



# THE LODGE

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# WINE LIST



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## ABOUT US

Here at Wilde's, Jonathan and his team create an array of dishes, showcasing local, organic produce, using ingredients grown and foraged on the Ashford Estate. Aligning with this philosophy, we built our wine list to support visionary winemakers, people that care about the environment. Our wine list is essentially organic, biodynamic & natural.

The wines on this menu are picked by Ervin and Joseph.

In order to make your wine choice as enjoyable as possible we have arranged the menu by wine styles, so that you can browse through finding almost every style of wine whether it be light and fruity to rich and full bodied from lots of different countries and grape varieties.

*(Nat) Natural*

*Wine produced with minimal or no added sulphites*

*(Org) Organic*

*Wine produced according to the principles of organic farming*

*(Bio) Biodynamic*

*Wine produced according to the principles of biodynamic agriculture*

We are always at hand to assist you with your choice whether it be the perfect pairing or just to enjoy a lovely bottle of wine. Please do not hesitate to ask the team for any guidance with your experience.

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## SPARKLING WINES

A selection of superb sparkling wines from around the world

- 111 Meinklang Prosa, Pet-Nat Rose** *Burgenland, Austria* **€60**  
Made from Pinot Noir, Zweigelt & Blaufrankisch (Nat, Bio)  
A Petillant opening with expression of red berries, floral notes and citrus. Refreshing explosion of red fruits and citrus.
- 112 Barbabolla, Marcobarba** *Gambellara, Italy* **€50**  
Garganega, Glera, Trebbiano, Moscato Riesling Italic (Nat, Bio)  
The ultimate pet-nat! Fresh, bright and citrusy with plenty of verve. This is simple, no-fuss juice.
- 110 Fidora 'Tenuta Civranetta', Prosecco DOC Spumante Brut** *Veneto, Italy* **€75**  
100% Glera (Bio)  
Fresh, fruity nose with hints of golden apple and white flowers. Fruity and fragrant, palatable; fine and elegant in the mouth with a direct and clean flavour and good persistence.
- 113 Annesanti 'Raspato' Pet Nat** *Umbria, Italy* **€70**  
Aleatico, Sangiovese (Nat, Bio)  
Slightly cloudy with an orangey-pink hue. A delicate spritz with fine well-lasting bubbles for a Pet Nat. Flavours of green apple, white peach, and unripe cantaloupe give the mouth a blast of freshness.
- 108 Albert Mann, Crémant D'Alsace Extra Brut** *Alsace, France* **€110**  
70% Pinot Blanc, 15% Auxerrois, 15% Riesling (Bio)  
Toast, rye crumb and subtle notions of yellow apple and lemon are tentative on this wine's restrained nose but come to full flourish on the dry palate.



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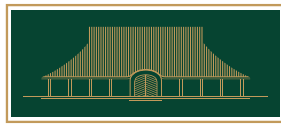
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## CHAMPAGNES

*A selection of classic and small grower champagnes from around the world*

- 103 Drappier, Carte d'Or NV** *Champagne, France* **€140**  
80% Pinot Noir, 15% Chardonnay, 5% Meunier (Org)  
*A Champagne of great aromatic richness. The taste begins with stone fruits such as white vineyard peaches. A spicy note emerges in a powerful and complex mouthfeel. Very little sulphur, non-filtered and not discoloured.*
- 114 Drappier Brut Nature** *Champagne, France* **€175**  
100% Pinot Noir (Org)  
*Golden colour with copper hues. Nose of freshly pressed black grapes, of red, white and citrus fruits. Ample palate with flesh of vineyard peach and bouquet of aromatic herbs. spicy notes in the finish. A fine tightly knit champagne of great purity.*
- 102 Lanson Pere et Fils Green Label** *Champagne, France* **€175**  
50% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier, 20% Chardonnay (Bio)  
*Fine and persistent bubbles give life to the rich amber gold. Perfectly ripe fruit flavours such as pear, mirabelle plum and mango linger deliciously on the palate, melting away in a wine with deep vitality and minerality. The long and fresh finish reveals notes of spices and exotic fruits.*
- 105 Laherte Freres, Blanc de Blancs Brut Nature (Grower)** *Champagne, France* **€165**  
100% Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)  
*Besides a pleasing depth of citrus and apple fruitiness, along with hints of dried mango and preserved ginger, this wine is really all about soil and expression of place. 'Our Blanc de Blancs is made with our best parcels on the south slopes of Epernay. This is a perfect representation of the purity and energy coming from this area and the complexity of old vines of Chardonnay.'*
- 106 Louis Roederer, Brut Premier NA** **€180**  
40% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay, 20% Pinot Meunier (Bio)  
*Striking a perfect balance between youthfulness and maturity, seduction and character, freshness and vinosity, Brut Premier is a champagne that is harmonious and structured, elegant and lively, with a unique exuberancy. Its structured texture, richness, and length are distinctly winery. It is a full, complex wine that is both rich and powerful, whilst remaining a great classic.*
- 107 Louis Roederer, Cristal** **€500**  
60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay (Bio)  
*Cristal is a remarkably balanced and refined champagne whose length is inimitable. It has a silky texture and fruity aromas, complemented by a powerful mineral quality with white fruit and citrus notes. Cristal is a wine that keeps well: it can be conserved for over twenty years without losing its freshness and character. A wine once dedicated to Tsar Alexander II.*



