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A warm welcome to our new wine selection. An advantage of being part of Daniel Thwaites plc, the independent family controlled brewer, is that they also own James Pickup & Co Wine and Spirit Merchants. Established in 1790 and purveyors of fine wines ever since, they are our exclusive wine supplier.

The wonderful thing about having our own wine merchants is that the list has no bounds, and when we find a fantastic wine to share we can easily access it. Similarly, as we deal direct with the grower in many instances, we're able to offer top quality wines at a competitive price.

#### Price Range and Policy

The cost of serving any bottle of wine is similar, be it a simple Vin de Pays or a vintage Champagne. We continue with our policy of pricing wines with a standard mark up, with a small additional charge for financing some of the older stored wines. Simply, the better quality the wine, the better value it is, so go on, spoil yourself.

#### Hidden Gems

Last year, for the first time we included a special selection of wines, that we feel are worthy of the Hidden Gem title. A wonderful array that offer the 'wow' factor at a range of price levels, countries and flavours, they deliver exceptional quality with outstanding value. These proved extremely popular so we've worked hard to identify a small number of new wines which we feel deserve this accolade.

#### Wines By The Glass

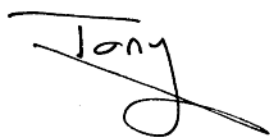
Our extensive range of wines served by the glass has attracted many favourable comments and this year we have gone even further. Wines are served in 175ml measures. See page 5 for our full selection.

#### Vintage Alternatives

Wherever possible, we have secured sufficient stocks of a particular vintage to last the lifetime of the list. If we are unable to offer the vintage specified, we will offer the nearest suitable alternative.

We have again travelled many miles and attended many tastings, and hope you will agree that we have found a fascinating selection of exciting wines from all corners of the vine-growing world, as well as retaining some familiar 'old favourites'. Continual new developments make it a challenge (albeit an enjoyable one) to find a range of well balanced and interesting wines to suit all palates and budgets. So, whatever the occasion you should find something to suit.

We are delighted to feature a number of promotional events in our hotels over the coming months. Further details of these can be found on page 33 of this list.



Antony Spencer  
Managing Director Shire Hotels

## Champagne

				125ml	Bottle
1a	<b>Louis Roederer Brut Premier</b> a wonderfully elegant Champagne, with fresh flavours underpinned by rich notes of biscuit and brioche	<b>Champagne</b>	<b>NV</b>	<b>£8.45</b>	<b>£47.45</b>

## White wine

				175ml	Bottle
25a	<b>Mud House Riesling, Waipara</b> a wow at a recent New Zealand tasting. This is a lovely fresh apple and citrus Riesling, with ripe oranges, stone fruit and a hint of minerality - delicious	<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>£5.95</b>	<b>£23.45</b>
8a	<b>Bourgogne Chardonnay Joseph Faiveley, Burgundy</b> wonderful aromas of white flowers, lime, blossom, vanilla and toffee. This is a fresh and generous white	<b>France</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£6.60</b>	<b>£26.20</b>
20	<b>Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali de Friuli Vigne Della Rocca</b> a ripe texture and feel on the nose and a soft roundness in the mouth with a typically herbal touch on the finish gives it the classic Pinot Grigio character	<b>Italy</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>£6.45</b>	<b>£25.20</b>
9	<b>Chablis Domaine de Varoux, Burgundy</b> appealing citrus and floral aromas, elegantly dry with delicate mineral notes	<b>France</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>£7.00</b>	<b>£28.00</b>
17	<b>La Baume Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays d'Oc</b> full rich flavour with some acidity and a crisp finish	<b>SW France</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£5.75</b>	<b>£23.00</b>
22a	<b>Castillo de Molina Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley</b> tropical fruits and gentle vanilla oak combine to create a beautifully aromatic reserve wine	<b>Chile</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£6.55</b>	<b>£26.20</b>

## Rosé wine

				175ml	Bottle
14a	<b>Sancerre Rosé 'Le Grand Fricambault' Domaine Andre Neveu, Loire Valley</b> this wine is very attractive with light and aromatic strawberry flavours on the nose and palate and a bone dry finish laced with flinty minerality	<b>France</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£8.00</b>	<b>£32.20</b>
30	<b>Turkey Flat Rosé, Barossa Valley</b> a blend of Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Dolcetto with a panoply of red fruit flavours of raspberries, cherries and leafy red and blackcurrants	<b>Australia</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£6.80</b>	<b>£27.20</b>

