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# THE WINE SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION WALKAROUND

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# Introduction

We're thrilled that you have joined us to celebrate The Wine Society's 150th anniversary with the third of four Exhibition Walkaround weekends alongside producers, buyers, Wine Society staff and fellow members too.

The idea of these events is not only to tell the story of the third 50-year era of The Wine Society (1974 to 2024) but also to allow our members to better understand what has been going on in the world of wine during these past 50 years.

The tasting is divided into sections; you're welcome to taste in whichever order you wish, and we hope that you will take advantage of the diversity on show today.

**We have included a 'How To Taste' table, with wines 1 – 7 giving members the opportunity to hone their tasting skills** before choosing which wines they would like to taste in the remainder of the walkaround.

**Wines 8 – 39 celebrate the collection that our buyers created to represent the era of 1974 to 2024.** Each of the wines, called our 'Generation Series', represents an important wine for The Society during this period and has a colourful back story to explain it. Given that we have invited the producers of these wines to pour them, we are also showing other wines that they produce; some are brand new, and others are firm member favourites.

**For wines 40 – 46, we're excited to show you our second limited-edition range of wines that we launched in April.** These wines, titled the '150th Anniversary Range', have been in the works for over a decade and represent what the buyers believe are some of the finest and most important wines of the world today.

**From 47 – 70, members can enjoy our themed tables which put the world of wine in context during the era of 1974 to 2024.** Whether it's exploring wine trends such as sparkling wines and rosé, or learning more about some of the milestone moments of modern wine history such as the Austrian wine scandal, the Judgement of Paris tasting or technologies in grape identification – there is something for everyone.

**And finally, 70 to 80 are all designed to help you get more enjoyment from your wine.** These tables demonstrate how wines age and give members an opportunity to test themselves with some blind tastings.

What's more, we have two top masterclasses on the rise of Burgundy over the past 50 years from our very own Toby Morrhall, as well as a truly unique tasting from a pair of our top producers from Australasia about modern day icon wines of Australia and New Zealand. If you are interested in attending any but haven't yet bought a ticket, please find a member of the Tastings Team and ask about availability.

This tasting celebrates the aptitude and knowledge of our buying team, strong relationships with our suppliers and the value and diversity of wines that we offer. But most importantly it recognises our commitment to you, our members, and our thanks for your support over the years. Here's to another 150!

***The Tastings Team***

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# Wine List

## How to Taste: Wines 1 - 7

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## The Generation Series & Their Producers: Wines 8 - 39

8. The Wine Society's Generation Series Prosecco Treviso Brut 2023
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17. The Society's South African Pinotage-Syrah, Coastal Region 2023
18. The Wine Society's Generation Series Limarí Chardonnay 2022
19. The Society's Exhibition Limarí Pinot Noir 2022
20. The Society's 150th Anniversary Puente Alto Cabernet Sauvignon 2019
21. Marques de Casa Concha Heritage Maipo Valley 2021
22. The Society's Generation Series Sable de Camargue Rosé 2023
23. The Society's Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc 2023
24. Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel 2020
25. Bogle Vineyard California Chardonnay 2021
26. The Wine Society's Generation Series California Merlot 2021
27. Bogle California Petite Sirah 2019
28. Whistler Wines 'Dry As A Bone' Barossa Valley Rosé 2023
29. The Wine Society's Generation Series Barossa Shiraz 2023
30. Whistler Wines 'Shiver' Barossa Valley Shiraz 2021
31. Corbières Blanc, Château Ollieux Romanis 2023
32. Limoux Blanc Dedicace, Château Rives Blanques 2022
33. The Wine Society's Generation Series Corbières-Boutenac 2021
34. Corbieres-Boutenac, Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis 2019
35. The Wine Society's Generation Series Valpolicella 2023
36. Amarone della Valpolicella, Tenuta Novare 2021
37. The Wine Society's Generation Series Argentine Malbec 2022
38. Susana Balbo Brioso Mendoza 2019
39. Susana Balbo Signature Limited Edition Valle de Uco Paraje Altamira Malbec 2019

### **The Anniversary Range: Wines 40 - 46**

40. The Society's 150th Anniversary Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis Vieilles Vignes 2020
41. The Society's Exhibition Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2022
42. Jean-Marc Brocard, Chablis Premier Cru Vaulorent 2021
43. The Society's 150th Anniversary Moulin-à-Vent 2019
44. The Society's 150th Anniversary Rioja Reserva 2014
45. The Wine Society's 150th Anniversary Margaux 2015
46. The Society's 150th Anniversary Geyserville Zinfandel 2019

### **Wine History From 1974 - 2024: Wines 47 - 70**

47. Hortas do Caseirinho Frisante
48. Crémant d'Alsace Cuvée Julien, Dopff au Moulin NV
49. The Society's Cava Reserva Brut 2021
50. The Society's Exhibition English Sparkling Wine NV
51. Weingut Wess Grüner Veltliner, Kremstal 2023
52. Grabenwerkstatt Grabenwerk, Grüner Veltliner, Wachau 2022
53. Bründlmayer Terrassen Riesling, Kamptal 2022
54. Pittnauer Rosenberg Blaufränkisch, Burgenland 2011
55. Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Rosé, Château Vignelaure 2023
56. Three Terraces Marlborough Rosé 2022
57. Tavel Cuvée Prima Donna Rosé, Domaine Maby 2022
58. 'Judgement of Paris' blind white wine
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62. Primitivo di Manduria Riserva, San Moro 2020
63. Brazin Lodi Old-Vine Zinfandel 2020
64. Undurraga TH Casablanca Merlot 2021
65. The Society's Exhibition DO Colchagua Andes Carmenère 2022
66. Duo Des Mers Sauvignon-Viognier, Vin de France 2023
67. The Society's White Burgundy 2023
68. The Society's Sicilian Reserve Red 2020
69. Cuvee Laborie, Pays d'Oc 2023
70. The Society's Portuguese Red, Península de Setúbal 2023

### **Wine Appreciation: Wines 71 - 80**

71. Chateau Musar White, Lebanon 2017
72. Chateau Musar White, Lebanon 2010
73. Vergelegen Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2019
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# 150

PRIZE DRAW

## 150 BOTTLED TREASURES to give away in our 150th anniversary PRIZE DRAW!

*Celebrate 150 years of sharing in the joy of wine with our thanks*

**Every order for £150 or more placed between 6th June and our 150th birthday on 4th August 2024 will give you a chance to win a remarkable bottle of wine in our prize draw**

These are truly special bottles, some from archive stocks, but mostly donated by our generous producers, including some from their personal cellars. The list of wines, which you can view online (see [thewinesociety.com/150-draw](http://thewinesociety.com/150-draw)), includes many that are now hard to find, some so rare as to be priceless. You could be celebrating The Society's 150th anniversary with something incredibly special in your glass. Among the prizes are some real gems, such as a **jeroboam of Bollinger La Grande Année 2014**, donated by the Bollinger family, **Gran Reserva Riojas from the 1980s** from Muga and La Rioja Alta, a **magnum of La Fleur Pétrus 2010** from the Moueix family, **1924 Rieussec, Sauternes** from négociants Nathaniel Johnston & Fils and a **magnum of 1960 Lafite from the château**, to highlight just a few from a magical list.

There are 150 bottles to give away in total and winners will be chosen at random starting from Monday 5th August. Entries to the draw will be automatic (just one prize per

member) and there are some exclusions, so please refer to the full T&Cs on our website at [thewinesociety.com/150-draw](http://thewinesociety.com/150-draw)

*Good luck!*





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# How To Taste

Tasting wine like a professional is a skill that anyone can learn. While it sounds daunting, the building blocks are straightforward and can be applied to any wine. It's a great skill to have to better discover what styles of wine you like.

## **The basic mechanics of tasting:**

It's important to appreciate the aromas of the wine. Some wines have interesting character and texture in the mouth, but many have alluring fragrances, and this is usually our first 'experience' of the wine. This is a two-part process and very simple:

- 1 – Swirl the wine in the glass to better release these aromas (you can try this free hand, but to practice the motion it's much easier to do this on the table holding the base of the glass and making a circular movement.)
- 2 – Take a long, slow smell of the wine, ensuring that your nose is right inside the glass (don't be afraid to have the rim of the glass touching your face!)

Do you like the aroma? Can you detect any smells that you recognise? Have a look at the aroma wheels for some inspiration.

Next comes the tasting part. This might take a little more practice and we recommend attempting it with a white wine first!

- 1- Take a sip of the wine (not too much)
- 2 – Swirl the wine gently around the mouth to coat it like mouthwash (this will engage all the receptors in the mouth)
- 3 – If you can, leave the wine resting on your tongue while slowly taking air in through your mouth. You can try keeping your teeth closed or pursing your lips if you're worried you might dribble. (This technique serves to engage your olfactory system and allows your sense of smell to play a part in what you can taste.)
- 4 – As you complete steps 2 and 3, think about what flavours you are tasting and explore some of the components of the wine such as acidity, sweetness, tannins and alcohol that we will guide you through below.
- 5 – Finally, you can swallow the wine.

