

## GHAN HOUSE



### GINS, WHISKEYS, PORTS, COGNAC, ARMANAC & WINE LIST

*The wine list is the product of many years trying many,  
many wines.*

*The selection we have is a cross section of countries,  
their grapes and the characters that produce them.*

*Our pricing philosophy is keeping the quality right, without charging  
accordingly...for instance some wines are available elsewhere nearby  
at 20% more.*

*You will find more value as you trade up.*

*We hope you enjoy reading and trying the wines  
we have chosen as much as we have!*

*Some producers have given wine dinners here at Ghan House such as  
Viv Thompson from Australia. Others have simply come to visit us  
such as the enthusiastic John Forrest from Marlborough Estate in New  
Zealand and Giorgio from Italy. We were taken to a vineyard in  
Chianti where many wines had to be tried and the Chianti Sant'  
Alfonso and the Barolo were the outstanding ones!*

*In addition we have a gas extraction system and are able to offer a  
selection of wines (187ml), sparkling & Champagne (125ml) and  
dessert wines (62ml) by the glass*

#### Food Allergens

2 % of the population has some form of food allergy, of which there are 14 known allergens. To help you we have noted the allergens which affect some drinks below.

If you are one of these 2%, please talk to us and let us know what your allergy is – we may be able to suggest a drink or wine that may suit. Sulphur dioxide or sulphites (where added and is > 10mg in the finished product) is often found in wine. Wheat (spelt and khorasan wheat), barley, rye and oats, often found in some beers.

# WHISKEYS

The Cooley Distillery - just 5 miles from here was started in 1987 in a converted potato alcohol plant by John Teeling and eventually sold in January 2012 for €71M to the Jim Beam brand in America. It was the last privately owned distillery in Ireland. They utilise the mountain water from the adjacent Slieve na Cloc river

## CONNEMARA WHISKEY, PEATED, SINGLE MALT

€5.70

Smooth sweet malt taste and complex peat flavours. Winner of many Gold Medals and been recognised as the 'World's Best Irish Single Malt'.

Double-distilled<sup>1</sup> rather than the more usual triple-distillation process that most Irish whiskeys undergo. It is aged in Bourbon casks.

## TYRCONNELL WHISKEY, SINGLE MALT

€5.50

Made from 100% malted barley in traditional pot stills, tyrconnell has a beautiful fresh, fruity bouquet with a smooth sweet taste and delicate dry finish.

## KILBEGGAN WHISKEY

€4.40

Is a blended, easy going and approachable whiskey, with its own distinctive style. The finest grain and malt whiskeys are blended together for a smooth, sweet taste and lovely malt finish.

## TYRCONNELL

€4.40

## OTHER WHISKEYS

### MIDLETON VERY RARE, CO. CORK

€14.50

Only 50 casks are released each year making it both expensive and collectible. All are triple distilled and have aged between 12 and 25 years in individually selected Bourbon or Sherry casks. As a new vintage is created each year, each differs slightly and has its own character.

### 18YR OLD JAMESON, CO. CORK

€12.50

Matured for 18 years in American Bourbon barrels and European oak casks and finished in '1<sup>st</sup> fill' bourbon casks. Fudge, toffee, hints of wood and leather, vanilla and a gentle sherry nuttiness.

### 12YR OLD RED BREAST, SINGLE POT STILL, CO. CORK

€6.20

Most of the maturation is done in sherry casks with careful selection so that the sherry character does not overpower the whiskey. The pot still content really shines through which explains why it has won so many awards.

### BLACK BUSH, BUSHMILLS, NORTHERN IRELAND

€4.60

Vatted from approximately 80% malt whiskey and 20% grain whiskey some of which is aged for as long as 18 years. A very high proportion of ex-sherry casks are used for the maturation giving the whiskey its signature dark colour and some delicious flavours of dried fruits, roasted nuts and caramel toffees

### JAMESON, BUSHMILLS, FAMOUS GROUSE

€4.40

# GINS

Gin was originally invented in the Netherlands in 1650 as a medicinal remedy for kidney disorders.

The phrase "Dutch Courage" derives from the 30 years war (1618 to 1648) when soldiers drunk 'Dutch gin' before going into battle.

## SHORTCROSS GIN, RADEMON ESTATE, NORTHERN IRELAND

€7.50

From just over Carlingford Lough – near Crossgar – approx 27 miles away! From foraged wild clover giving a delicate essence of wild meadows. Elderflowers & elderberries combine to create both uplifting floral notes and smooth sweet flavours, while their local green apples contribute fresh aromas and lively sweet notes. Also included - Juniper, Coriander, Orange and Cassia to which is blended with pure fresh water drawn from the historic estate well.

Floral meadows, wild berries and grassy notes.

It is highly aromatic with an exceptionally long and smooth finish.