## BOUCHARD FINLAYSON

A BOUTIQUE VINEYARD

Founded in 1989, Bouchard Finlayson is a boutique winery dedicated to making exceptional quality wines. Located in the Walker Bay wine district of the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley, the 125-hectare property currently consists of 22 hectares of vineyards; the remainder is upland land, covered with the spectacular native fynbos flora of the Western Cape. With only a small portion of the farm under vine, Bouchard Finlayson is able to ensure the conservation of the uplands. As one of our sister estates, we are able to offer some of the finest wines in the Southern Hemisphere. Renowned winemaker Peter Finlayson offers Burgundian-inspired Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. These sought-after wines promise a style of elegance and flavour that is sure to surprise and delight.

- 000 Lason Black Label Brut** *Champagne, France* **€115**  
50% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay, 15% Pinot Meunier  
*Red Carnation Hotel's signature champagne.*
- 901 Blanc de Mer** **€46**  
*Mostly Riesling and Viognier along with Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc*  
*An intuitive white blend from winemaker Peter Finlayson. It's a harmonious blend, designed to be light and easy drinking.*
- 902 Walker Bay** **€55**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc  
*A great Sauvignon Blanc from our vineyards, complex citrus, gooseberry and herbaceous notes with a fresh lingering finish.*
- 903 Sans Barrique** **€55**  
100% Chardonnay  
*A lovely un-oaked wine, crisp lemon and green apple along with pear and guava and fragrant herbaceous tones.*
- 904 Crocodile's Lair** **€58**  
100% Chardonnay  
*Grown in the Elands Kloof valley, an area with a special micro-climate producing chardonnay of distinct quality. Matured for 5 months in 228L French oak barrels, 12% of which are new, give this wine a wonderful ripe tropical, honeyed fruit and savoury notes whilst the use of used oak keeps the vibrant citrus fruit and great acidity.*
- 905 Missionvale** **€78**  
100% Chardonnay  
*Fermented in classic Burgundian style with additional time on the original fermentation lees and barrel maturation of 8 in 22% new French oak barrels. Creating a voluptuous wine with complex yeasty lime, melon, peach, toast, and nutty character.*
- 906 Galpin Peak** **€100**  
100% Pinot Noir  
*Multi-Award-winning Pinot Noir. Full of ripe plums and wild berries, with black pepper and vanilla character coming from the oak aging.*
- 907 Hannibal** **€95**  
30% Sangiovese, 35% Pinot Noir, 10% Nebbiolo, 9% Shiraz, 3% Mourvèdre and 4% Barbera  
*So, you can tell it will be full of character, rich and harmonious blend with lots of red and black berries with hints of earthy, smoky spices.*



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## OUR CUP OF 'TEA'

A list of our favourite wines at this second

### SPARKLING

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70% Pinot Blanc, 15% Auxerrois, 15% Riesling (Bio)

A Champagne of great aromatic richness. The taste begins with stone fruits such as white vineyard peaches. A spicy note emerges in a powerful and complex mouthfeel. Very little sulphur, non-filtered and not discoloured.

**110 Fidora 'Tenuta Civranetta', Prosecco DOC Spumante Brut** *Veneto, Italy* €75  
100% Glera (Bio)

Fresh, fruity nose with hints of golden apple and white flowers. Fruity and fragrant, palatable; fine and elegant in the mouth with a direct and clean flavour and good persistence.

### WHITE

**228 Alphonse Mellot, La Moussière** *Sancerre, France 2020* €95  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Bio)

A beautiful gold colour with green highlights. A floral and fruity nose. Lively, fruity and juicy aromas with a touch of acidity to finish.

**246 Marcobarba, Barbabianca** *Veneto, Italy 2020* €48  
100% mix of white-grape local varieties of the territory, some known, others not so much (Bio)

The wine sees a few days on skins which gives it a lovely texture. Vibrant lemon aromatics with tangerine acidity, hay and minerality. Marcobarba started as a social project carried on by Marco and the "Barbaboyz". They take care of small plots of abandoned vineyards owned by some elderly widows, between the white sedimentary terrains of the Berici Hills and the dark and volcanic soils of Gambellara.

### RED

**340 Le Vau Renou, St Nicolas de Bourgueil** *Loire, France 2017* €97  
100% Cabernet Franc (Bio)

Soft red fruits; plum and raspberry on the nose with hints of violets and cherry blossom. Beautiful balanced with savoury, herbal and mineral notes and the sweet red fruit, floral and sweet spice flavours on the finish.

**32 Aleph, Famille de Boel** *Côtes du Rhône Villages, France 2020* €70  
60% Syrah et 40% Grenache

Intense nose of black fruits, blackcurrant, garrigue, black olive and chocolate notes. The palate is deep, full and balanced, showing a beautiful freshness in the middle of the palate that supports silky and supple tannins.