## **First pair – Deciphering body and understanding acidity**

Body could also be described as the viscosity of a wine. Lots of elements contribute to the overall body of a wine, but perhaps the most prevalent are the tannins (see third pairing), acidity, sugar content and alcohol levels. A great analogy is thinking about it like milk – skimmed, semi-skimmed or full fat. You shouldn't be considering the flavour when you're talking about body (light-bodied wines can still be very flavourful) but instead how weighty it feels in the mouth.

Try a little of wine 1, a light-bodied riesling, and then try the more full-bodied viognier, wine 2, which combines both higher levels of alcohol and an oily viscosity.

Another element at play is the natural acidity of both of these varieties. Riesling, wine 60, has a naturally high level of acidity so you will find that your mouth waters, whereas the lower acidity levels of viognier, wine 2, means that there will be less salivation. It's worth noting that acidity is a physical sensation and not a flavour – so simply because a wine tastes of lemon, it is not necessarily high in acid.

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## 1. Riesling Trocken, Schloss Lieser 2022

W 2

A clean and uncomplicated dry riesling from a top Mosel estate. This has lovely citrus fruit with a touch of steeliness and uplifting salinity, with charm and a touch of finesse.

Drink now to 2028. 11%

**Ref:** GE16341 £11.95 bottle | £143 dozen

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## 2. Viognier Gres du Trias, Vignerons Ardéchois 2022

W 2

Viognier makes a very distinctive style of wine that is full-bodied and rich yet, exuberantly fruity with flavours of peach or apricot. Luscious yet dry, this Rhône white is a good foil for shellfish, scallops or pâté. Drink now to 2025. 14%

**Ref:** RH68291 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen

## Second trio – Comparing sweetness

When a wine is described as ‘dry’ it doesn’t mean that it leaves a drying sensation (although more on that later), it is describing a wine with little or no discernible sweetness. The sweetness of wine most often comes from natural sugars left during the winemaking process whether that is from using very ripe (and therefore sugary) grapes, grapes that have been dehydrated in some way, or by the fermentation process not converting all the sugars to alcohol.

With many methods and techniques resulting in a huge range of sweetness levels and styles, detecting the presence, and eventually the amount of sugar in a wine can be an asset. Though people perceive sweetness in flavours (for example, a very fruity wine) it’s only really through practice and, importantly, comparison that you can master the art of detecting sweetness. Here, wines 3, 4 and 5 are all made using the same grape – chenin blanc – but are wildly different styles and sweetness levels. Wine 3 is dry i.e. has little or no detectable sweetness. Wine 4 is a ‘demi-sec’ i.e. a half dry and has around 15-20g/l of residual sugar, so enough for us as humans to register. And, finally, wine 5 has 160g/l, making it much sweeter than the others but certainly not one of the sweetest wines in the world.

Taste the three side-by-side to calibrate your palate in determining sweetness.

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### 3. Anjou Blanc, Domaine Cady 2022

W 2

Alex Cady is a talented young grower skilled at coaxing the best out of the Loire’s chenin blanc grape. His estate Anjou blanc is a refined dry white with crunchy stone fruit and texture underpinned by invigorating freshness on the palate. Drink now to 2025. 12%

**Ref:** LO18661 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen

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### 4. Montlouis-sur-Loire ‘Les Tuffeaux’, François Chidaine 2019

W 4

From one of the stars of this increasingly dynamic appellation and old vines, this is a ripe and concentrated Loire chenin to serve with fine fish and white meat dishes as it evolves. It even works with spicy dishes while the wine is still young and shows a little sweetness. Drink now to 2031. 13.5%

**Ref:** LO17941 £26.50 bottle | £318 dozen

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## 5. Half bottle of The Liberator ‘The Francophile’ Natural Sweet Chenin Blanc, Paarl 2018

W 8

Light and delicious South African dessert chenin with 160 grams of residual sugar, hints of citrus and pineapple and a pure, long finish. Now to 2029. 11.5%

**Ref:** SA18412 £8.75 half bottle | £105 dozen

### Pair 3 – Experiencing tannins

Tannins are found in the skins of grapes and, due to the way that red wines are made in contact with their skins, they are far more likely to have tannin than white wines. However, not all tannins are born equal – the level and the nature of the tannins vary with each grape variety and the way that the winemaker manipulates the juice during winemaking as well as the time and vessel its aged in will all have an impact.

The fundamental thing to determine is the level of tannin, which you can assess by considering how drying the sensation is in your mouth (teeth, gums, sometimes tongue). Does a wine have low level, medium level or high levels? 6 is an example of a low level and 7 a high level, so they’re a great pair to compare. After you’ve mastered that, consider the texture – are the tannins chalky, silky, rough, smooth?

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## 6. Spätburgunder, Markgräflerland, Martin Wassmer 2021

R C

Refined pinot noir from Baden in southern Germany, with fresh, cherry-like flavours with a lingering finish. Baden is earning itself some renown in the UK for its wines these days, particularly pinot noir. In the Markgräflerland, between the Black Forest and the Rhine, the undulating countryside and warm summer weather has led to the area becoming known as the German Tuscany and there is a history of winemaking that goes back almost as long as in the more famous Italian region. Drink now to 2027. 13.5%

**Ref:** GE17011 £15.50 bottle | £186 dozen

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## 7. Madiran Odé d’Aydie 2019

R D

This is the second wine from one of Madiran’s top estates, made using 100% tannat grapes and aged in oak barrel for just over a year. The style is true Madiran with plenty of grip and bold, dark flavours that make a perfect match with roast beef. Rich fruit in the hot 2019 vintage. Drink now to 2029. 14%

**Ref:** FC47401 £13.95 bottle | £167 dozen

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# Generation Series Wines and Their Producers

## La Riva Dei Frati

Veneto, Italy

Attending: Claudia Adami

### The Story

The recent success story of Prosecco is well documented, and it continues to shine as the most popular sparkling wine in the UK thanks to its freshness, fruity profile and (often) affordability. Since the mid-2000s its growth has been steadily increasing – in 2008 around 150 million bottles were produced, and now the number is around 700 million.

The region is a historic one though, and in fact the first mention of ‘Prosecco’ in writing was by an Englishman in 1593. Much has changed since then and the region continues to evolve to keep up with consumer demands in style – for example, allowing a rosé variant since 2020.

Good quality Prosecco from top producers is a celebration of fruit and lively effervescence and we are delighted to be able to offer top quality versions of the style to our members.

### The Producer

This one-off Prosecco has been made for us by Marco Adami at his family estate in the hills of Prosecco. His sister Claudia, who many members will have met at Society events, has been critical to this project in seeking out some special parcels to help us celebrate our anniversary. Unusually, the blend here has a little of the perera grape in it alongside the more dominant glera. This historical perera grape has been losing ground to the more robust glera over the years despite adding a wonderful citrus note and brightness to the wine.

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## 8. The Wine Society’s Generation Series Prosecco Treviso Brut 2023

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This is the perfect Prosecco to toast the incredible rise of this popular sparkling wine, one which has been the gateway fizz for so many, democratising and demystifying the world of sparkling wines and making it a much more frequent treat. Perfect with a cream tea, this is a wine to enjoy in the sunshine, but is delicious any time. Drink now to 2026. 11%

**Ref:** SG4161 £10.95 bottle | £131 dozen

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## 9. Magnum of La Riva dei Frati Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut

 

Fresh pear, bread and lemon notes on this brut-style Prosecco, the perfect party bubbly in magnum. Drink within the next three years. 11%

**Ref:** SG3144 £26 magnum | £156 six

# Zephyr

## Marlborough, New Zealand

### Attending: Ben Glover

#### The Story

Marlborough sauvignon blanc started on its meteoric rise in the late 1980s and ever since has been one of the most loved wine styles in the world. The region now produces 67% of all the wines in New Zealand.

But vines were only planted here as recently as 1973 and, in fact, sauvignon blanc has only been here since 1979. However, in this short time it's come to be known by many as the world capital for this variety, stealing the crown from its original home on the west coast of France (principally the Loire Valley).

It's style, which is more tropical and expressive than its French counterparts, captured the imagination of wine drinkers for the preceding decades and continues to be one of the UK's most popular wines. Quality has undoubtedly grown alongside its success and producers like Zephyr fly the flag for more premium, well-made examples.

#### The Producer

Ben Glover has made wine for some of the largest and most popular brands in New Zealand. In 2016 he decided to return to the family farm where his parents had been among the first to plant grapes in the Dillon Point sub-region of Marlborough in 1988.

Ben, with the support of his family, launched Zephyr, a range of single-vineyard wines from the farm and which, although a relatively recent addition to the Wine Society stable, have proved incredibly popular with our membership in recent years.

