

Chef in my kitchen

White wines

Torre di Monte Pinot Grigio 2012 IGT Pavia £14

A gently fruity and light-bodied white, awash with flavours of pear with a twist of citrus fruit, and elderflower-like suggestions on the nose. Clean, crisp and easy-going.

Sancerre 2011 Dominique Baud £20.00

The most famous of all Loire Sauvignons, Sancerre is renowned for its crisp, citrus and gooseberry flavours, balanced by restrained mineral elegance

Montagny Vieilles Vignes 2009 Cuvée Speciale Buxy £20.00

This Chardonnay is made by the excellent Buxy co-operative and offers ripe lemons on the palate with an elegant, steely dry finish.

Boschendal Chenin Blanc 2012 Coastal Region £19.00

The palate has a core of tropical fruit flavours with hints of nuts and honey, the result of weekly lees stirring in a process called 'battonage', which allows for greater richness in the wine.

Cloudy Bay Chardonnay 2010/2008 Marlborough £ 35.00

Sought after New Zealand Chardonnay from the famous Cloudy Bay winery.

Chablis 2011 Laroche £24

Pale golden colour and a youthful citrus nose with spring blossom nuances. The palate is fresh and harmonious, with nicely focused fruit character and a lingering stony texture on

Pouilly-Fumé 'Les Cerisottes' 2011 Domaine Jean Pabiot £27

This is an excellent example of the Pouilly-Fumé style with a hint of smoky richness and an added dimension of complexity.

Red wines

Rioja Reserva 2007 Berberana £16.00

Deep ruby red, with delicious vanilla overtones backed up by juicy soft strawberry and morello cherry flavours.

'Les Galets' Côtes du Rhône 2011 £16.00

Showing gorgeous, succulent notes of red and black berry fruit flavours and a warming hint of spiciness. Soft and supple tannins contribute to a long and rounded finish.

Vergelegen Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2008/2009 Stellenbosch £23

This superb value Bordeaux blend displays excellent structure, balance and finely grained tannins.

Pinot Noir Domaine de Valmoissine 2010 Louis Latour, Vin de Pays des Côtes du Verdon £23

A medium-bodied Pinot Noir with a velvety textured palate brimming with ripe cherry and strawberry fruits laced with vanilla, leading to a rounded finish.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Tradition 2008/2009 Pierre Usseglio £38

A refined, polished style, as is to be expected from this Domaine. The nose reveals notes of scented red cherry, garrigue and lavender. Texturally exquisite. Round and glossy with damson fruit, liquorice and peppery spices to the fore.

Chianti Classico Riserva 2005 Il Borghetto £46

This 100% Sangiovese from acclaimed producer il Borghetto has been aged for 30 months in French oak barrels. While the purity and grace that is characteristic of il Borghetto is still to the fore, this lengthy ageing process has given the wine a spicy toasted note that balances beautifully with its rich, dense, dark fruit character.

Champagne

Heidsieck Gold Top Vintage 2007 £35

Deliciously soft and rich with subtle vanilla hints and bags of elegance.

Bollinger Special Cuvée NV Champagne £45

The famous house of Mme Lily Bollinger produces a mighty, full-bodied Champagne of great class. Densely packed apple and pear fruits give way to a noticeably creamy,

Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé NV Champagne £65

A classic pink Champagne, with plenty of stylish strawberry fruit and full of vivacity and easy-drinking charm.

Port

Croft's Quinta da Roeda 1997 Port £31

Rich with nutty aromas and well developed dried fruit flavours it is a fully mature port to drink over the next few years.

Delaforce Quinta da Corte 1991 £29

This has a powerful, intense bouquet of blackcurrant, cherry and cedar. The palate is beautifully balanced and structured with rich, rounded black fruit flavours.