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Wine Notes

These wine notes were created on 04-Jul-2020.

Half bottle of The Society's Claret 2018

Merlot-based fruity and unoaked claret supplied for over a quarter of a century by family-owned Maison Sichel.

Product Code	CL222	Dominant Grape	Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Twin top
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	4.50 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of The Society's Muscadet Sevre et Maine sur Lie 2018

A fresh, ripe-fruited Loire Muscadet, which rests on its lees (yeasts leftover from fermentation) for extra texture and roundness. From Chéreau-Carré, this is the ideal accompaniment to shellfish, but with enough grip to match with chicken, charcuterie and much more.

Product Code	LO15182	Dominant Grape	Muscadet
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Cork, plastic
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	4.50 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of The Society's Côtes-du-Rhône 2018

Ripe, full-bodied grenache-syrah blend from Vinsobres in the southern Rhône. Cool mountain breezes helped contain some of the ardour of the exceptional 2018 vintage. Fruity with good freshness.

Product Code	RH53932	Dominant Grape	Grenache Syrah
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Rhone	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	4.95 / Half Bottle



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Half bottle of The Society's Beaujolais-Villages 2018

Our bestselling Beaujolais every year and an easy win for your summer wine rack. The 2018 is classic Beaujolais-Villages, ripe yet fresh and balanced with an intense, vibrant black-fruit perfume. Take your Sunday roast up a notch – enjoy this with the crispy skin and juicy meat of a barbecued whole chicken.

Product Code	BJ7902	Dominant Grape	Gamay
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Beaujolais	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	4.95 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of The Society's White Burgundy 2018

Ripe and round yet with a fresh finish, appley flavour and broad palate. Our best-loved wine for many years, this Mâcon white continues to rise above the ebb and flow of fashion. It is now buyer Tim Sykes who works with long-term supplier Jean-Marc Darbon to craft a blend that is of consistently good quality while respecting vintage differences. 2018 was a warm, ripe vintage, and the wine has lovely depth of flavour.

Product Code	BU72262	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Burgundy	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	5.95 / Half Bottle

The Society's Southern Spanish Red, Jumilla 2019

Vibrant in colour, with crunchy red-fruit flavour and a touch of pepper, this inexpensive red really over-delivers on flavour. It comes from old monastrell vines in Jumilla, a small region near Alicante on the Mediterranean coast, a hotbed for delicious affordable red where there is plenty of sunshine to go round.

Product Code	SP15711	Dominant Grape	Mourvedre
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	5.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Fino

‘My prize for overall star of this year’s tastings. Amazing value.’ Endorsements from Wine Champions founder Sebastian Payne MW during our annual Champs taste-off do not come much higher. Shipped regularly to ensure freshness and selected only from the best butts, our fino is bready, appley and full of personality.

Product Code	SH571	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Sherry	Drink Dates	Within one year of purchase
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	15.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	-	Price £	6.95 / Bottle

The Society's Vinho Verde 2019

Now under screwcap, this is a classic example of this delightfully light and easy-drinking Portuguese style, with a barely perceptible spritz and bright, fresh palate.

Product Code	PW8011	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Portugal	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	6.95 / Bottle

The Society's Rosé, Pays d'Oc 2019

A dry, well rounded pink from the Languedoc made up of predominantly syrah with splashes of cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot. All cherry and strawberry fruit and ease of drinking – the perfect spring rosé.

Product Code	FC38281	Dominant Grape	Syrah/Shiraz
Product Type	Rose Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	6.95 / Bottle



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The Society's French Dry White 2019

Roussanne and chardonnay bring fruit and weight of flavour while sauvignon and colombar add freshness. Volcanic soils also play a part in creating a deliciously refreshing white that hits the spot every time.

Product Code	FC38301	Dominant Grape	Roussanne
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	6.95 / Bottle

The Society's Côtes de Gascogne 2019

This ever popular wine from south-west France is a fruity, thirst-quenching white that has just a hint of roundness on the finish. Light and easy enough to be enjoyed on its own, this is the consummate party white.

