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A short history of Albertine

by Allegra McEvery

In December 1978 my mum, Sarah McEvedy, opened Albertine Wine Bar on the site of what had previously been a dodgy takeaway called “Box o’ Chicken”.

The idea was a simple one: Francophile in feel, Old world wine and Cranks-ish food. Their motivation was friends who worked at the BBC bemoaning the fact there was nowhere for them to have their long, boozy expense lunches:

not only was there the enormous Television Centre (known as The Doughnut) but Kensington House (now K West Hotel), Lime Grove (now flats) and TV Theatre (now the O2 Shepherd’s Bush Empire); the current BBC White City was still a greyhound racing stadium.

My memories of coming here as a seven year old are all happy ones: going with my mum to a church reclamation yard to buy the pews that we all still sit on; walking up to Albertine from school, sitting on a high stool in the narrow galley kitchen and watching my mum cook in exactly the same spot as we do now. I was very proud and intrigued too; a canny eye would say this sowed the seeds of what was to become my chosen career.

Just a few years later though my mum sold Albertine to a young man, who worked behind the bar, with a keen interest in wine called Giles Phillips.

Giles put together some ground-breaking wine lists, introducing grapes from Southern Italy, Germany and the New World which at the time were basically unheard of by the large public. This proudly culminated in Albertine being the Evening Standard’s Wine Bar of The Year in 1997.

Over this time, Albertine’s relationship with the Beeb flourished into what we might now call co-dependency. The creators of Eastenders wrote their pitch here, were here when the first episode was broadcast and held script meetings here for some years. Legend has it that Albert Square itself is named as an homage to Albertine.

When Giles, after 37 years at the helm of Albertine, decided to retire towards the end of 2016 I asked Roberto, a fellow chef to be my partner and, shortly afterwards, we lasso’d in Paul, a lifelong friend of a lifelong friend of mine.

And so Albertine was given a lick of paint, and a new lease of life with a little restaurant at the first floor and a private party room at the top floor. We re-opened in February 2017 and I’ve never felt so at home anywhere.

And whilst it’s great that Rob, Paul & I are running it on behalf of our friends, family and the community at large, we all have a respectful, if slightly peculiar sense that she is also her own person, her own being and that – with your help - she will outlive all of us.

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Aperitifs

Anisette 'Floranis' Frères Gras

£7 (50ml)

A superior cousin from the Pernod/Ricard/Pastis tribe, this family recipe was finally written down by the Gras brothers of Algiers in 1872 (check out the classic label).

Contains none of the funnies common to this genre – no colourants, no flavour-boosting liquorice just the pure and we think bloody delicious taste of star anise.

Your first sip will transport you to the portside in Marseille and... hello sailor!

Equipo Navazos Fino en Rama Sherry

£8 (100ml)

Made by a group of renegade sherry lovers in reaction to a bunch of laws that came in during the 80s aimed at cleaning up the traditional, artisanal methods of sherry making.

Rob met this co-operative of refuseniks and fell in love with this Fino as it should be; clean but not sanitised.

Salty and deep, it tastes like the ocean... but dryer, much dryer. Quietly screams for Jamon, Manchego and all things Iberian.

Pineau des Charentes 'La Ruumade'

£9.5 (100ml)

This fabulous aperitif from Charantes, in Western France is inexplicably little known outside its mother country; you may not have heard of 'Pineau' before, but your summer will be just that bit better for trying it.

The French have been at it for centuries: it came about, according to legend, during the harvest of 1589 when a winemaker accidentally added grape must into a barrel that he believed was empty, but in fact contained eau de vie. The barrel was duly returned to the cellars for fermentation and when it was opened a few years later, was found to contain a new recipe that is now a favourite chilled summer tippie.

Vermouth St Raphael Ambré

£8.5 (100ml)

This is our 2nd aperitif from Provence, known locally and affectionately simply as 'St Raph'.

According to company history, in 1830 a certain Docteur Juppet worked such long hours night after night to create a tasty quinine-based drink that his eyes began to fail him.

Remembering the Bible story in which the archangel Raphael cured Tobias of blindness, he prayed to the saint and was rewarded not only with the recovery of his sight but also with a winning formula that he named after his heavenly helper. The gorgeous amber colour is matched in its flavour, with shades of bitter orange, as well as an edge of vanilla. More rounded and slightly heavier than the average wine but still light.

Served over ice it's just the perfect summer aperitif; tastes like holiday.