Each bottle is carefully filled by hand, wax dip and signed by the owners, Fiona & David. Truly crafted gin.

## DINGLE GIN, KERRY, IRELAND

€5.50

Made in small batches of 500 litres, with 24hrs of in spirit macerated secret flavours and then distilled. Some of their botanicals they use are rowan berry, mountain ash trees, fushia, bog myrtle, hawthorn and the mountain Kerry heather. They use water drawn from their own well over 70 metres below the distillery. The combination of the *'uniquely Irish botanicals give a fabulously fresh, floral character that perfectly balances the traditional juniper'*

## HENDRICK'S GIN, SCOTLAND

€6.50

Made in a combination of 2 ancient stills – the Carter-Head and Bennett Stills with and enlivened with infusions of cucumber and rose. Made in small batches of 450 litres. Contains a multitude of botanicals -

Angelica, Caraway, coriander, Cubeb Berries, Cucumber, Juniper, Lemon, Meadowsweet, Orange, Orris Root, Rosecubeb berries, elderflower, chamomile, meadowsweet, rose petal, cucumber, and caraway seed

## TANQUERAY GIN, EXPORT STRENGTH, LONDON

€5.50

Originally distilled in 1830 by Charles Tanqueray, in Bloomsbury, London. A blend of the purest four times-distilled spirit and a hand picked selection of four botanicals.

## BOMBAY SAPPHIRE GIN, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

€5.00

Using a combination of 10 botanicals, grown in their 2 futuristic glass houses fed by the heat generated by their distillation processes in a converted 300 year old paper Mill - Juniper, Lemon, Coriander, Angelica, Orris Root, Grains of Paradise, Cubeb Berries, Cassia, Almonds and Liquorice.

## GORDON'S GIN, LONDON

€4.40

Distilled 3 times and the most obviously juniper berry tasting of all the above gins. Made with juniper berries that are stored for two years to intensify the oils and mellow the flavours. And a selection of other botanicals – of which we're not privy to share! Ever wondered why Gordon's is bottled in green and clear bottles? - the green Gordon's bottles are for the UK market, clear glass for overseas/export.

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# PORTS, COGNAC, VODKA (gluten free) & ARMAGNAC

## PORTS

**7yr Vintage Estate Bottled Port, Portugal** **Glass**  
**Quinta de la Rosa** **€6.75**

Only about 2% of all port produced ends up being Vintage quality and declared. The grapes for this port are hand picked & foot trodden.  
The estate is family owned & run. (I like that.) Aged in large barrels or Tonels for up to 2 ½ years before bottling, retaining its' dark ruby colour.

**10 yr Tawny port, Portugal** **Glass**  
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Aged in small wood casks called Pipes. They are allowed a gentle exposure to oxygen and imparts a "nutty" or "dried fruit and caramel" flavours to the wine.

**2009 Late Bottled Vintage Port, Portugal** **50cl bottle**  
**Quinta de la Rosa** **€39.00**

## COGNAC

**XO 30 year old, Chateau Montifaud, Cognac, France** **Glass**  
Aged in small wood casks called Pipes. They are allowed a gentle exposure to oxygen and imparts a "nutty" or "dried fruit and caramel" flavours to the wine. **€9.50**

## VODKA (gluten free)

**Tito's handmade vodka, Austin, Texas** **Glass**  
Distilled from 100% corn and with no sugar or gelatins added. **€5.50**  
Double gold medal winners at The World Spirits Competition, the unanimous judges choice up against 72 vodkas around the world.

## ARMAGNAC

**40 year old 1972 Chateau de Gaube, Francis Darroze** **Glass**  
Distilled in 1972, matured in oak cask for 40 years, cask strength. **€15.50**  
Hints of roasted nuts & toffee. Robert Parker observes – *"extremely full-bodied and intense, the remarkable amount of fruit these Armagnac's possess and the outstanding richness have set them apart from just about any other brandy on the market"*

Port glass = 71ml, Cognac, Vodka, Armanac glass = €35.5ml

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# House Wine

## White Wine

GLASS   BOTTLE

### FRANCE

**1 L'Or du Sud, Grenache Blanc 2015** €6.80 €25.00

A refreshing alternative to Sauvignon Blanc, light fruits & fresh.

## Red Wine

### FRANCE

**2 Moreau, Grenache, Malbec 2015** €6.80 €25.00

Hint of Malbec, rounded and a great find!

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Ballygowan water – still or sparkling, 330ml bottle €2.80

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## Great alternatives to House Wine

## White Wine

### CROATIA

**8. Vina Laguna, Malvazija 2015** €7.50 €29.50

A refreshing alternative to Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc tried & tested route....light, reviving, fresh summer wine using the Malvasia grape

### CHILE

**17.Casablanca Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2015** €8.00 €29.50

Crisp, reasonably dry with good fruit presence.

