BRACE OF PHEASANTS | WINES from the STRONG ROOM

WHITE WINES

CHARDONNAY Barrel-Fermented 2024 - £**49**
Jordan - Stellenbosch, South Africa
Gary & Kathy Jordan have been making world-class wines since 1993.
A powerful expression of chardonnay, elegant and full fruit flavours and a buttery toastiness from the oak which rounds off the complex hazelnut and citrus flavours.

POUILLY-FUMÉ Villa Paulus 2022 - £**54**
Domaine Masson-Blondelet - Loire, France
Vines grown on two types of soil (Marne and Calcaire), give the wine a terrific balance and depth, and that smoky richness that only Pouilly-Fumé can achieve. This is a ripe, smoothly textured and age-worthy wine. Gentle flinty aromas, ripe apples and apricots are cut with lemon acidity, balancing the wine and giving it a full, rich aftertaste.

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET Les Champs de Morjot 2021 - £**98**
Château de la Charrière - Domaine Yves Girardin, Santenay, France
The Girardin family have been cultivating vines for 13 generations making superb wines.
This Chassagne has a concentration of citrus aromas and white stone fruit intermingled with toasted notes.
Rich and full in the mouth with great persistence of flavour and a long finish.

DESSERT WINES

MOSCATEL de la Marina 2025
Enrique Mendoza - Alicante, Spain
A delightfully light but surprisingly pervasive wine with a perfect balance between sweetness and acidity. From coastal Southern Spain, it is produced in the same way as a Vin Doux Naturel in France: grape spirit is added to the intensely sweet juice once a certain level of alcohol has been reached thereby preserving the natural sweetness and freshness. Notes of fresh Muscat grapes and orange blossom with hints of honey and balsamic. [15% abv]
75cl BOTTLE - £**39** | 100ml GLASS - £**6.80**

SAUTERNES Sichel 2023
Maison Sichel - Bordeaux, France
Remarkably rich, complex wine. The bouquet is a beguiling combination of jammy fruit, bitter orange, apricot jam with a hint of clove spice and elegant toasty notes. The palate displays outstanding balance, typical of this wine's noble origins. Rounded, soft and full yet with great freshness and a lingering, harmonious finish. [13% abv]
37.5cl BOTTLE - £**29** | 100ml GLASS - £**9**

MAURY 2024
Domaine Pouderoux, Roussillon, France
Robert and Cathy Pouderoux produce delicious dessert wines of exceptional quality from this small family-run winery in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Made from 100% Grenache Noir, this enticing sweet red is a fortified vin doux naturel created by adding local spirit to the wine mid-fermentation leaving the wine with natural residual sugars. Maury AOP often produces powerful wines which lend themselves to long oxidative maturing, however this younger 'vendange' cuvee is bottled early to reveal pure red and black fruit characters with delicate tannins and aromatics.
The perfect foil for all things chocolatey but also wonderful with blue cheeses or charcuterie. [15.5% abv]
50cl BOTTLE - £**42** | 100ml GLASS - £**9**

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RED WINES
IN MAGNUM

LADOIX Cote de Beaune 2020 - £**120**
Xavier Durand, Burgundy, France
This delicious red shows an intense spiciness on the nose combined with a confit fruit nose. This is structured, ripe and powerful Pinot but refreshingly balanced with a very long finish and hyper-fine tannins. Since taking over the 12 hectare family domaine from his father, Rene, the energetic and highly talented Xavier Durand has propelled the estate into the region's premier league. Yields have been dramatically reduced and the emphasis is now on terroir with all lieux-dits now clearly stated on the labels. These are wines of great precision and freshness, with a wonderful purity.

CHATEAU L'ANCIEN 2016 - £**135**
Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France
Dark ruby in colour, fragrant and complex on the nose with notes of coffee bean, mocha, fine oak, butterscotch and luscious dark fruit. On the palate ripe tannins, pure dark fruits with mild pepper and liquorice giving fine layers of flavour and a long finish. A well-structured wine which will only improve.

NEBUKADNESAR 2020 - £**96**
Babylonstoren, Simonsberg-Paarl, South Africa
Fabulously opulent and full-bodied red made from 50% Cabernet Sauvignon married with Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Rich dark fruit characters of blackberry, black cherry, blueberry and plum with lifted herbal and floral aromatics. The texture is supple and sinuous with velvety tannins and a lovely freshness.

RED WINES
IN BOTTLE

RIOJA RESERVA Seleccion Especial 2020 - £**65**
Bodegas Muga, Haro, Rioja, Spain
A powerful reserva wine with a deep ruby colour, complex aromas of dark fruits, hints of cedar and spices. Harmonious ripe red fruits and spices follow on the palate with well integrated acidity, and a long, lingering finish. This classic blend of Rioja grapes is fermented in French oak using indigenous yeasts, and then aged in French oak for 26 months before a further 18 months minimum bottle ageing.

LAS ESTELAS GRAND VIN 2020 - £78
Finca Mangato, Tupugnato, Uco Valley, Argentina
An interpretation of Bordeaux varietals in the 'special' terroir of the Uco Valley giving a fresh and elegant character to this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. There is a blackcurrant nose with sweet firm tannins on the palate. A seriously complex wine with an elegance that shows through all the Las Estelas wines.

NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES Les Charmois 2021 - £**98**
Domaine Xavier Durand, Comblanchien, Burgundy, France
Grown in light and sandy soil, the Les Charmois *is softer and more supple than most Nuits-Saint-Georges: velvety autumn fruit with some complex meaty vegetal notes and great finesse and purity.*
All the vines at Domaine Xavier Durand are between 35 and 80 years old, giving his wines complexity and character.

CHÂTEAU d'ANGLUDET 2010 - £**130**
Cru Bourgeois, Margaux, Bordeaux, France
Château d`Angludet is a Cru Bourgeois property that now regularly produces wines of grand cru classé quality. Their biodynamic wines enjoy a reputation for their elegance, finesse and exceptional ageing potential. Situated at the 3-way intersection of the Cantenac, Arsac and Labarde communes, d'Angludet's 32 hectares of vineyards are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (58%), Merlot (35%), Cabernet Franc (5%) and Petit Verdot (2%). The grapes are fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks and the wine is then aged in oak barriques (25-33% new) for 12 months. The wine is bottled unfiltered. The wonderful 2010 vintage is deep and complex with great concentration of dark fruits and spice.