Bistro du Vin

AT THE HEART OF OUR HOTELS

Serving classical French dishes with a modern twist, designed by Chef Director Matt Powell. With contemporary yet traditional finishes, our Bistros have a sense of sophistication and pay a perfect complement to our ethos, which is all about serving heart-warming food and quality artisan ingredients. From long-standing classics to seasonal dishes and specials, our food is designed to suit all occasions. We encourage you to relax, dine, and soak up the atmosphere.



Bistrodu Vin Au Sablie



CHATEAUBRIAND & MALBEC

Chateaubriand perfectly paired with a bottle of Argentinian Malbec, served with classic trimmings for two or more to share

£39.50 per person... saving over 24%! Available Sunday-Thursday for dinner

CHATEAUBRIAND 500G

Pommes frites, salad and peppercorn sauce

A BOTTLE OF MALBEC BYHOTEL DUVIN

Mendoza, Argentina







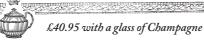












Join us and all of fashionable society to sip tea and nibble on sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

sandwiches, cakes and plain and fruit scones served with Paysan butter.



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Experience splendour in a town near you





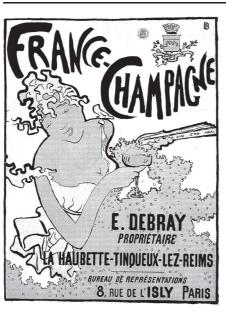
Dating back to King Henry VII, meats were traditionally roasted in front of a fire on a Sunday. Since the 15th century, the royal bodyguards have been known as 'Beefeaters' because of their love of roast beef. In the 18th century the French started calling Englishmen 'rosbifs'.

Our Sunday 'rosbif' starts with a choice of appetisers from our French Market Table. followed by a traditional Roast du Vin or choice of Plat Principaux and finally a delicious Dessert.



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TASTE DU VIN

FOR A TRUE TASTE OF HOTEL DUVIN

A wonderful way to explore a range of our classic dishes and wines is with our Taste du Vin package, featuring five courses with wine pairings.

£54.95 PER PERSON (based on minimum of two sharing)







BISTRO DU VIN

NIBBLES

PETIT LUCQUES OLIVES (87kcal) Delicious green olives from the Languedoc, with a light creamy vanilla flavour [VGI/NGI]	£5.95	FOUGASSE (1,024kcal) Light and fluffy Provençal style focaccia, served with black garlic aioli [V]	£7.95
SOURDOUGH BAGUETTE (300kcal) Freshly baked, served with Lescure butter [V]	£2.95	SAUCISSON SEC (112kcal) Slices of French style dry cured sausage, served with cornichons [NGI]	£5.95

CHAMPAGNE COCKTAILS

CLASSIC CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL Champagne, Hennessy VS Cognac,	£12.95	KIR ROYALE Lombard Champagne, Briottet Crème de Cassi	£ 12.95 is Liqueur
Angostura bitters, sugar FRENCH 75 Lombard Champagne, Tanqueray Gin,	£12.95	BELLINI ROYALE Lombard Champagne, Briottet Crème de Pècl Liqueur, peach	£12.95 ne
sugar syrup, lemon		MIMOSA Lombard Champagne, orange juice	£9.95

COCKTAILS

CLASSIC COCKTAILS

£11.95

PASSION FRUIT MARTINI

Passoa Passion Fruit Liqueur, Absolut Vanilia Vodka, Prosecco, passion fruit, pineapple

ESPRESSO MARTINI

Finlandia Vodka, Tosolini Exprè Liqueur, espresso, sugar syrup

OLD FASHIONED

Woodford Reserve Bourbon, Angostura bitters, sugar

MARGARITA

El Jimador Reposado Tequila, Cointreau, lime, agave syrup

COSMOPOLITAN

Absolut Citron Vodka, Cointreau, lime, cranberry

PINA COLADA

Bacardi Coconut Rum, double cream, pineapple, coconut, lime

NEGRONI

Bombay Sapphire Gin, Campari bitters, Martini Reserva Rubino Vermouth

TOM COLLINS

Tanqueray Gin, lemon, sugar syrup, soda

AMARETTO SOUR

Saliza Tosolini Amaretto, Angostura bitters, cherry and vanilla syrup, lemon, sugar syrup

