

SUSSEX SPARKLING

It seems strange to call Sussex 'wine country', but as we sit in Ockenden Manor in the Heart of Sussex, we are surrounded by vines and some of the most passionate and forward thinking winemakers in the world. Our soils are similar to those of Champagne and Burgundy, while recent climate change has meant that the warmer, longer summers have allowed classic grape varieties to flourish. Regularly challenging the orthodoxy of the established wine world, Sussex Wines are now stepping onto the world's stage, not as an interesting sideshow, but as fine and sought-after wines in their own right. At Ockenden we are proud to support local wine producers, as we have done for over a decade.

Winemaker Spotlight – Dermot Sugrue

It would be very difficult to describe the history and success of Sussex Wine without mentioning the name of Dermot Sugrue. Having studied winemaking at Plumpton College, Dermot has honed his skills in Bordeaux and Champagne, before returning to help revolutionise Sussex wine. Starting first at Nyetimber in 2003, Dermot is now firmly based at Wiston Estate where he is busier than ever. Not only does he make the award-winning Wiston Estate range, his own award-winning wine Sugrue-Pierre, he also acts as a contract winemaker for several others. With something of a Midas touch, nearly every wine he makes is celebrated by critics and consumers alike, having achieved a Gold Award at Nyetimber for his 2003 Vintage, his 2010 'The Trouble with Dreams' scored the highest rating ever awarded to an English wine by Decanter magazine. Wiston's vintage rosé has been listed in the top ten best sparkling rosés in the world by Drinks Business and his Blanc de Blancs was just voted the best English Blanc de Blancs by the Champagne and Sparkling Wine World Championships. Below is a selection of wines Dermot has made, they are quite simply the best wines coming out of Sussex

614	Wiston Estate, Brut 	NV	56
615	Wiston Estate, Blanc de Blancs 	NV	56
616	Wiston Estate, Blanc de Noirs 	NV	56
617	Wiston Estate, Rosé 	NV	56
618	Black Dog Hill, Classic Cuvée	2011	78
619	Sugrue-Pierre, 'The Trouble with Dreams' 	2010	82
620	Sugrue-Pierre, 'The Trouble with Dreams' 	2014	82
621	Sugrue-Pierre, 'The Trouble with Dreams' 	2013	86
631	Sugrue-Pierre, Dr Brendan O`Regan 	NV	180
622	Wiston Estate, Rosé 	2014	82
623	Wiston Estate, Blanc de Blancs 	2010	91
606M	Nyetimber, Magnum, Blanc de Blancs (one only) 	1996	250
624M	Nyetimber, Magnum, Blanc de Blancs	2003	261

BRUT

Brut refers to the dryness of the sparkling wine, with Brut wines having been standard in Champagne for over a century now. Champagne is traditionally made with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. All of the wines listed below, apart from Bluebell, use the same three grapes to make their wines.

601	Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap, Seyval Blanc 	2014	52
602	Ridgeview Estate, Bloomsbury	NV	57
637	Albourne Estate, Multi-Vintage	NV	55
635	Oxney Estate, Classic, Single Estate 	NV	72


BLANC DE BLANC

Blanc de blancs refer to wines made solely from the Chardonnay grape, they can often be lighter in style, but high in finesse.

611	Albourne Estate, Blanc de Blanc, Single Vineyard	2013	58
605	Bolney Estate, Blanc de Blanc	2014	86
632	Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap, Late Disgorged, BDB	2008	86
633	Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap, Barrel Aged, BDB	2013	75
634	Rathfinny, Blanc de Blancs, Brut	2014	95

BLANC DE NOIRS

Blanc de Noirs refers to a sparkling wine made in the traditional method solely from the two red grapes of champagne – Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. The Ridgeview Estate, where this wine comes from, has had a close working relationship with Ockenden Manor for over a decade, and we are proud to continue that to this day.