### SWEET

**501 Miro Vino Fuga Mundi** *Stajerska, Slovenia 2007* €15 / €120  
Šipon (Furmint), Laški (Welschriesling), Renski (Riesling), Pinot Blanc, Muscat Ottonel (Bio)

It resembles a Madeira, with its bouquet of chestnut, gingerbread, and citrus zest. Masses of acidity and dynamism transform the sweetness into a fresh and invigorating wine. Stunningly complex, one moment it is honeyed pecans, golden figs, and dried pears, the next moment it tastes of golden figs and dried pears, and the next moment it tastes of the umami of coffee bitterness.



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## THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

A selection of low-intervention wines that could be described as: different, unusual, explosive, lively and wild

### SPARKLING

**113 Annesanti 'Raspato' Pet Nat** *Umbria, Italy* €70  
Aleatico, Sangiovese (Nat, Bio)

Slightly cloudy with an orangey-pink hue. A delicate spritz with fine well-lasting bubbles for a Pet Nat. Flavours of green apple, white peach, and unripe cantaloupe give the mouth a blast of freshness.

### WHITE

**222 Sebastien Riffault, 'Akmenine' Sancerre** *France 2018* €87  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Org)

This wine is probably one of the most unique Sancerre's being produced today. The grapes are harvested late in the season resulting in grapes that have been affected by Noble Rot (Botrytis), a traditional but distant practice in Sancerre. The wine is aged in barrels for two years then bottled without fining, filtration or sulphur dioxide. This is definitely a wine for someone who loves their big bodied creamy white wines. The nose is reminiscent of honey, apricot, walnut and fruity touches. The palate is dry, with balanced acidity and mineral notes.

**203 Salamander, Andreas Tscheppe** *Styria, Austria 2020* €140  
100% Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)

A spicy wine with notes of orange, tropical fruit and honey. Aromas that are found on the palate with notes of tangerine that offer a perfect balance on this dry wine accompanied by a soft minerality.

### RED

**354 Pusole Cannonau** *Sardinia, Italy 2020* €77  
100% Chardonnay (Org)

The specialty of Sardinia, cannonau (aka grenache) is produced here in a youthful style. Dark, dense berry flavours of plum, black cherry and blueberry with savoury balsamic and eucalyptus tones. Velvety tannins and refreshing acidity provide a counterpoint to the rich, full-bodied texture.

**320 Rot, Strohmeier** *Steiermark, Austria 2017* €120  
100% Zweigelt (Nat, Bio)

An electrifying personality with no end in sight! Lots of energy, great mouthfeel, and wild black fruit flavors that never end. You'll also find aromas of vanilla, nuts and red cherry.

### ORANGE

**405 Rudolf Trossen, Madonna Purus** *Mosel, Germany 2018* €110  
100% Riesling (Nat, Bio)

A white wine that is out of the ordinary. A pale and cloudy colour that recalls the spirit of the Estate. Wild and natural. The nose is dominated by yellow apples. The palate is characterised by dry and acidic aromas of golden apple, apricot and beeswax. It offers a funky feel with this riesling in contact with the skin which gives flavours of ripe lemon, toast and citrus.



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## LIGHT AND CRISP WHITES

*Zesty refreshing whites, packed with tropical and citrus fruits*

- 245 Tenuta La Favola, Bianco** *Sicily, Italy 2020* **€57**  
90% Grillo, 10% Moscato (Org)  
Salty, citrusy, and floral. Grillo makes a lovely crisp white at the best of times, but in this zippy little number it gets an aromatic boost from the addition of moscato.
- 241 Pieropan Soave** *Veneto, Italy 2021* **€54**  
85% Garganega, 15% Trebbiano di Soave (Org)  
Generous wine, pleasing for its freshness and versatility, comes exclusively from estate vineyards, located in the classic area of Soave, and from traditional grapes Garganega and Trebbiano di Soave.
- 210 Emiliana Eco** *Casablanca Valley, Chile 2021* **€43**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Org)  
Clean, clear light greenish yellow in colour with a nose that presents the variety's very characteristic aromas such as delicate fruity notes of lime, grapefruit, pineapple, and peach. The fruit and herbal notes reappear on the crisp, vibrant palate.
- 281 Dominio de Fontana Sauvignon Blanc Verdejo** *Ucles, Spain 2021* **€44**  
89% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% Verdejo (Org)  
The grassy and gooseberry of the Sauvignon Blanc perfectly tempered by the freshness of the more austere Verdejo. Time on lees has given roundness.
- 225 François Laurent, 'Pantomine'** *Côtes du Rhône, France 2020* **€69**  
50% Bourboulenc, 50% Grenache Blanc (Nat, Org)  
On the nose mineral and lemon. Fresh, dry, and fruity in the mouth; it is very uplifting – crisp, tight and long. Salty and tense on the finish.
- 228 Alphonse Mellot, La Moussière** *Sancerre, France 2020* **€95**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Bio)  
A beautiful gold colour with green highlights. A floral and fruity nose. Lively, fruity and juicy aromas with a touch of acidity to finish.
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100% mix of white-grape local varieties of the territory, some known, others not so much (Bio)  
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- 242 Ziobaffa** *Sicily, Italy 2021* **€39**  
100% Pinot Grigio (Org)  
Pale straw colour. Aromas of melon and pear dominate the nose. There is a good weight of fruit with a fresh twist of crunchy apple and a steely floral finish on the palate.
- 270 Roka Furmint, Sinead & Liam Cabot** *Stajerska, Slovenia 2020* **€69**  
100% Furmint (Org)  
Aromas of acacia flowers, pink grapefruit, mint and lime. Accompanied by a touch of minerality to share that wonderful acidity. A long finish with aromas of pear and fresh apple.





