

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 2nd 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'!

<p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;">45.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Coates & Seely- Rose – Hampshire Serious & complex, yet so drinkable & joyful, with fine bubbles & excellent depth. A combination of clean fruity notes of strawberry & cranberry with hints of caramel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">45.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Ridgeview Cavendish Brut - Sussex A lovely golden colour with red berry, honey & biscuit aromas, rounded by hints of toast & almond on the palate. A long-lasting elegant finish of freshness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">45.00 (Bottle)</p>
<p>Nyetimber- Tillington – Sussex Beautifully fine bubbles rise to the top of this pale gold wine, as aromas of British summer fruits emerge. A complex wine with flavours of praline, pastry & toasted almond. A balance of richness & elegance in perfect harmony, with a decadent finish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">120.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Fitz Sparkling Wine- Sussex Described as an 'English Prosecco', light bodied and dry. A delightfully crisp, fresh wine with flavours of peach & apple. Easy drinking, an excellent summer sipper.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8.00 (175ml) 35.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Prosecco - Corzetti - Italy Crisp, clean & refreshing. Well balanced with a lovely fruity nose, great on its own or pairs perfectly with seafood dishes & creamy cheeses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.00 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)</p>

Red

<p>Pinot Noir - Gravel & Loam - New Zealand A light & fruity red wine with raspberry & cherry notes on the nose & the palate. Easy drinking & pairs well with poultry, duck or mild cheeses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.20 (125ml) 5.85 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Syrah Grenache Blend – John Wine - France This elegant lively Biodynamic wine contains no Sulfiters. Red fruit notes on the nose, whist forest fruits shine through boldly on the palate, something different to try with our beef.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5.70 (125ml) 7.95 (175ml) 34.00 (Bottle)</p>	
<p>Artolas – Vidigal – Portugal Red cherries, plums & spice abound from this medium bodied beauty. A blend of 2 local grape varieties, this is a great all-rounder!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.35 (125ml) 4.70 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Cabaletta 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.35 (125ml) 6.10 (175ml) 26.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Hochar - Chateau Musar - Lebanon A curious & lavish blend of Cinsault, Carignan, Cabernet & Grenache. Aged for 9 months in French oak barriques. Rich spicy aromas with flavours of plums, cherries, figs & dates with a hint of leather & thyme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.65 (125ml) 9.35 (175ml) 40.00 (Bottle)</p>
<p>Aga Tinto Roble – Navarra - Spain A novel take on the Rioja style. Crisp and clear on the nose, with fresh fruits, flower & oaky notes. A long finish with smooth sweet tannins</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.85 (125ml) 5.40 (175ml) 23.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Merlot - Valdivieso - Chile Well-travelled wine maker Brett Jackson has now settled in Chile and breathed new life into Valdivieso. This full-bodied merlot combines rich plummy fruits with a hint of spice, vanilla & cocoa.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.50 (125ml) 6.30 (175ml) 27.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Cabernet Franc- Garage Co Lot #82 – Chile This intense, spicy red wine has aromas & flavours of cherry, redcurrant & violet, along with smoky mineral notes to finish. The texture is rich yet refreshing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">48.00 (Bottle)</p>
<p>Shiraz – On The Grapevine – Australia Rich & Full-bodied with lashings of dense sweet fruit balanced with soft tannins that make it the perfect complement to steak.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.00 (125ml) 5.60 (175ml) 24.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Malbec - Inacayal - Argentina Dark ruby red in colour, perfumed with blackberry, black cherry & burnt oak aromas. Well-rounded & rich on the palate, supple tannins & long finish, a classic with steaks for good reason!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.65 (125ml) 6.50 (175ml) 28.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Magnums & Vintages</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On the blackboard</p>

White & Rosé

<p>Vino Verde – Signu - Portugal This is a lip-smackingly delicious white, with aromas of apple & grapefruit alongside herbal notes. The palate is medium-bodied & refreshing, with the classic touch of spritz and a zesty finish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.30 (125ml) 4.70 (175ml) 20.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Vognier - Le Versant – France Featuring lovely honeysuckle & peach aromas with ripe melon, apricot & honey on the palate. Deliciously complex with weight, structure, restraint & perfect acidity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.35 (125ml) 6.10 (175ml) 26.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Albarino – Mar de Frades – Spain Mango, pineapple & lychees on the nose, together with wild flowers & notes of eucalyptus. Bright, fresh & vivacious on the palate, the tropical fruit flavours are lifted by a streak of Atlantic-coast salinity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0.00 (125ml) 9.10 (175ml) 39.00 (Bottle)</p>
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<p>Sauvignon Blanc - Valdivieso – Chile A crisp and aromatic Sauvignon Blanc with lots of citrus and gooseberry aromas. Crisp & refreshing on the palate with lemon & lime flavours & a steely mineral quality.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.50 (125ml) 4.90 (175ml) 21.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Sauvignon Blanc – Giesen - New Zealand An Organically produced wine from Marlborough's renowned Wairau Valley. A vibrant citrus flavour melded with fennel & nettle aromas. Full bodied with generous fruity weight</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.80 (125ml) 6.80 (175ml) 29.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Rose Vinho Verde – Conde Villar- Portugal A clear, bright wine with a framboise colour. Aromas of strawberry, raspberries, currants & drops of lime. Well balanced with a light fizz that enhances this wines freshness. Great alternative to enjoy with our fish dishes</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.70 (125ml) 5.15 (175ml) 22.00 (Bottle)</p>
<p>Chenin Blanc –Wine Farer Series- South Africa A fascinating & unique wine with golden apple & pear aromas, coupled with floral fragrances, expertly complemented by mandarin orange & a whiff of peach blossom on the finish.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3.80 (125ml) 5.35 (175ml) 23.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>Chardonnay – Karl Wente – California - USA This incredible wine with its 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6.20 (125ml) 8.60 (175ml) 37.00 (Bottle)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4.20 (125ml) 5.85 (175ml) 25.00 (Bottle)</p>