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Sparkling

| | Glass | Bottle |
|---|-------|--------|
| Prosecco Biscardo Millesimato Extra Dry | £8 | £38 |
| Biscardo Veneto Italy 2016 | | |
| <p>Oodles of the fine Italian white peach and less of the pear associated with most proseccos.</p> <p>Biscardo is famously super-dry, with just the right touch of bitterness, balanced by shades of honeysuckle. It has a proper winey flavour, not overpowering with alcoholicity pear drops like lesser varieties of the genre.</p> <p>The other bit of info in the label, Millesimato, means all blended from same year's grapes, again giving it a touch of superiority.</p> <p>It's bottles like this that helped to give prosecco a good name: we dare you to find a better example for the price.</p> | | |
| Crémant de Loire 'Carte Turquoise' | £10 | £48 |
| Domaine Beaumard Loire France NV | | |
| <p>This Chenin, Cab Franc & Chardonnay blend of grapes is classic Loire, and it's fermented in the bottle, like a champagne, giving it a real touch of class.</p> <p>Dry, light, appley and not overly fizzy: as Rob poetically says "a fine carpet of bubbles play on your tongue", leaving a slightly indescribable tingly warm feeling inside you.</p> <p>A really smart choice of sparkling for those looking for a change from prosecco.</p> <p>Excellent with Goats cheese.</p> | | |
| Perle d'Aurore Crémant de Bourgogne Brut Rosé | | £55 |
| Louis Bouillot Burgundy France NV | | |
| Crémant d'Alsace Domaine Klur sans soufre | | £59 |
| Domaine Klur Alsace France NV | | |
| Crémant de Savoie Domaine Jean-Perrier | | £61 |
| Domaine Jean-Perrier Savoie France NV | | |
| Court Garden 'Classic Cuvée' | | £65 |
| Court Garden Vineyard West Sussex United Kingdom 2014 | | |

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Sparkling Reds

Lambrusco Frizzante Rosso 'Montelocco' £46

Venturini Baldini | Emilia Romagna | Italy | NV

Majella Sparkling Shiraz £68

Majella Wines | Coonawarra | Australia | 2009

Champagne

Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve £75

Charles Heidsieck | Reims | France | NV

Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve (375ml) £38

Charles Heidsieck | Reims | France | NV

Champagne Delamotte Blanc de Blancs £85

Delamotte | Champagne | France | NV

Champagne Dumangin Fils Rosé £95

Dumangin | Champagne | France | NV

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Rosé

| Glass 125ml | Glass 175ml | Carafe 500ml | Bottle 750ml |
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Llumí Rosat

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| £5 | £7 | £17 | £23 |
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Celler Alimara | Catalonia | Spain | 2017

100% organic Grenache. Full bodied and a slightly deeper shade than we're used to due to the incredible energy in the grape. But she's way brighter than she looks – an easy drinker and stunning value to boot. Strawberries, Valencia orange and a bit of juniper make it fragrant and well expressive of the sunny Catalonian summer of this vintage. An excellent pairing to Middle Eastern dishes.

Chateau Beaulieu 'Cuvée Alexandre'

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| £8 | £11 | £26 | £37 |
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Chateau Beaulieu | Provence | France | 2017

Classic rosé from the volcanic soils of Provence that ticks all the boxes: gorgeous gentle salmon colour, redcurrant and wild strawberries on the nose, pear on the palate and a creamy finish. Expertly blended from seven grapes, giving it complexity, elegance and great length. Good value bottle alert.

Rosa del Rosa

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| £9 | £13 | £31 | £46 |
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Proprietà Sperino | Piemonte | Italy | 2016

The colour of aged copper with perfumes of wild strawberries and cherry on the nose, this Nebbiolo rosé is meant to knock your socks off. On the palate, it is dry, with a savoury, mineral character, strawberry fruit and a black pepper edge. Just enough body to balance the fragrant fruit, it has supple tannins and a clean, fresh finish.

Sancerre Rosé 'Maulin Bèlé'

£55

Domaine André Vatan | Loire | France | 2016

Bandol Rosé Mas de la Rouviere

£60

Famille Bunan | Provence | France | 2016

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White

by the glass

| Glass 125ml | Glass 175ml | Carafe 500ml | Bottle 750ml |
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Saint-Pourçain Domaine de Bellevue 2013

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| £4.5 | £5.5 | £13 | £20 |
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Albertine's new house white for a reason: fly through your first bottle courtesy of a dry, aromatic, and refreshing blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Tressalier. By the end of the second bottle the more subtle flavours of morning dew, Breton apples and unicorn's breath may be harder to pick out.

Llumi Blanc 2016

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| £5 | £6.5 | £16 | £23 |
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Cleverly clean and juicy fruity – we found pears, apricots and peaches in the middle with a tingly-zing of ripe lemon on the finish. A joyful Catalonian Macabeo/Grenache blend to accompany light summer meals, or simply have it as an aperitif when the sun's doing that summer thing.

Picpoul de Pinet Baron de Badassière 2017

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| £7 | £9 | £23 | £33 |
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Absolute belter of a crowd pleaser – deserves its current place in the sun as Britain's darling grape of choice. Ubiquitous for a reason: bright, dry, green freshness with limey acidity. Comes from near the sea so just knock-out with fish & seafood, especially mussels. Badass by name, bivalve by nature.