607	Ridgeview Estate, Blanc de Noirs 	2014	75
636	Albourne Estate, Blanc de Noirs, Single Vineyard	2013	62
638	Rathfinny, Blanc de Noirs, Brut	2015	85

DEMI-SEC

Demi-sec means 'half dry' and like brut, refers to the sweetness of the wine. While not as popular today, a demi-sec can be enjoyed on its own, or preferably with food such as a light dessert or as a perfect pairing with sautéed foie gras.

608	Nyetimber 	NV	88
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SPARKLING ROSÉ

617	Wiston Estate, Rosé 	NV	56
609	Bluebell Vineyard, Hindleap	2015	57
622	Wiston Estate, Rosé 	2014	82
639	Rathfinny, Rosé, Brut	2016	85
603	Nytimber `1086`	2010	199

SPARKLING RED

612	Bolney Estate, Cuvée Noir	2013	56
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SUSSEX STILL

WHITE

While Sussex is dominated by sparkling wines, its still wines are also phenomenal. The Albourne Estate Cellar has sent us the first ever English Frizzante. While Bolney Estate's Pinot Gris made headlines by becoming the first English Wine to be served at Wimbledon in its 138-year history.

625	Albourne Estate, White Pinot Noir	2017	42
626	Albourne Estate, Cellar Selection	2017	45
627	Bolney Estate, Pinot Gris, Foxhole Vineyard	2018	49
628	Albourne Estate, Bacchus Frizzante, Semi-Sparkling Wine	NV	38

RED

629	Bolney Estate, Pinot Noir, Foxhole Vineyard	2018	45
630	Plumpton Estate, Pinot Noir	2015	52

CHAMPAGNE

There is no more perfect way to set the mood for the evening than to welcome a guest into your house with a reassuringly chilled glass of Champagne. Why not begin your night the same way with us, as you relax with your guests, we take care of everything else. Below you will find a list of hand-picked Champagnes to help you begin your night in the right way. At Ockenden Manor we have tried to focus on grower champagnes, both for their sheer quality and value for money.

750ml 1500ml

Wine Spotlight – Gosset

Maison Gosset is the oldest wine house in Champagne, having been founded in Aÿ in 1584. As a Champagne Houses Gosset is the bridge between small boutique grower champagnes and the large multinationals you find in the supermarkets. While they don't grow their own grapes, Gosset is a small house that works closely with its growers to produce in the region of one million bottles a year (to put it in perspective Moët produces close to thirty million). Their commitment to their wines means that they age them longer than the required standard, focusing on quality rather than quantity.

The Brut Excellence is Gosset's entry level champagne and is the only one in their range to undergo malolactic fermentation. With a higher percentage of Pinot Noir, the Brut Excellence has the classic yeasty nose with a creamy finish on the palate, very dry, but not acidic

419	Brut Excellence	NV	69	165
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All of Gosset's wines, apart from the Brut Excellence, are bottled in the antique bottle and do not undergo malolactic fermentation, preserving the malic acidity that keeps the fruit fresh for longer, allowing the wines to age and become more complex. The Grande Réserve pairs incredibly well with salmon dishes, while the Blanc de blancs is the perfect aperitif made from only Chardonnay, a wine that is oozing with finesse. The 15 Ans is a blend of vintages going back fifteen years, with only 15,000 bottles produced, it is a wonderfully complex rare wine

416	Grande Réserve	NV	90
417	Grand Rosé	NV	110
418	Blanc de Blancs	NV	110
420	15 Ans	NV	150
421	Celebris	2004	225

BRUT

423	Paul Déthune Grand Cru Ambonnay	NV	85
424	Jacquesson Cuvée 740	NV	110
426	Dom Perignon "P2"	2000	450

BLANC DE BLANCS

428	Veuve Fourny & Fils 1 ^{er} Cru Vertus	NV	75
435	Lenoble L'Epuree Grand Cru	NV	85
431	Lenoble Grand Cru	NV	90
429	Veuve Fourny & Fils 1 ^{er} Cru Vertus	2011	115
432	Lenoble Grand Cru Chouilly	2008	135

