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Wine Notes

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The Smart Classic Dozen

Twelve good reasons to remember Christmas 2019. A 12-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

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| Product Code | MX19275 | Dominant Grape | |
| Product Type | Mixed Cases | Drink Dates | |
| Origin | | Alcohol Level | - |
| Style | | Closure type | |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 185.00 / Case of 12 |

The Christmas Champagne Case

A guarantee of sparkling conversation. A six-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

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| Product Code | MX19297 | Dominant Grape | |
| Product Type | Mixed Cases | Drink Dates | |
| Origin | | Alcohol Level | - |
| Style | | Closure type | |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 169.00 / Case of 6 |

Jeroboam of Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut NV

We are proud to be among the first to present one of the great non-vintage Champagnes in this generous format, equivalent to four standard bottles. The retro and curvaceous '1846' bottle design is unique to Bollinger.

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| Product Code | CH40203 | Dominant Grape | Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay |
| Product Type | Champagne | Drink Dates | Within three years of purchase |
| Origin | Champagne | Alcohol Level | 12.0% |
| Style | 1 (of 9): Bone dry | Closure type | Champagne cork |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 165.00 / Jeroboam |



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The Spanish Mix

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

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| Product Code | MX19288 | Dominant Grape | |
| Product Type | Mixed Cases | Drink Dates | |
| Origin | Spain | Alcohol Level | - |
| Style | | Closure type | |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 95.00 / Case of 12 |

The Spanish Mix (Revised Selection)

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

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| Product Code | MX19288A | Dominant Grape | |
| Product Type | Mixed Cases | Drink Dates | |
| Origin | Spain | Alcohol Level | - |
| Style | | Closure type | |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 95.00 / Case of 12 |

Champagne Pol Roger Pure Extra-Brut NV

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

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| 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 |

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.

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| 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 |



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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.

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| 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 |

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.

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| 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 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!

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| 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 |



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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.

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

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| 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 |

Champagne Henriot Blanc de Blancs Brut NV

Henriot specialise in blanc de blancs. This is soft, round and intense with the elegance and class of chardonnay from Champagne's finest vineyards.

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| 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 |



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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. They make fine, pure Champagne in a style that is dry, graceful and delicate. Relatively new to us, it was one of the houses favoured by members at tastings in London and Liverpool in 2016.

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| Product Code | CH2761 | Dominant Grape | Pinot Noir/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 £ | 39.00 / Bottle |

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.

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| Product Code | CH3581 | 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 £ | 36.00 / 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.

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| 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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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.

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| 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 Brut Non Vintage

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine 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.

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| 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 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.

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| 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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Champagne Marc Hébrart Premier Cru Cuvée de Réserve Brut NV

This non-vintage gem from the conscientious Marc Hébrart – who sells half of his grapes to the famous houses – is delicious. A winning combination of finesse, length, juiciness and readiness.

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| Product Code | CH761 | 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 | Champagne cork |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 29.00 / Bottle |

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.

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| 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 Jean de Foigny Brut Premier Cru NV

A super premier cru Champagne at a party-friendly price! This has a lovely lemony, toasty nose, a fine mousse and green-apple and flint notes on the palate. A delightful glass of bubbles.

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| 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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Half bottle of Stanton and Killeen Rutherglen Muscat, 12 Years Old

Gloriously rich, lusciously sweet fortified Australian muscat – a style that exists nowhere else in the world. Its deep colour and complex flavours are the result of lengthy maturation in barrel. It oozes raisins, treacle, grilled coffee beans and nuts, and would cap off any meal in style.

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| Product Code | AU10522A | Dominant Grape | Muscat |
| Product Type | Other Fortified | Drink Dates | Within two years of purchase |
| Origin | Victoria | Alcohol Level | 18.0% |
| Style | 9 (of 9): Intensely sweet | Closure type | Cork, natural |
| Vintage | - | Price £ | 17.00 / Half Bottle |

Madiran, Château d'Aydie 2015

Fabulously dense and concentrated Madiran, showing off the weight and richness of the tannat grape but keeping freshness of fruit and – compared to many – relatively easy-going tannins. Perfect with hearty fare such as duck, game, roasted vegetables or roast beef.

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| Product Code | FC37931 | Dominant Grape | Tannat |
| Product Type | Red Wine | Drink Dates | Now to 2028 |
| Origin | South-West France | Alcohol Level | 14.5% |
| Style | Full Bodied | Closure type | Cork, natural |
| Vintage | 2015 vintage | Price £ | 16.50 / Bottle |

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.

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| 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 |



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Blanquette de Limoux Reserve Antech 2016

From the world's first sparkling wine region, this is a dry, crisp, and fruity southern French sparkler. A lovely, light and refreshing fizz.

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| Product Code | SG2761 | Dominant Grape | Mauzac |
| Product Type | Sparkling Wine | Drink Dates | Now to 2020 |
| Origin | Languedoc and Roussillon | Alcohol Level | 12.0% |
| Style | 1 (of 9): Bone dry | Closure type | Champagne cork |
| Vintage | 2016 vintage | Price £ | 10.95 / Bottle |

Domaine du Tariquet, Amplitude, Côtes de Gascogne 2018

With their immense vineyard holdings in Gascony, brothers Rémi and Armin Grassa have huge resources with which to invent and delight, and we're especially pleased that they have passed on a special case saving to tempt you further to try this. A dry, fruity white made from the gros manseng grape, bursting with refreshing and vibrant fruit flavours and just a twist of grapefruit.

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| Product Code | FC37391 | Dominant Grape | Gros Manseng |
| Product Type | White Wine | Drink Dates | Now to 2022 |
| Origin | South-West France | Alcohol Level | 12.5% |
| Style | 2 (of 9): Dry | Closure type | Screwcap |
| Vintage | 2018 vintage | Price £ | 9.95 / Bottle |

Les Deux Vaches Rouges, Tannat, Famille Laplace 2017

The Laplace family, owners of Chateau d'Aydie in Madiran, give a different take on the iconic tannat grape here, as the accent is on fruit, generosity and ease of drinking. This just could be the perfect French red to drink on the cool side with a grilled steak or duck confit.

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| Product Code | FC37241 | Dominant Grape | Tannat |
| Product Type | Red Wine | Drink Dates | Now to 2022 |
| Origin | South-West France | Alcohol Level | 13.5% |
| Style | Medium Bodied | Closure type | Cork, plastic |
| Vintage | 2017 vintage | Price £ | 9.50 / Bottle |



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Three Terraces Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019

It's been an excellent vintage for Marlborough sauvignon and it really shows in this example. With lots of bright grapefruit and lemon-zest aromas and a juicy palate, this Kiwi white beautifully balances intensity with freshness.

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| Product Code | NZ11311 | Dominant Grape | Sauvignon Blanc |
| Product Type | White Wine | Drink Dates | Now to 2021 |
| Origin | New Zealand | Alcohol Level | 13.0% |
| Style | 2 (of 9): Dry | Closure type | Screwcap |
| Vintage | 2019 vintage | Price £ | 9.25 / Bottle |