## Red wine

				175ml	Bottle
39	<b>Côtes-du-Rhône, Belleruche Chapoutier, Rhône Valley</b> cherry-red in colour, with an intense nose of raspberry and red fruit. Spicy on the palate with good structure	<b>France</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£5.95</b>	<b>£23.20</b>
53	<b>Vina Valdivieso Reserva Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley</b> a soft medium bodied wine with delicate strawberry fruit, hints of cinnamon and vanilla	<b>Chile</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>£7.20</b>	<b>£29.00</b>
46a	<b>Julienas 'La Gentilhommiere', Beaujolais</b> a beautiful bouquet of soft berry fruits leads into an elegant palate, soft and juicy flavours	<b>France</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>£4.90</b>	<b>£19.20</b>
47	<b>Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Moda, Cantine Talamonti</b> a chunky, chewy red with lashings of dense fruit, backed up by full, but soft tannins and a long finish	<b>Italy</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>£6.40</b>	<b>£23.70</b>
50	<b>Bodegas Luis Canas Rioja Reserva</b> the family-owned Bodega is recognised as being at the crest of the new wave of Rioja producers. It has lovely ripe fruit wrapped by a whiff of silky, spicy oak	<b>Spain</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>£7.65</b>	<b>£30.20</b>
57	<b>Mount Langi Ghiran, 'Billi Billi Shiraz', W.Victoria</b> pronounced 'Mount Langee Jeeran' - Aboriginal for 'The Home of the Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo'. The wine is as complex as the name, medium bodied with soft blueberry fruit, spices and subtle oak	<b>Australia</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>£6.40</b>	<b>£24.20</b>

Champagne

Our love affair with Champagne continues to grow and as each 'house' has its own style, choice is all important. We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Louis Roederer. Whilst renowned for Cristal...the ultimate Champagne - the non-vintage is exquisite and great value for the quality.



- 1b Marie Honnet Brut NV £38.00  
a light, fresh, fruit driven style of Champagne, with a beautiful nutty finish

1a Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV £47.45 a wonderfully elegant Champagne, with fresh flavours underpinned by rich notes of biscuit and brioche	hidden gem
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- 2 Pol Roger White Foil NV £50.45  
a classic Champagne composed from 30 still based wines drawn from at least two vintages. The three grape varieties of Champagne are used in equal proportions
- 2b Pol Roger Brut Vintage 1999 £70.90  
golden in colour with a nose of dried and ripe fruits as well as hints of nougat, butter and toast. Fleshy and ample on the palate but with wonderful acidity
- 6 Pol Roger Magnum 1998 £127.25  
Champagne (indeed wine as well!) from a magnum is not only a special treat for your table, but it ages better in this size. The 1998 is a wonderful vintage for Champagne, with Pol Roger a particular favourite. This wine also represents particularly good value for exceptional quality
- 3 Louis Roederer Rosé Vintage 2005 £69.95  
this ultimately elegant rosé with its incredible aromatic persistence is racy, generous and sophisticated. A real treat!
- 4 Bollinger, Special Cuvée NV £68.50  
matured for a minimum of three years, Special Cuvée is the quintessential of the Bollinger style
- 5 Bollinger Rosé NV £71.00  
Bollinger Champagne is world-renowned. Only small quantities of rosé are made by the House and we are delighted to feature it on our list - classic Bollinger characteristics with a lovely strawberry flavour
- 5a Louis Roederer Cristal Vintage 2002 £175.50  
an extraordinary year that brought together all the factors that make Champagne great. Produced from the finest vineyards of Champagne to create this intense yet delicate wine. Silky smooth with an explosion of ripe fruits, white chocolate and caramel. The ultimate wine to lift the spirits and celebrate!

Sparkling Wines

Rather unjust that sparkling wines are deemed as 'value' alternatives to 'the real thing', we prefer to look at sparkling wines as great aperitifs or just for celebrating more often!



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| 7  | Segura Viudas Reserva Cava, Spain<br>a fine Cava with good mousse, peach and melon aromas. Soft and fresh with good fruit and a long dry finish. A favourite of the King of Spain! | NV | £28.45 |
| 7b | Prosecco Domenico de Bertiol, Italy<br>dry, fresh and zesty with an aromatic and fruity aftertaste                                                                                 | NV | £24.50 |

7c	Lambrusco Reggiano DOC Concerto, Emilia Romagna, Italy this is the real McCoy where you must dismiss 'old prejudices' of sparkling red wines. Dry with bags of flavour and not to be sniffed at, but to be drunk with gusto!	NV	£26.50	hidden gem
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## France

Geological and climatic diversity combine to make France one of the most unique countries in the World. The generic names Chablis and Sancerre encompass huge differences in quality. We firmly believe that we have found some of the very best Domaine examples.