ROSÉ

433	Lenoble	NV	95
417	Gosset Grand Rosé	NV	110

BORDEAUX

Bordeaux is perhaps the most famous wine producing region in the world, with such sort after names as: Lafite-Rothschild, Mouton Rothschild, Latour, Margaux, Haut-Brion, Petrus, Cheval-Blanc and many, many more. The region is largely split into two by the Gironde Estuary that provides us with the Left Bank and Right Bank distinctions. The Left Bank wines are usually Cabernet Sauvignon dominant, many of which feature in the original 1855 classification, with all first-growth Bordeaux originating on the Left Bank. This should not, however, belie the quality of the Right Bank, whose Merlot dominant wines, offer a silky-smooth style and are often some of the most expensive produced in Bordeaux. Here at Ockenden we have tried to strike a balance between the easily championed, but steeply priced top growths from the region, with lesser known gems that we have come across and enjoyed over the years.

LEFT BANK

HAUT MEDOC

RED

53	Château Camensac		5 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2009	110
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ST ESTEPHE

RED

65	Château de Pez		Cru Bourgeois	2014	125
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66	Château Calon Ségur		3 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	310
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PAULLIAC

RED

43	Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	5 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	310
48	Château Duhart-Milon	4 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	310
42	Château Forts de Latour	2 nd Wine Ch. Latour	2005	480

ST JULIEN

RED

36	Château Gruaud-Larose	2 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	230
38	Château Gruaud-Larose	2 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2009	250
39	Château Gruaud-Larose	2 ^{eme} Cru Classé	1989	455

MARGAUX

RED

29	Charmes de Kirwan	2 nd Wine Ch. Kirwan	2014	105
19	Segla, Margaux	2 nd Wine Ch. Rauzan-Segla	2010	125
23	Château Angludet	Cru Bourgeois	2014	138
28	Alter Ego de Palmer	2 nd Wine Ch. Palmer	2012	200
21	Château Kirwan	3 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	250
18	Chateau Rauzan Segla	Grand Cru Classé	2009	350
24	Château Palmer	3 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	400
30	Château Margaux	1 ^{er} Cru Classé	1996	800

GRAVES & PESSAC

RED

78	Château Brown		2014	80
74	Château Haut-Brion	1 ^{er} Cru Classé	2004	720

WHITE

448	Domaine de Chevalier	Cru Classé	2006	210
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RIGHT BANK

ST EMILLION

RED

81	Château de Fonbel		2012	90
86	Château Canon la Gaffilière	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé B	2005	270
87	Château Pavie	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé A	2001	420
88	Château Cheval Blanc	1 ^{er} Grand Cru Classé A	1996	650

POMEROL

RED

97	Château Mazeyres		2015	98
91	Château La Fleur-Gazin		2008	145
93	Château Clinet		2000	410

BURGUNDY


My favorite region in the wine-making world is Burgundy. Yes, typical and boring, as I'm sure every other sommelier says the same. So how to explain why it is my favourite region? Burgundy is quite simply the reason I fell in love with wine in the first place. I would not be doing this job were it not for the likes of the wines coming from this region. The sheer variance in expression you can find from two grapes is astounding and the quality can be second-to-none. Trying to understand the region on the other hand can be a completely different matter, especially given the laws of inheritance. In very few other places can you find strips of vines belonging to different members of the same family all producing different styles (and quality!) of wine. For this reason, anyone wanting to delve into Burgundy seriously has to find producers they know and trust. Great vintages won't mask poor quality wine making, just as great wine makers won't let poor vintages spoil their produce. Great wine makers make great wine and in Burgundy finding those trusted producers makes all the difference. Below you'll find some of the producers that we at Ockenden have come to know and love over the past few decades and would recommend without hesitation.

