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Wine Notes

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The Society's Greek White 2019

Wonderfully refreshing blend of 55% moschofilero, which provides the aromatics, and 45% roditis which lends the structure and rapier-like acidity. A vibrant Greek white that's bursting with rose hips, grapefruit and honeysuckle. Produced by member favourite, Seméli, and our first own-label Greek wine.

Product Code	GR1701	Dominant Grape	Moschofilero
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Greece	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	8.95 / Bottle

The Society's Blaufränkisch 2018

A delicious example of Austria's most coveted red grape; this is bright, elegant and generous, with lashings of red-fruit flavours, a twist of blackberry and a hint of spice.

Product Code	AA3061	Dominant Grape	Blaufränkisch
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	Austria	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle

Muscat Heimberger, Cave de Beblenheim 2018

Delicate and fragrant, the muscat grape delivers the flavour of summer whatever the weather. In Alsace it is mostly served as an aperitif, but it makes a food match without equal served with fresh - preferably English, green - asparagus.

Product Code	AL15521	Dominant Grape	Muscat
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Alsace, Lorraine	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle



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Vasse Felix Classic Dry White 2019

A perfect introduction to the wines of Margaret River legends, Vasse Felix. This semillon-sauvignon blanc blend is unoaked, fresh and vibrant, with aromatic stone fruit and a delicious dash of plush pear on the nose. Pretty, pure and deliciously refreshing.

Product Code	AU22571	Dominant Grape	Semillon
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2021
Origin	Western Australia	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	9.95 / Bottle

Cava Sumarroca El Gran Amigo Gran Reserva 2016

An exceptionally fine fizz for the price from Spain, and made from the traditional grape mix of macabeu, xarel-lo and parellada. Gentle, dry and lemony with a delightful nutty character from three years' lees ageing before disgorgement.

Product Code	SG2931	Dominant Grape	Xarel-lo
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	10.95 / Bottle

Blanquette de Limoux Réserve, Antech 2017

From the world's first sparkling wine region. A lovely, crisp, and fruity southern French fizz.

Product Code	SG3001	Dominant Grape	Mauzac
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	Drinking now
Origin	Languedoc and Roussillon	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2017 vintage	Price £	10.95 / Bottle



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Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Syrah 2019

Super vibrant, pure and wonderfully aromatic cool-climate syrah from New Zealand's North Island, with notes of black olive, blackberry and liquorice on the nose and a youthful, fresh and lifted palate.

Product Code	NZ11931	Dominant Grape	Syrah/Shiraz
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	New Zealand	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	2019 vintage	Price £	13.50 / Bottle

Blackbook Winery, The Mixup 2018

A real curiosity, made by an American winemaker in London! This 50:50 blend of bacchus and ortega, partially oak fermented, partially on skins, has aromas bursting with notes of curry spice, herb, lardo and green grass and a textured, intricate palate. Completely weird, completely wonderful and a delicious advertisement for this sought-after urban winery. Please note that this unfiltered and unfiltered wine is throwing a small amount of sediment, which is harmless.

Product Code	EN1411	Dominant Grape	Bacchus
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	England	Alcohol Level	10.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2018 vintage	Price £	18.00 / Bottle

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.

Product Code	CH3761	Dominant Grape	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 £	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.

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

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.

Product Code	CH761	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir
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 £	29.00 / Bottle

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.

Product Code	CH3391	Dominant Grape	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 £	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.

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

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.

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



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Alfred Gratien Blanc de Blancs 2014

Champagne, like this, that is 100% chardonnay can therefore be referred to as a blanc de blancs. They are elegant and poised and this Alfred Gratien cuvée has notes of green apple, lemon pith and brioche now, and will develop a deep flinty richness with time.

Product Code	CH4141	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Now to 2024
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2014 vintage	Price £	39.00 / Bottle

Champagne Henriot Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

‘Champagne for chardonnay lovers’ was Freddy Bulmer’s summary of this charming blanc de blancs, a speciality of Henriot as he sipped it during our Wine Champions tasting this year. Intense and precise but soft and round, this draws on the fruit of some of Champagne’s top vines, and you can taste the distinction in this Champion.

Product Code	CH3511	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	39.50 / 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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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!

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

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.

Product Code	CH11	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 £	43.00 / Bottle

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.

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

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

Champagne Pol Roger Pure Extra-Brut NV

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

Product Code	CH1741	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 £	52.00 / Bottle