## Burgundy

- 8a Bourgogne Chardonnay Joseph Faiveley 2008 £26.20  
good value alternative for a more flavoursome Chablis from a famed Burgundy House. Wonderful aromas of white flowers, lime, blossom, vanilla and toffee. This is a fresh and generous white
- 9 Chablis Domaine de Varoux 2007/08 £28.00  
appealing citrus and floral aromas, elegantly dry with delicate mineral notes

- 10 Pouilly-Fuissé Vieilles Vignes Domaine de Fussiacus 2006 £33.75  
this Pouilly-Fuissé is made from old vines (Vieilles Vignes) to create a wine full of character, showing a fruit driven nose with hints of nut. Good minerality and weight on the palate this is a well-balanced chardonnay with lovely texture and finish

hidden gem

- 11 Chablis 1er Cru 'Mont de Mileu' Domaine William Fèvre 2007 £40.20  
intense mineral character, fine yet powerful, racy and delicate with a hint of oak on the long, long finish. An excellent example of premier cru Chablis which we believe is well worth the additional price
- 12 Meursault Les Clos, Domaine Patrick Javillier 2002 £40.20  
rich and buttery - we first listed wines from Javillier after a visit in 1985 - for those that really enjoy their classic Burgundy. This top vineyard, coupled with Patrick's wine making expertise, in a great year for white Burgundy makes this a real winner

## Loire Valley

- 14 Sancerre 'La Croix Au Garde' Domaine Henri Pelle 2008 £29.20  
pungent fresh grassy aromas mingle with riper citrus-style fruits finishing with a pure intensity and zippiness of a classy Sancerre
- 14a Sancerre Rosé 'Le Grand Fricambault' Domaine Andre Neveu 2008 £32.20  
although Sancerre is best known for its Sauvignon Blancs, some excellent rosés are also produced. This wine is very attractive with light and aromatic strawberry flavours and a bone dry finish


17	La Baume Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays d'Oc	2008	£23.00	hidden gem
	full rich flavour with some acidity and a crisp finish (the ideal France meets Australia Sauvignon!). This is a lovely, fresh Sauvignon, perfect as an aperitif or with chicken and salads			

16 Sauvignon Blanc Yvon Mau, Vin de Pays du Comté Tolosan 2008/09 £16.20  
fresh scents of lemon and grapefruit and white flowers. On the palate typically Sauvignon with citrus fruit and white peaches

18 Unoaked Chardonnay, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Laroche 2007 £21.70  
this Laroche Unoaked Chardonnay is well balanced, with good acidity. Refreshing hints of grapefruit

Italy

Italy - the land of fine art and truly the land of wine. Increasingly popular, rejuvenated initially by Pinot Grigio. The whites offer fresher, lighter, and drier styles of wine. The classics are seeing a resurgence with some fantastic examples. Try the new Frascati - liquid white peaches!



20 Pinot Grigio, Colli Orientali de Friuli Vigne Della Rocca 2009 £25.20  
a ripe texture and feel on the nose and a soft roundness in the mouth with a typically herbal touch on the finish gives it the classic Pinot Grigio character

21 Pignocco Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi, Santa Barbara 2007 £20.70  
a full rounded flavour with a delicious ripeness, which is nicely balanced by a crispness and herbal tone on the finish

21a Pinot Grigio Rondinella Rosato Alto Mincio, IGT La Prendina 2008 £24.70  
this part of Italy is ideal for making the popular rosé wines. A lovely, slightly floral nose is backed up by a firmness of flavour and depth

21b	Frascati Superiore Casale Marchese DOC	2007	£26.20	hidden gem
	the Casale Marchese estate makes Frascati as it should be made. They use the best clones of Malvasia and only use their name for the best 15-20% of their wines. This means that this Frascati has an added depth and intensity that belies the traditional reputation of this wine			

## Australasia

New Zealand is extremely successful at producing premium varieties, notably Sauvignon Blanc but take a look at the fresh, fruity, floral Mud House Riesling from Southbank Estate, it's delicious.

Australia - Such a vast Country with a diverse range of soils and microclimates, resulting in a fascinating array of wine style and grape varieties.



## New Zealand

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| 25  | Vavasour Redwood Pass Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough                                                                                                           | 2009 | £26.70 |
|     | lively, ripe melon and fragrant citrus notes with a palate that is full flavoured with lingering gooseberry flavours and crisp finish                        |      |        |
| 25a | Mud House Riesling, Waipara                                                                                                                                  | 2009 | £23.45 |
|     | a wow at a recent New Zealand tasting. This is a lovely fresh apple and citrus riesling, with ripe oranges, stone fruit and a hint of minerality - delicious |      |        |
| 25b | Southern Lights Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough                                                                                                                 | 2009 | £24.95 |
|     | rich, grapefruit and tropical flavours combined with herbaceous notes. Delicious Marlborough Sauvignon at a very advantageous price                          |      |        |

## Australia

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| 26 | Solander Chardonnay                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2009 | £20.20 |
|    | pale golden colour with aromas of peach and citrus, rich, rounded and tropical                                                                                                                                          |      |        |
| 27 | Palandri 'Vita Novus' Chardonnay, Margaret River                                                                                                                                                                        | 2005 | £26.70 |
|    | Margaret River wines are renowned for their elegance and this wine is no exception. Melon and ripe tropical fruits with hints of cashew nuts and taints of elegant French oak                                           |      |        |
| 28 | Tempus Two Pinot Gris, Victoria                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2005 | £29.70 |
|    | this 2005 Pinot Gris is sourced from two of the premium vineyard sites in Victoria. Opulent aromas of stone fruits and baked pears, the wine is pure and elegant in structure with a zesty palate and fragrant subtlety |      |        |

