

## **Wine lists normally fall into two styles.**

The first attempts to circumnavigate the globe, listing wines from every producing country, however obscure, to a point where you are stunned into submission by its sheer volume and choose the first wine you recognise.

The second style of wine list requires no thought on our part as we ask a wine supplier to produce a list of his most popular selling wines. This option takes no account of the diversity of guests, the menu style or indeed the variety of wines available.

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## **The list before you is not revolutionary, merely an honest and fairly priced offering of good quality wines that represent and complement Olivier's cooking.**

I have attempted to be objective and considerate in the selection in the hope that they will entice you to try something different.

You may detect a bias towards a particular 'grape variety' in a particular region, however, that's where the similarity stops as each are truly individual and as such, demand serious inclusion.

I would make no apology for being particularly self indulgent with the inclusion of three seriously individual wines from the Provence and the Rhône; personal favourites!

I have also included are a selection of dessert wines and a couple of port ideas for consideration and for those of you who may be driving, we have wines by the glass and an 'all you need to know' explanation to units of alcohol.

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## **I will leave you with this thought:**

Wine can raise passions and evoke linguistic prose of pompous proportions. There is nothing mystical about wine. As a child your taste buds have developed from the sweetness tasted on the tip of your tongue becoming desensitised through use to a mature savoury palate. Knowledge comes from experience, so the simple solution is to indulge often; you will be surprised how much you really know.

**Thank you for dining with us, we hope you enjoy our offering.  
Any tips, suggestions or comments you have would be welcomed.**

**Richard Carr**  
General Manager

In addition to offering a number of wines by the glass, we have included the units of alcohol you are likely to consume when purchasing a particular wine.

The unit of alcohol referred to here is the one defined in the UK as being 10ml of pure alcohol.

For example a 1 litre bottle of wine with an Alcohol By Volume (ABV) of 12% would contain 12 units ( $1000\text{ml} \times 12\% \div 10\text{ml}$  of pure alcohol).

If the bottle size were 75cl it would hold 9 units ( $750\text{ml} \times 12\% \div 10\text{ml}$  of pure alcohol).

A 175ml glass of wine would be 2.1 units of pure alcohol per glass ( $175\text{ml} \times 12\% \div 10\text{ml}$ )

and a 125ml glass of wine would be 1.5 units of pure alcohol per glass ( $125\text{ml} \times 12\% \div 10\text{ml}$ ).

**LESSON OVER!**

Bin No.	<b>CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING (House Selection)</b>	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
1	<b>Sparkling Saumur, Brut, Ackerman Laurance NV</b> Classically made wine from the oldest wine house in Saumur. Chosen for its style and value. (12% ABV, 9 units)	France	£4.75		£23.25
4	<b>Canard-Duchêne, Brut NV</b> Made from 40% Pinot Noir, 38% Pinot Meunier and 22% Chardonnay. Straw in colour with fresh fruit aromas and notes of buttery toast. (12% ABV, 9 units)	France	£7.00		£39.00
5	<b>Marguet, Père et Fils, Rosé Grand Cru</b> A delicious, elegant and well balanced style of Rosé is made of 65% Chardonnay and 35% Pinot Noir. (12% ABV, 9 units)	France			£52.00
6	<b>Moët &amp; Chandon, Brut Imperial, NV</b> Lively, clean and expressive with a soft, subtle flavour. (12% ABV, 9 units) Vintages are subject to availability	France	£10.75		£61.25

Bin No.	<b>CHAMPAGNE</b>	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
7	<b>Veuve Clicquot, Yellow Label, NV</b> A distinguished Champagne with full flavour and long, fruity after taste. (12% ABV, 9 units)	France			£70.75
8	<b>Bollinger Special Cuvée, NV</b> Thoroughly satisfying, rich, biscuity wine, showing its distinctive class. (12% ABV, 9 units)	France			£72.25
9	<b>Taittinger, Brut Réserve, NV</b> This Chardonnay based Grande Marque has classic varietal character and refined yeasty notes. (12% ABV, 9 units)  Vintages are subject to availability	France			£70.75