Sauvignon Blanc Iona 2017

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|------|-----|-----|-----|
| £7.5 | £10 | £25 | £36 |
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Grapefruit zest and lime zing balanced with ripe intense tropical fruits make this a stunning example of an SB. Big into minerality and not shy on the length too. A great friend to our asparagus dishes but also very enjoyable as an aperitif when the sun comes down or as a tension relief while watching the 2018 World Cup.

Friuli Ribolla Gialla 2017

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| £8 | £11 | £26 | £39 |
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Biodynamically produced by the Visintini family in Friuli, Northern Italy, this is as joyful and summery as it's label. Refreshingly tropical with great structure, plenty of ripe pineapple and a finish of notable finesse. A favourite of our Paul, whose summer only begins when the Friuli hits the fridge.

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White by the glass

| Glass 125ml | Glass 175ml | Carafe 500ml | Bottle 750ml |
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Gavi di Gavi 'Lugarara' 2016

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| £8 | £11 | £27 | £40 |
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From the sunny, breezy hills overlooking the Ligurian coast comes this clean and mineral wonder. Inhale the greengages and lime zest then feel them carry through on the palette with a touch of sea salt to remind you of its proximity to the Med. Perfectly balanced and bang-on crisp – just like a great Gavi should be.

Vauvray Sec Domaine Aubert 2016

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| £8.5 | £12 | £29 | £43 |
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Oh, the joy of a proper 100% chenin on a sunny summer day! Elegant, complex and so, so French. This Vouvray sec it's all you want from a traditional Loire Valley Chenin: bright attack and crunchy texture, balanced by a pleasant sweetness on the finish. Think tarte tatin and you have an idea. Not for the hipsters out there!

Moschofilero 'Blanc de Gris' 2017

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| £9 | £13 | £31 | £46 |
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From the cool, ancient vineyards of Arcadia comes this very special wine that tastes like the Med: almonds, dry apricots and Turkish delight with just enough tannins to make it incredibly food friendly. Try it with charcuterie, or in those situations when you'd think a red is needed, but it's not. Will make you rethink Greek wine.

Chardonnay 'The Great Escape' 2017

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| £9 | £13 | £31 | £46 |
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From Master of Wine and good friend of Albertine, Giles Cooke, comes this bloody good example of a cool climate Aussie Chardonnay: rich, but not too boozy, smooth, but never boring, with a wonderful citrus zing and the right amount of oakiness to smooth it all over. Imagine Russell Crowe playing Hamlet.

Albariño Pazo Señorans 2016

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| £11 | £15 | £36 | £53 |
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Famously aromatic, breathe in those rose petals and ripe Spanish figs, before moving into crisp citrus on the palate rounded off by an elegant mineral finish. Clean, attractive, polished and bloody fresh – a Iago Bond of a wine. You could do this one all day long...slips down a treat.

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Red

by the glass

| Glass 125ml | Glass 175ml | Carafe 500ml | Bottle 750ml |
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Cuvée Jean Paul Côte du Rhône 2016

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| £4.5 | £5.5 | £13 | £20 |
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Here is an excellent value Grenache, boosted with a touch of Syrah for extra punch, from Southern Rhone. Our friends at Boutinot make this wine in sunny Vaucluse, hence the great spice and dry tannins that shine through after the smashing jammy berry bit in the middle. A fruity, friendly, uncomplicated number to drink with sausage rolls and rustic cheeses.

Friuli Refosco 'Ponte del Diavolo' 2015

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| £5 | £7 | £18 | £27 |
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We love this full bodied, round, deeply aromatic red from North-East Italy. Wonderful spices, black cherry notes and grippy tannins make it incredibly food friendly. Light on the booze too: soft and approachable, not overpowering (unlike the guy on the label)

Malbec 'Vida Organica' 2017

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| £6.50 | £9 | £22 | £33 |
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Smooth & silky; rambling bramble; big cahunas – this wine really does have it all. Ripe and ready for grilled red meat with it's slight woodiness and touch of smoke. A great example of when that liquorice thing works – subtly.

Merlot Château La Guillaumette 2015

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| £7 | £10 | £23 | £34 |
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Incredibly fresh with plenty going on but not overcomplicated. Does exactly what it says on the bottle - 100% Merlot – with ease and confidence; very comfortable in its skin and the almost twisted tannic finish gives loads at the end. Allegra's Sunday night takeaway bottle.

Rioja Herrigoia Alavesa 2016

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| £7 | £10 | £23 | £34 |
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Organic, oak free, full of youthful energy - it literally bursts with red fruits as you see from the sumptuous colour. Wild berries are balanced by sprightly acidity and that complex, lingering finish will surely lead to a second glass. This is contemporary Rioja winemaking, with great respect for the local traditions... miles away from those oak bombs they have been giving you at the pub!

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Red

by the glass

| Glass 125ml | Glass 175ml | Carafe 500ml | Bottle 750ml |
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Cabernet Franc 'Dolomite' 2015

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| £7.5 | £10 | £25 | £36 |
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Extraordinarily impressive Cab Franc from South Africa, which for those who worship the grape – like our Allegra – this is cracking value. Smokey, nimble and gamey with tannins who do their job agilely. Got a floral thing going on that makes it great drinking through the summer.