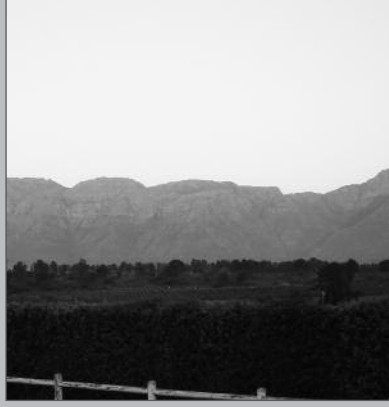
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| 28a | Turkey Flat 'Butchers Block' Marsanne Viognier, Barossa Valley                                                                                          | 2008 | £28.70 |
|     | lime, nutmeg and acacia flowers fill your nose backed by white peaches and grapefruit on the palate. Perfect with grilled fish, prawns and goats cheese |      |        |

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| 29 | Brown Brothers Limited Release Banksdale Viognier                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2008 | £27.20 |
|    | the wine is pale straw in colour with amazing intensity on the nose, showing spicy apricots and almond kernel notes. These flavours follow through to the palate with the trademark richness of Viognier which is balanced by fantastic acidity and lovely length - a wine to enjoy with food |      |        |

Chile and Argentina

Blessed with the unique climate for growing - clear natural defences to protect the vines and natural irrigation from the cool waters flowing off the Andes. With more understanding of which wine region is good for growing individual grape varieties, the improvement of quality wines from these countries is marked.



- 22 Santa Loreto Sauvignon Blanc, Maule Valley, Chile 2009 £26.20  
 prominent aromas of lime, grapefruit and gooseberry fruit blend harmoniously with floral notes. In the mouth, crispy, refreshing and long
- 22a Castillo de Molina Reserva Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, Chile 2006/08 £26.20  
 tropical fruits and gentle vanilla oak combine to create a beautifully aromatic reserve wine. The perfect match for fish like salmon, trout or shellfish

<p>23a Maiden Flight Gewurztraminer Reserva, Casablanca Valley, Chile 2009 £28.45                  if you enjoy Gewurztraminer, a delicious off-dry, flavoursome wine, then try this.                  A star at our most recent tasting - full and fruity</p>	<p>hidden gem</p>
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- 31 Las Manitos Chardonnay Torrontes, Argentina 2009 £16.20  
 a floral background that combines with honey and citric aromas. On the palate, a fresh and pleasant finish. A unanimous hit at our recent tasting

California

California produces some fantastic top quality wines - whilst a little more expensive. We think the Chardonnay from Katherines Vineyard is a real stunner.



- 22c Cambria 'Katherines Vineyard' Chardonnay 2005 £30.20  
 Santa Barbara is a quiet sanctuary of golden hills and well groomed vineyards midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Katherines Vineyard is located on the southern side of the Cambria Estate on the Santa Maria bench. Named after the owners eldest daughter this wine is as compelling as the landscape itself

South Africa

Of all the wine regions to visit in the World, the Western Cape is arguably the most spectacular. Beautiful manicured vineyards against a backdrop of mountains. South Africa stylistically is described as somewhere between Australia and France. Much has been done over recent years to address excessive alcohol and problems of ripeness.



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| 24 | Klein Constantia, Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2009 | £24.70 |
|    | classic Sauvignon flavours are apparent in this lovely, fresh wine. Ripe, but not overly tropical, the palate is refined and fresh. The addition of 15% Semillon gives the wine an added dimension of weight and age worthiness                       |      |        |
| 23 | De Trafford Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2007 | £35.20 |
|    | recognised as one of the top producing wineries in South Africa. Rich apricot and honey on the nose with integrated oak and a complex mineral character. A rich and full palate, elegant and long with a lovely creamy texture from long lees contact |      |        |

Spain

Spain has shed its old fashioned image and is now heralded as one of the most exciting countries for food and wine in Europe. The whites fresh, bright and full of leafy citrusy fruit. Discover the Albarino, the Spanish white classic, made in a modern style.



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| 22b | Albarino, Lagar de Bouza, Rias Baixas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2008 | £25.20 |
|     | Galicia - home to arguably Spain's greatest white grape - Albarino, which grows on the traditional pergolas all over the Rias Baixas. Castel de Bouza's wines are finer, more structured and exemplify all that great Albarino should be - fine minerality, citrus fruit with hints of the salty maritime air |      |        |

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Germany

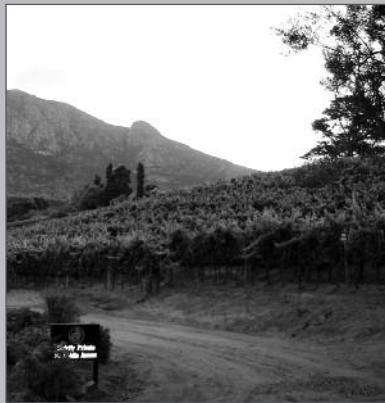
There has never been a more exciting time to drink German wines! Delicate in alcohol, ideal aperitif or a great match with spicy or fragrant food. Why not try the fantastic Pinot Gris from the Pfalz (an area close to Alsace), wonderfully fresh with a delicate sweetness?