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## AROMATIC WHITES

Whites wines showing perfumed floral characteristics

- 220 Albert Mann, Pinot Blanc Auxerrois** *Alsace, France 2020* **€66**  
75% Auxerrois 25% Pinot Blanc (Bio)  
Wine with a pale-yellow color and a frank and pure character. A nose of ripe fruits such as white peach and pear. Its bouquet also develops scents of white flowers such as lime and acacia. On the palate, this wine is dry, seductive, made for a refreshing pleasure. The attack in mouth is ample and elegant.
- 215 Piquentum** *Istrian Peninsula, Croatia 2019* **€68**  
100% Malvazija Istarska (Org)  
Dimitri's malvazija is a superb, richly textured, peppery-spicy white with aromas of almond and quince. This is the kind of wine that only gets better with time.
- 280 Ikigall, Gallina de Piel, Penedes** *Cataluna, Spain 2020* **€49**  
85% Xarel-lo, 10% Malvasía de Sitges, 5% Muscat d'Alexandria (Org)  
An exciting winemaking project from David Seijas, the former Head Sommelier at three-Michelin-starred restaurant El Bulli. This is a fragrant white wine with subtle orange blossom and fennel accents, offset by a crisp saline finish and zesty acidity.
- 230 Vincent Girardin, Meursault** *Les Clous Bourgogne, France 2020* **€190**  
100% Chardonnay (Org)  
The plot « Les Clous » is situated in the West of the village. A beautiful parcel that will offer wines that will be put in barrels (15%new oak) for 15 months which will give the wine unctuous aromas. A superb aromatic power with mineral and citrus notes. A beautiful balance based on the roundness of the wine and its acidity.
- 229 Alphonse Mellot, Pouilly-Fume** *Loir Valley, France 2021* **€88**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Bio)  
Fizzing with energy and charm, there's a ripple of ripe citrus fruits touched with a tropical note and a smoky/saline edge. It's racy and pulpy, with lovely bitter phenolics, waves of fleshy texture and pithy grapefruit cut.
- 271 Roka Laski, Sinead & Liam Cabot** *Stajerska, Slovenia 2020* **€69**  
100% Laski Rizling (Org)  
A nose of spiced apple, melon and almond. On the palate superb acidity with pear, quince and spice sweetness.
- 221 Domaine de l'Ecu, Muscadet 'Classic'** *Loire, France 2019* **€55**  
100% Melon de Bourgogne (Nat, Bio)  
Precise citrus and quince aromas with a distinct mineral edge. Elegant and racy in structure, showing clearly delineated lime and pink grapefruit flavours with fantastic depth.
- 229 Chablis, Domaine de Vaudon** *Joseph Drouhin, France 2019* **€85**  
100% Chardonnay (Bio)  
An elegant wine. The colour is brilliant, often tinged with green. The nose, characteristic of Chablis, reveals notes of citrus. In the mouth: vigour and nervousness, with a softness. A lot of finesse and balance.



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## FULL BODIED & COMPLEX WHITES

*Opulent white wines showing complex tropical, honeyed, and savoury flavours but with finesse and balance*

- 244 Pusole Bianco** *Sardegna, Italy 2020* **€77**  
100% Vermentino (Org)  
*A rich, slightly nutty style, this vermentino is a radical departure from the cold-fermented, sauvignon blanc-lookalike churned out elsewhere across Sardinia. Truly Mediterranean flavours of preserved lemon, bay and rosemary are underscored by breezy, saline minerality that recall the granite soils of Ogliastra.*
- 261 Dog Point Section 94** *Marlborough, New Zealand 2018* **€82**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Org)  
*Warm and ripe fruit spectrum of citrus, mango and white peach with complex barrel fermentation characters of toast, biscuits and smoky, flinty, reductive characters typical of Section 94. On the palate it is creamy and round upfront with a crisp and focussed finish.*
- 224 Domaine de l'Écu, 'Janus'** *Vallée de Loire, France 2019* **€78**  
100% Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)  
*Grown on clay and limestone soils, this undergoes wild yeast fermentation and aging in concrete tanks. Entirely unfinned, unfiltered, and unsulphured, this dry white shows very fresh citrus and minerals.*
- 227 Thierry Germain, L'insolite** *Saumur-Champigny, France 2020* **€75**  
100% Chenin Blanc (Bio)  
*A superb nose, very seductive, full of pear, honey, and pineapple. On the palate an incredible vitality of white fruits and citrus fruits. This wine is a hymn to Chenin Blanc.*
- 207 Steigler, Premium Zöld Veltelini** *Hungary 2020* **€82**  
100% Zöld Veltelini (Org)  
*Full bodied, complex Zöld Veltelini showing the fruitiness of fully ripened grapes, great concentration and pronounced oaky notes. Nose with honey and elderflower, ripened quince, schistose minerality, exciting tartness and vibrant fruitiness – all in perfect harmony. Long finish with intense notes of maturation and some subtle salinity.*
- 222 Sebastien Riffault, 'Akmenine'** *Sancerre, France 2018* **€87**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Org, Nat)  
*This wine is probably one of the most unique Sancerre's being produced today. The grapes are harvested late in the season resulting in grapes that have been affected by Noble Rot (Botrytis), a traditional but distant practice in Sancerre. The wine is aged in barrels for two years then bottled without fining, filtration or sulphur dioxide. This is definitely a wine for someone who loves their big bodied creamy white wines. The nose is reminiscent of honey, apricot, walnut and fruity touches. The palate is dry, with balanced acidity and mineral notes.*
- 231 Domaine du Pelican, Arbois** *Jura, France 2020* **€130**  
100% Chardonnay (Bio)  
*Arbois Chardonnay is a white wine showing aromas of almonds, peach and lemon on the nose. Fresh, complex and elegant attack where creamy notes are well balanced by the acidity and minerality of this wine. Hints of vanilla in the long and clean finish.*