SIDE CAR

Hennessy VS Cognac, Cointreau, lemon, sugar syrup

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

FRENCH FIZZ

Twist on a French Martini, Lombard Champagne, Finlandia Vodka, Briottet Crème de Framboise Liqueur, pineapple

£11.95

GARDEN MOJITO

Twist on a Mojito, Hendricks Gin, St Germain Elderflower Liqueur, cucumber, mint

PROVENCE ROSE CRUSH

Fruity Gin Cocktail with Provence Rosé, Puerto de Indias strawberry gin, Provence rosé wine, raspberries, strawberries, apple

RASPBERRY DAIQUIRI

Classically Strong and Fruity. Bacardi Carta Blanca White Rum, Briottet Crème de Framboise Liqueur, lime

MALVASIA SOARES

Our Award Winning Graham's Blend No.5 Cocktail, Grahams Blend No.5 White Port, El Jimador Reposado Tequila, Briottet Crème de Pêche Liqueur, homemade spice mix

CHOCOLATE SHIRAZ-ERAC

Chocolate Sazerac with Bloody Shiraz Gin, Rittenhouse Rye Whisky, Four Pillars Bloody Shiraz Gin, Crème de Cacao Liqueur

BASIL SMASH

Fragrant Gin Cocktail, Tanqueray Gin, Noilly Prat Dry Vermouth, basil, lemon

GRAPEFRUIT & ORANGE MARTINI

Sustainable Martini du Vin, Discarded Chardonnay Vodka, Italicus Bergamot Liqueur, Lillet Blanc

À LA CARTE MENU

ENTRÉES

SOUPE A L'OIGNON (349kcal) Classic French onion soup	£9.95 £2 supplement �	RO CA
ASSIETTE DE CHARCUTERIE (313kcal) Selection of cured meats, parfait, rillettes, pickles and Dijon mustard [NUT]	£12.50 £4 supplement \diamondsuit	RC ON
CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT (361kcal) Brioche toast and raisin chutney [NUT]	£9.50	SE SE
SAUTÉED MUSHROOMS ON TOASTED SOURDOUGH (222kcal)	£8.50	SA. Tre
Madeira sauce [VGI]		TIC Chi

ROSARY GOATS CHEESE &	£8.50
CARAMELISED ONION QUICHE (821kcal)	
Petite salade [V]	

DASTED VEGAN BLACK PUDDING £8.50 NTOASTED SOURDOUGH (444kcal) ple and radish salad, apple chutney [VGI]

£11.50 EVERN & WYE SMOKED ALMON CLASSIC (329kcal) £3 supplement 🔷 eacle soda bread and fromage blanc [NUT]

GER PRAWNS (621kcal) Chilli, garlic and pastis butter, aioli dip [NGI] £5 supplement 🔆

GRILLADES

We source our meat from Donald Russell of Aberdeenshire, award-winning Butcher and supplier to His Majesty the King. All the beef is naturally reared and comes from traditional British farms. They insist on grass-feeding which adds fine marbling and great flavour. It is hung on the bone, the traditional way, in a dedicated maturation chamber which takes up to 35 days, and adds sublime tenderness and a rich depth to the flavour.

Their skilled Butchers train for years to perfect the art of hand cutting - a heritage of which they are justifiably proud of and complements to the ethos of the food we serve in Bistro du Vin.

All of our grillade dishes are served with pommes frites.

FILLET STEAK 200G (876kcal) £37.50 21 day aged, the most tender of all cuts £19 supplement �

£34.95 RIB-EYE STEAK 250G (1,143kcal) 28 day aged, generously marbled for flavour £17 supplement �

SIGNATURE RUMP STEAK 200G (1,388kcal) £25.95 35 day aged, French style full face rump steak £8 supplement 🔷 We recommend this cooked medium rare or well done

GRILLED NORMANDY CHICKEN (1,044kcal) £16.50 Escalope of Normandy chicken served with petite salade

CHATEAUBRIAND 500G* (2,300kcal)

£74.95 A supremely tender and indulgent treat, best shared between two. Served with a choice of bearnaise or peppercorn sauce [NUT]

*SEASONAL SPECIAL, subject to availability

♦ Supplement Applies Hotel residents on a dinner inclusive package can choose 2 or 3 courses (dependent on package) from Entrées and/or Desserts and Plats Principaux, with a side dish or sauce. Supplements apply to some dishes, as indicated.

