

To Decant or Not to Decant?

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.

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

	glass 125ml	bottle 750ml
EINS, ZWEI, ZERO, SPARKLING RIESLING Leitz, Germany [Alcohol-Free]	£4.95	£27.95
PROSECCO, EXTRA DRY NV Fiol, Veneto, Italy	£7.95	£42.95
HENNERS BRUT NV East Sussex, England	£11.95	£69.95
CUVÉE HOTEL DU VIN Lombard, France	£12.95	£74.95
LANSON PÈRE ET FILS France	£15.95	£92.95
LANSON ROSÉ France	£16.95	£99.95

WHITE WINE

	glass 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
MAISON BLANC Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£7.50	£10.50	£20.95	£29.95
RIESLING Hills & Valleys, Pikes, Clare Valley, South Australia	£8.50	£11.95	£23.95	£34.95
MUSCADET Sevre-et-Maine sur Lie La Bretesche, Jérémie Huchet, France	£8.95	£12.50	£24.95	£36.95
PINOT GRIGIO Puiatti, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£38.95
VIOGNIER Les Iles Blanches, Cellier des Chartreux, IGP Gard, France	£9.95	£13.95	£27.50	£39.95
VERDEJO Elias Mora, Rueda, Spain	£10.25	£14.50	£28.50	£40.95
SAUVIGNON BLANC Crowded House, Marlborough, New Zealand	£10.50	£14.95	£28.95	£42.95
CHARDONNAY V1 , Journey's End, Stellenbosch, South Africa	£11.25	£16.25	£31.95	£46.95
CHABLIS Joseph Droubin, France	£13.25	£18.95	£36.95	£54.95

ROSÉ WINE

	glass 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml	magnum 1500ml
MAISON ROSÉ Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£7.50	£10.50	£20.95	£29.95	
ROSÉ SAUVAGE BY HOTEL DU VIN Clare Valley, South Australia	£8.95	£12.50	£24.95	£36.95	
PROVENCE ROSÉ Chateau Léoube, Côtes de Provence, France [Organic]	£11.95	£16.95	£33.50	£49.95	£99.95
SECRET DE LÉOUBE ROSÉ Côtes de Provence, France [Organic]				£65.95	

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!

RED WINE

	glass 175ml	glass 250ml	carafe 500ml	bottle 750ml
MAISON ROUGE Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£7.50	£10.50	£20.95	£29.95
NERO D'AVOLA La Segreta, Planeta, Sicily, Italy	£8.50	£11.95	£23.95	£34.95
MERLOT DOMAINE La Croix Belle, Côtes de Thongue, Pays d'Oc, France [Organic]	£8.95	£12.50	£24.95	£36.95
BOM MALANDRO DOURO DOC Symington's Family Estates, Portugal	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£38.95
MALBEC BY HOTEL DU VIN Mendoza, Argentina	£9.95	£13.95	£27.50	£39.95
BEAUJOLAIS Brouilly, Louis Tête, France	£10.50	£14.95	£28.95	£42.95
BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR 'Tradition' Château Penin, France	£11.25	£16.25	£31.95	£46.95
PINOT NOIR Seifried Estate, Nelson, New Zealand	£11.95	£16.95	£33.50	£49.95
RIOJA RESERVA Lealtanza, Altanza, Spain	£13.25	£18.95	£36.95	£54.95

DESSERT WINES & PORT

	glass 50ml	glass 100ml	glass 125ml	bottle
MOSCATO D'ASTI Alasia, Italy [750ml bottle]			£5.50	£28.95
TOKAJI Late Harvest by Royal Tokaji, Hungary [500ml]	£5.00	£9.95		£46.95
LICOR DE TANNAT Familia Deicas, Uruguay [500ml]	£6.00	£11.95		£56.95
RESERVE BLENDED PORT Six Grapes by Graham's, Portugal [750ml]	£3.00	£5.95		£36.95
10 YEAR OLD TAWNY Graham's, Portugal [750ml]	£4.00	£7.95		£49.95
MADEIRA 10 Year Old Bual, Blandy's Portugal [750ml]	£5.00	£9.95		£69.95
20 YEAR OLD TAWNY Graham's, Portugal [750ml]	£6.00	£11.95		£84.95

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Bistro du Vin Signature Selection

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE

	bottle 750ml
<i>JANSZ, CUVÉE ROSÉ, NV</i> Tasmania, Australia	£56.95
<i>HAMLEDON, BLANC DE BLANCS</i> England	£88.95
<i>LOMBARD, BLANC DE NOIRS, BRUT NATURE</i> Grand Cru, Verzenay	£119.95
<i>LANSON, BLANC DE BLANCS</i>	£129.95
<i>LAURENT-PERRIER VINTAGE</i>	£132.95
<i>GRAND SIÈCLE BY LAURENT-PERRIER</i>	£269.95

