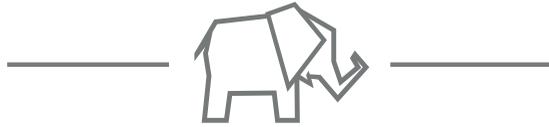


CHURCH STREET
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WINE LIST

2020

'My glass was filled with a light red wine poured from a pitcher, left on the table. I was relaxed, carefree and happy. Oh, how ruby bright that wine was; it gleamed in the sunlight. I remember clearly its enticing aroma - youthful but with a refinement that surprised me. The wine was sweetly exotic: lively on my tongue, perfectly balanced, and with a long glossy finish. It was the sort of wine that Omar Khayyam might have in mind for his desert tryst. The young woman who had poured it for me was amused when I asked what it was. It was, she said, vino rosso.'

Remembrance of Wines Past - Gerald Asher

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INTRO

what's new pussy cat?

A new format for our list conceived in January but finished in July! The layout proposes to steer you from your comfort zone to similar but exciting alternatives and to show different versions of what's popular.

Our list is lovingly put together after considered whittling down of numerous samples tasted and slurped from around the world. We seek wine of distinct flavour, of its place and made with respect for the vine as well as the environment. We want to be excited by what we taste, discover nuances and subtleties rather than be whacked around the chops by fruit bombs or oak. We want you to continually swirl and sniff the liquid intriguingly. We hope you get as much enjoyment from these wines as we do.

One of our main suppliers, Les Caves de Pyrene, has garnered a reputation for wines of Southwest France and Italy and more recently as natural wine pushers! Our second main supplier, Alliance Wine, have a beguiling ability to find the most interesting, best value and downright moreish wines I've come across from Spain,

Argentina and Australia. I am indebted to these two (and all our suppliers) for their support in lockdown as well as in unlocking by providing the means for an expensive wine preservation system so we can offer more by the glass.

Our wine by the glass and carafe come by either 125ml glass or 375ml carafe. This gives you an opportunity to experiment through the list. The carafe of 375ml is an ideal size for just two people but also is a good way of having a white and a red with your meal if there are just two of you.

All our wines are available to drink in the comfort of your own home, let us know if you wish to place an order.

Each week we open a random bottle not normally available by the glass, to give you a chance to sample something different. Please ask if not offered.

If you want anything decanted, we can do that too.

Salute!

Piers Baker

THINGS THAT SPARKLE

mainly French, but Italian and English too

750ml bt 125ml gls

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| 101 | Pradio Passaparola Prosecco, Spumante 28⁵⁰ | 4⁹⁰ |
| | Friuli Grave, Italy
100% Glera
Gently foamy, with a crisp and delicate finish. | |
| 102 | Vouvray Brut, Domaine Didier Champalou 38 | |
| | Loire, France
100% Vouvray
Gorgeous and floral, should be sampled in a field with a gobload of wild strawberries. | |
| 103 | Coates & Seely, Brut Reserve NV | 45⁵⁰ 8⁷⁵ |
| | Hampshire, England
40% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir, 10% Pinot Meunier
Pale gold colour with a fine mousse of tiny bubbles,
fresh nose with citrus and hedgerow; full and rounded. | |
| 104 | Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve | 50 9 |
| | Champagne, France
40% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir
Finely tuned, complex, subtle, utterly delicious and the
choice of those in the trade. | |
| 105 | Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rosé | 75 |
| | Champagne, France
40% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Meunier, 30% Pinot Noir
Pale and bright pink, delicate slowly rising bubbles, a
persistent mousse, light, elegance, a fresh finish with a taste
of raspberry. Exceptional. | |

NOT WHITE BUT SHADES OF

pink, orange & yellow (sherry)