For special dietary requirements or allergy information, please speak with a member of our team before ordering. Although we endeavour to do so, we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes are allergen free or fulfil dietary requirements due to possible $cross\ contamination\ during\ production.\ [NGI]\ =\ Does\ not\ include\ any\ gluten\ containing\ ingredients.\ [NGIA]\ =\ Alternative$ $available\ that\ does\ not\ include\ any\ gluten\ containing\ ingredients.\ [VGI]\ =\ Does\ not\ include\ any\ ingredients\ derived\ from$ $animals. \ [VGIA] = Alternative \ available \ that \ does \ not include \ any ingredients \ derived \ from \ animals. \ [V] = Vegetarian. \ [VA] = Vegetar$ Vegetarian alternative available. [NUT] = Dish contains or may contain nuts. Cheese boards may contain unpasteurised cheese Calorie content. Calculations as accurate as possible however slight variations may occur. To maintain a healthy weight, the daily recommended intake of calories for adults is around 2,000 calories a day. All of our prices include VAT. A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill.



For further information on allergens please scan here.

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PLATS PRINCIPAUX

£24.50 BEEF CHEEK BOURGUIGNON (821kcal) 8 hour braised beef cheeks, served with £6 supplement 🔷 pancetta, mushrooms, baby onions and pommes mousseline

CHICKEN CHASSEUR, £18.95 SPATZLE NOODLES (1,481kcal)

Braised Normandy chicken, mushrooms, tomato and baby onions with traditional fried pasta

MOULES MARINIÈRE (550kcal | 1,378kcal) £8.50 | £16.95 Mussels steamed with white wine, cream, shallots and garlic (main course served with pommes frites)

TROUT GRENOBLOISE (728kcal) £18.95 Seared trout, brioche croutons, fine beans, lemon, capers and beurre noisette [NUT]

SPICED VEGETABLE & £14.95 CHICKPEA CASSEROLE (852kcal)

Creamed polenta [VGI/NGI]

£15.95 WILD MUSHROOM & SPELT RISOTTO (645kcal)

Spelt cooked with a wild mushroom stock finished with vegan style Parmesan [VGI/NUT]

SALADE MAISON (113kcal | 226kcal) £8.50 | £13.50 Baby kale, edamame beans, quinoa and alfalfa sprouts [VGI/NUT] Add: Chicken (234kcal), Smoked Mackerel (169kcal) £3.00

or Halloumi [VGI] (208kcal) Choice of topping included 🔷

SIDES £4.50 each

POMMES FRITES (495kcal) [V]

POMMES PURÉE (232kcal) [V/NGI]

HARICOTS VERTS (113kcal) [V/NGI]

GLAZED CARROTS (182kcal) [V/NGI]

HOUSE SALAD (92kcal) [V/NGI]

SAUCES

£3.50 each

£2.95

BÉARNAISE (415kcal) [V/NGI]

PEPPERCORN (153kcal) [NGI/NUT]

RED WINE JUS (54kcal) [NGI]

GARLIC BUTTER (633kcal) [V/NGI]

DESSERTS

CRÈME BRÛLÉE (717kcal) £7.95 Baked vanilla custard, glazed under sugar [V/NGI]

£7.95 POTAU CHOCOLAT (753kcal) Classic chocolate mousse with crème Chantilly [V/NGI]

APPLE TARTE TATIN (644kcal) £8.95 Vanilla ice cream [V/NUT]

BLACK FOREST CHOCOLATE MOUSSE £8.95 (285kcal) Rich chocolate mousse with griottines cherries and black cherry coulis [VGI/NGI]

CAFÉ GOURMAND (467kcal) £8.95 Coffee of your choice with a selection of sweet treats [NUT] GLACES ET SORBETS (34kcal) [V/NGI/NUT]

per scoop ASSIETTE DE FROMAGE £11.95 £19.95

£2 supplement per person 🔆 [For 2] (520kcal | 1,041kcal)

French artisan cheeses served with biscuits and chutney [NUT]

We source our cheese from Harvey & Brockless, purveyors of the largest collection of British farmhouse cheeses in the UK. They work with the finest artisan producers across the globe and ensure we feature the very best in French and British cheese.