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| 15a                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Leitz Rudesheimer Bischofsberg Riesling QbA Trocken | 2009 | £29.20 |
| gorgeously refreshing aromatics of lime, lemon and grapefruit. Fine balance with honeyed fruit, opulent and long lasting with good acidity. The ideal wine to accompany seafood or fish and Far Eastern-style dishes |                                                     |      |        |

15	Villa Wolf Pinot Gris, Wachenheim, Pfalz	2008	£19.70	hidden gem
attractive peach fruit flavours, with lovely creamy texture, very slightly off-dry. Great value for this quality German wine				

Seen as the meeting point between red and white wine with the subtle qualities of both, rosé has seen massive growth over the last few years. Designed to be drunk young making them great as an aperitif, the Sancerre rosé has wonderful flavours with great elegance.



#### Still Wines

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| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Turkey Flat Rosé, Barossa Valley, South Australia           | 2008 | £27.20 |
| a blend of Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Dolcetto. The colour is rose petal pink with a panoply of red fruit flavours of raspberries, cherries and leafy red and blackcurrants. Fresh acidity and a slight spritz on the palate           |                                                             |      |        |
| 21a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Pinot Grigio Rondinella Rosato Alto Mincio, IGT La Prendina | 2008 | £24.70 |
| this part of Italy is ideal for making the popular rosé wines. A lovely, slightly floral nose, backed up by a firmness of flavour and depth                                                                                                          |                                                             |      |        |
| 14a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Sancerre Rosé 'Le Grand Fricambault' Domaine Andre Neveu    | 2008 | £32.20 |
| although Sancerre is best known for its Sauvignon Blancs, some excellent roses are also produced. This wine is very attractive with light and aromatic strawberry flavours on the nose and palate and a bone dry finish laced with flinty minerality |                                                             |      |        |

#### Sparkling and Champagne

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| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Louis Roederer Rosé Vintage | 2005 | £69.95 |
| this ultimately elegant rosé with its incredible aromatic persistence is racy, generous and sophisticated. A real treat!                                                                                       |                             |      |        |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Bollinger Rosé              | NV   | £71.00 |
| Bollinger Champagne is world-renowned. Only small quantities of rosé are made by the House and we are delighted to feature it on our list - classic Bollinger characteristics with a lovely strawberry flavour |                             |      |        |

France

Classical and complex wines abound! Joining our original choices this year, try some of the interesting new wines - a great find 'Blagny' from the famed Faiveley stable, or perhaps something from the Bordeaux section which includes some classic wines.



Burgundy/Beaujolais

32 Le Bourgogne Pinot Noir Chanson 2007 £26.50  
bright red colour with dark purple nuances. Intense aromas of violet and liquorice with a hint of spice

33a Blagny 1er Cru la Piece 'Sous le Bois', Domaine Faiveley 2003 £41.20  
located in the village of Meursault situated below the wood 'Sous le Bois' of Blagny. Fruit and smokiness on the nose with the cooked flavours of black and red fruits, round and full bodied

hidden gem

34a Nuits St George Premier Cru Clos de la Maréchale, F. Faiveley 2002 £57.95  
Faiveley is a renowned winemaker in Burgundy and a producer that we've been pleased to feature on our list for many years. This Nuits St George is a stunning example of a classic wine - complex and with a long, fruity finish

46 Fleurie, Château de Beauregard 2007 £29.50  
we have taken a number of wines from Château de Beauregard over the last two years, and this Fleurie is an excellent example of this famous appellation. Sweet fruit, with some oak notes to finish

46a Julienas 'La Gentilhommiere', Beaujolais 2007 £19.20  
a beautiful bouquet of soft berry fruits leads into an elegant palate, soft and juicy fruit flavours

47a Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru 'Cazetieres', Vallet Freres 2001 £48.20  
this is a vibrant wine having an aromatic bouquet with blackcurrant and red berry characteristics

Bordeaux

35	Château de Malleret, Haut Medoc	2003/04	£38.20	hidden gem
	beautiful deep, brilliant colour. Ripe fruit with hints of roasted coffee. Round on the palate with great balance and a hint of blackcurrant - a great find at this price			

36 Château de Pez, St Estephe 2003 £61.70  
 a wonderfully concentrated nose of cocoa, mingled with scents of blackcurrant, blackberries and woody notes. The palate doesn't disappoint either with ripe concentrated fruits, a long and aromatic richness on the finish

