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*Wine list*  
**January 2010**

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### PRICE LIST FEBRUARY 2010

**T**he heartiest of warm welcomes to you with this interim list, the first of 2010. An interim list in as much as it's an update, a post-Christmas missive to keep you up-to-speed with news, prices and how globalisation has changed the wine map of the world.

Was it in 2007 that Australian wine outsold French for the first year ever and now, with the Aussie Dollar having strengthened by 30% against the poor old Pound, the great Shirazes and Cabernets of South Australia are disappearing off the entry-level pages of wine lists only to be replaced by better value South African and South American wines....so what better time to shock the market and launch two immense and fabulously good value winter warmers, one from RSA and one from Oz?!

With thick snow on the ground, the UK's triple-A rating under threat and the Government well and truly 'dans le merde', let's jolly ourselves up with The War Horse 'SMV' Red. It's a simply stonking, ultra luscious, spicy, rich Shiraz/Mourvedre/Viognier that we are rushing over to defrost the winter and warm up your evenings and weekends. This is a very affordable and glorious Côte Rôtie lookalike.

News on the antipodean front is that we bought enough of Ben Glaetzer's Heartland 'Stickleback' to see us through to the summer at last year's prices AND our 'coup of 2010' is surely Leylines Shiraz 2007. Made by living-legend, John Duval, who was personally responsible for making 'Grange' for 17 of his 30 years at Penfolds. This gorgeous sexy, spicy, berry-rich Aussie beastly just has to be one of our greatest ever entry-level reds and, just at the very time that it looks like Aussie wines will have to go through the roof, sang-froid negotiations and a 'repositioning' of this wine has virtually halved its price so do take full advantage of this it's sensational and the 2007 will now be on permanent special offer.

After a simply phenomenal last quarter of 2009, Q1/10 will be all about replenishing our depleted stocks and 'stress-testing' all wines to make sure that we bring to you even better wines at highly competitive prices. Our new Director of Purchasing, David Round, Master of Wine, is dedicating himself to bringing to Jascots wider ranges of wines at all price points and for all occasions so our next list, which will be issued later in Spring, will be absolutely packed with new goodies.

We're attending dozens of tastings in the next few weeks and then Vinisud in February, traditionally an immensely successful wine fair and then we're up to Burgundy to scoop vast quantities of 2008 Burgs....and it will not stop there! Happy New Year and "KBO", as Churchill would say.





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**EVERYDAY DRINKING WHITES** Continued

<b>Château Pavillon de la Brie, A.C Bergerac, France</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<b>Villa du Clos Viognier, Languedoc, France</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>

A delightful wine, supple and delicate with lovely Viognier tones of peaches and apricots, and so refreshing. If you're after a light, easy drinker this is just the ticket and it was immensely popular on the party circuit last year.

<b>Heartland 'Stickleback' Verd/Sem/Viog/PinotGris, S Australia</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>
<b>Blenheim Point Riesling, Marlborough, New Zealand</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>
<b>Three Choirs 'Winchcombe Downs', Gloucestershire, England</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>
<b>Le Bouquet Sauvignon, Domaine Laporte, Loire Valley, France</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>

This little gem has literally blasted onto the scene, immediately gaining a tremendous following! The fabulous gooseberry nose is followed by an almost NZ intensity with very fresh, vivid grapefruit and green fruit flavours. Delish, beautifully balanced and perfect with light and heavier fishy dishes! If our Blenheim Point is a bit too intense for you, you'll love this! One great chum just commented ' the problem is, it's far too good for a House Wine for the Bank' - I guess that's a good sign?!

<b>Blenheim Point Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>
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2008 was sensational - the biggest ever year for New Zealand's illustrious Marlborough Valley, the grapes were harvested in absolutely perfect condition AND the prices have come down too! This is a classic NZ Sauvignon with an intensely fruity concentration of sweet gooseberry, greengage and lychee flavours and crisp, clean acidity. It's a big mouthful on its own and perfect with rich, fishy foods like smoked salmon or with West Indian cooking with chilli and spices and of course, Chinese food.

<b>Brianello Sauv/Chard/Trebbiano, Il Pollenza 2008, Marche, Italy</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>8.75</b>	<b>105.00</b>
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An unusual but brilliantly successful blend of Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Trebbiano, in which fresh, lively fruit of piercing intensity is matched with beautiful balance and smooth texture. Almost Chablis-like in its combination of polished refinement and richness.

<b>Mâcon-Villages 'Les Charmes' 2008, Corton André, France</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
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After an extended search to find a Mâcon that is correctly priced and good enough to win a place on our list, just when we had almost lost hope, up popped this real gem. It has an extremely attractive combination of fine texture and ripeness with fresh, clean unoaked Chardonnay flavours and an impressive intensity...this is most definitely a classy Macon! It's damn good now and it'll be lovely with fishy dishes in the summer and we just know that it's going to develop a hint of honey on the finish come next winter. This is going to be a star!

<b>Lugana, Tenuta Rovaglia, Lombardy DOC, Italy</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
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<b>Simonsig Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Stellenbosch, SA</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
<p>Having enjoyed this so much at a small trade tasting that we did in The Adam Street Club in the autumn, we took the opportunity to exercise it at one of our inimitable International Wine Challenges in November. The 2006 and '07 really developed into tremendous Côte d'Or look-alikes, but this 2008 didn't appear to have developed quite the same gravitas and Burgundian flavours in the Spring of last year. But, by September, all those wonderful rich and oaky flavours - in the style of Meursault, NOT in the style of something hideously overdone and "1980s" from South Australia - had come to the fore and it was showing brilliantly so in it went at Wine No.2 in a Challenge for 100 'Players' and I'd say a good 12 teams pitched it as the £25 Meursault Narvaux by Philippe Chavy and I can't flatter the wine more than that!</p>				
<b>Valserrano Blanco, Bodegas Marquesa, Rioja DOC, Spain</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>9.50</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<p>I'm afraid that we did absolutely terribly with the last white Rioja we listed, but, we were so smitten with Pablo's white that we just had to get it in. This is nothing like as oaky and heady as many white Riojas but much more limey and fresh. A really interesting alternative to an SB and Riesling, give this a try with lightly spicy fish and white meat dishes; it's lovely.</p>				
<b>Reichsrat Von Buhl Dry Riesling, Trocken, Pfalz, Germany (0)</b> <b>(Jane MacQuitty's Best Buy, Saturday Times June 09)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.50</b>	<b>114.00</b>
<p>Persuading wine-lovers to surrender to the delights of German wines is a tough job, but von Buhl's 2008 Riesling should do the trick. This is a scintillatingly crisp, dry (trocken) wine with piercing intensity of stone fruit, lime and peaches that thrills the palate all the way through to a long, clean finish.</p>				
<b>Brandal Albariño, Adegas D'Altamira, Rías Baixas DO, Spain</b>	<b>2007/9</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Grüner Veltliner 'Lösterrassen' Weingut Stadt Krems, Austria</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Bourgogne Chardonnay, Château de Chaintré Jean-Paul Pacquet, France</b>	<b>2006/8</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Heartland Viognier/Pinot Gris, Langhorne Creek, Australia</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>





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<b>EVERYDAY DRINKING REDS</b>				
<b>Le Marquis, Vin de France</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>4.95</b>	<b>59.40</b>
Le Marquis has stepped back in to fill the slot as our top value French House Red. But the ravishing 2009 is no longer a Grenache-based rouge but made purely from Merlot so it certainly punches well above its weight. It's beautifully ripe and rich with plummy fruit and hints of smoky spice, DEEEEEELISH!				
<b>Marche Rosso, Moncaro, Marche, Italy</b>	<b>2008/9</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
<b>The Raintree Reserve Red, Western Cape, South Africa</b>	<b>2008/9</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
We unanimously went for this immensely drinkable, unusual blend of Merlot/Mourvedre & Viognier...Taking a leaf out of the traditional Côte Rôtie way of inserting a je ne sais quoi fruitiness to the back end of the lusciously bold red fruit flavours with a floral white! Bonkers, BUT, this is generous, flexible and it's a wine that will be universally enjoyed!				
<b>Mas de la Source Réserve Rouge, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France (SV)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
<b>Le Petit Pont Réserve Rouge, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France (SV)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
<b>La Tourelle Merlot, Pays d'Oc, France</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
Fleshy ripe plum and gorgeously fat black fruit flavours combine with a hint of garrigue spice and a refreshing, soft, clean finish, outlining a perfect example of the varietal at a stunning price & quality ratio. Damn, this is goooooood!				
<b>The Pioneer Tempranillo, Vino de la Tierra, Spain</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.25</b>	<b>63.00</b>
This little ray of sunshine will brighten up the gloomiest of winter days. It's a terrific Tempranillo, and with its soft, smooth tannins, rich fruit and fantastic value for money, The Pioneer embodies all of the qualities that have driven the recent renaissance of Spanish wine.				
<b>Primitivo, Castellani, Puglia IGT, Italy</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.50</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>Nero d'Avola, Angelo Rocca &amp; Figli, Sicily IGT, Italy</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>5.50</b>	<b>66.00</b>
<b>Coiron Malbec/Shiraz, Mendoza, Argentina</b>	<b>2008/9</b>		<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>
<b>Tempus Merlot, Valle Central, Chile</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>
<b>Tempus Carmenere, Valle Central, Chile</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>
<b>Vaquero Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi, California, USA</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>5.95</b>	<b>71.40</b>
<b>Arabella Cabernet Sauvignon, Robertson, South Africa</b>	<b>2007/9</b>		<b>5.95</b>	<b>71.40</b>
<b>Arabella Merlot, Robertson, South Africa</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>5.95</b>	<b>71.40</b>
The whites are darned good but, ooh, we do just love these new SA reds. The Cabernet is quite exceptional! Spicy and wonderfully pure with bright, polished black and redcurrant flavours, punching far above this price! Whilst the Merlot is layered with cassis and plum fruit, flambovant and lush.				
<b>La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Bonarda, Mendoza, Argentina</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>6.25</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>6.25</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Pinot Noir, Mendoza, Argentina</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>6.25</b>	<b>75.00</b>
This is an incredibly powerful line-up of three sensational entry-level reds, delivering an unbelievable 'bang-for-your-buck'. The Bonarda is really creamy, sensual and supple with lovely mulberry fruit. The Malbec is deeply flavoured and gorgeous with undertone of bramble spice and concentrated black berries whilst the Pinot Noir is sexy like a Southern Rhône Syrah.				