WHITE

MÂCONNAIS

444	Saint Veran, Domaine Alexis Pollier	2016	46
445	Pouilly-Loché, En Chantonne, Domaine Clos des Rocs	2015	62

CHABLIS

475	Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru, Montée de Tonnerre, Domaine F. Raveneau 	2006	625
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WHITE

Domaine Bachey-Legros et Fils

443	Meursault Les Grands Charrons	2017	130
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Pernot Belicard, Puligny-Montrachet

441	Puligny-Montrachet 1 ^{er} Cru Les Perrières	2015	168
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Domaine Etienne Sauzet, Puligny-Montrachet

480	Puligny-Montrachet 1 ^{er} Cru Les Perrières	2015	280
481	Montrachet, Grand Cru	2003	1500

RED

Domaine Parent, Pommard

158	Bourgogne Pinot Noir	2015	58
159	Monthélie	2010	110
160	Beaune 1 ^{er} Cru	2011	142
161	Vosne-Romanée Aux Reas, AF Gros	2011	220

Domaine Bertrand Bachele

176	Maranges 1 ^{er} Cru La Fussiere	2013	65
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Domaine Jean Tardy & Fils, Vosne-Romanée

150	Fixin 'La Place'	2013	95
151	Gevrey-Chambertin VV 'Champerrier'	2015	125
153	Vosne-Romanée 'Vigneux'	2013	135
154	Nuits-St-Georges 1 ^{er} Cru Aux Argillas	2012	190
156	Echézeaux Grand Cru	2012	375
157	Clos Vougeot Grand Maupertius Grand Cru	2005	400

Domaine Tollot-Beaut, Beaune

168	Beaune 1 ^{er} Cru Clos du Roi	2011	130
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Dujac Fils & Pere, Morey-St-Denis

170	Chambolle-Musigny Fils & Pere	2011	105
171	Morey-St-Denis Fils & Pere	2010	105

Domaine Dujac, Morey-St-Denis

180	Morey-St-Denis	2005	290
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Mark Haisma, Gevrey-Chambertin

163	Nuits-St-Georges	2014	105
164	Gevrey-Chambertin 'La Croix des Champs'	2013	110
165	Morey-St-Denis 1 ^{er} Cru Chaffots	2013	165
166	Bonnes Mares Grand Cru	2013	470

Domaine Duroché, Gevrey-Chambertin

174	Gevrey-Chambertin 1 ^{er} Cru Lavaut St-Jacques	2013	190
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BEAUJOLAIS

Often overlooked or left at the bottom of Burgundy, Beaujolais is a region that deserves its own space in a wine list, not quite within Burgundy, but certainly not far from it either. It is a region that received a poor reputation for its notorious Beaujolais-nouveau in the 1980's. Yet, the ten Crus of Beaujolais have been making great wine of interesting complexity throughout, while never receiving the same level of attention. It is for this reason that some of the best value wines come from this region. Made from the thin-skinned Gamay grape, these low tannic wines tend to be vibrant and juicy when young and rich and gamey with age – perfect for British cuisine.

RED

255	Fleurie, President Marguerite, Subtil	2017	55
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RHÔNE

The Rhône Valley is divided between the distinctly different North and South. The Northern Rhône has a cooler, mediterranean climate, being cooled by the Mistral wind that blows down from the Central Massif. The sole red grape of the region is Syrah, while the whites are made from Viognier, Marsanne and Rousanne – the latter two often blended together. The Southern Rhône, with its warmer mediterranean climate, is famous for Châteauneuf-du-Pape, made from a blend of up to nineteen grapes – although mainly Grenache-Syrah-Mouvedre. Other notable appellations in the Southern Rhône that produce similar wines include Lirac, Vacqueras and Gigondas.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

RED

271	Côte Rôtie, Brune et Blonde, E Guigal	2013	160
270	Côte Rôtie, Domaine Jamet	2012	205
272	Monier de la Sizeranne, Hermitage, M. Chapoutier	2012	215

WHITE

449	Condrieu, E Guigal	2016	140
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SOUTHERN RHÔNE


RED

263	Le Sabounet, Roger Sabon	NV	32
264	La Vieux Telegraph Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Brunier	2007	180
260	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel	2009	195
262	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel	2010	220


REGIONAL FRANCE

The southern region of France is the largest wine producing region in the country and for a long time was producing more wine than the entire of the United States. Bergerac is a region that lies just outside of Bordeaux and is a thrifty alternative to the famous chateaux. From the Languedoc, the red wines of Corbières and Minervois pair beautifully with hearty and rich meat dishes, while it is harder to find such a pleasurable combination of easy-drinking and fish-friendly white wine than those made from the Picpoul grape. Certainly, a region we feel should be explored more.