37 Château Vieux Sarpe St Emilion Grand Cru 2005 £54.50  
 from a very small vineyard of just 3 hectares, situated to the east of the medieval city of St Emilion. The 2005 vintage is a great wine which has class and is at the start of its drinking life and will be drinking well for many years to come (also available by the magnum - see page 28)

38 Château la Tour de By Cru Haut Medoc 2005 £58.70  
 dark red in colour with an elegant oak, medium bodied with plums, blackberry and dark cherry fruits and medium tannins

38a Château Lynch Moussas, Pauillac 2005 £65.25  
 deep ruby/purple-tinged in colour, 2005 was a classic year in Bordeaux. Medium-bodied, with good tannic structure, decent acidity, and a heady finish. A wonderfully, powerful wine worthy of the price tag

Rhône

39 Cotes-du-Rhône Belleruche Chapoutier 2008 £23.20  
 cherry-red in colour, with an intense nose of raspberry and red fruit. Spicy on the palate with good structure. Great with roasts, pasta in meat sauces, grilled meats and pizza

41 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Bernardine Chapoutier 2006 £40.20  
 100% Grenache makes this lovely wine. The well-known house of Chapoutier makes this deep, purple wine, with complex yet subtle aromas of blackcurrant, plum, morello cherries and liquorice. Excellent with all meats, game and cheese

South West France

42 Merlot Yvon Mau Vin de Pays de L'Aude 2009 £16.95  
 ruby-red in colour with a fresh, fruity nose of plums, figs and redcurrants which carry through onto the palate - soft, round and easy drinking

Italy

Italy - the land of fine art and truly the land of wine. The classics are seeing a resurgence with some fantastic examples. Full flavoured with a delicate acidity. Try the new Valpolicella Ripasso - very limited quantity but a great find.



- 47 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Moda, Cantine Talamonti 2008 £23.70

a much under-rated grape variety - a well-made Montepulciano wine which has a star quality about it. A chunky, chewy red with lashings of dense fruit, backed up by full, but soft tannins and a long finish

- 48 Chianti Classico Villa Cafaggio Riserva DOCG 2005 £35.20

Perfectly placed in Ponzano, the Villa Cafaggio Vineyards cover 40 acres. A lovely bright cherry red, spicy cloves on the nose with a wonderfully refined black cherry and plum fruitiness

- 49 Valpolicella Ripasso Vigna Dei Morari 2007 £44.20

the ripasso style of wine strongly associated with Valpolicella has a growing following. Grape skins from Amarone are used to start a second fermentation to give added weight and depth. Rich on the nose with plenty of fruit

hidden gem

- 49a Barolo 'Essenze', Terre da Vino 2005 £45.20

from the top vineyards in the best villages in the district this wine has been created to represent the very essence of Barolo. A well-structured palate follows a rich, dense, very slightly fruit-sweet nose. 'Wine Spectator' rates the vintage 92-96! International Wine Awards Gold Medal winner

Spain

Spain has shed its old fashioned image and is now heralded as one of the most exciting countries for food and wine in Europe. We have a selection of serious reds - spicy and warm, where damsons have a streak of cloves and cream.



- 50 Bodegas Luis Canas Rioja Reserva 2003 £30.20

this wine won medals in both the International Wine Challenge and the International Wine and Spirits Competition. The family-owned Bodega is recognised as being at the crest of the new wave of Rioja producers. It has lovely ripe fruit wrapped by a whiff of silky, spicy oak

- 50b Rioja, Miguel Merino Reserva 2000 £37.95  
 dark cherry in colour, it is bursting full of fruit flavours, with a lovely balance of vanilla and cinnamon from the oak. This wine is one to savour and to enjoy with any red meat and rich sauces
- 50c Rioja Coto de Imaz Gran Reserva 2000 £42.45  
 beautiful fragrant nose with dried flower petals, dark berry fruit, cassis, and spiced coconut cake. Delicious and elegant, showing some maturity, lovely fruit weight supported by delicious sweet oak. Fine creamy long finish, wonderful. Silver Medal IWC  
 (may contain sediment)

Australasia

New Zealand is extremely successful at producing premium varietals. Try the Pinot Noir - a lighter alternative to some of the old world Burgundies.

Australia - Such a vast country with a diverse range of soils and microclimates, resulting in a fascinating array of wine style and grape varieties.