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<b>EVERYDAY DRINKING REDS continued</b>				
<b>Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Moncaro, Italy</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>6.25</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Lacrimus Rioja, Sendero Royal, Spain</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>M DM</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<p>We love El Somo and it simply could not be pipped by any of the literally hundreds of Riojas that the team tasted at all the fairs this year...but, our Spanish expert, Nick Oakley, started working with a terribly eccentric fellow in Rioja (eccentric for his life-size collection of Dinosaurs!) and we tried dozens of blends until we came up with our perfect Rioja. The bright, fleshy and modern flavours of fresh Tempranillo have harmonized beautifully with softly oaked, barrel-aged Rioja. We exercised this little gem last year with 50 friends and everyone just loved it with the roast hog....this could be the 'hot' wine of the winter and is available in bottles, magnums and double magnums!</p>				
<b>Château Noel St Laurent, Côtes du Rhône, France</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<p>Happy days! Having struck a terrific deal with Bertie Stehelin for the tail end of his 2005, we were concerned that it would be impossible to find a replacement especially with 2007 being a seriously great vintage for the Rhône Valley....but we have! Welcome to this classic Rhône, all big, chunky red, spicy fruits from the Syrah and smoky lushness from the Grenache.</p>				
<b>Château Bellevue, AC Bordeaux, France</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>M DM</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<p>Based right on the St Emilion side bank of the Garonne, a tiny 6 hectare micro-vineyard owned by a cereal farmer, but managed and run entirely by our little chum Renaud Le Coq, an independent Bordeaux négociant. It's 100% Merlot and he ages the wine in 7 different types of barrels including 1st, 2nd and 3rd fill, French oak and American oak etc and then gathers the blends together before bottling. We've been buying his wine since the 2002 which was astonishingly good for a mediocre vintage and his consistency is remarkable ever since. Yes, the 2005 was THE vintage and Bellevue was quite outstanding, but, the 2006 is very much on a par. It is very dark with lovely bright, blackberry Merlot flavours, it is pure and really luscious with soft ripe tannins.</p>				
<b>Montrale Syrah/Cabernet/Negroamaro, Rocca, Puglia IGT, Italy</b>	<b>2006/7</b>		<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<b>Heartland 'Stickleback' Cab/Shiraz/Grenache, S Australia</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>
<b>El Somo 'Selección', Bodegas El Somo, Rioja DOC, Spain</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>7.25</b>	<b>87.00</b>
<b>Bienvenido Gran Reserva, Valdepeñas DO, Spain</b>	<b>2003</b>		<b>7.50</b>	<b>90.00</b>
<p>With all the tastings and fairs that Team Jascots went to early last year, we came across some sensational new opportunities including this ultra soft, sensual crowd-pleaser. The fully mature super-supple Tempranillo fruits are bright and polished and velvety and sweet wrapped up in that sexy-smooth oaky coat. Perfect with light and heavier white and red meat dishes and, if you drink red wine, you will just love this. Possibly the perfect winter red so let's get on the woolly jumper, light the log fire and do a case!</p>				
<b>The War Horse SMV Shiraz Mourvedre Viognier Stellenbosch, RSA</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>
<b>Domaine Maris Syrah, Vin de Pays d'Oc, Biodynamic, France (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>
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**La Chamiza 'Polo Professional' Reserve Malbec  
Mendoza, Argentina**

**2008**

**7.95**

**95.40**

The boys at Finca La Chamiza make an outstanding range of wines topped by the phenomenal Martin Alsina Malbec. The 'Polo Amateur' range is brilliant entry-level wine, but, the Professional Malbec is seriously good. We loved the Professional Bonarda's loganberry fleshiness and generosity, but, actually preferred the 'Amateur' Bonarda (listed above), but, it is the Malbec that won all the gongs down in Mendoza and our hearts! Crammed with spice and currants, smooth and voluptuous, it's bonkers value!



**The Charge, La Bascula, Rioja DOC, Spain**

**2006**

**8.50**

**102.00**

(Telegraph March 09, Wine of the Week & 5 Stars, Decanter)

We're so smitten with this sensational wine that we have just bought the lot and driven down the price to make it THE top value wine of the list! This is a properly powerful, modern, sexy dark and very concentrated kind of New World style of Tempranillo/Grenache/Graciano blend crammed with briary but sweet black fruit flavours with tones of spicy chocolate. One hell of a wine, PERFECT with Lamb or Beef.

**'Leylines' Shiraz 2007, Pomegranate, McLaren Vale, Australia**

**2007**

**8.95**

**107.40**

This is our coup of 2010 and I doubt we'll better it all year. I've always rather struggled to understand the adjective 'crunchy' when applied to a red wine, but, I just have to use it with this wine. You know when you bite into a fistful of blackcurrants or a great big fat, firm black cherry and it sort of crunches before its flavours burst into the mouth....well, it's like that. It has a wonderful silky texture, it's well tempered and not at all heavy, but, rich and powerful and nicely balanced and we picked up super-ripe black cherries and black currants, a great concentration and focused spicy flavours, some complex woody tones, some pepper and forest fruits and a little tobacco although these flavours will develop more as we go through the year.



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<b>Terrafina Chianti Superiore, DOCG Tuscany, Italy</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
Oooh, this is a great little Chianti and a badly needed top-performing wine in our inventory. Actually, it's not brand new because we ran with it a few years back and here it is again under a new label. Fleshier than one might expect from a Chianti with none of that linear leanness that a dry old gnarly Chianti can sometimes have, but, brighter and more generous. This has already become a big favourite!				
<b>Heartland Shiraz, Limestone Coast, South Australia</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Vieilles Vignes', Vincent Prunier, France</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
For gladdening the heart and lifting the spirits, that alone is enough to make wine wonderful, but, the turnaround of Prunier's BPN has amazed me. We brought this over to replace Bertie Ambroise's sensational 2005 when his prices went nuts but the wine tasted lean and green when it arrived despite having tasted very good in his cellar! Blast! We sent it off for analysis and there was no technical fault in the wine, it had just gone into its 'teenage years'. Anyway, I took a case home for Christmas to have a lighter red for the family for Boxing Day and I was knocked out by just how good it was. Plush and plummy, generous with a gorgeous texture and very pure. That 10 months or so of R&R in The Observatory is all that was needed and the wine is now perfect!				
<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Vieilles Vignes'</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>9.25</b>	<b>111.00</b>
<b>Domaine Raffael Dubois, France</b>				
My original tasting note for Raffael's wine when we were sitting in his winery simply read "fuller, richer, sweeter (than the VV 2006), completely lost all tannic edges, possesses good length." Raffael came to see us last week and we tasted all his wines and, once again, they reminded me of the very soft, very charming and elegant, pretty wines of Louis Boillot that we used to import. This one has a lovely, ripe-fruited, pure and elegant nose, a good structure with plenty of red fruit to balance it and it had one of the greatest and tastiest finishes I can remember having on a Bourgogne Pinot Noir. Out of our two offerings, I'd plum for the Prunier VV 2006 now unless food-matching with a heavy red meat dish, but, come the spring and warmer weather, this wine will have advanced to the next stage of maturity and it's going to be sensational!				
<b>Côtes du Rhône, Château de Saint Cosme France (O)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.25</b>	<b>111.00</b>
(90 Parker Points)				
<b>Valserrano Crianza, Bodegas Marquesa, Rioja DOC, Spain</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>9.75</b>	<b>117.00</b>
OK, so The Charge is very modern and sexy and powerful and Lacrimus and El Somo sort of semi-trad and semi-mod, but, Pablo has very much stuck to his guns and made a very traditional Rioja in 2006. If the 2004 was deeper and chunkier, the 2006 is incredibly soft and sensual, the sort of Rioja that you can enjoy on its own, with canapés or light and heavy meals and fishy dishes as well. Medium-weighted with ripe plummy fruit, gently concentrated, very feminine and absolutely adorable!				