EACH COURSE WILL BE EXPERTLY PAIRED BY OUR GROUP SOMMELIER WITH A GLASS OF WINE TO COMPLEMENT THE DISH

SEVERN & WYE SMOKED SALMON CLASSIC (145kcal)

Treacle soda bread and fromage blanc [NUT]

Wine Pairing: Verdejo, Elias Mora, Rueda, Spain [125ml glass]

CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT (243kcal)

Brioche toast and raisin chutney [NUT]

Wine Pairing: Beaujolais, Château de Belleverne, Chénas, France [125ml glass]

BEEF CHEEK BOURGUIGNON (762kcal)

8 hour braised beef cheeks, served with pancetta, mushrooms, baby onions and pommes mousseline

Wine Pairing: Pinot Noir, Urlar, Organic, Gladstone, New Zealand [175ml glass]

POTAU CHOCOLAT (237kcal)

Classic chocolate mousse with crème Chantilly [V/NGI]

Wine Pairing: Licor De Tannat, Familia Deicas, Uruguay [50ml glass]

THE CHEESE PLATE (534kcal)

Selection of artisan cheese, served with biscuits and chutney [NUT]

Wine Pairing: Bordeaux Supérieur, 'Tradition' Château Penin, France [125ml glass]

£54.95 PER PERSON

(based on minimum of two sharing)

Sample menu, dishes and wines are subject to seasonal variations $\label{eq:vegan} \mbox{ Vegan alternative available}$



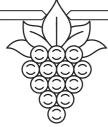


BISTRO DU VIN WINE LIST

Wine; the very lifeblood of our Hotels & Bistros. You will find us passionate, but not pretentious; excited, but not elitist.

We are here to help you explore, discover, or simply enjoy your favourites. Our expert in-house wine ambassadors and bar teams can draw from a cellar with an extensive mix of wines from around the world, from traditional quality Bordeaux and Burgundy through to trendy wines from the New World. It promises something for everyone ~ from a simplified selection of quaffable wines by the glass, to sophisticated and complex varieties from leading wine makers from every continent.

How you enjoy wine at Hotel du Vin & Bistro is up to you. From a perfectly chilled crisp Chablis with friends in the bar through to our own label Malbec with a steak in the Bistro. By joining us for an informal yet informative wine tasting with our sommeliers and wine ambassadors; or perhaps one of our fabulous wine dinners, co-hosted by some of the world's greatest producers.