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## 10. The Wine Society's Generation Series

### Marlborough Sauvignon 2023



This comes from premium vineyard sites within the Marlborough region and demonstrates all the deliciousness and appeal which is to thank for the incredible popularity of New Zealand's most successful wine export. Drink now to 2025. 12.5%

**Ref:** NZ14681 £14.50 bottle | £174 dozen

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## 11. Zephyr 6 Marlborough Chardonnay 2022

W 2

This stands out from the Marlborough crowd for its perfect use of oak barrels and subtle toasty note on the nose. Flinty, complex and with plenty of personality, this is a taut New Zealand chardonnay with citrus, spice and a mealy savoury character. Drink now to 2028. 13%

**Ref:** NZ14631 £13.95 bottle | £167 dozen

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## 12. Zephyr 6 Marlborough Pinot Noir 2022

R C

Marlborough pinot noir is crisper, lighter and more red-fruit driven than pinot from many other regions of New Zealand, and this is a very good example. Not one for those looking for broad and brooding reds, this is driven by bright red-cherry and raspberry on the nose, backed up by a delicate hint of soy and even a touch of fresh ginger. The palate is focused, with ample acidity, making this a very refreshing and elegant wine. Drink now to 2028. 13%

**Ref:** NZ14791 £14.50 bottle | £174 dozen

# Cantina di Gambellara

Veneto, Italy

Attending: Valeria Quagiotto

## The Story

Pinot grigio has spent the past half century steadily becoming one of the most popular grape varieties in the world – taking on the likes of chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. It is not without controversy amongst wine consumers however, with many ‘wishy washy’, bland and uninteresting versions being produced for more mass market consumption.

Wine Society members have long supported the wines of pinot gris from Alsace (the same variety grown in entirely different conditions) but in more recent years, excellent buying acumen from Sebastian Payne MW and now Sarah Knowles MW at the helm of our Italian offering has also meant high quality versions from Northern Italy which offer freshness, fruit forward character and bags of personality. Their quest to find the best versions of the style has proved successful with our Generation Series version here giving members a food friendly wine ideal for the summer months and appealing to the current trend of light bodied, moderate alcohol, dry white wine.

## The Producer

Looking for a special, great-value pinot grigio for this slot was quite tricky until we spoke to the historic co-operative of Gambellara, where Alberto Marchisio really got behind the challenge.

The Cantina of Gambellara was founded in 1947 and has nearly 300 members farming 600 hectares in the small denomination on the border between the provinces of Vicenza and Verona, only a few miles east of Soave. The latter is much the bigger region and Gambellara is a little known appellation outside of Italy but the locals love it! They merged in 2015 with the Cantina dei Colli Vicentini and the talented Alberto Marchisio is now responsible for winemaking using fruit grown on the local volcanic soils.

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## 13. The Society's Generation Series Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie 2023



Made exclusively for us, from members' vines grown on the slopes of a volcanic caldera in the Lessini Mountains between 250m and 350m above sea level, there is a weight and salinity to the wine that is particularly appealing. With additional yeast lees ageing to develop texture, this pear, apricot and lemon-scented wine, has a more savoury, food-friendly touch to the palate, with a briny lemon-rind note on the finish. Perfect by the glass, or with a wide range of food, though locally it is often enjoyed with rich polenta. Drink now to 2025. 13%

**Ref:** IT40011 £9.95 bottle | £119 dozen



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## 14. Gambellara Classico, Monopolo 2023



Only a few miles east of Soave in Italy is the much smaller district of Gambellara, where great hillside parcels of garganega are used to make this charming crisp white wine. An attractive peach and apple-scented wine, with a dry linear style developing salinity and pear on the palate. Lovely with pasta in creamy sauces. Drink now to 2026. 13%

**Ref:** IT39561 £9.75 bottle | £117 dozen

# Radford Dale

## Miscellaneous, South Africa

### Attending: Tom Prior

### The Story

Over the past 50 years, South Africa has taken chenin blanc from its home in the Loire Valley and made it their own. Now the most planted grape in the country, it has been a mainstay in Society Lists for decades. Styles across the Cape vary from light and fresh to full, rich and aged and even the occasional sweet and plenty of sparkling versions too – all demonstrating the versatility of this variety.

To celebrate Cape chenin we've commissioned long-term friends of The Society, Radford Dale, to create a bespoke blend for us to mark our 150th.

### The Producer

Radford Dale is just one of the wineries that our new South Africa buyer, Matthew Horsley, is excited about working with as he is handed the baton by his predecessor, Joanna Locke MW.

Many hands and different nationalities contribute to the success story here. Shareholders include Yalumba in Australia and French and English winemaking expertise in the shape of Edouard Labeye and Alex Dale, who founded the company in 1998, and whose Burgundian training formed his early love of and deft hand with chardonnay and pinot noir.

Vineyard sources range from the farm's own vineyards in the Helderberg area of Stellenbosch (where the ocean provides cooling breezes to the mountainside chenin blanc vines, which are planted granite and clay soils, and are up to 50 years old), as well as cool-climate Elgin for pinot noir and sauvignon blanc, and southern-Rhône-like Swartland soils for old-vine carignan, grenache and mourvèdre.

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## 15. The Wine Society's Generation Series

### South African Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch 2023



Using a large proportion of Stellenbosch fruit, this chenin shows typical citrus and stone-fruit flavours with impressive weight and freshness. Worth decanting for 20 minutes or so to allow the aromas and flavours to unfurl. Drink now to 2025. 13.5%

**Ref:** SA21201 £11.95 bottle | £143 dozen

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## 16. Radford Dale Vinum Sauvignon Blanc, Elgin 2023

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Pure and mineral sauvignon blanc from Radford Dale's new organic estate in the cool Elgin region of South Africa. Fermented and matured in concrete eggs to ensure freshness of fruit whilst also improving mouthfeel. Citrus, peach and wet slate dominate this elegant sauvignon. One for Loire lovers over Kiwi exuberance. Drink now to 2025. 13.5%

**Ref:** SA21231 £16 bottle | £192 dozen

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## 17. The Society's South African Pinotage-Syrah, Coastal Region 2023

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South Africa's very own grape pinotage takes the lead in this fresh, fruity Cape Blend which combines young Stellenbosch syrah with older bush-vine pinotage from the Swartland region. The hand-picked pinotage grapes were whole-berry fermented and the syrah grapes lightly crushed, all gently handled in the cellar by the Radford Dale team to produce a fruit-driven red with soft tannins and cherry fruit, best expressed served on the cooler side.

Drink now to 2025. 13%

**Ref:** SA20451 £9.95 bottle | £119 dozen

# Concha y Toro

## Miscellaneous, Chile

### Attending: Marcelo Papa

### The Story

After what is considered a 'golden age' for Chilean wines in the 19th century, the 20th century saw limited change and growth in the country's industry. However, from the 1990s huge advances and modernisations in the country have led to a blossoming industry and the creation of a wine producing country respected for its quality and its value for money.

Wine Society members quickly embraced Chilean wines, which have become confirmed favourites and have featured prominently on our list for many decades.

### The Producer

We are delighted to have worked with our long-term supplier Concha y Toro and their renowned winemaker Marcelo Papa, who made this wine especially for us.

Concha y Toro is the Penfolds of Chile, simultaneously producing some of Chile's greatest wines in limited quantities as well as large volumes of high-quality brands such as Casillero del Diablo.

Concha y Toro has expanded almost beyond recognition from its humble beginnings in 1883. After its first exports in 1930s and the Guilisasti family joining in the 1950s, Concha y Toro gradually established its name through value-for-money, well-made varietal wines. From the end of the 1980s onwards, Concha y Toro led the way in boosting Chile's export profile.

Concha y Toro has continued to develop and modernise over the past few decades and, with vineyard holdings from Limarí in the north to Bío Bío in the south, it is well placed to do so. Winemakers Marcelo Papa (responsible for Casillero del Diablo, Marqués de Casa Concha and Maycas del Limarí) and Ignacio Recabarren (responsible for Trio, Terrunyo, Amelia and Carmín de Peumo) have spearheaded an impressive rise in quality. Their winemaking skills and the great vineyard resources of Concha combine to make some of Chile's best wines.