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<b>Porpora Merlot, Il Pollenza, Marche IGT, Italy</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
Porpora is a rich, rounded, juicy Merlot with a smooth, creamy palate, packed with black fruits, vanilla and spice. A ripe, opulent wine that is irresistibly drinkable.				
<b>Castle Rock Pinot Noir, Mendocino, California, USA</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, USA</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>

Hand on heart, I don't think we have ever tasted two higher quality wines than Castle Rock Napa Cabernet and Mendo Pinot in Jascots' 20 years, not in this price range and especially not from California. These could very easily be £15-£20 wines but the boys at Castle Rock make 400,000 cases and its all got to sell so these pack immense bang-for-your-buck. The Napa Cabernet would sit happily amongst our ravishing 2005 Cru Bourgeois Clarets and the Mendo Pinot simply murders our Gladiator at its new price point....really, we have never, ever had finer nor better made wines at this level!

<b>Chiroubles, Domaine Emile Cheysson, Beaujolais, France</b> (Silver Medal)	<b>2007</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Fleurie, Jean Pierre Large, Beaujolais, France</b> (Gold Medal)	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>

Hallelujah! I can't tell you how many Beaujolais and, in particular, Fleuries we have tasted in an effort to find something really tasty AND that justifies its price tag. At last, our great friend and wizard producer of Emile Cheysson's Chiroubles has swept the board with his Gold Medal winning Fleurie and appointed us his distributor in the UK. The wine was young, of course, when it first arrived, but, is really coming on now and already showing the prettiest of Gamay flavours. It's perfectly lush, generous and fine.



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**SPARKLING WINE**

**ITALY**

**Prosecco Frizzante Colli Trevigiani, Enrico Bedin, Veneto, Italy**   **NV**   **6.95**   **83.40**

Prosecco has become the sparkling wine of choice over the last couple of years, and if you're still to be convinced, this attractive, unpretentious little bubbly should persuade you with its fresh, ripe, apple flavours and clean, dry finish. It also has the added advantage of a crown cap, so opening a bottle couldn't be easier. But if you want a more persistent fizz, do buy the Prosecco Spumante below.

**Prosecco Spumante Colli Trevigiani, Enrico Bedin, Veneto, Italy**   **NV**   **8.50**   **102.00**

The Spumante has even more bubbles than the Frizzante, and so is the perfect Prosecco for those who need to be sure of a lively fizziness even after the addition of cassis or fruit juice. It also has a reassuringly traditional Champagne-style cork.

**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Simonsig Chardonnay / Pinot Noir Brut, Stellenbosch**   **2007**   **9.25**   **111.00**

This is an incredibly accomplished Sparkling wine with great length, bubbles and texture and some very genuine-tasting Champagne-esque flavours. Well done to those boys in RSA, they've made something very special here!

**Simonsig Sparkling Rosé Brut, Stellenbosch**   **2007**   **10.95**   **131.40**

**FRANCE**

**Crémant de Bourgogne Brut, Louis Picamelot  
Decanter Silver Medal**   **NV**   **10.50**   **126.00**

**Crémant de Bourgogne Brut, Louis Picamelot in Magnum  
(6 x 1.5 litres) Decanter Silver Medal**   **NV**   **M**   **22.00**   **132.00**

Extremely soft, creamy Crémant made from 60% Pinot Noir, 25% Chardonnay and just 15% from Burgundy's Aligoté grape, all hand-picked in 2006 from vineyards exclusively in Burgundy before maturing on the wine's lees for 9 months prior to the second fermentation using, of course, the Méthode Champenoise and then not releasing for sale for another 30 months. We loved our visit to their set-up in Rully where we met the debonaire grandson of Louis Picamelot who whisked us off to their new winery just outside the village constructed in an abandoned quarry. They have built into the quarry walls themselves to make a spectacular, state-of-the-art production and storage facility....very Thunderbirds!

**Crémant de Bourgogne 'Tasteviné' in Magnum (6x1.5 litres)**   **2002**   **Limited**   **21.75**   **130.50**  
**Château Beaulieu Brut Rosé Methode Traditionelle, France**   **NV**   **10.50**   **126.00**

Our lovely pink Beaulieu Bubbly has taken over as THE big function fizz of 2009. On two major 1,000+ functions, it has pipped Champagne to be selected and it has had a tremendously successful time. Whether for a BIG party, or, a glass of jolly Bubbly before a BBQ, this is so lovely!



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**CHAMPAGNE**

Well.....holy moly! We've all heard of people shooting themselves in the foot à la Gerald Ratner suggesting that an M&S Prawn Sandwich would last longer than a pair of his earrings.....but, for the Grandes Marques Champagne Houses to be bleating about sales falling by up to 45% in 2009 and then putting UP their prices in 2010 sounds horribly Prawn Sandwich-esque to me!

But all jolly good news as we have talked to our great friends at Palmer, to Claude Mandois and Bruno Mignon and the inimitably fabulous Jean-Francois Clouet who have all taken on board the plight of the Pound and have pretty much held on to our 2009 prices. So we're sticking with last year's prices bar one or two tiny tinkering...an exception being the return to 17.5% vat which is a pain but there it is.

Opinion is pretty much split 50/50 on Dericbourg and Mignon with some suggesting that the 'Delboy' has a slightly deeper, richer flavour as one would expect from a 'Cuvée de Réserve' while others prefer the easy-drinking Charles Mignon. No argument there.

Everyone just loves the Palmer and especially the Rosé which must be one of the sexiest pinks in the Champagne Galaxy and then the real deal is our André Clouet Grande Cru 'Grande Réserve'. I mean, why buy a household brand at £25-£30+ a bottle with an average cru rating of 94-98% with, say, 8 to 20% Reserve wine in the final blend when you can buy a Grand Cru from 100% classified Grand Cru Vineyards from the village of Bouzy and made only from the top quality free flowing juice (not pressed juice) and 100% reserve wines and matured in their chalk cellars for a minimum of 5 years before release....surely that's one of today's easiest decisions?!

**CHAMPAGNE GASTON DERICBOURG, PIERRY (ÉPERNAY)**

**16.95      203.40**

**Champagne Gaston Dericbourg 'Cuvée de Réserve' Brut, Pierry      NV**

Our new 'House Champagne', affectionally known as 'Delboy', has now had the summer to be tried and tested and has come through all guns blazing and is very much our first choice Champagne to the on-trade and private clients alike. It's a bit more old school than the more modern and universally liked Charlie Mignon below; this 'Cuvée de Réserve' is more Palmeresque which can be no bad thing and it's great with canapés and light foods.



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<b>CHAMPAGNE continued</b>				
<b>CHAMPAGNE CHARLES MIGNON, ÉPERNAY</b>				
Champagne Charles Mignon Brut Grande Tradition (Bronze Medal, IWSC 2009)	NV		18.95	227.40
With 70% of the grapes coming from Premier and Grand Cru vineyards, there is no surprise that this ultra supple, creamy blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 20% each of Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier has great finesse and style. Pure, of medium weight and more fine and delicate than it is intense, this is fresh and cleansing while being beautifully balanced and elegant. A terrific Champagne that's perfect with canapés and light foods but is creamy and balanced enough to enjoy on its own. Like our very own Champagne Palmer, Mignon's Cru Rated Average is 95-96% and he uses 20% Reserve Wines in his final blend. The key difference is that Bruno releases his Champagne after 3 years in the cellar while Palmer holds theirs for 5!				
<b>CHAMPAGNE HENRI MANDOIS, PIERRY (ÉPERNAY)</b>				
Champagne Henri Mandois Brut Halves, 24x375ml	NV		11.50	276.00
Champagne Henri Mandois Brut	NV		20.50	246.00
Champagne Henri Mandois Rosé Brut Grande Réserve	NV		23.00	276.00
<b>CHAMPAGNE PALMER, REIMS</b>				
Champagne Palmer keeps back the cream of the crop to sell under its Palmer label, and ages it for four years - almost three times the legal minimum, so it's no wonder that it remains a firm favourite amongst our customers, even in these more straitened times.				
Champagne Palmer Brut Halves, 24x375ml	NV		11.95	286.80
Champagne Palmer Brut	NV		19.95	239.40
Champagne Palmer Brut Magnums, 6 x 1.5Lt	NV		48.00	288.00
Champagne Palmer Brut in Jeroboam, 1x3Lt	NV		132.00	
Champagne Palmer Brut in Methuselah, 1x6Lt	NV		270.00	
Champagne Palmer Rosé in Clear Bottles	NV		24.50	294.00
Champagne Palmer Vintage	2002/4		25.00	300.00
Champagne Palmer Vintage Magnums, 6 x 1.5Lt	1996		60.00	360.00
<b>CHAMPAGNE ANDRÉ CLOUET, BOUZY</b>				
The Grand Cru village of Bouzy is very much Pinot Noir country, and the Clouet family has generations of experience in making Champagnes of such individuality and richness of fruit that it begs the question why anyone would bother with the over-priced and underwhelming big brands that dominate the market; well, they used to.				
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru 'Grande Réserve'	NV		24.00	288.00
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru 'Grande Réserve' in Magnums, 6x1.5Lt	NV		48.00	288.00
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru 'Grande Réserve' in Jeroboam, 1x3Lt	NV		150.00	
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru Silver Brut Nature	NV		24.00	288.00
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru Rosé	NV		30.00	360.00
Champagne André Clouet Grand Cru 1911	NV		48.00	576.00

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**MACON**

Is the Mâconnais on the march? It's difficult to say, but they had a excellent year in 2006, and the likes of Paquet, Cordier and Poncetys made some excellent wines in the difficult 2007 vintage. Now along comes 2008, a great year in the region that has given rise to an array of spectacular wines.