### BERGERAC A/C - FRANCE

**19.Chateau des Eyssards, Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon 2015** €7.50 €27.70

A fine blend that gives a slightly less fruity Sauvignon Blanc.

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## Red Wine

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### CHILE

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Medium bodied wine with distinctive aroma and flavour of cassis. Ripe & curranty – full of character. Smooth.

### WEINVIERTEL, AUSTRIA

**31. Setzer Zweigelt, Zweigelt 2013** €26.50

From a winery founded in 1705, (22 years BG – Before Ghan house..), at 400 metres from well drained gravel soils and old vines producing an easily likable wine that's not too strong or heavy.

.....rest of the wine list on the following pages....

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# Sparkling & Champagne

GLASS   BOTTLE

## SPAIN

### **3. Carles Andreu, Cava Brut Reserva, 11.5%** **€35.50**

A serious sparkler, rich, intense and luxurious.

Not as dry as Champagne, nor as fruity as Prosecco.

Worth a try!

## VALDOBBIADENE - ITALY

### **4. Marsuret Spumante, Prosecco, 11%** **€8.50   €38.75**

Stunning sparkling – from just north of Venice.

Intensely aromatic, bringing to mind yellow apple,

pear, white peach and apricot. Dry and fruitful.

*"A touch of elegance here; brisk and lively, with the freshest of orchard fruit flavours bound in a rich creaminess. A perfect pressie and just the thing for a Christmas aperitif."*

*Katherine Donnelly, The Irish Independent*

## FRANCE

### **5. Charpentier Brut Réserve Champagne, 12%** **€13.70   €78.50**

Clean, biscuity slightly dry, fine bubbles, perfect aperitif

*"Deliciously yeasty, rich nose, gentle acidity and lovely clean length. ...." Tom Doorley, Sunday Tribune*

### **6. Billecart Salmon N.V. Brut, Champagne, 12%** **€87.50**

Founded & family owned since 1818. Mellow & rounded.

Regarded as one of the finest champagne houses.

# Crisp, Fresh, Dry White

GLASS   BOTTLE

## FRANCE

### **7. Domaine Ventenac Chardonnay 2015** €7.00 €28.20

Just 10km north of Carcassonne, AOC designated meaning at least 40% Bordeaux grapes and 40% Mediterranean giving a more concentrated & intense style of wine. Tried this at wine tasting recently and loved it!  
– not too oaky.

## CROATIA

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## RUEDA DO - SPAIN

### **9. José Pariente, Verdejo 2014** €33.00

This Verdejo grape gives another great, interesting alternative to the tried and bored with Sauvignon Blanc - crisp nettle finish, full bodied & fleshy fruits.  
*"Very pure, tense and penetrating; a wine of remarkable clarity softened by a round freshness of ripe green fruits. Very long, mineral finish." \* \* Decanter Magazine.*

## CROATIA

### **10. Vina Laguna, Pinot Grigio 2015** €8 €36.50

With a delicate yellow hue and bouquet of dried fruits. Soft and easy on the palate

## ITALY

### **11. Gavi, Ottosoldi, DOCG 2014** €31.50

Robert Parker says.... *"One of Piedmont's new superstar ...extraordinary complexity and breathtaking richness."*

## ABRUZZO, ITALY

### **12. Trebbiano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano 2014** €24.50

Situated on the east coast of Italy, (just half way down the leg of Italy, that tickly bit just behind the knee...) on 40 year old vines at 230 metres facing south east. Their proximity to the Adriatic Sea ensures a balancing freshness.

## SANTORINI, GREECE

### **13. Atlantis, 90% Assyrtiko, 5% Aidani, 5% Athiri 2013** €28.70

Crisp, citrus overtones, fresh from low yielding vineyard offering body, structure & substance.

## BURGUNDY, FRANCE

### **14. Chablis, Domaine Seguinot Bordet, Chardonnay 2014** €38.50

Certified Organic. Hints of grapefruit & kiwi and refreshing finish.

*"This gorgeous 2013 ...is more succulent and less austere style and is approaching Premier Cru quality" Tomas Clancy, Sunday Business Post*

## BADENHORST – SOUTH AFRICA

### **15. Secateurs, Chenin Blanc 2015** €28.50

Just tried this & loved it! Smooth, succulent - apple, pear & mineral limes with a honeyed finish.

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# Sauvignon Blancs & Sauvignon Blanc blends

GLASS    BOTTLE

## MARLBOROUGH – NEW ZEALAND

**16. Forrest Estate, Sauvignon Blanc 2014** €32.50

Typical gooseberry & grassy overtones, smooth.

## CHILE

**17. Casablanca Reserva, Sauvignon Blanc 2015** €8 €29.50

Crisp, reasonably dry with good fruit presence.