Bin No.	WHITE WINES	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
10	<b>Chante d'Or, Sauvignon Blanc, Vin de Pays d'Oc</b> This very easy drinking white is full of fresh and zesty fruit with a crisp, dry feel and well balanced throughout. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France	£2.80	£3.60	£14.80
11	<b>San Elias Chardonnay, 2009</b> A well balanced new world Chardonnay from Colchagua Valley – a buttery texture and citrus crisp finish. (13.5% ABV, 10.1 units)	Chile	£3.00	£3.90	£15.55
12	<b>Rioja Ijbalá Blanco Genoli, 2008</b> This wonderful unoaked organic white Rioja, made entirely from the white grape Viura, is packed with a slightly salty finish. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	Spain	£3.30	£4.55	£18.10
13	<b>Chenin Blanc, Forge Mill, 2009</b> The main white grape of this country, this is a lively, fresh, fruity wine and easy to drink. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	South Africa	£3.15	£4.30	£17.30
14	<b>Fairfields Sauvignon Blanc, 2009</b> Made in Marlborough area this South Island wine gives a crisp zesty feel packed with classic gooseberries and grassy notes. (12% ABV, 9 units)	New Zealand	£3.45	£4.90	£19.30
15	<b>CYT Sauvignon Blanc, Concha y Toro, 2008</b> Fruity bouquet and a refreshing flavour of quality Sauvignon Blanc Un-oaked so that it shows the excellent flavours of fruit on the palate (13% ABV, 9.75 units)		£3.55	£5.00	£19.95
16	<b>Pinot Grigio, Altana di Vico, 2008</b> From the southern area of Molise where the sun creates a lovely spicy character and a delicious fleshy feel that is crisp with a nose of exotic citrus. (11.5% ABV, 8.63 units)	Italy	£3.45	£4.90	£19.30
17	<b>Dusty Creek, Chardonnay, 2006</b> A quirky fesh, citrus nose, supported by ever-so-gentle oak nuances. A medium bodied wine. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	California	£3.34	£4.90	£19.30
18	<b>Menetou Salon, Cuvée Sélectionnée, 2007</b> Lighter and less dry than Sancerre with a bouquet of white peaches. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France			£26.30
19	<b>Quincy Jérôme de la Chaise, 2008</b> A clean, crisp and flavoursome dry Sauvignon with distinctive minerally undertones. Not as well known as its neighbours Menetou Salon and Sancerre. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France			£25.30

Bin No.	WHITE WINES	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
20	<p><b>Sancerre, La Princesse, Henri Bourgeois, 2008</b></p> <p>A powerful crisp dry flavour, yet very light on the palate. This is a classic example of the Sauvignon Blanc. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)</p> <p>Vintages are subject to availability</p>	France			£29.80
21	<p><b>Pouilly-Fumé, Les Loges, D. Guyot, 2008</b></p> <p>To complete our quartet from Loire, a wine slightly down stream from Sancerre, Pouilly Blanc Fumé has a delicious lean minerality and clean acidity. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)</p>	France			£30.30
22	<p><b>Saint Véran, Terres Secrètes, 2007</b></p> <p>Complementing the other Chardonnay's on the list by showing the complexity of regional variations this wine tastes of soft fruit with green apple. Capable of matching cream sauces and shellfish. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)</p>	France			£25.75
23	<p><b>Petit Chablis 2007, S.A. Jean Durup Pere et Fils, 2008</b></p> <p>With the reputation as one of the finest producers of Petit Chablis, this classic example displays beautifully refined citrus and apple fruit characters with a lovely elegance and unmistakable subtle minerality (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)</p>	France			£29.10
24	<p><b>Gewürztraminer, Louis Sipp, 2007</b></p> <p>Classic spicy fruit with those distinctive aromas of lychees, Turkish delight, rose petal and ginger. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)</p> <p>Vintages are subject to availability</p>	France			£30.18

Bin No.	ROSE WINES	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
30	<p><b>Tavel, La Fermade, Armand &amp; Roger Maby, 2008</b></p> <p>A brick pink colour to entrance the eye, this wine is made from a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. A clean fruitiness and length of bouquet, it is startlingly elegant and in class of its own. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)</p>	France	£4.30	£6.20	£25.10
31	<p><b>Château Val Joanis, Côtes du Lubéron, 2008</b></p> <p>Château Val Joanis is situated in the Lubéron, east of Avignon and north of Aix-en-Provence. Renowned for producing lively, fresh and aromatic wines with a lovely pink colour. Well balanced, slightly spiced with aromas of raspberry and redcurrant. (13.5 ABV, 10.1 units)</p> <p>Vintages are subject to availability</p>	France			£23.10