Beaujolais-Villages Domaine Rochette 2015

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| £8 | £11 | £27 | £40 |
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Chilled red is the new Rosé, and few wines respond better to a touch of frost than this gorgeous Gamay with its trademark light fruitiness. Wins at room temp too, with smooth smoke & the lightest vanilla moment. The definition of a red that converts to summer drinking with dexterity.

Barbera d'Asti 'La Villa' 2016

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| £8 | £11 | £27 | £40 |
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Now we're talking... Strawberries roasting in Italian sun...evening warmth of outside fires; fruity all over your body. A big spicy wine that suits the warm evenings of summer. A celebratory red... bit cleverer than a Malbec, Paul reckons. We think it's really rather special.

Cabernet Franc 'Clôs de Midion' Anjou Villages 2015

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| £9 | £13 | £31 | £46 |
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All about the base. This Loire valley, unfiltered Cab Franc has loads of crunchy fruits on the palate as an elegant minty and liquorice note on the finish. Needs food, which in winter would probably be something that you hunt, but at this time of year try it with charcuterie, one of our terrines or a summery lentil salad. Chills well too. Alex says if it was a song, it would be Deep Purple: Smoke on the Water.

Pinot Noir Menetou-Salon 2016

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| £11 | £15 | £36 | £53 |
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The enfant prodigé of the Tellier family, Patricia, runs her family domaine with her equally talented hubby Olivier. She studied oenology in Burgundy, went to make wines in New Zealand, then returned to her native Loire to kick asses. There is an injection of youthful energy in her style of winemaking, and this Pinot very much reflects that.

Berries, rhubarb & plums balanced with malleable tannins make this Rob's summer favourite. Ask to have it chilled, or take a bottle or two away to open at your next barbeque.

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White

Light, crisp and fresh

Grüner Veltliner 'Lois' (organic) £38

Loimer | Kamptal | Austria | 2016

Apple and citrus aromas give way to tropical fruit and spice flavours in this excellent Austrian Grüner.

Max Ferdinand Richter Estate Riesling £40

Weingut Max Ferdinand Richter | Mosel | Germany | 2015

Zesty and fresh, with overtones of peaches, raspberries and a hint of elderflower. Just-off dry, but balanced by a clean mineral finish.

Auxerrois Kabinett trocken (biodynamic) £45

Weingut im Zwölberich | Nahe | Germany | 2015

Just off-dry, with lime zest aromas, lively gooseberry and pear flavours and very pleasing acidity.

Riesling Kabinett trocken Schloss Vollrads (biodynamic) £43

Schloss Vollrads | Rheingau | Germany | 2014

Balanced, elegant and mellow, featuring apple and pineapple fruit countered by powerful minerality and a long off-dry finish.

Illahe Estate Oregon Pinot Gris (organic) £55

Illahe Vineyards | Willamette Valley | USA | 2015

Pears, citrus zest and chamomile aromas and a lush, creamy mouthfeel belie the mineral depth and precision of this deely textured white.

Domaine Klur 'Katz' Riesling Sec (organic) £55

Domaine Klur | Alsace | France | 2015

Citrus and green apple notes predominate in this perfectly balanced Riesling, which features a light touch of cedar on the finish.

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White

Ripe, aromatic and elegant

Mas de Gourgonnier 'Tradition' Blanc (organic)

£36

Mas de Gourgonnier | Provence | France | 2015

This Provence blend is intensely aromatic, dry and deeply textured, with lingering ripe apple, pear and melon flavours.

Touraine-Chenonceaux 'La Voûte' (organic)

£42

Domaine Joel Delaunay | Loire | France

French Sauvignon Blanc with zesty gooseberry and grapefruit flavours and a subtle grassy finish.

Birgit Braunstein Welschriesling (biodynamic)

£38

Weingut Birgit Braunstein | Burgenland | Austria | 2014

Quite different to a Rhine Riesling, this Welschriesling is dry, bright and lively, with clean mineral and citrus flavours.

Domaine Fribourg Bourgogne Aligoté 'Closerie des Alisiers'

£45

Domaine Fribourg | Burgundy | France | 2015

Unoaked, crisply textured and zesty, with a flinty, mineral finish. Makes the perfect aperitif.

Château Montcontour Vouvray Sec

£45

Château Montcontour | Loire | France | 2016

Chenin Blanc at its purest. Lively green apple, hints of pear and a dry, juicy finish.

Domaine Bellegarde 'Cuvée Tradition' Juraçon Sec (organic)

£45

Domaine Bellegarde | Jurançon | France | 2015

Made from a blend of 70% Gros Manseng and 30% Caramalet, this zesty, dry, organic white Jurançon wine makes an uplifting aperitif.