## FRANCE

**18. Sancerre, Andre Dezat, Sauvignon Blanc 2015** €38.80

An exceptional elegant, crisp, flinty and fresh Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire. Other Sancerre's seem too thin these days.

## BERGERAC A/C - FRANCE

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# Medium Bodied, Fruit Driven Dry White

GLASS    BOTTLE

## LANGENLOIS - AUSTRIA

**20. Steininger, Gruner Veltliner 2014** €28.00

*'Karl & Brigitta Steininger makes a series of typical regional wines, among which is the intense and floral Gruner Veltliner, a wine of aristocratic elegance & beautiful length'*

Phillipp Blom, The Wines of Australia

## ALSACE – FRANCE

**21. Cave de Turckheim, Gewurztraminer Reserve 2013** €8.70 €33.00

Plenty of rose, lychee & musky scents, rich fruit and pleasing hint of spice.

## ALSACE – FRANCE (STILL)

**22. Hugel Et Fils, Gentil, 2014** €27.50

41% Sylvaner and Pinot Blanc, 23% Pinot Gris, 20% Riesling, 14% Gewürztraminer, and 2% Muscat.

Discretely perfumed with apple and mineral. The palate is dry with mineral and good acidity. Discrete style and fine balance. Little different & gorgeous!

## MARLBOROUGH – NEW ZEALAND

**23. The Doctors' Riesling 2014** €7.20 €32.00

Tried it when John Forrest visited Ghan House last year.

Delightfully fresh & crisp medium bodied Riesling with

fragrant aromas and flavours of lime and juicy green apples.

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# Rich, full-bodied white

GLASS   BOTTLE

## BURGUNDY - FRANCE

### **24. Viré Clessé A/C Domaine Emilian Gillet**

#### **Chardonnay 2011**

**€41.50**

Organic wine from a producer who picks his grapes late, waiting for the maturity of the fully ripened grapes. This restrained, educated chardonnay from Burgundy is of incredible richness and depth, full bodied and perfectly balanced and great value for a wine of this quality.

## RIAX BAIAS - SPAIN

### **25. Fillaboa, Albarino 2015**

**€38.00**

For those of us who prefer a drier Sauvignon Blanc - this one fits the bill perfectly. Top drawer!

I also got married here, (managed 50 not out – yrs!) and this was our white. Great wedding, great venue. Talk to me if you are thinking same!

## RIAX BAIAS - SPAIN

### **26. Pionero Mundi, Albarino 2014**

**€31.50**

Distinguished by a late autumn harvest – yielding a freshness and elegance that the Albarino grape can justly demonstrate.

## BURGUNDY, FRANCE

### **27. Puligny-Montrachet Premier Cru, La Garenne.**

#### **Chardonnay 2013**

**€89.50**

This Burgundy really is *top drawer* with hints of melon, peach & hazelnuts, seductive buttery notes and hint of hazelnuts that makes this wine great.

## Rosé

GLASS   BOTTLE

## CROATIA

### **28. Vina Laguna Rose, 2014**

**€7.50   €28.50**

Tried a whole load of other Rosé wines, loved this

- luscious wine full of fruitiness and freshness.

# Softer, light, fruity red

GLASS BOTTLE

## FRANCE

### **29. Fleurie, Domaine de la Treille 2014**

€9.20 €37.70

Subtle perfumed wine with lush raspberry fruit.

Tried a few Fleurie, this was the best!

## NEW ZEALAND

### **30. Eraduo Marlborough, Pinot Noir 2014**

€9.70 €39.50

Single vineyard fruity pinot noir. Gold medal winner

## WEINVIERTEL, AUSTRIA

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# Smooth, medium-bodied red

GLASS   BOTTLE

## CHILE

**32. Casablanca Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**   €7.50   €29.50

Medium bodied wine with distinctive aroma and flavour of cassis. Ripe & curranty – full of character. Smooth.

## MENDOZA - ARGENTINA

**33. Crios de Susana Balbo Malbec 2013**   €33.50

Hot days & cool nights producing an earthy, edgy wine

## BEKAA VALLEY – THE LEBANON

**34. Massaya Le Colombier 2013**   €31.50

A rich, smooth blend of Cinsault, Grenache & Tempranillo. Grower Sami Ghosn gave an entertaining talk here a few years back.

## CROATIA

**35. Vina Laguna, Terra Rossa 2015**   €6.75   €27.50

Supplied by a Croatian wine & property specialist, living here in Carlingford.....deep in colour, blackcurrant fruit. Warm and comforting.

## CROZES HERMIAGE A/C - FRANCE

**36. Domaine des Remizieres, Syrah 2013**   €37.50

Lovely depth of sweet black fruit with a spicy edge & long finish

## EMILIA-ROMAGNA - ITALY

**37. Nespolino Rosso, IGT Rubicone, Sangiovese Merlot 2014**   €26.20

Partially oaked giving a depth and maturity this grape blend can give.

