



ASHFORD CASTLE

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# THE WINE CELLAR AT ASHFORD CASTLE



THE  
RED CARNATION  
HOTEL COLLECTION



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Since 1228, Ashford Castle has welcomed some of the most discerning guests through its fabled doors and continues to this day to offer the warmest of welcomes, be it the first or one of many stays. Food and wine have long been the cornerstone of hospitality at Ashford Castle and nothing epitomises this more than the inspired Cellars at Ashford Castle. The Cellars date back to the 17th Century, and were originally used as both coal storage and the service entrance. To this day, the original coal hatch can still be found in the tunnel.

With great care and thoroughness the Ashford Castle Wine Cellar, was refurbished to house some of the greatest wines ever made and unable to experience elsewhere. Our Wine Tasting's offer guests the opportunity for both the novice as well as the aspiring wine connoisseur, a range of varietal, regional and classic wines across several different tastings. We are proud to offer vintage wines by the glass using the latest wine preservation technology, 'Coravin,' allowing guests to enjoy the most sought-after wines by the glass, including the likes of Château Cheval Blanc and Château Petrus.

The Wine Geese are also well represented on the list, showcasing the great Irish influenced wines that are made by those of Irish ancestry. From Old World classics such as Château Lynch Bages and Château Phelan Segur, to New World champions like the O'Dwyer Winery in Clare Valley, Australia and Róisín Curley in Burgundy.

We are also proud to feature our sister vineyard, Bouchard Finlayson, which was established in 1989 and has since earned a global reputation for crafting wines of character that perfectly express the unique terroir of the Western Cape winelands in South-Africa. What began as a collaboration between celebrated Burgundian winemaker, Paul Bouchard, and locally awarded talented, Peter Finlayson, Bouchard Finlayson has established a global reputation for its flagship wine, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, which has won numerous awards and accolades, whilst offering a range of red and white grape varietals including Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Riesling, Pinot Noir and Sangiovese.

Wine Tastings are available from 12:00 – 17:30 daily. For tastings outside of these hours please do enquire and we will aim to facilitate depending on what availability allows. Guided by our expert team of Sommeliers, these private masterclasses last in the region of 45 minutes to 1 hour. Do note that due to these being tutored tastings, we request for all guests to choose one tasting. Please allow a minimum of 2 hours' notice for wine selection.

Cancellation policy – 24 hours notice is required in order to avoid 100% cancellation charge per person booked.  
No show is 100% charge.



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### FOOD PAIRINGS

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*Enhance your wine-tasting experience in our historical Wine Cellar, by ordering one of our delicious tasting room grazing platters. Our generous platters of cheese and charcuterie are focused on celebrating regional producers and suppliers. This includes our in house freshly baked breads, delicious cheeses, cured charcuterie, and seasonal preserves, each platter is enough for two people.*

Selection of Irish Cheeses	€30
Selection of Irish Charcuterie	€30

*Why not try Ashford Castle Royal Ossetra Caviar or our local Oysters with any of our white wine choices.*

A Dozen Dooncastle Oysters	€48
Ashford Castle Royal Ossetra Caviar, Caspian See Origins 30grams	€185

### WHITE WINE TASTINGS

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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON WHITES	€130
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*This selection of diverse flagship white wines from an award-winning winery in Hemel-en-Arde, offers an overview of different grape varieties showcasing the best of South Africa.*

Blanc de Mer, Riesling blend, Walker Bay Sauvignon, Sans-Barrique Chardonnay, Missionvale Chardonnay.

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WHITE WINES OF EUROPE	€130
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*Explore some of the finest expressions of European white wines, with wonderful combinations of flavours ranging from green and herbaceous to zesty and citrus and fresh green apples to vegetal notes of green beans.*

Grüner Veltliner Sepp Moser, Von den Terrassen Kremstal DAC, Biodynamic, Austria. Reditis, Kir Yianni, Macedonia Greece. Spätlese Reserve Familiale, Dr Lippold, Germany. AD Libitum, Rioja Spain

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WINES OF ALSACE	€150
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*This tasting honours the versatile and highly "terroir-expressive" wines of Alsace, France. As the second driest region after Perpignan alongside its location by the beautiful Vosges Mountain range, Alsace wines are rich and varied. Try their different styles from dry, off-dry, sparkling and red.*

Crémant d'Alsace, Albert Mann, Trimbach, Gewürztraminer, Albert Mann Riesling Cuvee Albert, Pinot Noir, Trimbach



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WHITE WINE TASTINGS

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WHITE WINE GEESE

€190

*Over the years, many pioneering Irish emigrants have ensured a steady supply of our favourite tipples for the last three centuries, including some fascinating and innovative wines from around the world. We have chosen the most exquisite of these, to showcase the broad influence of those with Irish roots.*

Teac Chardonnay Sonoma, California. Maison Róisín Curley, Burgundy. Roka Furmint, Slovenia.  
O'Dwyer Riesling, Australia

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CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING

€180

*Immerse yourself in the delicacy of the world's most prestigious wine category, exploring the distinct style and character of each of the sparkling wines, made in the Traditional Methodé.*

Sugrue South Downs Ex Machine Rosa England, Franciacorta wine from Lombardy, Italy, Cava from Spain, Ruinart  
'R' Champagne, France

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PROMENADE IN BURGUNDY

€210

*Take a walk down the yellow brick road of the vibrant Chardonnay grape variety, from the region globally recognised for producing many of the finest Chardonnay vineyards in the world. The many Climats available to Burgundy produce a range of memorable flavours from fresh acidity and flavours of green plum, apple, and pear, complemented by the elegant touch of oak.*

Chablis Grand Cru Tremblay, Pernand Vergelesses Les Pins, Domaine Andre, Puligny  
Montrachet Bzikot, Meursault D. Moret.