Product Code	FC38531	Dominant Grape	Colombard
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	South-West France	Alcohol Level	10.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	6.95 / Bottle

The Society's Chilean Limarí Chardonnay 2019

Limarí is fast becoming the pre-eminent region for chardonnay in Chile. This crisp, refreshing example was made for us by Concha y Toro and their winemakers Marcelo Papa and Ignacio Recabarren. This was matured 100% in tank but with some lees stirring to enrich the palate without masking its bright fruit.

Product Code	CE10741	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Chile	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.25 / Bottle



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The Society's Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo 2018

This is the best vintage of this wine we have ever bought. 2018 is an excellent year in Chile, as illustrated by this wine's lovely blackcurrant perfume and attractive cedary quality.

Product Code	CE10881	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Sauvignon
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Chile	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle

The Society's Australian Chardonnay 2019

Blended exclusively for us by Wirra Wirra, in the cooler Adelaide Hills region of South Australia. Partially barrel fermented in the 2019 vintage, to add complexity and texture to this crisp and moreish white.

Product Code	AU22211	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	South Australia	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle

The Society's Claret 2019

Celebrating its third Wine Championship victory in a row, our house Bordeaux rouge was on imperious form among some keen competition. The fruit of over 25 years' collaboration with the Sichel family, and especially ripe and appealing in 2019.

Product Code	CL241	Dominant Grape	Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Twin top
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Claret 2018

With an almost unbroken run as our bestselling red, this fruity, unoaked merlot-based Bordeaux is the result of a long and fruitful partnership with the Sichel family, whose impeccable credentials include ownership and part ownership respectively of crus Angludet and Palmer. They've supplied us with this wine for over a quarter of a century, and we select the final blend each year to keep it fresh and easy-drinking with true Bordeaux character.

Product Code	CL221	Dominant Grape	Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Twin top
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle

The Society's French Grenache 2018

From an estate steeped in history comes this delicious, soft, fruity wine from the heart of the sun-baked Roussillon in the south of France. This exciting new find replaces our much-loved Society's French Full Red. The blend is a little different with (as the name implies) grenache forming the majority, with small percentages of marselan and syrah in support. The style is still full-bodied but with better-focused fruit and lovely round tannins. It all adds up to a perfect anyday red that could be served cellar cool and a real crowd-pleaser.

Product Code	FC36871	Dominant Grape	Grenache/Garnacha
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle

The Society's French Pinot Noir 2019

The notoriously picky pinot is a challenge to winemakers the world over but one few can resist. We came across this delightful southern French example and were thrilled to welcome it into The Society's fold. Made from grapes nicely ripened by the Mediterranean sun and cooled by the mountain breezes that fan the vineyards of the Aude Valley, this prettily proportioned pinot is all about uncomplicated ripe red-fruit pleasure.

Product Code	FC38581	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Ruppertsberg 2019

The co-operative movement has historically been important in Germany and Ruppertsberg is easily one of the best. This impeccably full, fruity white which in the 19 vintage is made using equal proportions of riesling and silvaner made from silvaner is a perfectly balanced, versatile white.

Product Code	GE13531	Dominant Grape	Riesling
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Pfalz	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.50 / Bottle

The Society's Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2017

Another Wine Champion barbera in 2020, this time under our own label via the brilliant Araldica co-op, whose high-quality fruit is mellowed in large oak casks to give a pizza night red par excellence. 14

Product Code	IT27151	Dominant Grape	Barbera
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	North-West, Piedmont	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2017 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine sur Lie 2019

Ripe and refreshing Muscadet from Chéreau-Carré in the western Loire valley, this is the ideal accompaniment to shellfish, delicious on its own, but good too with chicken, charcuterie and much more.