50ml bt 375ml cf 125ml gls

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| 301 | Rosado, Naciente | 23 | 11⁵⁰ | 3⁹⁰ |
| | Casablanca, Chile
2018, Pinot Noir
Pale, delicate, dry rosé, aromas of forest fruits, a touch of spice. Red fruits - raspberries, a fresh, delicate texture. | | | |
| 302 | Quintas do Homem Rosé | 28 | 14 | 4⁸⁰ |
| | Vinho Verde, Portugal
2019, Padeiro de Basto 100%
Light pink in colour, elegant and fresh summer fruit aromas, elegant and fresh flavours with piercing acidity. | | | |
| 303 | Dom. de la Grande Bauquière | 28 | 14 | 4⁸⁰ |
| | Côtes de Provence, France
2019, Grenache 40%, Cinsault 40%, Shiraz 20%
Fresh and appealing, white flowers and red berries aromas, a hint of grapefruit. Complex flavours, dominated by ripe tropical fruits and balanced by a lovely mineral structure. | | | |
| 304 | Enblanco Bodegas Altolandon | 28 | | |
| | Manchuela, Spain
2019, Garnacha Blanca 50%, Garnacha Gris 50% (skin contact)
Elegant nose with sweet aromas of stone fruits, mineral and anise, then apricot, Mirabelle plum and citrus notes. Full and well-rounded, plenty of weight, yet still elegant, lively and light in body. | | | |

THERE IS NO HOUSE WHITE

there is lighter to fuller styles by the glass or carafe

50ml bt 375ml cf 125ml gls

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| 201 | Palazzo del Mare
Sicily, Italy
2019, Catarratto
Tropical notes on the nose combined with crisp, refreshing acidity and a long mineral finish. | 17⁵⁰ | 8⁸⁰ | 3⁰⁰ |
| 202 | Quintas do Homem
Vinho Verde, Portugal
2019, Loureiro 70%, Arinto 20%, Alvarinho 10%
Bright citrus colour, fruity aroma with floral notes. Very elegant and fresh in the mouth with a vibrant acidity that's refreshing. | 21⁵⁰ | 10⁸⁰ | 3⁷⁰ |
| 203 | Cuvée Marine, Ménard
IGP Côtes de Gascogne, France
2018, Colombard 60%, Ugni Blanc 20%, Gros Manseng 20%
Aromas of mango, pineapple and citrus fruits. Ample and elegant waxy, lengthy and aromatic. | 22 | 11 | 3⁸⁰ |

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| 204 | Good Hope, Bush Vine
Stellenbosch, South Africa
2018, Chenin Blanc
Aromas of citrus & cinnamon. Light and refreshing, notes of fresh lime and gentle spices, underscored by an intensity of fruit which persists and a finish that displays a mineral resonance. | 23⁵⁰ | 11⁸⁰ | 4 |
| 205 | Rioja, Bodegas Luis Cañas
DOCa Rioja Alavesa, Spain
2019, Viura 85%, Malvasia 15%
Vibrant citrus, honeyed roundness then crisp lemony fruit. Elegant, hints of flowers, fruits and hazelnuts. Dry, fresh and lively with structured finish of ripe fruit. | 30 | 15 | 5¹⁰ |
| 206 | Cantina Toblino
Alto Adige
2018, Pinot Grigio
Aromas of pear and yellow plum with hints of lime. Fresh and clean with a pronounced acidity leading to a refreshing finish. | 32⁵⁰ | 16³⁰ | 5⁶⁰ |

