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## Wine Notes

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### Half bottle of The Society's Exhibition Fleurie 2019

From perhaps the best known of all the Beaujolais crus, this is an attractive, floral Fleurie, in keeping with its name, with intensely perfumed aromas and a ripe yet fresh palate. The 2019 is a blend from 3 well-respected grape growers in the area.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ8482	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	5.95 / Half Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alvarinho, Vinho Verde 2019

This is only the third vintage to wear our Exhibition livery, and its mix of ripe stone fruit, floral hints and touch of Vinho Verde 'prickle' on the palate made it a shoo-in for the Wine Champions' podium this year.

<b>Product Code</b>	PW8081	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Albarino
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	8.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Fleurie 2019

Winning our Wine Champions panels' hearts for the second year in succession, our flagship-label Fleurie shows off the hallmark floral fragrance that gives this Beaujolais cru its name, along with the richness of the vintage and gorgeous length on the palate.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ8481	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.50 / Bottle

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### Half bottle of The Society's Exhibition Sauternes 2017

Fresh, floral Sauternes made at the Dubourdieus' small, well-managed Bordeaux estate, Chateau Cantegril. The wine has excellent balance with notes of caramelised apple and vanilla.

<b>Product Code</b>	BW6272	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Semillon
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	6 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.95 / Half Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mendoza Malbec 2018

2018 is a lovely warm vintage in Argentina, and this has bright floral aromas and a silky palate. It has been aged for about 14 months in barrel until the tannins sweeten and the palate rounds out.

<b>Product Code</b>	AR4211	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Malbec/Cot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Argentina	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Moulin-à-Vent 2018

Concentrated, yet richly fruity and succulent, this is a delicious example of Moulin-à-Vent. One-fifth of this Beaujolais cru was aged in used oak barrels, more to round out the tannins than to contribute any oak aroma.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ8501	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chianti Classico 2013

A lovely expression of Chianti Classico and of the sangiovese grape at its most approachable and friendliest aspect. It comes from the Poggiopiano estate in San Casciano, which consistently makes wines with charming fruit, good body and freshness.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT20751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sangiovese
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Central - Tuscany, Umbria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Elegant, mineral, citrusy, crisp New Zealand sauvignon which is a nod in style to the old world. A second superb vintage in a row for Marlborough, perfectly executed by pioneer Jane Hunter.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ12101	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2020 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019

An elegant citrus-tinged, textural and mineral focused New Zealand sauvignon blanc which is a textbook example of top Marlborough quality, made exclusively for us by the talented Jane Hunter. This is never less than very smart sauvignon indeed.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11281	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition DO Los Lingues, Colchagua Carmenère 2019

This Chilean carmenère is made on a coolish spot for this variety to make a more drinkable style. This is an intensely flavoured wine with a ripe yet fresh palate of black fruit and notes of clove and black pepper.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE11231	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Carmenere
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Vacqueyras 2018

Vacqueyras is a key appellation in the southern Rhône, here made from a blend of grenache with around a quarter of syrah. The result is a dark, brooding red with plum, spice and a dash of pepper. Perfect with grilled meats.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH57001	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache Syrah
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2018

Pinotage is typically spicy but can range from light and fresh, to the fuller-bodied, satisfying and rich style that Kanonkop makes for us, lush fruit forward in 2018. Created in 1925 as a cross of pinot noir and cinsault, pinotage is South Africa's very own grape, planted hardly anywhere else around the world.

<b>Product Code</b>	SA16281	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinotage
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2027
<b>Origin</b>	South Africa	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, agglomerate
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mature Medium Dry Oloroso Blend

An intensely flavoured dry Oloroso where years of barrel ageing have concentrated the flavour and added layers of complexity. Members who have been fans of this will notice that this new, excellent blend is slightly paler in colour (because we have removed the vino de color) but just as rich, mature and intense. The entire maturation process takes place in the presence of oxygen. The result is a wine with a distinct nutty aroma and is amber in colour, making this one of the best value wines in our range. Sánchez Romate is an independent company specialist in the Oloroso (which means fragrant) style. One of the world's great wines.

<b>Product Code</b>	SH411	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Sherry	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.5%
<b>Style</b>	4 (of 9): Medium/off dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mature Medium Sweet Oloroso Blend

Produced for us by Sánchez Romate, this is a wonderfully rich and figgy oloroso. Ageing has concentrated not only the flavour but also the structure giving an intensely sweet wine that is opulent without being cloying. Its powerful structure allows it to stand up to most puddings, including those incorporating chocolate.