## ROCA DELLE MACIE - ITALY

**38. Chianti Classico, Sant'Alfonso 2013**   €36.50

Was kindly taken (allowed) to the Rocca delle Macie vineyard by one of our wine suppliers when Caden was just 5 months old. Very busy 1<sup>st</sup> evening in the setting sun of a Chianti landscape, I tried many of their wines and this was the 'stand out' one of the evening. Smooth, warm, elegant.

# Smoother, medium-bodied red

GLASS BOTTLE

ST EMILION GRAND CRU A/C - FRANCE

**39. Chateau Peyroutas 2007**

**€49.50**

An elegant nose of small red berry fruit opening into ginger spice with supple tannins and mineral on the finish.

POMEROL A/C BORDEAUX - FRANCE

**40. Chateau Monbrun 2012**

**€49.00**

This 100% merlot shows lovely black fruit with a creamy, toasty edge on the nose. The palate is soft, multilayered and has a lively intensity with classic plum, blackberry preserve, cherry and an elegant earthy touch on the finish.

ST EMILION A/C - FRANCE

**42. Chateau Tour Pas St-Georges 2010**

**€10.00 €44.50**

Subtle, perfumed wine with lush raspberry fruit. Very smooth.

VINA LAGUNA - CROATIA

**43. Festigia Vina Istre, Hrvatska, Merlot 2013**

**€32.50**

Subtle spice, fuller merlot. A merlot with character.

PAULLIAC - FRANCE

**44. Chateau La Tour L'Aspic 2008**

**€54.20**

Intense blackcurrant and vanilla flavours. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Cabernet Franc.

The second label of the fifth growth, powerful in its' flavours.

# Bigger, fuller-bodied red

GLASS   BOTTLE

## MCLAREN VALE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### **46. Redstone Coriole, Shiraz 2012** €33.50

Produced from deep red soils and aided by the cooling effects of the nearby sea, this is a richly coloured – reflecting the soils from which it is grown - and textured shiraz.

## CALIFORNIA

### **47. Cline Zinfandel, Carneros 2013** €30.50

A showcase of dark berry fruit including black cherry and raspberry. With spicy notes and a lasting finish of vanilla from oak ageing and firm, supple tannins add complexity.

## VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO - ITALY

### **48. Stephano Accordini Superiore Ripasso 2013** €36.70

An ancient wine making method – Ripasso – where the young wine is passed over dried grapes giving wonderful depth & aromas of cherry, plum & aromatic herbs. Medium bodied.

## RIOJA DO - SPAIN

### **49. Vinasperi, Selection Limitada** €46.70

This is, as it says a limited selection, winning gold at the 2008 International wine challenge. Excellent rich, creamy opulent fruit, it's a different style of Rioja - just quality grapes and quality winemaking.

## RIOJA DO - SPAIN

### **50. Rondan Reserva, Tempranillo 2010** €39.50

Located at Cenicero in the heart of La Rioja Alta, at the higher end of the Rioja valley ensures that the wines are both silky and well balanced. Concentrated sweet fruit nose with some vanilla spice leads to a long concentrated and beautifully balanced finish.

# Bigger, fuller-bodied red

## Cont' d...

GLASS   BOTTLE

### FRANCE

#### **51. Chateau Boucassé, Madiran 2009** €44.00

Recent addition – tried this at a Dublin wine tasting - made by the premier wine producer in Madiran – Alain Brumont. 50% Tannat, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon & 24% Cabernet Franc grown on clay & limestone - a solid core of earth, underbrush, black currant and black plum in both flavour and aroma. Full bodied and well structured. I also got married here, (managed 50 not out – yrs!) and this was our red.

### MONTALCINO - ITALY

#### **54. Brunello di Montalcino 2011** €69.50

This one comes from a very small vineyard made by the grandson of the vineyard set up in Chianti on the previous page of which I visited in March 2 years ago. Had a 4hr lunch/tasting in his cavernous tasting room and this was *The* stunner. Deep, intense, aromas of spice. Treat time!

### PIEDMONT - ITALY

#### **55. Barolo, Pira Luigi 2011** €70.00

Breathtaking richness, aromas of spice, cedar & rose – gracefully intense. It's also good enough for Robert Parker to wax lyrical...

### BEKAA VALLEY – LEBANON

#### **56. Chateau Musar 2007** €62.00

A massive wine you will never forget...- packed with intensity and earthiness.

### CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE - FRANCE

#### **57. Telegramme, Grenache & Mourvèdre 2012** €58.00

Smooth, spicy influence on the nose. A very aromatic and well balanced wine that reveals notes of blackberry, cherry and liquorice.