WHITE

500	Domaine les Yeuses, Vermentino	2018	29
503	Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Morin, Languedoc 	2018	29

ROSÉ

438	Château Paradis Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence 	2018	41
440	Domaine Tempier, Bandol	2015	75
437	Château d'Esclans, Les Clans	2012	135

RED

289	Château Romassan, Bandol Rouge, Domaines Ott	2015	100
292	Domaine Tempier, Bandol Rouge, Cuvée La Tourtine	2014	120

ALSACE

Sommeliers often wax lyrical about Burgundy but press them for the white varietal they couldn't live without and they will almost certainly say Riesling. And it is here, protected by the Vosges mountains, that the noble Riesling and its aromatic kin reach their perfect form. Pure, unoaked, fruit-forward, solid structure, balanced acidity – food wines. Dry Rieslings are perfect as an aperitif, with fish and pork, while the off-dry Gewürztraminer is stunning with foie gras dishes.

WHITE

509	Pinot Blanc, Domaine André Kientzler	2014	40
511	Riesling, Domaine André Kientzler	2016	45
506	Gewurztraminer Grand Cru, Osterberg, Domaine André Kientzler	2016	70

GERMANY & AUSTRIA

As we wander down the page from Alsace to Germany we can rejoice, safe in the knowledge that this means one thing: more Riesling. It is the Mosel in Germany that is most famous for making Riesling, specifically lower-alcohol Rieslings than those of Alsace, but with same level of fruit concentration. If you like this style of wine, you might also consider Clare Valley Riesling from Australia. Austria is home to a grape that very few people have heard of, but that everyone should be drinking - Grüner Veltliner. The stunning white wine made from this grape is a dream pairing for food. Dry, with a hint of spice, these wines mix both body and finesse.

WHITE

513	Riesling, Beerenauslese, Bernkasteler Badstube, Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm, Mosel, Germany	2006	385
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SPAIN

Spain is a country that has experienced one of the strongest revivals of winemaking in recent history. A mixture of old vines, young winemakers and modern technology has made this region both one to seek great value wines, but also great quality. A region that has long been dominated by the name of Rioja, experimental winemakers are focusing on old vine Garnacha and blending international varieties to great success. Not to mention their fish friendly white wines. If you're looking for something to go with slow cooked meat, look no further than their big, bold, fruity Garnachas. For a nuanced white to match your scallops there is no more of a perfect pairing than Albarino. Enjoy these wines before the market catches up with the sheer value they offer!

WHITE

569	Tarón Bianco, Rioja Alta	2018	38
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RED

310	Gonzalo de Berceo ,Reserva,Rioja	2014	52
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311	Gonzalo de Berceo, Crianza, Rioja	2016	38
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ISRAEL & LEBANON

RED

357	Har'el, Syrah, Clos de Gat, Judean Hills, Israel	2013	68
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358	Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	2000	110
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359	Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	2002	88
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WHITE

529	Chateau Musar, Bekaa Valley, Gaston Hochar, Lebanon	2009	99
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ITALY

Italy is one of the largest wine producing countries in the world and also one of the most diverse. The wines of the South of Italy reflect the heat of the region, with the reds being bigger and jammier, while the whites shine as fruity and elegant – perfect for seafood. In the centre of Italy, the rule-breaking Toscanians made themselves famous for breaking away from the Chianti Classico rulings, producing wines known as 'Super-Tuscans' from 100% Sangiovese or blending them with international varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon to produce, now, cult wines such as Sassicaia and Ornellaia. More famous and true to its home is the noble grape of Nebbiolo, at home in the Barolos and Barbarescos of Piemonte. With a plethora of wines available to a consumer, navigating this country can be difficult – fortunately we have picked a mixture of classics and lesser known gems to ensure that all the wines here live up to the great winemaking reputation of Italy.