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White

Ripe, aromatic and elegant

Gewürtztraminer Charles Schéret £50

Charles Schéret | Alsace | France | 2007

This gloriously aromatic Gewürtztraminer is an unashamedly food-orientated wine that is equally at home with rich and creamy or chilli-hot dishes .

Menetou-Salon Domaine Jean Teiller Blanc £50

Domaine Jean Teiller | Loire | France | 2015

A ripe, juicy and mouth-filling French Sauvignon Blanc with notes of peach and white flowers and crisp acidity.

Chablis Domaine Vincent Dampt £50

Domaine Vincent Dampt | Burgundy | France | 2016

Tremendous purity and precision. Flinty minerality and mouthwatering salinity make this a fantastically food-friendly Chardonnay.

Illahe Estate Oregon Grüner Veltliner £55

Illahe Vineyards | Willamette Valley | USA | 2015

Melon, pear and apricot aromas, with brisk citrus on the palate, mellowed by ageing in acacia barrels. A joy to drink.

Greywacke 'Wild Sauvignon' £60

Greywacke | Marlborough | New Zealand | 2014

Intricate and textured, with patisserie-like aromas of lemon, apricot and vanilla. A long, dry finish with herbal overtones.

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White

Ripe, aromatic and elegant

Verdicchio Classico Superiore

£42

Villa Bucci | Marche | Italy | 2015

A golden wine with complex aromas of vanilla, butterscotch, nuts and honey but a surprising mineral edge to the finish.

Côtes du Luberon Château La Canorgue Blanc

£45

Château La Canorgue | Provence | France | 2015

Deceptively pale yet fruit-laden, with crisp acidity and freshness. Appealing citrus aromas and uplifting apricot and white peach flavours.

MÁD Dry Furmint

£45

Szent Tamás Vineyard | Tokaj | Hungary | 2015

Aromas of apricot and peach with warming, ginger spice. Just off-dry in style, with great structure and minerality.

Paul Hobbs 'Felino' Chardonnay

£47

Paul Hobbs | Mendoza | Argentina | 2015

A richly spiced, toasty white, with well-structured flavors of dried apple, ripe citrus and guava. Silky texture, creamy oak and lively acidity.

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Complex, textured and full bodied

Domaine du Deffends 'Champs du Sesterce'

£47

Domaine du Deffends | Provence | France | 2012

A blend of Rolle and Viognier, with soft peach and apricot fruit and a small hint of grapefruit freshness.

Albarin 'Luby'

£47

Bodegas El Lagarto | Tierra de León | Spain | 2014

Fresh and citric, with tropical fruit and herbal flavours and a juicy, buttery texture, despite being unoaked. Wonderful purity.

Côtes du Jura Chardonnay (biodynamic)

£49

Caves Jean Bourdy | Jura | France | 2010

Rich, nutty, layered and dense, with surprising pineapple overtones. Very slightly oxidative on the nose, with a faint aroma of Fino sherry.

Mâcon-Loché 'Cuvée du Clocher' (biodynamic)

£49

Domaine Céline et Laurent Tripoz | Burgundy | France | 2014

A stunning biodynamic Chardonnay, with admirable ripeness and no 'green' notes, yet still wonderfully fresh and possessed of a steely minerality.

Táganan Blanco

£50

Envínate | Tenerife | Canary Islands | 2014

Salty, smoky and complex, with a tannic edge from some skin contact and maturation on its lees. A product of Tenerife's mineral-rich volcanic soil.

G de Guiraud Bordeaux Blanc Sec

£52

Château Guiraud | Bordeaux | France | 2015

A complex, bone-dry Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc blend, with succulent gooseberry and apricot fruit and floral overtones.

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Complex, textured and full bodied

Amistat Blanc

£52

Amistat | Catalunya Nord | France | 2014

An unfiltered skin contact white, with tannic grip and a massive fruit hit. Smoky peach flavours to the fore, with a creamy finish from Slovenian oak barrels.

Argyros Estate Assyrtiko

£55

Estate Argyros | Santorini | Greece | 2015

High acidity provides freshness to this concentrated, powerful, citrus-tinged white. Stunning minerality, saline flavours and a long, bone-dry finish.

Brokenwood Hunter Valley Semillon

£57

Brokenwood Wines | Hunter Valley | Australia | 2012

Aged Semillon with lemon and lime zest aromas, zippy acidity and a complex, toasty oak finish.

Domaine des Maravilhas 'Maestral' Clairette (biodynamic)

£57

Domaine des Maravilhas | Rhône | France | 2014

Rich peach and apricot flavours are given backbone by stupendous minerality and bracing acidity. This wine grows in the glass,

Viognier 'Les Contours de Deponçins' VdF

£57

François Villard | Rhône | France | 2012

Rich and complex with honey, stone fruit and mineral aromas which linger pleasingly on the long finish.