### COTEAUX DU LANGUEDOC - FRANCE

#### **58. Métairies du Clos, Vieilles Vignes 2010** €60.50

Medium to full-bodied, this is blend of 50 % Grenache, 30% Carignan & 20% Syrah, family vineyard on just 20 ha on the rising terraces above the village of Laurat. On soils of clay & limestone – with no pesticides & herbicides used & manually harvested! Ripe raspberry, cassis, aromatic tropical woods & black tea. Finely grained tannin & caressing texture. Wonderful! Joint best on my list.

# Half Bottles

HALF BOTTLE

SANCERRE – FRANCE

**59. Andre Dezat 2014**

**€21.50**

An exceptionally elegant, crisp and fresh wine from the Loire.

ST EMILION – FRANCE

**60. Chateau Tour Pas St-Georges 2012**

**€21.50**

Subtle, perfumed wine with lush raspberry fruit. Very smooth.

# Half Bottles -dessert wines

GLASS HALF BOTTLE

CALIFORNIA

**61. White - Essencia Orange Muscat**

**€7.70 €27.70**

**Andrew Quady 2012**

Caramelised, orange scented sweet wine. Superb with fruit & almond based desserts and mild cheese.

CALIFORNIA

**62. Elysium Black Muscat**

**€7.70 €27.70**

**Andrew Quady 2012**

Rose petal perfumed sweet wine. Rosé/red in colour, served chilled. Perfect partner with chocolate based desserts.

FRANCE

**63. Chateau Pierre-Bise**

**€9.70 €48.00**

**Quarts de Chaume 2006**

This has a fine, rich, rounded, balanced and very pure character on the nose. A soft gentle very finely tuned dessert wine

**Late Bottled Vintage Port, Portugal 2009**

50cl BOTTLE

**Quinta de la Rosa – see details below**

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**LA MANCHA - SPAIN**

**45. Finca Antigua, Syrah (Shiraz) 2009**

**€28.50**

Rich, ripe and robust with an intense bouquet of baked autumn berry compote and a rich earthiness. Dry and full bodied with blackcurrant and baked rhubarb fruit and a slightly spicy edge.

**SAN ESTEBAN DE GORMAZ - SPAIN**

**52. Hernando Y Sourdais, Ribera del Duero 2011**

**€9.75 €42.00**

In the vineyards around the town of San Esteban de Gormaz is incredibly isolated, but beautiful & unspoilt. It was, until the Middle-Ages' a flourishing centre for wine production. It has a priceless patrimony of ungrafted, ancient Tinto del País grown in sandy limestone-clay soils at altitudes of between 750 and 1000 m "the rooftop of the Ribera del Duero" according to Bertrand, the winemaker. "Bright violet colour.

Fresh raspberry and floral aromas, with notes of star anise and cracked pepper adding complexity. Juicy, palate-staining red fruit flavours show excellent depth and energy, with no rough edges. Quite elegant and open-knit, finishing with impressive cling and lingering spiciness." International Wine Cellar 91 Points

**FRANSHOEK VALLY, S. AFRICA**

**53. Boekenhoutskloof Chocolate Box 2012**

**€48.50**

Blend of Syrah, Grenache Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cinsault & Viognier

The Boekenhoutskloof winery says;- "This vintage shows massive floral perfume with underlying redcurrant, cedar, black pepper, coriander spice and hints of Turkish Delight. The macerated red fruit carries through onto a palette layered with marzipan, minerals and a superb velvety structure. Textured, composed and seamless in style" I concur wholeheartedly! Lush.

**GREENORE 8 YEAR OLD WHISKEY**

**€6.00**

A single grain whiskey made with corn alone and aged in Bourbon casks. Greenore is found with several age statements; 6-, 8-, 15-, and 18-year versions are produced, although the 15- and 18-year releases are relatively rare (5,000 and 4,000 bottles, respectively).



# Meet The Winemakers



## Winemaker: Julio Bouchon

The Bouchon vineyards are located in the Maule Valley, in the coastal rainfall area in Chile. These vineyards mainly cover a total of 370 Hectares of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec, Carmenere and Chardonnay varieties.

The wine cellars facilities were designed and, to a great extent, imported from Australia in 1991. Every wine is fermented and kept in stainless steel tanks.

The Maule Valley is blessed with rich soil and a Mediterranean climate that makes it an ideal location for viticulture. Rains and inclement weather are concentrated in the winter months, leaving a long, sunny and dry summer growing season. Average summer temperatures range from 20° to 32°

Celsius and, humidity levels hover around 50 percent. Such conditions give rise to strong activity during the day, followed by a deep nocturnal rest. The special climatic conditions of the region allow for the accumulation of warmth, aroma, and a full flavour of the wines.

Traditional hand picking of the grapes is practiced. This contributes to their consistent high quality. All grapes are produced in the vineyards, transported to the wineries for processing and careful selection of grapes to obtain the best fermentation of the wines. Flood irrigation is used to supplement the rainfall. The wines are made according to OIV regulations, exclusively of grapes, and in accordance with Chilean laws, which do not permit sugar addition.