Product Code	LO15871	Dominant Grape	Muscadet
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Cork, plastic
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2018

The barbera is from the beautiful Cascinone vineyard in Piedmont. Bursting with ripe juicy red fruit the medium-bodied Italian red has had time in large old oak casks softening the tannins. This is a perfect pizza or pasta wine as many think that barbera is one of the grapes that most suits tomato sauces.

Product Code	IT29861	Dominant Grape	Barbera
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	North-West, Piedmont	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's French Syrah 2018

Lovely, soft, fruity Rhône syrah with just a hint of freshly milled pepper. A pure expression of the grape in an exceptional vintage.

Product Code	RH53901	Dominant Grape	Syrah/Shiraz
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Rhone	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's Côtes-du-Rhône 2018

Ripe, full-bodied grenache-syrah blend from Vinsobres in the southern Rhône. Cool mountain breezes helped contain some of the ardour of the exceptional 2018 vintage, making this perennial favourite fresh as well as fruity.

Product Code	RH53931	Dominant Grape	Grenache Syrah
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Rhone	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Muscadet Sèvre-et-Maine sur Lie 2018

Always such a strong suit in the annual Wine Champions blind tastings, Muscadet today is ripe for exploring and an overlooked gem. Ours, from Chéreau-Carré, stood out particularly this year. Its ripe stone-fruited palate will be perfect with shellfish, chicken, salads and much more.

Product Code	LO15181	Dominant Grape	Muscadet
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Cork, plastic
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's Chilean Carmenère Rapel Valley 2019

This soft and generously fruity red from the Rapel Valley is a lush, succulent and enveloping Chilean carmenère and was made for us by Concha y Toro's superb winemakers, Ignacio Recabarren and Lorena Mora.

Product Code	CE10991	Dominant Grape	Carmenere
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Chile	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's Chilean Limarí Sauvignon Blanc 2019

This is a crisp sauvignon blanc with blackcurrant-leaf aromas and a refreshing palate, produced for us by Tabalí from their outstanding vineyard in the Talinay area of Limarí, planted on limestone soils just 12km from the Pacific Ocean.

Product Code	CE11101	Dominant Grape	Sauvignon Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Chile	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Beaujolais-Villages 2018

With intense and vibrant black-fruit perfume, this is a classic Beaujolais-Villages with good balance and a ripe yet fresh palate. Tim Sykes blends this every year at Les Vins Aujoux, home of The Society's White Burgundy. A delicious wine year after year that highlights Beaujolais' crunchy fruit-forward style.

Product Code	BJ7901	Dominant Grape	Gamay
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Beaujolais	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	7.95 / Bottle

The Society's Grüner Veltliner 2019

This textbook grüner from the historic Stadt Krems winery punches well above its weight. Succulent pear and white-pepper aromas are followed by nectarine flavours on the palate to give a friendly but focused flavour of Austria's premier white grape.

Product Code	AA2901	Dominant Grape	Gruener Veltliner
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Austria	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's Argentine Malbec 2019

Fruity, brambly and deservedly popular Argentine malbec which impresses with its round, soft, generous fruit flavours.

Product Code	AR4161	Dominant Grape	Malbec/Cot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	Argentina	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle



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Half bottle of The Society's Chablis 2019

2019 produced dense, firm wines with a taut palate and this one is unoaked so nothing masks the purity. Made exclusively for us by Jean-Marc Brocard, and the perfect choice to partner great seafood, especially oysters.

Product Code	BU75532	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	Burgundy	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Half Bottle

The Society's Bordeaux Sauvignon 2019

The standard of dry white Bordeaux was exceptional in the Wine Champions tasting this year. We were delighted to see our unoaked Society-label sauvignon at the head of the pack and bursting with crisp, clean, citrusy charm.

Product Code	BW6681	Dominant Grape	Sauvignon Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's Corbières 2018

Deliciously fruity, sleek and full-bodied red from the best-known appellation in the Languedoc. Made for us by Pierre Bories from on-form Ollieux-Romanis, this is dark and full of ripe, blackberry fruit with plum and spice. A member favourite with good reason.

