGP Coteaux d'Ensérune, SW France</b> Malbec 13.5% Vivid sweet berry fruits, strong finish	4.80	6.75	9.50	18.00	27.00
<b>GAMAY DE TOURAINE 2017/18, Dom Desloges, Loire</b> Gamay 12.5% Crunchy refreshing fruit	5.60	7.80	10.45	20.85	31.25
<b>'PAPA FIGOS' DOURO TINTO 2017, Casa Ferreirinha, Portugal</b> Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional 13% Vibrant fruit with balanced structure	6.70	9.40	13.40	26.80	37.50

## RED WINES BY THE BOTTLE

*with Michael's tasting notes*

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<b>LA BASTILLE 2017, Vin de France</b> Carignan, Merlot 12% Ripe fruit delivers a soft, yet flavour-packed Southern French red	20.00
<b>FEDELE ROSSO Organic 2018, Terre Siciliane IGT, Sicily</b> Nero d'Avola, Merlot, Syrah 14% Juicy, red berry fruit flavours. Organic, Vegan friendly This wine has good structure, but the tannins are soft, thus making the wine very approachable, which accentuates the red berry fruit flavours. The wine goes well with all red meats or tomato based sauces. Sicily's warm, dry climate is ideal for organic cultivation.	25.00
<b>ENSEDUNE MALBEC 2018, IGP Coteaux d'Ensérune, South West France</b> Malbec 13.5% Vivid sweet berry fruits, strong finish Best known in Argentina, the Malbec grape comes from Cahors in France. The winemaker of this wine is an Argentinian who searched all over the Languedoc for a place that could produce the bright, intense wine he wanted. He found his possibility in partnership with a group of French winegrowers on the Montardy plateau outside Béziers. Unoaked with fresh, vivid soft berry fruits and floral flavours. Shouts out for big meaty dishes.	27.00
<b>ANJOU ROUGE 2016, Domaine de la Treille, Gabriel Taillée, Loire</b> Cabernet Franc 12.5% Fairly light, very easy drinking This wine seems to appeal instantly. The Cabernet Franc grape gives very fresh red fruit flavours on the nose. It is soft and elegant rather than attacking and has an earthy, smoky finish. The green and vegetal flavours, again so typical of Cabernet Franc, add crispness and raciness. The wine feels very genuine, un-mucked-about-with, natural, unforced ... charmingly uncomplicated.	27.50

**LE VERSANT CABERNET-SAUVIGNON 2017, IDP Pays d'Oc, South West France 28.00**

**Cabernet Sauvignon 13.5%**

**Powerful aromas and gentle on the palate.**

These vines are situated on south-facing hills near Ensérune (Languedoc Roussillon). Many of us choose our wine by grape variety now and Cabernet Sauvignon, the flagship of Bordeaux, is the most popular black grape variety in the world. Not surprising really: this example has powerful aromas of red fruits and spice, together with strawberries, sweet peppers and eucalyptus on the palate ... and it's great with all meat dishes.

**LA VIGIE 2012, Corbières Cru Boutenac, Languedoc 30.00**

**Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Carignan 14%**

**Distinctly rich and herb-scented**

Corbières-Boutenac, created in 2005, is a new red wine appellation of the Languedoc region in Southern France. It covers ten communities clustered round an elevated ridge of limestone about 20m from the Mediterranean Coast. The land is Provençal in character and the soils are poor in nutrition ... excellent; the less fertile the soil the deeper the roots of the vines have to go for water and nutrients. This breeds character and real 'goût de terroir'.

**GAMAY DE TOURAINE 2017, Domaine Desloges, Loire 31.25**

**Gamay 12.5%**

**Crunchy refreshing fruit**

Every Wine List should feature the vibrant gamay grape. This is the sort of wine you want in your picnic basket on a cycling trip down the Loire Valley: uncomplicated but packed with juicy flavour, this is a good choice as a lunch time red to accompany one of our delicious set lunches, with a bit of sunshine thrown in as well hopefully. Goes with almost any dish, including fish. Light on its feet and light on your head.