The Paquet family excelled themselves in 2006, especially with their Old Vine Pouilly-Fuissé, and the 2007 wine is an outstanding effort. Meanwhile, with its 2008 Saint-Véran, Domaine de Poncetys is back on the tremendous form that it showed with the 2006, making an exemplary wine that should give many of its neighbours food for thought. This is a wine with quality emblazoned all over it, from its bright, vibrant fruit and refreshing acidity all the way through to its rich, honeyed finish.

Christophe Cordier arguably makes the best wines in the region and his 2007 Mâcon-Fuissé is sensational....smoky, perfectly balanced with a fabulous texture. And finally, at the eleventh hour, in comes the 2008 Mâcon-Villages Les Charmes from Corton-André – a fabulously fresh, ripe, unoaked Chardonnay that will come into its own as Spring approaches.

<b>Mâcon-Villages 'Les Charmes' 2008, Corton André</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
<b>Saint Véran 'Terroir', Domaine des Poncetys</b>	<b>2008/9</b>		<b>10.50</b>	<b>126.00</b>
<b>Mâcon Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Christophe Cordier</b>	<b>2007/8</b>		<b>10.95</b>	<b>131.40</b>
<b>Pouilly-Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes', Jean-Paul Paquet</b>	<b>2007/8</b>		<b>15.50</b>	<b>186.00</b>
<b>Pouilly-Fuissé 'Vers Cras', Christophe Cordier</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>

**CHABLIS**

It would appear that with something like 50% of Chablis' exports come to the UK and with our imports down there is now the anticipated softening of prices happening in the region. The trouble is that Sterling is desperately low at around €1,11 as I write this, rather than the much mightier €1,30 when we bought the 2006s. Thus, prices have remained fairly static what with 4 duty increases in 24 months, the VAT increase and so everything is costing just that little bit more.

Still, we've bludgeoned away indefatigably and we've managed to bring in a really strong selection of Pascal and Romain's stuff at good prices.

The basic Chablis is top gear, we tasted it against numerous others and it's not only better value than the majority but happily it was also one of the best wines.

**VILLAGE**

<b>Chablis Domaine Pascal Bouchard (SV)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>10.95</b>	<b>131.40</b>
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**CHABLIS continued**

**PREMIER CRU**

**Chablis Premier Cru 'Mont de Milieu', Pascal Bouchard**

**2008**

**15.95**

**191.40**

This has a lovely fruity nose and we found it much more expressive than both Beauroy and Montmains. Both the weight and texture are much better than the leaner 2007s although we tried the wines just after they had been hauled up from the winery in the back Romain's car on an absolute freezing day, -4 degrees, and opened immediately upon arrival so conditions couldn't have been worse for the wine. On the palate, the wine has nicely rounded fruit and while the initial impact was quite limey and appley, it changed immeasurably within a couple of hours and became deliciously smoky and nicely rich. Give this wine a week or two to settle from the shipment and this 2008 will be a gem.

**Chablis Premier Cru 'Vau de Vey', Romain Bouchard (O)**

**2007**

**17.50**

**210.00**

(Gold Medal, International Wine Challenge)

We rather went into mourning when the last of the 2006 sold as it really was the prettiest Chablis we have listed in our 20 years. Right up until the end of last year it looked like Romain was going to hold out on a much higher price having won another Gold Medal for the 2nd year running, but we persevered and after a jolly good talking to in The Trafalgar Room under the gaze of Lord Nelson and Winston Churchill, he succumbed. This is only a fraction more expensive than the '06 despite 20% off the Pound, duty rises and VAT! The lad has pulled the bunny out the hat and made a phenomenal wine very much in the style of the sublime 2006. It has a lovely smoky nose, totally perfect balance and the prettiest weight and delivery...fairly delicate so not a wine to accompany richer dishes but perfect for fresh Salmon, Trout and fishy dishes like that.

**Chablis Premier Cru 'Fourchaume' Vieilles Vignes, Pascal Bouchard**

**2008**

**18.00**

**216.00**

Ah, it's back! We all think that the 2005 of this truly great Chablis and then the 2006 we had were the most outstanding Premier Cru Chablis we have ever listed. Bigger and much more Burgundian in style than the elegant Vau de Vey and very much more on a par with a Grand Cru. It exudes class with a rich, smoky, mineral nose, the impact is fabulous with just fantastic, fresh but perfectly balanced acidity like pretty much all the '08 white Burgundies that we have tasted. This is hugely impressive, the perfect stepping~stone between a very good Bourgogne Chard and the Village wines of Meursault, Puligny and Chassagne-Montrachet!



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**WHITE BURGUNDY**

Patience has been needed, but, the 2006s below are now absolutely sensational....some of the best white Burgs I have ever, ever tasted. Rich, with wonderful, deep, concentrated toasty Chardonnay flavours that have taken on weight, harmony and fabulous complexity and are just ravishing to enjoy now. 2007 was a leaner year and a vintage in which the really good producers made very good wines indeed, but, the rest fell short so we have made some careful purchases of wines which are both outstanding AND whose value for money make them 'must have' wines. Very special mention must be given to our wonderful new supplier, a Mum and two sons team of Domaine Bacheu-Legros up in Santenay near Chassagne-Montrachet. Their wines are such a success! '08 is a great vintage in Burgundy so we'll be investing heavily, lots to look forward to!

<b>Château de Chaintré, Bourgogne Chardonnay (Mâcon) (SV)</b>	<b>2006/8</b>	<b>9.95</b>	<b>119.40</b>
<b>Santenay 'Sous la Roche' Blanc, Bacheu Legros</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>198.00</b>
Domaine Bacheu-Legros' Santenay delivers both a fresh, fruity, bright youthful Chardonnay but also a white wine of character, depth and a deliciously smoky, bright and fleshy white Burgundy. A 'little Chassagne-Montrachet' is the best way to describe it, opulent, luscious and lovely.			
<b>Puligny-Montrachet, Corton-André</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>22.50</b>	<b>270.00</b>
<b>Puligny-Montrachet, Domaine Jomain</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>276.00</b>
<b>Puligny-Montrachet, Phillipe Chavy</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>24.50</b>	<b>294.00</b>
<b>Chassagne-Montrachet, Corton-André</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>24.50</b>	<b>294.00</b>
<b>Meursault "Les Grands Charrons", Bacheu-Legros</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>312.00</b>

We have had a serious 'coup de coeur' with this lovely estate nestled in a steep valley just outside of the hamlet of Santenay and just behind Chassagne-Montrachet. We visited in the slashing rain late last spring and whilst the buildings had a touch of Colditz about them the warmth and charm of Maman and her two sons and their ravishing wines perked us up no end. Their lovely white and red Santenays have gone down a storm and check out DR's write-up on their heavenly Chassagne~Montrachet 1er Cru.

I am delighted to report that 'Les Grands Charrons' is bottled, labeled and will be over as soon as it's safe to ship such fine.

And so what of this lieu~dit just above the village of Meursault? Just a 2 minute walk to the north of illustrious Premier Crus like 'Les Poruzots', It reminded me of Chavy's Meursault 'Narvaux' in style when we tasted it in cask and, like the 2008 white Burgundies that I have just tasted, the wine has a fantastic and refreshing acidity that perfectly compliments the weight of ripe Chardonnay fruit from this tremendous vintage. We tasted all four casks in their cool, stone cellar and just loved them. Not yet buttery and 'classic' of course, but, this big, luscious and seriously good white wine was drinking beautifully there and then. We scooped the lot and it'll be here soon.

<b>Chassagne-Montrachet, Jean Marc Pillot</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>348.00</b>
<b>Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Corvées des Vignes', Phillipe Chavy</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>360.00</b>



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**WHITE BURGUNDY** continued

**PREMIER CRU**

**Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Morgeot' Vieilles Vignes, 2007 33.00 396.00**  
**Bachey Legros**

This is Burgundy at its most classic, with a refined, mineral, citrus nose, while the palate is a high-wire balancing act between layers of complex, ripe, fleshy fruit, beautifully integrated oak and refreshing acidity. The old vines lend extra concentration and depth, making this a wonderful Premier Cru that is already drinking superbly.

**Nuits-St Georges Premier Cru 'Les Terres Blanches' 2006 Limited 34.00 408.00**  
**Bertrand Ambroise (O)**

**Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Chenevottes', J.M.Pilot 2006 39.00 468.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Perrières', Domaine Jomain 2006 40.00 480.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Referts', Domaine Jomain 2006 42.00 504.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Folatières', Phillipe Chavy 2006 Limited 45.00 540.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Folatières', Corton-André 2006 46.00 552.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Pucelles', Corton-André 2006 46.00 552.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Pucelles', Domaine Jomain 2006 49.00 588.00**

**Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru 2006 60.00 720.00**

**'Les Caillerets', Christophe Cordier**

**GRAND CRU**

**Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Corton-André 2005 67.00 804.00**

**Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Corton-André 2006 77.00 924.00**

**Corton Blanc Grand Cru, 'Monopole' Corton-André 2005 Limited 85.00 1020.00**

**Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, Christophe Cordier 2006 95.00 1140.00**

**Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Domaine Jomain 2006 120.00 1440.00**

**Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Christophe Cordier 2006 130.00 1560.00**

**Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Corton-André 2005 Limited 175.00 2100.00**

**Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Vincent Girardin 2000 Limited 230.00 2760.00**

**Le Montrachet Grand Cru, Corton-André 2005 Limited 310.00 3720.00**



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**RED BURGUNDY**

There was 1985, 1990, then the 1999s were just soooo delish and now the 2005s are coming along fabulously. Prunier's Auxey-D punches way above its weight and is drinking brilliantly now and Gérard Seguin's single-vineyard Gevrey Chambertins are just blissful. The 2007s are already up for it but the top-end 2005 Premier Crus really must be kept for a year or two yet. Meanwhile, we will be having a little look at the 2008 vintage over the next couple of months, so watch this space.