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## 18. The Wine Society's Generation Series

### Limarí Chardonnay 2022



It is a top-quality, barrel-fermented and matured Limarí chardonnay with an elegant, understated character. The regions cool climate and limestone soils produce a fine and fresh flavoured chardonnay, predominantly appley in style with a hint of melon. The palate is taut, linear and of excellent length. Ideally serve at 11-12°C and decant for twenty minutes before drinking it. Drink now to 2028. 13.5%

**Ref:** CE12591 £13.95 bottle | £167 dozen

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## 19. The Society's Exhibition Limarí Pinot Noir 2022



Pretty and aromatic red and black-fruit pinot noir from Chile, with ripe tannins and silky palate after about a year in barrel. Made from two of the best vineyards owned by Concha in the cool Limarí Valley, Quebrada Seca and San Julian. Drink now to 2027. 14%

**Ref:** CE12601 £18.50 bottle | £222 dozen

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## 20. The Society's 150th Anniversary Puente Alto Cabernet Sauvignon 2019



This wine is the 2019 vintage of Marqués de Casa Concha Etiqueta Negra made by our long-standing Chilean supplier Concha y Toro. From the El Mariscal vineyard in Puente Alto, an excellent commune of the Upper Maipo, the source of some of Chile's best cabernets, planted on the warm gravelly soils that the Bordeaux varieties love. It is a blend of 91% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot, matured 16 months in 40% new and 60% second-use oak. Cedar-scented wine with a ripe blackcurrant-flavoured palate with a fine, firm linear structure. Drink now to 2032. 14.5%

**Ref:** CE12301 £19.50 bottle | £234 dozen

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## 21. Marqués de Casa Concha Heritage Maipo Valley 2021



Excellent Bordeaux style blend made from the Mariscal vineyard in Puente Alto, one of the best communes of the upper Maipo Valley. Made from 76% cabernet sauvignon and an elevated 24% of cabernet franc to emphasize the cedar, tobacco and lead-pencil aromas and contribute refinement to the palate. Maturation for 16 months in 35% new and 65% second use softens the tannins to a silky sweetness. Made by Marcelo Papa. Drink now to 2033. 14.5%

**Ref:** CE12651 £35 bottle | £420 dozen

# Famille Perrin

**Southern France & Rhône Valley, France**

**Attending: Andrew Bayley**

## The Story

The sands of the Camargues, near Aiguës-Mortes in the south of France, produced a prototype for a modern, dry style of rosé, sometimes called gris de gris (grey of grey). This was a huge influence on Provence and indeed everywhere else producing the light styles of pink wine so popular today.

However, vineyards have existed here since the Middle Ages but it wasn't until the 19th century that they shot to prominence, as the sandy soils were a barrier to the phylloxera louse that ravaged Europe's vineyards. To this day, most of the vines are planted ungrafted. Such has been its contribution that it has been granted appellation status, and 2023 represents the first vintage to be bottled under the new name, yet another thing worth raising a glass to!

## The Producer

The Perrin family is behind a bewildering number of enterprises. First there is Château de Beaucastel, the phenomenally successful Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate. The popular La Vieille Ferme is a négociant division supplying significant volumes of well-priced wines as well as Perrin Père et Fils and Grand Pré-bois in France and involvement in Tablas Creek in California and the famous Miraval rosé of Provence.

For our take on the 'gris de gris', contemporary style of rosé to celebrate our past 50 year era, we enlisted their rosé expertise to produce this unique and exciting Sable de Camargue wine.

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## 22. The Society's Generation Series

### Sable de Camargue Rosé 2023



This is an outstanding contemporary take on a traditional modern, dry style of rosé. Made for The Society by the Perrin family, pink wine experts extraordinaire, with Miraval as one of their top wines. Drink now to 2025. 12.5%

**Ref:** RH71411 £10.95 bottle | £131 dozen

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## 23. The Society's Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc 2023



Clairette and grenache dominate this Côtes-du-Rhône white, which is dry yet nicely rounded, herby and refreshing. White Rhônes are growing in popularity and production is increasing. The presence of limestone and clay is perfect for growing white grapes and these can be picked early to preserve freshness. Drink now to 2025. 13.5%

**Ref:** RH71371 £9.95 bottle | £119 dozen

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## 24. Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel 2020



Another fine vintage for Beaucastel which Marc Perrin compares with 1990 and 2010, or as I tend to think, a bit of both. There is weight and ripeness but also freshness. Drink now to 2041. 14.5%

**Ref:** RH61621 £61 bottle | £732 dozen

# **Bogle**

## **California, USA**

### **Unable to attend**

#### **The Story**

Wine drinkers were wowed during the 1990s and 2000s by a host of non-European wines, labelled helpfully by grape variety and offered at superb prices. Few were more popular than California merlot, so much so that it even became a victim of its own success, as highlighted by a certain popular movie – Sideways. It was a success story for a reason, though, and for this wine we wanted to show why it was such a big superstar

#### **The Producer**

In the mid-1960s the Bogles took their century-old family heritage in farming in a new direction and planted their first 20 acres of vines along the banks of the Sacramento River at Clarksburg in California. Thanks to this effort by Warren and Chris Bogle the family was set on a path that has seen them grow in to one of the state's most noted wineries.

Today, those 20 acres have become more than 1,500 acres and the Bogles are just as closely involved as ever.

Currently the 6th generation of the family are running things in the shape of Ryan and Warren Bogle and Jody Bogle Van de Pol, with Warren, the grandson of the vineyard's founder, taking care of viticulture across the numerous vineyards they own near their home at Clarksburg as well as others around the state, and reaching as far south as San Luis Obispo halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. All are sustainably farmed. Winemaking is overseen by someone who has his own long history with the Bogles, Eric Aafedt, who has been with them since 1994.

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## **25. Bogle Vineyard California Chardonnay 2021**



A proper California chardonnay, 50% aged in American oak for eight months to give rich vanilla and nutmeg spice. The other half is aged in steel to retain the fresh peach and lemon character. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

**Ref:** US11361 £14.50 bottle | £174 dozen



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## 26. The Wine Society's Generation Series California Merlot 2021



Bogle, one of our favourite family estates has a long history and now boasts superb sustainability credentials. They blended this delightful red from their enviable parcels of Lodi and Clarksburg fruit and added a small portion of petite sirah to bring an extra layer of supporting flavour and texture. Aged in American oak barrels for 12 months, the mocha, strawberry and rich blackberry notes are balanced by velvety tannins extending the flavours on the fresh finish. Lovely complexity and concentration at a very friendly price. Drink now to 2027. 14.5%

**Ref:** US11721 £13.50 bottle | £162 dozen

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## 27. Bogle California Petite Sirah 2019



A full-bodied, bold and intense red from old vines mostly grown in the warm Lodi region. With blackberry, mulberry and vanilla flavours this is a big, juicy red that really packs a punch. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

**Ref:** US10691 £14.95 bottle | £179 dozen

# Whistler

## Barossa Valley, Australia

Attending: Sam Pfeiffer

### The Story

The boom of varietally-labelled, ripe, fruit forward and expertly made wines from the Southern Hemisphere in the 1980s and 1990s did not escape Wine Society members who enjoyed exploring these new versions of their favourite European grapes.

Perhaps no other wine made a name for itself so profoundly as 'Aussie Shiraz'. Australia even coined the name 'shiraz' for the grape that had previously been known as 'syrah' but is now used across many other countries and has come to denote the style invented here.

We have worked closely with Whistler, a small family winery in Tanunda in the Barossa Valley, to produce this 150th Generation Series shiraz especially for Society members. Whistler have blended a vibrant and youthful style of shiraz, without the use of dominant oak, demonstrating that such vibrancy and elegance can still be achieved from a region which is now more famous for full-throttle wines.

### The Producer

Whilst Whistler are a relatively new supplier to us, having become a key part of our portfolio as recently as 2021, they very much share the Society's ethos of collaboration and fairness. The current generation of the Pfeiffer family at the helm of the winery, Sam and his wife Kelsey, are fourth-generation grape growers and it was Sam's father Martin who founded the winery in the 1990s. Martin had been a Head Viticulturalist for legendary brand Penfolds and was one of only three people permitted to take cuttings of shiraz from the famous Grange vineyards in order to plant his own. Sam and Kelsey have taken Whistler from strength to strength and brought in Michael J. Corbett, one of South Australia's most admired winemakers, to boost the team.

It is a true pleasure to be able to work with small wineries who value our relationship as much as we do and it was Whistler's consistently excellent quality and their aptitude for collaboration which made them a no-brainer when it came to creating this special limited-edition wine

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## 28. Whistler Wines 'Dry As A Bone' Barossa Valley Rosé 2023 P I

Made sustainably, this vivid, pale pink is delicious. Bright strawberry aromas join a delicate note of meadow flowers. The palate is infinitely refreshing with crunchy red fruits, purity and freshness. Wild fermented and vegan friendly. It is animal friendly, too! Sam's mother set up a set up an area on the property to look after orphaned kangaroos, housed on 10 acres left to native scrub and vegetation on the estate. Drink now to 2025. 11.9%

**Ref:** AU26451 £16 bottle | £192 dozen

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## 29. The Wine Society's Generation Series Barossa Shiraz 2023



Vibrant, medium bodied and aromatic shiraz which is a clever take on the style from Barossa before the 80s and 90s when the trend for big, OTT and high-alcohol wines set-in. This is bursting with violets, purple fruit and pepper on the nose. The palate is fresh, zesty and juicy, with a floral finish. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

**Ref:** AU26611 £13.50 bottle | £162 dozen

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## 30. Whistler Wines 'Shiver' Barossa Valley Shiraz 2021



Vibrant, midweight Australian shiraz which is full of life and energy. Grown sustainably, foot trodden and wild fermented, this is a shiraz which is all about drinkability, juicy flavours and subtle winemaking. Bursting with notes of blackcurrant, plum and blueberry fruit and a delicious hint of mocha, liquorice and black pepper. Drink now to 2028. 13.7%

**Ref:** AU25391 £21 bottle | £252 dozen

# Ollieux Romanis

Languedoc, France

Attending: Marlène Campagnari

## The Story

The region of the Languedoc has been undergoing a quiet quality revolution. It's large expanse and favourable climate led it to be the mass-production epicentre of French viticulture and by the 1980s it was producing around 10% of all the wine produced in the world – much of it for French consumption as Vin de Table.