Wine Spotlight - Gaja

"Cabernet is to John Wayne, as Nebbiolo is to Marcello Mastroianni. Cabernet has a strong personality, open, easily understood and dominating. If Cabernet were a man, he would do his duty every night in the bedroom, but always in the same way. Nebbiolo, on the other hand, would be the brooding, quiet man in the corner, harder to understand but infinitely more complex." – Angelo Gaja

Angelo Gaja is a world-famous winemaker, having revolutionised the wines of Piemonte when he took over his family's estates. While known to break the rules and bend tradition, his dedication to his craft and love of his native country are evident in the stunning wines he produces. A living legend in the wine world, it is a pleasure to offer a selection of his wines here:

WHITE

540	Rossj-Bass Langhe Chardonnay-Sauvignon DOC, Gaja	2015	165
537	Gaia & Rey Langhe Chardonnay DOC, Gaja	2013	529

RED

335	Barbaresco DOCG, Gaja	2012	375
320	Sperrs Langhe Nebbiolo DOC, Gaja	2009	395

PIEMONTE

WHITE

539	Frascati, Principe Pallavicini	2017	35
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RED

338	Barbaresco DOCG, Ovello, Cascina Morassino	2013	100
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316	Barbaresco DOCG, Ovello Alfredo, Cascina Morassino	2009	200
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FRUILI-VENEZIA GIULIA

WHITE

545	Amori, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie	2018	35
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528	Fruilano, Friuli Coli Orientali DOC, Livio Felluga	2018	65
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VENETO

WHITE

536	Soave Classico DOC, Pieropan	2018	40
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RED

340	Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOP, Giuseppe Quintarelli	2004	860
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TOSCANA

RED

334	Brunello Di Montalcino DOCG, Col di Lamo	2013	115
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328	Flaccianello della Pieve, Fontodi, IGT	2010	275
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321	Sassicaia, Tenuta San Guido	2004	495
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REGIONAL

RED

313	Meridia Rubicone, Indicazione Geografica Tipica Sangiovese	2018	32
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NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand wine has exploded onto the UK market like no other region. Unknown to most is that it all started with an Englishman named Kevin Judd. Employed as the winemaker for a small production called Cloudy Bay, he went on to define the New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc style that we have all become accustomed to. This involved a very complex wine that had under ripe grassy notes, fruit forward ripeness and a hint of overripe tropical fruit. Unfortunately, many lesser producers have sought to capitalise on this success and produced inferior wines dominated by the overripe flavours and lacking all complexity, while lining the shelves of the supermarkets today. Now independent, Kevin Judd operates Greywacke, making wines in the style that he intended. He bottles his wine at Dog Point vineyard, owned by his winemaking contemporaries at Cloudy Bay when it first made waves in the wine world. The wines below are, to us, representative of the legacy that Kevin Judd and the great winemakers of New Zealand have to offer; complex, nuanced – delicious.

WHITE

565	Domain Road, Pinot Gris, Central Otago	2017	60
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AUSTRALIA

Australia was once (in)famous for its wine, but like a wine child that has matured it is now producing some of the most interesting and sort after wines. Long gone are the days of over-oaked Chardonnay and steroid-enlarged Shiraz. Australia's wines have matured into exciting wines that reflect the greatness of this winemaking region. Choose the subtly oaked Chardonnays to pair with seafood, Rieslings to rival the Mosel, and reds to challenge those of Burgundy and the Rhône Valley to tackle both delicate and rich meat dishes; or alternatively ask one of the wine team to help pair a wine with your food.