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Complex, textured and full bodied

Coto de Gomariz Blanco Xosé Luis Sebio (organic) £59

Coto de Gomariz | Galicia | Spain | 2011

Made from Galician grape varieties Treixadura, Godello, Loureira and Albariño, there is concentration and tension to spare in this full-bodied white.

Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills M3 Chardonnay £60

Shaw + Smith | Adelaide Hills | Australia | 2014

Beautiful depth, with lemon, apple and peach aromas and a creamy, biscuity finish. Savoury overtones and sprightly acidity.

Paul Hobbs 'Crossbarn' Chardonnay £70

Paul Hobbs | Sonoma | USA | 2015

Green apple and pear notes with floral overtones are balanced by creamy, almost waxy, creme brulee and toasted brioche flavours.

Hattenheimer Pfaffenberg Riesling Spätlese Jubilee Label £72

Schloss Schönborn | Rheingau | Germany | 2010

A richly-textured late-harvest Rheingau Riesling, luscious and ripe with layered stone fruit and a fine, precise minerality.

Vasse Felix Heytesbury Chardonnay £75

Vasse Felix | Margaret River | Australia | 2014

Pink grapefruit, pineapple, floral and spice aromas yield to intense nectarine and tropical fruit flavours balanced by a vanilla-infused finish.

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Red

Juicy, fruity and pure

Ca' di Alte Pinot Noir

£27

Alberto Marchisio | Veneto | Italy | 2016

Reminiscent of a Burgundian Pinot Noir, with pure, bright cherry fruit, good depth and length.

Valpolicella 'V' Alpha Zeta

£30

Alpha Zeta | Veneto | Italy | 2016

Lively and youthful cherry aromas, soft, supple tannins and concentrated 'cherry pie' fruit on the palate. Damn fine.

Chinon Chateau Coudray-Montpensier

Château Coudry-Montpensier | Loire | France | 2015

£37

Rich and rounded, with bright acidity, black cherry fruit and the classic 'pencil-shavings' aroma of Cabernet Franc.

Birgit Braunstein Pinot Noir 'Vom Berg' (biodynamic)

£45

Weingut Birgit Braunstein | Burgenland | Austria | 2012

Sour cherries and red fruits with subtle notes of sweet spice, gently enhanced by ageing in oak.

Tinpot Hut Marlborough Pinot Noir

£50

Tinpot Hut | Marlborough | New Zealand | 2015

Classic cherry, blackberry and plum aromas, backed up by woody, mushroomy notes. Tannins are soft, silky and well-balanced.

Albertine

Red

Juicy, fruity and pure

Zwölberich Spätburgunder (biodynamic) £52

Weingut im Zwölberich | Nahe | Germany | 2013

Creamy berries and a sweet vanilla on the nose, touched lightly by earth and chalk. Fine tannins, light and vibrant, but plush too and so easy to drink.

Sancerre Rouge Pascal Balland £56

Domaine Pascal Balland | Loire | France | 2012

This fresh, fruity Pinot Noir is sublimely easy to drink. Ripe strawberry aromas dominate, with a luscious spicy finish.

Paul Hobbs 'CrossBarn' Pinot Noir £75

Paul Hobbs | Sonoma | USA | 2014

Concentrated summer berries on the nose, with a touch of forest floor boskiness. Spice and smoke are present too, augmented by the silkiest of tannins.

Moulin des Chênes Lirac £37

Moulin de Chênes | Rhône | France | 2015

Deep red, with characteristic CdR pepper and spice notes, lush blackberry fruit and hints of caramel and vanilla. Firm tannins lend surprising backbone.

Sangiovese 'Inarno' Val d'Arno di Sopra (organic) £45

Tenuta di Petrolo | Tuscany | Italy | 2015

Savoury, meaty and rich with cherry and leather aromas. Fresh acidity holds it all together.

Albertine

Red

Juicy, fruity and pure

Lindes de Remelluri Rioja Viñedos de San Vicente (organic)

£45

Viñedos de San Vicente | Rioja | Spain | 2012

Aromas of cherries, plums, liquorice, coconut and vanilla. Well-balanced, with a silky tannins, juicy concentration and lingering finish.

Domaine des Maravilhas 'Alice' Cinsault VdF (biodynamic)

£46

Domaine des Maravilhas | Rhône | France | 2015

Unoaked and made from 100% Cinsault, this biodynamic Rhone Vin de France bursts with bright, perfumed black cherry fruit and a seductive finish.

Valpolicella Ripasso Corte Giara

£50

Allegrini | Veneto | Italy | 2015

Good concentration and plump red fruit. Sweet spices, giving way to delicately spiced herbs. Full and satisfying, with excellent structure and vibrant acidity.

Albertine

Red

Elegant, structured and supple

Côtes du Jura Rouge Les Caves Jean Bourdy

£52

Caves Jean Bourdy | Jura | France | 2009

Pinot, Poulsard and Trousseau spend four years in oak, resulting in an elegant and precise wine with red fruit notes and a bosky, mineral finish.