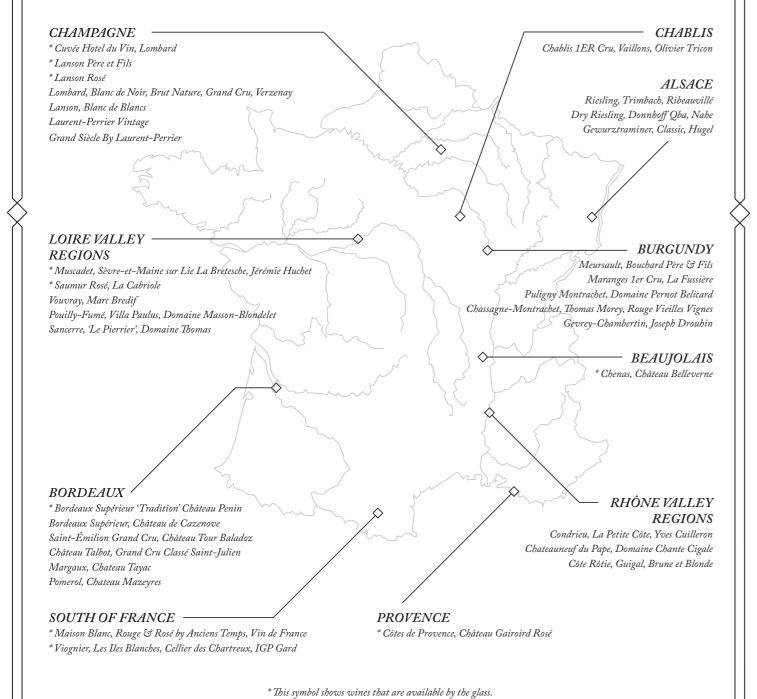




BISTRO DU VIN FRENCH WINE MAP

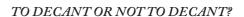
French food and wine are at the heart of Bistro du Vin and our hotels across Great Britain. Whilst we have a range of wines from around the world available as part of our extensive list, we have a selection of wines we are immensely proud of, from across the many of the notable wine appellations in France.

Here you will find an overview of each of the regions and the wines currently featured within this list:









The question of 'should wine always be decanted' is regularly asked by our guests. Before we can answer this let us look at the two main reasons why we decant wine. Firstly, to oxidate the wine through the transfer of wine from the bottle to the decanter, and the increased surface area of the wine to air contact in the decanter. This oxidation helps to soften the acidity in the wine and makes the wine 'smoother' and more enjoyable to drink. Secondly, the process of decanting helps to remove any sediment from the wine. However, does this mean that all wines should be decanted, and the answer is no!

Styles of wine that get the most benefit from being decanted are those either with high levels of sediment or bigger more full-bodied reds such as Barolo from Italy and Cabernet based wines. These styles of wine are full bodied and high in tannins, the decanting process therefore helps to make these wines softer and more enjoyable to drink. Other wines, for instance most whites and lighter reds such as Pinot Noir, tend not to benefit from the decanting process and may even deteriorate from being decanted. However, ultimately the choice of whether you wish to have your wine decanted or not is yours, we will just recommend the wines that benefit most from the decantation process.

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CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE	<i>glass</i> 125ml	bottle 750ml
EINS, ZWEI, ZERO, RIESLING Leitz, Germany [Alcohol-Free]	£4.95	£27.95
PROSECCO, EXTRA DRY NV Fiol, Veneto, Italy	£7.95	£39.95
HENNERS BRUT NV East Sussex, England	£11.95	£67.95
CUVÉE HOTEL DU VIN Lombard, France	£11.95	£69.95
LANSON PÈRE ET FILS France	£12.95	£74.95
LANSON ROSÉ France	£14.50	£84.95

WHITE WINE	<i>glass</i> 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
MAISON BLANC Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.50	£8.95	£16.95	£24.95
MUSCADET Sèvre-et-Maine sur Lie La Bretesche, Jérémie Huchet, France	£7.50	£9.95	£19.50	£27.95
RIESLING Hills & Valleys, Pikes, Clare Valley, South Australia	£7.95	£10.50	£20.50	£29.95
VIOGNIER Les Iles Blanches, Cellier des Chartreux, IGP Gard, France	£8.95	£12.50	£23.95	£34.95
VERDEJO Elias Mora, Rueda, Spain	£9.50	£12.95	£24.50	£35.95
PINOT GRIGIO Puiatti, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy	£9.95	£13.50	£25.50	£36.95
SAUVIGNON BLANC Crowded House, Marlborough, New Zealand	£10.50	£13.95	£27.50	£39.95
CHARDONNAY Kendall Jackson, Vintners Reserve, California, USA	£13.50	£18.50	£34.95	£49.95

ROSÉ WINE	<i>glass</i> 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
MAISON ROSÉ Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.50	£8.95	£16.95	£24.95
SAUMUR ROSÉ La Cabriole, France	£8.95	£12.50	£23.50	£33.95
CÔTES DE PROVENCE Château Gairoird Rosé, France [Organic]	£10.50	£13.95	£27.50	£39.95





OLD WORLD VS NEW WORLD

Terms used frequently in the wine world, but what do they really mean? Well, there are a number of differences between New World and Old World wine growing countries and all of them have exceptions to the rules! Primarily most European countries are classed as Old World, since wine making originated in these countries and dates back hundreds of years. However, a more significant difference is the labelling terminology. Most wines that originate from Old World countries, such as France, Spain and Italy, are named after the place where they are produced. Whereas wines from the New World are often named after the grape variety or the brand name given by the producer, or both! For example, Chablis, Bordeaux, Rioja, Barolo, Sancerre and Champagne are all places that are iconic for producing wines and they all have strict laws over what they can and cannot do in their grape growing and wine making, even down to which varieties they can or cannot grow. The New World does not have the same type of laws, hence you can have a 'Chardonnay' labelled wine from all over the world. However, unless you know which Old World wine region is permitted to grow which varieties you may not know that Chablis make wines from Chardonnay grapes and Sancerre from Sauvignon Blanc grapes!