Bin No.	RED WINES	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
35	<b>Chante d'Or, Grenache Merlot, Vins de Pays Méditerranée</b> A soft and silky wine with lovely ripe berry fruit flavours; it is medium bodied with a smooth, rounded finish. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France	£2.80	£3.60	£14.80
37	<b>Vacqueyras 'Les Christins' 2003, Perrin &amp; Fils, 2003</b> This wonderful village in the Southern Rhone close to Chateauneuf du Pape also produces wines of exceptional smoothness and depth combining dark berry and morello cherry fruit characters with an attractive rusticity and touch of spice. Absolutely perfect with venison or game. (14.5% ABV, 10.9 units)				£25.10
38	<b>San Elias Carmenère, 2007</b> Made from an old Bordeaux grape variety that's becoming the next big thing! Berry and damson fruit flavours. (13.5% ABV, 10.01 units)	Chile	£3.00	£4.00	£17.00
39	<b>Domaine Sainte Sophie, Saint Christol, 2008</b> A strong floral bouquet of violets, yet soft and elegant on the palate. Enjoy with game, grilled poultry, pasta or cheese dishes. (13.5% ABV, 10.01 units)	France	£3.15	£4.30	£17.55
40	<b>Primitivo, Salento, Il Cantico, 2008</b> One of Italy's tastiest reds, full of flavour - good strength and strong peppery flavours. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	Italy	£3.15	£4.30	£17.55
41	<b>Azabache, D.O.C. Rioja, 2008</b> A bright red colour with garnet glints and balsamic aromas which give a full bodied and well rounded wine. (13.5% ABV, 10.01 units)	Spain	£3.15	£4.30	£17.55
42	<b>Château Le Peuy Saincrit, Bordeaux Supérieur, 2007</b> Made with 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, this young wine is supple and elegant, making it an ideal companion for a lively meal. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	France	£3.80	£5.10	£20.80
43	<b>El Toreno Viña Siegel, Merlot, 2008</b> This ripe red from Central Valley shows excellent plum character and an elegant structure. (13.5% ABV, 10.01 units)	Chile	£3.15	£4.30	£17.55
44	<b>Boars Kloof, Shiraz Cinsault, 2008</b> Produced by the well respected Riebeck Cellars, this is a soft, medium bodied red exuding luscious ripe berry fruit with a touch of pepper and spice from the Shiraz. (14% ABV, 10.5 units)	South Africa			£30.00
45	<b>Castillo de Manzanares, Tempranillo Reserva, 2001</b> A Rioja-like red from old vine Tempranillo vines in the La Manca region, matured in oak casks for two years. High quality, deep rich and intense style Reserva. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	Spain			£22.00

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Bin No.	RED WINES	Region	125ml Glass	175ml Glass	Bottle
46	<b>Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel, Scotto, 2007</b> Rich in fruit (plum and cassis) with a hint of chocolate. A big wine that has a subtle balance, which is suited to all red meat dishes. (14.5% ABV, 10.9 units)	California	£3.90	£5.75	£22.00
47	<b>Deen De Bortoli, Vat 8, Shiraz, 2007</b> This generously flavoured Shiraz displays concentrated ripe berry and black fruit characters with firm tannins softened and balanced by 12 months in oak. (14% ABV, 10.5 units)	Australia	£3.80	£5.45	£21.25
48	<b>El Crucero Cabernet Reserva, 2007</b> Strong spicy aromas, hints of black pepper, chocolate and themes of red fruit, good structure, firm tannins, and a nice length. (13.5% ABV, 10.01 units)	Chile			£21.25
49	<b>Moulin à Vent, Domaine des Burdelines, 2007</b> This wine has ripe dark cherry and raspberry scents with a spicy warming finish, with a slightly Burgundian richness. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France			£25.30
50	<b>Fleurie, Domaine de Chapelle des Bois, 2008</b> An elegant cherry wine with hints of spicy tannin, traditionally made to produce a versatile yet stylish accomplished blend. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	France			£27.25
51	<b>Vinsobres, Côtes du Rhône Villages, 2007</b> Made from 50% Grenache and 50% Syrah, with 35% aged in oak to give a spicy, peppery nose and lots of black fruit flavours. A southern Rhône classic. (14% ABV, 10.5 units)	France			£25.25
52	<b>Faustino V Reserva, 2004</b> Well rounded Rioja, showing rich fruit blended with oak flavours, produced using classic Tempranillo led blend. (13% ABV, 9.75 units)	Spain			£34.25
53	<b>Château Cissac, Haut Médoc, 2001</b> A classical Haut Médoc wine with a great tradition. Deep and intense in colour with ripe concentrated fruit and satisfying flavour. (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)	France			£42.50