WHITE WINE - FRANCE

	bottle 750ml
<i>CAIRANNE</i> Argiles Blanches Blanc, Domaine Boutinot, Southern Rhône	£49.95
<i>RIESLING</i> Trimbach, Alsace	£52.95
<i>VOUVRAY</i> Marc Bredif, Loire Valley	£56.95
<i>GEWURZTRAMINER</i> Classic, Hugel, Alsace	£59.95
<i>SANCERRE</i> 'Le Pierrier', Domaine Thomas, Loire Valley	£72.95
<i>CHABLIS 1ER Cru</i> Montmains, Olivier Tricon	£74.95
<i>POUILLY-FUMÉ</i> Villa Paulus, Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Loire Valley	£78.95
<i>CONDRIEU</i> La Petite Côte, Yves Cuilleron, Rhône Valley	£102.95
<i>MEURSAULT</i> Bouchard Père & Fils, Burgundy	£135.95
<i>PULIGNY MONTRACHET</i> Domaine Pernot Belicard, Burgundy	£142.95

WHITE WINE - REST OF THE WORLD

	bottle 750ml
<i>FLORÃO</i> Quinta da Fonte Souto, Alentejo, Portugal	£42.95
<i>SAVIATIANO</i> Papagiannakos, Attica, Greece	£44.95
<i>GAVI DI GAVI</i> La Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio, Italy	£46.95
<i>SEMILLON</i> Vergelegen Reserve, South Africa	£48.95
<i>ALBARIÑO</i> Lías by Martin Codax, Rías Baixas, Spain	£52.95
<i>SAUVIGNON BLANC</i> Awatere River by Louis Vavasour, Marlborough, New Zealand	£52.95
<i>CHARDONNAY</i> Kendall Jackson, Vintners Reserve, California, USA	£55.95
<i>QUINTA DA FONTE SOUTO BLANCO</i> Alentejo, Portugal	£62.95
<i>DRY RIESLING</i> Dönnhoff Qba, Nahe, Germany	£68.95
<i>CHARDONNAY</i> Patz and Hall, Sonoma Coast, United States	£94.95

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RED WINE - FRANCE

	bottle 750ml
<i>BEAUJOLAIS</i> Chénas, Château Belleverne	£42.95
<i>BORDEAUX</i> Ronan by Clinet, Bordeaux	£48.95
<i>CHATEAU DE HAUTE-SERRE</i> Lucter, Cahors	£54.95
<i>CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE</i> Domaine Chante Cigale, Southern Rhône Valley	£76.95
<i>MARANGES 1ER Cru</i> , La Fussière, Burgundy	£82.95
<i>MARGAUX</i> Château Tayac, Bordeaux	£95.95
<i>SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU</i> Château Tour Baladoz, Bordeaux	£102.95
<i>CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET</i> Thomas Morey, Rouge Vieilles Vignes, Burgundy	£114.95
<i>POMEROL</i> Château Mazeyres, Bordeaux	£118.95
<i>CHÂTEAU TRONQUOY</i> Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux	£119.95
<i>GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN</i> Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy	£139.95
<i>CÔTE RÔTIE</i> Guigal, Brune et Blonde, Rhône Valley	£145.95
<i>SAINT-JULIEN</i> Château Talbot, Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux	£179.95

RED WINE - REST OF THE WORLD

	bottle 750ml
<i>'DOURO RED'</i> Quinta Do Crasto, Douro, Portugal	£37.95
<i>CARMENÈRE</i> Gran Reserva Tarapaca, Maipo, Chile	£38.95
<i>BOBAL</i> Sierra Norte 'Pasion de Bobal', Spain	£39.95
<i>SPÄTBURGUNDER</i> Trocken, Messmer, Germany	£42.95
<i>SHIRAZ</i> The Riebke, Teusner, Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia	£49.95
<i>ZINFANDEL</i> Edmeades, Mendocino County, California, USA	£52.95
<i>PURGATORI</i> Familia Torres, Costers del Segre, Spain	£53.95
<i>ALTITUDES RED</i> Ixsir, Lebanon	£54.95
<i>POST SCRIPTUM DE CHRYSOLA</i> Prats & Symington, Douro, Portugal	£59.95
<i>RIBERA DEL DUERO</i> '9 meses' Carmelo Rodero, Spain	£60.95
<i>CABERNET SAUVIGNON</i> Thelema, Western Cape, South Africa	£62.95
<i>PINOT NOIR</i> Adelsheim, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA	£69.95
<i>RIOJA</i> Reserva, Unica, Sierra Cantabria, Spain	£72.95
<i>SYRAH</i> The Griffin by Journey's End, Stellenbosch, South Africa	£79.95
<i>PRELUDIO</i> "Barrel Select" by Familia Deicas, Uruguay	£84.95
<i>AMARONE</i> Della Valpolicella, Reius, Sartori, Italy	£89.95
<i>MALBEC</i> Cadus Single Vineyard, 'Finca Las Torcazas', Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina	£92.95
<i>CABERNET SAUVIGNON</i> Palermo by Orin Swift, Napa Valley, California, USA	£109.95
<i>MAS LA PLANA</i> [Cabernet Sauvignon], Familia Torres, Penedès, Spain	£112.95
<i>GAUDIUM RESERVA</i> Marques De Caceres, Rioja, Spain	£129.95
<i>BAROLO</i> Proprietà Fontanafredda, Fontanafredda, Italy	£132.95

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