<b>Product Code</b>	SH421	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Sherry	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Douro 2013

We have been holding back our third Exhibition Douro, made for us by Quinta do Vale Meão, to allow it a little more bottle age. A fragrant and well-structured blend of traditional Douro grape varieties, all foot-trodden in granite lagares, which benefits from decanting.

<b>Product Code</b>	PW5561	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chianti Classico 2018

With lovely supple scented fruit showing both finesse and power, this is pure sangiovese from the Bartoli family's excellent Poggiopiano estate in San Casciano.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT30231	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sangiovese
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Central - Tuscany, Umbria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Hawke's Bay Red 2016

This full-flavoured gem has a glorious cassis-laden nose, with firm tannins supporting plum, dark cherry and leather notes. A full but fresh New Zealand red with a touch of mocha on the finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ10081	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Victoria Shiraz 2017

World-class shiraz at a world-beating price. Made for us at Mount Langi, from small parcels of estate-grown grapes, this vibrant shiraz is a silk-clad delight of black fruits, spiced with black pepper and wonderfully fresh on the palate. Enjoy with beef or venison.

<b>Product Code</b>	AU21781A	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Victoria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Saint-Aubin Blanc 2014

Lovely lemony, appley fruit character here with some delicate honeysuckle notes and a fine, rounded yet fresh palate. Made for us by Domaine Henri Prudhon, this wine is from the famed Le Ban vineyard, high above the village of Saint-Aubin with great south-eastern exposure and old vines.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU61461	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2014 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Douro 2014

We've been holding back the latest vintage of our Exhibition Douro, made for us by Quinta do Vale Meão, to allow it a little more bottle age. A fragrant and well-structured blend of traditional Portuguese grape varieties, all foot-trodden in granite lagares, this will benefit from decanting while still so young, but its succulent fruit is opening up beautifully now alongside clove and cedar spice.

<b>Product Code</b>	PW6551	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2014 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Crozes-Hermitage 2018

This textbook northern Rhône syrah has a lovely depth of colour and flavour. Expect plenty of blackberry, blueberry and spice flavours, all in delicious balance. In short, another gem from Nicolas Perrin.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH57411	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rheingau Riesling 2018

We're delighted to announce our first ever Exhibition German riesling. Rheingau rieslings were popular in Victorian times and early Society Lists featured several. We asked leading producer Gunter Künstler to provide us with a modern take on this dry riesling classic. Clean lines, fruit and lovely length of flavour, this is a must with South-East Asian cooking.

<b>Product Code</b>	GE13441	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Riesling
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rheingau	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Albariño, Rías Baixas 2019

A pristine example of Spanish albariño from the country's best region for the grape, Rías Baixas. This dry, unoaked wine has whistle-clean lemony fruit and is an excellent expression of modern Spanish white and the perfect accompaniment to coastal cuisine.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP15771	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Albarino
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Grüner Veltliner 2019

From legendary Austrian winemaker Willi Bründlmayer's terraced Kamptal vineyards, this has a ripe opulent core of stone and citrus fruit, with mouthwatering spice and a twist of pepper on the finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	AA2941	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gruener Veltliner
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Austria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Tasmanian Chardonnay 2019

Made exclusively for The Society by Claudio Radenti of Freycinet, this has the typical elegance of the Australian island state of Tasmania. Lemon and green-apple flavours are well balanced by subtle oak notes, with a nicely textured mouthfeel and chalky mineral flavours on the finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	AU23071	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Tasmania	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Victoria Shiraz 2018

This Society exclusive comes from Mt Langi Ghiran's Dam Block vineyard, which sits against a stunning backdrop of the Great Dividing Range. With it's generous nose of lush bramble and blackcurrant fruit, sprinkle of cocoa and twist of spiced orange peel, this full but fresh hand-picked shiraz is complex and delicious.

<b>Product Code</b>	AU22601	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Victoria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.8%
<b>Style</b>	Very Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Ribera del Duero 2016

We have worked with the small Bohórquez property to create our first Exhibition bottling from Ribera del Duero in Castilla y Leon, one of Spain's leading fine wine regions renowned for its rich reds from the tempranillo grape. Many members will already be familiar with the wines of this estate despite the tiny production here. Its proximity to many a prestigious winery assures access to some of the region's finest vineyards. Decant this before serving to release its bold, satisfying and intense flavours. Sit back and savour!