**CÔTES du RHÔNE 'Le Perussier' 2017, Domaine Plantevin, Southern Rhône 34.00**

**Grenache, Syrah 14%**

**Red fruit aromas, rich style.**

Typical young Rhône red fruit aromas, quite an exotic rich style, full-bodied with firm tannins and a cocoa finish. Good palate attack. The vines are situated just outside the very beautiful village of Séguret, where the cool nights and warm days really help the development of complexity and the all-important aromatics. This is a good match for rich dark meats with peppery or fruit-based sauces.

**BOURGUEIL 2016, Domaine des Mailloches, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Loire 35.00**

**Cabernet Franc 12.5%**

**Quite light in character, typically vegetal flavours**

The Loire, being in the Northern half of France and therefore a cooler climate, is never going to produce blockbuster reds, but this Bourgueil nevertheless has quite rich tannins, very distinct cassis fruit flavours with mushroom and cracked pepper aromas. There are times when I am looking for a wine's fruit to dance on my palate and this wine does deliver that delightful softness of touch, with a verdant spring-like crunchy character.

**BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR 2017, Nuiton-Beaunoy, Burgundy 37.00**

**Pinot Noir 13%**

**Earthy soft red fruits**

Cedarwood spice on the nose with fine fruit focus. Lovely and crunchy in taste: the crunch is so important, we sometimes call it a wine's grip, which this wine definitely has. No hint of sickly jamminess, so often a pinot noir fault, especially in very hot growing summers. The palate of ripe cranberry and redcurrant fruit, with some creaminess on the finish, make for attractive drinking which marries well with lighter meat dishes.

**CHÂTEAU DES DEMOISELLES 2015, Castillon, Côtes de Bordeaux 37.25**

**Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon 14%**

**Big, weighty and unashamedly wood-dominated**

This wine packs quite a punch. At its prime now and coming from an excellent vintage, this wine has some power and the finish is long and rounded. The name dates back to the Middle Ages when this property was managed by a congregation of nuns – small historical note – you get it all here! This wine does open up well in the glass and is very much an all-rounder in term of food matches.

- 'PAPA FIGOS' DOURO TINTO 2017, Casa Ferreirinha, Portugal** **37.50**  
**Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional 13%**  
**Vibrant fruit with balanced structure**  
 A truly modern example of Portuguese winemaking: the wine has good body with smooth tannins, the nose is quite intense with floral notes of rock rose, basil, red fruits and stone fruits; there are light menthol tones too. This is something of a revelation when you consider the distinctly hot climate in Portugal's Douro region: you might expect a big blowsy overblown red wine. This is no such thing and is a welcome new find.
- MUSAR JEUNE 2017, Château Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon** **37.50**  
**Cinsault, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon 13.5%**  
**Black cherry and blackberry, soft tannins, long finish**  
 An unoaked early drinking blend from Lebanon's justifiably celebrated Château Musar. The blueberry, red cherry and herbaceous flavours are unusually silky, but the wine is still full in the mouth and the finish is long. I mention 'finish' a lot in my notes ... if there is no finish the wine disappears without a moment's thought. Note the touches of Eastern spice. Excellent with grilled lamb, chorizo, or any spicy casserole.
- ZUCCARDI 'APELACIÓN' MALBEC 2016, Vista Flores, Mendoza, Argentina** **41.00**  
**Malbec 14.5%**  
**Rich black fruit, exotic spices**  
 Quite tight and restrained on the nose at first, not therefore completely upfront (which is so often the sign of a wine that will not be interesting for very long). This wine opens up to deliver plenty of pure rich black fruit, in fact it is positively luscious in the mouth. There are hints of exotic spices and the tannins are ripe. The finish is persistent. The wine has grip – a word I love to use when you drink a wine that demands your attention.
- BODEGAS LAN, RIOJA RESERVA 2012, Spain** **41.00**  
**90% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo, 5% Graciano 13.5%**  
**Bright red fruits with notes of vanilla and spices from oak ageing**  
 Dubbed by the Wine Spectator as "possibly the hottest old winery in Rioja", Bodegas LAN is a consistent producer of phenomenal Rioja. Winemaker Maria Baria is an expert in the effects of oak ageing on Rioja: the oak influences are definitely there, but the oak plays a supporting role to the delicious and upfront Tempranillo flavours. Dark red fruit, black pepper, violets and eucalyptus ... so many flavours. Perfect with hearty meat dishes and cured cheeses.
- RIBBONWOOD PINOT NOIR, Marlborough, New Zealand** **42.00**  
**Pinot Noir 13%**  
**Summer fruit compote flavours, savoury smoky notes**  
 This boutique winery is renowned for the terrific quality of its aromatic varieties. The wine has an intense ruby colour, on the nose there are aromas of strawberries and red berries with notes of vanilla. The palate is lush, rounded, definitely smoky, a little oaky, savoury and smooth. It finishes with prolonged peppery length. The wine goes well with duck and lamb in particular, but is also light enough to go very well with salmon dishes.
- CHÂTEAU PATACHE D'AUX 2014, Cru Bourgeois, Médoc, Bordeaux** **42.00**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot 13%**  
**Robust, fruit-driven claret**  
 Consistently one of Bordeaux's best value and much-loved clarets. Aged in 30% new oak which gives an attractive, spicy, vanilla nose and adds to the general opulence of the wine. The cabernet sauvignon is the most dominant grape, which gives juicy, grassy blackcurrant fruitiness and deep colours. Anise, gravel, smashed rock and black tea flavours, minerals on the finish. Needs a bit of time but drinking very well now.
- CROZES-HERMITAGE Signature 2015/16, Domaine Michelas St. Jemms, Northern Rhône** **42.00**  
**Syrah 14%**  
**Long rich style**  
 I keep being asked for food matches: poultry, game, goat's cheese are three for this wine. This is 100% syrah from the Northern Rhône, which has a continental climate, so the wines tend to be 'tighter' than their sun-blessed Mediterranean cousins in the Southern Rhône. Spicy blackberry nose, blueberries and plums on the palate, lively attack, mint and pepper on the aftertaste. The vineyard is run organically; horses are even being used in place of machinery in certain parts of the domaine. Genuine, family run ... rather like our restaurants!