Birgit Braunstein 'Wild Wux'

£52

Weingut Birgit Braunstein | Burgenland | Austria | 2013

A blend of Blaufrankish, St Laurent and Zweigelt, Wildwux is precise, elegant and multi-layered, taut and focused, with velvety cherry fruit.

L'Émotion' Coteaux de Languedoc

£52

Mas de l'Écriture | Languedoc | France | 2012

A blend of roughly equal parts of Carignan, Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah grapes, with savoury, toothsome herbal notes balancing its ripe fruitiness.

Château Larose Trintaudon Cru Bourgeois Haut-Médoc

£53

Château Larose Trintaudon | Bordeaux | France

Ripe black fruits, rich, bold and full-bodied, with energy and force. Very long finish.

Nebbiolo Langhe 'Roccabella'

£56

Eugenio Bocchino | Piedmont | Italy | 2013

Aromas of red plums, red cherries, lavender and cedar with well-integrated acidity and fine tannins, with a satisfying lengthy finish.

Albertine

Red

Elegant, structured and supple

Domaine Vaquer 'Exigence' Grenache Noir

£56

Domaine Vaquer | Roussillon | France | 2010

Black fruit, liquorice and spice predominate in the wonderfully elegant and structured Grenache Noir. Bottle age confers a smooth, silky finish.

Mercurey Rouge 'Vielles Vignes' Domaine J et F Raquillet

£60

Domaine J et F Raquillet | Burgundy | France | 2013

From 60 year old vines. Aromas of juicy black cherry, forest floor and woodsmoke and a rich, concentrated palate with lovely balance and refinement.

Isole e Olena Chianti Classico

£62

Isole e Olena | Tuscany | Italy | 2014

Classic Sangiovese, deep red with sour cherry and bramble notes. Supple and elegant, with a steely mineral and tannin backbone and taut acidity.

Coste della Sesia Rosso 'Uvaggio'

£70

Proprietà Sperino | Piedmont | Italy | 2013

Vibrant, youthful and perfumed, with juicy plum and cherry flavours and textured, supple tannins. Great, lingering fruit finish.

Albertine

Red

Bold, rich and powerful

Thorny Devil Single Vineyard Barossa Valley Grenache

£49

Thistledown | Barossa Valley | Australia | 2014

Highly aromatic, with floral red cherry and fruit liqueur flavours. Grippy tannins and overall spiciness fills the mouth, leading to a long and powerful finish.

Quinta do Convento Syrah

£50

Quinta do Convento | Lisboa | Portugal | 2008

An intense and complex ruby classic with berry, chocolate, spice and smoky aromas. A powerful but balanced Syrah, this red has real depth and length.

Dandelion Vineyards 'Lionheart of the Barossa' Shiraz

£50

Dandelion Vineyards | Barossa Valley | Australia | 2016

Generous, mouth-filling raspberry, blackberry and plum fruit with rich chocolate overtones. Fine tannins and a lengthy finish.

Domaine Jones Fitou

£52

Domaine Jones | Fitou | France | 2014

This blend of old-vine Carignan, Grenache and Syrah is really rather luscious without being heavy. Just the right side of overripe' - Jancis Robinson

Domaine du Deffends 'Cuvée Marie-Liesse' (organic)

£52

Domaine du Deffends | Provence | France | 2008

Full-bodied, rich, ripe and charming, with red fruit, blackcurrant and violet flavours. Surprising freshness, in the form of unexpected menthol notes.

Albertine

Red

Bold, rich and powerful

Majella Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon £55

Majella | Coonawarra | Australia | 2014

Deepest red, concentrated and intense. Mint, eucalyptus on the nose, with plum and fruitcake flavours providing great length. Attractively grippy tannins.

Domaine Les Alexandrins Crozes Hermitage £56

Domaine Les Alexandrins | Crozes Hermitage | France | 2014

Intense ruby red, with an abundance of deep red fruit on the nose and an undertone of violets. Rich, silky and full-bodied.

Domaine Vaquer 'L'Expression' Carignan £59

Domaine Vaquer | Roussillon | France | 2010

This 100% Carignan cuvée delivers real depth with its rich blackcurrant fruit. Careful use of oak, fine tannins and balanced acidity keep it in check.

Mas de l'Ecriture 'L'Ecriture' (organic) £68

Mas de l'Ecriture | Languedoc | France | 2004

Dark colour, aromas of black cherries, plums, smoke and spice. Fine acidity provides freshness and silky tannins give a long, savoury finish.

Clonakilla 'Hilltops' Shiraz £68

Clonakilla | Canberra | Australia | 2015

Fruit-forward and superbly balanced, with juicy red berries, cracked black pepper and spice.

Ochota Barrels 'The Fugazi' Grenache Noir £70

Ochota Barrels | Adelaide Hills | Australia | 2014

Vibrant blueberries, blackcurrants and a crack of black pepper, this is brooding and elegant with a firm, yet fresh, palate.

