

# Champagne...

..is a 'region' of France, famous for producing 'sparkling wine'. It's a lot like 'The Home Counties'; a region of England also well known for producing some of the best 'sparkling wine' in the world. These two superpowers of bubbly have so much in common it's hard to believe that so many people aren't aware of it.

- The chalky soil perfect for producing 'sparkling wine' starts on our fair shores, runs under the Channel and pops up again in Champagne (who knew?).
- The climate is also very similar, largely due to global warming (its only benefit). //:(
- Even the grapes are the same, with both counties producing their own Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grape varieties.
- But what makes these two great regions stand out is that they both follow the strict rules of The Traditional Method, involving a 2<sup>nd</sup> fermentation. Hats off to two of Old Blighty's heroes Sir Robert Mansel & Christopher Merret for making such an important procedure possible.

Now let's raise a glass or two of this superb drink that we call... 'Sparkling wine'!

## Gusbourne Brut - Kent

Vanilla, brioche, rich apple pastry, everything that you have come to expect from a great sparkling wine is found in this award winning Brut.

10.50 (175ml) 45.00 (Bottle)

## Nyetimber Blanc de Blanc - Sussex

Another fine wine from this award wining vineyard, green apple & ripe orchard fruits with a wonderful refreshing mousse that demonstrates why it's a favourite of the Queen!

55.00 (Bottle)

## Bolney Cuvee Noir - Sussex

Yet another multi-award wining wine this unique, red sparkling wine oozes style. Warm aromas of stone fruits and blueberries lead to a gorgeous creamy richness with a hint of spice on the finish.

40.00 (Bottle)

## Nyetimber Blanc de Blanc 1<sup>st</sup> Vintage 1992 - Sussex

Full bodied with very gentle bubbles and a light mousse, incredibly balanced notes of lemon tart, biscuits & cream with a very long finish of caramel and toast flavours the quintessential English sparkling wine.

100.00 (Bottle)

## Hush Heath Balfour Rose Brut - Kent

A multi-award winning elegant pale pink wine, with the finest of bubbles. Hints of rosehip & herbs on the nose. A palate bursting with redcurrant & sloe fruits & a wonderfully long finish

60.00 (Bottle)

## Prosecco - Treviso - Italy

Crisp, with deliciously fine bubbles, ripe apples & citrus fruits. This is a classic Prosecco with a lovely smooth creaminess.

6.00 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

# Red

## Grenache/Syrah - La Métropole - Rhone, France

Smooth confectionary red fruit flavours, of cherry, strawberry & damson make for a light, easy-drinking red that is inoffensive with any food and can be enjoyed by all!

3.20 (125ml) 4.45 (175ml) 19.00 (Bottle)

## Pinotage - Abraham & The Heretics - South Africa

A big, bold, smoky, oaky incarnation of Stellenbosch's own grape, this is a big food wine through & through; cooked red cherries, tobacco, oak. This Pinotage is complex, intriguing and great for game & steak.

4.20 (125ml) 5.80 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

## Malbec - Inacayal - Argentina

Dark ruby red in colour, perfumed with blackberry, black cherry & burnt oak aromas. Well-rounded & rich on the palate, supple tannins & a long finish, a classic with steaks for good reason!

4.50 (125ml) 6.30 (175ml) 27.00 (Bottle)

## Malbec - Chakana Ayni - Argentina

A full expression of Mendoza's best, aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, creating a complex & intense wine. Features blackberries, cherries & plum, with delicate floral notes & spices. Balanced & fresh, full bodied with a good length of spice.

40.00 (Bottle)

## Shiraz - GB56 - Australia

This full-bodied wine from the Barossa Valley is vibrant purple with aromas of raspberry, berries, spice & hints of liquorice. It has excellent fruit flavours along with complex oak & savoury spice.

3.35 (125ml) 4.65 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)

## Cabeletta Rosso - Tenute Fiorebelli - Italy

Intense ruby-red colour, with a complex bouquet reminiscent of prunes, cherries and redcurrants. The oak ageing adds a pleasant roasted & spicy aroma. On the palate, it is full-bodied, supple & well-balanced with a long finish.