**VILLAGE WINES**

Having had such tremendous success with Raffael and Beatrice Dubois' BPN 2006, we went to visit their Cave situated immediately behind that of Bertie Ambroise and tasted our way through a wide range of their 2007s. We found the style of their wines very similar to Louis Boillot's, that is to say, very pure, soft, accessible, very approachable and comparatively affordable. Along with Domaine Bachey Legros, these two new producers provide us with fantastic wines at affordable prices and the very forward, soft and accessible 2007s are ripe and ready to enjoy now.

<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Vieilles Vignes', Vincent Prunier</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>8.95</b>	<b>107.40</b>
<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir 'Vieilles Vignes', Domaine Raffael Dubois</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>9.25</b>	<b>111.00</b>
<b>Auxey-Duresses, Vincent Prunier</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>15.50</b>	<b>186.00</b>
<b>Santenay 'Les Charmes' Vieilles Vignes Rouge, Bachey Legros</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>16.50</b>	<b>198.00</b>
<b>Beaune 'Blanche Fleur', Domaine Raffael Dubois</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>18.00</b>	<b>216.00</b>
<b>Pommard, Corton-André</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>19.00</b>	<b>228.00</b>
<b>Nuits St Georges, Maison Raffael Dubois</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>19.50</b>	<b>234.00</b>
<b>Volnay, Maison Raffael Dubois</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>22.00</b>	<b>264.00</b>
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 'La Justice', Gerard Seguin</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>21.00</b>	<b>252.00</b>
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 'La Justice', Gerard Seguin</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>19.50</b>	<b>234.00</b>
<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 'Les Crais', Gerard Seguin</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>21.00</b>	<b>252.00</b>
<b>Aloxe-Corton, Corton-André</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>24.00</b>	<b>288.00</b>

One of the first of our serious appellations from Burgundy's greatest ever vintage to be up for it right now. The tannins have always been velvety soft, even when the wine was in cask, and the sumptuous weight of fruit just shines through. It was never hit by the 'acid spike' that some big red Burgs had earlier this year and there was never the dip in fruit fatness after bottling so it's been a bombshell since birth. Packed full of spicy flavours and deep red and black cherry flavours, this is sensational. Along with the Château's Grand Cru Corton and their Premier Cru Volnay, this was the third of my absolute favourite wines in a vintage in which pretty much every red Burgundy was just delicious!

<b>Gevrey-Chambertin 'Vieilles Vignes', Gerard Seguin</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>24.00</b>	<b>288.00</b>
<b>Chambolle-Musigny 'Derriere La Four', Gerard Seguin</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>24.00</b>	<b>288.00</b>
<b>Nuits-St-Georges, Bertrand Ambroise (SV)</b>	<b>2005</b>		<b>24.00</b>	<b>288.00</b>



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<b>RED BURGUNDY</b> continued				
Chambolle-Musigny, Maison Raffael Dubois	2007		26.00	312.00
Vosne-Romanée, Maison Raffael Dubois	2007		26.00	312.00
Nuits-St-Georges 'Vieilles Vignes', Bertrand Ambroise (SV)	2005	Limited	28.00	336.00
<b>PREMIER CRU</b>				
Gevrey-Chambertin Premier Cru 'Craipillot', Gerard Seguin	2005		28.00	336.00
Breathe in its opulent aromas, sit back and dream of 2005 - a time when the sun shone and the Pound was strong. Gérard Seguin made the most of some of the best conditions in living memory to craft a sumptuous, luscious wine with impressive concentration, ripeness and length. It's showing wonderfully well now, but there's certainly no rush to drink it.				
Nuits-St-Georges Premier Cru 'Les Porêts St Georges' Domaine Dubois	2007	Limited	26.00	312.00
Aloxe-Corton Premier Cru 'Les Paulands', Corton-André	2005		32.00	384.00
Nuits-St Georges Premier Cru 'Clos des Argilliers' Bertrand Ambroise (SV)	2005		32.00	384.00
Volnay Premier Cru 'Santenots', Corton-André	2005		32.00	384.00
Nuits-St Georges Premier Cru 'Vaucrains' Bertrand Ambroise (SV)	2002		39.00	468.00
Nuits-St Georges Premier Cru 'Les Corvées-Pagets' Bertrand Ambroise (SV)	2005		45.00	540.00
<b>GRAND CRU</b>				
Corton Grand Cru 'Renardes', Corton-André	2005	Limited	50.00	600.00
Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, Bertrand Ambroise (SV)	2002	Limited	55.00	660.00
Clos de la Roche Grand Cru, Corton-André	2005	Limited	100.00	1200.00
Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru, Corton-André	2005	Limited	100.00	1200.00
Mazis-Chambertin Grand Cru, Corton-André	2005	Limited	110.00	1320.00
Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, Domaine Vincent Girardin	1999	Limited	POA	

**BEAUJOLAIS**

These are very difficult times for the beautiful region of Beaujolais made all the worse by difficult vintages in 2006 & 2007 in which only the magician, Jean-Pierre Large seems to have made a wine that we felt we could offer to you....everything else was undrinkable and far, far too expensive! Now we have joined his excellent Chiroubles with his 2008 Gold Medal winning Fleurie which is delicious.

Chiroubles, Domaine Emile Cheysson (Silver Medal)	2007		10.95	131.40
Fleurie, Jean Pierre Large (Gold Medal)	2008		9.95	119.40





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**BORDEAUX** continued

**THE 2004s**

2004 was a difficult vintage for France and we bought very, very little Bordeaux and Burgundy. As it happens, Bernard Magrez de-classified the vast majority of his Château Fombrauge Grand Cru Classé and it all went into the 2nd wine, this Le Cadran de Fombrauge, so perhaps that's the reason why this wine is so very, very good!

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<b>Château Cadran de Fombrauge, (2ème vin de Château Fombrauge) St Emilion Grand Cru</b>	2004		14.50	174.00
<b>Château Poujeaux, Cru Bourgeois, Haut Médoc (90 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2004		24.00	288.00
<b>Château Pontet-Canet 2004, 5ème Cru Classé, Pauillac (90+ points, Robert Parker)</b>	2004		42.00	504.00
<b>Château Pichon-Lalande 2004, 2ème Cru Classé, Pauillac (92 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2004		72.00	864.00

**THE 2003s**

<b>Château Paloumey, Cru Bourgeois Haut Médoc</b>	2003		14.00	168.00
We so very nearly bought this in 2004 as it was one of the great CBs (Cru Bourgeois) that we tasted along with d'Agassac and Cambon La Pelouse at the en primeur tastings. We were offered a parcel at a really silly price by one of our boys in Bordeaux, we tasted it, loved it and scooped a BIG parcel. It's grown out of those hot and overblown jammy flavours of this scorching vintage and grown up into a properly good, well structured and really tasty Claret...chewier and more generous than just a 'traditional Claret' for sure, this will be loved by the Old School and the modernistas!				

<b>Château Brane-Cantenac, 2ème Cru Classé, Margaux (91 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2003	Limited	47.00	564.00
<b>Château La Mondotte, St Emilion (95 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2003	Limited	POA	

**THE 2001s & 2000s**

<b>Château Puygueraud, Côtes de Franc</b>	2000	Limited	17.00	204.00
<b>Château Riou de Thailas, Grand Cru St Emilion</b>	2000		35.00	420.00
<b>Château Langoa-Barton, 3ème Cru Classé, St Julien (L) (89 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2001	Limited	38.00	456.00
<b>Château Calon-Segur, 3ème Cru Classé, St Estèphe (90 points, Robert Parker)</b>	2001	Limited	56.00	672.00

**THE 1999s & 1996**

<b>Château Valandraud, St Emilion Grand Cru (90 points, Robert Parker)</b>	1999	Limited	150.00	1800.00
<b>Château Le Pin, Pomerol (93 points, Robert Parker)</b>	1999	Limited	POA	
<b>Château Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac, (94 points, Robert Parker)</b>	1996	Limited	POA	



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**RHONE VALLEY**

Every time we go down to Gigondas and visit the inimitable Louis Barruol, we are just knocked out by his sensational organic wines. They are immensely tasty, jam-packed with intense cherry-bomb fruit flavours, phenomenal concentration and richness while being stylish and wonderful. 2007 was a mega vintage in the Rhône so these are wines to hide away for as long as you can resist! The Noel St Laurent 2007 is heroic at the entry level and big kudos to Bertie Stehelin for his work too. We went around his winery in the Spring of 2008 and found a little tank all on its own, a special super-cuvée of a single vineyard Châteauneuf 2007 which just blew our socks off. See below for 'The Man's' write up of Bertie's Gigondas too!