## Winemaker: Claude Jourdan Domaine Félines Jourdan



Claude Jourdan runs this estate, which is located not far from Meze. The family purchased the property in 1983, changing the name from Domaine Felines to Felines Jourdan as they did so. Although the domaine is probably best known for producing one of the better examples of Picpoul de Pinet, there are also red grapevines planted here.

## Winemaker: Carles Andreu



### Cava Brut Reserva

The Andreu family  
growing vines since

family tradition,  
name. This is a small bodega in the  
village of Pira, housed in the old manor house of Cal Celdoni the fermentation  
tanks are where the wines used to be fermented many years ago.

has been dedicated to  
the 18th century.

In 1991, Carles Andreu, continuing the  
established the winery that bears his

Today, the family owns some eighty hectares of vineyards in the  
Conca de Barberà county, where they grow the traditional  
grape varieties for the region, Macabeo, Parellada and Trepast.



### **Winemaker: Jacky Charpentier**

Pierre Charpentier decided to become a winemaker in 1920. During the first half of the 20th century, winemakers essentially produced grapes, which they sold to negotiators in Champagne or to a local clientele if the economy was challenging. Pierre Charpentier also produced red wine, but in difficult years, the barrel was worth more than the wine itself.

Pierre and his wife Marguerite had three children, including Marcellin, who took over his father's business in 1946. He began to produce champagne in 1954, using the label Marcellin Charpentier. He and his wife Solange had three children, including Jacky who was born in 1949. In 1960, Marcellin died unexpectedly and Solange persevered, aided by Jacky and his siblings.

Thus, while he was still very young, Jacky Charpentier began to work in the family business. In 1960, he got his start as a winemaker with 40 acres (16 hectares). 1971 marked a milestone with the first vines planted.

Claudine and Jacky Charpentier have two children, Jean-Marc, born in 1979 and Marie-Pierre born in 1988. After his bac scientifique, Jean-Marc obtained his BTS degree in viticulture enology and his passion for the grape led him to continue for his Diplôme National œnologie (DNO) and finally a masters degree in Enology, Marketing and Law. Jean-Marc joined the family business in 2004.

### **Winemaker: Pascal Cuisset Château des Eyssards**



The 40ha Domaine des Eyssards belongs to the Cuisset family, and lies on the hillsides of Saussignac in the Bergerac region. The rich soils of this area allow the Cuisset family to make wines of great complexity.

Passionate about his wines, Pascal believes that while technology can be extremely useful, it is the physical labour and intuitive skills of a wine-maker which really count.



### **Winemaker: Victoria Pariente and Victoria Benevides Bodegas Dos Victorias José Pariente**

This is a two-woman operation headed by Victoria Pariente and Victoria Benavides.

Both women have solid technical backgrounds and worked in professions linked with wine before their decision to make wines the way they had dreamed of doing. They employ meticulous vineyard management from pruning to harvest and use extremely careful techniques in the winery.

The two Victorias have gained quite a reputation for their wines including best Spanish wine for their Jose Pariente in Decanter Magazine. Made from 100% Verdejo, and from 35-year-old vines grown in some of the best white wine soils in Spain, the Jose Pariente is named for Victorias father, the original owner of the vineyard.

### **Winemaker: Giorgio Colutta**



Giorgio visited Ghan House in 2009 – he oozes panache & professionalism.

Antonio Coluttas grandchildren share his heart filled enthusiasm for cultivating vineyards, guaranteeing the birth of fine wines derived from the natural and sandy fertile soils of the Colli Orientali del Friuli, which lends itself to be particularly suitable for growing Pinot Grigio.

Scenically located between Rosazzo, Manzano and Buttrio, the Colutta farm extends into a spacious border totalling a surface of 18 hectares. In the winery, the most advanced techniques are used whilst maintaining a balance with treasured traditional roots.

### **Winemaker: Alessio Di Majo**



Grape selection, harvesting and vinification methods are essential to Di Majo Norantes philosophy of quality wines. Vines are treated only with fertilisers of organic and mineral origin, regular weeding and organic parasite control methods are used, while the pruning residues are removed.

Old fashioned methods, together with modern technologies have made it possible to produce wines that are in many ways organic and deserve to be enjoyed at their fullest expression as a result of their characteristic features.

### **Winemaker: Alister Purbrick**



Tahbilk winery is situated 120 km north of Melbourne in the Nagambie Lakes region of central Victoria, near Nagambie. The name was chosen because the Aborigines referred to the site as "tabilk-tabilk" meaning "place of many waterholes".