However, since demand for such wines declined, its favourable climate and large expanse have become opportunities for more quality wine production and over the past 40 years regions such as Corbières have thrived, especially with keen wine drinkers looking for value and quality combined.

Corbières-Boutenac is a relatively new appellation, a first cru for the Corbières, acknowledging the excellence of terroir and a number of outstanding producers making fantastic wines. These producers include Ollieux-Romanis with whom we have worked for many years. They were the natural choice to make our Generation Series Corbières having produced our member-favourite Society's Corbières for a long time.

## The Producer

The Bories family have been making wine in Corbières for generations, since they built their own winery and cellar in 1896 using original stones from the estate's quarry. In the 1980s, Jacqueline and François Bories completely rejuvenated the family property, laying excellent foundations for their son, Pierre Bories, who began working with them in 2001 and has maintained the Chateau's excellent reputation ever since.

The domaine is located at the heart of Boutenac, one of the 11 sub-zones of Corbières and historically better known for olive groves and grazing sheep. The domaine's 150 hectares of vineyards are particularly well positioned in a south-south-easterly aspect which gives shelter from the north wind and is a beautiful sun-trap.

Although the family pay careful attention to their long-held traditions, they are also dedicated to improving their wines by using the best modern technology: for instance, they use a pneumatic press which is gentler to the grapes and extracts better quality juice.

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## 31. Corbières Blanc, Château Ollieux Romanis 2023



Although most Corbières is red, some limestone soils there are also very good for whites. Pierre Bories at Ollieux-Romanis has been working hard on his whites, creating wines that are crisp and fruity. Now to 2026. 13%

**Ref:** FC46711 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen

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### 32. Limoux Blanc Dedicace, Château Rives Blanques 2022



Benefiting from cool breezes coming down from the Pyrenees, Limoux has become an exciting source for all wines including this rich and creamy chenin. Rives Blanques is now owned by Pierre Borie of Ollieux Romanis, who pledges to continue the excellent work of the previous owners. Drink now to 2026. 12.5%

**Ref:** FC46991 £14.50 bottle | £174 dozen

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### 33. The Wine Society's Generation Series Corbières-Boutenac 2022



From an estate that has emerged as one of the leaders in fine wine making in the Languedoc, this is a blend using old vines, from 40 to 100 years old, and partly aged in barrels. Fragrant with hints of smoke and black-berried fruit. It is full and rich on the palate with considerable length. The blend here is 45% carignan, 25% mourvèdre, 20% syrah and 10% grenache. Drink now to 2028. 13.5%

**Ref:** FC46311 £14.95 bottle | £179 dozen

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### 34. Corbieres-Boutenac, Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis 2019



A wine of great weight, concentration and richness. Raised in barrel, it is succulent, creamy and full of sun-drenched fruit that is approachable early yet with plenty of ageing potential. Drink now to 2030. 14.5%

**Ref:** FC43501 £23 bottle | £276 dozen

# Bertani Group

Veneto, Italy

Attending: **Andrea Lonardi MW**

## The Story

Valpolicella is, despite its rich history, one of the recent European success stories, made popular by an explosion of interest from British consumers in Italian food and culture as well as easy drinking, fruit-forward wines from the continent.

Its appeal persists and though more modern, crunchier fruit styles are at the fore compared to the richer ripasso styles of the 80s and 90s, it continues to be a firm favourite with our members.

## The Producer

Tenuta Novare, is owned by the thoroughly modern and forward thinking Bertani Group and has a winemaking presence that dates back to the 11th century, though local tradition insists that grapes have been grown there for much longer. Wine production really kicked up several gears in the 18th century and grew significantly until the Bertani family acquired the estate in 1957. They began a reassessment of production here, improving techniques and equipment and consequently the quality of the wines. Today the grapes come from their own vineyards in Arbizzano near Verona, in the very heart of Valpolicella classico territory.

Andrea Lonardi MW, who had been working with the Bertani Group and helped in its relaunch was also instrumental in reinstating a strong stylistic identity to Amarone and Valpolicella, as well as being considered one of the figureheads of Italian fine wine promotion and distribution. We are honoured that he agreed to work with us to produce this exclusive Generation Series wine for our members.

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## 35. The Wine Society's Generation Series Valpolicella 2023



Italy's second Master of Wine, Andrea Lonardi, made this wine exclusively for our anniversary celebration from corvina planted in one of the best single vineyards at higher altitude. There is a vibrancy and crunchy fruit that is thoroughly representative of contemporary Valpolicella in a style that can be chilled, this is very fine and elegant. Bright red-cherry flavours, with floral precision come from the whole-berry start to fermentation in concrete, which has preserved these notes. The bright acidity on the palate is reflective of the harvest date and altitude of the vineyards, which also bring a peppery savoury note to the wine. Perfect on a summers day, especially if it is chilled, Andrea admits to enjoying a Valpol Spritz with soda water and ice, or served in memory of all the wonderful pizza chains that were responsible for the trend in Valpolicella's popularity over the last 50 years. Cheers! Drink now to 2026. 12%

**Ref:** IT39591 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen

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### 36. Amarone della Valpolicella, Tenuta Novare 2021



This is a more modern style of Amarone, with a shorter drying time, and less oak the result is much fresher yet still with a distinctive richness. From a great vintage in this part of Italy, this wine is showing plenty of spicy bramble-fruit notes that are pure on the full-bodied palate. Drink now to 2029. 15.5%

**Ref:** IT39481 £32 bottle | £384 dozen

# Susana Balbo

## Mendoza, Argentina

**Attending: Susana Balbo & Henry Currie**

### The Story

Argentinian wine existed mainly in the shadows until the 1990s when economic confidence in the country grew and its beautiful, expressive and individual wines found a place on the world stage.

Many argue that the development and growth of the wine industry here has been the fastest and most impressive of the late 20th century – with significant changes in where vineyards are planted (a focus on cooler sites) as well as lowering yields and more modern vinification techniques.

The result? Amongst other successes, the creation of an entirely distinct wine that cannot be copied anywhere in the world – malbec from Mendoza. Not only has this thrived over the past few decades, but it's also seeing a very recent resurgence too, becoming one of the fastest growing red grapes on the global market over the past five years.

### The Producer

After an already long and successful career in winemaking, Susana Balbo described her own winery – Dominio del Plata – as 'like my third child, a dream come true.' Susana graduated with a degree in oenology in 1981 – the first woman in Argentina to do so, but this wasn't enough for the gutsy Balbo: she also achieved the degree with honours as the best graduate of her year.

Having worked extensively both in Argentina and throughout the winemaking world (Spain, Chile, Italy, Australia, and California among others) since the early eighties, it wasn't until the cusp of the shiny new millennium in 1999 that she finally realised her ambition of making her own wine at Dominio del Plata in the famous Mendoza region.

Susana's success with this malbec ranges from the vibrant, youthful, everyday Faldeos Malbec – a range made for The Wine Society – to the silky, oak-aged Signature (in which she also earns great success with cabernet sauvignon). One of her finest wines - the Susana Balbo Brioso – is an artful blend of cabernet, malbec, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot, and is always a triumph with members.