<b>Château Noel St Laurent, Côtes du Rhône, France</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>6.95</b>	<b>83.40</b>
<b>Côtes du Rhône, Château de Saint Cosme (O)</b> (90 Parker Points)	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.25</b>	<b>111.00</b>
<b>Côtes du Rhône 'Les Deux Albion', Château de Saint Cosme (O)</b> (90 Parker Points)	<b>2007</b>		<b>13.00</b>	<b>156.00</b>
<b>Gigondas, Bertrand Stehelin (92 Parker Points)</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>15.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>

"One of the village's up-and-coming young turks, Bertrand Stehelin has fashioned a superb example of Gigondas. The purple-colored 2007 reveals strong notes of crushed rocks, spring flowers, boysenberries, and dark raspberries. Rich and full-bodied with a multidimensional mouthfeel, admirable purity, and stunning length, it should provide plenty of pleasure over the next 10-12 years."

Robert Parker Jr

<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2007, Domaine Porte Rouge</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>18.95</b>	<b>227.40</b>
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Just when we thought we had seen the last of any affordable examples from the fabulous 2007 vintage, up popped this little treasure. Made only from Grenache, the nose is laden with blackberry and spice aromas, while the palate is silky smooth, rounded and bursting with fruit.

<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Saint Cosme (O)</b> (88-90 Parker Points)	<b>2006</b>		<b>34.00</b>	<b>408.00</b>
<b>Côte Rôtie, Château de Saint Cosme (L) (O)</b> (92-94 Parker Points)	<b>2006</b>		<b>35.00</b>	<b>420.00</b>
<b>Côte Rôtie, Château de Saint Cosme (O)</b> (unrated by Parker at the moment)	<b>2007</b>		<b>39.00</b>	<b>468.00</b>
<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel</b> (96 Parker Points)	<b>1998</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>POA</b>	
<b>Hermitage La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> (90 Parker Points)	<b>1998</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>POA</b>	



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**THE LOIRE VALLEY | WHITES**

2009 has seen many changes to our Loire section, but, it would seem that the Global Crisis hasn't yet sunk in for some of our producers while others are only too happy to cut deals with us to launch their wines into the UK despite these trying times. Welcome to the delightful André Figeat's Pouilly-Fumé whose vineyards and home are situated immediately next to the wonderful Château Ladoucette. And, welcome to Domaine Laporte whose 'Le Bouquet' SB 2008 has immediately filled the places of our legendary Domaine de l'Aumonier and Le Petit Bourgeois ... and their 'Les Duchesses' is more than a match for 'La Demoiselle de Bourgeois'.

<b>Sauvignon de Touraine, Jacques Lurton, Loire</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>78.00</b>
<b>Le Bouquet Sauvignon Blanc, Domaine Laporte</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>

We have cut a phenomenal deal with Domaine Laporte whose 2008 is made from grapes harvested in the vineyards immediately surrounding Sancerre. Fresh and vibrant, this little gooseberry/greengage and grapefruity bomb is lush and lively, an absolutely smashing Loire SB with the great texture that the 2008s have, offering a Sancerre lookalike at an everyday-drinking price.



<b>Pouilly-Fumé, Domaine André et Edmond Figeat (Bronze Medal)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>12.95</b>	<b>155.40</b>
<b>Sancerre, Domaine Vincent Grall (O)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>12.95</b>	<b>155.40</b>
<b>Sancerre 'En Grands Champs', Alphonse Mellot</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>13.95</b>	<b>167.40</b>

Bonkers and eccentric they may be, but, the father and son team of Alphonse Mellot wines are very fine indeed. Treat yourself to this - it has the subtlety and exquisitely refined Sauvignon flavours of the very best of Sancerre with just a little bit more intensity. We bought the fabulous 2006 in 2007 when the Pound was 20% stronger and tax was lower so the price now looks like a gift compared with their 2008s....the 2008 would be £20.00 a bottle!!!

<b>Pouilly-Fumé 'Les Duchesses', Domaine Laporte</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>14.95</b>	<b>179.40</b>
<b>Sancerre 'Le Rochoy', Domaine Laporte</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>15.50</b>	<b>186.00</b>







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**SPAIN** continued

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<b>Cruz D'Alba, Ribera Del Duero DO</b>	2004	Limited	12.50	150.00
Gorgeously dark and masculine and black with massive concentrated, sweet, ripe Tempranillo fruits flavours....more of a thick, dark, dense wintery wine than the polished, bright style and perfect with winter stews and country cooking. A fireside, winter warmer!				
<b>Valserrano Reserva Bodegas Marquesa, Rioja DOC</b>	2004	M DM	13.00	156.00
(Gold - Best in Class, IWSC)				
<b>Homenaje Á Gaudi, Priorat DOC</b>	2005		20.00	240.00
Ooooh, I just LOVE this wine! It might sound daft but I popped it into several of my December Challenges and the flavours kept on transporting me back to the fabulous taste of one of the greatest wines that I have ever tasted and that was Grant Burge 'The Meshach' 1996 from Barossa. I had a debate with DR about the differences between Carignan and Shiraz and we think that they are very similar although Shirazes may be a bit heavier as they do, of course, come from Australia rather than the north of Spain.				
Anyway, this gem is more tinged with redcurrants over its blackberry flavours and then it has a rolling richness of spice, tar, tobacco, cedary wood like a St James's Club armchair and cherries. It's very big and powerful but has such great balance and silky texture that it doesn't feel heavy but has the same sort of weight and texture as a very good St Emilion.				
I have to say that when you get a good Priorat, this phenomenal region up near Barcelona with its rocky 'licorella' soil and tiny, tiny productions, the wines are normally £30-£50 a bottle like that wonderful Closa Batllet 2000 that we had a few years ago which was so gorgeous. So this really is a tremendous wine from a boutique region of Spain that's very fairly priced and worth every penny!				
<b>Valserrano 'Finca Monteviejo', Bodegas Marquesa, Rioja DOC</b>	2004/5	M DM	22.50	270.00
Aaaah, 'Finca Monteviejo'! It has been one of our most supremely gorgeous and sexy wines since we introduced the 2002 vintage. This is modern, single vineyard (Finca) Rioja that spends only 18 months in new wood rather than the two years of a Gran Reserva so it is dark, very rich and fleshy on the nose with just a hint of oak coming through great mouthfulls of plush red and black fruit flavours that cascade on to the palate. This is fabulously bright, polished and sensual and it's probably the one blockbuster that is universally adored at all our International Wine Challenges. Ravishing, generous and perfect with tasty and heavy red meat dishes; it never, ever fails to hit the spot!				



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<b>ITALY</b>				
<b>Prosecco Frizzante, Colli Trevigiani, Enrico Bedin, Veneto IGT</b>	NV		6.95	83.40
<b>Prosecco Spumante, Colli Trevigiani, Enrico Bedin, Veneto, IGT</b>	NV		8.50	102.00
<b>WHITE WINES</b>				
<b>Marche Bianco, Moncaro, Marche</b>	2008/9		5.25	63.00
<b>Pinot Grigio 'Sentito', Veneto</b>	2008		5.95	71.40
<b>Brianello Sauv/Chard/Trebbiano, Il Pollenza 2008, Marche, Italy</b>	2008		8.75	105.00
<b>Lugana, Tenuta Rovaglia, Lombardy DOC</b>	2008		8.95	107.40
<b>Verdicchio di Matelica, La Monacesca, Marche DOC</b>	2007		11.75	141.00
<b>Gavi 'Mezzana', Dezzani, Piedmont</b>	2008		11.50	138.00
<b>Soave Classico, Stephan Inama, Veneto DOC</b>	2008		12.50	150.00
<b>Greco di Tufo 'Loggia', Terradora, Campania DOCG</b>	2008		13.50	162.00
<b>RED WINES</b>				
<b>Marche Rosso, Moncaro, Marche</b>	2008/9		5.25	63.00
<b>Primitivo, Castellani, Puglia IGT</b>	2008		5.50	66.00
<b>Nero d'Avola, Angelo Rocca &amp; Figli, Sicily IGT</b>	2008		5.50	66.00
<b>Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Moncaro</b>	2008		6.25	75.00
<b>Montrale Syrah/Cabernet/Negroamaro, Rocca, Puglia IGT</b>	2006/7		6.95	83.40
<b>Terrafina Chianti Superiore, DOCG Tuscany</b>	2007		8.95	107.40
Ooooh, this is a great little Chianti and a badly needed top-performing wine in our inventory. Actually, it's not brand new because we ran with it a few years back and here it is again under a new label. Fleshier than one might expect from a Chianti with none of that linear leanness that a dry old gnarly Chianti can sometimes have, but, brighter and more generous.				
<b>Porpora Merlot, Il Pollenza, Marche IGT</b>	2006		9.95	119.40
<b>Cosmino Cabernet, Il Pollenza, Marche IGT</b>	2004		16.00	192.00
A delicious Bordeaux-blend made with the genius of winemaker and consultant, Giacomo Tachis (of immensely expensive Sassicaia and Tignanello fame). Medium bodied, elegant, sophisticated and with a mineral edge to the fruit, this is a wonderfully plummy, blackcurrant-rich red that really does put its competitors to shame.				
<b>Rocca Rosso, Angelo Rocca &amp; Figli, Puglia IGT</b>	2000		16.00	192.00
<b>Chianti Classico 'Riserva', Fattoria Le Fonti, Tuscany DOCG</b>	2004		22.00	264.00
Very sweet, very rich with a big, black cherry nose. Cigar box undertones and smoky with an old 'St James Club' sort of smell. Immediate sweet impact, very very impressive on the palate and very intense, concentrated and focused black cherry, tobacco and old cedar. Crikey, this is really fabulous, fabulous stuff and just so what you want to drink when you ask for a Riserva Chianti.				
<b>Vito Arturo IGT Toscana, Fattoria Le Fonti, Tuscany</b>	2004		24.00	288.00



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**ITALY** continued

**Il Pollenza, Conte Brachetti-Peretti, Marche IGT**

**2004**

**35.00**

**420.00**

I truly believe this to be the star of our wine list, and even at at this price it is one of the best value wines we have. Made by the legendary Giacomo Tachis (the father of Super Tuscan wines) who made Sassicaia, Solaia and many more. Try and imagine the best that Bordeaux has to offer, all the classic structure, fabulously refined and oozing class. Then add to it the extra oomff from Italy, a little more fruit, and silky tannins, plus the fact that Italy's finest wine maker has made it. Drink now (if you decant for a couple of hours) or keep it for up to 4 years. Comes in the most impressive 6 bottle wooden case.