**CHIOCCIOLI CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2013, Italy 44.00**

**85% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 13.5%**

**Intense, fruity, floral, spicy notes**

Passionate wine making: after a long maceration on the skins the wine spends eighteen months in French oak barrels and it then undergoes a long period in bottle before release. Ripe, warm and autumnal aromas with plenty of spicy blackcurrant and black cherry fruit. The palate is layered and complex, combining herbs, tea leaves and a bitter chocolate quality. A wonderfully appealing Chianti with a firm tannic backbone.

**MERCUREY 2016, Domaine du Meix-Foulot, Côte Chalonnaise, Burgundy 44.00**

**Pinot Noir 13%**

**Silky, earthy pinot noir flavours; lightness of touch**

The Meix-Foulot estate, now run by Agnès Dewé de Launay, has been in the same family's ownership for 200 years. Here there is a very real sense of terroir, the essence of which is soil, climate and grape variety. This wine really expresses the pure fruit characteristics of pinot noir, but the wine has a very clear sense of place too. It's not just a French pinot noir; it comes from one of the best placed and most important domaines in Mercurey, certainly one of the most picturesque of Burgundian domaines too. Feel the pedigree.

**SAVIGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 2015, Domaine Jean-Jacques Girard, Burgundy 45.00**

**Pinot Noir 13%**

**Gloriously aromatic and fruity**

The Girards are one of the oldest winemaking families in the village of Savigny-Lès-Beaune and produce gloriously aromatic, fruity, Savigny. Jean-Jacques and his son Vincent use a combination of modern and traditional techniques to produce wines of great purity and elegance. The wine is distinctly spicy, with almost explosive black and red currant fruit. This wine is already very accessible in its comparative youth. Smooth supple fruit.

**CHÂTEAU LE CROCK 2014, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur, St Estèphe, Bordeaux 50.00**

**Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot 13.5%**

**Rich, lovely freshness and perfume**

2014 was a very successful vintage for this wine. It is certainly full-bodied, elegantly styled with freshness and layers of verdant, juicy red berries and wild herbs. There is a lot of wine here and it really tastes like claret should: it is spicy with dark fruit and lovely poise. Crème de cassis, cloves and leather meld into the inviting finish. I bought this wine three years ago but kept it back until now. I really hope you like it; I think it's a classic.

**CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE TÉLÉGRAMME 2016, Famille Brunier, Southern Rhône 53.00**

**70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre 14.5%**

**Soft spicy fruit, mouth-filling, long in the mouth**

This is the second wine of the famous Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, but is much the most suitable 'restaurant' wine. You don't need a cellar, or a decanter, or subscribe to vintage reviews to enjoy this wine. It is produced from younger vines (still over 20 years old), so is quite forward in the mouth, the tannins are ripe and soft, yet the wine has great length and finish too. All importantly it is delicious to drink now!

**CHÂTEAU DE FIEUZAL 2010, Pessac Léognan, Bordeaux 67.00**

**Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon 14.5%**

**Softer and enveloping as opposed to more aggressively mouth-filling**

This is a keeper, for two decades or more, but the fleshy, silky finish ensures that it is already very approachable. The depths of taste ... liquorice, black cherries, earth, smoke and spicy aromatics ... make this a polished, soft-textured yet persistent wine with well-integrated vanilla oak flavours. A great accompaniment to classic Bordeaux meat dishes.



## SPARKLING WINE | CHAMPAGNE

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**PROSECCO EXTRA DRY PROVERBIO, DOC, Veneto, Italy** 125 glass **6.00**  
**33.00**

**Glera, hand picked, Organic, Vegan 11%**

We keep finding better Proseccos! This wine is soft on the palate, has good acidity and full fruity flavours which feature apples and apricots ... and some might even find banana. This organic wine uses vegetable proteins, which makes it suitable for vegans too.

**CHAMPAGNE GILBEY'S, Brut NV, Charles Ellner, Épernay**

**48.00**

**50% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Meunier 12%**

Produced exclusively for us by Charles Ellner, a small family-owned Champagne house based in Épernay. Good characterful Champagne, toast and honey aromas, fine mousse, full fruity flavour, lovely finish.

**JENKYN PLACE BRUT, CUVÉE 2013, England**

**48.00**

**Chardonnay, Pinot noir, Pinot Meunier 12%**

English Sparkling Wine from Hampshire. This remarkable wine combines the steeliness of a young Côtes de Blanc champagne with the tightrope acidity of the very best English Sparkling wines.

**CHAMPAGNE JOSEPH PERRIER CUVÉE ROYALE NV BRUT**

**58.00**

**35% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier 12%**

Half bottle **31.00**

Joseph Perrier, a small Champagne house situated in Chalons-sur-Marne, founded 1825. Classic biscuity character, but with yellow-citrus style and plenty of zesty acidity on the palate. Impressive drive and richness.

**CHAMPAGNE JANISSON BRUT ROSÉ**

**58.00**

**70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay 12.5%**

A brilliant rosé, strawberry and spice on the nose, a soft creamy palate and an explosive redcurrant finish. A wonderful apéritif, but very good with food too.

## PUDDING WINES BY THE GLASS 100ml

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**CHÂTEAU SIMON 2014, Sauternes 375ml bottle** **7.50 30.00**  
**France 13.5%**

Fairly dense nose, honey and acacia flowers. Full-bodied, generous, well-balance palate, with a clean sweet finish.

**CHÂTEAU TIRECUL LA GRAVIÈRE 'Les Pins' 2016 500ml bottle** **8.00**  
**40.00**

**Monbazillac, France 13.5%**

Distinctly silken texture with multiple flavours, from apricots, to mango, to honey and so on! Monbazillac ... the classic of all pudding wines.

**VON BUHL UNGEHEUER RESERVE, Auslese, Pfalz 2015 375ml bottle** **16.00**  
**60.00**

**Germany 7%**

Pale yellow in colour, elderflower on the nose, sugared candied lemon on the palate. Good acidity, well-balanced floral ending.

**ANTIQUÉ PEDRO XIMINÉZ, Fernando de Castilla 500ml bottle** **13.50**  
**67.50**

**Jerez, Spain 15%**

These PX grapes are dried on straw in the sun and then pressed. The wine is unbelievably sweet having spent three decades in sherry casks. Aromas and flavours which are truly unique.