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ASHFORD ICONIC WHITE

€400

*Throughout our rich history at Ashford Castle, we have always maintained a spectacular selection of the finest white wines from around the world. Continuing this tradition, we are delighted to bring you this unique opportunity to taste a selection of such wines side by side.*

Corton-Charlemagne André, Burgundy, France. Rioja Ygay, Iconic White from Marqués de Murrieta. Gaya Rey  
Chardonnay, Piedmont Italy. La Clarté de Haut-Brion, Pessac Léognan AC Bordeaux, France



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### BLENDED TASTINGS

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#### BOUCHARD-FINLAYSON WINERY

€130

*Offering the opportunity to sample the broad selection of white and red wines from the award-winning winery in Hemel-en-Arde, and how the climate and terroir of Walker Bay provides the best of both white and red varieties.*

Walker Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Sans-Barrique Chardonnay, Hannibal Sangiovese Blend, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir

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#### IBERIA DISCOVERED

€150

*Whilst Spain and Portugal have long been producing wonderful wines such as Port, Sherry, Cava and world renown Riojas, there are many regions which are less discovered. Join in our journey to discover such regions, tasting white and red wines along the way.*

Ekam, Castell d'Encús, Costers Del Segre, Soalheiro, Vinho Verde Minho Region, Vertente, Niepoort, Douro Valley, Pesquera, Reserva Ribera del Duero

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#### THE WINE EXPLORER

€160

*Want to know the difference between oak and non-oaked wines, or how Rosé is made, or how climate effects the taste of a wine. Let us take you through a trip of some of the white, Rosé and red wines of the world.*

Domaine Ott, Clos Mireille, Provence, France. Pieropan, Soave Classico, Veneto Italy. Crocodile's Lair, Chardonnay, Overberg, South Africa. Shiraz, O'Dwyer, Clare Valley, Australia.



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### RED WINE TASTINGS

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#### BOUCHARD-FINLAYSON REDS

€175

*This selection of diverse flagship red wines from an award-winning winery in Hemel-en-Arde, offers the opportunity to see the subtleties of Pinot Noir, and compares to the full bodied Italian inspired blend of Hannibal.*

Hannibal Sangiovese Blend, Hannibal Sangiovese Library Stock, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, Tête de cuvée Pinot Noir

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#### BORDEAUX VARIETALS

€140

*These classic Bordeaux grape-varieties have had many winemakers' plant and grow across new wine making regions. Adapting to the terroir and climates from around the world, these wines produce an incredibly diverse selection of flavour profiles showcasing the versatility of these regions. Learn how these familiar grape varieties are expressing the nature around them through aroma and taste.*

Malbec Mendoza Balbo, Argentina. Tradition Réserve, Carménère, Château Los Boldos. Thierry Germain Saumur-Champigny, Cabernet Franc, France. St Francis Merlot, Sonoma Valley, California

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#### THE MAGIC OF ITALY

€180

*As the world's largest producer of wine, Italy is also one of the oldest wine producing countries. With its multitude of wine regions and different climates, using native and international grapes, we have selected wines to highlight the broad range of wine Italy has to offer.*

Barbera d'Alba, Elio Altare, Piemonte. Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico. Gran Selezione, Guardiola, Tenuta delle Terre Nere, Etna. Bocca di Lupo Aglianico Tormaresca

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#### WORLD CLASSIC

€190

*As winemakers around the world master their craft, many regions have become synonymous with particular styles and grape varieties. In this tasting, we investigate the characteristics that make these wines so magnificent and discover why these four wines are considered "Classics."*

Rioja Alta Gran Reserva, Spain. Bolmida Barolo `Bussia`, Italy. Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, South Africa. Burn Cottage, Central Otago Pinot Noir New Zealand.

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#### WINE GEESE BORDEAUX

€250

*Did you know that these famous Châteaux have profound connections with Ireland? These wines are made throughout the world of Bordeaux families of Irish ancestry, and are some of the most remarkable in their respective categories. Enjoy these to find out the beautiful and fascinating history behind each of these wines and the Irish Wine Geese.*

Château de Fieuzal Pessac Leognan, Château Lynch Bages Pauillac, Château Phélan Ségur Saint-Estèphe, Château Kirwan, Margaux.

All prices are subject to 15% service charge



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## PREMIER RED WINE TASTINGS

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### ASHFORD CASTLE PREMIER

€800

*Some wines are reserved for the most noteworthy of occasions. In this tasting, we aim to discover the complexity and subtlety of these masterfully aged-wines and learn to distinguish between the nuances which set them apart on the world stage.*

Le Dôme, Saint-Émilion, France. Sassicaia, Tenuta San Guido Bolgheri Sassicaia, Italy. Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac, Bordeaux, France. Insignia Joseph Phelps Napa Valley, California.

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### ASHFORD ICONIC

€1500

*Our Cellars at Ashford Castle date back to the 17th century and have housed some of the greatest wines ever made. This rare tasting opportunity allows you to experience four of the finest wines ever produced in concert. Guiding you along the journey for a flawless tasting, this is one to savour and remember for years to come.*

Petrus, Pomerol, France. Quintarelli, Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico, Italy. Opus One, Napa Valley, California. Penfold Grange, Australia.

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### ASHFORD VAULT

€1750

*These selected wines are expressions of the finest by the glass wines produced from around the world. The opportunity to taste these side by side allows for a unique tasting, representing the echelon of what great wine should be.*

Echezeaux Dujac, Grand Cru, Burgundy, France. Reserva Special, Unico Vega Sicilia, Spain. Case Basse, Soldera, Italy. Château Cheval Blanc Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, France.