THERE IS NO HOUSE RED

there is lighter to fuller styles by the glass or carafe

50ml bt 375ml cf 125ml gls

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| 401 | Madregale, Cantina di Tollo
Abruzzo, Italy
2018, 80% Montepulciano, 50% Sangiovese
This stout little that is light and juicy, with a whiff of fresh herbs and a palate of morello cherry and white pepper. | 19⁵⁰ | 9⁸⁰ | 3³⁰ |
| 402 | Solara, Natural Red
Panclu, Romania
2019, Merlot 76%, Cabernet Sauvignon 24%
This is chocca block packed full of bramble fruit notes with raspberry and blackberry, smooth and juicy with complex notes of blueberry and moderate acidity and smooth tannins on the finish. | 21⁵⁰ | 10⁸⁰ | 3⁷⁰ |
| 403 | La Multa, El Escocés Volante
DO Calatayud, Spain
2017, Garnacha 100%
Deep purple, intense cherry and prune with complex earthy notes of spice and leather. Full bodied with fine, soft tannins and well balanced acidity; wild berry fruits give way to a long, smooth, spicy finish. | 21⁵⁰ | 10⁸⁰ | 3⁷⁰ |

THERE IS NO HOUSE RED

there is lighter to fuller styles by the glass or carafe

750ml bt 375ml cf 125ml gls

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| 404 | The Opportunist, Wild & Wilder | 25 | 12⁵⁰ | 4³⁰ |
| | Langhorne Creek, South Australia, Australia
2018, Shiraz 85%, Grenache 15% | | | |
| | Aromatic bouquet of ripe fruits, cherries and blackcurrants, with notes of freshly ground coffee, dark chocolate, peppermint, liquorice and subtle pepper. Thick and smooth with good balanced fruit weight. | | | |
| 405 | Moulin de Gassac | 25 | 12⁵⁰ | 4³⁰ |
| | VDP L'Hérault, Languedoc, France
2019, Pinot Noir | | | |
| | Complex and delicate nose; candied cherry, light roasted hints and moka. Mouth-watering. Abundant fruit. A beautiful freshness and soft, a balanced and fine Pinot with soft tannins. | | | |
| 406 | Armador, Odfjell | 27 | 13⁵⁰ | 4⁶⁰ |
| | Maipo, Central Valley, Chile
2019, Merlot | | | |
| | Ripe but fresh nose with black cherries, plum, a bit of menthol & spice. Juicy, the tannins are robust and velvety, leading with notes of blackberries and chocolate on the lingering finish. | | | |

WHITE WINE.....

..... BY THE BOTTLE

HAVE WE ANY SAUVIGNON BLANC ?

sure, here's four...of sorts.

750ml bt

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- 207 Sophie Te'Blanche, Iona** **26**
Elgin, South Africa
2019, Sauvignon Blanc 88%, Chenin Blanc 9%, Semillon 3%
Floral notes with a complex medley of tropical fruits, mingled with subtle lime and gooseberry undertones. Balanced and rich, showing cut green apples with great minerality and texture.
- 208 Zephyr, The Glover Family** **32⁵⁰**
Marlborough, New Zealand
2018, Sauvignon Blanc
Very pale straw with a slight green hue. Aromas of ginger, green apple and crisp highlights of lime. Citrus focussed palate with quenching acidity and varietal elegance gives wonderful texture.
- 209 Menetou-Salon Morogué, Henry Pelle** **38**
Loire, France
2018, Sauvignon Blanc
This can only be Sauvignon Blanc due to the pungent, gooseberry aromatics, light body and high, sharp, tangy acidity. Precise.
- 210 Casa Marin** **39⁵⁰**
Estero Vineyard, Antonio, Chile
2019, Sauvignon Gris
Powerful floral and spicy aromas with a touch of pink grapefruit. Ripe and mouth filling, a touch of smoky French oak, floral, fresh grape, asparagus. Lingers but the fresh acidity ensures a crisp clean impeccable finish.