WHITE

571	Mitchell Winery, Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley	2017	48
574	Dexter, Chardonnay, Mornington Peninsula	2015	95
575	Flagship, Artus Chardonnay, Dom. Naturaliste, Margaret River	2013	104

RED

396	Flagship, Morus Cab. Sauv, Dom. Naturaliste, Margaret River	2012	130
381	Penfolds, Grange Hermitage	2000	650

USA

The USA has a long and rich connection to wine and winemaking. Thomas Jefferson was famously partial to the great Chateaux of Bordeaux. The wines of the US, however, didn't seriously enter onto the world stage until the Judgement of Paris, 1976. Organised by the English Wine Merchant Steven Spurrier, and famously documented in the film *Bottleshock*, the wines of America – and in particular the Cabernets and Chardonnays of Napa, California – out-performed the finest wines of France in a blind tasting led by the leading lights of the French wine world. Wine producers such as Stag's Leap, Ridge and Château Montelena went from unknown entities to global superstars. A repeat blind tasting of the same wines was performed in 2006, thirty years after the original tasting, with the confidence that the longevity of the French wines would outperform the Yankee counterparts – once again the French were left with a sour taste in their mouths. At Ockenden we have searched high and low to give you both the stars of the USA and their undervalued brothers and sisters, which represent the glory of '76.

WHITE

546	Kung Fu Girl Riesling, Charles Smith, Washington	2016	52
542	Skylark, Pinot Blanc, Orsi Vineyard, Mendocino County	2016	58
548	Wild Boy Chardonnay, Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara County	2017	70
544	Chanin, Chardonnay, Los Alamos, Santa Barbara County	2016	98
557	David Bruce, Russian River Valley, Sonoma County, California	2015	110

RED

341	Colene Clemens Vineyards, Chehalem Mountains, Dopp Creek	2014	75
342	Domaine Drouhin, Dundee Hills Pinot Noir, Oregon	2015	105
345	Bonny Doon, Le Cigare Volant, Central Coast, California	2011	110
348	Ridge, Geyserville, Zinfandel, Sonoma County, California	2016	120

SOUTH AMERICA

South America has grown into an acclaimed wine region like no other. Chile is becoming as synonymous with Sauvignon Blanc as New Zealand and its adopted national grape – Carménère is now flourishing on the UK markets. Indeed, the region shows such promise that a number of famous French winemaking families have bought land – not least the owners of Lafite-Rothschild and Mouton-Rothschild. While still a region in which to find good value, the market is taking note, with Santa Rita Estate's Casa Real breaking the record for the price a Chilean Wine sold in a restaurant. Argentina and Malbec are two names that go together in everyone's mind, often forgetting that Malbec originates in Cahors in France. Often overlooked Uruguay offers Torrontes, a wine with the sweet nose of its Muscat cousin, but is incredibly dry and fish friendly. Meanwhile the Tannat is a big tannic wine that has been softened by oak, think aged Bandol!

WHITE

556	Chono, Sauvignon Blanc, Leyda Valley, Chile 	2018	35
502	Los Coches, Viognier, D.O. Valle Central, Chile	2018	35
568	Alpataco, Chardonnay, Patagonia, Argentina	2018	45

RED

407	Sena, Vina Errazuriz, Aconcagua Valley, Chile	2015	230
379	Gouguenheim, Malbec Reserve, Tupangato, Argentina	2019	50

HUNGARY

Hungarian wine has a history dating back to the Kingdom of Hungary. Outside Hungary, the best-known wines are the white dessert wine, Tokaji aszú and the red wine, Bull's Blood of Eger.

White

578	Dry Zeta, Tokajbor-Bene Vineyard, Tokaj	2014	52
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Red

394	Bull`s Blood, Bolyki Vineyard, Eger	2016	55
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SOUTH AFRICA

We all seem to know where the greatest wines in the world inevitably come from – Sussex; ...and France (sometimes). But asked to choose a country other than France for the greatest wines in the world it would be a hard-pressed competition in which South Africa may actually come out as the unlikely winner. It has had more of a radical development and improvement than Spain and can stand toe-to-toe with many of the offerings from Australia, New Zealand and USA. Having perfected a number of single varietal wines, the future of South African wines seems to be in its high-quality blends. This is a region that is constantly re-inventing itself and always with better wines, making it perhaps one of the most interesting regions in the world to watch right now and certainly a trendsetter for the future.

