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## Wine Notes

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### Bulgarian Heritage Misket, Via Vinera 2019

Misket, from Bulgaria, is nothing to do with the more famous "muscat" but does share similar characteristics. The nose is bursting with aromas of juicy oranges, blossom and roses, which continues on the crisp, refreshing palate, where it is joined by notes of zesty lime.

<b>Product Code</b>	BG391	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Bulgaria	<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>	6.95 / Bottle

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### Painted Wolf 'Peloton' Blanc, Coastal 2018

A versatile chenin-led Cape blend, with 26% grenache and 12% viognier, both of which bring extra complexity, fragrance and texture. Enjoy this South African white, knowing each bottle contributes to the Painted Wolf team's wildlife conservation initiatives.

<b>Product Code</b>	SA15751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chenin Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	South Africa	<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>	9.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chenin Blanc, Western Cape 2019

An opportunity just too good to miss, this South African chenin from Chris Alheit was surplus to requirements for his own exceptional but now pared down range. Bright and fresh but complex and layered and with potential too, if you can bear to wait.

<b>Product Code</b>	SA16081	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chenin Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	South Africa	<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>	11.95 / Bottle

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### Champagne Jean de Foigny Brut Premier Cru NV

Pocket-friendly premier cru Champagne that swatted aside some more expensive names from the region in our 2020 Wine Champions tasting, winning high marks in a crowded line-up. Expect a classic lemony toasty nose, pin-prick bubbles and green-apple charm.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH3761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Jules Camuset Brut NV

Benefiting from the expertise of the great Boizel house, this delicious blend of 55% pinot meunier, 30% pinot noir and 15% chardonnay is a perennial hit with members and the perfect fizz for all kinds of celebrations. Light, dry, moreish and refreshing.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH771	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within one year of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	23.50 / Bottle

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### Champagne Marc Hébrart Premier Cru Cuvée de Réserve Brut NV

This great Champagne from an ever-conscientious grower has a touch of preserved lemons on the light but complex nose and a long finish. Jean-Paul Hébrart has added to the estate with chardonnay coming in from grand cru sites in Chouilly and Oiry in the Côtes des Blancs, and pinot noir now accounts for 80% of the blend.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	29.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Castelnau Reserve Brut NV

Something of an insider tip, this Reims-based Champagne house outshone some famous competition in our 2018 Wine Champions tasting with its stylish, full-bodied fizz. Toasty and rich, yet balanced with an invigorating seam of freshness, this proved itself a very smart buy.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH3391	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	29.50 / 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 its bottle bag as a Wine Champion in 2020. 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.

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

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### Champagne Boizel Brut Réserve NV

The perfect celebration Champagne: generous and fruity, while maintaining an effortless lightness of touch, this pinot noir-dominant blend has an irresistible touch of brioche on the palate, rounding out the flavour beautifully.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH461	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	35.00 / Bottle

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### 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.

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

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### Champagne Henriot Brut Souverain NV

A chardonnay-predominant classic blend that has had three years' ageing on lees. A charming Champagne with honeysuckle and brioche notes, and a surprisingly long finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH3581	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	36.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Deutz Classic Brut NV

Champagne Deutz is rather less well-known in the UK as most of the production is drunk enthusiastically by the French, though the house has historic ties with the UK. They make fine, pure Champagne in a style that is dry, graceful and delicate.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH2761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	39.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Champagne Rosé NV

Cellarmaster at Alfred Gratien, 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.

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

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### Champagne Boizel Rosé Brut NV

Boizel's rosé is special: all delicacy and lightness of touch. The secret to this delicious fizz is the addition of red wine from ripe pinot noir grapes to the final blend. A lovely fizz that will complement anything from cold roast beef to summer fruits!

<b>Product Code</b>	CH1891	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	42.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV

Louis Roederer is undoubtedly one of the great Champagne houses and it remains family-owned. Jean-Claude Rouzaud, a direct descendant of Louis Roederer himself has ensured that this famous house has not only maintained its independence but also a dedication to quality that is second to none. Louis Roederer became especially famous towards the end of the 19th century when it became the house Champagne at the Russian Imperial court. The well-balanced Roederer style is suitably rich, full bodied, even opulent. Equal parts of pinot noir and chardonnay from Roederer's own vineyards are supplemented by 10% or so of pinot meunier which is bought in. The real secret comes later when up to a third of cask-aged reserve wine is added to the final blend.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH26431	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within three years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	42.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

Founded in 1849 by Monsieur Pol Roger, today the firm is still family owned and run by Christian de Billy and his son Hubert and their cousin Christian Pol Roger. Pol Roger own some 70 hectares in both the Côte de Blancs and Vallée de la Marne which supply 40% of their needs and their Champagne is consistently in the top half dozen in terms of quality. Sir Winston Churchill who loved it, memorably described Pol Roger's residence as 'the world's most drinkable address'. This is the perfect aperitif Champagne: clean, floral, elegant and with a delicious biscuity flavour. Party Champagne par excellence but an indulgent treat with fish and chips too.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH11	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	43.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve NV

Profound, sophisticated and harmonious, this is one of the most-awarded non-vintage Champagnes in tasting competitions... and deservedly so! Made with painstaking attention to detail, including a high percentage of reserve wines dating back ten years, it offers a rich biscuity flavour with charm and complexity in abundance.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH2871	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	45.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Gosset Grand Réserve Brut NV

Gosset have been making wine in Aÿ since 1584. This is their flagship Champagne and a showcase for their elegant house style. A bright and crisp wine with very precise mouthfeel, pin-head bubbles and a fine toasty finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH3691	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	49.00 / Bottle

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### Champagne Pol Roger Pure Extra-Brut NV

Delicious and refined bone-dry Champagne with zero dosage. Refreshing and wonderful with food.

<b>Product Code</b>	CH1741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Champagne	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Champagne	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	52.00 / Bottle

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### Backing Our Growers Mixed Dozen Case

A 12-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

<b>Product Code</b>	MX20278B	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Mixed Cases	<b>Drink Dates</b>	
<b>Origin</b>		<b>Alcohol Level</b>	-
<b>Style</b>		<b>Closure type</b>	
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	102.00 / Case of 12

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### Backing our Growers Anyday Whites Case

A 12-bottle case of two bottle each of the following:

<b>Product Code</b>	MX20275C	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Mixed Cases	<b>Drink Dates</b>	
<b>Origin</b>		<b>Alcohol Level</b>	-
<b>Style</b>		<b>Closure type</b>	
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	103.00 / Case of 12

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