MISS OUT ON THESE THREE

by sticking to Sauvignon Blanc

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| 211 | Folle Blanche, Pierre Luneau-Papin
Loire, France
2019, Folle Blanche du Pay Nantes
Citrus fruits and white flowers, clean and crisp with pleasant tart notes.
Short and refreshing. | 29 |
| 212 | Gavi, Tenuta Olim Bauda,
DOCG Piedmont, Italy
2018, Cortese 100%
Beautiful, simple. Stunning floral aromas and soft citrus fruits. Fresh, dry
crisp, mineral, piercing. | 34⁵⁰ |
| 213 | Toru, Te Whare Ra
Marlborough, New Zealand
2017, Gewürztraminer 64%, Riesling 24%, Pinot Gris 12%
Aromatic, exotic fruit with lots of texture, sweet pear and citrus notes,
pretty but concentrated with complexity and interest all the way to the
end | 37 |

ANYTHING BUT CHARDONNAY ?

alright, five other grapes to consider

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| 214 | Zin, Produttori Di Manduria
IGT Puglia, Italy
2019, Fiano 85%, Fiano Minutolo 15%
Straw yellow, slight green notes. Intense, complex sweet apple and pear aroma Dry, well-structured and a palate that reflects the delicious aroma. | 30 |
| 215 | Verdicchio di Matelica, Colle Stefano
Marche, Italy
2018, Verdicchio 100%
Notes of ginger and cardamom, fruity nose with unripe nectarine. Sparkling crispness, a rich fruity allure. Long-lasting and nuanced finish with a touch of ginger and sweet almond. | 31⁵⁰ |
| 216 | Handcrafted Grüner Veltliner, MA Arndorfer
Kamptal, Austria
2018, Grüner Veltliner 100%
Slightly cloudy with delicious, rounded grapey fruit, a fleshy palate, hints of herbs and white spice on the long finish. | 34⁵⁰ |
| 217 | Pinot Blanc, Cave de Ribeauvillé
Alsace, France
2016, Pinot Blanc 100%
Floral aromas with a rich, ripe and fruity fresh palate with waxy highlights, a medium body with a dry and nutty finish. | 35⁵⁰ |
| 218 | Adega Ponte da Boga
DO Ribeira Sacra, North-west Spain
2018, Godello 100%
Greenish yellow, subtle yet complex, well-structured, a touch of pear. Nuances of herb and jasmine, refreshing, lots of pear, green apple and mineral notes. | 35⁵⁰ |

BUT WHO CAN RESIST A COUPLE OF CHARDONNAYS ?

and a couple similar to consider.

750ml bt

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- 219** **The Great Escape Chardonnay, Thistledown** **34⁵⁰**
Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia
2018, Chardonnay 100%
Classy, citrusy, subtle oak influence and a bright yet creamy palate.
Far removed from what you think Aussie chardonnay might be like. Pure
and delicious.
- 220** **Principia Mathematica, Alemany I Corrió,** **38**
Catalunya, Spain
2018, Xarel-lo 100%
Crisp white fruit and apricot aromas, light nuttiness, Meursault-esque
butteriness. Opens up, becomes richer but still balanced. Dry, soft but
fresh acidity. Mineral laced, grassy white fruit with hints of apricot and
nuts.
- 221** **Colette Gros, Chablis** **35**
Burgundy, France
2018, Chardonnay 100%
A clear light golden colour flecked with emerald green. Hints of lemon,
ginger and nuts Fresh, persistent, mineral with notes of green fruits and
pineapple.
- 222** **Roger's Road Roussanne, Thistledown** **41⁵⁰**
Sellick's Hill McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia
2017, Roussanne 100%
Aromatic honeysuckle and toasted almond lead through to a
beautifully waxy, lemon laden palate with hints of ripe pear, honey
and ginger.

PONDER THESE FOUR ?

then take your time over them.