Albertine

Red

Bold, rich and powerful

Châteauneuf du Pape Domaine Vieux Donjon

£70

Domaine Vieux Donjon | Rhône | France | 2013

Highly perfumed, smoke and mineral-tinged dark berry aromas are complemented by a suave floral element and a suggestion of peppery spices.

St Jean du Barroux 'L'Argile'

£75

St Jean du Barroux | Ventoux | France | 2009

A complex, full-bodied blend of Grenache and Syrah (plus a little Carignan and Cinsault). Textured fruit, spice and fine tannins give mouth-filling richness.

Domaine de l'Aurage Côtes de Castillon

£88

Domaine de l'Aurage | Bordeaux | France 2012

Intense and complex, bright fruit yields to leather, spice and hints of truffle. Powerful, rich, dense and admirably structured.

Luke Lambert Yarra Valley Syrah

£75

Luke Lambert | Yarra Valley | Australia | 2015

A true expression of Australian Syrah, intense and full-throated, with smoky black fruit, peppercorns, star anise and allspice.

Ruggabellus 'Efferus' Barossa Valley GSM

£80

Ruggabellus | Barossa | Valley | Australia | 2013

Mourvèdre based blend, with rich, succulent plum, damson and violet flavours and sinewy texture. Attractive freshness and a lush, velvety texture.

Paul Hobbs 'CrossBarn' Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

£90

Paul Hobbs | Napa Valley | USA 2013

Savoury elements set this wine apart. Aromas of blackberry, tobacco, anise and cigar box, with fine tannins, lead into a long and powerful finish.

Albertine

Fine Wines

White

Meursault 'Les Narvaux' David Moret 2014 £110

David Moret | Burgundy | France | 2014

Hermitage Blanc Tardieu-Laurent £110

Tardieu-Laurent | Rhône | France | 2011

Paul Hobbs 'Russian River' Chardonnay £110

Paul Hobbs | Sonoma | USA | 2014

Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Meix' Olivier Leflaive £115

Olivier Leflaive | Burgundy | France | 2015

Château-Chalon Vin Jaune Domaine Berthet-Bondet £123

Domaine Berthet-Bondet | Jura | France | 2009

Chassagne-Montrachet Premier Cru 'Les Macherelles' £133

Domaine François Carillon | Burgundy | France | 2014

Chablis Grand Cru 'Les Clos' Domaine Laroche £153

Domaine Laroche | Burgundy | France | 2012

Red

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Rouge 'Morgeot' Domaine Pillot

Domaine Pillot | Burgundy | France | 2015

Côte Rôtie Domaine Tardieu-Laurent £115

Tardieu-Laurent | Rhône | France | 2011

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Allegrini £120

Allegrini | Veneto | Italy | 2012

Cullen Margaret River 'Diana Madeline' Cabernet Sauvignon £130

Cullen | Margaret River | Australia | 2010

Saint Julien Château Branaire-Ducru £145

Château Branaire-Ducru | Bordeaux | France | 2010

Paul Hobbs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon £170

Paul Hobbs | Napa | USA | 2013

Paul Hobbs Russian River Pinot Noir £170

Paul Hobbs | Sonoma | USA | 2014

Albertine

Small Bottles

Bourgogne Les Belles Filles

£36

Domaine Rapet | Pernand-Vergelesses | France | 2011

Chateneuf du Pape

£55

H.Brunier et fils | Vieux Thélégraphe | France | 2008

Margaux Chateau des Gravieres

£43

Dufourg-Landry | Margaux | France | 2010

Santenay Vieilles Vignes

£37

Thomas Morey | Chassagne-Montrachet | France | 2010

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Sweet Wines

| | Glass (125ml) | Bottle (375ml) |
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| Muscat de Rivesaltes Naturel (500ml) Domaine Vaquer Roussillon France 2013 | £8 | £40 |
| Monbazillac 'Jour de Fruit' Domaine Ancienne Cure Dordogne France 2011 | £9 | £22 |
| Muscat de Beaumes de Venise Domaine de Durban Rhône France 2011 | £9 | £23 |
| Coteaux du Layon 'Beaulieu Les Rouannières' (500ml) Château Pierre Bise Loire France 2009 | £13 | £34 |
| Vaquer 'Post Scriptum' Frederique et Bernard Vaquer Roussillon France 1995 | | £60 |
| Recioto della Valpolicella Classico Allegrini Veneto Italy 2011 | | 65 |

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Digestifs

(25 ml) (50ml)

Calvados Morin Sélection

£4

£7

Ivry la Bataille

Monteru Single Grape Brandy

£4

£7

Maison Monteru, | Charente Maritime

Crème de noix Louis

£5

£8

La vieille noix | Quercy-Périgord

Mirabelle

£6

£10

Bas-Rhin | J.Rusbauner

Bas-Armagnac

£6

£10

Château de Lacquy | Comte Guilles de Boisséson

La Vielle Prune Réserve

£7

£12

Maison Louis Roque | Souillac Lot