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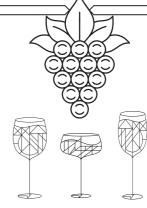
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RED WINE	<i>glass</i> 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml	
MAISON ROUGE Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.50	£8.95	£16.95	£24.95	
CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'Man with the Ax' Showdown, California, USA	£7.50	£9.95	£19.50	£27.95	
CHIANTI Da Vinci, Italy	£7.95	£10.50	£20.50	£29.95	
BEAUJOLAIS Château de Belleverne, Chénas, France	£8.95	£12.50	£23.95	£34.95	
MALBEC BY HOTEL DU VIN Mendoza, Argentina	£9.95	£13.50	£25.50	£36.95	
BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR 'Tradition' Château Penin, France	£10.50	£13.95	£27.50	£39.95	
RIOJA RESERVA Lealtanza, Altanza, Spain	£12.50	£16.95	£32.95	£47.95	
PINOT NOIR Urlar, Gladstone, New Zealand [Organic]	£13.50	£18.50	£34.95	£49.95	
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DESSERT WINES & PORT	glass 50ml	glass 100ml	bottle
MOSCATO D'ASTI Alasia, Italy (750ml bottle)			£26.95
LICOR DE TANNAT Familia Deicas, Uruguay (500ml)	£4.95	£8.95	£42.95
TOKAJI Late Harvest, Diznoko, Hungary (500ml)	£5.95	£10.95	£52.95
RESERVE BLENDED PORT Six Grapes by Graham's, Portugal (750ml)	£2.95	£4.95	£32.95
10 YEAR OLD TAWNY Graham's, Portugal (750ml)	£3.95	£6.95	£49.95
20 YEAR OLD TAWNY Graham's, Portugal (750ml)	£5.50	£10.50	£74.95

125ml glasses also available on bottles with by the glass prices, excluding Dessert Wines & Port.

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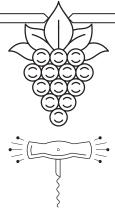
The bigger the glass, the better the wine, right? Wrong! The correct wine glass shape and size is more about matching with the style of the wine than the quality of it. For example, a high-acid white wine such as Sauvignon Blanc, no matter what the quality, will always be best enjoyed in a smaller wine glass. Whereas a Pinot Noir or an oaked Chardonnay should be in a larger more bulbous 'Burgundy' wine glass and a full-bodied red, such as a Cabernet Sauvignon in a tall, larger 'Bordeaux' wine glass.

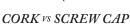
There are a number of considerations in matching wine style and wine glass shape including the way our nose and sense of smell receive these wines, but the main reason is the consideration of which parts of the tongue, the 'palate', we wish the wine to be received by. The palate has different sections that identify the various elements of the wine. The glass shape helps to position the wine correctly around the palate whilst being drunk, to maximise the enjoyment of that style of wine. So, when wine is served in the correct glass it can make a huge difference to the enjoyment of that wine!

BISTRO DU VIN SIGNATURE SELECTION

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CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE	bottle 750ml
JANSZ, CUVEE ROSÉ, NV Tasmania, Australia	£54.95
LOMBARD, BLANC DE NOIR, BRUT NATURE Grand Cru, Verzenay	£96.95
LANSON, BLANC DE BLANCS	£109.95
LAURENT-PERRIER VINTAGE	£114.95
GRAND SIÈCLE BY LAURENT-PERRIER	£259.95