**DESSERT WINE**

**Pius IX, Il Pollenza, Marche IGT, 12x50cl**

**2004**

**22.00**

**264.00**



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## GERMANY

Never thinking we'd ever list a German wine, I think the most shockingly wonderful tasting I have ever attended was Christoff Graff's in June 2008 when I was introduced to the joy of Germany's very finest dry Rieslings. All are wonderfully fragrant, hugely impressive with über-refreshing impacts, fabulous, penetrating flavours of grapefruit, gooseberry, minerals and ravishingly seductive textures and clean, crisp finishes. Be brave, try one or two of these, they are some of the most impressive white wines we have ever, ever listed.

### DRY WINES FROM THE VON BUHL ESTATE, PFALZ

<b>Riesling Trocken, QbA</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>9.50</b>	<b>114.00</b>
(Jane MacQuitty's Best Buy, Saturday Times June 09) (O)				



<b>Herrgottsacker Riesling Trocken (O)</b>	<b>2008</b>		<b>13.95</b>	<b>167.40</b>
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### THE DRY GROSSES GEWÄCHS RIESLINGS

<b>Reiterpfad Ruppertsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>26.50</b>	<b>318.00</b>
<b>Reiterpfad Ruppertsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken Magnum (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>Reiterpfad Ruppertsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken Imperial (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>IMP</b>	<b>260.00</b>	
<b>Pechstein Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>29.00</b>	<b>348.00</b>
(IWSC Silver, Decanter Silver)				
<b>Pechstein Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Magnum (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>378.00</b>
<b>Pechstein Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Double Mag (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>DM</b>	<b>135.00</b>	
<b>Pechstein Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Imperial (O)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>IMP</b>	<b>260.00</b>	

Just LOVE the Pechstein! This majestic dry Riesling is an amazing composition of bone-dry, fine stone fruits, lime, passionfruit, crushed slate and a delicate minerality on the nose. Gobsmackingly good, it's ravishingly refreshing in the mouth, fragrant and palate cleansing and ultra delish. Forget the hideous sweet gunk we drank as students in the 1970s, this is really properly good stuff and would be perfect with something like Seabass or Sole. 'Wine of the tasting' in a May '09 line up presented to Jancis Robinson.



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<b>GERMANY</b> continued				
Ungeheuer Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Double Mag only (0)	2007		130.00	
Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken (0) (19/20, Julia Harding MW)	2007		45.00	540.00
Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Magnum (0)	2007		90.00	540.00
Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Double Mag (0)	2007		180.00	
Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Imperial (0)	2007		376.00	
<b>THE SWEET RIESLINGS</b>				
VB's Forster Ungeheuer Riesling Auslese (0) Halves (IWSC Gold -Best in Class)	2007		19.00	228.00
The 2004 received 92 Parker Points and, according to Christophe, the 2007 is considerably better.				
VB's Forster Ungeheuer Riesling Eiswein Halves (0)	2007		110.00	1320.00
<b>LEBANON</b>				
Château Musar, Lebanon	2001		21.95	263.40



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<b>AUSTRALIA</b>				
<b>WHITE WINES</b>				
Heartland 'Stickleback' Verdelho/Semillon /Viognier/Pinot Gris South Australia	2008		7.25	87.00
Heartland Viognier/Pinot Gris, Langhorne Creek	2007	Limited	10.00	120.00
<b>RED WINES</b>				
Heartland 'Stickleback' Cab/Shiraz/Grenache, S Australia	2008		7.25	87.00
Leylines Shiraz, McLaren Vale	2007	M, DM, IMP	8.95	107.40
To think that the declassified wines of the great John Duval were destined to be sold to the local co-op until Jascots intervened and bought the 'excess' and, in so doing, created the third string to the Songline Trilogy! Smooth, sophisticated and gentler than the bombastic wines of Barossa and a really lovely red with the Sunday Roast!				
Heartland Shiraz, Limestone Coast, South Australia	2006	Limited	8.95	107.40
Angus 'The Bull' Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia	2007	H M DM	10.00	120.00
Another Howitzer in a succession of Blockbuster Cabernets by young Wine Maker Hamish McGowan and what a thumpingly fabulous wine this is; we think the 2007 is the best wine he's made since his inaugural 90 Parker Point 2002. Dark purple, juicy, slightly smoky and spicy red but with lovely, pure Cabernet flavours and generously swamped in blackberries and cherries and that wonderful rich, oaky envelope.				
Heartland Dolcetto Lagrein, Langhorne Creek (92 points, Adelaide Advertiser)	2007	Limited	10.00	120.00
Bylines Shiraz, McLaren Vale	2004	DM	24.00	288.00
At our big Songlines dinner back in the summer, several guests sidled up to me and commented that the 2004 Bylines was showing even better than the Songlines on the night. Really, I can't offer greater praise than that!				
Glaetzer Shiraz, Barossa	2004	Limited	30.00	360.00
Glaetzer 'Amon-Ra' Shiraz, Barossa	2004	Limited	45.00	540.00
Songlines Shiraz, McLaren Vale	2005	M DM	39.00	468.00
Songlines Shiraz, McLaren Vale	2004	M DM	42.00	504.00

This cracking wine has received a deserved 94 points from Stephen Tanzer. Here's what he has to say:

"Deep ruby. A powerfully ripe bouquet displays blackberry, kirsch, candied licorice, lavender powder and graphite, with a suave lashing of vanillin oak. Supple and sweet, with deep, broad dark berry and cherry flavors, velvety tannins and persistent Asian spice and mocha qualities. The vanilla quality echoes on the finish, which offers outstanding thrust and sweetness."



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<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>				
<b>WHITE WINES</b>				
Blenheim Point Riesling, Marlborough	2005		6.95	83.40
Blenheim Point Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	2008		7.95	95.40
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	2009		19.00	228.00
<b>RED WINE</b>				
Blenheim Point Pinot Noir, Marlborough	2008		11.00	132.00
<p>Very different from Burgundy, NZ Pinots are fleshier and bolder and deliver a more powerful hit than the Côtes de Nuits. While they might lack a touch of Burgundy's charm and sensuality (and price), they make a Pinot that can be food-matched to a heavier red meat dish. These are prime wines and truly delicious.</p>				
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>				
<b>WHITE WINES</b>				
The Raintree Reserve White, Western Cape	2009		5.25	63.00
<p>This is a beautifully, bright, zesty blend of Chenin Blanc and Colombard, given an extra aromatic boost with the addition of 5% of Muscat. It combines invitingly ripe fruit with a lively crispness and gorgeous texture, making it a refreshing drop with universal appeal.</p>				
Arabella Chardonnay, Robertson	2008		6.25	75.00
Arabella Sauvignon Blanc, Robertson	2009		6.25	75.00
The War Horse Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch (Veritas - Silver Medal)	2009		6.25	75.00
Simonsig Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, Stellenbosch	2008		8.95	107.40
<b>RED WINE</b>				
The Raintree Reserve Red, Western Cape	2008/9		5.25	63.00
Arabella Cabernet Sauvignon, Robertson	2009		6.25	75.00
Arabella Merlot, Robertson	2009		6.25	75.00
<p>Our little wine company will be 20 years old in April and an awful lot of really great little wines have been bought and sold over those years, but, I really cannot think of two wines that have come into our inventory which offer such class drinking and reward at this price point. The Merlot is fleshy and sweet and very easy to guzzle at parties while the Cabernet has tremendous varietel characteristics and is an absolutely joyful foody wine. Both are tremendous and are such great value.</p>				
The War Horse SMV Shiraz Mourvedre Viognier, Stellenbosch	2008		7.95	95.40
Meerlust Red, Stellenbosch	2007		10.50	126.00
Meerlust 'Rubicon', Stellenbosch	2004		22.00	264.00



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**CALIFORNIA**

**WHITE WINES**

Vaquero Unwooded Chardonnay, Monterey	2008		5.95	71.40
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**RED WINES**

Vaquero Cabernet Sauvignon, Lodi	2007		5.95	71.40
Castle Rock Pinot Noir, Mendocino, California	2008		9.95	119.40
Castle Rock Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California	2007		9.95	119.40

Great value and delicious Californian wine simply never go hand-in-hand. Yeah, ForestVille Merlot was an absolutely legend but it was an easy-drinking juice bomb and relatively simple. Good, but simple. These Castle Rock wines are such a find! The Napa Cabernet is Claret and restrained....it's got the sunshine of California but it's very far from a jammy blaster, it's really classy and has the finesse of a wine three times the price! The Pinot Noir is as good as our former gem, Marimar Torres's 2003 Pinot and that was £20 a bottle about 4 years ago so I cannot heap more credit on this wine than that! Why so cheap? They make 400,000 cases a year so perhaps big is beautiful!