Product Code	FC38541	Dominant Grape	Carignan Grenache
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Chilean Pinot Noir, Leyda 2019

2019 was a ripe year in Chile, producing lovely black-cherry scented pinot noir with a fresh and bright palate. 78% was matured in barrels to soften the tannins and 22% was tank fermented and matured to capture the delicious fruit.

Product Code	CE10951	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	Chile	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2017 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's California Old-Vine Zinfandel 2018

A classic California zinfandel, with cherry cola on the nose, fresh strawberry and tart red cherries coming through on the full soft palate, plus a pleasing hint of vanilla on the finish. Our house zin is made for us by Delicato Family Vineyards from some of their oldest vines, bringing great concentration and, if we say so ourselves, representing cracking value!

Product Code	US8681	Dominant Grape	Zinfandel
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	California	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's Sicilian Reserve Red 2016

Extremely popular and praised by members and journalists for its spot-hitting quality and value, this smooth generous and fragrant red is a cracking example of Sicily's own nero d'Avolagrape.

Product Code	IT28721	Dominant Grape	Nero d'Avola
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	South and Islands	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Pinot Grigio 2019

There's an awful lot of pinot grigio about, so we're extra particular about ours. The warrant goes to Kiwi winemaker Matt Thomson, and a single vineyard in Valpantena, north-east of Verona in Italy, where cool breezes from the Dolomites ensure steady ripening. Clean-cut, rounded and fruity, with the trademark 'breadcrust' character of the grape, and a world away from some of its namesakes.

Product Code	IT28761	Dominant Grape	Pinot Gris
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	North-East, Trentino, Veneto	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's Verdicchio Classico 2019

One of Italy's best buys, this well-made single-vineyard verdicchio makes a great full dry white with fresh crisp flavour, so it works well with or without food. This Society wine comes from a single vineyard, Coste del Molino, on the hills around the town of Jesi, west of Ancona on Italy's Adriatic coast.

Product Code	IT28781	Dominant Grape	Verdicchio
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Central - Tuscany, Umbria	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's English White 2019

Our flagship English white wine is zingy, fresh and dry, with refreshing citrus and white-fruit aromas, that makes for a perfect aperitif.

Product Code	EN1501	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	England	Alcohol Level	11.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Rioja Crianza 2016

For the 2016 vintage we chose our Rioja from entirely tempranillo aged in American oak - the traditional way to make this famous Spanish style. We're thrilled with the result, which is alluringly soft, leathery and silky.

Product Code	SP15201	Dominant Grape	Tempranillo
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Rioja	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	8.50 / Bottle

The Society's Picpoul de Pinet 2019

Picpoul de Pinet, now a cru of the Languedoc, produces a clean, full-flavoured white and is a perfect partner for seafood. This comes from Condamine l'Evêque, the estate owned by Guy Bascou, leading light in the appellation.

Product Code	FC38761	Dominant Grape	Picpoul
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle

The Society's Falanghina 2018

No stranger to Champions line-ups in the last few years, this lovely, versatile Italian is positively shimmering with tangy lemon and apricot fruit in this vintage. The pick of the crop from the excellent La Guardiense co-op is a Champion again and a wine we're proud to put our name to.

Product Code	IT28641	Dominant Grape	Falanghina
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	South and Islands	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, agglomerate
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle



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The Society's White Rioja 2018

A classically styled white Rioja made from this famed Spanish region's classic white grapes (mostly viura with some malvasia), with a proportion aged in barrel. It is deep gold in colour with aromas that are spicy, oxidative and nutty, rather than fruity.

Product Code	SP14661	Dominant Grape	Viura
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Rioja	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle

The Society's Cava Reserva Brut NV

'Well-made Cava is one of the world's best-value wines,' said Pierre Mansour, and on tasting our fragrant, delicate Society-label wine – made just the same way as Champagne – it was difficult to disagree. A low price, but such high scores and a deserving Wine Champion in 2020.