Australia

- 56 Solander Shiraz 2009 £20.20  
 wonderful rich and ripe nose with a hint of mint. Smooth and full bodied with spicy, dark berried fruit
- 57 Mount Langi Ghiran, 'Billi Billi Shiraz', Western Victoria 2005 £24.20  
 pronounced 'Mount Langee Jeeran' - Aboriginal for 'The Home of the Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo'. The wine is as complex as the name, medium bodied with soft blueberry fruit, spices and subtle oak

- 58 Irvine Springhill Merlot, Barossa Valley, Australia 2007 £30.20  
 very much a New World Merlot. Grapes from both the Eden and Barossa Valleys create a wine full of plums and chocolate, with overripe raspberry characters

hidden gem

- 58a Peter Lehmann Clancys Shiraz/Cabernet/Merlot, Barossa Valley 2007 £22.20  
plums, black forest fruits and chocolate abound. This is a robust, full bodied wine with velvety fruit reflecting the quality of the excellent 2007 vintage
- 59 Bests Victoria Shiraz, Victoria 2005 £32.70  
from vineyards of St Andrews at Lake Boga and Salvation Hills of Great Western, creating a wine which is soft, with generous berry fruits and spicy palate, reflective of the different terroirs in each vineyard. Elegant Australian Shiraz at its best!
- 60 Mansion House Bay 'Vineyard Selection' Pinot Noir, Marlborough 2007 £30.20  
a deliciously crafted silky Pinot Noir. Lovely typical colour, a benchmark nose of crushed raspberries with a touch of oak, and a rounded, complex palate

### South Africa

Of all the wine regions to visit in the World, the Western Cape is arguably the most spectacular. Beautiful manicured vineyards against a backdrop of mountains, South Africa stylistically is described as somewhere between Australia and France. Much has been done over recent years to address excessive alcohol and problems of ripeness.



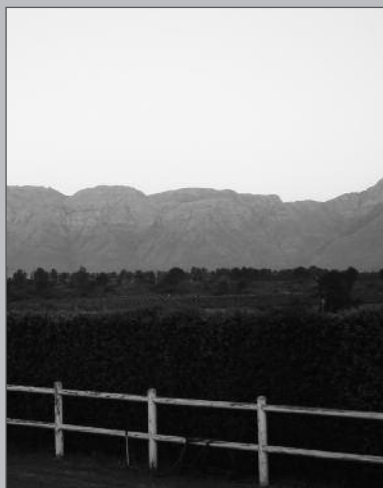
- 55 Bon Cap 'The Ruins' Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Robertson 2009 £25.20  
a wonderful complex and elegant wine. The Syrah dominates with loads of white and black pepper spice coupled with red berry fruits. The Cabernet gives backbone and structure and the small amount of Viognier rounds the wine off beautifully with a subtle floral note

- 61 De Trafford Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2004 £39.20  
the De Trafford winery is situated on the beautiful Mont Fleur Farm at the top of a dramatic valley overlooking Stellenbosch. A famed South African producer who 'cut his teeth' in the vineyards of France

hidden gem

Chile

Blessed with the unique climate for growing - clear natural defences to protect the vines and natural irrigation from the cool waters flowing off the Andes. With more understanding of which wine region is good for growing individual grape varieties, the improvement of quality wines is marked. A great new entry to the list is the Novus Winemakers Selection - rich, ripe and spicy.



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| 53  | Vina Valdivieso Reserva Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley                                                                                                                                                                          | 2007 | £29.00 |
|     | a soft medium bodied wine with delicate strawberry fruit, hints of cinnamon and vanilla. Twelve months in small French oak barrels give it a lovely structure and is excellent with chicken, lighter red meats and spicy foods |      |        |
| 51  | Novus Winemakers Selection Syrah/Mourvedre, Colchagua Valley                                                                                                                                                                   | 2005 | £31.20 |
|     | wonderful red fruit berries abound with floral and mineral notes and a soft and spicy finish. Made by one of the world's most important producers of organic and biodynamic wines                                              |      |        |
| 51a | Castillo De Molina Reserva Carmenere, Lontue Valley                                                                                                                                                                            | 2007 | £25.20 |
|     | dark violet with intense spices, soft green pepper, toasted oak and vanilla. Similar to Merlot, but with a slightly earthy character                                                                                           |      |        |

Argentina

We are only just beginning to appreciate the quality of Argentinean wines as domestic consumption has wavered. Couple that with a great leap in quality, this is the first time that we've listed a wine of this pedigree.



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| 63 | Alta Vista Grande Reserve Malbec, Mendoza                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2005 | £31.20 |
|    | this Grande Reserve Malbec is a selection of the best Malbec grapes from the terroirs located at the foothills of the Andes. With an intense red colour with purple-blue tints, this Malbec presents complex aromas of black fruits followed by hints of vanilla. Rich and ample in the mouth with soft tannins (this wine may contain sediment) |      |        |

Dessert wines are making a resurgence and rightly so, a delicious end to a meal. We're please to offer two carefully selected examples.



Dessert Wines

- 83 Concha Y Toro Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc - Reserva 2005 half bottle £12.10  
 Privada, Maule Valley - Chile  
 a complex taste of honey, together with mature fruit. A perfect appetiser and accompanies all desserts
- 85 Château Loupiac Gaudiet, Loupiac - France 2003 half bottle £16.90  
 a very fruity wine with aromas of acacia and some toast notes. Smooth in the mouth with a lot of freshness. A wine which ages well and is matured for two years before being bottled

Should you prefer a half bottle rather than choosing from our wide selection of wines by the glass, we've an excellent choice - perfect for the single diner.