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## PREMIUM COLLECTION

Wilde's collection of some of the most exciting & sought-after Low-Intervention (Natural) wines

- 290 Graf Morillon, Sepp Muster** *Steiermark, Austria 2019* **€129**  
100% Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)  
*Is a super complex natural white wine with present acidity, stony fruit notes, green mango and green melon. Morillon is the Styrian (Austrian) name for Chardonnay. This one screams minerality with a touch of creaminess and saltiness at the same time.*
- 291 Opok Weiss, Sepp Muster** *Steiermark, Austria 2019* **€107**  
Gelber Muskateller, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Welschriesling (Nat, Bio)  
*Like all the the other white wines from Maria & Sepp Muster, the Opok is a clear and bright white cuvée. The great refreshing acidity is accompanied by a light creaminess and a nice minerality. Expect a lovely citrusy mouth, lime, grapefruit.*
- 206 Weiss N°11, Strohmeier** *Steiermark, Austria 2020* **€120**  
Pinot Blanc & Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)  
*A superb white wine, harmonious and round. It already impresses on the nose with aromas of nuts and ripe fruits. Its deep yellow color presents us with aromas of almond and apple. A great length in the mouth with a light acidity.*
- 201 Blaue Libelle, Andreas Tscheppe** *Styria, Austria 2020* **€140**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Nat, Bio)  
*Aromatic white wine with minerality and ripe stone fruit aromas on the nose. On the palate, there is a good balance of acidity and flavours of golden apple and lemon zest.*
- 203 Salamander, Andreas Tscheppe** *Styria, Austria 2020* **€140**  
100% Chardonnay (Nat, Bio)  
*A spicy wine with notes of orange, tropical fruit and honey. Aromas that are found on the palate with notes of tangerine that offer a perfect balance on this dry wine accompanied by a soft minerality.*
- 204 Segelfalter, Andreas Tscheppe** *Styria, Austria 2020* **€140**  
100% Gelber Muskateller (Nat, Bio)  
*A white wine with citrus aromas, notes of ripe stone fruit and herbaceous touches. On the palate it is wild intense and energetic. It reveals bright acidity, a fresh yellow fruit flavour, and a delicious herbal background. The finish is pleasant with subtle, bitter notes of quinine.*
- 202 Grüne Libelle, Andreas Tscheppe** *Styria, Austria 2020* **€150**  
100% Sauvignon Blanc (Nat, Bio)  
*An exceptional wine, of great rarity. Woody, spicy and even smoky aromas on the nose. On the palate, a fruity wine, with ripe fruit aromas, a fine acidity with a touch of caramel to finish on a superb acidity.*
- 407 Josko Gravner, Ribolla 'Anfora'** *Venezia Giulia, Italy 2014* **€220**  
100% Ribolla Gialla (Nat, Bio)  
*6-7 months skin contact maceration. This amber wine coats the palate with big fruit, savoury herbs and umami. Smoke, tobacco, dried apricots, wildflowers and smoke all add nuance on the finish. Utterly beguiling, mesmerisingly textured.*
- 205 Rudolf Trossen, Lay Purus** *Mosel, Germany 2018* **€105**  
100% Riesling (Nat, Bio)  
*When opened, the wine offers a richness of delicate aromas that sway between fruit, smokiness and herbs. A powerful Riesling fruit palate with fantastic length, finishing with aromas of vine peach and white fruit.*



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# ROSÉ WINES

- 402 Domaine Miaudoux Rosé** *Bergerac, France 2020* €52  
100% Bergerac Rosé (Bio)  
*Pure fruit driven style while still being dry, this wine has a lovely balance of ripe summer fruits, sweet floral tones along with a refreshing acidity, make this rose perfect to sit back and enjoy.*
- 404 Tenuta Lenzini B-Side** *Toscana, Italy 2020* €69  
100% Merlot (Bio)  
*It has a pink cherry color, with good consistency. The nose aromas as for all wines of Tenuta Lenzini are intense, to be highlighted are pleasant hints of rose and cherry well mixed that alternate with each other. In the mouth has a strong attack, warm, with clear sensations of roundness and a good softness. The acid vein is well balanced and accompanied by a pleasant savory note that comes out in the finish.*
- 325 Mammaroza, Heimann** *Szekszard, Hungary 2021* €59  
Kékfrankos, Merlot, Syrah (Org)  
*Full bodied, autumnal rosé. Best described as "Bandol style", rich, complex yet elegant wine. Syrah and Blaufränkisch dominate. This is so far the best rosé we've tasted in Hungary.*