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## FOR THE DELECTATION OF SERIOUS WINE LOVERS

Region

125ml  
Glass

175ml  
Glass

Bottle

**On a wine list, the following wines may not at first catch your eye so I have singled them out for reflection and serious consideration - RC.**

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### **Domaine de Trévallon, Eloi Dürrbach, 2005**

Lying on the edge of Les Alpilles, in countryside between Aix and Arles, it is here that the dynamic wine maker Eloi Dürrbach literally blasted the craggy limestone rock in order to plant his vines.

Tough beginnings combined with his passion have resulted in a truly individual wine. Almost a hybrid of fine Claret (Cabernet Sauvignon) and Northern Rhône (Syrah) with its own distinctive Provençal twist. This is a wine of great complexity and structure with diverse flavours of blackcurrant, blackberries, spices and herbs.  
(12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)

France

£57.00

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### **Brézème Eugene de Maonicault, JM Lombard, 2006**

To quote those who know more than I:

"Brézème is a viticultural oddity, of great merit, that revels in its own micro-appellation status as Brézème-Côtes du Rhône. Although technically in Southern Rhône, being south of Valence the inspiration comes from the 'noble' grapes of the north".

Jean-Marie Lombard is a great admirer of Cornas, hence the Syrah to produce a fairly robust, traditional Rhône with plenty of dense fruit and ample tannins. This particular wine is from the oldest vines on the estate; it is powerfully concentrated and lends itself to hearty rustic dishes.  
(12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)

France

£34.00

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### **Cornas, Auguste & Pierre Clape, 2002**

Produced by a true master of his craft, Auguste Clape, ably assisted by his son, Pierre, this impeccable wine is truly massive. Inky-purple in colour with supple tannin, intense fruit, great finesse and a smoky spicy complexity; this is not a wine to hurry, requiring medium to long term bottle age.  
(13% ABV, 9.75 units)

France

£57.50

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### **Collines Rhodaniennes, Syrah, George Vernay, 2008**

An impressive Syrah wine which borders Côte Rôtie, but not within the appellation hence terrific value (12.5% ABV, 9.38 units)

France

£26.75

Vintages are subject to availability

Bin No.	DESSERT WINES	Region	125ml Glass	Half Bottle	Bottle
71	<b>Brown Brothers Orange Muscat and Flora, Victoria, 2008</b> A really rich exotic fruit salad combination of flavours, yet a clean almost dry finish. (35cl bottle, 10% ABV, 3.75 units)	Australia	£6.30	£17.50	
72	<b>Elysium, Black Muscat, Andrew Quady, 2007</b> Lovely ripe blackberry and bilberry fruit with a vibrant and fresh clean palate. (35cl bottle, 15% ABV, 5.63 units)	California	£8.50	£20.50	
75	<b>Chevalier du Pastel, Sauternes, NV</b> A luscious and good example of a non-premier league sweet wine from this classic region. Easily affordable and worth a try. (14% ABV, 10.5 units)	France	£6.50	£18.25	

Vintages are subject to availability

Bin No.	PORT	Region	125ml Glass	Half Bottle	Bottle
80	<b>Smith Woodhouse 1988</b> A single vinyard vintage Port. Spendidly smooth on the palate, well balanced, delicate fruit flavours, great length and an intense finish. Lovely ruby colour with excellent bottle age characteristics (20.5% ABV, 14.4 units)	Portugal	£6.25		£68.00
81	<b>Fonseca, 2003</b> Not quite as massive as Taylor's, however, this is very much in the same deep coloured style, with a rich, ripe flavour and a sensual chocolatey - raisiny complexity. It's as close to caressing velvet in a liquid form! (20.5% ABV, 14.4 units)	Portugal	£8.50		£93.00

Vintages are subject to availability

## LIQUEURS AND AFTER DINNER DRINKS

For the perfect finish to your evening, why not ask our staff about our selected range of whiskies, cognacs and liqueurs available from our Tavistock Bar and Lounge.