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## 37. The Wine Society's Generation Series

### Argentine Malbec 2022



From the Altamira region whose cool climate and limestone soil produce a wine with floral and black fruit aromas and a ripe palate given length and freshness by the limestone soils. The 2022 vintage was of excellent quality. Maturation in 20% new French oak barrels for about 8 months contributes a hint of vanilla. Drink now to 2029. 14.5%

**Ref:** AR4721 £14.95 bottle | £179 dozen



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### 38. Susana Balbo Brioso Mendoza 2019



A top-quality Argentine cabernet-led blend from the excellent Agrelo sub region which surrounds the winery. It's at 990m altitude, ideal for producing a ripe style of cabernet sauvignon. Lovely aromas of blackcurrant, cedar and plum crowned with a vanillin top note. 54% cabernet sauvignon, 22% malbec, 18% cabernet franc, 6% petit verdot, matured 15 months in new French oak barrels. Drink now to 2030. 14.5%

**Ref:** AR4611 £24 bottle | £288 dozen

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### 39. Susana Balbo Signature Limited Edition Valle de Uco Paraje Altamira Malbec 2019



Ripe yet fresh-tasting malbec from Altamira in Argentina, matured for 14 months in new French oak. From a cool, high-altitude vineyard with a special plant selection of low-yielding, 15-year-old vines planted on stony soils, this is refined, with extraordinary length on the palate. Drink now to 2030. 14.5%

**Ref:** AR4751 £55 bottle | £660 dozen

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# Our 150th Anniversary Series Wines

As well as sourcing the Generation Series wines, our buyers have spent more than ten years working on something very special: a one-off collection of fine wines called the 150th Anniversary Series. They include never-to-be-repeated exclusives, bespoke blends, joint efforts between producers, and more, taking in a mouthwatering range of estates and regions. All have been aged in advance, meaning they are all deliciously ready to enjoy.

## Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis, Burgundy, France Attending: Julien Brocard

Jean-Marc Brocard's origins lie in the Côte d'Or. But he was born a farmer's son from the village of Chaudenay-le-Château and trained as an agricultural engineer. He married Claudine (his childhood sweetheart), a vigneron's daughter from the village of St-Bris-le-Vineux in the valley of L' Yonne and started with only a hectare of vines which he grew to an impressive 180.

Since 2012 Jean-Marc has handed over day-to-day control of the vineyards and business to his son Julien, who earned his stripes after successfully gaining organic certification and trialling biodynamic viticulture.

The house style has been for maturation in stainless steel as the delicate aromas of Chablis are easily masked by barrels less than four years old. But they have had great success with *foudres* (large oak barrels) for certain wines, such as Le Clos and are trialling concrete 'egg'-shaped vats.

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## 40. The Society's 150th Anniversary Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis Vieilles Vignes 2020

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We were delighted when Jean-Marc Brocard and his son Julien agreed to bottle this under our 150th Anniversary label to celebrate three decades of working together. This taut, appley wine is delicious now but will change and mellow over time: the firm bright fruit will soften, and a hint of honey will start to emerge. Decant 20 minutes before serving. For more on the story of this wine, please scroll down. Drink now to 2028. 13%

**Ref:** BU78921 £22 bottle | £264 dozen

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## 41. The Society's Exhibition Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2022

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From the fine 2022 vintage, this has been matured in old oak foudres on its lees for eight months to allow some development of flavour and texture while conferring some richness without contributing any oak flavour. Drink now to 2028. 13%

**Ref:** BU86241 £22 bottle | £264 dozen

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## 42. Jean-Marc Brocard, Chablis Premier Cru Vaurorent 2021

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Lying next to grand cru Preuses, Vaurorent is the broadest and most powerful of the premiers crus. Matured for a year in a used 50hl foudre to allow in some oxygen, but no oak flavour, to develop the palate of this delicious white Burgundy. Drink now to 2028. 13%

**Ref:** BU86171 £33 bottle | £396 dozen

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## Other Anniversary Range Wines

The following are a selection of some of the exciting wines still available in our Anniversary range.

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### 43. The Society's 150th Anniversary Moulin-à-Vent 2019

The elements of the blend that make up this delicious Beaujolais come from four well-known and well-respected growers in the Moulin-à-Vent appellation. Just under 10% of the wine was aged in small three and four year old oak barrels, not to impart obvious oak flavour but instead to add to the texture and structure of the palate. This is a deliciously mellow, mature cru Beaujolais, with mid-ruby colour and a nose of brambles and dried herbs. Perfect with charcuterie, roast chicken or goose, or a mushroom ragout. Refined and classy cru Beaujolais. Drink now to 2025. 13.5%

**Ref:** BJ9891 £17.50 bottle | £210 dozen

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### 44. The Society's 150th Anniversary Rioja Reserva 2014

We selected and blended this special Rioja in 2016 from some of Contino's finest fruit. It is about 75% tempranillo with the rest made up of graciano and mazueto. Contino was the first producer in Rioja to be made from a single vineyard. It has a special location on the banks of the river Ebro and benefits from a warm micro-climate that is reflected in the style of this Rioja which is deeply coloured, full bodied and beautifully structured. It is fragrant with peppery, exotic fruit and a hint of blueberry. The Wine Society has the unique privilege of being the only UK merchant to blend an exclusive wine from this leading fine wine property. Decant in advance to allow all its delightful flavours to unfurl. For more on the story of this wine, please scroll down. Drink now to 2030. 13.5%

**Ref:** SP13571 £25 bottle | £300 dozen

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## 45. The Wine Society's 150th Anniversary Margaux 2015

When it came to a Margaux for our anniversary celebrations, we were delighted that Ben Sichel at Château Angludet allowed us to blend our own unique cuvée from 2015, one of the great Margaux vintages of this century. Combining the classic perfume and silky texture associated with the commune, it is 55% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot and 8% petit verdot, aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, 35% of which were new. Bottled in July 2017, it has been maturing in our cellars ever since. It is now hitting its sweet spot: scented and pure on the nose, fleshy and succulent on the palate, with notes of violets and a hint of cigar box. The tannins are perfectly rounded and ripe, lending the wine real charm and personality. Drink now to 2032. 13%

**Ref:** CM19761 £38 bottle | £456 dozen

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## 46. The Society's 150th Anniversary Geyserville Zinfandel 2019

Eric Baugher made this wine for us from Ridge's famous Geyserville vineyard as an exclusive for our anniversary. A field blend of zinfandel, carignan and petit sirah, this has a full, black-fruited perfume with cherry and liquorice spice on the palate. This is singing now, but will certainly still improve with some time. Drink now to 2029. 14.5%

**Ref:** US9111 £39 bottle | £468 dozen

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# 1974 - 2024 Wine History

## The Global Growth of Sparkling Wine

One of the most notable changes in the drinking habits of the modern wine lover is our renewed passion for all things bubbly. Whilst many believe that the Covid 19 pandemic has contributed to a rise in 'small celebrations' there is plenty of evidence to suggest we were drinking more fizz than ever during the 2010s.

One key driver is the lighter, more affordable styles of sparkling wine like those from Prosecco in Italy or this **refreshing alternative at wine 47 from Portugal**. These easy-drinking, youthful styles have become popular as an any day indulgence and reframed the drinking occasion – fizz is no longer reserved for the special occasions.

More **traditional wines made using the Champagne method but in other regions**, for a more affordable price have also increased and **wines 48 and 49 from Alsace in France, and Spain** respectively are great examples of these. In fact, after many years of struggling image and sales, Brits are finally in love with Cava again with the Spanish sparkler seeing the highest growth in sales of any sparkling wine in the UK.

And, of course, our burgeoning industry here on home-grown soil is seeing plenty of support too. English sparkling wines, like the **Ridgeview example at wine 50** made exclusively for The Wine Society, are booming in popularity. Whilst they're generally at the more premium end of the market, they're widely considered the closest competitor to Champagne on the market with many growing the same grapes, on similar soils and even with a similar climate.

It's certainly an exciting time for bubbles, and with so many different options to choose from there is certainly a price and style to suit every palate.

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## 47. Hortas do Caseirinho Frisante

S 2

A delightful semi-sparkling white from Vinho Verde country in Portugal, this is similar to a light Prosecco, with simple citrusy freshness. A little too easy to drink!

Drink within the next two years. 10.5%

**Ref:** SG2571 £6.89 bottle | £82.68 dozen

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## 48. Crémant dAlsace Cuvée Julien, Dopff au Moulin NV

S 2

Traditional method fizz from a house that specialises in Crémant, in the classic Alsace mix of pinot blanc and auxerrois. It's delicate, easy-drinking yellow-plum and apple fruit are given extra depth by longer bottle maturation. A delicious start to any meal or counterpoint to smoked fish dishes. Drink within the next two years. 12%

**Ref:** SG321 £14.31 bottle | £171.272 dozen

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## 49. The Society's Cava Reserva Brut 2021

S 2

This fragrant, appley and organic Spanish sparkling wine is produced by Sumarroca, a small family estate, exclusively for The Wine Society. Its a traditionally made, bottle-fermented and aged blend of Cava grapes parellada, macabeo and xarel-lo, plus some chardonnay to add finesse. Drink within the next two years. 12%

**Ref:** SG4071 £9.76 bottle | £117.12 dozen

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

S 1

Produced exclusively for us by Ridgeview in Sussex this classic method sparkling wine uses the three classic Champagne grapes of pinots noir and meunier, and chardonnay and has spent further time on the lees to give extra savoury character alongside the taut citrus and apple notes. Perfect for celebrating the English spring and summer.