# ORANGE WINES

- 406 Aransat Orange, Borgo Savaian di Bastiani Stefano** *Friuli, Italy 2020* €49  
Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio (Nat)  
*Aransat (Friulian for orange) is a blend of de-stemmed Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc fermented on the skins and macerated for about 90 days to get a gorgeous Sherry-like orange color. Medium-bodied and dry with citrus and apricot on the nose with more stone fruit on the palate. Finishes with orange bitters, pine, and minerals.*
- 405 Rudolf Trossen, Madonna Purus** *Mosel, Germany 2018* €110  
100% Riesling (Nat, Bio)  
*A white wine that is out of the ordinary. A pale and cloudy colour that recalls the spirit of the Estate. Wild and natural. The nose is dominated by yellow apples. The palate is characterised by dry and acidic aromas of golden apple, apricot and beeswax. It offers a funky feel with this riesling in contact with the skin which gives flavours of ripe lemon, toast and citrus.*
- 407 Josko Gravner, Ribolla 'Anfora', Collio** *Venezia Giulia, Italy 2014* €220  
100% Ribolla Gialla (Nat, Bio)  
*Six to seven months skin contact maceration. This amber wine coats the palate with big fruit, savoury herbs and umami. Smoke, tobacco, dried apricots, wildflowers and smoke all add nuance on the finish. Utterly beguiling, mesmerisingly textured.*

Many words have been used to describe Josko Gravner. Pioneer. Maverick. Visionary. Legend. He has pushed the boundaries of winemaking more than any other in Italy, and perhaps the world, over the last three decades. If he has inspired countless others, he nevertheless remains in a league of his own.



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## SOFT AND FRUITY REDS

Red wines medium in body showcasing pure red & black fruit characteristics with little or no oak influence

- 358 San Lorenzo 'Il Casolare' Rosso** *Marche, Italy NV* **€42**  
*Montepulciano, Sangiovese (Bio)*  
Vibrant and full aromas of cherry, dark raspberry, plum and black tea. Juicy and fruit-driven, with just enough structure to keep it refreshing. An absolute joy to drink.
- 336 Chiroubles 'La Grosse Pierre' Beaujolais** *France 2020* **€62**  
*100% Gamay (Org, Bio)*  
Juicy cherry and blackberry fruit notes, the tannins are fine, even silky. The fresh ripe fruit is to the fore, the wine finishes with a more savoury, slightly darker flavour, adding another dimension.
- 331 Domaine Allegrets, Merlot** *Cotes de Duras, France 2019* **€44**  
*100% Merlot (Org, Bio)*  
Light to medium body merlot from the South of France. Gentle tannins, with a range of red fruit on the palate.
- 325 Kadarka, Heimann & Fiai** *Szekszard, Hungary 2021* **€65**  
*100% Kadarka (Org)*  
Kadarka is Hungary's heritage, but that's not the main reason we love it. Its grace, delicate tannins and distinctive spiciness make it an excellent companion to modern cuisine. The very fresh red-plum and nectarine aromas give this light and lively red plenty of character, and the light, healthy tannin gives the juicy finish both a touch of warmth and a clean line.
- 352 Sette Questo e il Vino** *Piedmont, Italy 2020 (1 Litre)* **€58**  
*Pinot Nero, Barbera, Syrah (Bio)*  
A simple red wine, made from a blend of Barbera, Syrah and Pinot Nero, which varies from year to year and aspires to be pleasantly drinkable. Natural and unpretentious.
- 356 Dolcetto d'Alba, G.D. Vajra** *Piedmont, Italy 2020* **€58**  
*100% Dolcetto (Org)*  
This Dolcetto d'Alba is a vibrant deep purple in colour. The nose opens with notes of wild berries and mulberry, with hints of white pepper, sweet spices and fresh thyme. The palate is bursting with blueberries and fresh plums, with a refreshing acidity that makes it a great accompaniment to food. The finish is elegant with a lovely almond note.
- 375 Finca Casa Balaguer 'La Rambla Del Peligres'** *Alicante, Spain 2021* **€65**  
*100% Garnacha (Org)*  
Juicy, sweet and energetic wine! Fresh and vibrant Garnacha, with red berry, cherry and floral notes, fine tannins and wonderful freshness.
- 380 Roka Blaufränkisch, Sinead & Liam Cabot** *Stajerska, Slovenia 2020* **€69**  
*100% Blaufränkisch (Org)*  
The nose and mouth reveal superb aromas of red fruits, citrus. We also find black cherry, wild strawberry with dark chocolate to finish.
- 337 Vincent Girardin, Cuvée Saint Vincent** *Bourgogne, France 2019* **€85**  
*100% Pinot Noir (Org)*  
Rich wine with generally notes of red fruits. Elegant nose with aromas of small red fruits, blackcurrant, raspberry, strawberry. On the palate, supple entry and silky tannins.



