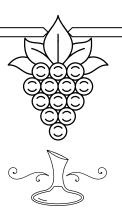


* This symbol shows wines that are available by the glass.



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.

BISTRO DU VIN WINE LIST

bottle 750ml

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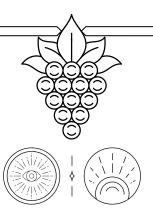
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glass 125ml CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE EINS, ZWEI, ZERO, SPARKLING RIESLING Leitz, Germany [Alcohol-Free] £4.95 £7.95 PROSECCO, EXTRA DRYNV Fiol, Veneto, Italy HENNERS BRUT NV East Sussex, England £11.95 CUVÉE HOTEL DUVIN Lombard, France £12.50 LANSON PÈRE ET FILS France £15.95 LANSON ROSÉ France £16.95 £99.95

WHITE WINE	<i>glass</i> 175ml	glass 250ml	<i>carafe</i> 500ml	<i>bottle</i> 750ml
MAISON BLANC Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.95	£9.95	£18.95	£27.95
MUSCADET Sèvre-et-Maine sur Lie La Bretesche, Jérémie Huchet, France	£7.95	£11.50	£22.50	£32.95
RIESLING Hills & Valleys, Pikes, Clare Valley, South Australia	£7.95	£11.50	£22.50	£32.95
PINOT GRIGIO Puiatti, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy	£8.95	£12.50	£24.95	£36.95
VIOGNIER Les Iles Blanches, Cellier des Chartreux, IGP Gard, France	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£39.95
VERDEJO Elias Mora, Rueda, Spain	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£39.95
SAUVIGNON BLANC Crowded House, Marlborough, New Zealand	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£39.95
CHARDONNAY Kendall Jackson, Vintners Reserve, California, USA	£11.95	£16.95	£33.50	£49.95

ROSÉ WINE	glass 175ml	glass 250ml	<i>carafe</i> 500ml	<i>bottle</i> 750ml	<i>magnum</i> 1500ml
MAISON ROSÉ Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.95		£18.95		
ROSÉ SAUVAGE BY HOTEL DU VIN Clare Valley, South Austr PROVENCE ROSÉ Chateau Léoube, Côtes de Provence, France [Organ					
SECRET DE LÉOUBE ROSÉ Côtes de Provence, France [Organ	ic]	I		£59.95	



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!

BISTRO DU VIN WINE LIST

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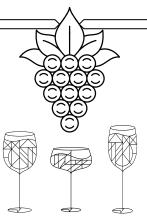
bottle

RED WINE

	175ml	250ml	500ml	750ml	_
MAISON ROUGE Anciens Temps, Vin de France	£6.95	£9.95	£18.95	£27.95	
NERO D'AVOLA La Segreta, Planeta, Sicily, Italy	£7.95	£11.50	£22.50	£32.95	
MERLOT Domaine La Croix Belle, Côtes de Thongue, Pays d'Oc, France [Organic]	£8.95	£12.50	£24.95	£36.95	
MALBEC BY HOTEL DUVIN Mendoza, Argentina	£9.50	£12.95	£24.95	£37.95	
BEAUJOLAIS Brouilly, Louis Tete, France	£9.50	£13.50	£26.95	£39.95	
BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR 'Tradition' Château Penin, France	£11.50	£15.95	£31.50	£46.95	
PINOT NOIR Seifried Estate, Nelson, New Zealand	£11.95	£16.95	£33.50	£49.95	
RIOJA RESERVA Lealtanza, Altanza, Spain	£12.50	£17.95	£35.50	£52.95	

DESSERT WINES & PORT	glass 50ml	glass 100ml	bottle
MOSCATO D'ASTI Alasia, Italy [750ml bottle]			£26.95
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
20 YEAR OLD TAWNY Graham's, Portugal [750ml]	£6.00	£11.95	£84.95

125ml glasses also available on bottles with by the glass prices, excluding Dessert Wines & Port. A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill. All prices in GBP and include VAT. For special dietary requirements or allergy information, please speak with our staff before ordering.