Panamera 'Cuvée Napa', Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	2005		16.00	192.00
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I have to say that this is an extraordinarily classy, sophisticated and really restrained Napa Cabernet that would sit very comfortably amongst our Cru Bourgeois Bordeaux. It hasn't the usual dose of jamminess that can put off the Claret lover, but, it's really pretty, pure and classy and entirely unexpected in its level of concentrated, majestic sophistication.

Shafer 'One Point Five' Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	2004	Limited	45.00	540.00
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**ARGENTINA**

**WHITE WINES**

Coiron Torrontés Chardonnay, Mendoza	2008	Limited	5.65	67.80
La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Torrontes, Mendoza	2009		6.25	75.00

**RED WINES**

Coiron Malbec/Shiraz, Mendoza	2008/9		5.65	67.80
La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Bonarda, Mendoza	2008		6.25	75.00
La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Malbec, Mendoza	2008		6.25	75.00
La Chamiza 'Polo Amateur' Pinot Noir, Mendoza	2009		6.25	75.00

This is an incredibly powerful line-up of three sensational entry-level reds. Entry-level they may be in price, but, they deliver an unbelievable 'bang-for-your-buck'. The Bonarda is really creamy, sensual and supple with a lovely mulberry fruit flavour; this will make a fantastic drinks party red this winter. The Malbec is really deeply flavoured and gorgeous with undertone of dried herbs, brambley spice and concentrated black berries. The super value Pinot Noir is new worldy and sexy like a Southern Rhône Syrah so more hearty and luscious than a European style PN.



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**ARGENTINA continued**

<b>La Chamiza 'Polo Professional' Reserve Malbec, Mendoza</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>95.40</b>
<b>La Chamiza 'Martin Alsina' Malbec, Mendoza</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>264.00</b>

(Gold Medal, Argentina Wine Awards)

Another seriously good Jascots gem along the same lines as Armonio de Mas Neuf and Valserrano 'Finca Montevejo'. It is of 'the blockbuster' nature so I appreciate that it's not really the perfect lunchtime tittle, but, this beautifully made, Gold Medal-winning goliath is very complex with multiple layers of spice, cherry, new oak and cedar, black fruits, earth, tar, leather and tobacco. It is an immense achievement and deserves every accolade that has been poured upon it.

**CHILE**

The Tierra Alta wines served us well for many years, but, I met the Concha Y Toro boys in the Spring and when a winery invites you to make your perfect SB and Merlot and then delivers it to perfection, it is irresistible and, after some toing and froing, I think we've nailed our perfect Chilean drop. The SB is super-refreshing and New World, of course, but not as heady and heavy nor as intense as a New Zealand SB but brighter than, say, something from the Languedoc. The Merlot is deliciously juicy and entirely uncomplicated and made for universal pleasure and easy drinking... curranty, ripe and yummy. Although not a mainstream varietel, we think the Carmenerre might be the most impressive wine of the three - there is no sign of those leafy nuances that this grape so often has, but, it's a big, polished, succulent rouge with guts, great structure and impressive length. A foody wine but also a pure, winter warmer with a touch of seriousness.

**WHITE WINE**

<b>Tempus Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>
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**RED WINES**

<b>Tempus Merlot, Valle Central</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>
<b>Tempus Carmenerre, Valle Central</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>69.00</b>



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<b>PUDS</b>				
<b>WHITES</b>				
De Bortoli Botrytis Semillon, South East Australia, 12x37.5cl	2006		7.00	84.00
Château Grand Piquey, AC Sauternes, France, 24x37.5cl	2007		10.50	252.00
Château La Brie Monbazillac	2005		13.50	162.00
Pius IX, Il Pollenza, Marche, Italy, 12x50cl	2004		22.00	264.00
Château Coutet, Premier Cru Classé, Barsac, France	2007		POA	
Carmes De Rieussec, A.C. Sauternes, France	2007		POA	
Château Rieussec, Premier Cru Classé, Sauternes, France	2007		POA	
<b>ARVAY 'SEVEN CLUSTERS' TOKAJI</b>				
Arvay 'Seven Clusters' Tokaji 5 Puttonyos, Hungary, 12x50cl	2002		16.50	198.00
Arvay 'Seven Clusters' Tokaji Aszu Essencia Hungary (Decanter World Wine Awards Gold Medal. 12x37.5cl)	2003		60.00	720.00
<b>THE SWEET RIESLINGS</b>				
VB's Forster Ungeheuer Riesling Auslese Pfalz, Germany (IWSC Gold -Best in Class) (O), 12x37.5cl	2007		19.00	228.00
Von Buhl's Forster Ungeheuer Riesling Eiswein Pfalz, Germany (O), 12x37.5cl	2007		110.00	1320.00
<b>CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM</b>				
Château d'Yquem, Sauternes, France - Halves (DUE AUTUMN 09)	2007		POA	
Château d'Yquem, AC Sauternes, France	2003		POA	
Château d'Yquem, AC Sauternes, France	2001		POA	
<b>PORT</b>				
Smith Woodhouse Ruby Port	NV		9.50	114.00
Taylor's Late Bottled Vintage	2003		12.50	150.00
Taylor's 10 Year Old Tawny Port	NV		19.00	228.00
Taylor's Quinta de Vargellas	1998		24.00	288.00



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<b>HALVES (24 BY 37.5 CL)</b>				
Château Pavillon de la Brie, AC Bergerac, France	2008		4.25	102.00
Chablis, Domaine Pascal Bouchard, France	2008		6.25	150.00
Château Bellevue, AC Bordeaux, France	2006		4.75	114.00
Chiroubles, Domaine Emile Cheysson, France (SV) (Gold Medal)	2006		4.75	114.00
Angus 'The Bull' Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia	2008		5.25	126.00
<b>MAGNUMS (6 BY 1.5 LTR)</b>				
<b>WHITE WINES</b>				
Pouilly-Fuissé 'Vieilles Vignes', Jean-Paul Paquet	2007		32.00	192.00
VB's Reiterpfad Ruppertsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken, Pfalz, Germany (O)	2007		58.00	348.00
VB's Pechstein Riesling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O) (IWSC Silver, Decanter Silver)	2007		60.00	360.00
VB's Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O)	2007		90.00	540.00
<b>RED WINES</b>				
Lacrimus Rioja, Sendero Royal, Spain	2008	DM	13.95	83.70
Château Bellevue AC Bordeaux, France	2006		14.00	84.00
Angus 'The Bull' Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia	2006/8		22.00	132.00
Leylines Shiraz/Cabernet, South Australia	2005		29.00	174.00
Valserrano Reserva, Rioja DOC, Spain (IWC Gold, Best in Class)	2004		30.00	180.00
Armonió de Château Mas Neuf, Costières de Nîmes	2003	Limited	46.00	276.00
Songlines Shiraz/Cabernet, McLaren Vale, South Australia	2004		85.00	510.00



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<b>DOUBLE MAGNUMS (3 LTRS)</b>				
VB's Pechstein Reisling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (IWSC Silver, Decanter Silver) (O)	2007		130.00	
VB's Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O)	2007		180.00	
Lacrimus Rioja, Bodegas Sendero Royal, Spain	2008		38.00	
Valserrano Reserva, Rioja DOC, Spain (IWC Gold, Best in Class)	2004		67.00	
Leylines Shiraz/Cabernet, South Australia	2005		72.00	
Château Roquefort, Bordeaux, France	2005		80.00	
Château Roquefort 'Roquefortissime', AC Bordeaux, France OWC	2005		100.00	
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France OWC	2006		125.00	
Bylines Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon, South Australia.	2004		120.00	
Armoniô de Château Mas Neuf, Costières de Nîmes	2005		135.00	
Châteauneuf du Pape, Bertrand Stehelin OWC	2007	Limited	140.00	
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France OWC	2005		165.00	
Songlines Shiraz/Cabernet, South Australia, OWC	2004		180.00	
<b>BORDEAUX JEROBOAM (4.5 LTRS)</b>				
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France	2006		185.00	
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France	2005		245.00	
<b>IMPERIALS (6 LTRS)</b>				
VB's Reiterpfad Ruppertsberg Riesling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O)	2007		250.00	
VB's Pechstein Reisling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O) (IWSC Silver, Decanter Silver)	2007		250.00	
VB's Kirchenstück Forst Riesling Spätlese Trocken Pfalz, Germany (O)	2007		376.00	
Château Roquefort AC Bordeaux, France, OWC	2005	Limited	125.00	
Leylines Shiraz/Cabernet, South Australia	2005	Limited	140.00	
Château Roquefort 'Roquefortissime', AC Bordeaux, France OWC	2005		200.00	
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France OWC	2006		210.00	
Château Paveil de Luze, Cru Bourgeois Margaux, France OWC	2005		300.00	
<b>WATER</b>				
Kingsdown Mineral Water, Still, Large Bottles (12x750ml)				9.00
Kingsdown Mineral Water, Still, Small Bottles (24x250ml)				13.25
Kingsdown Mineral Water, Sparkling, Large Bottles (12x750ml)				9.00
Kingsdown Mineral Water, Sparkling, Small Bottles (24x250ml)				13.25