Drink within the next two years. 12%

**Ref:** SG3511 £23.81 bottle | £285.72 dozen

## 1985: The Scandal that Spawned Austrian Fine Wines

In 1985, a laboratory conducting quality control tests found diethylene glycol in a very small number of wines from Austria. This illegal substance was being used by a very small number of producers to make the wines feel fuller bodied and taste sweeter before shipping them to West Germany to be blended with bulk wine and bottled.

Naturally, such a scandal sent shockwaves through the industry and unfairly resulted in a loss of confidence in Austrian wine in general. However, from such hardship has come a significant revival.

The past 30 years has seen the wines of Austria focus on requality (they are now considered one of the highest tech and quality conscious producing countries in Europe) as well as put the emphasis on dry styles of wine which has seen it emerge as one of the newer fine wine countries. Grüner veltliner, the country's flagship white variety has led the identity change and is quickly becoming a go to grape in the UK.

This change can certainly be seen in our membership's appetite for these wines as premium Austrian wine continues to boom, representing excellent value for money and resulting in us launching our first full-scale Austrian En Primeur Campaign in 2024 with resounding success. We've included a selection of quality Austrian wines here to demonstrate what this gem of a country has to offer.

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### 51. Weingut Wess Grüner Veltliner, Kremstal 2023



Christina Wess is one of the most talented young winemakers in Europe, and is taking the quality of this small estate up a notch. The 2023 vintage is the first which shows evidence of her vision coming to fruition. It was a vintage with just about everything in the right measure; not quite as opulent as 2019 or 2021 and not as lean as 2020. So, a Goldilocks year that produced wines with a marked but delicate hint of spice on the finish. This wine shows peach and apricot, with a saline minerality and pithy citrus character; at once complex and charming. Quantities are small and the focus is totally on quality here, making this wine one which significantly overdelivers at the price, and makes a good-value alternative to village level white Burgundy. Drink now to 2028. 12%

**Ref:** AA4591 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen



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## 52. Grabenwerkstatt Grabenwerk, Grüner Veltliner, Wachau 2022

W 1

Grabenwerk is made using grapes only from the Spitzer Graben (Side Valley), the coolest part of the region, where the estate's single vineyards are located. Grabenwerk offers a taste of this unique climate, containing fruit from vines not yet mature enough for the single-vineyard bottlings - in other words, prime fruit, but at a fraction of the price. That being said, the vines are still up to 35 years old which would qualify as old vines in many other parts of the world! One half of Grabenwerkstatt, Franz Hofbauer, declared this to be their "main wine" in 2022 as the gap between this and the quality of the single vineyard releases has never been closer. There is concentration of flavour here but brightness too. The nose shows notes of ginger, pepper, vibrant lemon zest, glacial white fruit and an ethereal smoky incense character. The palate is intense and focussed with incredible freshness and all the ingredients to guarantee serious potential for ageing. A wine which is ideal with food, this offers particularly intense savoury character and spices in the 2022 vintage which only serves to add to its usual infinite layers of complexity. A remarkable taste of this unique and beautiful region, from some of the finest, steepest and most unforgiving vineyard sites. Now to 2036. 12.5%

**Ref:** AA4471 £32 bottle | £384 dozen

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## 53. Bründlmayer Terrassen Riesling, Kamptal 2022

W 2

Bründlmayer is in the very top echelon of Austrian wine and has heavily influenced the reputation that the country now enjoys for the high-quality and value that the wines offer across the board. This offers an affordable taste of fine wine Austrian riesling. A number of the younger vines from the winery's best single vineyard sites go into producing this charming, dry and orange-blossom-scented white. Crisp and with peach, blossom, orange peel and peppery character. Ideal with delicately spiced food, soft cheeses or on its own. Drink now to 2032. 12.5%

**Ref:** AA4881 £19 bottle | £228 dozen

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## 54. Pittnauer Rosenberg Blaufränkisch, Burgenland 2011



Fully mature single-vineyard blaufränkisch from Gerhard and Brigitte Pittnauer. The nose shows a wide variety of aromas of dark plummy fruit, forest floor, pepper and leather, with a wild note. The palate is a joy; medium-bodied with savoury flavours, coffee, tobacco and black cherry. An Austrian red for lovers of northern Rhône. Drink now to 2025. 13%

**Ref:** AA4411 £33 bottle | £396 dozen

## The Rise of Rosé

Although rosé wines have been made for centuries across the globe, they fell from favour in the 18th and 19th centuries as better red wine making techniques to create fuller-coloured and more extracted red wines shifted consumer perceptions. Rosé wines were largely seen as frivolous, lacking and sub-standard.

However, over the past 20 years there has been a shift in the overall perception of rosé with the wine industry accepting more quality produced wines and consumer demand increasing. In fact, the global consumption of rosé has increased by 17% since 2000.

Although the charge has been led by the **premium rosés of Provence (where wine 55 is from)** and a consumer shift towards paler, dry rosé styles (many of which are still excellently made), we see a halo effect in the popularity of across almost all rosé styles. This includes global juicy wines such as **wine 56 from New Zealand** as well as more traditional, **deep-hued gastronomic rosés of 57 and the region of Tavel in the Southern Rhône** where only pink wines are produced and have been considered a unique fine wine in their own right since the 1930s when the appellation was created.

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### 55. Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Rosé, Château Vignelaure 2023



Provence rosé from one of the top estates there, made from a blend of grenache, syrah, cabernet sauvignon and rolle, better known as vermentino. Full-flavoured and savoury with a lovely expression of ripe red-berried fruit thanks to a little more syrah in the blend. Drink now to 2027. 13%

**Ref:** FC46581 £16.00 bottle | £192 dozen

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### 56. Three Terraces Marlborough Rosé 2022



A bright, fresh and zippy rosé with juicy red fruit and generous charm, made from predominantly pinot noir blended with pinot gris. A delicious taste of the charm and friendliness that New Zealand wine does so well. Drink now to 2024. 13%

**Ref:** NZ13861 £9.95 bottle | £119 dozen

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### 57. Tavel Cuvée Prima Donna Rosé, Domaine Maby 2022



Tavel is always a deep-pink, full-bodied Rhône rosé, inevitably designed to accompany food, and especially Mediterranean-style dishes. It copes well with heat and spice and is stunning with ratatouille. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

**Ref:** RH67761 £14.50 bottle | £174 dozen

## **1976: The Judgement of Paris**

On 24th May 1976, the late, great Steven Spurrier (a famed British wine merchant and long-standing friend of The Wine Society) and colleague Patricia Gallagher organised a now infamous blind tasting in Paris.

The idea of the tasting was to prove that the wines of California that were being praised so mightily by critics across the pond would not stand up to their French counterparts amongst purveyors of taste in Europe. Eleven judges were selected - nine French restaurateurs, critics and producers alongside British Steven and American Patricia – and asked to freely grade a series of white and red wines out of 20 points. The whites included Chardonnays from California and Burgundy and the reds were Cabernet Sauvignons from California and Bordeaux.

The scores of the top wines were very close but, it was in fact two American wines that took the top spots sending shockwaves around the wine world. Chateau Montelena of Napa Valley won the top Chardonnay spot with their 1973 vintage (closely followed by Burgundy's Domaine Roulot's Meursault Charmes of the same vintage). For the reds, Stag's Leap Winery of Napa pipped Château Mouton Rothschild's 1973 vintage to the number one spot too.

Whilst the tasting doesn't seem to have done any damage to the French wine industry – despite the initial outcry in the French press – it certainly helped cement the US as a fine wine producing country. Re-tastes have been conducted and much airtime has been given to the tasting which is now considered a key moment in modern wine history.

We have included a Burgundian Chardonnay and a Californian chardonnay as well as a Bordeaux and a Californian cabernet-based wine for you to conduct your very own blind tasting.

Full wine notes are available on the table.

### **58. 'Judgement of Paris' blind white wine**

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### **60. 'Judgement of Paris' blind red wine**

### **61. 'Judgement of Paris' blind red wine**

## Mistaken Identities

Wine grape species have travelled the globe throughout time from foot by Roman soldiers to modern day nursery exports by carefully managed biohazardous controls. So, it's hardly surprising that over the centuries there has been a little confusion.

DNA profiling of grape varieties, which has been used effectively since the 1990s has proved that certain varieties are, in fact, related (or even the same!) whereas some grapes have been misidentified for long periods of time.

In 1993, **the popular zinfandel variety in California (63)** was tested and proved to be identical of the then-obscure variety **primitivo of Southern Italy (62)**. After much head scratching and research, it was established it was likely of Croatian origin and in a tiny pocket of the Dalmatian coastline, the almost extinct crljenak kaštelanski was proven to be an exact match to both. So, whilst their expressions are very different, having adapted over centuries (somewhat like dialects of the same language), they are actually the same variety.