Until 2000, the winery was known as Chateau Tahbilk. Original cellars from the 1860s and 1870s are still in use. These and the buildings are classified by the National trust of Australia. The winery also runs the Tahbilk Wetlands and Wildlife Reserve. The winery specializes in the Rhone varietals of Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne and also produces Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Verdejo, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Some original pre-phylloxera Shiraz vines survive from 1860.

Tahbilk claims to have the largest, single holding of Marsanne in the world. The first vines were cuttings in the 1860s from the St Huberts winery in the Yarra Valley.

## Winemaker: Rob Dolan



Situated in the Yarra Valley just outside the village of Yarra Glen, this property was formerly known as Yarra Vineyard: 24 Ha. Grapes Grown: Chardonnay, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot

Situated in the Yarra Valley just outside the village of Yarra Glen, this property was formerly known as Yarra Ridge and was owned by Mildara Blass.

Rob Dolan first formed his own company along with three friends ten years ago whilst working as the chief winemaker for Yarra Ridge. This up and coming family owned company was called The Yarra Hill but the name changed to Sticks when the winery was relocated to the former Yarra Ridge site.

Rob began his career in the wine industry in South Australia where he honed his winemaking skills at Rouge Homme. During his time in South Australia he played professional football for the Port Adelaide Club. At 6 foot, five inches he was the tallest player in the club and earned the nickname Sticks due to the length of his legs. While winemaker at Yarra Ridge he won the prestigious Bouchard & Finlayson Trophy for the best Pinot Noir at the 1999 International Wine & Spirit Show in London. The winemaking at Sticks is vibrant, full of energy and produces wines that are real value for money throughout the range.

### BORDEAUX - FRANCE

#### **32. Chateau de Camarsac**

**€30.00**

#### **Cabernet Franc & Merlot 2012**

This cuvée is Merlot in style, and fruity, and can be enjoyed as a perfect aperitif...

### LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

#### **8a. Félines Jourdan, Picpoul de Pinet A/C 2013**

**€6.25 €24.50**

The Picpoul de Pinet grape - an ancient indigenous grape to this area.

An alluring alternative to Sauvignon Blanc - fresh, ripe pears & honey tints.

***"This Picpoul de Pinet is green-tinged gold in the glass with vigorous acidity overlaid with liquorice and touches of petroleum and lime. An alluring alternative to Sauvignon Blanc." Tomas Clancy, The Sunday Business Post.***

### VAZZOLA - ITALY

#### **3a. D.O.C. TREVISO, Prosecco 11%**

**€7.00 €28.50**

Frizzante Sparkling – 45km north of Venice from the hills with mainly clay soil. Bouquet of fresh cut bread, tropical fruit and lemon. Frizzante prosecco's are made with half the pressure, with the bubbles being finer

### VICTORIA - AUSTRALIA

#### **19. Tahbilk Marsanne 2010**

**€29.50**

From some of the oldest Marsanne vines in the world this interesting grape has more character than SA white on the previous page – and this wine has a crisp acidity on finish.

## **BIN ENDS**

- the bottles remaining after winegrower  
winetasting evening  
and  
a claret from our James Bond night

### **White Wine**

#### **CROATIA**

**8. Vina Laguna, Malvazija 2013** €7.00 €28.50

A refreshing alternative to Pinot Grigio/Sauvignon Blanc tried  
& tested route....light, reviving, fresh summer wine using the Malvasia grape

#### **CHILE**

**17. Casablanca Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2013** €7.50 €29.50

Crisp, reasonably dry with good fruit presence.

#### **BERGERAC A/C - FRANCE**

**19. Chateau des Eyssards,  
Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon 2014** €7.50 €27.50

A fine blend that gives a slightly less fruity Sauvignon Blanc.

*"Crack open a bottle of this excellent fresh, crisp dry white, with its rounded apple fruits and zesty notes of citrus. Quite amazing value." Wine of the Week, John Wilson, Irish Times*

### **Red Wine**

#### **France, Bordeaux**

**Chateau Monconseil Gazin 2012 (5 bottles)** €28.50

Claret from our recent 'Dinner with Bond....James Bond'

Merlot 65%, Cabernet Sauvignon 30% & Malbec 5% spends  
between 12 to 18 months in French oak barrels.

This wine shows an expressive nose of ripe fruits, complimented by  
soft woody tones and notes of violets linger.

Medium bodied on the palate, with a lovely balance of ripe fruit, well-formed tannins  
and a refreshing vein of acidity seal the deal.

#### **CHILE**

**32. Casablanca Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2012** €7.50 €29.50

Medium bodied wine with distinctive aroma and flavour  
of cassis. Ripe & curranty – full of character. Smooth.

#### **LA MANCHA - SPAIN**

**45. Finca Antigua, Syrah (Shiraz) 2009** €28.50

Rich, ripe and robust with an intense bouquet of baked autumn  
berry compote and a rich earthiness. Dry and full bodied with blackcurrant  
and baked rhubarb fruit and a slightly spicy edge.