<b>Product Code</b>	SP15301	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Ribera del Duero	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2014

A smooth, savoury and stylish Exhibition-label bottling from La Rioja Alta in Spain. This is a graceful, mature reserva made from 100% tempranillo using the traditional method of long ageing in American oak barrels.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP16171	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Rioja	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2014 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2018

We're thrilled to welcome this classic Californian wine to our range. 2018 was a wonderful vintage but also quite large. This allowed Schug, a producer we have worked with many times in the past and whom we hugely respect, to offer us a parcel of wine that is an exclusive blend at a great price for the Exhibition range. Sonoma Coast has been a driving force in the Californian movement 'in pursuit of balance.' Expect vibrant red-berry fruit with wonderful finesse, perfume and great length

<b>Product Code</b>	US9001	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	California	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, plastic
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2013

Winner of a Silver medal at the 2019 Decanter World Wine Awards, this is a smooth, savoury and stylish reserva from La Rioja Alta. Graceful, mature and made from 100% tempranillo, it was aged traditionally in American oak barrels and is now showing vanilla and mocha notes alongside dried cherry and plum on the long, elegant finish after a number of years slumbering in their cellars.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP14931	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Rioja	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alsace Gewurztraminer 2016

Predominantly from Hugel's grand cru Sporen vineyard, this is a more delicate wine in 2016, after the sunny, concentrated 2015, with pretty yellow fruit, a hint of honey, and gentle silky texture. The Hugel estate is one of the best-known houses in the Alsace region of France, with a reputation for excellence going back to the 17th century. They are masters of the spicy gewurztraminer grape.

<b>Product Code</b>	AL15661	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gewurztraminer
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Alsace, Lorraine	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition New Zealand Chardonnay 2019

A single-vineyard wine made exclusively for us by chardonnay specialists Kumeu River. 2019 was a superb New Zealand vintage and this is looking excellent, with a touch of struck match and vanilla on the nose and green apple and citrus peel on the palate.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11951	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pouilly-Fumé 2017

Bottled for us towards the end of last year by Sophie Landrat-Guyolot, who gives her wines longer ageing on the fine lees for freshness, finesse and complexity. An exquisite example of Loire sauvignon blanc.

<b>Product Code</b>	LO14741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Loire	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Sancerre 2019

From the excellent Domaine Serge Laloue once again, this is ripe yet focused, with typical hints of lime leaf and white flowers, and fine length on the palate. A great ambassador for this part of the Loire valley.

<b>Product Code</b>	LO15911	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Loire	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alto Maipo Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Cabernet sauvignon thrives in the Alto Maipo's warm, alluvial, gravelly soils formed by the Maipo River. The climate is moderated by the high altitude and the cool nighttime air that descends from the nearby Andes producing a fine, firm and linear style rather than 'fruit bombs'. This bottling assembles wines from two of the Alto Maipo's greatest communes. 76% is from Pirque, which brings elegance and length of flavour, and 24% from Puente Alto, which fills out the mid-palate with its ripe, blackcurrant-scented fruit. It was matured in barrels for 16 months to develop exquisite cedary aromas and silky tannins and was made exclusively for us by Chilean producer Concha y Toro's outstanding winemaker, Ignacio Recabarren.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE10761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Tawny Port, 10 Years Old

Fragrant Tawny Port with a smooth, silky texture and subtle oak nuances from ageing in small oak barrels, this has lovely sweet nutty flavours on the palate that resonate with the creamy savouriness of Stilton. It is matured in cask, here for an average of 10 years, before bottling.

<b>Product Code</b>	PN111	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Stopper cork, ie sherry
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Crusted Port, Bottled 2013

This new blend was bottled by Symington Family Estates in 2013 and comprises three earlier vintages. Intense in colour, voluptuous and rich, with the aromas of ripe black fruits - plums, blackberries - given greater complexity by the start of more herbal, woody notes, this offers velvety texture and great length of flavour. Crusted Port is made in the style of a Vintage wine but is a blend from different harvests, in this case 2009, 2010 and 2011. It was made for us by Symington Family Estates, the biggest landowners in the Douro. This wine was bottled in 2013 with a natural driven cork, and a 'crust', or sediment, will form over time. It should be stored and treated like a Vintage port, with the white mark on the bottle uppermost, and ideally stood upright for 24 hours before decanting and serving.