Product Code	SG1661	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2012 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle

The Society's Hunter Valley Semillon 2019

Proof that a 'light' wine (only 11%) needn't be light on flavour! This lemon-and-lime driven, intensely refreshing Aussie semillon is a perfect fridge-door staple, lovely served cold with or without food.

Product Code	AU22131	Dominant Grape	Semillon
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	New South Wales	Alcohol Level	10.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Côtes de Bordeaux 2017

Our Society range aims to bottle the essence of a region, in this case the right-bank umbrella appellation of Côtes de Bordeaux. Members' favourite Château Pitray holds the warrant, reliably combining seductive juiciness with lovely freshness on the palate.

Product Code	CL201	Dominant Grape	Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2017 vintage	Price £	9.50 / Bottle

The Society's New Zealand Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019

Made exclusively for us by Marlborough pioneer Villa Maria, this grapefruit and lime-scented New Zealand standard-bearer refreshed and impressed in the superb 2019 vintage. Textbook Kiwi sauvignon but, crucially, with elegance, and one of our Wine Champions in 2020.

Product Code	NZ11201	Dominant Grape	Sauvignon Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	New Zealand	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	9.50 / Bottle

The Society's Chianti Rufina 2016

Fruity and soft with a perfumed smoky bouquet typical of the Rufina region, this is a delicious Chianti designed for easy pleasure and gastronomic versatility.

Product Code	IT26301	Dominant Grape	Sangiovese
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Central - Tuscany, Umbria	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Twin top
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	9.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Gavi 2019

Gavi is a great go-to white wine. Fresh crisp and dry with lemon and green apple aromas, and mineral weight on the palate this Italian white is lovely by the glass but it will also pair easily with a range of dishes from salads or seafood, to roast chicken and creamy pasta bakes.

Product Code	IT28771	Dominant Grape	Cortese
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	North-West, Piedmont	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle

The Society's Vin d'Alsace 2018

A classic blend of Alsace grape varieties from the historic house of Hugel in Riquewihr, making for an adaptable, gently aromatic dry white, that is crisp and fresh. Always a great buy and excellent introduction to Alsace's wines as Hugel maintain a very high standard year after year.

Product Code	AL15311	Dominant Grape	Sylvaner
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Alsace, Lorraine	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle

The Society's White Burgundy 2018

Our best-loved wine for many years, this Mâcon white continues to rise above the ebb and flow of fashion. Buyer Tim Sykes works with long-term supplier Jean-Marc Darbon to craft a blend that is of consistently good quality while respecting vintage differences. 2018 was a warm, ripe vintage, and the wine has lovely depth of flavour and roundness of texture with apple fruit and a fresh finish.

Product Code	BU72261	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Burgundy	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Corsican Rosé 2019

The 2019 blend is half niellucciu, which is Corsican for sangiovese. The rest is mostly sciaccarellu (aka mammolo) with a little cinsault, vermentino and grenache. The result is a full-flavoured, summery dry rosé, ideal for matching with all sorts of spring and summer dishes.

Product Code	FC38561	Dominant Grape	Sangiovese
Product Type	Rose Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Provence, Massif, Corsica	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	10.50 / Bottle

The Society's Valpolicella Ripasso 2018

Full-bodied cherry-scented ripasso from Italy - where the wine has been "passed over" the dried grapes that were used in the production of Amarone, adding a richness and depth to this vibrant redcurrant and black cherry Valpolicella.

Product Code	IT29871	Dominant Grape	Corvina
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	North-East, Trentino, Veneto	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	10.95 / Bottle

The Society's Saar Riesling 2018

A deliciously, round and fruity German riesling blended for us from top vineyards sites in the Saar valley by the team at Von Kesselstatt. Charm, precision and persistence, all are present in this riesling, and we're proud to put our name to it.