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## SMOOTH AND MEDIUM REDS

*Smooth and seductive reds, showcasing rich wines with a soft texture*

- 335 Le Petite Bellane** *Côtes Du Rhône, France 2019* **€55**  
100% Syrah (Org)  
*Nose exudes a festival of red and black fruit with some floral notes. On the palate, the wine is fresh, medium bodied and fleshy with velvety tannins and flavours that evoke sweet violet, cranberries, and spices.*
- 330 Thierry Germain, Les Roches** *Saumur-Champigny, France 2020* **€57**  
100% Cabernet Franc (Bio)  
*A medium bodied, young and fresh Cabernet Franc from the highly regarded Saumur-Champigny appellation. Lots of crunchy red summer fruits at first followed by spice and savoury notes mid-palate with nice grippy tannins and a good length.*
- 370 Luis Canas** *Rioja Crianza, Spain 2018* **€59**  
100% Tempranillo (Bio)  
*Aromas of blackberry and bilberry together with clove and cinnamon from the American oak in which the wine spends 12 months, imparting mild tobacco and light balsamic notes.*
- 371 Silice Viticultores, Ribeira Sacra** *Galicia, Spain 2017* **€65**  
100% Mencia (Bio)  
*Beautifully complex nose with blackberry notes, violets and some sweet red fruits. The palate is very fine and elegant with a long, fresh and spicy finish.*
- 353 Suppriscola, Annesanti Barbera Umbria** *Lombardy, Italy 2019* **€77**  
100% Barbera (Bio)  
*An ideally summery light red with notes of blueberry and black raspberry, very low tannin and healthy acidity makes this a red ideal for drinking chilled and could almost be treated as a dark rosé.*
- 350 Niuru Maru, L'Archetipo** *Apulia, Italy 2019* **€55**  
100% Negroamaro (Bio)  
*A ruby red colour with a fruity nose of black cherry, plums, and a final aroma of cloves. Flavours that carry over to the palate with a slightly tannic and elegant attack.*
- 321 Indigo, Strohmeier** *Steiermark, Austria 2018* **€150**  
100% Blauer Wildbacher (Bio, Org)  
*A ruby red colour with a fruity nose of black cherry, plums, and a final aroma of cloves. Flavours that carry over to the palate with a slightly tannic and elegant attack.*





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## FULL BODIED REDS

Opulent, robust red wines showing great complexity and balance

- 305 Cullen, Red Moon** *Margaret River, Australia 2019* €85  
52% Malbec, 38% Petit Verdot and 10 % Merlot (Bio)  
This wine is medium red in colour with hints of ruby. On the nose, there are plum and cherry aromas that are accompanied by lifted floral notes. The palate has a very attractive blend of juicy dark cherry, blueberry, and hints of spice.
- 340 Le Vau Renou, St Nicolas de Bourgueil** *Loire, France 2017* €97  
100% Cabernet Franc (Bio)  
Soft red fruits; plum and raspberry on the nose with hints of violets and cherry blossom. Beautiful balanced with savoury, herbal and mineral notes and the sweet red fruit, floral and sweet spice flavours on the finish.
- 354 Pusole Cannonau** *Sardinia, Italy 2020* €77  
100% Cannonau (Org)  
The specialty of Sardinia, cannonau (aka grenache) is produced here in a youthful style. Dark, dense berry flavours of plum, black cherry and blueberry with savoury balsamic and eucalyptus tones. Velvety tannins and refreshing acidity provide a counterpoint to the rich, full-bodied texture.
- 334 Château Maison Blanche, 'Le Colombier de la Metairie', Montagne Saint-Émilion** *Bordeaux, France 2019* €82  
Merlot, Cabernet Franc (Bio)  
Aged for 15 months in a combination of concrete vats and oak barrels, it's a fresh and soft Bordeaux classic in a style that can be happily enjoyed in it's youth but also benefits from a medium term ageing. The structure is rather traditional, and it doesn't give in on any modern over extracted, oaky flavours: the fruit is fresh and bright, with notes of graphite and minerals and a juicy finish.
- 301 Domaine Bousquet, Virgen** *Mendoza, Argentina 2021* €50  
100% Malbec (Org)  
Deep violet color. On the nose, pure and intense berries with floral notes. On the palate is a refreshing interplay of vibrant fruit, leavened with a touch of spice and violets.
- 390 Nieport Bioma** *Douro, Portugal 2017* €80  
Tinta Amarela, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Sousão and Touriga Nacional (Org)  
A beautifully intense red, the Bioma offers deeply expressive aromas, with notes of fruits of the forest, rock rose and smoky hints. The palate is characterised by a wonderful youthful vivacity and purity of fruit, all in beautiful harmony. Compact and austere, the wine also boasts a full body, firm acidity and fine but assertive tannins.
- 332 Aleph** *Côtes du Rhône Villages, France 2020* €70  
60% Syrah et 40% Grenache (Bio)  
Intense nose of black fruits, blackcurrant, garrigue, black olive and chocolate notes. The palate is deep, full and balanced, showing a beautiful freshness in the middle of the palate that supports silky and supple tannins.
- 338 Fleur de Pedesclaux** *Pauillac, France 2018* €100  
59 % Cabernet-Sauvignon, 36 % Merlot, 3 % Petit Verdot, 2 % Cabernet franc (Org)  
With its richer concentration in merlot, this wine offers a softer, lighter touch with a warm and silky texture. Its fruity aromas are intense, crisp and pleasing on the palate. This is a good solid claret. Lots of structure, power and weight alongside lifted floral finesse, dark berries, and some chocolate notes.