4.35 (125ml) 6.10 (175ml) 26.00 (Bottle)

## Cabernet Sauvignon/Carmenere - Toro de Piedra

### Gran Reserva - Chile

From the Huaquen Estate, where this wine is aged in a mix of French & American oak for 12 months. Intense nose of blackberry, spices, freshly cut wood & cherry liqueur. Full in the mouth, well-structured, with a long finish of toast & vanilla.

5.35 (125ml) 7.45 (175ml) 32.00 (Bottle)

## Magnums & Vintages

### On the blackboard

# White & Rosé

## Sauvignon Blanc - Nostros - Chile

A pure, exuberantly fruity Sauvignon Blanc, packed full of grassy notes, citrus & tropical fruit. Instantly refreshing & moreish, with a zesty lime finish.

3.20 (125ml) 4.45 (175ml) 19.00 (Bottle)

## Picpoul de Pinet - Domaine des Lauriers - France

Orchard fruits, ripe pear & green apple with stunningly refreshing acidity and a floral finish, dominate in this Mediterranean coastal wine, making it perfect for seafood, especially shellfish.

4.20 (125ml) 5.90 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

## Classic Gentil - Marc Hugel - France

The Spice of Gewurztraminer, the body of Pinot Gris, the finesse of Riesling, the grapiness of Muscat & the refreshing character of Sylvaner. Dry & full of charm on the palate, finishing on an agreeably fruity & perfumed note, both soft & suave.

4.85 (125ml) 6.75 (175ml) 29.00 (Bottle)

## Pinot Grigio Rosé - Carlo Damiani - Italy

Delicate pink colour with a very gentle bouquet of white flowers & fresh peaches. The palate is fruity, soft & dry, with a clean lingering finish.

3.15 (125ml) 4.45 (175ml) 19.00 (Bottle)

## Chenin Blanc - Klippenkop - South Africa

Wonderful freshness with aromatic qualities this is the perfect wine for those wanting a change. Slightly floral on the nose, delicious pineapple & melon flavours with a hint of citrus.

3.35 (125ml) 4.70 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)

## Moscatel /Chardonay - Ego Bodegas - Spain

Harvested at night, when the grapes have reached optimum ripeness. Shiny golden yellow, ample ripe fruit aroma with typical floral notes of Moscatel grapes. Long finish, leaving a pleasant white grape taste in the mouth

4.35 (125ml) 6.05 (175ml) 26.00 (Bottle)

## Chablis - Domaine Seguinot Bordet - France

A very pretty pale golden yellow with light greenish glints. Floral on the nose, with ripe peaches & apricots. On the palate a perfect harmony of flowers & fruit, enhanced by charming biscuit notes.

5.00 (125ml) 7.00 (175ml) 30.00 (Bottle)

## Malbec Rosado - Los Haroldos - Mendoza, Argentina

Rich red cherry, raspberry, strawberries & cream on the palate make for well-balanced bold fruit flavours without cloying sweetness in this unusual rosé that proves just how good rosés can be.

4.25 (125ml) 5.90 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)

## Pinot Grigio - IL Caggio- Italy

This delicately refreshing dry wine is pale lemon in colour, with zesty flavours of fresh green apples, accompanied by citrus fruits. On the palate a balancing of softer stone fruit & light floral hints & minerality on the nose. The finish is fresh, lively & clean

3.35 (125ml) 4.70 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)

## Sauvignon Blanc - Marlborough, New Zealand

Estate bottled by the Lawson's family. Gooseberry, lemon citrus complexity makes for a crisp, slightly herbaceous, zingy, tropical, & intense wine... delicious!

4.50 (125ml) 6.30 (175ml) 27.00 (Bottle)

## Chardonnay - Karl Wente - California -USA

This incredible wine bursts with aromas of apple & fig, balanced by subtle oak, cinnamon & vanilla, derived from their unique split barrel aging process. Robust in mouth feel & seems to develop with every sip.

5.35 (125ml) 7.45 (175ml) 32.00 (Bottle)