Product Code	GE12651	Dominant Grape	Riesling
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	Mosel-Saar-Ruwer	Alcohol Level	11.5%
Style	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	10.95 / Bottle



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Litre of The Society's Medium Dry Amontillado Blend

True Amontillados (meaning "in the style of Montilla", a town in southern Spain) are dry wines. The flor which grows on the Sherry dies or is killed by fortification, and the Amontillado is left to mature in the presence of oxygen. This develops a rich, nutty flavour. Made by Sánchez Romate, The Society's Amontillado is medium-dry with plenty of flavour. Serve at room temperature in good-sized glasses to fully appreciate the bouquet. Please note there has been a change to labelling laws by the Spanish Consejo whereby any sherry that has more than 9g of sugar has to be labelled "medium dry" and so the label on the new shipment of The Society's Amontillado has been amended accordingly. The wine is exactly as advertised.

Product Code	SH381	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Sherry	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	17.5%
Style	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	-	Price £	10.95 / Bottle

The Society's Port

A deeply coloured tawny-style Port that may be drunk as pleasurably before a meal as after.

Product Code	PN121	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Port	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Portugal	Alcohol Level	19.0%
Style	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	Closure type	Stopper cork, ie sherry
Vintage	-	Price £	10.95 / Bottle

The Society's Prosecco

Light in style and all about the purity, this is a lovely aperitif to serve with nibbles to get everyone in the party mood. Prosecco, grown in the province of Treviso, has long been the aperitif of choice in Venice, and increasingly all over Italy, and now in the UK too. Unfortunately, many come from anonymous grapes grown on the plains and sweetened to hide their lack of character. The finest and best come from the hilly vineyards of Valdobbiadene, mostly from small family holdings. Our wine is just that. We buy it as simple 'Prosecco di Treviso', because 'Valdobbiadene DOCG' commands a premium price, but what counts is in the bottle.

Product Code	SG2201	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Within one year of purchase
Origin	North-East, Trentino, Veneto	Alcohol Level	11.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	10.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Saumur Brut NV

On fine form, Gratién & Meyer's Loire fizz is currently based on the ripe, healthy 2015 vintage, which brings body to the wine without losing the freshness that is essential in a good sparkler. Easy on both palate and pocket, great on its own or as a mixer.

Product Code	SG1061	Dominant Grape	Chenin Blanc
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	10.95 / Bottle

The Society's Saumur Rosé Brut NV

A refreshingly fruity Loire rosé that is gentle on the palate with a refined mousse. Perfect on its own or with a starter.

Product Code	SG1071	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Franc
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	11.50 / Bottle

The Society's Primitivo di Manduria 2018

Primitivo can be a little OTT but here Italian master of the grape Gregory Perrucci has balanced the bold black cherry and blackcurrant fruit flavours with bright refreshing acidity, while a touch of leather and savoury spice develop in the glass.

Product Code	IT29911	Dominant Grape	Primitivo
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	South and Islands	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Twin top
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	11.50 / Bottle



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The Society's Celebration Crémant de Loire 2016

An elegant traditional method fizz based on chardonnay with chenin blanc, and a little pinot noir for added finesse and body. Quintessential party bubbles as the name suggests, with fine mousse, citrusy fruit and freshness.

Product Code	SG2771	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	France	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	12.95 / Bottle

The Society's LBV Port 2014

A delicious, youthful and rich Port with dark-berry and spice flavours and a generous smooth palate. Utterly perfect with cheese but also great to have on standby in place of dessert.