# GILBEY'S DRINKS LIST

## LAGER ALE CIDER

abv		<b>LAGERS</b>
4.6	4.50	Estrella Damm – 330ml
0.0	3.00	Estrella Galicia – alcohol free – 250ml
		<b>WINDSOR &amp; ETON BREWERY</b>
4.8	5.95	Republika, British Craft Lager – 330ml
3.8	6.25	Knight of the Garter, Golden Ale – 500ml
4.2	6.25	Guardsman, Best Bitter – 500ml
5.0	6.70	Uprising Caught by the Fuzz, Pale Ale - 330ml
		<b>CIDER</b>
5.5	4.95	Aspall Draught Suffolk Cyder, dry – 330ml
3.8	8.00	Aspall Isabel's Berry Suffolk Cyder – 500ml with redcurrant & raspberry juice

## SPIRITS

25ml measure

abv		<b>GIN</b>
47.5	5.00	Gilbey's
40.0	5.00	Bombay Sapphire
20.0	5.00	Edinburgh Raspberry Gin Liqueur
43.0	5.00	Elderwood English
26.0	5.00	Plymouth Sloe
40.0	6.00	Martin Miller's
41.4	6.50	Hendrick's
40.0	7.00	Williams Chase Seville Orange
45.0	7.00	Isle of Harris
00.0	4.00	Seedlip Garden (non-alcoholic spirit)
00.0	4.00	Seedlip Spice 94 (non-alcoholic spirit)
00.0	4.00	Seedlip Grove 42 citrus (non-alcoholic spirit)
		<b>VODKA</b>
40.0	4.00	Smirnoff, Red Label
43.0	5.00	Elderwood English Vodka
40.0	5.50	Sipsmith Barley
40.0	6.50	Grey Goose
		<b>WHISKEY WHISKY BOURBON</b>
40.0	4.00	Scotch, Bell's
40.0	4.00	Irish, Jameson
40.0	4.00	Tennessee, Jack Daniel's
40.0	6.00	Bourbon, Woodford Reserve Premium
40.0	6.50	Scotch, Single, The Macallan
40.0	7.50	Scotch, 16 Year Old Single Malt, Lagavulin
		<b>RUM</b>
37.5	3.50	Rum, Bacardi
40.0	4.00	Rum, Captain Morgan
		<b>SHERRY – 100ml</b>
15.0	6.50	Tio Pepé, Gonzalez Byass
15.0	13.5	Antique Pedro Ximénez, Fernando de Castilla
		<b>VERMOUTH – 50ml</b>
15.0	4.00	Martini Extra Dry
15.0	4.00	Martini Rosso
15.0	4.00	Campari
25.0	3.60	Pimms No 1

## SOFT DRINKS

		<b>LUSCOMBE FARM – 240ml</b>
3.95		English Apple Juice
		Organic Orange Juice
		<b>LUSCOMBE FARM – 270ml</b>
3.95		Sicilian Lemonade
		Cool Ginger Beer
		St. Clements
		Wild Elderflower Bubbly
		<b>PAGO JUICES – 200ml</b>
3.25		Cranberry
		Tomato
		<b>SOFT DRINKS – 330ml</b>
3.50		Coca Cola / Diet Coke
		<b>FEVER TREE – 200ml</b>
2.50		Indian Tonic / Naturally Light Tonic
		Lemonade
		Soda Water
		<b>WATER</b>
3.50		Belu Sparkling / Belu Still – 750ml
1.90		Belu Sparkling / Belu Still – 330ml

## DIGESTIFS LIQUEURS

25ml measure

abv		<b>COGNAC – 25ml</b>
40.0	5.50	Hennessy 3 Star
40.0	17.5	Hennessy XO
40.0	5.50	Armagnac, Janneau VSOP
40.0	5.50	Calvados, Boulard VSOP
		<b>PORT – 100ml</b>
20.5	9.00	Quinta de Val Da Fuguiera 10yr [bottle 60.00]
20.0	6.50	Churchill's Reserve, Douro
		<b>LIQUEURS – 25ml</b>
28.0	5.50	Amaretto
17.0	5.50	Baileys Irish Cream - 50ml
28.0	5.50	Cointreau
40.0	5.50	Frangelico
40.0	5.50	Grappa
32.0	5.50	Limoncello
40.0	5.50	Sambucca
40.0	5.50	Tequila
40.0	5.50	Tia Maria