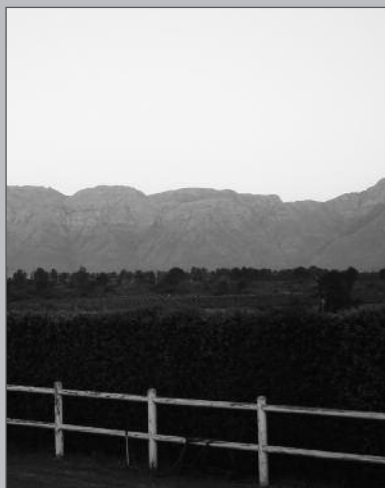
Half Bottles

- 80 Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV £25.20  
 a wonderfully elegant Champagne, with fresh flavours underpinned by rich notes of biscuit and brioche
- 82 Sancerre 'La Croix Au Garde' Domaine Henri Pelle - France 2008 £15.10  
 pungent, fresh grassy aromas mingle with riper citrus style fruits and fuller in the mouth, but finishing with a pure intensity of a classy Sancerre
- 81 Chablis Domaine du Varoux - France 2008 £13.40  
 appealing citrus and floral aromas, elegantly dry with delicate mineral notes
- 88 Fleurie Pierre Ponnelle, Beaujolais Cru - France 2007 £15.15  
 brimming with delicate scent of ripe fruit and violets, this Fleurie has a wealth of succulent fruit flavours

<p>92 Château Haut Batailley, 5eme Cru, Pauillac - France 2003 £24.65                  a complex wine, big ripe fruit but elegant with some acidity and good tannins.                  This is a real treat for single diners! (Limited stock available)</p>	hidden gem
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### Magnums

Wines are said to evolve better in Magnums...why you may ask? In simple terms it's all about controlled oxidation, which is the process needed to age a wine. In Magnums because of their size it makes for slower evolution. Finally, there is the aesthetic pleasure of the larger bottle and for sharing with friends the perfect generous gesture (not to mention the added value due to our pricing policy).



### Champagne

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| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Pol Roger Magnum</b> | 1998 | £127.75 |
| Champagne (indeed wine as well!) from a magnum is not only a special treat for your table, but it ages better in this size. The 1998 is a wonderful vintage for Champagne, with Pol Roger a particular favourite. This wine also represents particularly good value for the quality |                         |      |         |

### Red

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| 89                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Beaune du Château 1er Cru, Bouchard Pere et Fils - Burgundy</b> | 2004 | £65.45  |
| a fine, perfumed bouquet typical of the premiers crus of Beaune. Harmonious, soft and beautifully elegant                                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |      |         |
| 90                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Château Vieux Sarpe St Emilion Grand Cru</b>                    | 2005 | £105.00 |
| from a very small vineyard of just 3 hectares, situated to the east of the medieval city of St Emilion. The 2005 vintage is a great wine which has class, is at the start of its drinking life and will be drinking well for many years to come |                                                                    |      |         |
| 91                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Vina Valdivieso Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc - Chile</b>      | 2004 | £47.50  |
| deep in colour, with aromas of roasted peppers, sweet spice and black fruits. Ripe and rich on the palate, with good concentration of flavour. This Cabernet Franc shone at our tasting and, despite some tough competition, came out on top    |                                                                    |      |         |

Each hotel has a number of promotional events during the year. Full details of these can be found by visiting us at [shirehotels.com](http://shirehotels.com). Our wine events are a great excuse for a short break as all hotels offer a special rate if you are attending a wine supper. Working with our suppliers we host an informal evening of great food, good company, lovely wines and an interesting speaker to give information about their specialities.

## 2010 Events

**9th July**                      **Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, Leeds**  
World Cup-themed Dinner with a range of wines from the participating countries

**19th July - 1st August**    **Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford**  
Dine from the Green Finger menu - in conjunction with The Royal Horticultural Show held at Tatton Park

**30th July**                      **North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Penrith**  
Test your wine knowledge at our 'Call My Bluff' wine tasting evening

**10th September**            **Thorpe Park Hotel & Spa, Leeds**  
Wine Supper featuring selected wines from South America - Chile and Argentina

**24th September**            **North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Penrith**  
New vs Old World Wine - compare wines from around the globe

**1st October**                    **Kettering Park Hotel & Spa, Kettering**  
Enjoy an informal evening tasting some of best wines the Bordeaux region has to offer with a selection of cheeses to complement the wine selection

**22nd October**                **Cottons Hotel & Spa, Knutsford**  
Wine Supper featuring selected European wines from three producers.

**29th October**                **Aztec Hotel & Spa, Bristol**  
Rhône Supper - speciality dinner with wines from our favourite Rhône growers

**12th November**              **Solent Hotel & Spa, Fareham**  
South African Wine Evening - dinner with matched wines from some of the great vineyards of South Africa