WHITE WINE - FRANCE	bottle 750ml
VOUVRAY Marc Bredif, Loire Valley	£44.95
RIESLING Trimbach, Alsace	£46.95
GEWURZTRAMINER Classic, Hugel, Alsace	£49.95
POUILLY-FUMÉ Villa Paulus, Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Loire Valley	£64.95
SANCERRE 'Le Pierrier', Domaine Thomas, Loire Valley	£68.95
CHABLIS 1er Cru Vaillons, Olivier Tricon	£72.95
CONDRIEU La Petite Côte, Yves Cuilleron, Rhône Valley	£95.95
MEURSAULT Bouchard Père & Fils, Burgundy	£109.95
PULIGNY MONTRACHET Domaine Pernot Belicard, Burgundy	£119.95
WHITE WINE - REST OF THE WORLD	
FLORÃO Quinta da Fonte Souto, Alentejo, Portugal	£37.95
GAVI DI GAVI La Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio, Italy	£39.95
SAVATIANO Papagiannakos, Attica, Greece	£39.95
SEMILLON Vergelegen Reserve, South Africa	£46.95
SAUVIGNON BLANC Awatere River by Louis Vavasour, Marlborough, New Zealand	£52.95
DRYRIESLING Dönnhoff Qba, Nahe, Germany	£63.95
CHARDONNAY Karia, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Napa Valley, United States	£83.95





Wine makers have lots of options now on how to seal their wine bottles. Real cork, artificial cork, plastic corks, screw caps, even glass stoppers are all available, but does the choice of stopper really make a difference? There are benefits to various bottle stoppers, so let's look at the top two options. Firstly, real cork has the romance and historical significance and is believed to be very important to the maturing process of wines that need time to age.

However, the chances of a faulty wine from a bottle with a real cork is higher! Screw cap wines are more sustainable, cheaper and far less likely to cause a wine fault, but they do not have the same romance and presentation as a cork, nor do they have the same impact on the aging process.

Overall our take on it is that for a wine that does not need to age to improve, such as a high-acid white made to be drunk young and fresh, a screw cap is ideal, but for a wine than needs time to age, such as a premium Bordeaux, we prefer the benefits of real cork.

BISTRO DU VIN SIGNATURE SELECTION

RED WINE - FRANCE	bottle 750ml
BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR Château de Cazenove, Bordeaux	£39.95
MARANGES 1er Cru, La Fussière, Burgundy	£68.95
CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Domaine Chante Cigale, Southern Rhône Valley	£72.95
MARGAUX Chateau Tayac, Bordeaux	£92.93
SAINT-ÉMILION Grand Cru, Château Tour Baladoz, Bordeaux	£98.95
CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET Thomas Morey, Rouge Vieilles Vignes, Burgundy	£104.9
POMEROL Chateau Mazeyres, Bordeaux	£112.9
GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy	£114.9
CÔTE RÔTIE Guigal, Brune et Blonde, Rhône Valley	£129.9
SAINT-JULIEN Château Talbot, Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux	£149.9
RED WINE - REST OF THE WORLD	
CARMENERE Gran Reserva Tarapaca, Maipo, Chile	£34.95
BOBAL Sierra Norte 'Pasion de Bobal', Spain	£35.95
'DOURO RED' Quinta Do Crasto, Douro, Portugal	£36.9.
SPÄTBURGUNDER Trocken, Messmer, Germany	£42.9
CABERNET SAUVIGNON Chateau Ste Michelle, Washington State, USA	£42.9
SHIRAZ Yalumba, Samuels Collection, Barossa Valley, Australia	£46.9
ZINFANDEL Edmeades, Mendocino County, California, USA	£49.9
ALTITUDES RED Ixsir, Lebanon	£54.95
RIBERA DEL DUERO '9 meses' Carmelo Rodero, Spain	£54.95
RIOJA Gran Reserva, Gregorio Martinez, Spain	£59.95
TANNAT Preludio "Barrel Select" By Familia Deicas, Uruguay	£74.9
MALBEC Cadus Single Vineyard, 'Finca Las Torcazas', Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina	£84.9
AMARONE Della Valpolicella, Corte Brà, Sartori, Italy	£86.95
PINOT NOIR Adelsheim 'Breaking Ground', Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA	£94.95
CABERNET SAUVIGNON Palermo by Orin Swift, Napa Valley, California, USA	£98.95
BAROLO Proprietà Fontanafredda, Fontanafredda, Italy	£109.95