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## FULL BODIED REDS

Opulent, robust red wines showing great complexity and balance

- 372 Familia Castaño, 'Hécula'** Murcia, Spain 2019 €39  
100% Monastrell (Org)  
A Monastrell from 50-year-old-vines, Hecula is a deep, alluring purple in the glass, boasting aromas of raspberries and liquorice. Ripe, soft fruit flavours are underpinned with a floral elegance.
- 355 'La Casetta' Domini Veneti, Valpolicella Ripasso DOC Classico** Italy 2018 €76  
65% Corvina, 15% Corvinone, 10% Rondinella, 10% other varieties as per DOC regulations (Org)  
Produced by re-fermenting fresh Valpolicella wine with Recioto skins, giving rise to an original wine of unparalleled softness and complexity. It has a deep ruby-red colour with purple hues, an intense aroma and full-bodied flavour with hints of dried fruit.
- 310 Kriz Plavac Mali** Pelješac peninsula, Croatia 2019 €110  
100% Plavac Mali (Bio)  
Quintessentially Croatian, Križ' flagship wine marries rich, intense black berried fruit with whispers of minerality and salinity. Denis' skill as a winemaker shows in the elegance, balance and utter drinkability he captures in this wine, despite the alcohol (unavoidable with plavac mali!), vintage after vintage.

## FINE & LUXURIOUS REDS

- 333 Chateau Gombaude-Guillet, Pom'n'Roll** Pomerol, France 2019 €120  
65% Merlot, 25% Malbec 10% Cabernet Franc (Bio)  
The Pomerol "Pom 'N' Roll" by Chateau Gombaude-Guillet is a wine that stands out from the wines produced on the right bank of the Gironde. Aging in amphora for 12 to 15 months, it's wine that expresses notes of wild berries, cherries, black cherries, light spices and a pleasant trail of undergrowth on the nose. On the palate it is slender, straight and flowing, with a vibrant freshness.
- 320 Rot, Strohmeier** Steiermark, Austria 2017 €120  
100% Zweigelt (Nat, Bio)  
An electrifying personality with no end in sight! Lots of energy, great mouthfeel, and wild black fruit flavors that never end. You'll also find aromas of vanilla, nuts and red cherry.
- 357 Emidio Pepe** Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Italy 2015 €230  
100% Montepulciano (Org)  
Opens with aromas of dark and ripe fruit, plus some hints of leather and tobacco. Deep and refined attack with notes of black cherry, black olive, clove pepper. High tannins and acidity giving this wine a great structure for ageing. Long and complex finish.
- 326 Naszut Helyett, Ipacs-Szabo** Villanyi Franc, Hungary 2018 €100  
100% Cabernet Franc (Bio)  
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## SWEET WINES

- 501 Miro Vino Fuga Mundi** *Stajerska, Slovenia 2007* **€14 / €120**  
**Šipon (Furmint), Laški (Welschriesling), Renski (Riesling), Pinot Blanc, Muscat Ottonel (Bio)**  
*It resembles a Madeira, with its bouquet of chestnut, gingerbread, and citrus zest. Masses of acidity and dynamism transform the sweetness into a fresh and invigorating wine. Stunningly complex, one moment it is honeyed pecans, golden figs, and dried pears, the next moment it tastes of golden figs and dried pears, and the next moment it tastes of the umami of coffee bitterness, tobacco spice, and lime.*
- 502 Château de la Roulerie** *Coteaux du Layon, France 2018* **€10 / €60**  
**100% Chenin Blanc (Org)**  
*A typical sweet wine that combines aromas of very ripe fruit and notes of citrus peel with hints of exotic wood and tobacco. An expression of exotic fruits in the mouth, with a lively and elegant mineral touch and a superb freshness. A Layon of rare elegance!*
- 505 Niepoort Porto, Bioma** *Douro, Portugal 2015* **€32 / €320**  
**Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinto Cão, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Sousão and others, including Touriga Nacional (Org)**  
*Fine dark red appearance with a dark red/purple rim. On the palate shows great freshness and a purity of fruit, giving elegance, along with some tannins on the mid palate giving both structure and power to the wine.*
- 505 Niepoort Porto, Bioma Crusted** *Douro, Portugal* **€14 / €140**  
**Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinto Cão, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Sousão and others, including Touriga Nacional (Org)**  
*Hints of blue on the rim with a predominantly deep red appearance. The aroma is somewhat reserved with subtle primary notes of dark fruit. Its silky palate is accompanied by a very tight structure which harbours some superb dark fruits including blackberries and black plums, leading to a long and powerful but balanced finish. The colour and structure of this wine indicate that this Port will benefit from a long ageing period.*



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