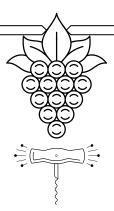
WINE GLASS SHAPES

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

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE	bottle 750ml
JANSZ, CUVÉE ROSÉ, NV Tasmania, Australia	£56.95
LOMBARD, BLANC DE NOIRS, BRUT NATURE Grand Cru, Verzenay	£112.95
LANSON, BLANC DE BLANCS	£129.95
LAURENT-PERRIER VINTAGE	£132.95
GRAND SIÈCLE BY LAURENT-PERRIER	£269.95
X	
WHITE WINE - FRANCE	bottle 750ml
RIESLING Trimbach, Alsace	£48.95
CAIRANNE Argiles Blanches Blanc, Domaine Boutinot, Southern Rhône	£49.95
GEWURZTRAMINER Classic, Hugel, Alsace	£54.95
VOUVRAY Marc Bredif, Loire Valley	£56.95
SANCERRE 'Le Pierrier', Domaine Thomas, Loire Valley	£72.95
POUILLY-FUMÉ Villa Paulus, Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Loire Valley	£74.95
CHABLIS 1ER Cru Montmains, Olivier Tricon	£74.95
CONDRIEU La Petite Côte, Yves Cuilleron, Rhône Valley	£102.95
MEURSAULT Bouchard Père & Fils, Burgundy	£129.95
PULIGNY MONTRACHET Domaine Pernot Belicard, Burgundy	£132.95
WHITE WINE - REST OF THE WORLD	
FLORÃO Quinta da Fonte Souto, Alentejo, Portugal	£39.95
SAVATIANO Papagiannakos, Attica, Greece	£42.95
GAVI DI GAVI La Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio, Italy	£43.95
ALBARIÑO Lías by Martin Codax, Rías Baixas, Spain	£48.95
SEMILLON Vergelegen Reserve, South Africa	£49.95
SAUVIGNON BLANC Awatere River by Louis Vavasour, Marlborough, New Zealand	£52.95
DRY RIESLING Dönnhoff Qba, Nahe, Germany	£72.95
CHARDONNAY Patz and Hall, Sonoma Coast, United States	£94.95



CORK VS SCREW CAP

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

bottle **RED WINE - FRANCE** 750ml £38.95 **BEAUJOLAIS** Chénas, Château Belleverne BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR Château de Cazenove, Bordeaux £39.95 MARANGES 1ER Cru, La Fussière, Burgundy £74.95 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Domaine Chante Cigale, Southern Rhône Valley £76.95 £92.95 MARGAUX Château Tayac, Bordeaux £102.95 SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU Château Tour Baladoz, Bordeaux £112.95 **POMEROL** Château Mazeyres, Bordeaux £114.95 CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET Thomas Morey, Rouge Vieilles Vignes, Burgundy CHÂTEAU TRONQUOY Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux £119.95 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN Joseph Drouhin, Burgundy £129.95 **CÔTE RÔTIE** Guigal, Brune et Blonde, Rhône Valley £134.95 £149.95 SAINT-JULIEN Château Talbot, Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux **RED WINE - REST OF THE WORLD** 'DOURO RED' Quinta Do Crasto, Douro, Portugal £34.95 BOBAL Sierra Norte 'Pasion de Bobal', Spain £35.95 £36.95 CARMENÊRE Gran Reserva Tarapaca, Maipo, Chile £45.95 **SPATBURGUNDER** Trocken, Messmer, Germany PURGATORI Familia Torres, Costers del Segre, Spain £52.95 £54.95 SHIRAZ The Riebke, Teusner, Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia ALTITUDES RED Ixsir, Lebanon £54.95 £56.95 ZINFANDEL Edmeades, Mendocino County, California, USA £59.95 RIBERA DEL DUERO '9 meses' Carmelo Rodero, Spain CABERNET SAUVIGNON Thelema, Western Cape, South Africa £62.95 £68.95 **RIOJA** Reserva, Unica, Sierra Cantabria, Spain **PRELUDIO** "Barrel Select" by Familia Deicas, Uruguay £76.95 £88.95 AMARONE Della Valpolicella, Reius, Sartori, Italy £92.95 MALBEC Cadus Single Vineyard, 'Finca Las Torcazas', Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina PINOT NOIR Adelsheim, Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA £99.95 CABERNET SAUVIGNON Palermo by Orin Swift, Napa Valley, California, USA £104.95 £106.95 MAS LA PLANA [Cabernet Sauvignon], Familia Torres, Penedès, Spain BAROLO Proprietà Fontanafredda, Fontanafredda, Italy £119.95