<b>Product Code</b>	PN231	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2030
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Gigondas 2013

Produced exclusively for us by Louis Barruol of Château Saint-Cosme, this Gigondas needed some time in our cellars, but has woken up in style! Showing sweet-and-sour cherry and dried redcurrant from the grenache and beautifully rich, savoury spice and pepper from the syrah, this is stunning now but will age gracefully yet.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH41211	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache Syrah
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Central Otago Pinot Noir 2018

This is textbook Central Otago pinot, from one of New Zealand's most respected winemakers, Paul Pujol. This has an expressive nose of cherry and clove and a well-structured palate, with dark cherry and plum flavours. The cold night time temperatures have ensured plenty of freshness.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11261	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	18.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Saint-Aubin Blanc 2018

The cool and narrow Saint-Aubin valley has benefitted from global warming. It used to struggle to ripeness. Now it is ripe yet fresh. Matured in oak for about a year, this lovely white Burgundy is made from Le Ban vineyard fruit.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU74421	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	18.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pomerol 2015

Pomerol conjures up images of tiny properties, exquisite wines and stellar prices, although it has never been officially classified. Here, on the right bank of the Gironde, the two Ms – Moueix and merlot – reign supreme, working together to deliver supple, red-fruit flavours, and attractive secondary aromas with good freshness and structure on the palate. 2015 was an excellent vintage in this part of Bordeaux, and the wine is drinking beautifully (although there is no hurry).

<b>Product Code</b>	CS11041	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	19.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2016

Dark and fruity Châteauneuf, refined and richly textured with a flavour of ripe fruit and gentle spice. There are hints of fig and bay leaf, and this is perfectly rounded and ready to drink.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH47681	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache/Garnacha
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2028
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	15.5%
<b>Style</b>	Very Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, colmate
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	21.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2019

Firm, concentrated Chablis with a broad palate which is taut and fresh. This was fermented 90% in stainless steel tanks to capture the freshness of the wine while 10% was fermented in large foudres to open up the flavours without marking it with oak flavour. This is truly excellent with seafood and poultry but also most cheeses, including the bloomy rinded variety that plays havoc with most reds. Its fresh acidity is a fine foil to gammon too. Ideally decant 10 minutes before serving, if possible at 11-13°C.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU76021	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pauillac 2011

Benchmark Pauillac from the vineyards one of the commune's grandest châteaux, this is a stylish, classically structured claret with hallmark notes of stone fruits and spice. A wine of considerable class.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM20631	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2011 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pouilly-Fuissé 2017

We worked closely with Frédéric Burrier to produce this rich and powerful wine from southern Burgundy, matured in barrel for a year until smooth and round.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU69571	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2018

Montmains is one of Jean-Marc Brocard's best premiers crus, so we often select it for our Exhibition label. This 2018 wine was matured two-thirds in tank and a third in oak foudres to develop the aromas without marking its bright fruit with oak. A light white-peach scent on the nose complements a firm, broad palate that is taut and tense. This is truly excellent with seafood and poultry but also most cheeses, including the bloomy rinded variety that plays havoc with most reds. Its fresh acidity is a fine foil to gammon too. Ideally decant 10 minutes before serving, if possible at 11-13°C.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU72751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition English Sparkling Wine NV

Made for us by Ridgeview in Sussex, this has class, finesse and freshness thanks to the classic blend of Champagne grapes: pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot meunier. Perfect for sipping and celebrating.

<b>Product Code</b>	SG2741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Sparkling Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	England	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	23.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Margaux 2015

Few can claim to have persuaded a second growth Bordeaux property to produce wine especially for them! This major coup for The Society is sourced from the younger vines of fabulous Brane-Cantenac and aged for 12 months in the château's cellars. Perfumed and plummy, with supple, generous fruit alongside classic cedar and pencil-shavings complexity on the finish, this is sensational Margaux from a superb vintage.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM20641	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	24.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Barolo 2016

Velvety, rich, harmonious still with youthful vigour and well suited to autumnal dishes of mushrooms or game. Seductive now and with a great future.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT28741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Nebbiolo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2030
<b>Origin</b>	North-West, Piedmont	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	26.00 / Bottle

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### Magnum of The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2013

A smooth, savoury and stylish Exhibition-label bottling from La Rioja Alta. This is a graceful, mature reserva made from 100% tempranillo using the traditional method of long ageing in American oak barrels.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP14934	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rioja	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	32.00 / Magnum

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### The Society's Exhibition Hermitage 2006

From an exceptional vintage, this has been kept in our cellars for over a decade ready to release at its delicious peak of maturity, just in time for Christmas! Drink this year.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH23981	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2030
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, colmate
<b>Vintage</b>	2006 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	36.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Vintage Port 1985

From the Smith Woodhouse stable of the Symington Group, this is a fine, concentrated and richly flavoured Port with excellent 'grip' and ripe tannins.

<b>Product Code</b>	PT1871	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	1985 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	55.00 / Bottle