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| 223 | Vernaccia di San Gimignano, Montenedoli
Tuscany, Italy
2018, Vernaccia 100%
Intense, hay, almond, white pepper and caramel mixed with light, as varietal, mineral notes. Fresh and savoury. | 38 |
| 224 | Malvasia, Abel Mendoza
DOCa Rioja, Spain
2015, Malvasia 100%
Fresh and complex. Apple, peach, quince and citrus nose. Dense and structured, Supple, sweet fruit and acidity combine with herbs and with a hint of vanilla. | 44⁵⁰ |
| 225 | Savennières, Clos du Papillon, Baumard
Loire, France
2006, Chenin Blanc 100%
Classic aged Chenin showing full earthy flavours but still lots of great fruit. Waxy, hay, white fruit and truly charming honey notes. | 46⁵⁰ |
| 226 | 'Fuoripista', Foradori
Alto-Adige, Italy
2015, Pinot Grigio 100%
A tannic orange wine, with lovely bitter notes, 8 months of skin maceration! A dry wine, rich and direct, with notes of apricot and orange. It's delightful. | 47 |

RED WINE BY THE BOTTLE

ANYTHING BUT ITALIAN ?

no chance! Here's five of the best bang for buck.

		750ml bt £
407	Bacchus Rosso Piceno, Ciu Ciu Marche, Italy 2018, Montepulciano & Sangiovese 100% Soft, lightly spiced berry fruit and gentle, fine, uncomplicated juiciness.	25⁵⁰
408	Di Majo Norante Molise, Italy 2018, Sangiovese IGT Smoothness and softness but supple fruit with notes of dried herbs and strawberries.	30
409	La Villa, Tenuta Olim Bauda DOCG Piedmont, Italy 2018, Barbera 100% Deep and bright ruby-red, a rich concentrated nose depicting cherry and berry fruit aromas. Generous, full-bodied with a long and enticing finish.	32⁵⁰
410	Gioia del Colle, Fatalone Puglia, Italy 2018, Primitivo 100% Intense ruby red, violet glares. Berries, slight black sour cherry and plum with spicy and balsamic notes. Balanced smoothness, freshness and minerality.	35⁵⁰
411	Cerasuolo di Vittoria, Cos Sicily, Italy 2016, Nero d'Avola 60%, Frappato 40% Body and depth combine with fresh fruitiness and a certain floral quality. Brilliantly bright and lively in style, intriguing and pleasing in equal measure.	42

LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING

light and shade

750ml bt

£

- 412 Felino, Viña Cobos, 34⁵⁰**
Mendoza, Argentina
2017, Malbec 100%
Bright, deep purple, black fruit notes of fresh plum mixed with graphite notes. Balanced, energetic, sweet and round tannins and a long finish.
- 413 Blaufränkisch, Franz Weninger 35⁵⁰**
Burgenland, Austria
2017, Blaufränkisch 100%
Sour cherry, black olives and many dark berries. On the palate very fresh and animating. Lots of fruit, vivacious acidity, very cold mouth full of spicy tannins.
- 414 Vagabond, Thistledown 40**
Blewit Spring, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia
2018, Grenache 100%
Beautifully complex, aromatics of violets, wild cherry, rosemary and warming spice. Energetic, polished, smooth, vibrant cherry, spice, wild strawberry and liquorice on the palate. Medium, multi-layered and textural.
- 415 Solace, Iona 42**
Elgin, South Africa
2016, Syrah 100%
Red berry fruit, full of spice, white pepper and floral notes. Supple, intense palate with fine tannin matched by plenty of fruit. Ethereal, thoughtful.

FOR EASE OF CHUGGING!

glugable, fruitier, lighter reds that could be chilled or not.

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| 416 | Bodegas Pirineos, Moristel Joven | 25⁵⁰ |
| | Somontano, North-Central Spain
2017, Moristel
Bright, ruby-red, scents of black cherry, cola. Smooth, pronounced acidity, youthful freshness and vigour. | |
| 417 | Vigneti Tardis 'Martedi', Paestum Rosso | 32 |
| | Campania, Italy
2018, Aglianico & Aglianicone
Juicy, racy and full of vibrant red fruit. Aromatic, fresh, low tannins, earthy finish. Just as good at cellar temperature as it is lightly chilled with a ragu. | |