Product Code	PT2211	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Port	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	Portugal	Alcohol Level	20.0%
Style	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	Closure type	Stopper cork, ie sherry
Vintage	2014 vintage	Price £	13.50 / Bottle

The Society's Full Rich Madeira, 3 years old

The Society's Full Rich Madeira is made from tinta negra mole grapes from vineyards grown at about 200m on the north of the island of Madeira near São Vicente. It undergoes fermentation on the skins with natural yeast at between 24° to 26°C in autovinification tanks. After approximately 48 hours, fortification with grape brandy takes place, arresting fermentation at the desired degree of sweetness. The wine is then transferred to estufa tanks where it undergoes a cyclic heating and cooling process between 35° to 40°C over a period of three months. After estufagem the wine is aged for three years and then undergoes filtration and fining before the blend is assembled and bottled. This makes a fine accompaniment to dessert dishes, especially fruit, cakes, chocolate puddings and soft cheeses. It will not improve further with keeping but will remain in good drinking condition for several months after opening. It does not require decanting.

Product Code	MA21	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Madeira	Drink Dates	
Origin	Madeira	Alcohol Level	19.0%
Style	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	Closure type	Stopper cork, ie sherry
Vintage	-	Price £	13.95 / Bottle



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The Society's Exhibition Haut-Médoc 2015

2015 was a fabulous vintage on the left bank of Bordeaux, especially for cabernet sauvignon. This year the blend of this ever-popular claret, made for us at Society favourites Château Beaumont is 50% cabernet sauvignon, 47% merlot and 3% petit verdot, combining to produce a deep, cassis-laden claret with impressive structure and sweet cedar spice. Youthful and powerful now, this will age gracefully for years to come.

Product Code	CM19611	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2027
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2015 vintage	Price £	14.95 / Bottle

The Society's Chablis 2019

2019 produced dense, firm wines with a taut palate and this one is unoaked so nothing masks the purity. Made exclusively for us by Jean-Marc Brocard, and the perfect choice to partner great seafood, especially oysters.

Product Code	BU75531	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2027
Origin	Burgundy	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, diam
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	14.95 / Bottle

Half bottle of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (45% chardonnay, 28% pinot noir and 27% pinot meunier) from excellent sources.

Product Code	CH332	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	17.50 / Half Bottle



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The Society's Champagne Brut Non Vintage

We remain incredibly proud of this wine's pedigree and history, so naturally our tasters were overjoyed to see the seal of boutique producer Alfred Gratien peek out from this bottle bag. Fermented for longer in old oak and aged extensively prior to release, this generations-standing favourite is on reassuringly showstopping form. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier) from excellent sources. Because fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, the wine is given more depth. The malolactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien, dry, full-flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food.

Product Code	CH331	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within three years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	34.00 / Bottle

The Society's Champagne Demi-Sec NV

Alfred Gratien is a small Champagne house in Epernay, with extremely high standards, that has supplied The Society with excellent Champagne since 1910. The wine is still made in the traditional manner, with fermentation in barrels and maturation in bottle allowing the flavour to develop. The Society's Champagne, Demi-Sec is full and fruity. An excellent dessert wine.

Product Code	CH341	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	36.00 / Bottle

The Society's Champagne Rosé NV

The brand new shipment of our popular pink Champagne, based on the 2012 vintage, which Gratien believe is one of the best ever. Cellarmaster Nicolas Jaeger now sources grapes with specific characteristics for the rosé to create a pink wine fully in the Alfred Gratien house style – rich and fresh with hints of strawberry fruit, delightful on its own but with the substance to be enjoyed with food too.

Product Code	CH3281	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	39.50 / Bottle



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Magnum of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food.

Product Code	CH334	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	68.00 / Magnum

Jeroboam of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine more depth. The malo-lactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food. Equivalent to four bottles.

Product Code	CH1331	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	136.00 / Jeroboam

Methuselah of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine more depth. The malo-lactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food. Equivalent to eight bottles.

Product Code	CH1333	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	290.00 / Methuselah



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Salmanazar of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine more depth. The malo-lactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food. Equivalent to twelve bottles.

Product Code	CH1334	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	495.00 / Salmanazar

Salmanazar of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine more depth. The malo-lactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food. Equivalent to twelve bottles.

Product Code	CH1334	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	495.00 / Case of 1