WHITE

501	Wide River, Chenin Blanc, Robertson Wine	2019	29
584	Sijnn, White, Malgas	2011	50
589	De Trafford, Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch	2017	65
586	Hamilton Russell Vineyards, Chardonnay, Hemel-en-Aarde 	2018	85

RED


405	Hamilton Russell Vineyards, Pinot Noir, Hemel-en-Aarde	2015	110
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OTHER FORMATS

HALF BOTTLE

BORDEAUX

RED

54H	Château Beaumont	Cru Bourgeois	2015	35
58H	Château Cissac, Medoc	Cru Bourgeois	2015	37
22H	Château Lescalle	Bordeaux Superieur	2015	48
81H	Château Gachon St-Émilion		2016	50
65H	Château de Pez, St Estephe	 Cru Bourgeois	2014	64
20H	Segla, Margaux	2 nd Wine Ch. Rauzan-Segla	2009	65
41H	Château Batailley, Pauillac	5 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2009	85
33H	Château Talbot, St Julien	4 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2011	100
52H	Château Batailley, Pauillac	5 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	125

BEAUJOLAIS

RED

255H	Fleurie, Présidente Marguerite, Subtil		2017	32
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RHÔNE

RED

262H	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel		2010	100
269H	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel		2011	100

OTHER FORMATS (continued...)

ITALY

WHITE

539H	Frascati DOCG Superiore, Casale Marchese	2014	24
541H	Gavi di Gavi, La Giustiniana Lugarara	2018	33

RED

322H	Barolo Dagromis DOCG, Gaja	2009	80
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USA

RED

346H	Geyserville, Ridge Vineyards, Alexander Valley, California	2011	60
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SOUTH AFRICA

WHITE

582H	Chardonnay, De Wetshof Estate, Bon Vallon, Robertson 	2017	20
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MAGNUM

CHAMPAGNE

419M	Gosset, Brut Excellence 	NV	165
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BORDEAUX

RED

53M	Château de Camensac, Medoc	5 ^{eme} Cru Classé	2005	245
28M	Alter Ego de Palmer	2 nd Wine Ch. Palmer	2009	420

OTHER FORMATS (continued...)

MAGNUM

BURGUNDY

WHITE

473M Chablis, 1^{er} Cru, Mont de Milieu, Domaine Gautheron  2012 135

RHÔNE

RED

269M Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel 2006 390

ITALY

RED


335M Barbaresco DOCG, Gaja, Piemonte 2011 470

SOUTH AFRICA

WHITE

579M Bateleur, Chardonnay, De Wetshof Estate, Robertson  2008 205

DESSERT WINE & PORT

			750ml	375ml	75ml
FRANCE					
435H	Château Y` Quem, Sauternes	1998	-	405	-
436	Château Lafaurie-Payraguey 1 ^{er} Cru Classé	2007	160		
704	Château Les Mingets, Sauternes	2013	55	31	9
430	Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Domaine de Beaumalric	2015	50	30	9
434	Banyuls, M. Chapoutier, Vin Doux Naturel, Rouge (50cl)	-	-	54	-
702	Pinot Gris, Vendanges Tardive, Trimbach	2000	75	-	-
HUNGARY					
707	Tokaji Aszu 6 Puttunys (50cl)	1993	65	-	14
SOUTH AFRICA					
705	Klein Constantia, Vin de Constance, Constantia (50cl)	NV	185	-	-
CHILE					
708	La Playa, Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 	2016	-	28	9
772	Éclat, Botrytis Semillon, Valdivieso	2013	-	32	9
AUSTRALIA					
710	Pfeiffer, Rutherglen, Muscat (50cl)	NV	-	56	14
PORT					
	Dow's	1985	200	-	
	Taylor's	1970	400	-	-
	Ramos Pinto LBV				£7
	Ramos Pinto White Port				£7
	Ramos Pinto 10-Year-Old Tawny				£11
	Ramos Pinto 20-Year-Old Tawny				£13