TASTE THE TERROIR

mountains, volcanoes, seas and slopes

750ml bt

£

- 418 Mil Historias, Bodegas Altolandon** | mountains | **28**
Manchuela, Spain
2018, Bobal 100%
Deep cherry, violet tints. Intense aromas of ripe berries, rosemary, touch of black pepper. Spicy, juicy, well-rounded, fascinating crunchy-fruit mountain freshness.
- 419 Piano dei Daini Etna Rosso, Tenuta Bosco** | volcanoes | **41**
Sicily, Italy
2016, Nerello Mescalense 90%, Nerello Cappuccio 10%
Aromas of red fruits and a slight herbaceous and spicy note. Excellent tannic structure and uplifted by wonderful acidity from volcanic soils.
- 420 Roc des Anges, Côtes Catalanes Rouge** | seas | **36⁵⁰**
Languedoc-Roussillon, France
2018, Grenache Noir, Carignan, Syrah
Soft, smooth, silky and smoky! Lively, gentle berries, dried spices and roasted herbs. Clean, lingering finish. From the rock of the angels springs the blood of the heart.
- 421 Tinto de Rulo, Pipeño** | slopes | **34⁵⁰**
Bio Bio Valley, Chile
2018, País 100%
Red fruits such as strawberry with some earthy and rustic aromas that the slopes lend. The palate is filled with fresh red fruits, with delicate tannins. Juicy and refreshing acidity.

PONDER THESE FOUR ?

then take your time over them.

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| 422 | Urbina Seleccion, Bodegas Urbina | 38 |
| | Rioja, Spain
1999, Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo
Dark red, hint of orange around the rim. Mature aromas of berries, damsons, figs, floral notes and a hint of vanilla-y oak. Full-bodied, rich fruit cake, well-structured, mellow. | |
| 423 | d'Iatra, Cal Batllet | 41 |
| | DOQ Priorat, Catalunya, Spain
2014, Carignan 50%, Grenache 30%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%
Round, balanced, ripe, still fresh and full of fresh red berry fruit and minerals. Mouth filling but full freshness and balance. | |
| 424 | Barolo di Serralunga, Ferdinando Principiano | 48 |
| | Piemonte, Italy
2016, Nebbiolo 100%
Delicate, elegant, vibrancy weaves together violets, bright red berries, forest floor, leather, sweet spices and balsamic notes. Finesse, pure, silky tannins. | |
| 425 | La Chiave, Julian Castagna | 68 |
| | Beechworth, Victoria, Australia
2014, Sangiovese 100%
Barolo in OZ, really, believe it. Whispers at you, with red cherry then game, tobacco faintly. Medium weight, succulent, powdery tannin, more sour cherry. Compelling. | |

DOES ANYONE STILL DRINK STICKIES ?

you bet, and any port in a storm.

- 501 Lions de Suduiraut, Château de Suduiraut 24** 375ml BT
Bordeaux, France 6⁷⁵ 100ml GL
2015, Semillon 95%, Sauvignon Blanc 5%
Honey nuts and a peach liqueur aroma, moving to sweet, spicy pineapple and peach notes on the palate.
- 502 Pedro Ximénez Bodegas Gutiérrez Colosia24** 375ml BT
Jerez, Spain 6⁷⁵ 100ml GL
NV, Pedro Ximénez
Naturally sweet and dark in colour with aromas of caramelised raisins and molasses, with an intense finish.
- 503 Stanton & Killeen Rutherglen Muscat 25** 375ml BT
Victoria, Australia 7¹⁵ 100ml GI NV,
Muscat Blanc, Petit Grains
Sweet, luscious, strong raisin like flavours and plums, raisins, dates and oranges rolled into one.
- 505 Smith Woodhouse 10-year-old Tawny Port 44** 750ml BT
Porto, Portugal 5⁹⁰ 100ml GI
NV, Touriga Nacional, and others
A delicate “nutty” character, which marries beautifully with the delicious raisin flavours.