Conversely, for many decades the Chilean's were exporting a very unique and yet familiar 'merlot' which was believed to have been brought to the country by settlers from Bordeaux. Whilst these settlers did come and bring the grapes of the region, modern tests showed that it was in fact a more obscure variety from the famous French region, carmenère, that they had been working with. Nowadays, the thriving **carmenère is a calling card of Chile where it is now proudly making its own wines (such as 65) whilst true merlot is also grown with great success (64)**.

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### 62. Primitivo di Manduria Riserva, San Moro 2020



This rich, full-bodied, blackberry and bramble-scented primitivo from Italy benefits from ageing in large wooden botti and in bottle, which has softened the structure and allowed a little spice to develop. It comes from a co-operative who specialise in primitivo in the heartland of the grape variety, Manduria. With nearly 1,000 hectares of vines to choose from, and a thoroughly modern approach to winemaking, the co-ops 400 growers have a strong sense of pride in what they produce. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

**Ref:** IT38391 £13.50 bottle | £162 dozen

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## 63. Brazin Lodi Old-Vine Zinfandel 2020



A wine that lives up to its name, this brazen zinfandel from California is a full-bodied, rich and powerful red, with concentrated blackberry and damson fruit profile, with mocha, sarsaparilla and sweet spice developing. A great red to pair with a steak, barbecue or burger, although the soft tannins mean it is a comforting glass by itself. Drink now to 2026. 15%

**Ref:** US11161 £14.95 bottle | £179 dozen

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## 64. Undurraga TH Casablanca Merlot 2021



From a vineyard near La Vanilla 35km from the Chilean coast planted on clay soils over granite. Spicy and plummy fruit with a ripe yet fresh palate. Drink now to 2028. 14%

**Ref:** CE12901 £16.50 bottle | £198 dozen

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## 65. The Society's Exhibition DO Colchagua Andes Carmenère 2022



2022 is a lovely cool year with low yields. This is Chilean carmenère is made at a coolish site for the variety to make a more drinkable style, maximising the savoury aspects and avoiding the jammy. It's ripe yet fresh with a note of cloves. 6% cabernet franc is included to emphasize a cedary character to lean towards its Bordeaux roots and contribute add a little extra complexity. Drink now to 2028.

**Ref:** CE12741 £11.50 bottle | £138 dozen

## The Most Popular Wine Society Wines of 2023

Given that this Exhibition in Manchester celebrates the most modern era of wine history, it seemed fitting to celebrate the wines that you, our members, are enjoying the most today. Some styles, like our white Burgundy at 67, have been popular for many years and continue to offer members exceptional value from classic regions. Other wines such as the Scillian Reserve Red at 68 and Portuguese Red at 70 show the changing tastes of members, guided by expert buyers to less well-trodden regions.

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### 66. Duo Des Mers Sauvignon-Viognier, Vin de France 2023



Fragrant, fruity, full-flavoured southern French white, the happy marriage of two worlds with crisp sauvignon coming from Gascony and full-bodied, peachy viognier coming from Languedoc. Drink now to 2025. 12%

**Ref:** FC46441 £7.75 bottle | £93 dozen

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### 67. The Society's White Burgundy 2023



Ripe and round yet with a broad, apple palate and fresh finish. For good reason this white Burgundy is consistently our bestselling wine. Drink now to 2025. 12.5%

**Ref:** BU89501 £11.95 bottle | £143 dozen

Also available in 75cl half bottle and 2.25l bag-in-box

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## 68. The Society's Sicilian Reserve Red 2020



Produced for us from nero d'Avola grapes grown in the Ragusa and Agrigento regions of Sicily. Here the Mediterranean climate, tempered by a cooling coastal breeze, produces full-bodied red wines. Partly aged in French-oak barrels, this juicy raspberry and cherry-scented wine has a rounded mocha finish. Drink now to 2028. 13.5%

**Ref:** IT38881 £8.95 bottle | £107 dozen

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## 69. Cuvee Laborie, Pays d'Oc 2023



Laborie has been given a bit of a makeover with a fresher label and a slightly different blend to include some especially good and crunchy syrah. Great-value and quality for price. Drink now to 2025. 13.5%

**Ref:** FC46541 £7.50 bottle | 90 dozen

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## 70. The Society's Portuguese Red, Península de Setúbal 2023



From family-owned Casa Ermelinda Freitas, south-east of Lisbon, this friendly red combines local castelão, which is all juicy red fruits, with Alicante Bouschet which brings darker black fruit and fleshiness. Made for us by Casa Ermelinda Freitas, a significant family-owned company established in 1920 and run by successive generations of dynamic women, its a supple, juicy red to enjoy on its own or with a host of dishes. Drink now to 2026. 13.5%

**Ref:** PW10871 £6.50 bottle | £78 dozen



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# Wine Appreciation

## How Wines Age

At The Wine Society we pride ourselves on cellaring wines and only releasing them to our members when our buyers believe that they are ready to drink. Of course, many wines will last long periods of time after release and whether you prefer more youthful or older styles is simply a matter of preference.

There is no simple answer to 'how wines age' and there are so many factors at play including the grape variety or varieties used, the growing conditions that year, the winemaking, the style of wine, the ageing vessel and how the wine is packaged including the closure, size and material.

Remember, not all wines even suit lengthy ageing, but those that do can reveal exciting complexities when enjoyed at the right moment. We're delighted to present multiple vintages of three classic wines to demonstrate how these particular wines age.

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### 71. Chateau Musar White, Lebanon 2017

W 2

Fragrant and highly distinctive white from Lebanon's famous Chateau Musar. This dry, precise wine has a nutty, sherry-like flavour from the oxidative ageing, yet retains great freshness and lift with a buttery finish. Made from local grapes obaideh and merwah, which are part fermented in oak and stainless steel then aged for six years in bottle before release. Drink now to 2031. 11.5%

**Ref:** LE1301 £36 bottle | £432 dozen

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### 72. Chateau Musar White, Lebanon 2010

W 2

2010 was a small vintage due to a heatwave in Lebanon, however the two indigenous white varieties used in this blend, obaideh and merwah, were less affected. A further seven years in our cellars (beyond the six years at the Chateau before release) has accentuated the hallmark sherry-like character from oxidative aging and might be compared to an old Rhône or aged semillon for its nutty complexity.

**For tasting only**

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### **73. Vergelegen Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2019**



Sourced exclusively from the north-west facing Rooiland and Stonepine vineyards that really shone in 2019, this is already showing savoury graphite and cassis notes on the nose with a beautifully poised balance of fine tannins and acidity on the palate. Delicious now but sure to age with grace. Drink from 2024 to 2038. 14.5%

**Ref:** SA20681 £17 bottle | £204 dozen

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### **74. Vergelegen Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2011**



A cooler and tighter expression of cabernet sauvignon, now at its peak. Still fruit-forward with aromas of plums and blackcurrant with typical herbaceous edge and supple acidity, chunky tannins and impressive elegance. Ideal with a thick steak. Drink now to 2025. 14%

**For tasting only**

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### **75. Vergelegen Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch 2010**



Now fully-mature and showing the fabulous cigar-box, mocha and chocolate notes we all love from mature cabernet sauvignon. The palate is defined by its gorgeously sweet tannins and suppleness thanks to a dash of merlot. Drink now to 2025. 14%

**For tasting only**

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# Test Yourself: Blind Tasting Table

Using some of the tips you have learnt at this tasting as well as any past wine tasting experience, why not try your hand at blind tasting the wines we have on offer.

Can you guess the grape variety or varieties and the country wines 76 - 80 are from? Why not try guessing the price too?

## Hints:

**Wine 76:** A regular Wine Champion white wine and a style that has been a big hit with our members over the past decade. Perhaps our increased interest in visiting this country for holidays has helped...

**Wine 77:** A real classic that has continued to have a strong-hold amongst our membership over the past 50 years. A variety featured elsewhere in the walkaround but from its original heartland.

**Wine 78:** Whilst not as popular as it once was, our discerning members continue to recognise the quality of this producer and region and the expressive and unique quality of this grape variety.

**Wine 79:** Hailing from the country that has seen one of the most interesting and, perhaps, surprising rises in popularity in recent years. Sebastian Payne MW and now Matthew Horsley have helped grow both country and variety amongst our membership and be considered leaders in the trend.

**Wine 80:** A centuries-old region and one of the most famous in the world that continues to be adored by our membership. The country has undergone its own mini-modernisation over the past 50 years and blends the traditional techniques with contemporary technology seamlessly.



Scan the QR code above to discover more about our exciting 150th Anniversary celebrations, including our biggest ever programme of tastings and events, exclusive wines, giveaways and competitions.

## Found a new favourite?

To order any of these wines please call **01438 741177** and quote the appropriate reference number

Key **1** - **9** Bone dry to intensely sweet    **A** - **D** Very light to full/very full

**R** Red    **W** White    **P** Rosé    **S** Sparkling    **F** Fortified    **A** Spirit    **S** Screwcap    **P** Synthetic

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